

To: All 1L students

Re: First-year mini-seminar series, Winter 2021

Coming Attractions

In the winter term, the following professors will be offering first-year mini-seminars. Registration for these mini-seminars will not take place until January. If the professors have given us a description, we have included it, along with the title, below:

WINTER 2021 (FIRST-YEAR) MINI-SEMINARS

What Do I Wanna Be When I Grow Up? Strategies for Figuring It Out

Instructor: Evan Caminker

Offered: Winter 2021

Credit: No

Meeting Information

Dates: TBA (two dates during the term)

Time: TBA

Location: TBA

Description

Some students begin law school with a strong career vision, perhaps aspiring to advocate for the public interest, litigate or do transactional work for a law firm, prosecute or defend criminal suspects, represent the government, or do generalist legal work for a local community. Most students, however, arrive without specific aspirations or a clear sense of why various choices might lead (or not) to professional and personal fulfillment. In this mini-seminar we'll share and discuss the questions you might begin asking yourselves as you sort this out.

After years of speaking with our alumni about career choices and trajectories, we've learned that professional happiness frequently turns on a combination of factors. Of course it's helpful to be interested in your particular legal field (e.g., criminal, environmental, civil rights, business, entrepreneurial). But alumni also point to two other critical variables: characteristics and core competencies. First, how well do various job characteristics match your personality and proclivities? Would you prefer a job that is high pressure or not, face paced or slow, surprising or predictable, generalist or specialist, soloist or collaborative, cause-oriented or people-oriented, passion-driven or puzzle-driven? Second, how well do your competencies fit with different job requirements? Are you—or can you become—the skilled writers, orators, negotiators, planners, or problem solvers that different jobs demand?

No psychometric testing, no psychobabble, only a little navel-gazing ;) We'll discuss how you might start thinking about these connections and use your remaining time here to explore and expand your interests and competencies to give yourself a better sense of direction. This is not a substitute for exploring the same questions with our Career Planning professionals; but this seminar provides a complementary opportunity to chat about these questions in a small-group format.

Rebellious Lawyering: Self and Movement

Instructors: Mira Edmonds and Gowri Krishna

Offered: Winter 2021

Credit: No

Meeting Information

Dates: TBA (two dates during the term)

Time: TBA

Location: TBA

Description

In this mini-mini-seminar, we will come together as a community of learners to investigate the role of the lawyer in movements for social change. How do we recognize ways in which we, as individuals and as part of the legal profession, participate in and perpetuate systems of oppression? How do we work towards equity, liberation, justice, and solidarity? Together we will lay the groundwork for continuing self-reflection throughout law school and beyond, and create connections with like-minded peers and faculty.

In Courts Where Ghosts Appear: The Salem Witch Trials

Instructor: Len Niehoff

Offered: Winter 2021

Credit: No

Meeting Information

Dates: TBA (two dates during the term)

Time: TBA

Location: TBA

Description

Forthcoming

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

TBA by the first day of classes for the winter term.