ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK

SCHEDULE March 21–25, 2022

Welcome to Alternative Spring Break! Record Clearance Project (RCP) students work in two-person teams with a law student from Stanford Law School (SLS) or Berkeley Law School (BLS). Each team will be assigned a client who they will meet on Monday and Tuesday, as well as a RCP staff member and supervising attorney.

We have planned several events during the week and look forward to your participation. Full participation and brief follow-up will be approximately 50 hours of volunteer work.

All sessions, meetings and interviews are online. The main link for the week is:

ZOOM meeting ID: 810 5774 4395 password: 943175

[https://sjsu.zoom.us/j/81057744395?pwd=N242SDlGa1VSajRaNmMvalNVUmxidz09](about:blank)

Where entries are for “teams,” the RCP-SLS/BLS team will set up and work in their own zoom meetings and/or phone interviews.

Weekend before ASB week

Law and RCP student case partners will connect and have access to the client’s file

Monday morning

9:00 – 9:45 Welcome and introductions

Why expungement matters – *former Record Clearance Project clients*

10:00 – 12:00 Training on record clearance law; reading RAP sheets and how “shells” were developed ­­– *RCP team*

12:15 – 12:45 Legal ethics & professionalism training applied to RCP – *Judy Randle*

Monday afternoon

1:15 - 2:00 RCP client forms & procedures – *Jordan Velosa*

Logistics, use of website – *Jordan Velosa*

2:00 – 4:30 Interviewing techniques – *RCP team*

Demo, mock interview & debrief

4:45 – 5:15 Teams: Review materials in client file, prep for interview

*Note:* RCP students have completed the “shell” portion of the clients’ court petitions; teams will complete the Declaration this week.

5:30 – 6:30 Teams: **First client interview** – review of Agreement for Services & “good stuff”

Tuesday morning

Read redacted filed petitions as examples of what we will prepare

9:00 – 10:00 Drafting Declarations and editing exercises – *Peggy Stevenson*

10:00 – 11:00 Teams: draft of “good stuff” portion of declaration

11:00 – 12:00 Interviewing about hard issues – *RCP team*

Tuesday noon

12:00 – 1:15 Judge Shelyna Brown, Judge Superior Court, Santa Clara County

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Tuesday afternoon

1:30 – 2:45 Interviewing, demo, mini-mock interviews, debrief -- *RCP team*

3:00 – 4:15 Trauma-informed interviewing – *Path to Expungement peer mentoring panel; NAMI*

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4:30 – 5:00 Teams: Prep for second interview with partner

5:30 – ~ 6:30 Teams: **Second client interview:** what was going on at the time of conviction, turning point, paragraph 5s (specific instances re each case)

Teams: outline drafting declaration, identify issues for further discussion with client

Wednesday morning

10:00 – 11:00 Debrief client interviews – *Peggy Stevenson & Judy Randle*

11:00 – 12:00 Teams: work on client petitions; meet with clients as needed

Wednesday afternoon

1:00 – 2:30 “Clearing Criminal Records in a Nutshell” presentation to people in custody -- *RCP students*

Separate video link to jail forthcoming

Teams: work on client petitions; meet with clients as needed

5:00 Teams: **Submit first draft of declaration** to Peggy at [margaret.stevenson@sjsu.edu](about:blank)

6:30 – 7:30 Applying to and going to law school: an informal discussion – *Stanford and UC Berkeley law student panel, hosted by SJSU Prelaw Student Society, Kelly Prashar*

Meeting link forthcoming

Thursday morning:

9:00 – 11:45 Teams: continue work on petitions; collect client exhibits, interview clients as needed for further information, respond to attorney review of petitions

Thursday afternoon

3:00 – 4:15 Moving forward from custody -- *Path to Expungement peer mentoring panel*

5:00 (or earlier) Teams: **Submit final draft of declaration** to Peggy at [margaret.stevenson@sjsu.edu](about:blank)

Friday

10:00 – 12:00 Court hearing – RCP expungement clients’ cases

Courtroom link:

Teams: finalize petitions, attorney review, assemble exhibits for filing in court

12:00 – 3:45 Teams: review attorney-approved petition with client, make needed adjustments,

Review with client for adjustments and approval of final draft

Send client-approved final draft in Word to Michelle at Michelle.Taikeff@sjsu.edu and to Peggy at margaret.stevenson@sjsu.edu

4:00 – 4:50 Debrief on week: looking back, what went well, what could be improved

Afterward:             Law students who can be certified are invited to appear for their client once the case is calendared; likely on a Friday morning at 10 AM.