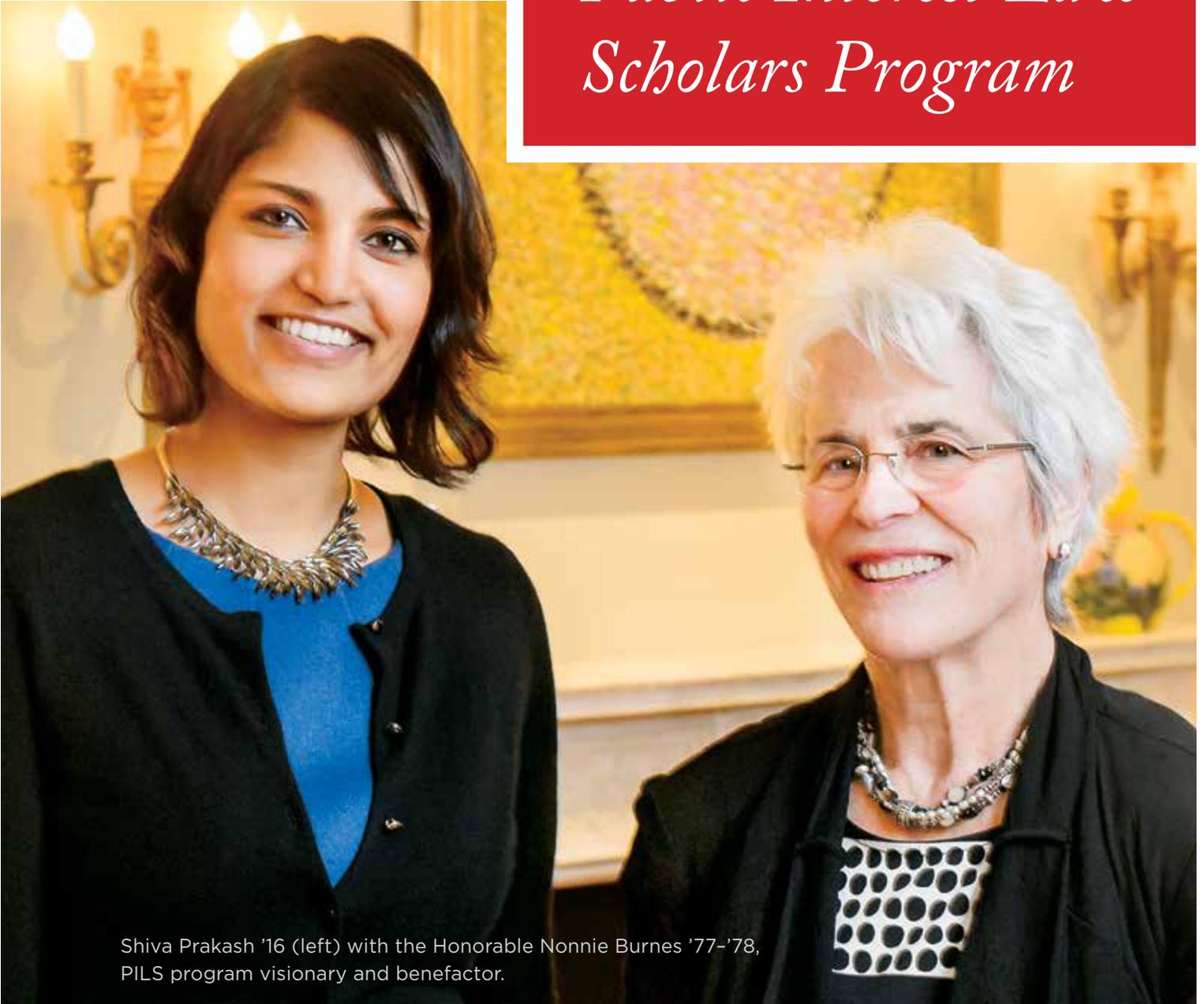


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Shiva Prakash '16 (left) with the Honorable Nonnie Burnes '77-'78,
PILS program visionary and benefactor.

