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# STUDENT LIFE

## NEWSLETTER

### Upcoming Student Life Events

#### Social Justice Monday: Social Justice Soup Social

**Monday, April 1 from Noon – 12:50 p.m.**

**Location: Court Level**

This Monday ATJI invites you to an open space for community gathering on the Court Level. Everyone is invited to enjoy a cup of soup and share ideas for promoting social justice at Seattle U Law. ATJI staff will be on hand to answer any questions you have about planning a Social Justice Monday for the next academic year, pro bono opportunities, this summer's Alliance for Equal Justice Intern Orientation, the Youth Education Advocacy Program, and more. Attendees are also eligible to enter a raffle to win one of two [AccessLex](#) blankets!

#### Advocacy Training Society: Arbitration Panel

**Tuesday, April 2 from noon – 1:00 pm**

**Location: Room C5**

The Advocacy Training Society is hosting an event to introduce students to arbitration. Arbitration is a form of alternative dispute resolution that is very common in many fields of law, and it is also one of the ADR competitions hosted at both the in-house and ABA level. This Tuesday we will host a panel of real-life practitioners and past competition winners, and our hope is that students can learn the basics and get their questions answered about this advocacy activity. Pizza will also be provided!

**National Lawyers Guild: Rape is About Power: "Thirty-One Theses" by narcissus****Tuesday, April 2 from 1:00 – 2:00 pm****Location: Room C1**

A Sexual Assault Awareness Month event. A reading of "Thirty-One Theses: A Manifesto" by narcissus (they/them) of Judith's Dagger, with commentary by Michael MacTaggart (he/him).

The content and discussion in this presentation will include topics of rape and sexual assault that may be difficult to engage with and emotionally challenging. To prepare yourself emotionally beforehand and to care for yourself and your wellbeing, the following resources are available:

- 24/7 medical and mental telehealth for students: <https://www.seattleu.edu/wellness/timelycare/>
- Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS): <https://www.seattleu.edu/caps/>
- Wellness Resources: <https://www.seattleu.edu/wellness/mental/>
- Student Health Center: <https://www.seattleu.edu/student-health/>

Content Warnings: Sexual Violence including Rape, Sexual Coercion, Child Sexual Assault, Rape Apologia, Pedophilia, Transphobia, (some) Murder and Guns. Epistemic Violence—the history of abusers controlling the narratives of the abused. The Theses are a prison abolition tract that discuss rape as a systemic and intentional act of social control. narcissus contends that rape culture means rapists have power in our society and that they use that power for political ends like deciding which ineffective responses to rape are "acceptable."

That is, rape is effectively legal in the United States because the law has been designed to protect the interests of rapists. For example, the legal system punishes people who take proactive action to defend themselves from rape and condemns "criminals" to prisons, where sexual assault is freely committed by guards. narcissus refuses to condemn violent responses to rape and argues that the way to counter this abusive system is to flip the script and center survivors.

Moreover, narcissus criticizes when general frameworks like "restorative justice" are applied to the specific harm of rape. Practitioners of restorative justice often pathologize rapists and scold survivors for reacting in the "wrong" way, both of which suit rapists' interests.

In contrast to a lot of writing on this topic that treats sexual assault as an inevitable part of the human condition, narcissus's perspective on our bleak world order is empowering and hopeful. Their framework allows us to picture a Vision Zero for sexual assault. Successfully doing so is huge for the cause of prison abolition because "What about the

rapists?" is such a common concern. The answer is and ought to be "What about *the survivors*?"

## **Disability Justice Collective: General Body Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 2 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm**

**Location: Room C1 or via [Zoom Link](#)**

Join the Disability Justice Collective for our April general body meeting! We will be announcing the winners of our 2024-25 Board elections.

## **If/When/How & SUPAA: Reproductive Healthcare and Incarceration with Jamila Johnson and Anita Yandle**

**Wednesday, April 3 from Noon – 1:00 pm**

**Location: Room C5 or via [Zoom Link](#)**

Please join, If/When/How and the Seattle University Post-Conviction Appellate Alliance (SUPAA) for a dynamic discussion about incarcerated pregnant people and their access to reproductive health care. Our guest speakers will be Jamila Johnson and Anita Yandle of The Lawyering Project. Jamila graduated from UW law school and was a shareholder at Schwabe, Williamson, and Wyatt. She was also the Deputy Director at the Promise of Justice Initiative (PJI) and has been working in the field of prison reform and reproductive justice for many years. Anita graduated from Columbia Law School and has litigated civil rights and workers rights cases. Anita also co-founded the Northwest Abortion Access Fund.

We hope this discussion will be a great way to learn more about an oft-forgotten group of people.

## **Space, Aviation, Maritime Law Association: E-Board meeting**

**Wednesday, April 3 from 12:30 – 2:00 pm**

**Location: Room 329**

Stop by and meet the e-board during lunch! We will be screening a movie following a vote. We will also be discussing possible designs for next year's sweatshirts.

