



2020-2021 ACS Student Chapters Model Calendar

The ACS National Office will assist your chapter’s efforts by providing substantive, financial and administrative support whenever possible. We recommend that chapters primarily focus on constitutional interpretation; host at least one event per month; and promote diversity and inclusion in both chapter programming, invited speakers, co-sponsorships, and membership. Seek co-sponsorship of events with other on-campus organizations to build successful events that both grow your membership and expand diversity and inclusion efforts.

As we continue to navigate the Covid-19 pandemic, we encourage all our student chapters to plan for virtual programming until further notice. If you need assistance reaching out to speakers or organizing virtual events, please connect with us at campus@acslaw.org.

<p>2020</p> <p>April</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4/1: Census Day • 4/22: Earth Day • 4/25: 60th anniversary of Huron Portland Cement Company v. City of Detroit (criminal provisions of the Smoke Abatement Code of the City of Detroit are constitutional even though ships operate in interstate commerce) • 4/28: 55th anniversary of Griffin v. California (a failure to testify to any evidence or facts against a defendant does not create a presumption of guilt and does not violate the Self-Incrimination Clause of the Fifth Amendment of the Federal Constitution, as made applicable to the States by the Fourteenth, <i>Malloy v. Hogan</i>) • Host an event on the importance of an accurate 2020 Census and the implications of Department of Commerce v. New York • Host an event on the relationship between the law and the current climate crisis; see an ACS Expert forum Blog Post on the topic relating to state courts here • Sign up for spring conference calls with ACS National (for current and next year’s chapter leaders, as well as Faculty Advisors) • Use this model calendar to map out your chapter’s 2020-2021 agenda—involve your Faculty Advisors • Host a Virtual Membership Engagement Table: The incoming executive board tables to promote ACS, take event suggestions for next year, recruit new members, and introduce themselves as the new executive board. • Complete required applications and budgets for school funding and ACS funding • Host an event on immigration policies • Sign up for the ACS summer list to meet ACSers in your summer city! • Send thank you cards to all faculty, staff, admin, etc. who have been helpful to your chapter during the year • 3Ls: Sign up for Young Lawyer membership
<p>May - July</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asian Pacific Heritage Month (May) • 5/1: Law Day/Constitution in the Classroom • 5/1: International Workers’ Day • 5/19: 40th anniversary of Godfrey v. Georgia (finding Georgia law governing the death penalty “arbitrary and capricious” in violation of the Eighth Amendment) • 5/31: 65th anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka (2) (issuing directives to implement the principles announced in <i>Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka (Brown I)</i>, which declared racial discrimination in public education unconstitutional) • Host an event on labor, unions, and labor law; consider co-programming with local unions • Use the Election Day Class Cancellation blueprint to start brainstorming ways to establish a day of civic service at your law school • Memorial Day event (RE: Constitution and foreign policy, military law) • LGBTQ+ Pride Month (June) • 6/14: 10th anniversary of Carachuri-Rosendo v. Holder (finding that a minor drug offense is not automatic grounds for deportation of a legal immigrant) • Plan 2020-21 events, especially your fall events, and send speaker invitations

<p>August</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8/6: 55th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act being signed into law • 8/18: 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment • 8/26: Women’s Equality Day • Join or renew your ACS National membership • Host an event on voting rights, including the anniversary of the 19th Amendment, redistricting, campaign finance, election security; see ACS Program Guide on voting rights here • Welcome kick-off event (topic: State AG/constitutional interpretation/intro to ACS) • Meet with Faculty Advisor(s), SBA, and Dean of Students. Host a welcome event for new faculty members • Complete required applications and budgets for school funding (Don’t forget to request funds to attend the 2021 ACS Nat’l Convention and 2021 Spring Student Convention) and ACS funding • Meet with 1Ls (and assign 1L Reps to the board) • Hold board meeting (preferably with Faculty Advisor(s)) to go over activities • Meet with ACS student chapter leaders in the area and leaders of progressive organizations at your school (host a progressive potluck) • Membership drive with Faculty Advisor (participate in school’s student organization fair)
<p>September</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Hispanic Heritage Month (9/15-10/15) • 9/7: Labor Day • 9/11: 19th anniversary of September 11, 2001 • 9/17: 233rd Anniversary of the Constitution • 9/22 – National Voter Registration Day • Host an event on labor, unions, and labor law; consider co-programming with local unions • Host an event on national security and civil liberties • Sign up for fall conference call with ACS National • Constitution in the Classroom Event • Host an event based on 2020 Program Guide: Marking the Centennial of the 19th Amendment • Use the Class Cancellation Blueprint to organize efforts to cancel class and promote civic engagement on election day 2020 • Host an event on running for office, including running for judge (see Gavel Gap report), District Attorney, or State AG • Host a SCOTUS 2020-2021 Term Preview • Host an event on Judicial Nominations • Host an event on Partisan Gerrymandering
<p>October</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Disability Employment Awareness Month • Promote a day of service or a volunteer opportunity with your chapter • Event on Voting Rights and Election Administration (see ACS Program Guide on voting rights here) • Host event on the role of the State AG • Look for an ACS Regional Convening near you! • Social/Networking event with local lawyer chapter
<p>November</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Native American Heritage Month • Plan 2020-2021 events, especially your spring events, and send speaker invitations • Event on Immigration • Event on the impact of the 2020 federal, state, and local elections on progressive conceptions of law • Invite a federal judge to speak about the importance of the independent judicial branch
<p>December</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universal Human Rights Month • 12/3: 35th anniversary of Heath v. Alabama (ruled the Double Jeopardy Clause of the Fifth Amendment does not prevent two separate states from trying an individual for the same crime) • 12/10: 30th anniversary of Groves v. Ring Screw Works, Ferndale Fastener Division (a contract provision reserving the union's right to resort to economic weapons cannot be construed as an agreement to divest the courts of jurisdiction to resolve disputes) • 12/12: 20th anniversary of Bush v. Gore • 12/14: 5th anniversary of DIRECTV, Inc. v. Imburgia (the Court held that requiring contract enforcement under California state law that the Supreme Court had held was invalid under <i>AT&T Mobility LLC v. Concepcion</i> would conflict with the Federal Arbitration Act) • Host an event on voting rights, including the anniversary of the 19th amendment, redistricting, campaign finance, election security; see ACS Program Guide on voting rights here. • Think about ways to celebrate ACS’ 20th anniversary in 2021 • Holiday happy hour with other progressive groups or local ACS student and lawyer chapters
<p>2021 January</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1/21: 11th Anniversary of Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission • Make plans to celebrate the 20th anniversary of ACS • Meet with Faculty Advisor to go over semester’s events & and apply for funding for your spring programming • Host an event on state courts, money and politics, and the importance of an independent judiciary • Constitutional interpretation event (Choose a topic from Keeping Faith with the Constitution, It is a Constitution We Are Expounding, The Framers’ Constitution: Toward a Theory of Principled Constitutionalism, The Constitution in 2021, or Windsor, Shelby County, and the Demise of Originalism: A Personal Account) • Elect 2021-2022 year board members • Organize a day of service for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (see ACS volunteer opportunities here)

