

# **SJ Monday 8/20 - A Conversation with Prof Dean Spade – Money Problems: Balancing a Commitment to Social Justice with Concerns About Financial Security**

Monday, August 20, 2012

This interactive workshop will be a place to confront the hard issues law students face balancing student debt, career choices, family obligations and a desire to use legal skills to change the world. We will explore the complexities of navigating different kinds of pressures and retaining a focus on doing work that we feel passionate about and believe in. We will also talk about how to put our own choices in the broader context of the domestic and global wealth gaps, and how to build community conversations about the ethical choices we face when it comes to money amongst our friends and colleagues.

# **SJ Monday 8/27 – Engaging Low Income Youth and Families in Our Own Backyard – The Seattle University Youth Initiative**

A presentation highlighting ways for law students to volunteer with the Seattle University

Youth Initiative

Monday, August 27, 2012 Noon – 12:50 p.m. Sullivan Hall, Room C5

The [Seattle University Youth Initiative](#)(SUYI) is a long-term commitment by Seattle University students, faculty, staff and alumni from all disciplines to join with parents, the Seattle School District, the City of Seattle, foundations, faith communities and more than 30 community organizations to help youth in Seattle succeed in school and life. Earlier this year, our university received the [2012 President's Higher Education Community Service Award](#), the highest recognition the federal government gives to a college or university for commitment to volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement, for its work through SUYI.

Come learn about the law school's role in the university initiative and how law students can get involved. You will hear from:

- **Paige Hardy** (2L) who will talk about the *Yesler Terrace Citizenship Project*, where law student volunteers teach a free citizenship class to low-income immigrants.
- **Mika Tsuboi** (2L) who will share about how law students run an afterschool chess program at Bailey Gatzert Elementary School.
- **Judge Karen Donohue '87, Distinguished Practitioner Margaret Fisher**, and Law Student Mentors will share their involvement in *Youth Court*.
- **Rachael Steward** from the **Seattle University Center for Service and Community Engagement** will give an overview of SUYI and updates on what the university at large is doing.

## **SJ Monday 9/10 – From Prison to the Polls: The Ten Year Fight To End the Modern Poll Tax**

**A discussion on policy, legislative advocacy, and voting rights.**

**Monday, September 10, 2012 Noon – 12:50 p.m. Sullivan Hall, Room C5**

Changing the law is just Step One in extending legal rights. Step Two is making sure people know what their legal rights are so that – and here is Step Three – they can actually exercise those rights. A case in point is the reform passed by the state legislature in 2009 changing the restoration of voting rights for people with felony convictions. The law now says that the right to vote is restored automatically upon completion of any prison term and period of community supervision by the State Department of Corrections. However, three years later, many people still don't know about the

change in the law. Join **Jennifer Shaw** ('87), the Deputy Director of the ACLU of Washington, and **Molly Matter**, a 2L at Seattle University School of Law, in a discussion about the ACLU's ten year battle to reform voting rights legislation and its ongoing education campaign.

*Co-sponsored by: ACLU Student Chapter, IMAP, NLG Student Chapter, and Social Justice Policy*

*Advocates*

## **SJ Monday 9/17 – The Criminalization of Immigration: A discussion on immigration, the private prison industry, and working on the front lines**

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and working on the front lines**

**Monday, September 17, 2012, Noon – 12:50 p.m. Sullivan Hall, Room C5**

Washington State is no exception to the national trend towards criminalizing immigration. The intertwining of local law enforcement and federal immigration functions, combined with the growing use of immigration prisons, form part of a disturbing national trend. The intersections between immigration and the prison industry are frighteningly relevant as an ever increasing number of immigrants are detained in privately-owned prisons.

Join Angélica Cházaro from the Northwest Immigration Rights Project on a discussion focusing on the importance of challenging the policing and targeting of undocumented persons by both government and private actors. Additionally, come and learn about the Immigrant Detainee Justice Project, which gives law students the opportunity to attend, observe, and analyze court proceedings in the Northwest Detention Center.

