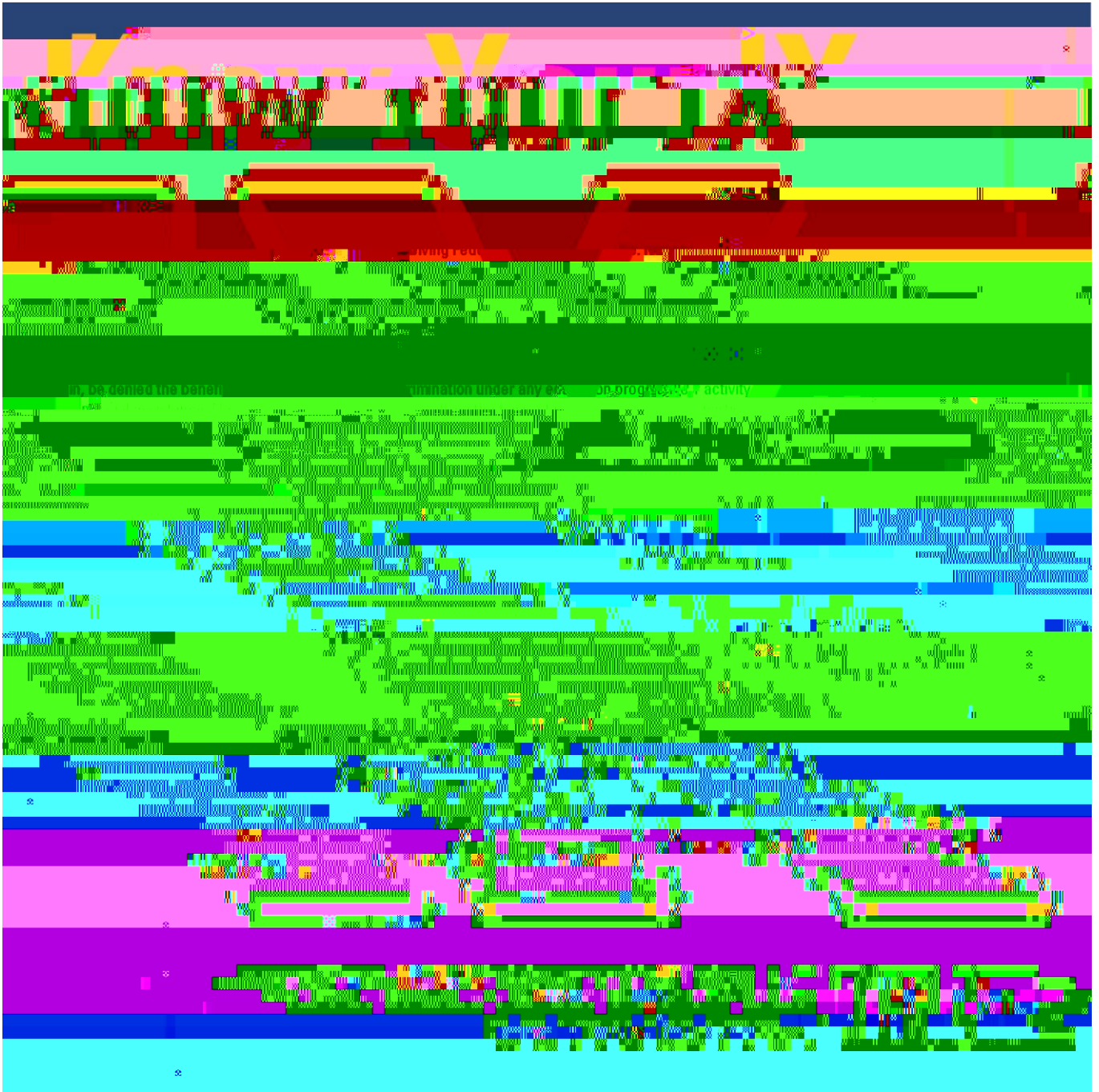


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Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 states: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving (œ o (]v v] o ••]•š v X^

On the 9th Day of each month, students are encouraged to Á œ š Z]œ ^ < v }šÁrtz jn œpoyt of Title IX rights and sexual assault awareness.