RECIPIENT BIOGRAPHIES FOR THE CLASSES OF 2003-2018

Northeastern University
School of Law

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 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 is associate to the vice chancellor for student affairs and campus life at the University of Massachusetts. In 2003, Sara was honored with a fellowship from Hampshire College (her alma mater) and its community-based learning program, Community Partnerships for Social Change (CPSC), to recruit potential public interest lawyers by encouraging students to obtain firsthand 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.

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 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. 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.

Jody Marksamer

For more than eight years, Jody was a staff attorney and the youth project director at the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR), where he led 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 policy and litigation on behalf of LGBT people in prison. Jody joined NCLR in 2003 as an Equal Justice Works Fellow.

In 2006, Jody co-authored “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. He is co-author of the Equity Project’s 2009 publication, “Hidden Injustice: LGBT Youth in Juvenile Courts,” and author of NCLR’s 2011 publication, “A Place of Respect: A Guide for Group Care Facilities Serving Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Youth.”

A seasoned lecturer, Jody 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. Jody is now an independent policy consultant for federal agencies, such as the National Institute of Corrections, federally funded projects and juvenile and criminal justice organizations.

Ingrid Nava

Ingrid is associate general counsel for SEIU Local 32BJ, the largest labor union for property services workers in the country, representing approximately 145,000 janitors, security officers and other commercial and residential building service workers. She served as chief negotiator for the New England-area master contract negotiations with the Maintenance Contractors of New England that covers 14,000 employees.

Highly active in the community, Ingrid is a founding board member of Justice at Work, a legal services nonprofit organization serving immigrant worker centers in Massachusetts, and a national board member of PowerPAC+, a PAC dedicated to building the political power of the multiracial majority in America. She has also served as an adjunct professor at Northeastern University School of Law and Boston College Law School, where she taught Lawyering with Spanish-Speaking Clients.

Ingrid previously served as an employment lawyer with Greater Boston Legal Services, where along with direct client representation, she drafted and filed the first paid sick days bill in Massachusetts that served as a blueprint for the recently passed ballot initiative. Prior to law school, she was an organizer for SEIU. 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 in Boston University School of Law’s First-Year Writing Seminar. 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 Hon. 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, Mass., 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. She later became an Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps attorney at Legal Assistance of Western New York, where she developed a prisoner re-entry 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 re-entry and health care policy analysis and advocacy. Since 2010, Elisabeth has enjoyed her role as a stay-at-home mother to her children, Emiliana and Luca. Elisabeth and her family live in Washington, DC.

Robin Kniech

Elected to the Denver City Council in 2011 and re-elected in 2015, Robin is one of two at-large council members and the first out LGBT member. She is the vice-chair of Denver's Safety and Well-being Committee and is active with the Denver Regional Council of Governments. Robin is a past recipient of the Professional Woman of the Year Award from the Denver Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, and was honored in 2012 with the Lawmaker of the Year Award from the Women's Commission and Women's Chamber.

With more than 20 years of policy experience at the local, state and national levels, Robin has dedicated her life to making Denver a better place for middle-class families and those struggling to make ends meet. She has championed policies that support access to, and funding for, affordable housing, equitable regional transit, good paying jobs and sustainability.

Robin is best known for her leadership on affordable housing, including passing hard-fought updates to Denver's inclusionary workforce housing policy. She is currently leading efforts to dedicate at least \$15 million in new annual funding that would create 6,000 additional affordable homes over the next 10 years. Robin's passion for equality and economic opportunity were shaped by her upbringing in a working-class family. She is both motivated and grounded by her role as mom to her young son.

Robin's 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.

Stephanie Mandell

Stephanie graduated from Trinity College (Hartford, Conn.) 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 Hon. 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 Hon. Gordon Doerfer of the Massachusetts Appeals Court for several years, Stephanie worked with a family law practitioner, developing her legal skills to address issues of domestic violence and family law. Stephanie now has a solo practice handling estate planning matters. She is also a former member of the School of Law's Alumni/ae Association board of directors.

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 — one of the first three charter schools in the state. 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 graduation, Caitlin practiced employment law, representing clients such as nonprofit urban health care centers, and serving as a mentor for the Boston Lawyers' Group. In 2007 she returned to NUSL, working on issues related to the co-op program and placement. In January 2014, she left the law school to focus on her family.