February	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black History Month • 2/7: Deadline for Richard D. Cudahy Writing Competition • 2/7: Deadline for Constance Baker Motley Student Writing Competition • 2/26-2/27: Attend the 2021 ACS Student Convention at Arizona State Sandra Day O’ Connor School of Law • Event on First Amendment: ACS First Amendment program guide here • Program on mass incarceration (see ideas here) • Host discussions on Court reform (including court packing); why courts matter; and, examining the lack of independence that immigration courts have.
March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Women’s History Month • TBD: Next Generation Leader and Student Board Member applications due • 3/2: 40th anniversary of Immigration and Naturalization Service v. Jong Ha Wang (ruled The Board of Immigration Appeals did not exceed its authority in denying Jong Ha Wang motion of “extreme hardship” without a hearing, concluding that respondents had failed to establish a <i>prima facie</i> case of extreme hardship) • 3/29: 50th anniversary of Whiteley v. Warden, Wyo. State Penitentiary (under the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments evidence seized during a warrantless arrest should be excluded from a trial) • Host a Membership Engagement Table: The incoming executive board tables to promote ACS, take event suggestions for next year, recruit new members, and introduce themselves as the new executive board. • Faculty Advisor meeting w/old & new boards to plan events and apply for funding • How to Become a Clerk - Judicial Clerkship panel (consider asking lawyer chapter members to speak) or How to Become a Judge - Host a local, state or federal judge • Host an event on progressive federalism (host the local mayor or member of city council, explore the role of State AGs in protecting & advancing civil rights) • Organize an event on Freedom of the Press; See ACS First Amendment program guide here.
April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Admitted Students Weekend! Welcome new students with a happy hour, meet and greet with ACS board, or “What to expect in law school” presentation. • Apply for funding for Fall 2021 semester • Event on an ACS issue brief • Faculty Dinner (dinner w/ACS students & faculty members) • Host an event on immigration policies • Sign up for spring conference calls with ACS National (for current and next year’s chapter leaders, as well as Faculty Advisors) • Apply for a scholarship to attend the ACS National Convention and check with your school for funding • End of the Year Happy Hour (include Faculty Advisor, Lawyer Chapter & alums). Have an attorney speak on why it’s important to remain engaged with ACS during summers (networking) and after graduation • Let ACS National know where you will be for the summer & post-graduation here.
May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asian Pacific Heritage Month • 5/1: Law Day/Constitution in the Classroom • Social event with local lawyer chapter • Renew student membership or (for 3Ls) sign up for young lawyer membership • Send thank you cards to all faculty, admin, staff, etc. who have been helpful throughout the year • Host an event on How to Write an Op-Ed or other ways to engage with media
June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LGBTQ+ Pride Month • TBD: ACS National Convention in Washington, DC • 6/11: 20th anniversary of Tuan Anh Nguyen v. Immigration and Naturalization Service (the different requirements for a child’s acquisition of citizenship depending upon whether the citizen parent is the mother or the father, is consistent with the equal protection guarantee embedded in the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment) • 6/17: 40th anniversary of Connecticut Bd. Of Pardons v. Dumschat (ruled the Connecticut Board of Pardons does not have to provide inmates with a reason as to why commutation is not granted) • 6/21: 50th anniversary of Bivens v. Six Unknown Named Agents of Federal Bureau of Narcotics (violating an individual’s Fourth Amendment protection against unreasonable search and seizure gives rise to a federal claim for damages)
July - August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are in a different city for the summer, please let ACS know here. We’d love for you to engage with our local lawyer chapter.