Should you have any questions about the policy or training opportunities please contact Sarah Butterick, Title IX & Compliance Officer at sarah.butterick@wne.edu or at 482-1216.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Representatives in March 2019 passed a bill that will allow undocumented immigrants to obtain driver's licenses. Before anyone rushes to the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) however, the bill will need to pass in the Senate, and then head to Governor Charlie Baker, who opposes the bill.

Baker opposes the bill because he is concerned that undocumented immigrants have no way to confirm their identity. Some law enforcement agencies expressed concerns that this bill will force RMV workers to become experts in foreign documentation to prevent forgery.

Other law enforcement agencies, including Chelsea Police Chief Brian Kyes, President of the Major City Chiefs of Police Association, feel that officers need to know the identity of drivers and this bill will help ensure that all drivers on the road have passed RMV driving tests.

It is estimated that 41,000 to 78,000 people would be able to get a license within three years of this bill passing. Connecticut lawmakers passed a similar law in 2015, allowing more than 50,000 undocumented immigrants to take drivers tests. Since passing that bill there has been a reduction of hand-run crashes and a decrease in arrests for driving without a license.

For an undocumented immigrant, an arrest for driving without a valid license could lead to deportation. Deportations, even if based on a criminal action, are civil issues with no right to counsel or a speedy trial.

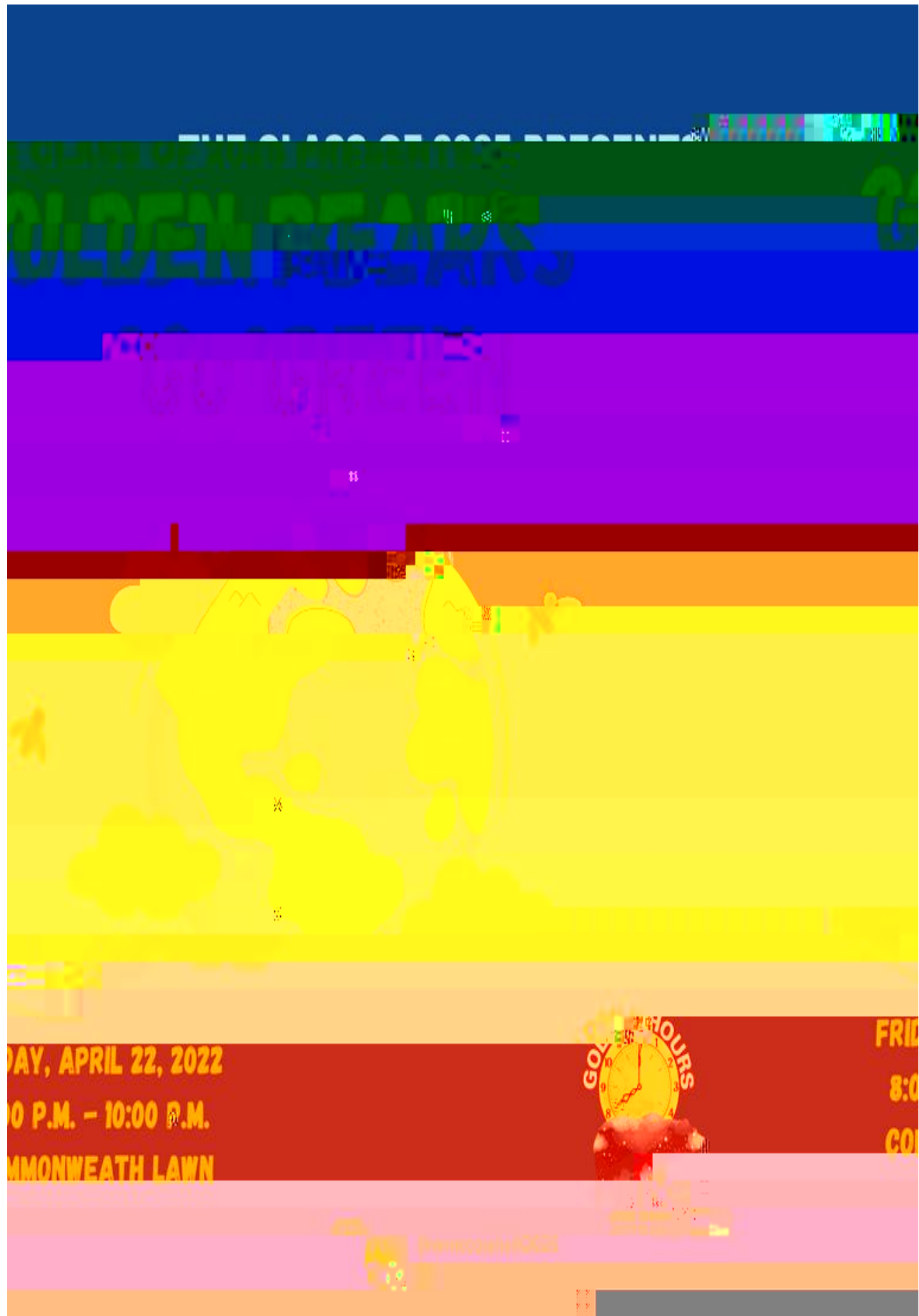
Furthermore, deportation or removal proceedings are not considered to be a punishment, even though SCOTUS is currently determining if they can hold non-criminal immigrants in custody while they await their immigration hearing.