Jana Rumminger

Jana has worked with Musawah, the global movement for equality and justice in Muslim families, since 2007. She coordinates Musawah's Knowledge Building Initiative on Qiwanah and Wilayah and is a co-editor of *Men in Charge? Rethinking Authority in Muslim Legal Tradition* (Oneworld, 2015). After 11 years living in Southeast Asia (Singapore and Malaysia), Jana recently relocated to the Boston area.

After graduating from the law school, Jana spent a year as a Luce Scholar in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, where she worked on advocacy and law reform at a local NGO, the Women's Aid Organization. She then served as a program officer with International Women's Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific, which works for the 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.

Jana's co-op experiences included a federal judicial internship with the Hon. 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 Hon. 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, Conn. 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 and their organizations before administrative agencies, in state and federal courts, and in the legislature. James is also a visiting clinical lecturer in law at Yale Law School, where he teaches in the Immigrant Rights Clinic.

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 subsequently as a 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

After graduating from Wesleyan University, John served as one of the first "bridging the technology gap" members of AmeriCorps*VISTA, and later was an affordable housing project developer for a community development corporation in Waltham.

Before and throughout his time at Northeastern, John volunteered with Shelter Legal Services, a pro bono legal services organization serving the homeless in Cambridge, eventually becoming student director for one of the clinics. John's co-ops included the Hon. Roderick Ireland of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court; the Conservation Law Foundation; the Land Loss Prevention Project (North Carolina); and Massachusetts Law Reform Institute. John was also a co-author of the National Lawyers Guild Massachusetts Chapter's report on due process violations in the Boston immigration courts.

After law school, John was a fellow with the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Ala., where he worked on immigrant wage/hour and civil rights issues, involuntary land loss in minority communities, predatory lending and hate crimes. He then was enforcement director for the Central Alabama Fair Housing Center. Although he continues to live in Alabama, he is currently a staff attorney with the Baltimore-based Public Justice Center, where he serves as the coordinator of the National Coalition for a Civil Right to Counsel.

John is also the founder and coordinator of the Heirs' Property Retention Coalition (HPRC), which is devoted to protecting low-income, minority landowners in rural areas from being forcefully dispossessed by developers and land speculators of their ancestral property. Among other work, HPRC was behind the drafting of the Uniform Partition of Heirs' Property Act, which was completed in 2011 and has already been enacted in several states — and more to come.

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 on 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 and the 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 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 an independent legal consultant with expertise in food marketing, consumer protection law, drinking water quality, infrastructure and access in schools and child care, and food safety. She was previously a senior staff attorney for the Public Health Advocacy Institute at the School of Law, where she also taught the law school's Public Health Legal Clinic. She is a graduate of Macalester College with a major in Latin-American studies. She splits her time between the Boston area, Cape Cod and 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).

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. From 2008 until 2012, he worked at Avirom & Associates, a small immigration law firm in New York. He is currently working for Daryanani & Bland, where he continues to focus on removal defense in immigration court as well as other complex administrative

immigration matters. He also prepares visa petitions (immigrant and non-immigrant) for workers of extraordinary ability in the arts, business and sports. Matthew is an active member of the New York City chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), serving on liaison committees that meet with local offices of the Department of Justice and Department of Homeland Security. He is also the chair of the chapter's Pro Bono Committee, organizing bi-monthly free legal clinics in communities throughout the city, and helping to coordinate pro bono representation of unaccompanied children in removal proceedings.

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.

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. 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 lymphangioleio-myomatosis (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 (now called the LAM Health Project) to foster and fund strategic multidisciplinary scientific collaborations among those most likely to make breakthroughs in the disease in the fastest time possible.

Lizbeth Ginsburg

Lizbeth graduated from Haverford College with a degree in feminist and gender studies and then worked in domestic violence shelters in Seattle, Boston and Melbourne, Australia. 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 Hon. 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 has been employed as a staff attorney in the Welfare Law Unit at Greater Boston Legal Services since 2006, where she both helps clients enforce their right to access and maintain subsistence-level benefits and focuses on increasing access for people with disabilities. In 2014, Lizbeth was selected for the 2014-2015 class of the Boston Bar Association's Public Interest Leadership Program, and in 2015, Lizbeth was selected to participate in the Women's Leadership Initiative of the Women's Bar Association. Lizbeth and her husband have two children, Ethan and Maya.

