Mylena Chin-See is originally from Brooklyn, New York. She earned a bachelor’s degree in criminal law and other areas of litigation. After graduating from Florida State University College of Law, she clerked for the Florida Department of Health, Prosecution Services Unit. She then worked at the Mobile District Attorney’s Office, conducting preliminary hearings on felony cases and trying misdemeanor trials. During her 2L year, Chin-See also participated in the Children’s Advocacy Clinic, where she managed a special needs trust. She is a member of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA), where she served as treasurer during her 2L year. Chin-See is interested in learning how to ensure a more equitable and unified future. She is also interested in policing and mass incarceration, which is really about violent offenders, not low-level, non-violent ones. She believes that we need to move away from retribution, retaliation and revenge toward restorative justice, which is about restoring, rehabilitative, and redemption. That’s the kind of narrative, and what it means to “protect and serve.”

Panelists discussed the origins of policing in America, and over the past 150 years, the rise in mass incarceration. The panel also discussed unconscious bias, law enforcement training, and the importance of community policing. They emphasized the need for police officers to build positive relationships with the people they serve. Chin-See shared her experience as a law student at FSU and how she got involved in BLSA. She encouraged others to get involved and learn about the opportunities available at FSU Law.

Chin-See is grateful for the opportunities she has had at FSU Law and is excited to graduate in December 2020. She is currently working on a project that focuses on the intersection of law and technology. She is also interested in pursuing a career in public interest law and intends to use her time at FSU Law to gain practical experience in different areas of law and figure out exactly what she wants to do.