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New Features, Focus, and Calendar

As the first issue of 2021, the February **Newsletter** is pleased to introduce new features, new areas of focus, and a new partnership with the SBA Equity and Inclusion Committee to launch SBA's multicultural calendar.

This month features a statement on the January attack on the Capitol, an inaugural alumni spotlight feature, content around timely topics such as Black History Month and the Lunar New Year, and some upcoming events. As always, links are enabled for easy access, registrations, and sharing; we welcome all members of the L&C family!

MARCH 1st - 5th

9TH CIRCUIT APPELLATE COURT IN PDX

[Docket here](#)

[Live video streaming of oral arguments here](#)



Agency, civil, criminal, habeas, immigration, and social security cases scheduled

JOIN WEEKLY ON FRIDAYS FOR

SBA OFFICE HOURS

DROP IN TO TALK SHOP OR ABOUT NOTHING AT ALL!
5:30 - 6:15 PM PST

Email sba@lclark.edu for the Zoom link & password!

SBA Condemns January 2021 Insurrection

The Lewis & Clark Student Bar Association condemns the display of White Supremacy and armed violence at the U.S. Capitol on January 6, 2021. We further condemn the attempt to decertify the 2020 Presidential election by ignoring the role of democracy in our society and the will of the American people.

In condemning such violence, we demand to hold accountable those who violated the tradition of peaceful transition between presidents by spreading harmful rhetoric and challenging the fair election results by voting against the Electoral College's certification process.

U.S. Representative Cliff Bentz of Oregon's Second Congressional District, is a lawyer and a Lewis & Clark Law School alum. Representative Bentz violated his oath of office and failed Oregonians by opposing the Electoral College's certification and challenging a free and fair election.

His [interview with the Oregonian on January 7, 2021](#), further shows his failure to understand and defend the constitution by calling the attempted insurrection a "protest gone really wrong." Representative Bentz is complicit in President Donald Trump's attempt to undermine democracy.

As law students, we learn about the law and what it means to be a professional by taking courses on Constitutional Law and Ethics because they are the bedrock of American jurisprudence. We are attempting to better ourselves through developing new skills and knowledge rooted in this country's history. At the same time, we watch as an alumni of our law school takes those same skills to contort the country's understanding of democracy.

The pattern of attacks in the name of White Supremacy cannot go unnoticed. Those defending violence and the President's rhetoric by disenfranchising Oregonians, and over 80 million nationwide, should resign.

Representative Bentz should resign immediately for his attempt to undermine democracy and violating his oath of office.

28 days of Black History

In honor of Black History Month, Chloe Williams, Community Outreach Coordinator of PILP, was inspired to create 1-page flyers that amplified the voices, struggle, and fight of Black people. While reflecting on the inspiration, Chloe realized an important part of the flyer's purpose started with recognizing the organizations and other Black people (and other people of color) around her who were also fighting the same fight she was.

The collaboration with Lewis & Clark's Black Law Student Association reiterates the importance of having Black leadership and Black voices heard. Although 28 days of Black History cannot shed light onto every blood, sweat, or tears that have been a part of Black History, we hope our audience walks away with a greater appreciation and understanding of Black History.

We also hope this is not the last inquiry into learning more, but rather a beginning. And we hope people understand Black History is made every single day by every single Black individual regardless of public acknowledgement or recognition.

For students or faculty wanting to find out more about Black history or how they can become more involved, please contact Lewis & Clark's Black Law Student Association or Chloe Williams for resources. Check out this initiative at:

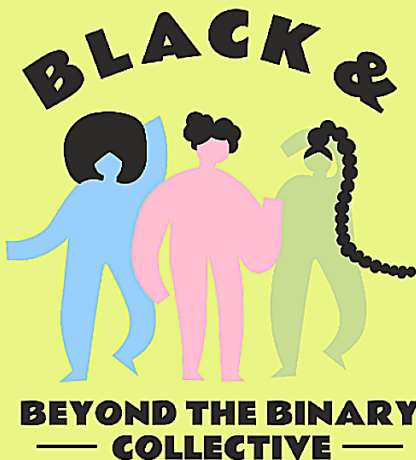
BLSA Instagram: [@lc_blsa](#)

PILP Instagram: [@publicinterestlawproject](#)

PILP Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/publicinterestlawproject/>

TODAY: JOIN BLSA AND STUDENT ORG PARTNERS

Black & Beyond the Binary Collective is a Portland based community organization that is dedicated to the healing and advocacy of Black transgender, queer, nonbinary, and intersex Oregonians.



