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Law Needs Feminism Because…

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Law Needs Feminism Because (LNFB) is a Canadian-based collective made up of law students and legal professionals that undertakes advocacy around issues of intersectional feminism. Intersectional feminism, a term first coined by Kimberlé Crenshaw, embraces the idea that women may be disadvantaged through intersecting axes of oppression such as gender and race. LNFB advocates on issues of intersectional feminism through an annual photo campaign at law schools across the country, allowing students, faculty and staff to share their perspectives and lived experiences of disadvantage based on gender and other grounds. The University of Calgary Faculty of Law has participated in this photo campaign three times now. LNFB also holds an annual National Forum at a Canadian law school, and its fourth annual Forum is taking place in Calgary March 6 and 7, 2020. Our Faculty’s intrepid student group, the Calgary Women Studying Law Association (CWSLA), is hosting the Forum with the theme of Innovative Intersectionality. The Forum will bring together law students (and those in related disciplines) from across Canada along with legal and other professionals and members of the public more broadly.

ABlawg readers who are interested in these issues are encouraged to attend the LNFB Forum. Registration for the Forum and its many interesting workshops is available here and the schedule is available here. For those who can’t attend, ABlawg will be featuring a series of blog posts on the Forum in the weeks to come.

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