

Dear Readers,

As I am sure you noticed the Journal took the month of December off to focus on Finals. We missed being able to share with our readers during this time.

In November we sponsored our Second annual Symposium: Catalysts for Change. We had an amazing array of speakers and panelist that came and shared about how they were actively creating the change they wanted to see in the world. Below are some photos from the day.



Executive Editor Westley Ashley moderating a panel on the revitalization of South Main Street with panelists: Bryan Day (Assistant Director for the City of Little Rock), Jack Sundell (Co-owner, The Root Cafe), Paul Page (Studio Main), Ryan Wittenberg (Oxford American Magazine), and Hillis Schild (South Main Neighborhood Association)



Panelists on cause lawyering: John DiPippa (UALR Bowen School of Law), Holly Dickson (ACLU), Bettina Brownstein



Attendees to the afternoon CLE credit hours

This event was very exciting as it sparked discussion and made connections between groups and people that had not before realized all they had in common. We are already looking forward to next year.

This month, you may have noticed that we published a piece, by Lindsey Bailey, that discusses constitutionality of placing breed specific bans on dogs inside of city limits of cities like Maumelle. These bans are debatably vague and restrict dogs independent of previous behavior from living in certain places. The Arkansas supreme court has upheld these breed specific bans, but the American Bar Association has advocated for changing these types of rules for more breed neutral regulations.

What do you think? After reading Lindsey's article, feel free to respond, either with a counter article or on one of our social media outlets, Facebook or Twitter.

We are following up this article with a screening of the documentary Blackfish. This documentary takes a look at the treatment of Orca whales in captivity around the world in amusement parks such as SeaWorld. We like this film because it was produced with the goal of creating social change. The website. <http://blackfishmovie.com/Take-Action>, has a place where you can find out more and become involved in finding a solution to the problem.

We are showing the film at 3:15 in the Friday Courtroom on Thursday January 30, 2014. Please come join us, we will have a brief discussion following the viewing. Also, thanks to our friends at PAD there will be free food. We will have nachos, soft pretzels and cookies to enjoy while watching. If you would like to begin the discussion please tweet @ARSocialChange #blackfish.

Also, this month we are having our winter write on. We wanted to give first year students that chance to become involved early, as well as include second year students that did not write on in the fall due to concerns about time constraints. We have the prompt posted on our TWEN page and will be taking applications until Feb 2nd at 11:59 pm. If anyone has any questions please feel free to contact us at socialchange@ualr.edu.

Thank you for reading our Journal and for being a part of our online community. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Alexis Cook

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