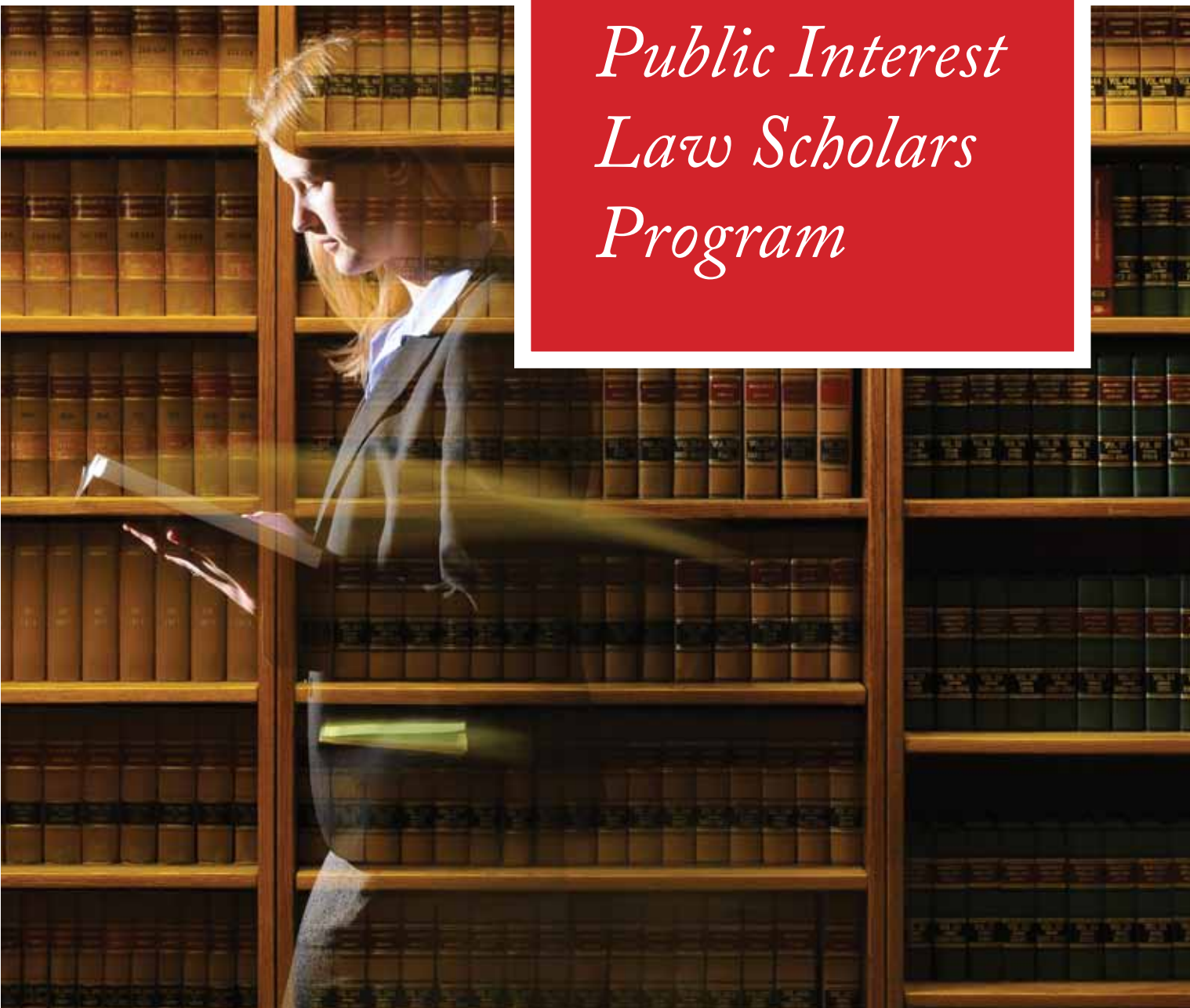


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ABOUT THE

Public Interest Law Scholars Program

Northeastern University School of Law, one of the nation's leading public interest law schools, offers Public Interest Law Scholarships to several outstanding applicants each year.

The Public Interest Law Scholars (PILS) Program was launched in 1999 by generous donors who believe in the mission of Northeastern, and the need to support outstanding lawyers who are committed to social justice. Exceptional students, who possess impressive academic profiles as well as extensive experience in fields concerned with social justice and public service, are provided with renewable full-tuition scholarships.

The PILS Program is one example of Northeastern's commitment to public service and the school's desire to support individuals who wish to pursue this path in their legal careers. Northeastern is committed to finding ways to make this choice possible for all of its students, regardless of financial need, and is seeking additional funding for this valuable program from donors who share the School of Law's vision.

Each year, an annual dinner is held to celebrate the PILS Program. Hosted by the Honorable Nonnie Burnes '77-'78 and her husband, Richard, the evening is an opportunity to honor PILS recipients.

CLASS OF 2003**Sara Littlecrow-Russell**

Sara graduated from Hampshire College, where she was awarded a Denise O'Neil Fellowship and a grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute to develop a violence prevention program, Oshkine-Miinikaan-Kwe (New Seed Woman), for Native American youth. At Northeastern, Sara's most interesting co-op involved environmental litigation for the Aroostook Micmac and Houlton Maliseet Nations. Sara is also an award-winning poet and writer. Her work appears in a variety of journals and anthologies, and she co-wrote a performance piece, "We Got Issues!" — which premiered at the Apollo Theater in New York City in conjunction with MTV's Rock the Vote.

Her book, *The Secret Powers of Naming*, published by the University of Arizona Press, received a medal from the Independent Publishers Association and was a finalist for the PEN Beyond the Margins Award. In 2003, Sara was honored with a fellowship from Hampshire College and its community-based learning program, Community Partnerships for Social Change (CPSC), to recruit potential public interest lawyers by encouraging students to obtain first-hand experience about legal careers through internships involving marginalized communities. She also created a series of "how to" and "know your rights" workshops on various legal issues. She currently works at the University of Massachusetts as associate to the vice chancellor for student affairs and campus life. She maintains a private practice specializing in complex cross-cultural mediations, cross-cultural conflict resolution training, sliding-fee family law and some federal Indian law issues.

Jody Marksamer

Jody is a staff attorney and the youth project director at the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR), where he leads NCLR's policy and advocacy work on behalf of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) youth in child welfare and juvenile justice settings as well as NCLR's litigation on behalf of transgender women in prison. Jody joined NCLR in 2003 as an Equal Justice Works Fellow. Since 2005, he has also been one of the coordinators of the Equity Project, a collaboration among NCLR, Legal Services for Children and the National Juvenile Defender Center, working to ensure fairness and respect for LGBT youth in delinquency courts. He is coauthor of the Equity Project's 2009 publication, "Hidden Injustice: LGBT Youth in Juvenile Courts."

In 2006, Jody coauthored the "Child Welfare League of America (CWLA) Best Practice Guidelines for Serving LGBT Out-of-Home Youth," the first comprehensive policy and practice guide for child welfare and juvenile justice professionals concerning LGBT youth. A seasoned lecturer, he regularly presents at national conferences on legal and policy issues affecting LGBT youth in state custody. He has particular expertise on transgender youth and has served as a consultant on this topic for numerous state agencies. He also authored NCLR's 2011 publication, "A Place of Respect: A Guide for Group Care Facilities Serving Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Youth."

In recognition of his leadership in this field, Jody received the 2009 Stonewall Young Democrats' Youth Advocacy Award. From 2007 until 2010, Jody served as a member of the board of directors of the California Youth Connection, an organization that empowers current and former foster youth to participate in policy development and legislative change to improve the foster care system.

Originally from New York, Jody graduated from Wesleyan University in 1997. Throughout his time at Northeastern, Jody was involved with the school's Governing Council, National Lawyers Guild chapter, Queer Caucus and served as a teaching facilitator for the Law, Culture and Difference program (now Legal Skills in Social Context).

Jody will be leaving his position at NCLR in early 2012 to pursue work as a criminal public defender.