March 1st is the last day of the fundraiser, which is entirely online and through social media. Sharing on social media, posting to listservs, & word of mouth are all great ways to get the word out.

Donate @ www.paypal.com/paypalme/BBBCollective

PLEASE **email** blsa@lclark.edu when you make a donation, so we can keep our own records. Thanks!

Excerpt: A More Perfect Union

What we know -- what we have seen -- is that America can change. America can change. That is true genius of this nation. What we have already achieved gives us hope -- the audacity to hope -- for what we can and must achieve tomorrow.

Now, in the white community, the path to a more perfect union means acknowledging that what ails the African-American community does not just exist in the minds of black people; that the legacy of discrimination -- and current incidents of discrimination, while less overt than in the past -- that these things are real and must be addressed.

Not just with words, but with deeds -- by investing in our schools and our communities; by enforcing our civil rights laws and ensuring fairness in our criminal justice system; by providing this generation with ladders of opportunity that were unavailable for previous generations.

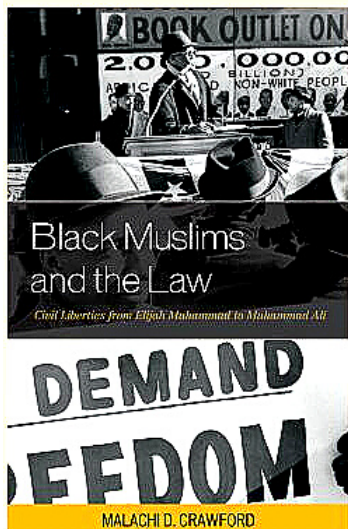
It requires all Americans to realize that your dreams do not have to come at the expense of my dreams, that investing in the health, welfare, and education of black and brown and white children will ultimately help all of America prosper.

In the end, then, what is called for is nothing more and nothing less than what all the world's great religions demand: that we do unto others as we would have them do unto us.

Let us be our brother's keeper, Scripture tells us. Let us be our sister's keeper. Let us find that common stake we all have in one another, and let our politics reflect that spirit as well.

For we have a choice in this country.

Barack Obama, 18 March 2008

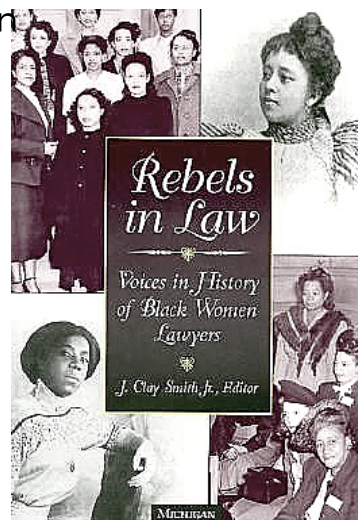


Boley Features Black History Selections

This month the library is proud to feature a dozen curated selections focused on Black History in the **Virtual Bookshelf**.

Many are law-related, featuring important historical figures, triumphs, and current areas of intersection between Black thought and legal scholarship.

And, as always, the librarians will gladly suggest additional titles related to Black History at any time. Just mention your interest!



Covers: Boley Library. Click each for more information

Have You Used the New Multicultural Calendar?

SBA's Equity & Inclusion Committee created this calendar to increase visibility for all, foster a sense of community, and share significant moments with each other. Each month has items submitted by students, student orgs, or SBA members.

Of note: details related to calendar items are to be added. Additional content--details or new items--is

welcome, and actively sought, as the E&I Committee seeks to emphasize validity and enhance visibility. Please continue to send items for the calendar to equity.sba@lclark.edu. And, reflecting the **Newsletter's** intent to reflect our community, please continue to submit items for publication.



Wishing you great happiness and prosperity in this year of the Metal Ox!

People born in the year of the Ox are said to be hardworking, honest, diligent, and dependable.

Previous Ox years: 1913, 1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, and 2009.

Alumni Spotlight: Lawrence Pittman

1) What do you do, and what do you love about what you do?

I am an Assistant Regional Counsel in the RCRA & Toxics Enforcement Branch for the Environmental Protection Agency in Region 6 - Dallas, TX. I love that I work on issues that actually impact human health and the environment. The work I do within my region helps to assure that companies are following the regulations promulgated in order to make communities environmentally safer.

