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This Week's Gavel Gazette

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Events

Implicit Bias Series Relaunch: Impact on Building and Inclusive Environment

Monday, October 21, 3:30-5pm in Room 301A

Implicit Bias is one of the most challenging areas of diversity, equity, and inclusion. It occurs when conscious or unaware statements are made that offend members of marginalized groups. Identifying and reducing or eliminating implicit biases are essential to building a strong community. In addition, helping victims of implicit bias recover is helpful. This series will explore all factors related to implicit biases.

Our workshop will be led by Kristina M. Marshall, a nationally recognized lawyer and the Director of DEI at Oakland Community College. Ms. Marshall has prepared supplementary materials that will further enrich your learning experience. Sponsored by the CWSL Office of

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Weekly Mass and Worship Opportunities on Campus

Wednesdays at 12:30pm Chapel of Our Lady, Mirror of Justice, dedicated in memory of Helen A. O'Connor

Mass will be held at the Law School when classes are in session. Further details and other opportunities for worship can be found on the [Campus Ministry website](#). For other information, you may contact Fr. Aldo Potencio, OSA at aldo.potencio@villanova.edu.

Defending Democracy

Wednesday, October 23, at 4pm in the Ambassador David F. Girard-diCarlo '73 & Constance B. Girard-diCarlo '74 Student Lounge

Villanova Law has been chosen to host a distinguished Order of the Coif visiting scholar, Guy-Uriel Charles, from Harvard Law School. Join us for his conversation on "Defending Democracy" with Mark C. Alexander, the Arthur J. Kania Dean, Lauren Cristella, president and CEO of Committee of Seventy, and moderator Doris DelTosto Brogan '81, professor of law & Heller McGuinness Leadership Chair. Please visit the [event page](#) for more information.

PIFP's Fall Fest

Thursday, October 24, 3-6pm at the Law School

Register and purchase your ticket at [this link](#) to join us for lots of food and drinks, a cornhole tournament, and a faculty pumpkin carving contest. General admission is \$10, and entry to the cornhole tournament is \$25 per team (includes admission for both players). Spots to play in the tournament are limited to 16 teams, and the winners take home two \$50 Amazon gift cards. If you want to play in the cornhole tournament, please also fill out [this form](#). Lastly, if you would like to make additional donations to PIFP, there are options available to do so on the [EventBrite page](#). All proceeds contribute to fellowships for Villanova Law students working unpaid public interest internships next summer.

Summer 2025 International Program Information Session

Wednesday, November 6, 12:20-1:20pm in the Minority Alumni Society Classroom (Room 103)

Villanova Law is pleased to announce its summer 2025 international program to be hosted in Croatia and Bosnia in southeastern Europe. This intensive 3-week program, which will be hosted in Dubrovnik and Split, Croatia, and Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, will allow enrolled students to earn 3.5 credits while taking short courses in European Union law, international criminal justice in the Balkans, and comparative federalism. Faculty from Villanova Law and European law schools will jointly teach these courses. The tentative program dates are July 20 to August 8, 2025, late enough in the summer to permit participants to complete an 8-week externship beforehand. The 2025 summer program is hosted and made possible by the David F. and Constance B. Girard-diCarlo Center for Ethics, Integrity, and Compliance. The student information session will be recorded.

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Announcements

Elections Resources

Law students, faculty and staff are invited to participate in Villanova's pre- and post-election co-curricular events, programming and resources. More info found here: <https://www1.villanova.edu/university/student-life/about-us/vice-president/election-resources.html>

Writing Competition Guide

If you are interested in participating in one of the many annual law student writing competitions, check out the Writing Competitions Guide: <http://libguides.law.villanova.edu/writingcompetitions>. There is information in the Guide regarding the mechanics of writing for publication, as well as lists of open competitions.

Let's Vote Nova

The General Election is November 5, 2024, and any student who is a US citizen is encouraged to register to vote. [Let's Vote Nova](#) provides information to promote voter registration and voter mobilization on campus. Please check the [website](#) for PA Voter registration information, information for Delaware county voting centers and drop off boxes for mail in ballots.

Note: The Pennsylvania deadline for registering to vote is **October 21st** for the November 5th election.

For students who wish to register in other states, and vote via absentee ballot, additional information on all states and territories can be found by visiting [vote.gov](#).