Ingrid Nava

Ingrid is general counsel for SEIU Local 615, the largest labor union for property services workers in New England, representing approximately 19,000 janitors, security officers and other commercial building service workers. A founding board member of Justice at Work, a legal services nonprofit organization serving immigrant worker centers in Massachusetts, Ingrid is also an adjunct professor at Northeastern University School of Law, where she teaches a newly developed class, Lawyering with Spanish-Speaking Clients, that addresses the unique challenges of representing non-English speaking clients in forums dominated by monolingual fact-finders and adjudicators.

Prior to her current position, Ingrid served as an employment lawyer for low-wage workers with Greater Boston Legal Services, where she worked on legislative policy initiatives and engaged in direct client representation, primarily on unemployment, wage and hour, and Family Medical Leave Act and Massachusetts Maternity Leave Act (FMLA/MMLA) matters. Her major cases included the class action *Chach et. al. v. Michael Bianco, Inc., et. al.* Prior to law school, she was an organizer for SEIU and various SEIU Locals. She earned her AB from Stanford University.

Patricio Rossi

Patricio is a clinical instructor at Harvard Law School's Legal Aid Bureau (HLAB) and a part-time lecturer at law in Boston University's First-Year Legal Writing Program. At HLAB, Patricio supervises students in cases concerning housing, unemployment and Social Security benefits. From 2008 until 2011, he worked in the Civil Rights Division of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office. Before that, he worked for four years as a staff attorney in the Housing Unit of Neighborhood Legal Services in Lynn, Massachusetts.

While at Northeastern, Patricio completed co-ops with the Honorable Raymond Brassard of the Massachusetts Superior Court, the Appeals Division of the Essex County District Attorney's Office, and Citizen's Housing and Planning Association. He also volunteered for Shelter Legal Services as a student advocate. After graduating, Patricio completed a one-year clerkship with the Massachusetts Superior Court in Boston. Patricio lives in Winthrop, Massachusetts, with his wife, Laura; their daughter, Madeleine; and their dogs, Shilo and Tucker. Patricio graduated from Brown University in 1996 with a degree in history.

CLASS OF 2004

Elisabeth Kingsbury

Elisabeth graduated with honors from Boston University in 1999. While at BU, she volunteered at the ACLU and has been working in public interest law ever since. During law school, Elisabeth participated in the Poverty Law and Practice Clinic and completed co-ops in poverty law and policy reform, employment discrimination, and asylum and deportation defense. Following graduation, Elisabeth represented seriously mentally ill prisoners at Prisoners' Legal Services of New York.

Later, she became an Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps attorney at Legal Assistance of Western New York, where she developed a prisoner reentry clinic in addition to mentoring law students interested in public interest law. From 2008 to 2010, Elisabeth worked as a senior researcher at Community Voices: Healthcare for the Underserved at Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, where she focused on the intersection of prisoner reentry and health care policy analysis and advocacy.

In August 2010, Elisabeth and her husband moved to Washington, DC, and welcomed a daughter, Emiliana. She is enjoying time at home with her daughter and looks forward to returning to public interest work in the near future.

Robin Kniech

Robin graduated *summa cum laude* from Drake University with a BA in sociology and English in 1997. She began her career working with women struggling to escape violence, but quickly evolved into making system-level change by supporting candidates with community values and advocating for improvements to public policy and laws.

After graduating from Northeastern, Robin served as the program director and staff attorney at the Front Range Economic Strategy Center in Denver. In this role, Robin was a champion for low- and moderate-income families, transparency and community involvement in government decisions.

Elected to the Denver City Council in 2011, Robin is one of two at-large council members and was the first out member of the gay and lesbian community elected to city office. In her new role, she continues to work to make Denver a better place for middle-class families and those struggling to make ends meet by championing policies that support equitable regional transit and development, affordable housing and sustainability. Specific initiatives include chairing the Committee on Government and Finance that is working toward a more modern and sustainable city budget, and renewed retention and development of family-sustaining light industrial and manufacturing jobs.

Her Northeastern co-ops included the ACLU; an independent project on international law and human rights in Mexico; and a Rappaport Fellowship in Law and Public Policy served through Greater Boston Legal Services, Employment Unit.

Stephanie Mandell

Stephanie graduated from Trinity College (Hartford, Connecticut) with a degree in American studies. Prior to attending Northeastern, she worked in several public interest capacities, including positions as a campus organizer, training students in the skills of public interest advocacy and research; at a women's health program at Harvard Medical School's Center of Excellence in Women's Health; and as a medical advocate for the Boston Area Rape Crisis Center. At Northeastern, she was involved with the Domestic Violence Institute's Boston Medical Center Advocacy Project.

Her co-op employers included the Honorable Nancy Gertner of the US District Court for the District of Massachusetts; Massachusetts State Senator Cheryl Jacques and the Post-Audit and Oversight Committee; the Family Law Unit of the Hale and Dorr Legal Services Center; and Mintz Levin. After clerking for the Honorable Gordon Doerfer of the Massachusetts Appeals Court for several years, Stephanie is now working with a family law practitioner, developing her legal skills to address issues of domestic violence and family law. Stephanie is also a former member of the board of directors of the School of Law's Alumni/ae Association.

Caitlin Palm

Caitlin graduated from Yale University in 1998 with a degree in sociology and went on to teach elementary school in the South Bronx, New York, through Teach For America. She then helped start a charter school in Harlem. During law school, Caitlin twice served as a teaching facilitator for the Law, Culture and Difference program (now Legal Skills in Social Context) and enjoyed diverse co-ops at the US District Court for the District of Massachusetts, the Department of Justice-Civil Rights Division, Robinson and Cole, and Children's Legal Services.

After graduating from law school, Caitlin was an associate at Robinson and Cole in the firm's labor and employment and litigation sections. During her time at the firm, she represented a variety of clients, such as nonprofit urban health care centers and pro bono clients, including nonprofit agencies serving disadvantaged women and children. She also served as a mentor for the Boston Lawyers' Group. Caitlin is delighted to have returned to the School of Law as assistant director of cooperative legal education.

Jana Rumminger

After graduating from NUSL, Jana spent a year as a Luce Scholar in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where she worked on advocacy and law reform at a local NGO, Women's Aid Organization. She then served as a programme officer at the International Women's Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific, an international organization based in Kuala Lumpur that works for the progressive interpretation, implementation and realization of women's human rights through the lens of the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and other international human rights instruments.

She currently lives in Singapore and works with several organizations in South and Southeast Asia on issues of women's rights, primarily on reform of Muslim family laws and implementation of CEDAW.

Jana's co-op experiences at Northeastern included a federal judicial internship with the Honorable Patti Saris; the Centre for Policy Alternatives in Colombo, Sri Lanka; the Bloody Sunday Inquiry in the United Kingdom; and the Civil Rights Bureau of the New York State Attorney General's Office. She graduated from Princeton University in 1997 and earned an MS in Law, Policy and Society concurrently with her law degree at Northeastern.

Kerry Smith

Kerry is a consumer attorney at Community Legal Services of Philadelphia (CLS), where she represents low-income consumers victimized by abusive, predatory business practices and homeowners facing mortgage foreclosure. Kerry has a long-standing commitment to consumer advocacy and public interest work. She joined CLS in 2005 as an Independence Foundation Public Interest Law Fellow after coordinating state-level consumer protection policy across the country for the National Association of State PIRGs. Prior to entering law school, Kerry served as director of consumer education for the Massachusetts Office of Consumer Affairs, managing the agency's consumer programs.

At Northeastern, Kerry completed co-ops with the Electronic Privacy Information Center in Washington, DC; Philadelphia's Community Legal Services; and the late Honorable Hugh Bownes, senior circuit judge on the US Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. Kerry was also awarded a Rappaport Fellowship in Law and Public Policy to work with the Massachusetts Consumers Coalition during the summer of 2003.

Kerry graduated from Oberlin College in 1993 with a degree in government. She lives in Philadelphia with her partner, Rue Landau, and their son, Eli, and is active in local politics.

CLASS OF 2005

James Bhandary-Alexander

James graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a degree in history and African-American studies before enrolling at Northeastern. James' co-ops included the Service Employees International Union; Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson of the Wisconsin Supreme Court; and Make the Road by Walking, a social justice organization based in Brooklyn, New York. James was also a research assistant for professors Brook Baker, Libby Adler and Hope Lewis.