## **SJ Monday 9/24: More Than Man's Best Friend – Courthouse Dogs**

**A conversation about using your JD in a non-traditional way  
and the Courthouse Dogs Foundation**

**Monday, September 24, 2012, Noon – 12:50 p.m. Sullivan Hall, Room C5**

*Please note that a dog will be present.*

Dogs are more than man's best friend: a dog can also provide incomparable emotional support for a child victim during a forensic interview and in the courtroom during testimony. Courthouse Dogs Foundation was founded by Ellen O'Neill-Stephens, J.D., and Celeste Walsen, D.V.M.. Ellen spent 26 years as a deputy prosecuting attorney in Seattle and is a pioneer in the use of dogs in the criminal justice system. Celeste serves as the Executive Director of the Foundation, and is working to develop nationally recognized guidelines for the use of dogs for victims in the criminal justice system.

Courthouse dogs assists individuals with physical, psychological, or emotional trauma due to criminal conduct. The dogs also assist drug court participants in their recovery, visit juveniles in detention facilities, greet jurors, and lift the spirits of courthouse staff who often conduct their business in an adversarial setting. Ellen and Celeste will share about their work and how they have used their degrees in non-traditional ways and Molly B., a courthouse dog, will join them.

*Please note that a dog will be present for the duration of this Social Justice Monday.*

*If you have questions or concerns, please contact Patricia Sully [atsullyp@seattleu.edu](mailto:atsullyp@seattleu.edu).*

*Co-sponsored by the Women's Law Caucus*

## **SJ Monday 10/1 – Campaigning vs. Suppression: The 2012 Election, Vote Suppression, and Disproportionate Impacts**

**Monday, October 1, 2012, Noon – 12:50 p.m. Sullivan Hall, Room C5**

Voter suppression is a strategy to influence the outcome of an election by discouraging or preventing people from exercising their right to vote. While campaigning seeks to change likely voting behavior by changing the opinions of potential voters through persuasion and organization, voter suppression instead attempts to reduce the number of voters who might vote against the candidate or proposition advocated by the suppressors.

Citizens in Florida, Ohio, Pennsylvania and other states are currently engaged in battles regarding access to, and qualifications for exercising the right to vote. While voter suppression efforts historically have taken the form of outright access denial (even through threat of violence), today's laws and regulations developed by some states in the name of 'vote integrity' may be more insidious iterations looking for the same outcome – vote suppression. Join **Professor Bryan Adamson** and his guest as they discuss some of the current issues nationwide and locally which impact voter access to the ballot.

*Co-sponsored by the [National Voting Rights Advocacy Initiative](#)*

## **SJ Monday 10/8: Reproductive Justice Roundtables**

Join the *Law Students for Reproductive Justice* for interactive, rotating round-table discussions about current issues in reproductive justice.

**Monday, October 8, 2012, Noon – 12:50 p.m. Sullivan Hall, Room C5**

Join the **Law Students for Reproductive Justice** for four interactive presentations on the current issues in reproductive justice. You will have the opportunity to rotate among the various roundtable discussions so you can gain knowledge about varying topics regarding reproductive justice. The discussions will be led by the following people: A representative from **Planned Parenthood** will discuss the Affordable Care Act and what it means for students and their reproductive health. **Professor Deborah Ahrens** will explore the issues surrounding birthing in prisons. **Professor Julie Shapiro** will talk about the complexities of Assisted Reproductive Technology and the risk of exploitation of egg donors. **Professor Rebecca Rausch** will discuss the state of reproductive healthcare for poor women. *Co-sponsored by Law Students for Reproductive Justice*

## **SJ Monday 10/15: Social Justice Week Kick-Off – Punishing the Victim: Domestic Violence and Women in Prison**

The Social Justice Coalition invites you to a special Social Justice Monday, kicking off Social Justice Week! **Monday, October 15, 2012, Noon – 12:50 p.m. Sullivan Hall, Room C5**

Studies show that as many as 90% of women in prison have experienced domestic violence or sexual assault prior to their incarceration, with some studies stating that the crimes that place most women in prison can be linked directly to the violence they endured. For example, emerging studies link the substance abuse involved in many drug crimes to the history of trauma and abuse for which domestic violence survivors have not received adequate medical treatment, resulting in self-medication.

Join Elizabeth Hendren '12, SU Leadership for Justice Fellow at Northwest Justice Project, for a conversation about the connections between domestic violence and female incarceration and learn why domestic violence advocates need to start paying attention to women in prison and women with convictions.

