## CONNECTS

Entrepreneurship Seminar Series Spring 2024 All CONNECTS Seminars are held from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. EST

Tues, Jan 16	Startup Funding: Prizes, PRIs, Philanthropy Leah Lizarondo, CMU Swartz Center
Wed, Jan 17	Transitioning and Transacting Low to Mid Market Privately Held Companies Meredith Grelli & Laurie Barkman
Tues, Jan 23	Applying AI to Save Lives 2.0: Harnessing Generative AI to Enable Drones to be Self Aware Anthony Bartolo, Principal Cloud Advocate Lead, Microsoft
Wed, Jan 24	<b>Finding Follow-on Capital</b> Ben Garber, 7 Mile Advisors
Thurs, Jan 25	Tax, Business and Accounting Issues for Startups Carissa Habsburg & Megan Rechenberg, Sisterson & Co. LLP
Tues, Jan 30	How to Know That You are Ready for an Investment Christine S. Ferguson-Rau, Ferguson Financial Consulting
Wed, Jan 31	An Entrepreneurs' Guide to Managing Legal Dave Mawhinney & Craig Markovitz, CMU Swartz Center
Thurs, Feb 1	Pitching: An Investors Perspective Catherine Mott & Sreekar Gadde, BlueTree VC
Tues, Feb 6	CANCELLD:Equity Crowdfunding - the VC Alternative, Risks, Rewards and When Should You Do It? Maggie Zheng, Wefunder
Thurs, Feb 8	Cost Efficient IP Strategies that lead to Massive Exits Sreekar Gadde, BlueTree VC & Jason Somma, Attorney/Consultant

Wed, Feb 14	How Innovation Can Help to Heal Healthcare Jay Srini, SCS Ventures
Thurs, Feb 15	Practical Business Negotiation for the Early-Stage Company Eric Kline, Troutman Pepper
Tues, Feb 20	Revolutionize Your Coding Workflow: Proven Strategies for Unleashing GitHub Copilot's Power in Startups Alfredo Deza, Microsoft
Wed, Feb 21	Early-Stage User Acquisition and Marketing Matt Spettel & John LaGue, CoPilot
Thurs, Feb 22	How To Design For Production At Super Speed Elijah Wiegmann, Spruce Pup
Tues, Feb 27	CANCELLED: Insurance for Startups Laurie Kuzneski, Kuzneski Insurance Group
Wed, Feb 28	Keys to Building a Successful & Sellable Startup: Cashflow Forecasting & Digital Organization Kelley Lynch, Chief Financial Officer, sovaSage Inc.
Thurs, Feb 29	<b>The Hustlenomics Way</b> Damola Idowu, EIC and Founder of Owners Illustrated Magazine
Tues, Mar 12	CANCELLED: Franchising - Opportunities are Everywhere Chris Cynkar, FranChoice
Thurs, Mar 14	Building a startup from 0 to 1:  Operations and Fundraising  Mar Hershenson, Pear VC

## **START SMART LAW Seminar Series: Spring 2024**

All START SMART LAW seminars begin at 5:00 p.m. and are virtual.

Tues,	Starting a Business with an F-1 Student Visa
Jan 23	Panel
Tues,	<b>Building Your Team</b>
Feb 13	David Lehman and Dave Garraux ,K&L Gates
Thurs,	Part 1 – The Fundamentals
Mar 21	David Lehman, K&L Gates

Tues, Mar 26	Startups v. Investors: How to Structure your Capital Raise – Part 2 David Lehman and Oded Green, K&L Gates
Tues, April 9	<b>Worst Mistakes Made by Startups</b> David Lehman and Oded Green, K&L Gates

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