After graduating from law school, James litigated civil rights and employment cases as the Thomas Emerson Fellow at David Rosen & Associates, a public interest law firm in New Haven, Connecticut. He represented incarcerated prisoners in free speech and free exercise cases, and workers and others in civil rights and tort actions.

Currently, James works at New Haven Legal Assistance, where he represents low-wage workers before administrative agencies and in state and federal courts, including a purported class of Kirby Vacuum workers who were victims of fraud and wage theft in *Dixon v. Zabka*. James is also co-counsel with the Yale Law School Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic in *Chacon v. East Haven Police Department*, an important police misconduct and racial profiling case.

Amy Marinacci

Amy graduated with honors from Williams College with a degree in American studies. She then worked for two years as a legal advocate and then program coordinator at the General Assistance Advocacy Project in San Francisco, where she advocated for welfare recipients. She also trained volunteer advocates, joined organization-wide advocacy efforts to improve the welfare program and directed fundraising efforts. After that, she worked for two years at California Food Policy Advocates in San Francisco as a policy analyst. In that position, she analyzed food stamp program regulations and procedures at both the state and federal levels, and worked to develop administrative and legislative advocacy strategies to expand access to the program.

While in law school, Amy was an active volunteer at the Shelter Legal Services Foundation. Since graduation, she has worked at the Legal Assistance Foundation of Chicago, where she is currently a senior attorney in the Public Benefits Practice Group, representing clients in Social Security, Food Stamps, Temporary Assistance for Families (TANF) and other public benefits programs.

John Pollock

John graduated from Wesleyan University with a degree in English. He then joined AmeriCorps VISTA and worked to bridge the technology gap faced by the disenfranchised by designing and running job readiness classes and after-school programs. He also volunteered to create the computer literacy program at Kent Street, a housing project for women who are victims of domestic violence. After a stint as the housing project manager for a community development corporation in Waltham, Massachusetts, and halfway through a master's program in public policy at Tufts University, John switched gears and applied to Northeastern.

Before and throughout his time at NUSL, John volunteered with Shelter Legal Services, a pro bono legal services organization serving the homeless in Cambridge, and eventually became student director for one of the clinics. John's co-ops included the Honorable Roderick Ireland of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court; the Conservation Law Foundation; the Land Loss Prevention Project in North Carolina; and Massachusetts Law Reform Institute in Boston. John was an active member of the Cooperative Income Sharing Program (CISP) and National Lawyers Guild (NLG) chapter, and was a co-author of the NLG's report on due process violations in the Boston immigration courts detainee hearings.

After law school, John went to the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Alabama, where he worked on immigrant wage/hour

and civil rights issues, involuntary land loss in minority communities, predatory lending and hate crimes. He then served as enforcement director for the Central Alabama Fair Housing Center in Montgomery before arriving at his current job as the ABA Section of Litigation Civil Right to Counsel Fellow at the Public Justice Center (PJC). At PJC, John helps coordinate the National Coalition for a Civil Right to Counsel, which works to establish the right to counsel for low-income individuals in civil cases involving basic human needs such as housing, benefits and child custody. John is also the founder of the Heirs' Property Retention Coalition (HPRC), which is devoted to protecting low-income, rural and minority landowners from being forcefully dispossessed of their ancestral property by developers and land speculators. HPRC was behind the drafting of the Uniform Partition of Heirs' Property Act, which was completed in 2011 and will be submitted to state legislatures in the 2012 legislative cycle

Carrie Webber Newton

Carrie graduated from the University of Maryland, where she majored in government and politics and minored in family studies. She then went to work for the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, first as a research assistant in the Exploited Child Unit and later as a senior staff analyst handling online investigations of child sexual exploitation. She also worked for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Sex Offender Registry Board in Salem.

Academically, she focused in the substantive areas of criminal law, juvenile law and children's law. As a means to pursue these areas of interest, she completed co-ops with the US Attorney's Office; Norfolk County District Attorney's Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Unit; an independent study with the Department of Social Services; and worked with the school's juvenile law group.

After law school, she worked as an assistant district attorney in the Hampden County District Attorney's office for three years. After taking time off to be with her growing family, she returned to work in March 2011 at the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association as a part-time staff attorney in the family violence and sexual assault unit.

Cara Wilking

Cara is a staff attorney at the law school's Public Health Advocacy Institute (PHAI), where she focuses primarily on obesity prevention through reducing sugary drink consumption, limiting junk food marketing to children and increasing access to drinking water in schools. She also instructs the law school's Public Health Legal Clinic. Prior to joining PHAI, Cara worked as a staff attorney for the New Hampshire Public Defender Office. She is a graduate of Macalester College with a major in Latin-American studies. Cara stays connected to Latin America by spending all of her vacation time at a rustic farm on Chira Island, Costa Rica.

CLASS OF 2006

Matthew Bray

Matthew graduated from New York University with a BA in political philosophy and foreign languages. He then moved to Germany, where he studied German language and literature at the Babylonia Language Institute, and philosophy at Humboldt Universitat-Berlin. Prior to attending Northeastern, he worked for the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights in New York (now Human Rights First), where he assisted a small team of lawyers and advocates to protect human rights defenders around the world who are threatened or attacked in retaliation for their work. He also worked with the US-Mexico Border Program of the American Friends Service Committee, where he helped organize Day of the Dead events commemorating the lives of immigrants who have died crossing the US-Mexico border; the event also served as a forum calling for reform in immigration laws.

Matthew's co-ops included working in a legal services office, with a federal judge in New York, and at an immigration law firm in San Francisco. Matthew also successfully argued for parole for an immigrant prisoner as part of the law school's Prisoners' Rights Clinic. His last co-op was with the Center for Justice and International Law in San Jose, Costa Rica, where he drafted petitions for submission in the Inter-American human rights system.

Following graduation, Matthew worked as a law clerk for the Staff Attorney's Office of the Second Circuit Court of Appeals, reviewing pro se appeals of decisions in the areas of immigration and prisoners' rights. He is currently working at Avirom & Associates, a small immigration law firm in New York, where he specializes in criminal removal defense. He also prepares visa petitions (immigrant and nonimmigrant) for workers of extraordinary ability in the arts. Matthew regularly performs pro bono work in the area of immigration law and continues to be active in human rights and social justice causes.

Amy Farber

Amy graduated from the University of California, Berkeley with degrees in political science and US labor and civil rights history. She continued her education at Harvard University, where she earned a PhD in social anthropology with a concentration in medical, legal and political anthropology. Between 1995 and 2000, Amy spent 18 months in South Africa, where she conducted participant observation research by living among and interacting with members of communities experiencing post-apartheid transformations. Her focus was on access to basic health care, education and welfare.

Upon returning to the United States, Amy became involved in various campaigns to advance the cause for medical treatment access for the global poor. Amy's goal at Northeastern was combining her medical, moral and political interests. Her first co-op was at the ACLU of Massachusetts. Her second co-op was at the Massachusetts Board of Medicine, the body that licenses and disciplines physicians in the commonwealth. Amy further developed her thinking about the

relationship between medical practice and the law as a member of the institutional review board at two large Harvard-affiliated hospitals and as a fellow in medical ethics at Harvard Medical School in 2005-2006.

In April 2005, Amy was diagnosed with lymphangiomyomatosis (LAM), a rare and fatal disease that only affects women, usually during their childbearing years. There is no effective treatment. For her last two co-ops, Amy was involved in life-saving advocacy and fundraising in the federal government, academic medical institutions and amidst the public at large. In 2006, Amy founded the LAM Treatment Alliance, a 501c3 nonprofit, to foster and fund strategic multidisciplinary scientific collaborations among those most likely to make breakthroughs in the disease in the fastest time possible.

In February 2007, the LAM Treatment Alliance brought handpicked researchers and clinicians from every continent together in the Nobel Forum at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden, for a strategic problem-solving and idea-generating session. Patients from seven countries also attended the meeting. The approach of the LAM Treatment Alliance has received wide press coverage, including *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times* and “The Charlie Rose Show.” She was also profiled in the law school’s summer 2007 magazine.