Punishment or not deportation can result in consequences crueler and more unusual than traditional criminal sentences. Having a valid driver's license from asking applicants about their citizenship status enables those essential workers to commute without fear.

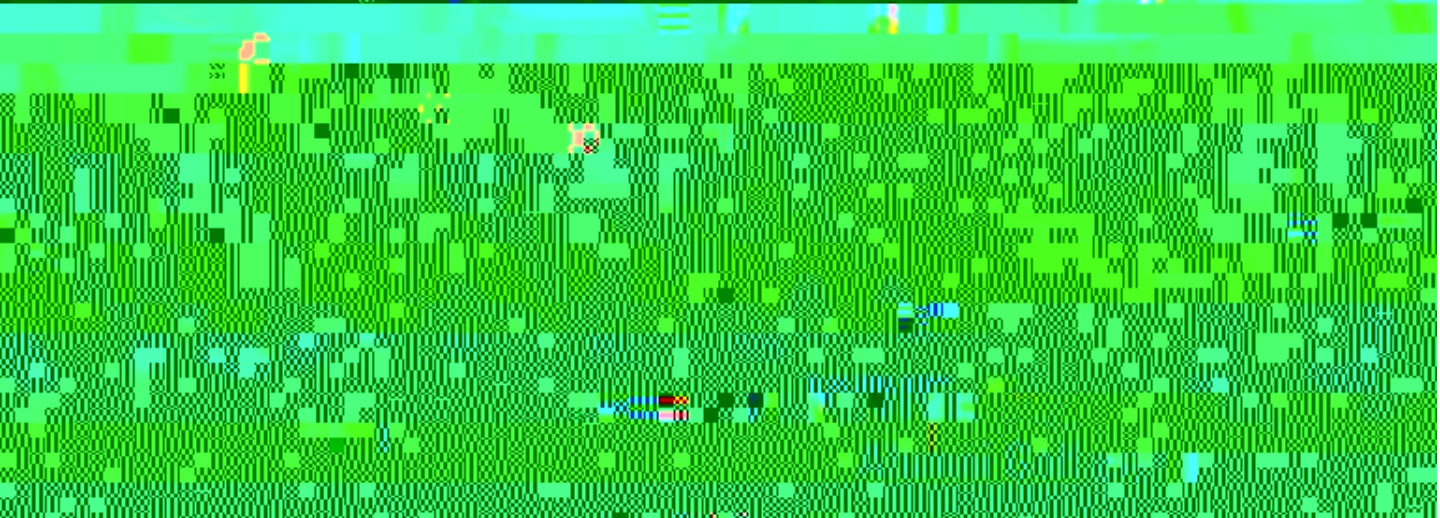
Safer driving conditions impact all members of society documented or not. Undocumented immigrants already benefit from government funded programs like public education, health care, and rental assistance programs.

