

Epoch: Going Beyond a Racial Reckoning

CLOSING REMARKS

Dontay Proctor-Mills: Thank you, Kameron. Thank you, Marissa Jackson Sow, for your brilliance and being a part of our inaugural symposium. Today has been incredibly special. As it was mentioned, this is an inaugural event, and this symposium has been about elevating and highlighting Black voices and we will continue to make this an annual tradition. Thank you for everyone in our audience for registering, for showing up, and sharing this space with us. Thank you to all of our speakers and our presenters. Thank you for being trailblazers. Thank you for giving us all a glimpse of Black excellence, Black thought, and Black brilliance.

A special thank you to Dean Onwuachi-Willig for helping us bring all of our deans together. I want to give another special thanks to my colleagues here at Seattle University School of Law, specifically, Michael Rogers, who's coordinating our symposium, Hannah Hamley, Zach Pangares, Monica Keo, Ray Williams Hardie, Kelsey Jandoc, Jovan Beattie, Maya Manus, Sarkis Toneryan, Maya Bradshaw. Also, thank you to our moderators, Majidah Cochran and Kameron Powell. Thank you all for your vision and your hard work. For the E-board of the Black Law Students Association, this has been a culmination of our intent to embody our mission, specifically to articulate and promote the professional needs and goals of Black law students. To foster professional competence, to instill in students a greater awareness and commitment to the needs of our diverse communities, to enhance, support, and ease the experience of Black law students.

Today, as Majidah mentioned, we celebrate Black history. Also today, I think that we made a piece of Black history. The title of our symposium is Epoch, E-P-O-C-H. An Epoch is defined as a period of time in history, typically one marked by notable events or particular characteristics. The beginning of a distinctive period in history of someone or something.

As we conclude, and as Black History Month comes to a close, I encourage everyone to take what was discussed today and the energy of the moment that has been 2020, and be intentional about creating the Black

future and about a more equitable, and anti-racist future. A future where this discussion may not be necessary and where our institutions are not telling us that they care, and are instead showing us that they care. Again, we're wrapping up here today, and I just want everybody to stay blessed, stay safe, and stay healthy. Thank you.