Lizbeth Ginsburg

Lizbeth graduated from Haverford College with a degree in feminist and gender studies and then worked in domestic violence shelters in Seattle, Washington; Melbourne, Australia; and the Boston area. It was through her experiences working in domestic violence services that she made the decision to study law. She was strongly drawn to the social justice sector and wanted to work on issues concerning natural human rights such as poverty, violence against women and racism. Lizbeth’s co-ops included Greater Boston Legal Services, Welfare Unit; the Honorable Nancy Gertner of the US District Court for the District of Massachusetts; Lurie & Krupp; and the Medical-Legal Partnership for Children at Boston Medical Center.

Lizbeth is currently employed as a staff attorney in the Welfare Unit at Greater Boston Legal Services. In addition to the Welfare Unit’s core work of helping clients access and maintain subsistence-level benefits, Lizbeth is working on increasing access for people with disabilities. Lizbeth and her husband are the proud parents of two children, Ethan and Maya.

Laura Langley

Laura is an Equal Opportunity/Employment Diversity Associate in the Equal Opportunity Office at Western Washington University in Bellingham, Washington. In this role, Laura works with faculty, staff and students toward ensuring a campus environment that is diverse, inclusive and free of discrimination and harassment.

After graduating from law school, Laura clerked for the Honorable David A. Mills of the Massachusetts Appeals Court. Laura then joined the litigation department of Bingham McCutchen, where her practice

included First Amendment, employment, appellate and complex commercial litigation. Laura is a past member of the board of directors of the Massachusetts LGBTQ Bar Association (Mass LGBTQ Bar), was the founding chair of the Mass LGBTQ Bar’s Committee on Transgender Inclusion and served as a member of the legislative committee of the Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition.

Laura received a BA in international relations with distinction in women’s studies from Boston University. After college, Laura worked in the development and communications departments of Legal Community Against Violence, a San Francisco-based gun violence prevention organization. While at Northeastern, Laura was an active member of the Queer Caucus and a founding member of the Northeastern University President’s Advisory Committee on Transgender Concerns. Laura’s co-op employers included Judge Joyce London Alexander of the US District Court for the District of Massachusetts, the Transgender Civil Rights Project of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force, Bingham McCutchen, and Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders.

Laura’s publications include “Self Determination in a Gender Fundamentalist State: Towards Legal Liberation of Transgender Identities,” *Texas Journal on Civil Liberties & Civil Rights*, Vol. 12 (2006); “Legal Protections for Transgender People,” *Massachusetts Bar Association Section Review*, Vol. 9, No. 3 (2007) (coauthor); and “Giving Up on Youth: The Dangers of Recent Attempts to Federalize Juvenile Crime,” *Journal of Juvenile Law*, Vol. 25 (2005). Laura is a past recipient of the National LGBT Bar Association’s Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40 Award and the Mass LGBTQ Bar’s Kevin Larkin Memorial Award for Public Service.

Andrew Palmer

Andrew graduated from the University of Colorado with a degree in sociology. Before making the decision to attend law school, he was involved with Habitat for Humanity, building homes in Guatemala, and with St. Mary’s Church, teaching English to Sudanese refugees in Cairo, Egypt. Through these experiences, he found his calling to fight for human rights.

During his first year in law school, Andrew held the position of NUSL Street Law coordinator. He also completed the Poverty Law and Practice Clinic. Andrew’s first co-op was with the Honorable Bernard Zimmerman in the US District Court for the Northern District of California. His other co-ops included the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights in Washington, DC, the New York State Attorney General’s Office, and Roxbury Defenders in Boston, an arm of the Committee for Public Counsel Services (CPCS). At Roxbury Defenders, Andrew became excited about public criminal defense and decided to begin his legal career defending indigent individuals rather than launching into human rights. Since law school graduation, he has worked in New York with Brooklyn Defender Services.

CLASS OF 2007

Lydia Milnes

Lydia, a West Virginia native, is a 2000 graduate of Haverford College, where she earned a degree in political science. After graduating from college, she spent four years engaged in public interest work. In Washington, DC, she served as a legislative assistant for the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), a Quaker lobbying organization, working on conventional arms control issues. Lydia then worked in New York City for two years as a legal assistant at the ACLU National Legal Department, where she assisted the national legal director and worked with lawyers on Patriot Act and First Amendment cases.

While at Northeastern, Lydia was active with Shelter Legal Services, Student Global AIDS Campaign and the National Lawyers Guild chapter. During her third year, Lydia coauthored a petition for a writ of certiorari to the US Supreme Court on behalf of a man sentenced to death in Virginia. Lydia returned to West Virginia during her first co-op to work with Justice Larry Starcher on the West Virginia Supreme Court. She spent her next two co-ops in Boston, first working with Massachusetts Correctional Legal Services on prisoners' rights issues, and then working at the Law Offices of Howard Friedman '77, a small civil rights firm specializing in police misconduct and brutality. Lydia spent her fourth co-op in Atlanta working with the defense team on a major death penalty case.

After graduating, Lydia returned to West Virginia, accepting a two-year position as law clerk to the Honorable Irene Keeley of the US District Court. She then clerked for two and a half years for Justice Margret Workman at the West Virginia Supreme Court. She is now back to her public interest roots as a staff attorney at Mountain State Justice, a nonprofit public interest law office committed to pursuing impact and significant litigation on behalf of low-income West Virginians. Lydia's work focuses on institutional reform (prisons and mental health institutions) and civil rights.

James Shaw

James graduated in 1996 from Worcester State College. As an undergraduate, he was a reporter for the *Worcester Telegram & Gazette*, covering a broad range of beats, such as crime and federal, state and city politics. His reporting career presented more questions than answers regarding the inequities of the criminal justice system; James enrolled in the graduate sociology program at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, hoping to contextualize what he had seen as a reporter, eventually earning a master's degree.

In addition to furthering his academic studies, James decided he wanted to pursue social change and became an activist in his labor union. Through his union experiences, he developed a strong commitment to the labor movement and, consequently, a passionate interest in becoming a lawyer. Immediately prior to law school, James

served as president of United Auto Workers Local 2322, a union of 3,800 members.

For his first co-op, James worked at the US Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division, Criminal Section, in Washington, DC, where he assisted with prosecutions of international sex trafficking, police brutality, involuntary servitude and racial violence. Next, he worked for the Honorable Cindy K. Jorgenson of the US District Court for the District of Arizona in Tucson. He then completed two co-ops at Segal Roitman, a Boston law firm specializing in union- and employee-side labor and employment law, and joined the firm as an associate after graduating from the law school. His practice includes a focus on the free speech and privacy rights of workers and labor unions.

Heather Yountz

Heather graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2000, where she earned a degree in English. She received the Robert E. Bryan Fellowship, a public service honor given to students who distinguish themselves in community service while at UNC, and used the fellowship to travel to Australia with Habitat for Humanity International. There, she set up the first Habitat campus chapter in the Pacific at the University of Adelaide in South Australia. She was also hired as a consultant to launch a model campus chapter at the University of Auckland in New Zealand.

After returning to the United States, Heather continued her work for Habitat for Humanity; at AmeriCorps VISTA, she implemented a program called Youth United, in which teens and young adults work to fundraise and build homes for people in need. She later managed a five-state AmeriCorps VISTA program for Habitat for Humanity.

Heather has traveled to more than 30 countries and is fluent in Spanish. She represented her class as a member of the law school's Governing Council and was a teaching assistant for both Legal Practice and Civil Procedure. She spent her first co-op doing civil rights work in the employment division of the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination. Her second co-op focused on refugee policy issues at the United Nations High Commission for Refugees in Washington, DC. She worked at Greater Boston Legal Services, Immigration Unit, helping refugees and immigrants achieve legal status in the United States for her third co-op. Her final co-op focused on general legal skills with the medium-sized, Boston-based firm Prince, Lobel, Glovsky and Tye.

