

Power of Civic Engagement Schedule

9:00-10:00 - Registration and Tabling – Miller Hall Collaborative Space

10:00-10:45 – Keynote Address: Pramila Jayapal, “Making a Difference through Civic Engagement”

11:00-12:15 - PANEL SESSION I.

Panel 1a: Public Policy Advocacy

Moderator, Todd Donovan, Whatcom County Councilman, Professor of Political Science,
Western Washington University

Panelists

Paul Guppy, Vice President for Research, Washington Policy Center

Stoney Bird, Green Party, Whatcom County

Catherine Chambers, Democratic Party, Whatcom County

Libertarian Party, representative TBA

Panel 1b: Media: Telling the Story, or Changing the World

Moderator, Julia Clifford, Bellingham filmmaker

Panelists

Keith Boyd, Microsoft Manager, former Western Associated Students President, former
station manager, KUGS radio

Stephanie Kountourous, station manager, KVWV-FM, community radio station, Bellingham,
Washington

John Cervais, blogger, Northwest Citizen, Bellingham

John Stark, former reporter, Bellingham Herald

Brian Bowe, Assistant Professor of Journalism, Western Washington University

12:15-1:15 – Lunch Break: Food available in the Viking Union Market and Zoe’s in Wilson
Library

12:30-1:30 – FILM SHOWING

Children of the Civil Rights, Story of the sit-in movement in Oklahoma City in the 1950s
(precursor to Greensboro), with introduction from the filmmaker, Julia Clifford, of Bellingham.

1:15-2:30 - PANEL SESSION II.

Panel 2a: -Racial Justice I: Native Americans, Asian Americans and Law Enforcement

Moderator: Cindy Domingo, Chief of Staff to Larry Gossett, Metropolitan King County Council

Panelists

John McCoy, Tulalip Nation elder, Washington State Senator

Bernie Thomas, Lummi Nation elder,

Sili Savusa, Executive Director, White Center Community Development Association

Panel 2b: Pathways to Global Citizenship

Moderator, Kristen Parris, Associate Professor of Political Science, Western Washington University

Panelists

Baozhen Luo, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Western Washington University, Faculty-Led Study Abroad in China

Meredith Pugh, Instructor of English, Language and Culture in Barcelona , Faculty-Led Study Abroad

Jill MacIntire-Witt, Instructor in PEHR, WWU Peace Corps Representative Representative, Bellingham Sister Cities

2:45-4:00 - PANEL SESSION III.

Panel 3a. Racial Justice II – Black/Brown Lives and Law Enforcement

Moderator, Christopher Towler, Assistant Professor of Political Science and American Cultural Studies

Panelists

Kim Harris, Racial Justice Coalition, Bellingham, Washington

Marissa Harris, Black Lives Matter, Seattle, Washington

Rosalinda Guillen, Community to Community Development, Bellingham, Washington

Panel 3b. Sustainability: A Humanistic Perspective

Moderator, Seth Fleetwood, former city and county councilman, environmental activist

Panelists

Freddy Lane, Lummi Nation Elder

Seth Vidana, WWU Office of Sustainability

Marc Peterson, Sustainable Connections

Representatives, Associated Students, Environmental Center

4:15-5:30 CAN WE TALK MORE?

Open forum with panelists on Race and Law Enforcement