CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS TO THE WORKS-IN-PROGRESS SERIES

The SEALS Works-in-Progress Series (“WiP Series”) Committee is seeking submissions for its 2021 workshop, which will be held as part of the SEALS 2021 Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will be held from July 26 - August 1, 2021, at The Omni in Amelia Island, Florida (http://sealslawschools.org/).

The WiP Series (two-hour session) is designed for intermediate and senior scholars who are further along in their scholarship and development than new scholars. The primary focus of this program is to bring scholars in specialized fields of study together to present and discuss full drafts, works in progress, and developing ideas. The program differs from the SEALS discussion group format in that it brings together smaller groups of scholars than the traditional discussion group and participants may submit on any topic they like. The subject matter of the individual workshops will be determined based on the submissions received by the Committee. Participants will benefit from networking and from discussing their scholarship with individuals within their own and related fields.

Participants must share a short (10-page) summary of their work with their fellow group members prior to the conference. Rather than making formal paper presentations, participants will offer a short summary of their ideas before engaging in an intensive group discussion of their work. All participants are expected to read and offer feedback on each submission in their session. At a participant’s request, the WiP Series Committee will attempt to match participants with a “commentator” in addition to the group discussants. Commentators are established scholars in a related field who will be asked to attend the session and provide feedback on their assigned participant’s submission in addition to feedback provided by the other group members.

Those interested in participating should submit an abstract (no more than 500 words) of their work-in-progress to sealworksinprogress@gmail.com by February 5, 2021. In the body of the email, please include your institution, your level of experience in the academy (0-5 years, 6-10 years, or 10+ years), the subject matter of the submission and the level of progress you expect to achieve on the project by the 2021 Annual Meeting. The WiP Series does not fall within the “one person, one panel” rule at SEALS.

Participants will be notified of the other members of their group during the spring semester and will be required to share a summary of their work with them by July 16, 2021.

Sincerely,

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