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Events & Announcements February 8 – February 12

Virtual Drop In Hours

Virtual Office Hours with Dean Clark

Tuesday, February 9th from 5:00 – 6:00pm – [Contact Info Redacted](#)

Thursday, February 11th from 11:00am – 12:00pm – [Contact Info Redacted](#)

Student Life Office Drop In Hours with Colin Watrin

Wednesday, from 3:00 – 4:00 – [Contact Info Redacted](#)

Drop in Hours with Roderick Morrison, Senior Associate Director of Diversity, Equity, & Admission

Please email [Contact Info Redacted](#) to arrange a meeting time.

Externship Virtual Drop-In Hours

For general questions and guidance on the application process, students can meet with Samira Sharif by appointment. Please email [Contact Info Redacted](#) your availability.

Virtual Events This Week

Social Justice Monday: A Case for Clemency: The Susan Cummings Story

Feb 8 | 12:00 – 1:00pm | [Contact Info Redacted](#)

In 1985, Susan Cummings was convicted as an accomplice to aggravated murder of her neighbor, Christine Zacharias. Cummings was sentenced to life without possibility of release, making her the youngest person in Washington State history at that time to receive a life sentence for aggravated murder. Cummings maintained her innocence throughout trial but was convicted, in part, because of two witnesses who falsely testified that Cummings allowed the killers into Zacharias's home. Both witnesses later recanted. It wasn't until almost 20 years later that Cummings, represented by Beth Colgan, successfully petitioned then-Governor Gary Locke for clemency. She was 37 years old when she was released. Join us to hear from **Professor Beth Colgan** who will discuss Susan's case for clemency in detail.

APILSA General Body Meeting

Feb 9 | 12:00 – 1:00pm | [Contact Info Redacted](#)

The Asian Pacific Islander Law Students Association will be having a General Body Meeting on Tuesday, February 9, at 12:00 PM on Zoom. All are welcome! Bring your lunch and learn more about this semester's events, upcoming opportunities, and elections for next year's Executive Board positions. We can't wait to (virtually) see you! [Contact Info Redacted](#)

SBA Elections Information Session

Feb 9 | 12:00 – 1:00pm | [Contact Info Redacted](#)

Interested candidates are encouraged to attend an information session with the Elections Coordinator on Tuesday, June 9th from 12:00 – 1:00pm. [Contact Info Redacted](#)

Cannabis Law Society February General Body Meeting

Feb 10 | 12:00 – 1:00pm | [Contact Info Redacted](#)

Join Cannabis Law Society for our February General Body Meeting and special guest Ammon Ford of Gleam Law. Ammon was the founder of Cannabis Law Society (CLAW) in 2013. He is coming to talk to the group about the origins of CLAW, the unique challenges he encountered, and how to position yourself in law school for future employment in the cannabis industry.

Fredric C. Tausend Moot Court Competition

Feb 10 | 4:30 – 6:00 pm | [Contact Info Redacted](#)

Please join us for the final round of the Tausend Moot Court Competition, in which our top two competitors present their cases to our panel of volunteer judges.

You can always see more details about student life related events in the coming weeks by visiting ConnectSU. Click the image below to view more.

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Announcements

News from the Law Library

Looking for Online Study Aids?

The *Questions & Answers* series and the *Understanding* series are now available online. Access the ebooks via our new OverDrive platform, <https://lexisdl.com/library/seattleu/>.

[Quimbee](#) provides case briefs, course outlines, videos, and practice questions for law school course topics. For access, go [Contact Info](#) and create an account using your Seattle University email.

[CALI](#) provides online study lessons and podcasts about all law school course topics. You will need a registration code to access CALI. Send an email to lawreference@seattleu.edu requesting the CALI code to register. For questions, reach out to: lawreference@seattleu.edu.

The G. Helen Whitener Scholarship Application Window is now Open!

The Womxn's Law Caucus and Black Law Students Association have collaborated to release the first annual G. Helen Whitener Scholarship, a \$2,000 award for a second or third year law student who demonstrates exemplary commitment to social justice and the betterment of their communities. **Applications are due by February 15th.** Please see the SU Law [WLC](#) and [BSA](#) home pages for application packet and details or [Contact Info Redacted](#)

Epoch: Going Beyond a Racial Reckoning

February 26, 2021 | 11:30 AM – 3:00 PM PST

Please join Seattle University Black Law Student Association and Law Review for the debut of our annual Spotlight Symposium. The events of 2020 have provided another opportunity for us all to scrutinize and examine systems that perpetuate racism. We welcome Black deans from law schools around the country for a critical discussion on the legal education space as it pertains to Black law students—particularly in periods where racial injustice is at the forefront of the nation's consciousness. We hope to provide some historical context for the current moment, highlight race equity efforts across the legal field, and reimagine a future where the legal landscape is centered around race equity and anti-racism. [Contact Info Redacted](#)

Joint Minority Mentorship (JMM) Program Registration

The Joint Minority Mentorship (JMM) program aims to pair law students and new lawyers (who self-identify as being from any and all historically marginalized or

underrepresented groups) with mentor attorneys and judges (from all walks of life, including allies) to support mentees as they prepare to enter and navigate their legal careers. The program is generously sponsored by Foster Garvey, and hosted by the South Asian Bar Association of Washington, in partnership with several other minority bar associations (see below for details).