## **International Law Society, Middle Eastern & South Asian Law Association and International & Immigrant Student Association: Networking Event**

**Wednesday, April 3 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm**

**Location: Second Floor Gallery**

If you are interested in meeting legal professionals who currently are or have worked in the international field or a related area, please join the International Law Society, the Middle Eastern/South Asian Law Student Association, and the International and Immigrant Student Association for a night of networking, food, and fun.

## **Jewish Law Student Association: Ask Us Anything with The Cardozo Society!**

**Thursday, April 4 from 5:00 – 6:30 pm**

**Location: University of Washington School of Law, Room 212**

Join the Seattle U and University of Washington Jewish Law Student Associations for a Q&A panel with Jewish attorneys and judges on a variety of topics, from post-grad opportunities to faith in practice! The panel will take start at 5:00 p.m. in Room 212 at the University of Washington Law School, and we are planning on a networking happy hour afterwards.

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## **Moot Court Board**

**The Moot Court Board is Excited to Announce our Newest Members!**

Maura Court  
Claire Engle  
Ricardo Franco  
Vidal Glassman  
Noah Heekin  
Danielle Helgeson  
Zenoh Lee  
Giannara Martell  
Abby McAuliffe  
James O'Donnell  
Isabel Sanner  
Angelo Tadrous  
Arouna Taylor-Kamara

**And Congratulations to our Order of Barristers Nominees!!**

Ariadna Quinares-Navarrete  
Tiana Pereira  
Justin Gorney  
Michael Mounthault  
Burke Findley  
Gabrielle Clegg  
Zulen Pantoja-Ortega  
Nick Valade  
Kailyn Bowman  
Ariel Cook

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## Student Bar Association Announcements

### Student Bar Association: Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association Meet & Greet

**Tuesday, April 2 from 5:30 – 7:30 pm**  
**Location: The Chieftain (908 12th Ave)**

Drinks and food provided! Learn more about the Tacoma-Pierce County Bar Association and opportunities available to our law students.



### KCBA NLD Spring Soiree

**Thursday, April 4 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm**  
**Location: Rainier Club**

Please join the King County Bar Association New Lawyers Division for its annual event held in recognition of this year's Mentor of the Year Award recipient and nominees. All candidates must be nominated by NLD members. The winner will be announced at the event! This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy cocktails and hors d' oeuvres, meet your peers, and network with members of the legal community. Student Tickets are only \$15. Register here: <https://www.kcba.org/?pg=events&evAction=showDetail&eid=280099>

### SBA Communications Director Position

The Communications Director for the Student Bar Association is a paid position. Please

submit a resume and cover letter to [Contact Email](#) by Monday, April 8 11:59 pm PST. The job description for this position can be found on the [SBA Bylaws page](#).

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## Dean's Office

### Spring Cafecitos with Dean Varona

Dean Varona will be hosting *Cafecitos* this Spring in his office and over zoom. Cuban coffee and cookies will be available for students.

There is no agenda, so please bring any questions you may have for the Dean! Below are the available *Cafecitos* dates, times, and formats.

To register, simply send an email to me at [Contact Email](#) indicating your preference for date/time and identifying one alternate date/time.

- Saturday, April 13: 10:30-11:30 am (over zoom:

[Zoom Link](#)

### Dean DiBiase, Associate Dean for Student Life, Diversity & Inclusion

Dean DiBiase will be available for Office Hours

**Monday, April 1, 2024, from 5:00pm to 6:00pm.**

[Zoom Link](#)

[Meeting Details](#)

**Tuesday, April 2, 2024 from 3:30pm – 4:30pm**

Office Drop-In (Room 210E)

Dean DiBiase is also available to meet with students by appointment: [Link to Book Appointment](#)

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## Other Events & Announcements

### Bar Exam and Character Screening Advice

Contact Professor John Strait at [Contact Email](#), cell: [Contact No.](#); office room 438, for confidential advice and assistance.

### Judicial Clerkship at Tulalip Tribal Court

Please provide a resume, letter of interest, transcript and a writing sample via email to: [Brooke Pinkham](#), [Contact Email](#)



**Description:** The Tulalip Tribal Court is a general civil and misdemeanor criminal court. The Judicial Clerk will draft orders, research motions, draft memorandum on discreet legal issues, participate in multi-disciplinary meetings for drafting of rules. The position may require confidential research on procedural or substantive Indian criminal justice issues.

**Qualifications:** 2L or 3L preferred, but 1L may be considered depending on experience. Preferred applicants have excellent writing and interpersonal skills.

**Compensation:** \$19.97 per hour. Part-time (15 hrs/week) positions are available during Fall and Spring semesters. Full or part-time positions are available during Summer semester.

SU students may earn credit through the Externship Program in addition to being paid! Please fill out the online externship application form and contact the Externship Program Office to ensure you are eligible. Please contact the Externship Office as soon as possible to ensure you qualify.

