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**LEGAL STUDIES  
UNDERGRADUATE  
RESEARCH  
CONFERENCE**

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APRIL 22, 2022  
10 AM – 4 PM

**In Person in the Selznick  
Seminar Room**

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The 15th Annual Legal Studies Undergraduate Research Conference showcases original empirical research from undergraduate scholars in the Legal Studies Honors Program. The Honors theses presented today have been developed over the 2021-22 academic year via a sequence of two research seminars and with the support of dedicated faculty mentors. The conference is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the impressive work accomplished by these promising young scholars.

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# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

## Introductory Remarks

10:00-10:20 am

*Jon Marshall, Ph.D., Assistant Dean JSP/Legal Studies*

*Professor Jonathan Simon, Lance Robbins Professor of Criminal Justice Law*

*Professor Calvin Morrill, Associate Dean for Jurisprudence and Social Policy*

## Panel 1: Legal and Political Consciousness of Marginalized Groups

10:20-11:30 am

**Moderator: Mitzia E. Martinez Castellanos, JSP**

**Dana Chen**

On Becoming a Leftist Activist: How Leftist Students of Color Develop, Conceptualize, and Mobilize Political Identities in the 21st Century

**Alex Rodriguez**

Nowhere to Hide: Life Post-SB 1070 in California for Latinx People

**Shealyn Massey**

The Legal Consciousness and Legal Mobilization of Queer Asian Pacific Islanders

**Ibrahim Mohyuddin**

On the legal consciousness of Muslim Americans

## Panel 2: Law on the Frontlines During the Covid-19 Pandemic

11:30 am-12:40 pm

**Moderator: Isabella Mariani, JSP**

**Natalie Gonzalez**

Frontline Work in a Time of Crisis: Child Welfare Decisions Under Pandemic Policy

**Harman Gakhal**

Teaching Racial Justice on the Frontlines: Teachers and Administrators in a Rural District Fighting for Academic Freedom

**Eric Esparza**

Deal or No Deal: Perspectives of Public Defenders on Plea Bargaining

**Jin (Julia) Yoo**

The Future of Law Looks a Lot Like a Legal Vending Machine: Lawyer-Client Interaction in Technologically Mediated Legal Advice

**12:40 – 1:40 pm**  
**Lunch Break at Steinhart Court**

**Panel 3: Organizations & Regulation in Environmental Justice and Criminal Justice**

1:40-2:50 pm

**Moderator: Anthony R. Carrasco, JSP**

**Zoe Lee-Park**

The Origins of Framing Environmental Justice

**Ashley Soliman**

Beyond Natural Resources: The Role of Resources in Legal Mobilization  
Across Environmental Justice Organizations

**Emily Woods**

The Politics of Failure to Mitigate Climate Litigation.

**Evelyn Moradian**

Realignment Reawakened: SB 823 and its Implications in California Counties for  
System-Engaged Juveniles

**Panel 4: Law and Justice in Art, Language, Literature and History**

2:50-4:00 pm

**Moderator: William Darwall, JSP**

**Jesus Urbano Gonzalez**

Translation Crisis: Transcending Borders but not Language

**Winnie Gunther**

Law and Literature: Imaginations of Law in Utopian and Dystopian Literature  
of the 1950s/1960s

**Louana Garraud**

Portraits of Justice: The Art of Dispute Resolution for the Restitution of Nazi-  
Looted Artwork in the U.S.

**Sid Schlafman**

“Criminal, Unnatural, Perverse and Repulsive”: American Queer Activism and  
Social Control from 1950

**4:00 pm**  
**Closing Remarks**