Heather is a member of the Massachusetts and Rhode Island bars and completed a clerkship with Judge Scott Kafker at the Massachusetts Appeals Court. With Professor Steve Subrin, she taught Law and Literature, an upper-level course, in the spring of 2008. From 2008 until 2010, Heather worked as an asylum attorney in the Immigration Unit at Greater Boston Legal Services. She is currently practicing immigration law at the Law Office of Samia Chandraker in Westwood, Massachusetts.

CLASS OF 2008**Alysia Melnick**

Alysia graduated from Tufts University in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in psychology, and then earned a master's degree in public policy and management from the Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service at the University of Southern Maine. While at Tufts, Alysia was involved with Vision of Tibet, the Tibetan Nuns' Project of the Tibetan Women's Association in India, Bosque Enterno de los Ninos in Costa Rica, and was a guest speaker for the Feminist International Radio Endeavour in Costa Rica (F.I.R.E.). Before starting her graduate work, Alysia was a member of the Permanency Planning Taskforce and the Child Watch Coalition in Pittsburgh, while also working as a case manager for the Allegheny (Pennsylvania) County Court Appointed Special Advocate Program.

As a graduate student, Alysia continued her public service work as chair of the Muskie Student Organization and worked as a research assistant for the Edmund S. Muskie Institute for Child and Family Policy, where she dealt with domestic violence and sexual assault issues. Alysia also worked as a research associate and trainer for the Center for the Prevention of Hate Violence, where she trained middle and high school students about bias-based teasing, bullying and harassment, and researched and advocated for statewide policy change regarding violence and discrimination targeting immigrants, refugees, people of color and the homeless. She also worked to help pass anti-discrimination legislation targeting LGBT individuals in Maine.

After graduating from NUSL, Alysia was hired as public policy counsel for the Maine Civil Liberties Union Foundation (the Maine affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union) to work on policy issues and legislative communications. Her focus is on laws impacting civil rights issues in areas such as prison conditions and prisoners' rights, protecting the Fourth Amendment right to privacy (i.e., Real ID and Fusion Centers), combating racism and racial profiling, and protecting reproductive free-choice rights.

Patricia Anders

Patricia joined the New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty as a staff attorney in 2008. She leads the organization's public benefits advocacy, which focuses on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and General Assistance (GA) programs as well as working to attain improvements to the overall administration of public benefits programs. Patricia trains civil legal service providers, advocates and the community at large in New Mexico about public benefits and provides technical assistance. She works extensively with program administrators and policymakers to attain improvements to these benefits programs.

Patricia's co-ops included the Children's Law Center of Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination,

the Alaska Public Defender Agency and Burgess & Associates. As a Marshall-Brennan Teaching Fellow, she taught high school students about their rights under the United States Constitution. She assisted domestic violence survivors in obtaining restraining orders at the Dorchester District Court Domestic Violence Clinic and supervised a team providing emergency case management at the Domestic Violence Institute at Boston Medical Center.

Prior to law school, Patricia was a lobbyist/organizer for the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Organization for Women; an advocate at the Center for the Pacific Asian Family, an emergency domestic violence shelter; and a housing policy intern with the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. Patricia is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College.

Mara Voukydis

Mara graduated from Wesleyan University in 2001, majoring in government with a concentration in American politics. She then spent two years as a case manager for Cambridge Cares About AIDS, where she advocated for people experiencing poverty, homelessness and addiction in addition to HIV/AIDS. Subsequently, she worked as a program consultant for Boston-based United for a Fair Economy, where she coordinated and coauthored a report on racial wealth disparities.

Mara's first co-op was in Philadelphia with Judge James Giles of the Pennsylvania District Court. After representing a prisoner through Northeastern's Prisoners' Rights Clinic, Mara focused on prisoner and ex-offender issues through co-ops with Massachusetts Correctional Legal Services (now Prisoner Legal Services) and Community Legal Services in Philadelphia. She later greatly enjoyed serving as a teaching assistant for the clinic, as well as testifying before the Massachusetts Governor's Council on the state parole board's disparate treatment of prisoners with special needs. Throughout her time at Northeastern, Mara also studied and worked on animal welfare issues, culminating in a co-op with the innovative Animal Litigation Protection unit of the Humane Society of the United States.

Upon graduating, Mara returned to direct advocacy for people with HIV while also providing pro bono representation to people facing the collateral consequences of criminal records. After moving on to represent incarcerated juveniles facing parole revocation, Mara is now a staff attorney and coordinator with the Youth Advocacy Department (YAD) of the Committee for Public Counsel Services, where she manages a new statewide panel of 20 private attorneys doing that same work. In the first month of the program, attorneys provided services to 70 youth across the state. Mara is excited to be a part of this effort, which ensures that kids have a voice when they are facing a deprivation of liberty.

CLASS OF 2009**Yuri Gottesman**

Yuri graduated from Wesleyan University in 2001 with a BA in sociology. While at Wesleyan, he developed a strong interest in union organizing through his work with a student-labor coalition and as an organizer for the Service Employees International Union. After graduating, Yuri moved to Oregon, where he led co-workers at a local pizza shop to organize into the Industrial Workers of the World. His passion continued to deepen as he spent the following three years organizing other workers, such as nurses, TSA agents, university researchers and administrative assistants. He also volunteered with a Palestinian-led group called the International Solidarity Movement in occupied Palestine, where he worked with non-violent activists from around the world to resist the occupation.

During law school, Yuri studied abroad in Mexico and Costa Rica. He spent his first co-op in Mexico working for the National Lawyers Guild, creating worker and immigrant rights trainings. He also worked in the Employment Unit at Greater Boston Legal Services under the skillful tutelage of Brian Flynn.

Yuri is now an associate at Weinberg, Roger & Rosenfeld in Alameda, California, representing unions and workers in their fight for collective power and a stronger labor movement.

Jill Havens

Jill graduated from Randolph-Macon Woman's College in 1989 with a BA in history and sociology/anthropology. Immediately following her four years at Randolph-Macon, Jill began a graduate program in sociology at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, where she studied social movements and the sociology of law and criminology. Through this program, Jill discovered that her true passion was not for studying social movements, but rather for participating in them.

While in graduate school Jill became deeply involved in a labor union struggle at the university. She first participated by attending meetings and rallies, but soon became an organizer for the union and eventually its chief negotiator. The experience led her to continue working as a full-time union organizer for the next eight years. In addition to her labor-organizing work, Jill also spent several years doing community organizing in Colorado.

Jill's passion for social justice led her to pursue a law degree, which she believes will give her even greater tools in fighting for the public good and helping the community around her progress. Jill completed co-ops at the Massachusetts Teachers Association, Greater Boston Legal Services, Immigration Unit, and worked on union-side labor and employment law issues at Segal Roitman. She is currently working as a review examiner at the Board of Review of the Massachusetts Executive Office for Labor and Workforce Development.

Jennifer Ibanez Whitlock

Jennifer graduated from Eastern Nazarene College in 2005 with a BA in history. Originally from Guatemala, Jennifer used her bilingual skills when volunteering and working for several organizations as an undergraduate and in law school. Prior to law school, Jennifer worked as an intake paralegal at the Maryland Legal Aid Bureau. There, she was involved in creating a task force to combat Notario Fraud, or the unauthorized practice of law, and she worked in the bureau's Baltimore City Family Law Pro Se Office.

Jennifer's first co-op was with the Honorable Isaac Borenstein '75 at the Massachusetts Superior Court. Next, she went on co-op with the Political Asylum Immigration and Representation Project (PAIR) in Boston, where she primarily worked with asylum seekers and immigration detainees. Jennifer then completed a co-op with the law firm Barker, Epstein & Loscocco, where she assisted with a range of immigration law cases, including representation of detained individuals and asylum seekers.

As a lawyering fellow for the Legal Skills in Social Context (LSSC) program, Jennifer worked with first-year students as they prepared a white paper for the Vera Institute of Justice, Inc., on the procedural rights of immigrants to receive and submit information in their native language. She completed an independent study through the Women's Bar Foundation of Boston and the American Immigration Lawyers Association, New England chapter, which involved, among other things, creating a resource guide for immigrant victims of domestic violence. Her final co-op was at the Executive Office of Immigration Review within the Department of Justice at the Boston Immigration Court. She assisted the immigration judges in drafting judicial decisions on an array of motions and applications for immigration relief.