*Co-sponsored by the Social Justice Coalition*

## **SJ Monday 10/22: Wrongful Conviction and Freedom: The Story of Jason Puracal, a Tacoma Native, vindicated in Nicaragua**

**Monday, October 22, 2012, Noon – 12:50 p.m. Sullivan Hall, Room C5**

[Jason Puracal](#) was wrongfully convicted in Nicaragua of money laundering and drug trafficking despite conclusive evidence of his innocence. The trial proceedings were replete with violations of Nicaraguan and international law, and he suffered abuses of basic human rights during his detention. His story was followed by [CNN](#), [the Today Show](#), and many other major media outlets. [Janis Puracal '07](#), Jason's sister and SU Law School alumna, shared his story at a Social Justice Monday in April earlier this year. Click [here](#) for the podcast.

In September, he was acquitted of all charges by the Appeals Court and is now free and home. He will speak about the pervasive criminal justice problems in Nicaragua and urge institutional and legal reform in that country. The School of Law's International Human Rights Clinic is currently advising him on international legal strategies for redress. Please join the Latin America Program and International Human Rights Clinic in hearing **Jason Puracal** share his story.

*Co-sponsored by [The Latin America Program](#) and [International Human Rights Clinic](#)*

# **SJ Monday 10/29: From New Deal to Raw Deal: Transformation of the U.S. Economy and the 99%**

Monday, October 29, 2012, Noon – 12:50 p.m. Sullivan Hall, Room C5

Join **Professor Tayyab Mahmud** for a teach-in on the causes, course and consequences of the transformation of the U.S. economy over the last three decades. The changes included displacement of welfare systems, financialization of the economy, and breaking the power of organized labor. Public laws and policies facilitated financial markets to extend their reach and bring ever-increasing sections of the working classes and the marginalized within the ambit of a credit economy. Refashioned concepts of individual responsibility and human capital were promoted that encouraged people to engage the financialized economy as risk-taking entrepreneurs. Faced with restructured labor markets, wage pressures, and shrinking welfare, working classes found themselves with little choice but to pay for their basic needs through debt. The Great Recession and its aftermath that we are living through provide an opportunity to redirect the economy to secure the well-being of the working classes.

*Co-sponsored by The Center for Global Justice*

# **SJ Monday 11/5: Should Good People Be Prosecutors?**

Monday, November 5, 2012, Noon – 12:50 p.m. Sullivan Hall, Room C5

Are you interested in becoming a prosecutor? Do you hope to reform racial disparities from within? Join **Adrien Leavitt '11**, attorney at Northwest Defenders Association, **Professor Deborah Ahrens**, criminal law professor and former public defender, **Patricia Sully '11**, Assistant Director at ATJI and former Rule 9 intern with the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, and **IMAP board members** for a panel discussion about racism within the criminal justice system and the limits of prosecutorial discretion.

*Co-sponsored by the Incarcerated Mothers Advocacy Project and the Fred T. Korematsu Center for Law and Equality*

## **SJ Monday 11/19: Social Justice In A Jesuit Catholic Law School**

**Monday, November 19, 2012, Noon – 12:50 p.m. Sullivan Hall, Room C5**

Seattle University is one of 28 Jesuit universities in the United States and more than 100 around the world. Jesuits are well-known and respected as educators and a Jesuit education challenges students to think clearly, think for themselves, and test commonly accepted knowledge. Academic curiosity becomes a lifelong habit. However, Jesuit education means more than just acquiring knowledge: it means figuring out what to do with that knowledge. Join **Dean Mark Niles**, School of Law, and **Dean Mark Markuly**, School of Theology and Ministry, for a conversation about social justice in a Jesuit Catholic Law School, using your legal education for good, and what it means to be a social justice lawyer.

## **SJ Monday 11/26: Pot and Politics – How Washington’s I-502 Will Change the Debate on Marijuana**

**Monday, November 26, 2012, Noon – 12:50 p.m. Sullivan Hall, Room C5**

Colorado and Washington became the first states to legalize recreational marijuana in the prohibition era. I-502 sets up a system of state-licensed marijuana growers, processors and retail stores, where adults over 21 can buy up to an ounce. It also establishes a standard blood test limit for driving under the influence, but it remains unclear on how the federal government will respond. Join Professor **John McKay** for a discussion about what I-502 means and how it will change the conversation about drug policy!