Allowing undocumented people limited access to privileges and rights citizens hold is nothing new. A driver's license may grant more freedom, but it is not an immigration documentation. It will not change their immigration status; it will not make people who are undocumented considered documented under the law.





Make sure you recycle and bring your own water bottle to campus



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Transparency is a hallmark of (effective) democracies. The Obama Administration prided itself on its commitment to create an

encouraging participation and collaboration, and transparency. This is not to say that enhanced transparency automatically gives legitimacy to a presidential administration, or that transparency alone makes one presidential administration better than another, but that transparency should be a core element.

responsibility to serve the public,

and thus, the public has the right to demand accountability, especially when there is a pattern of law defying behavior. Despite its own shortcomings, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) emphasizes the connection between lack of accountability and corruption,

of corruption, or which lack effective rule of law or accountability in government are more susceptible to conflict and a widely applicable concept.

In early February 2022, NARA asked the U.S. Justice Department to

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Editor-in-Chief

On average America consumes over two billion PopTarts a year, of all different flavors, some desert (o À}œ o]l l }œ •[u}œ • v others fruit-inspired like strawberry and blueberry. The Strawberry Pop Tart drew attention, from more than just children grocery shopping with their parents, after facing multimillion-dollar lawsuits from Plaintiffs Stacy Chiappetta and Elizabeth Russett.

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Women in Business

Hosted by:
The Women in Business Club

Luncheon

April 7, 2022

Rivers Arena

12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

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These people seem to me like they haven't actually thought about what it would be like for the sun not to come up until an hour later than it already does in the winter. Here in Springfield, we wouldn't fare too badly since we are on the Eastern side of our time zone.

However, that still means that the sun would rise after 8:00AM for more than two months straight. Under the status quo, the latest sunrise of the year in Springfield is at 7:18AM. We also need to spare a thought for folks who live on the western sides of time zones. For example, take the Grand Rapids metropolitan area in Michigan, home to some 1.1 million people. In Grand Rapids, with permanent DST, the sun would come up after

Staff Writer

Did you know in Ohio in 2014, it

Felony convictions have changed greatly since the time the common law was the last say on the issue. At that time, if someone was a felon, they were a murderer, a rapist, an arsonist, a burglar, or a violent person. The stigma society attached to them was likely warranted for the protection of the public.

As felonies changed and more were added, the stigma they carried failed to change proportionately with them.

Today, even the most benign conduct can be classified as a felony simply with a legislative act. As of 2019, you could have run the risk of being charged with a federal felony if you left the country with more than \$5 in nickels under 31 U.S.C. 5111(d)(2). Subsection 3(A) generally states that the Secretary } (š Z d Œ • μ Œ Ç [• š Œ u] v š]} v } v how many nickels you can or cannot export is not reviewable in a court. Z u} À Œ š Z š V } v % Œ • } v [•]•]} v is binding on how many nickels you can have on vacation.

You might think this is absurd and that no one would ever be charged with that; and you are likely right in almost all scenarios. However, I can tell you from experience, if you piss off the wrong customs agent on the wrong day and you have \$6 in nickels on your way out of the } μ v š Œ Ç U š Z Œ [• P]} Z v Ç } μ will be arrested, leaving the system to sort it out later.

At every turn over in those five years, I met insurmountable hurdles while trying to reestablish myself as a productive member of society. I found myself having to convince a judge that these interests I had in sealing the interests in having it unsealed

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I am still in awe at how hard of a sell it seemed and how serious the Judge still portrayed my offense to be. He made sure to tell me how different my sentencing would have been if he was on the bench when I pled. Maybe it was just tough love; he knew I was a law student and he told me on the record how good of a lawyer I was going to become.