Jennifer is currently employed at Barker, Epstein & Loscocco, a small immigration firm in Boston that works primarily on family-based immigration and asylum cases. There, she has had the opportunity to volunteer on pro bono cases, most recently through Kids In Need of Defense (KIND), a group that works to protect and assist unaccompanied immigrant minors by providing them with legal counsel. Jennifer is also a co-liaison for the Asylum Committee of the New England Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA).

Josina Raisler-Cohn

Josina graduated from Macalester College in 2004 with a BA in international studies. She then worked at Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services, where she provided advocacy to low-income tenants facing serious housing problems. At Northeastern, Josina focused on criminal defense, immigration and juvenile justice law. For her first co-op, Josina worked at Massachusetts Prison Legal Services, focusing on civil rights litigation on behalf of Massachusetts prisoners. Next, Josina worked at the South Texas Pro Bono Asylum and Representation Project, where she represented indigent immigrants facing deportation. For her third co-op, Josina worked at the Youth Advocacy Project,

defending juveniles in the juvenile justice system. Her last co-op was with a small Boston law firm doing civil litigation and criminal defense.

Josina's most meaningful experiences at Northeastern occurred in the Prisoners' Rights Clinic, where she first represented a prisoner with a life sentence at his parole hearing, and later served as a teaching assistant. Throughout her three years at Northeastern, Josina was also active in the student chapter of the National Lawyers Guild. Josina is now a public defender in Quincy, Massachusetts, with the Committee for Public Counsel Services.

Sarah James Schendel

Sarah graduated from Bard College in 2003 with a BA in cultural anthropology. She then spent a year working as an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer at Cornell University's Public Service Center.

Following AmeriCorps, Sarah worked for 18 months as a legal assistant at Prisoners' Legal Services of New York, a nonprofit organization that handles cases for inmates at maximum-security prisons. At NUSL, Sarah was a member of the Student Bar Association, the Northeastern Graduate and Professional Students Association, the Cooperative Income Sharing Program, and the NUSL chapter of the National Lawyers Guild.

Sarah completed co-ops with the Honorable Kim McLane Wardlaw of the Ninth Circuit, Office of the Federal Defender for the District of Puerto Rico, the Boston law firm Dwyer & Collora, and the Florida Justice Institute, a prisoners' rights organization.

In 2010, Sarah returned home to rural southern Oregon to become the sole immigration attorney at the Center for Nonprofit Legal Services, where she assists low-income and elderly individuals in obtaining immigration benefits, including VAWA, asylum, U Visa and citizenship. In addition to her work, Sarah also conducts outreach and training on immigration issues such as Secure Communities and the DREAM Act, leads weekly citizenship classes, serves as a volunteer court mediator on eviction cases, is the co-chair of her church's social justice committee and is a member of the county foster care Citizen Review Board.

CLASS OF 2010

Jessica Hahn

Jessie graduated from Reed College in 2000 with a BA in anthropology. Before law school she lived in southern Mexico for five years, working with indigenous human rights organizations. Upon returning to the US, she launched a legal services outreach program in rural east Texas, assisting undocumented immigrant victims of family violence in obtaining legal status.

At Northeastern, Jessie was active with the National Lawyers Guild chapter and the Justice for Janitors campaign, as well as the student-faculty committee that brought distinguished public interest practitioners to campus through the Daynard and Givelber fellows programs. Her first co-op was in Zacatecas, Mexico, with the Center for Migrant Rights, a transnational workers' rights law center

connecting returned migrant workers with access to employment legal services in the US. Next, she interned with the Honorable Nancy Gertner in the US District Court for the District of Massachusetts. She received a Peggy Browning Fellowship to work with the Employment Justice Center in Washington, DC, for her third co-op. For her last co-op, she worked in the Labor Standards Division of the New York State Department of Labor, where she was hired after graduation and currently works as counsel and special assistant to the deputy commissioner for worker protection.

Catharine Hornby

Catharine graduated from Harvard University in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in history and science, and from St. Catherine's College at Oxford University in 1999 with an MPhil in economic and social history. Her passion for public interest law largely stems from the six years she spent working for the Massachusetts Senate Committee on Ways and Means. Catharine's position as the associate budget director allowed her to develop and negotiate public policy, including school construction reform legislation that re-wrote the state's financing for, and prioritization of, public school construction. She pursued a law degree to gain the tools she felt she needed to succeed as a public servant.

Catharine's co-ops took her to Washington, DC, San Francisco and back, and covered environmental, municipal and employment law. After completing law school in 2010, she clerked with Justice Margot Botsford '73 of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts. In 2011, she dove into the mechanics of health insurance reform when she became general counsel for the Group Insurance Commission, the agency that administers Massachusetts state employee benefits. Catharine lives in Cambridge and is chair of the city's Bike Advisory Committee.

Leslie Maeghan Jones

Maeghan graduated from Kenyon College in 1997 with a BA in international studies. As an undergraduate, Maeghan spent a year working with internal refugees in Bogota, Colombia. This experience and the relationships she formed while in Bogota had a profound impact on Maeghan, inspiring her to pursue a career dedicated to social justice.

Maeghan returned to the US committed to fulfilling a promise she had made to the displaced women in Bogota to strive to illuminate and right social and economic injustices and advocate for underserved communities. She became director of the Vermont Youth Development Corps, a statewide AmeriCorps program that provides emergency services and creates skill-building opportunities for runaway youths. As director, she expanded the program from eight to 13 sites and helped secure over \$1 million in grant funding. She worked to make the AmeriCorps member retention rate 100 percent and successfully educated members of the state legislature to ensure continued funding.

Building on this experience, Maeghan spent six years in the philanthropic sector, where she worked to develop and promote giving strategies that address the root causes of social, economic and racial

inequities. In 2004 she became executive director of the Brett Family Foundation, a philanthropic organization dedicated to creating a more just society through progressive social change. Her passion for social justice led her to pursue a law degree. Upon graduation, Maeghan began work at Legal Aid of East Tennessee, a public interest law firm in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Kate Murdock

Kate works as public defender at the Bronx Defenders, where she utilizes the holistic model to defend indigent clients accused of both felony- and misdemeanor-level criminal offenses. She became interested in criminal defense while pursuing her BS in journalism at Northwestern University. As part of a team of student journalists, she investigated a death row prisoner's wrongful conviction for a 15-year-old double murder, leading to a gubernatorial pardon in 2003.

After graduating from Northwestern, Kate worked as an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer at Montana Legal Services Association. She then returned to criminal defense work as a case analyst at the Innocence Project in New York City. While at Northeastern, she participated in the National Lawyers Guild chapter and EPIC (Ending the Prison Industrial Complex). She spent three academic quarters working with the Prisoners' Rights Clinic, preparing prisoners for parole hearings. Her co-ops included interning with the Honorable Nancy Gertner of the US District Court for the District of Massachusetts, Massachusetts Correctional Legal Services, the Committee for Public Counsel Services, and Stern, Shapiro, Weissberg and Garin.

Kara Smith

Kara is a public defender with the Colorado State Public Defender System. She represents juveniles and adults accused of misdemeanors and felonies. Although Kara is dedicated to her work, she also strives to live a balanced lifestyle to maintain her longevity as a public defender. She currently resides in beautiful Grand Junction, Colorado.

While in law school, Kara was an active member of the Society for Restorative Justice and the Cooperative Income Sharing Program (CISP). During her first co-op, Kara interned with two attorneys who represented indigent parents and children in the Denver Juvenile Court. Her second co-op was spent working for the Human Trafficking Project at Colorado Legal Services. Her last co-op was a transformative experience: as a Certified Legal Intern in the Denver office of the Colorado Public Defender, Kara managed a caseload of clients facing myriad misdemeanor charges and had the opportunity to try a case under the supervision of an experienced and supportive mentor.

Kara graduated from Knox College in 2001 with a BA in gender and women's studies and sociology and anthropology. Prior to law school, Kara worked as an advocate for foster children and adults with developmental disabilities.

