

DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION WEEK 2018

FEBRUARY 20-28

Schedule of Events



Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Week at the University of Washington School of Law (UW Law) offers students, faculty and staff the opportunity to listen, learn, query, celebrate and get to know more about one another and the issues we face as a community, a nation and a world. Beginning in 2013, UW Law has set aside one week to “laser focus” on what it means to be a diverse, inclusive, culturally competent institution dedicated to social justice. This year’s events include opportunities to listen, question, learn and reflect.

We believe it is very important to have a DIVERSITY OF VIEWPOINTS AND OPINIONS. There are no political pre-requisites to participation; discussion, dialog and sharing lead to learning-our key goal. Whatever your political or philosophical point of view we want you to attend and participate in as many events as possible.

LUNCH SESSIONS 12:30-1:20 (See directly below)

Tuesday-February 20th

ROOM 119, (Sponsored by MLSA)

WHAT IS NEXT FOR PALESTINE AND THE PALESTINIANS? PUBLIC OPINION AND POTENTIAL POLICY FORMULATIONS. What’s next for Palestine and Palestinians? Now that the US is no longer considered a viable political actor, what formula, if any, would guarantee a peaceful resolution to the ongoing military occupation and the ever-increasing difficulties of daily life in the occupied Palestinian Territories? The two state solution is dead. What’s next? Palestinian public opinion survey results will be explored to paint a picture about Palestinian political life under occupation more than 20 years after the signing of the Oslo Accords. These results give us insight into how Palestinians might move forward. Lunch will be provided.

Wednesday-February 21st

ROOM 127, (Sponsored by DEI Special Projects Group)

VIEWING THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM THROUGH THE LENS OF RACE

Hear what prosecutors and public defenders of color have to say about the criminal justice system. We will hear the panel’s thoughts on matters such as: “the war on drugs,” racism/implicit bias, incarceration, community policing and alternative courts. Hear about the problems and possible solutions seen through the lens of persons of color.

LATE AFTERNOON/EVENING SESSIONS (See directly below)

Tuesday-February 20th

ROOM 207, (Sponsored by APALSA and KALSA; 3:30 Start Time)

BREAKING CEILINGS IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION

A panel of attorneys from diverse backgrounds and practice sectors will share their experiences on how they responded to various “ceilings” in their career. This will be a great opportunity for students to learn the tools needed to become a better leader and how to leverage their background to succeed in the legal profession. All students from the UW law community are welcome! Light food will be provided.

Tuesday-February 20th (Recommended Event)

ROOM 138, (Sponsored by Japan-American Soc., 6:30 Start Time)

IMMIGRATION AND WORK FORCE DIVERSITY; CONTRASTING ISSUES FOR JAPAN AND THE UNITED STATES Japan and the United States have two very contrasting situations and approaches to workforce diversity and the immigration issues that face each country. Hear the thoughts of Mr. Yoshio Ishizaka, former President, Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A. and Justice Steven Gonzalez of the Washington State Supreme Court.

Wednesday-February 21st

ROOM 115, (Sponsored by Outlaws, 3:30 Start Time)

AN INTERGENERATIONAL DIALOGUE WITH LGBT ATTORNEYS

Join Outlaws for an intergenerational dialogue with LGBT attorneys on challenges different generations of LGBT lawyers have faced during their careers. Panelists will discuss: their unique experiences entering the legal field, finding meaningful practice areas, incorporating gender and sexuality into their outward presentation, as well as to what extent their LGBT identity informs their work as attorneys and vice versa.

Wednesday-February 21st

ROOM 127, (Sponsored by NCSA, 5:30 Start Time)

RADICAL LAWYERING IN PRACTICE

Join a panel discussion with radical lawyers and learn how they navigated and used the legal system to redistribute power.



Thursday-February 22nd

ROOM 127, (Sponsored by DEI Special Projects Group)

JUDGING: THOUGHTS AND PERSPECTIVES FROM JUDGES OF COLOR

A panel of King County Superior Court judges will share their experiences on the bench. Learn about the unique challenges and perspectives facing those members of the judiciary who come from historically underrepresented communities. The panel shall discuss civil and criminal law, alternatives to imprisonment, and how justice can be obtained by all persons for all persons.

