

ACTIVITIES

THEMES

Each quarter in the academic year, the CLDJ addresses a theme that brings together scholars, activists and community members. Past themes include:

- Immigration
- School Bullying and Harassment
- Multicultural Women
- The Law and Justice
- Racial Injustice
- Women and Violence

Students have many opportunities to engage with local community issues related to the Center's activities. Fairhaven courses incorporate CLDJ themes through visiting speakers and panels. Students also work with community groups such as the Whatcom Civil Rights Project, the Whatcom Human Rights Task Force, the Lummi Nation Tribal Court, and Community to Community Development.

WORKSHOPS

- Cross-Cultural Communication, Mediation and Non-Violent Communication
- Access to the Law, Legal System and Social Justice Careers
- Social Justice Professions
- Art and Social Justice

LAW SCHOOL VISITS

Each quarter, students visit a law school in Washington.

PRACTICA

- Whatcom Civil Rights Project
- Domestic Violence Court Watch

FACULTY

- **Babafemi Akinrinade, LLM, JSD**
International Human Rights
- **Julie Helling, JD**
Civil Rights; Domestic Violence
- **Daniel Larner, PhD**
Civil Rights and Liberties
- **Raquel Montoya-Lewis, JD, MSW**
Federal Indian Law and Tribal Courts
- **Niall Ó Murchú, PhD (Coordinator)**
Immigration Policy

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WHAT WE DO

The Center for Law, Diversity & Justice (CLDJ) at Fairhaven College of Interdisciplinary Studies provides:

- A site for intellectual exploration of social justice and legal processes in a diverse society that brings together the expertise of faculty at Fairhaven and Western Washington University and community partners.
- Advising for students exploring issues of justice and diversity, including those pursuing the **Law, Diversity and Justice Concentration**. The LDJ Concentration supports students from underrepresented groups who are seeking careers in law and social justice.



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“Once I decided to go to law school, it was only natural for me to do the LDJ program. It gave me the foundation to understand the structure of law classes, the legal system, and especially, it helped me to familiarize myself with how to tackle my legal education.”

- Ceci Lopez

J.D. candidate, University of Washington

Law, Diversity & Justice Concentration

The Law, Diversity and Justice (LDJ) Concentration is an interdisciplinary degree program, designed to increase the number of people from underrepresented groups seeking careers in law and social justice. The LDJ Concentration is available to all Fairhaven College students. (For more information about applying to Fairhaven College, contact 360.650.6680)

With faculty guidance, students combine the LDJ course work with Western Washington University courses. The LDJ Concentration develops the skills and knowledge necessary for success in law school and other careers in advocacy.

REQUIRED COURSE WORK:

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- **FAIR 211b THE AMERICAN LEGAL SYSTEM (5)**
Study of the American legal system, its structure, and how it affects individuals and society.
- **FAIR 393b RIGHTS, LIBERTIES AND JUSTICE IN AMERICA (4)**
Study of American ideas of rights and liberties; current issues in civil liberties and justice.
and/or
- **FAIR 336a Topics in Social Science: INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS (5)**
Introduction to the study of international human rights law from an interdisciplinary perspective.
- **FAIR 412e ADVANCED TOPICS IN LAW (2-5)**
Investigation of an area of the law using a law school class format and texts; Repeatable with different topics.
- **FAIR 422k ADVANCED LEGAL WRITING AND ANALYSIS (4)**
Exploration of legal research techniques and persuasive legal writing forms.



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“After taking the *American Legal System [FAIR 211b]*, I decided to make LDJ my concentration. Since that course, every course offered within the program has challenged me in ways I had never expected. The mixture of personal connection, challenging coursework and constant dialog has made a big impact on the way I view academics. I really have developed a passion for law and social justice. I want to be able to use that passion to contribute to the community.”

- Sarah Ishmael

Students pursuing the LDJ Concentration must satisfy the Fairhaven College Core Curriculum (as described in the WWU Catalog) including:

- **FAIR 201a CRITICAL AND REFLECTIVE INQUIRY (5)**
- **FAIR 203a SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS AND RESPONSIBILITIES (5)**
- **FAIR 303a CONCENTRATION SEMINAR (5)**
Students design individual concentrations in Law, Diversity & Justice.

For full course descriptions, please see our website:
www.wvu.edu/depts/fairhaven/