Chase Strangio

Chase graduated from Grinnell College in 2004 with a BA in history. Prior to and during law school, Chase worked as a hotline and outreach volunteer with the Network/La Red, a social justice organization that seeks to end intimate partner violence in the lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities. At NUSL, Chase worked with the Queer Caucus and Ending the Prison Industrial Complex. In partnership with Professor Libby Adler and other students, Chase helped to start a pilot clinical program working with LGBTQ youth in the Boston area.

Through the co-op program, Chase worked with the Peter Cicchino Youth Project of the Urban Justice Center, the Sylvia Rivera Law Project and with the Criminal Defense Division of the Legal Aid Society in Kew Gardens, New York. Chase is currently an Equal Justice Works fellow at the Sylvia Rivera Law Project in New York City.

CLASS OF 2011

Benjamin Meshoulam

Benny graduated from Tufts University with a BA in philosophy in 2000, and earned an MSc in philosophy and public policy from the London School of Economics in 2002. He subsequently worked as legislative director for Massachusetts State Representative Jeffrey Sanchez, and then as assistant project director at the Metropolitan Planning Council (MAPC), the regional planning agency for Greater Boston.

At MAPC, Benny focused on promoting policies and implementing projects that furthered inter-local cooperation among municipalities in the region. The opportunity to work with attorneys in drafting legislation and crafting agreements between cities and towns gave him an appreciation for the role the law plays in building consensus, sound public policy and effective public institutions.

While at Northeastern, Benny completed co-ops with Greater Boston Legal Services, Consumer Rights Unit; Judge Norman Stahl of the First Circuit Court of Appeals; the Massachusetts Department of Transportation; and the litigation firm Sugarman, Rogers, Barshak & Cohen. Benny is currently a law clerk for Justice Margot Botsford '73 of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts. Benny and his wife reside in his native Cambridge.

Danielle Ponder

Danielle, a native of Rochester, New York, graduated from SUNY Oswego in 2004 with a BA in psychology. A musician, she formed a band after college and toured the country, performing at community events, rallies and protests, and playing songs about social justice. After college, in keeping with her passion for creating systemic solutions to racial disparities, she held jobs including refugee caseworker for a Catholic family center in Rochester, a K-12 teacher in Benin, West Africa, and community organizer in Monroe County, New York, where she worked to improve access to mental health service providers for communities of color. Danielle's passion for social justice led her to pursue a law degree, which she believes will give her even greater tools in fighting for the public good.

Jawaid Stationwala

A California native and graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, Jawaid came to Northeastern having already earned both an MBA and an MPH. He has significant international experience, having studied and worked in Spain, Egypt, Morocco, Bolivia, India and Bangladesh. It was in Bangladesh that he completed his MPH while studying child health issues in Bihari refugee camps.

Jawaid returned to Bangladesh on a Fulbright scholarship and partnered with UNICEF to conduct a nationwide survey on the health of the Bihari refugees. He also wrote and directed a 42-minute documentary (www.makizaban.com) about the struggle for identity among the camp dwellers and organized a visit by the US Ambassador to Bangladesh to see the conditions of the camp. His co-op employers included a federal magistrate judge, AIDS Action Committee and the Alaska Public Defender's Office.

Talia Stoessel

Talia graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of California, Santa Cruz in 2006, where she earned a BA in psychology. From college graduation until her law school matriculation, Talia worked as a case manager and volunteer coordinator for a California organization that assists incarcerated populations. She went on to work as a program specialist for an LGBT Tobacco Project at a Boston area health center. Through her work, she discovered the law's potential for creating necessary breaks in destructive routines or abusive situations.

During her time at Northeastern, Talia focused on issues impacting LGBTQ and low-income communities, from completing an internship with the National Center for Lesbian Rights and working closely with the Mass LGBTQ Bar Association, to participating in the Poverty Law Clinic and volunteering with Catholic Charities. Talia has since moved to Portland, Oregon, and plans to assist LGBTQ families and youth find their way through daunting legal processes in family law and juvenile law settings. She aspires to start a nonprofit to provide legal services for LGBTQ youth who are homeless or in juvenile justice or foster care systems. She is currently on a temporary assignment with the Office of Metro Attorney in Portland.

CLASS OF 2012

Gabriela M. Bogin-Farber

Gabriela graduated from Johns Hopkins University in 2005 with a BA in public health. Before law school, she worked at the Medical-Legal Partnership | Boston, an innovative program that partners lawyers and advocates with health care providers. As the family law paralegal, she coordinated outreach and trainings at health centers, interviewed and advocated for clients, and co-developed a birth certificate advocacy project. Gavi came to law school to find an interdisciplinary path to improve health, well-being and access to basic needs for low-income people.

Gavi's first co-op was at the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office in the Civil Rights Division. She next interned at the Suffolk Probate

Project of Greater Boston Legal Services, where she spent most of her time in family court representing low-income victims of domestic violence in their restraining order hearings. For her third co-op, she interned at the Law Offices of Howard Friedman '77, a small civil rights firm in Boston focusing on police misconduct and prisoners' rights litigation. At Northeastern, Gavi has been active with the National Lawyers Guild chapter and the student-faculty committee that brings public interest practitioners to the law school through the Daynard and Givelber fellowship programs.

Nicole S. Britton

Born and raised in the South Bronx, New York, Nicole's personal and familial connection to domestic violence was her primary motivation for wanting to practice law. Her mother, grandmother and aunts provided the encouragement and support that led her to attend Cornell University, from which she graduated in 2007 with a BA in feminist gender sexuality studies.

After graduation, Nicole returned to the Bronx to work as a special projects coordinator for KIPP (Knowledge is Power Program) to College, a youth advocacy college preparatory program. She then went on to work as a legal assistant for the Center for Reproductive Rights in New York City, where she came to understand the value of litigation as a vehicle for social change. Drawing from her childhood experiences, her motivation for pursuing a legal education is to become an attorney who can use the law to protect, promote and empower women who are affected by sexual, emotional or physical abuse.

While at Northeastern, Nicole's academic and practical experience has focused on domestic violence advocacy. She has participated in the Domestic Violence Institute's Boston Medical Center Project; the Domestic Violence Clinic and the Family Law Clinic. Her co-ops include Greater Boston Legal Services, Family Law Unit; Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Unit; Law Office of Lisa A. Modecker; and Finex House Domestic Violence Shelter.

Randy P. Choiniere

Randy grew up in a rural community in northern New York. He attended Dartmouth College, where he received a BA in sociology and developed an interest in the labor movement. This interest led him to pursue an MS in labor studies from the University of Massachusetts.

Following his graduate work, Randy began a career helping workers through positions with the National Labor Relations Board, the United Steelworkers, and the State Employees' Association of New Hampshire. This work experience raised his awareness of the important role of lawyers in helping workers and unions to navigate through the myriad laws that affect their ability to make change. Randy came to Northeastern with the belief that a legal education will help him to be a resource for workers and unions who do not know or fully understand the rights and protections that they have, and to be an advocate for those who are willing to test the legal limits in an effort to make a positive change for working people.

Lisa K. Swanson

A native of Tennessee, Lisa graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a BA in comparative literature in 2006. Studying abroad in Spain and China sensitized her to some of the challenges that immigrants face and inspired her to serve an AmeriCorps year providing social services to immigrants in North Carolina after graduation.

From 2007 until 2009, Lisa worked for the Unitarian Universalist Association in Washington, DC, where she organized people of faith for compassionate immigration reform, Gulf Coast rebuilding and the elimination of racial sentencing disparities. Following this experience, Lisa came to Northeastern to pursue a legal career dedicated to advancing justice for populations marginalized due to race, ethnic background, economic status or national origin.

Lisa completed her first co-op with the Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Boston Bar Association; her second with the Honorable Margot Botsford '73 at the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts; and her third as a Martin Luther King, Jr., Intern with Legal Aid of North Carolina's Medical-Legal Partnership for Children in Durham. For her final co-op, Lisa will return to North Carolina, where she hopes to establish a public interest career after graduation, to intern with the Southern Coalition for Social Justice in Durham.