Friday-February 23rd

ROOM 127, (Sponsored by JSLA and DEI Special Projects Group)

LAW AND RELIGION

Three practitioners of different faiths discuss how religion impacts their practice. . Hear from attorneys of the Christian, Jewish and Islamic faiths as they share how working in the Seattle legal system is a challenge and an opportunity for lawyers of faith.

Monday-February 26th

ROOM 127, (Sponsored by Federalist Society)

(Event title and description forthcoming)

DIVERSITY AND DISCOURSE

In a time where people are communicating online more than in person, hyperbole and headlines drive our news cycle. We must be careful not to allow online caricature's to inform our views of people we disagree with. What can we do to engage in constructive discourse without ad hominem attacks? How can we understand each other better?

Tuesday-February 27th

ROOM 127, (Sponsored by Sponsored by BLSA)

HOT TOPICS IN CIVIL RIGHTS LITIGATION: Sexual

Harassment, Immigration & Women Reproductive Rights

(Event description forthcoming)

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Thursday, February 22nd

ROOM 127, (Sponsored by LLSA and WLC, 3:30 Start Time)

INVEST IN YOU! A Women's Health Approach on Thriving and Surviving in Challenging Professions

Born and raised in a traditional Puerto Rican household in the Bronx, New York City, Nicole Negron is a Certified Women's Health and Nutrition Specialist who is on a mission to bring female brain chemistry and hormonal health to the forefront of everyday conversation. Come join Nicole and learn to unleash your greatest potential through body literacy by leveraging the female, tuning into your natural mood and thorough patterns so you can face challenges in work, home, health, and personal projects without compromising your health.

Evening Session, 5:30-8:30

ROOM 127, (Sponsored by CHRJ, 5:30 Start Time)

CHRJ DOCUMENTARY SCREENING AND DISCUSSION: IMMIGRATION LAW: ISSUES WITH ASYLUM

Join UW Law's Center for Human Rights and Justice (CHRJ) for a screening and discussion of an award-winning Documentary: **“Well-Founded Fear.”**

“Well-Founded Fear” documents the experiences of individuals in New York City as they undergo the difficult process of seeking asylum, as well as how INS officers respond to these cases and perform gatekeeper roles as granters of asylum. Though this film was released in 2000, many of the issues it presents, such as the law's intersections with human rights, remain extremely relevant in 2018. The screening will be accompanied by a group discussion on the topics of US asylum and how immigration law can better respond to human rights. We invite you to come drink, eat, and be part of our UW Law Movie Night (for FREE, of course).

Monday, February 26th

ROOM 116, (Sponsored by SALSA, 3:30 Start Time)

INTEGRATING INTERGRATION: MALCOM X'S THE BALLOT OR THE BULLET

Aadaab! Join UW's South Asian Law Students Association for a screening of Malcolm X's "The Ballot or the Bullet" speech. Delivered a year before his assassination and just three months before LBJ signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the speech reflected Mr. X's skepticism towards federally mandated racial integration. In the speech, Mr. X argued for the economic sovereignty of Black folk in the U.S. Arguably, he ultimately critiqued the framework of civil rights in favor of a universal human rights framework. This event is neither an endorsement nor a condemnation of Mr. X's ideas. Following the speech we will host an unstructured round-table discussion.

Monday, February 26th (Recommended Event)

ETHNIC CULTURAL CENTER, UNITY SUITE, (Sponsored by FLOCA, 5:30 Start Time)

AN EVENING WITH JUSTICE GONZALEZ: THE PATH OF A LEGAL CAREER

Join us for an evening of dialogue with Justice Steve Gonzalez as he shares his pathway to his legal career and the importance of promoting diversity, equity, and coalition building in our legal system. Afterwards hear from current first year law students from the organization Future Lawyers of Color Association (FLOCA) as they unveil their outreach program.

Tuesday, February 27th

ROOM 115, (Sponsored by JLEI, 3:30 Start Time)

PANEL DISCUSSION; CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE LAW FOR ASIAN-AMERICAN ATTORNEYS

(Event description forthcoming)

Wednesday, February 28th

ROOM 117, Dinner Event Sponsored by MSLA, 4:00 Start Time)

MINORITY LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY DINNER: Is Law School for You?

Please join the UW Minority Law Students Association and the UW Law Office of Admissions and Financial Aid to learn about pathways to law school. Meet law students from traditionally underrepresented communities during the student mixer and hear about their experiences navigating the path from high school to law school. Learn about the admissions process and participate in a small group activity.