A Let's Vote Villanova information table is set up in the Student Lounge with PA Voter Registration mail-in forms and Let's Vote Nova buttons. Please contact SBA or Student Affairs with any questions.

Fall Bird Migration is Underway!

Please close blinds and turn off office lights at the end of each day. Small efforts on our part make a big difference to traveling birds by helping them to avoid window collisions and reducing other hazards such as the disorientation caused by reflective light. For those interested in reading more about this problem, please visit: <https://www.birdsafephilly.org/lights-out>

If you find an injured or dead bird, email birds@law.villanova.edu.

If you see a bird hit a window or door at the Law School during the weekend or after 5pm during the weekday, and it does not fly away within a few minutes, it may be dazed, injured, or deceased. If the bird is alive, it is important to protect it from predators. Place the bird in a ventilated box with a lid and place the box in a warm, quiet place away from humans or predatory animals. Boxes are available at the lobby desk. After 30 minutes, release the bird back into the wild, unless it still remains dazed or appears injured, then you may contact the Philadelphia Metro Wildlife Center in King of Prussia at 267-416-9453 or the Tri-State Bird Rescue at (302) 737-9543. If you find a deceased bird, please email birds@law.villanova.edu so that the bird can be transferred to the Biology department for documentation. Thank you for your help.

Gazette Submissions

Please send items for next week's *Gavel Gazette* to gavelgazette@law.villanova.edu by 3pm on Friday.

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Resources

Counseling Center YouTube Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/@Villanovacounseling>

These contain 'self-serve' advice and guidance with titles such as: • Resilience Skills for transition to college • Coping with Academic Disappointment • Progressive Relaxation and Body Scan • Mindfulness Playlists: <https://www1.villanova.edu/university/health-services/counseling-center.html>

Absence Reporting Form – New Link

If you have missed or know you will miss a class session and believe the absence may be excused, please use [this form](#) to record the absence and have it excused where applicable. Please note that individual faculty members DO NOT receive submitted forms, so you must still notify your professors independently of any absences.

DEI LibGuide

The [DEI LibGuide](#) includes information about the law school and university Offices of DEI, the DEI Committee list, processing DEI environmental complaints, student organizations, and affinity groups, a glossary of DEI terms, and details about the Veritas, Unitas, and Caritas Community Award. Refer any questions, suggestions, and recommendations about the LibGuide content to the [Office of DEI](#).

Embedded Counselor at the Law School

Dr Allison Kosloff, counselor from University Counseling Center, will be at the Law School in Room 138 from 12:30-4:30pm on Mondays through fall semester for appointments with Law Students. Students should schedule an appointment in advance (in-person or telehealth). To make an appointment or for more information about groups and other counseling information, see the form on the Counseling Center's [website](#) or call 610 519-4050.

Wellness Resources for Students

Villanova University School of Law faculty and staff care about you. We remind all law students to prioritize your physical, emotional, and mental health. It is important to reach out if you are going through a challenge, feeling overwhelmed, need to talk or want to find ways to maintain balance in your life.

Lawyers Concerned for Lawyers: LCL is fully operational during this time of uncertainty. They have one staff rotating in the office each day to ensure every helpline call will be thoroughly handled. Their volunteer base of 295 law students, attorneys, and judges are ready, willing, and able to assist any student, staff or faculty member that may be struggling LCL's 24/7 helpline is 888-999-1941 and their website is also a wealth of information www.lclpa.org

University Counseling Center: Please see the Counseling Center's [website](#) regarding their message for continuity of care, on-line appointment request form, local referrals or prescription refill if you have been seeing the University psychiatrist. Law Students have full access to the University Counseling center M-F, 9-5 610 519- 4050 and [UWill 24/7 Telehealth Counseling](#)

Villanova's [Health and Well-Being website](#)

Nancy Whalen, Director of Student Affairs and Wellbeing can help you if you need to connect to resources, want a wellness check-in or need to discuss a specific concern. Email her at whalen@law.villanova.edu or schedule a time to meet with Nancy.

In an emergency, call Villanova Public Safety at 610-519-4444.

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is a United States-based suicide prevention network of over 160 crisis centers that provides 24/7 service via a toll-free hotline with the number 9-8-8. It is available to anyone in suicidal crisis or emotional distress.

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