CLASS OF 2013

Stephanie Gharakhanian

Stephanie graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 2007, where she studied international peace studies and the Catholic social tradition. After graduation, she served for two years with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Portland, Maine, and then El Paso, Texas. In Portland, Stephanie worked with Peace Action Maine on a campaign to overturn the residency requirement for state's drivers licenses, and in El Paso, she coordinated social ministries at a Jesuit parish four blocks from the US/Mexico border.

Following her experience as a Jesuit volunteer, Stephanie stayed in El Paso to live and work at Annunciation House, a shelter for migrants and refugees. During her time working on the border, Stephanie found herself confronting the limits of our legal system. She was inspired to go to law school as a means to accompany social movements working to advance the economic, social and cultural rights of immigrant communities.

At Northeastern, Stephanie is an active member of the National Lawyers Guild chapter. She completed her first co-op at the Paso del Norte Civil Rights Project in El Paso.

Julia Lum

Julia graduated from Scripps College with a BA in gender and women's studies in 2009. While at Scripps, she became involved with the Criminal Justice Network, a student organization, and began a series of visits with prisoners at the California Institution for Women. Meeting these women and learning from them convinced her that the prison system was deeply flawed.

Following graduation, Julia accepted a position as a litigation assistant at the Prison Law Office in Berkeley, California. While there, she monitored medical care in California prisons as part of a settlement agreement under *Brown v. Plata*, the largest-ever prison class action lawsuit. Julia came to Northeastern because of its commitment to public interest law and hopes to use her legal skills to help create meaningful change in the nation's criminal justice system.

Alice Kopij

Alice graduated from Bowdoin College in 2001 and received her master's degree in social work from Columbia University in 2005. Before coming to Northeastern, Alice worked as a social worker in various settings, providing services to homeless women, at-risk youth and newly arrived refugees. Alice has served as a program director at a refugee resettlement agency and most recently as a program manager of a multi-service center for at-risk young adults in Seattle.

In her work, Alice came up against barriers between the legal and social work systems that impeded her clients' abilities to recognize their full potential and dignity. She saw how a lack of understanding of legal systems hinders social work organizations from achieving outcomes that fully impact their target populations. Recognizing the implications of these barriers was a motivating force behind her decision to pursue a career in law. She wants to become a lawyer to increase her capacity to advocate for social justice by directly addressing these barriers. She comes to Northeastern with the vision of becoming a public interest immigration attorney working for underprivileged populations in a community-based organization in the Boston area.

Emily Rochon

Emily received a BA in environmental studies from Providence College in 2001, and then a second BA in biology from Rhode Island College in 2003. In 2009, she completed her graduate studies at Cornell University, receiving an MS in environmental toxicology. Since 2004, her professional focus has been primarily on climate and energy issues.

Working as a climate organizer in Rhode Island, Emily expanded and led the coalition that secured the passage of the state's renewable energy standard and tax credit. In 2007, she moved to Europe to manage Greenpeace International's global campaign against coal. While leading the campaign, she had the opportunity to travel to a number of countries where she lobbied and campaigned against coal. It was also in this role that she wrote the first comprehensive critique on carbon capture and storage (CCS), a putative solution to coal's climate problem. This report positioned Greenpeace at the leading edge of the debate and served as a rallying point for those opposing "clean coal" plants. As a result of this report and several others, she is recognized globally as one of only a handful of environmentalists voicing credible opposition to CCS.

Realizing that her advocacy work, which included drafting text for legislation and international treaties, would benefit greatly from formal legal education, Emily came to Northeastern. After graduation, she intends to return to the international environmental policy arena and pick up where she left off: pushing countries and governments to abandon dirty energy sources in favor of clean, renewable energy technologies.

CLASS OF 2014**Andrew Cohen**

Andrew earned a bachelor's degree in government and French studies from Wesleyan University in 2003 and his master's degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2005. During his time at Wesleyan, Andrew spent a semester abroad in the African nation of Cameroon, conducting research on microfinance and community development. He is a former board member — and current advisor to the board — for Opportunity Africa, an organization founded by American and Cameroonian friends he met while studying abroad.

Andrew is an expert on the subject of medical debt and most recently worked as a senior research policy analyst at the Center for Health Law and Economics at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, where he analyzed the Affordable Care Act and helped state leaders in Massachusetts and beyond implement its provisions in state policy contexts. Previously, he worked at The Access Project, a national health care research and policy not-for-profit organization, where he created the group's Medical Debt Resolution Program and a related training curriculum. The program has helped hundreds of people across the United States to resolve more than \$3 million in medical bills.

Through community organizing and policy engagement, Andrew is committed to bringing the voices of vulnerable populations into health care policy discussions that directly affect them. He intends to pursue co-ops in government agencies, legislative committees and non-profit advocacy organizations that allow him to draw on his current capabilities while engaging the new knowledge and skills he learns in law school.

Andrew serves on the board of directors of the Boston Workmen's Circle, a multi-generational community organization that expresses secular, progressive and Jewish values through social action. He is also lead for a local rock-and-roll band, Hot Molasses, that has raised more than \$10,000 for social justice organizations through benefit concerts.

Laura Misumi

Laura graduated with high distinction from the University of Michigan in 2009, double majoring in political science and Latin American and Caribbean studies, with a minor in Asian/Pacific Islander American studies. As co-chair of the flagship Asian American student organization at the University of Michigan, Laura worked with fellow students on Asian American issues and how they connect to multiracial issues of immigration and workers' rights.

Laura went on to complete a six-week internship in Seattle with the Clean and Safe Ports Campaign, holding the Port Commission accountable for its deficient labor and environmental standards. Most recently, she worked in a program called Citizens School with sixth and seventh grade students in Albuquerque, teaching elementary math concepts and talking about how important college is to achieving one's goals. As someone whose grandparents suffered under the internment of Americans of Japanese ancestry during World War II, Laura's commitment to social justice and to crossing ethnic boundaries is

matched only by her keen awareness of issues of class as they relate to activism and organizing. Laura has gained many skills at the grassroots level and plans on using her law degree to set lasting precedents that will influence social change.

Katrina Rogachevsky

As the daughter of an Argentinian immigrant, Katrina grew up hearing stories of her father's struggles in a strange land where alienation and discrimination were all too common. These experiences shaped Katrina's desire to advocate for social and policy changes. After graduating from Princeton University in 2007 with a degree in political science, she spent a year in the Dominican Republic and worked with the Legal Services Center for Women (CENSEL), a small organization that offers legal support to low-income women and families. Over the course of her time there, Katrina witnessed first hand that the law can be a powerful tool for promoting the rights of minority and underserved populations. She also saw the corrective power of the law when used to help balance inequalities and provide protection for vulnerable members of society.

Katrina's family lived in Guatemala when she was young; she has also lived in Argentina, Prague, Cuba and the Dominican Republic. In Prague, she studied the development of a constitutional democracy after the fall of the Soviet Union and learned how culture molds the concept of democracy. More recently, Katrina served as chief of staff for Massachusetts State Representative Barry Finegold, drafting legislation and taking in the intrinsic value of law in shaping public policy. She believes deeply in the transformative power of good public policy and that Northeastern, with its emphasis on public service and its commitment to experiential learning, is the perfect environment in which to start her legal career.

Steven Toff

Steven holds a BA in labor studies from San Francisco State University and a master's in labor policies and globalization from the Global Labor University at Universität Kassel in Germany and Unicamp in São Paulo, Brazil. Steven started as a union organizer in 2001 and since then has helped workers on farms and assembly lines, in classrooms and hospitals, to build collective power and create change in their lives. He has worked for various labor organizations, including the AFL-CIO, Association of Western Pulp & Paper Workers, and National Nurses United. In each of these positions, he worked to promote the rights of employees by leading union organization drives to challenge the inequity of our economic system.

Steven is interested in the effects of globalization on traditional labor law regimes and how trade agreements and global finance capital are reshaping the strategies unions have historically relied on. He believes that a law degree will help better position him to contribute to this struggle for economic justice. At Northeastern, he plans to pursue co-ops that blend his interests in labor and international law.

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