

# FIMSSC NEWSLETTER

Hey everyone,

We hope that your second semester got off to a great start! January flew by and Reading Week is already around the corner.

February is a busy month with Black History Month, Lunar New Year, and Valentine's Day all taking place. Please take the time to check out the information and resources below. FIMSSC is hosting a Law School Panel this month and submissions for the Media Arts Festival & Mediations will be due soon, so make sure to take note of their dates below!

We hope that you are all taking care of yourselves. Stay safe and enjoy your Reading Week!

**- Claire Hillis, Nicole Boyd, and the FIMSSC  
First Year Team**



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# Events This Month

## Law School

**Panel** February 11th  
@ 6PM via Zoom

Questions about law school? Come chat with law students! Even if you're not interested in JD, this panel has experience elsewhere. Don't miss this great opportunity to network!

MAF will showcase student art, writing, music, and more! Submissions **open on February 15th** and are **due March 1st**. We can't wait to see all of your work go live on **March 19th!**

## Media Arts Festival & Mediations

FIMSSC will be conducting a constitution review and needs you to participate! More information about applications for students-at-large and meetings will be available before Reading Week.

## Constitution Review

## Lunar New Year

**February 12th**



2021 is the year of the Ox, with people born every 12 years from now (both past and future) falling under the Ox. As the story of The Great Race goes, the Rat climbed onto the Ox's back, knowing that it would be the fastest. As they neared the finish line, the Rat jumped ahead, coming first and making the Ox the second animal in the Chinese Zodiac.

Many traditions exist in celebrating the Lunar New Year, which can vary between cultures, and last for 15 days! Did you know that showering on the first day is thought to wash away the good luck that the new year brings?

If you'd like to learn more about Lunar New Year desserts, click [here!](#)

# Black History Month

Do more than just post on social media.

Below are resources to educate yourself on Black history, culture, and racial injustice in both Canada and the US.

## Films

**13th**, Ava DuVernay:  
Black history in the US and racial injustice

**Selma**, Ava Duvernay:  
Dr. Martin Luther King's efforts for black voting rights

**Remember Africville**, Shelaghe Mackenzie:  
Black settlement near Halifax in the 1960s

**The Last Black Man in San Francisco**, Joe Talbot:  
Gentrification in major cities

## Podcasts

**1619**, Nikole Hannah-Jones:  
History and Culture

**Still Processing**, Jenna Wortham & Wesley Morris:  
Pop Culture and Media

**Somebody**, Shapearl Wells:  
Social Injustice

**Snap Judgment**, Glynn Washington:  
Storytelling

## Websites

**Black History in Ontario**, Ontario Heritage Trust

**Mary Ann Shadd Cary**, Government of Canada

**Canadian Black History Timeline**, Canadian Encyclopedia

**Slavery in Canada**, Government of Canada

## Novels

**The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness**, Michelle Alexander

**The Hate U Give**, Angie Thomas

**I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings**, Maya Angelou

**Such a Fun Age**, Kiley Reid

**Daughters of Silence**, Rebecca Fisseha

**The Youth of God**, Hassan Ghedi Santur



For even more resources and events, see **BSA Western's** calendar [here!](#)

# February

	<b>1</b> USC Voting 	<b>2</b> USC Voting 	<b>3</b> USC Results 	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
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READING WEEK

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For more information on anything mentioned in the newsletter/calendar, visit @fimssc on Instagram or Facebook