I am also working on the frontlines of Covid-19, assuring that pesticide products that are claiming to be effective against the virus are registered with the EPA, making the associated claims approved through our registration process, and not misleading consumers potentially jeopardizing their health and safety. *(cont'd next page)*



Photo courtesy of Mr. Pittman

Alumni Spotlight: Lawrence Pittman, Cont'd

2) What is your favorite Portland restaurant (for carry-out or post-COVID dine-in?)

My favorite Portland Restaurant would have to be the TILT. Everything in this place is pure bliss.

3) In hindsight, which law school class do you most appreciate?

I appreciated my Lawyering class the most (Legal Researching and Writing). This class taught me the fundamentals of how to effectively write a legal document, how to structure my legal arguments, and turned legal writing into an enjoyable art form with prose, prowess and finesse. I had the best Legal Research and Writing Professor, Professor Aliza Kaplan.

4) What's your #1 Study Tip?

Study on Saturdays and Sundays. Review your class notes and reading notes after class, and turn this into your outline, so you are perfecting your outline throughout the semester, not creating it during the last two weeks of school.

5) How did you use that first paycheck from your post-law school job?

I decided to take my family and loved ones out for dinner.

6) What was something surprising about the legal practice or your chosen practice area?

Attorneys of Color are needed in every area of the law. According to a study published February 2021, by the National Association for Law Placement, the percentage of Black partners and Black associates exceeded 2% and 5%, respectively, for the first time in 2020; however, representation of Black lawyers in law firms still trails that of Asian and Latinx lawyers.

After experiencing several years of declines following the Great Recession, the percentage of associates who are Black women in 2020 (3.04%) finally surpassed the 2009 figure of 2.93% for the first time as well, equating to an increase of just one-tenth of a percentage point over this 11-year period.

In Atlanta, 4.09% of partners were reported as Black, which is the highest in the country. Black and Latinx women each still account for less than 1% of all partners, at 0.80% and 0.90% respectively, in 2020. Overall African Americans represent 5% of all attorneys, Asians represent 2%, Caucasian/Whites represent 86%, Hispanics represent 5%, and Multiracial represent 2%.

7) Do you have any pets?

Nope, just a plant I call Planty.

8) Weigh in on the debate: one space after periods or two?

No Comment.



Note: This is not Planty.

SHOUT OUT: COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

I want to nominate **Chloe Williams** for a shoutout in the next SBA newsletter.

Through PILP, she has done so much work to make campus and the greater Portland area a more equitable and inclusive place to live and THAT deserves more recognition.

I am especially grateful for the work **Chloe** put in on the Black History Month infographics for PILP.

- Lexi Slotterback

Note: Image to the right is one of Chloe's creations. [Click for more.](#)

KWAME TURE, CIVIL

RIGHTS ACTIVIST, WRITER, AND ORATOR

EDUCATION: Graduated from Howard University, A Historically Black College and University

CONTRIBUTIONS:

- In 1969, changed his name from Stokely Carmichael to Kwame Ture
- First spoke and coined the phrase, "Black Power," during a 1969 speech where he was calling for cultural, political, and economic self-determination for Black people
- Field organizer with the student nonviolent coordinating committee (SNCC)
- Worked with Freedom Summer, a campaign to register black voters in the deep south
- Part of the Black Panther Party.
- Helped redefine the African American/Black identity around the globe.

**Kwame
proclaimed,
Black IS
BEAUTIFUL**



For more information on Kwame or for the source of this information, go to Howard University's webpage.

If you have any questions about where you can learn more about Black history, please contact Chloe Williams, PILP Community Outreach Coordinator, or our co-sponsors, LC's Black Law Student Association

ALUMNI HAPPY HOUR

The Alumni Board of Directors and the Recent Graduate Council invite you to join alumni, faculty, and friends for a happy hour and CLE lecture with Professor Tung Yin!

On **16 March at 5p PT** Professor Yin will discuss the similarities between the Malheur occupation and the 6 January attack on the United States Capitol. [Register here to attend.](#)



WANT TO JOIN SBA?

run for office in march

RED OUT MONDAY, MARCH 1

The NW Law Schools
unite in support
of the MMIP Campaign

U WA - U ID - U O
L&C - Seattle U - Gonzaga

Join us in wearing red.

We wear red as this color
is visible to the spirits.