But, how many people that are not law students and who are not going to make good lawyers go in front of Judges asking for this relief and are denied because they cannot meet this high threshold?

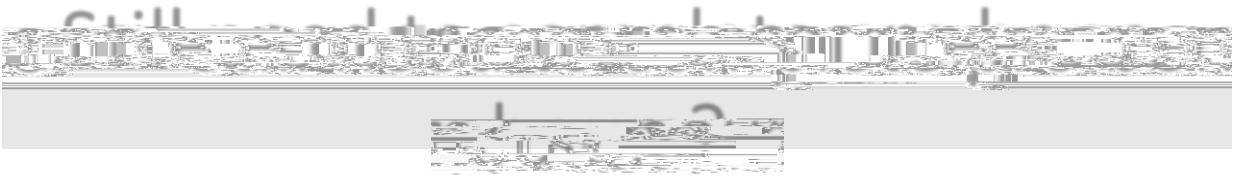
Are these people really a danger to you on your Uber ride? Are they really not worthy to open mail? Was I really not worthy of those things?

circumstances in Ohio, if I had killed someone while I was driving a vehicle, I would have been charged with a misdemeanor.

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Let that sink in for a moment. . .

The nature of felonies has changed, and it is time our response as a society changes with it. Collateral consequences of felony convictions are most times worse than the court



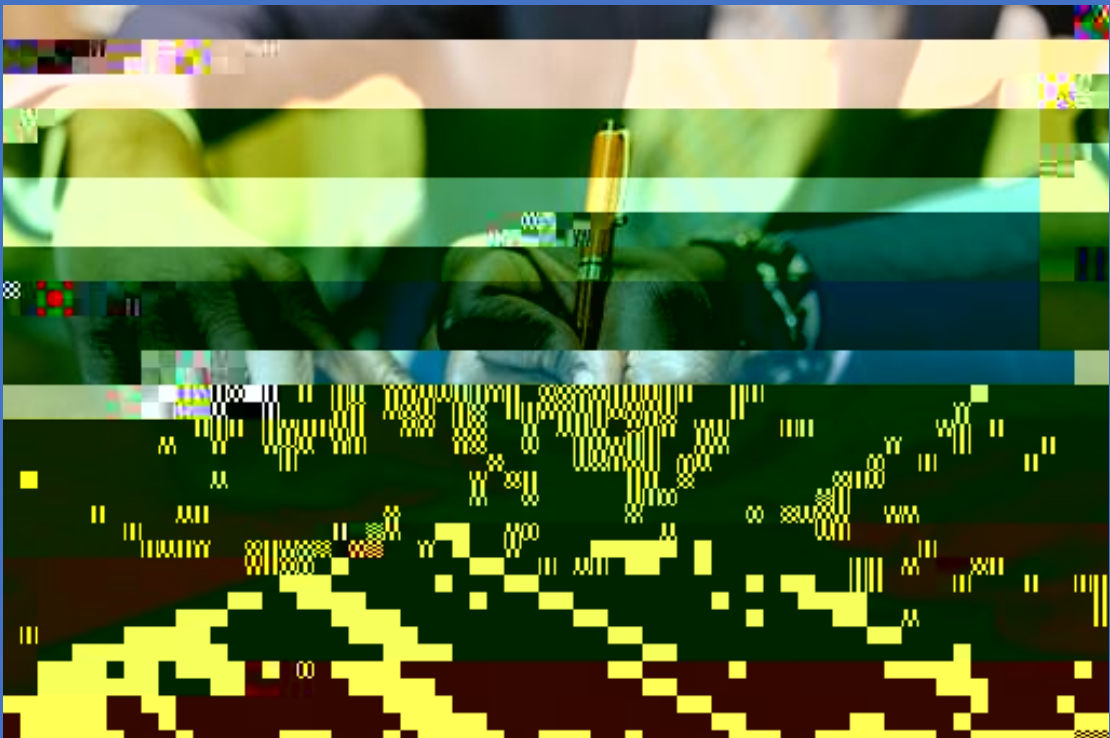
Criminal Record Expungement and Sealing Virtual Event