Once a year, participants are selected and formally matched. At the mandatory kick-off event, pairs will meet to create their own agreement regarding discussion topics, meetings, and follow-up activities. The formal program will last through 2021. But we hope the relationships will continue beyond!

Contact Info Redacted for program details and to register for the Kick-Off Event **on Tuesday, March 2nd from 6-9pm via Zoom**. (Pre-registration is required so we can match mentees and mentors in advance.)

The FDCC Foundation Barb Currie Diversity Scholarship

The FDCC Foundation Barb Currie Diversity Scholarship is open to application by all diverse law school students and prospective students. The selected recipients will receive a \$5,000 academic scholarship to the law school of their choice and have an opportunity to intern for an FDCC law firm or company in the geographic areas where they wish to practice between their second and third year of law school.

Contact Info Redacted. To apply, please submit the following materials no later than **March 15, 2021**

American Bar Association (ABA) Section on Environment, Energy, and Resources (SEER) Writing Competitions

Eight SEER competitions are accepting entries during the 2020-2021 ABA year. Each competition represents a chance to win a \$1,000 cash prize. Entry Deadline: May 31, 2021. Visit the **Contact Info Redacted** for more details on the eight different competitions. If you are not already a member of the ABA and/or SEER, law students can **Contact Info Redacted** to access a multitude of **Contact Info Redacted**!

PILF Grants Info Sessions

Interested in applying for a PILF grant for your summer internship at a public interest organization? Attend one of the PILF Grant Info Sessions with PILF Grants Coordinators, Ellen Evans and Emily Justin, to learn about the application process. The first session is on February 16 at 12 pm via **Contact Info Redacted** and the second is on February 18 at 12 pm via **Contact Info Redacted**. Both sessions will be recorded and will be available on **Contact Info Redacted**.

A.I. Law Society: Tech Talk - February

Feb 18 | 4:00 – 5:00pm | Contact Info Redacted

A.I. Law Society is hosting Tech Talk for February!

Tech Talk is a monthly book club-like discussion group where we digest a short article or video about artificial intelligence, tech, and its impact on our daily lives as well as the community at large. Every month, a new item of interest in a different area of tech and A.I. and intersections in social justice is recommended by AILS's

board members. We then get together to share our reactions, opinions, and ideas about the selected material.

This month, our topic of discussion is an article from the NY Times by Cade Metz titled "[Meet GPT-3. It Has Learned to Code \(and Blog and Argue\).](https://www.nytimes.com/2020/11/24/science/artificial-intelligence-ai-gpt3.html)"

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*Note the link may require you to create an NY Times account to read the article.

[This article is also accessible on Lexis.](#)*

We will discuss the pros and cons of AI having the ability to communicate through the written word and beyond. What does this mean for free speech? Are the writings produced by AI constitutionally or intellectually protected? Should it be? Is there liability when a person act to their detriment in response to AI-produced content i.e. social media bots? Should there be restrictions on AI-speech?

AILS Tech Talk is taking place on Thursday, February 18th from 4pm - 5pm via Zoom. Please RSVP on ConnectSU to confirm your attendance. We look forward to hearing everyone's reaction to the article!

Sexual Citizens

Free Book And Author Webinar

On February 22, 2021, at 12pm, Seattle University in collaboration with University of Washington will host a conversation with Jennifer S. Hirsch and Shamus Khan authors of the highly acclaimed *Sexual Citizens: A landmark study of sex, power, and assault on college campuses*. Students, faculty, and staff are welcome to attend the webinar and students are eligible to receive a copy of the book prior to the event. To sign up for the webinar, receive a link, and request a copy of the book please RSVP through ConnectSU, or **Contact Info Redacted**

For more information about the event, please contact **Contact Info Redacted**

This event is being sponsored by Wellness and Health Promotion, Health and Wellness Crew (HAWC), the Department of Anthropology and Sociology, the Anthropology Club, Women and Gender Sexuality Studies Department, and Master of Social work Program at Seattle University, and in collaboration with the University of Washington.

Basic Immigration CLE

The Washington American Immigration Lawyer's CLE Committee is hosting a two day Basic Immigration CLE next month (2/25 & 2/26). It is aimed at lawyers and law students who are new to immigration law. The cost of this CLE is only \$74 for law students. For more information, including a full agenda, biographies of the speakers, and to register, please [visit the Events page at ailawa.org](https://www.ailawa.org).

Washington Attorneys with Disabilities Association Scholarship

Washington Attorneys with Disabilities Association (WADA) intends to award at least one scholarship of \$2500 to a law student who has shown commitment to helping

promote meaningful inclusion of people with disabilities throughout the legal profession and by sharing the personal experience of a person with disabilities while pursuing a legal career. More information about how to apply for this scholarship can be found [Contact Info Redacted](#). Submit the application and all supporting materials by March 30, 2021.

Companion Animal Law Writing Contest

The American Kennel Club (AKC) is pleased to announce the fourth annual Companion Animal Law Writing Contest! The contest begins on August 10th and is opens to all students currently enrolled at an ABA-accredited law school

The contest will offer a first-place prize of \$2500 and a second-place prize of \$500. Students are asked to choose between two topics: [forfeiture of an animal and the legal treatment of animals as property](#). This year's topics offer students the unique opportunity to discuss legal perspectives on issues currently in the news and at the forefront of animal law.

Entries will be judged by legal and public policy professionals with experience in laws impacting companion animals.

Contestants can enter now through March 31, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. EST. To learn more about the contest, including official rules and policies, [Contact Info Redacted](#)

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