**We wear red to call them home
so they may finally rest.**

One Year Later... Sustaining Self-Care In Quarantine

*After a year of social distancing, are you
struggling to "make the most of it?"*

Join LCWL on **March 12, 2021 from 12-1p PT** for a virtual presentation by local attorney, life coach and author, Meredith Holley, addressing key strategies for effective self-care during continuing COVID-19 restrictions. The program includes interactive break-out sessions with discussion leaders.

Register HERE by March 10. Credit for a 1 hour mental health CLE is pending. The CLE is free for OWLS members and law students, but LCWL is suggesting a \$15 contribution. Contributors will receive a LCWL's limited-edition, logo face mask.

MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGINEOUS PERSONS

MONDAY, MARCH 1

At **12p PT** (11AKST, 1MT, 2CT, 3ET) Lewis & Clark hosts recording artist **Fawn Wood**, Oregon State Representative **Tawna Sanchez**, and art activist **Nayana Lafond** to engage with this topic.

Zoom link: [click here.](#)

Meeting ID: 971 6133 1361 - Passcode: 493188

Today at 4p PT: Chai Chat

The South Asian Bar Association of Oregon (SABA-OR) invites you to join us for this virtual Chai Chat event with our very own, **Judge Mustafa Kasubhai**.

We are proud to be partnering for this event with the SABA North America Judges Section.

To **RSVP ASAP** for this event, please use this registration link:

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUudu6uqz8rGNZ3RvhxnQibndQnZh6AD67G>

JOIN **SABA-NA JUDGES SECTION** AND **SABA OREGON**
**CHAI CHAT WITH THE
HONORABLE MUSTAFA KASUBHAI**
MAGISTRATE OF THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT OF OREGON



JUDGE MUSTAFA KASUBHAI



ARUNA MASIH
MODERATOR

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MARCH 1, 2021 | 7PM EST / 4PM PCT



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A SPACE TO SHARE OPINIONS, HELPFUL INFORMATION, OR #SCHOOLTHOUGHTS.

BOLEY VIRTUAL BOOKSHELF OFFERS ASSISTANCE TO STUDENT ORGS

Looking for a new way to spread the word about an event or your organization? Boley Law Library wants to help by creating a virtual display shelf for your event or general topic of your organization.

A law librarian will help curate the display and your organization and event will be featured on the page. There will also be a display carousel of the books [featured on the Boley homepage](#).

Questions or ready to get started? Contact reference librarian Meredith Kostek at mkostek@lclark.edu

ZOOM PRO LICENSES AVAILABLE

Zoom Pro licenses are now available for any L&C student who needs one for academic work or college-related business. Any student who wishes to have a Zoom Pro license needs to [fill out this form](#). Please note that Zoom Pro licenses are issued once per week on Fridays.

E&E

THE SBA SERIES EASY & ECONOMICAL

RECIPES, TIPS, & SOLUTIONS
TO EVERYDAY ISSUES

First, an easy, affordable way to insulate windows in hot or cold weather.

Second, an easy, affordable broth soup that can be served hot or cold.

Both the insulation and the recipe are low-effort, finish quickly, and are easy to replicate as needed.

EASY WINDOWPANE INSULATION THAT ALLOWS LIGHT

Bubble wrap is an efficient way to add a layer of insulation directly to a windowpane without blocking light transmission. Source wrap with large-sized bubbles; rolled sheets are the easiest to use and can be purchased from shipping or home improvement stores. Larger bubbles not only offer better insulation but also less blur when looking outside.

Cut a section just slightly smaller than the relevant pane. Using a water bottle or mister, spray a thin film of water on the pane and press the bubble side against the glass. Spray again if the wrap does not adhere.

BROTH-BASED SOUP TO SERVE HOT OR COLD

Needed:

- Pot able to hold approx. 4gal (16c)
- 6-8c broth, any type
- 1/2c chopped onion, any type
- 2 minced garlic cloves (approx. 2t)
- 2 ea chopped carrots/celery stalks
- 2c fresh or frozen vegetables on hand
- 2c shredded cooked meat or uncooked beans
- 1/2-3/4c uncooked pearl barley
- salt and pepper to taste

Instructions:

Make sure all ingredients are bite-size or smaller; they cook faster and are easier to eat. Combine in pot and bring to a boil, then cover, reducing heat to medium-high. Simmer for about an hour. Taste to see if longer cook time is required, and salt/pepper to taste.

Notes: Tomatoes or hot sauce can be added. If using dry beans, soak overnight first.

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