## **NIL and Collegiate Athletics: The End of the Innocence**

**Monday, April 1 from 4:30 – 6:40 pm (PT)**

**Location: Online.** [Zoom Link](#)

Please join us for **NIL and Collegiate Athletics – The End of the Innocence**,\* an exciting and timely CLE exploring the legal issues surrounding name, image, and likeness (NIL) in collegiate athletics. The program will address the divergent ways schools are dealing with NIL, including collectives and fundraising, the transfer portal, and recruiting. Speakers will look at the potential impact of federal and state legislation, NCAA rule changes, and recent litigation. They will also address the perspectives of schools, collectives, athletes, and other stakeholders, and the challenges for those advising them and their intersecting interests. Whether you're practicing in or seeking to enter this field of law or passionate about collegiate athletics and how NIL is changing this cornerstone of American culture, you'll find this presentation rewarding. A reception with hors d'oeuvres and drinks will follow the event.

## **Vietnamese American Bar Association of Washington Mentorship Mixer**

**Thursday, April 4 at 5:30 pm**

**Location: Ryan, Swanson & Cleveland, PLLC** ([Location](#))

Calling all Mentees and Mentors—bring friends and colleagues. Open to all law students and legal professionals. Join VABAW for our Annual Spring Mentorship Mixer, sponsored by Ryan Swanson Law Firm. Food and drinks will be provided by our gracious hosts. We will pair off with mentors and mentees during the event at around 6:00pm. Feel free to bring business cards to exchange.

## **Distinguished Lecture: New Tides in Puerto Rican Politics: The future of the World's Oldest Colony**

**Tuesday, April 9 from 4:30 – 6:00 pm**

**Location: Sullivan Hall, Room 110**

[Zoom Link](#)

The Latinx Law Student Association and the Seattle University School of Law invite you to



a distinguished lecture by Juan Dalmau Ramírez, the respected Puerto Rican lawyer and politician, titled "New Tides in Puerto Rican Politics: The Future of the World's Oldest Colony," with a reception and light refreshments to follow.

**Distinguished Lecture:** Room 110, Sullivan Hall (4:30-5:30pm)

**Reception:** Room 110, Sullivan Hall (5:30-6:00pm)

**Join by** [Zoom Link](#)

## **Virtual Panel on Clerking in Superior Court with Judge Karen Moore**

**Tuesday, April 16 from Noon – 1:00p.m.**

**Location:** [Link](#)

The Honorable Karen D. Moore '91 will join us for a virtual presentation at noon on Tuesday, April 16 to discuss clerking in Snohomish County Superior Court.

## **Student Research & Creativity Conference**

**Friday, May 10 from 9:00a.m. to 4:00p.m.**

**Location:** Seattle University

All graduate and undergraduate students conducting research in all academic disciplines, creative works and artistic endeavors, are welcome to present at the conference! **The deadline to submit presentation information is April 15, 2024.**

More information about presentation types, submissions, contact, FAQs, etc. can be found on the [Student Research and Creativity Conference page](#).

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## **Scholarship Opportunities**

### **Asian Bar Association of Washington – 2024 Spring Blossom Scholarship**

Apply for the 2024 Asian Bar Association of Washington Student Scholarship Foundation (ABAWSSF) Spring Blossom Fellowship. Each year, ABAWSSF awards one fellowship grant of up to \$5,000 to a JD student who attends a law school in the State of Washington and will be working with a public interest/service organization during Summer of 2024 and whose work advances the rights of women and/or immigrants. Selection is competitive. Applications are due by April 12, 2024, at 5:00 pm PST. Information and details on how to apply can be found at following link: [Link to Form](#)

ABAW/ABAWSSF is having a happy hour at Rhein Haus on Tuesday, April 2 from 5:00 – 6:30- pm to connect with students and answer any questions regarding the scholarship.



## ABA SECTION ON ENVIRONMENTAL, ENERGY, AND RESOURCES LAW STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION

Submit your original, unpublished work to be considered for a \$1,000 cash prize.

SEER invites law students to write on one of the following topics: (1) Air, Water, and Food, (2) Biodiversity, (3) Energy Law, (4) Indigenous Law, (5) Recycling. **Details are attached and submissions should be sent by Friday, May 31, 11:59 pm central.**

## WSBA Tax Section Tax LLM Scholarship

The Washington State Bar Association Taxation Section is pleased to announce its annual \$5,000 LL.M. Tax scholarship. Eligible applicants are those who have been accepted by, and plan to attend, a Tax LL.M. program in 2024-2025 at an accredited US law school.

The scholarship committee will evaluate academic record, demonstrated intent to become an active member of the WSBA Tax Section upon completion of a tax LL.M, and financial need. The application consists of resume (including name, address, phone number, email address, name of law school and graduation date); acceptance letter from an LL.M. tax program; law school transcript; and written explanation (not to exceed 2 double spaced pages) addressing commitment to practice law in Washington State, reasons for pursuing an LL.M, and financial need for the scholarship. Those related to members of the Tax Section Executive Council are not eligible to apply. **Apply for the scholarship by sending the application materials to Jennifer Gellner by email at [Contact Email](#) by May 1.**

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