Wed Apr 6th 12:30pm - 4:30pm



Register at this link:

<https://mavirtualexpunge.com/expungementandsealing/>



Staff Writer

The ACLU of Massachusetts (ACLUM) runs a call center that WNE Law students can earn pro bono credit for. When I caught up with Sarah Pittman, the 3L who manages the call center for WNE students, and Bill Newman, the Director of the Western Massachusetts office of the ACLUM, they were both in agreement that the number one issue pertaining to calls that become ACLUM cases leading to actual litigation is First Amendment violations.

Indeed, the ACLU has been known as the defender of First Amendment rights since its inception. Per their website, guarantees (like those of the rest of the Constitution) apply to all, not just to those with whom we agree. At the same time, the ACLU also remains devoted to defending other fundamental civil rights and civil liberties, including equal protection of the law

When I was a freshman at Northwestern, my roommate used to have me over to his home in Skokie (he was the site of a march by Nazis that the ACLU of Illinois actually represented, commemorated in the film Wallach, Carl Reiner, and Brian Dennehy. I just rented this film at the WNE Law library and highly recommend it for any defender of free speech

The lawyer at the ACLU who defended the Nazi party members in Chicago, who wanted to exercise their freedom of speech was David Goldberger. We also have a staunch defender of the First Amendment at WNE Law, Harris Freeman, who is also a lawyer with the ACLUM and has a passion for immigration rights.

Recently, Michelle Goldberg wrote in the New York Times about the importance of the ACLU defending awful speech, such as that of the Nazis. Why would Jewish People want to defend Nazis rights? That is the subject of the film, available at the WNE Law library, which I do recommend. Danny Kaye is especially poignant as a holocaust survivor who, like many of the 30-40% Jewish population of Skokie, was prepared to take up arms if the Nazis were allowed to demonstrate in Skokie. I don't think this is what we think of the ACLU as defending most of the time. In fact, the accusation is that they care about so called liberal causes only, such as voting rights, LGBTQIA+ rights, labor rights and civil rights in general.

A card carrying member of the ACLU was the label lofted at Michael Dukakis by George H.W. Bush during the 1988 Presidential Election, and that is the connotation of the organization.



But as Professor Freeman notes about

the opportunity, many of the people who

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Another disturbing statistic

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1910, the atmospheric
concentration of CO₂ reached 300
parts per million (ppm) for the first
time in more than 300,000 years. It
averaged only 317 ppm in 1960
while Rachel Carson was penning

Encouraging, however, was a speech by EU President von der Leyen, thanking President Biden for rejoining the EU and the Paris Accord, etc., on Earth Day 2021. The faith von der Leyen has in our President to follow through on his commitment to the environment, climate change and global warming is an indication that progress is being made and regulations will be put into place on a more global scale, rather than the patchwork of regulations that vary from neighboring country to neighboring country, depending upon the



International treaties are desperately needed and hopefully von der Leyen can help make this a reality, rather than kicking the can down the road and accepting each missed environmental law opportunity as a new normal. Some estimates say it will be too late in even just ten years to reverse the exponential trajectory of the impact global warming is having, especially with regard to disadvantaged countries such as Sri Lanka. We will all be disadvantaged, including heavily populated American cities like New York, Houston and Miami, if nothing is done very soon.

It seems at times like the world of environmental law is a bit insular, but this is why the ELC at WNE Law is optimistic as being reanimated this semester. More law students not intending to work in environmental law, and more people not involved in the environmental justice movement are taking notice of the increasingly alarming statistics. If you would like to get involved with the ELC, please feel free to attend any of our upcoming meetings this semester and in the future. We will be having an Earth Day event and hope to see you there on April 22, 2022. For now, I leave you with



There is no Planet B

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