

DIVERSITY WEEK: MARCH 26th – 29th

Monday, 3/26, 1-2pm, Barristers Hall

"A, E, I, O, What side are U?": A Student-Led Debate on the Politics of Language

Last year, Congress, as part of their Comprehensive Immigration Reform Act, considered whether to deem English as the national language. This English-only measure raises many questions on American values and how we should approach bilingualism within our schools, in the workplace, and in government policy. Should English be deemed as the national language? Should people be forced to learn how to speak English to become a citizen? Would this provision encourage or discourage assimilation into our society? How will this law change policy approaches in the workplace, in schools, and in voting? This student debate, moderated by **Professor Pnina Lahav**, will discuss language rights and citizenship in the context of the immigration debate. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Student Government Association.

Monday, 3/26, Reception: 5:30-6:00pm, Panel: 6:00-7:30pm, Barristers Hall

The Changing Face of Justice: The Importance of Judicial Diversity in the Courts

The panelists include **Judge Julian T. Houston**, recently retired Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court; **Judge Barbara Lenk**, Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Appeals Court; **Judge Diana Maldonado**, Associate Justice in the Chelsea District Court, and **Judge Sabita Singh**, newly appointed judge for the Massachusetts District Court. Judges will be asked to answer questions given by moderator, **Professor Mark Pettit**. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Career Development Office.

Tuesday, 3/27, 5-7pm, Room 1270

Win : Win Moving Beyond the Appearance of Diversity and Finding its Financial Benefits

The issue of diversity causes many to roll their eyes, but it is important to look at why diversity is even an issue. Many in the business world have taken the issue of diversity head on, and it's not just to be politically correct, there can be financial benefits to having a diversified employee pool. The question is whether law firms realized these benefits or if they are being left behind. What benefits does a diverse workforce confer on law firms?

Panelists include **William "Mo" Cowan, Esq.**, Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky and Popeo, PC; **Dr. Tom Kochan**, George Maverick Bunker Professor of Management and Co-director, MIT Workplace Center; **Marguerite Fletcher Ingram, Esq.**, Senior Consultant at the Verna Myers Consulting Group; and **Lynn Tony Collins of Blue Cross Blue Shield MA**. Moderated by **Professor Kristin Collins**. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Student Affairs Office.

Wednesday, 3/28, 11:45am-12:45pm, Barristers Hall

Learning Contract Law Around the World

A panel of international LL.M. candidates will compare contract law in the U.S. with that of their home countries. Moderated by **Professor Daniela Caruso**. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Office of Foreign Programs.

Thursday, 3/29, 1:00-2:00pm, Barristers Hall

Another World, Another Court: The Form and Function of Tribal Courts in Indian Country

Chief Judge Randal Steckel of the Suquamish Tribe in Washington State will discuss the unique laws and court system in Indian country in the U.S., and how that law applies. He has much experience in issues related to child welfare and child abuse in Indian country. Introduction by BU Law **Professor Allan Macurdy**. Refreshments will be served. Sponsored by the Student Government Association.

Thursday, 3/29, 6:30pm, Barristers Hall

SAALSA and LALSA's Annual Food and Dance Celebration

Dance performances by BU Raas Team and La Pinata. Enjoy a South Asian and Latin American dinner. Sponsored by the Student Government Association and BarBri.