Laura Langley

Laura is the manager of Equal Opportunity Programs in the Equal Opportunity Office at Western Washington University in Bellingham, Wash., where she serves on the University President's Taskforce on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Laura also serves on the board of directors of Northwest Youth Services, an organization that collaborates with at-risk, runaway and homeless youth to foster self-reliance.

After graduating from law school, Laura clerked for the Hon. David A. Mills of the Massachusetts Appeals Court. Laura then joined the litigation department of Bingham McCutchen. Laura is a past member of the board of directors of the Massachusetts LGBTQ Bar Association and was the founding chair of its Committee on Transgender Inclusion. She also served as a member of the legislative committee of the Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition.

Laura's publications include "Self Determination in a Gender Fundamentalist State: Towards Legal Liberation of Transgender Identities," in the *Texas Journal on Civil Liberties & Civil Rights*; "Legal Protections for Transgender People," in the *Massachusetts Bar Association Section Review*; and "Giving Up on Youth: The Dangers of Recent Attempts to Federalize Juvenile Crime," in the *Journal of Juvenile Law*. Laura is a past recipient of the National LGBT Bar Association's Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40 Award and the Massachusetts LGBTQ Bar's Kevin Larkin Memorial Award for Public Service.

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's co-op employers included the Hon. 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.

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 Hon. 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 Hon. Irene Keeley of the US District Court. She subsequently clerked for two and a half years for Justice Margaret 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. While an undergraduate, he also served as a reporter for the *Worcester Telegram & Gazette*, covering a broad range of beats, such as crime, politics and sports. 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.

James' co-ops included the US Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division, Criminal Section, in Washington, DC, and the Hon. Cindy K. Jorgenson of the US District Court for the District of Arizona. He then completed two co-ops at Segal Roitman, which he joined as an associate after graduating in 2007. In 2013, he became a partner in the firm. 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. Her co-ops included the employment division of the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination; the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Washington, DC; the Immigration Unit at Greater Boston Legal Services; and Prince, Lobel, Glovsky and Tye.

After graduating, Heather completed a clerkship with Judge Scott Kafker at the Massachusetts Appeals Court. She also taught Law and Literature, an upper-level course with Professor Steve Subrin. From 2008 until 2010, Heather worked as an asylum attorney at Greater Boston Legal Services, Immigration Unit. From 2010 until 2015, Heather worked as an immigration attorney at the Law Office of Samia Chandraker. She is currently working as an attorney at Demissie and Church, and serves on NUSL's Alumni/ae Board.

CLASS OF 2008

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.

Alysia Melnick

Alysia is policy and legal counsel to Maine's Speaker of the House of Representatives, where she advises the Speaker and Democratic House members on a variety of legal and policy matters, including criminal justice, education reform, drug policy reform and environmental issues. Previously, she worked for four years as public policy counsel for the ACLU of Maine where she advocated for a variety of constitutional rights and civil liberties. She conceptualized, drafted and lobbied to help pass Maine's medical marijuana, antibullying and marriage equality laws.

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 advocated in court for abused

and neglected children 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.

Mara Voukydis

Mara graduated from Wesleyan University in 2001 with a BA in government. 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 co-authored 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. Mara is now a coordinating attorney with the Youth Advocacy Department (YAD) of the Committee for Public Counsel Services, where she manages a new statewide panel of private attorneys doing that same work. Mara also sits on the board of Phinney's Friends, a volunteer-run nonprofit that honors the human/animal bond by providing support to chronically ill and low-income people with pets.

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 at Greater Boston Legal Services, Employment Unit, under the skillful tutelage of Brian Flynn. Yuri is now an associate at Weinberg, Roger & Rosenfeld in Alameda, Calif., 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 (now called Randolph College) in 1989 with a BA in history and sociology/anthropology. She then began a PhD program in sociology at the University of Massachusetts, 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 so that she would have even greater tools in fighting for the public good and social justice. Jill completed co-ops at the Massachusetts Teachers Association; Greater Boston Legal Services, Employment Unit and Immigration Unit; and Segal Roitman. Jill now directs her own solo practice based in Jamaica Plain. Jill's maxim for her practice is "Employee Justice Law," and her focus is entirely on plaintiff/employee-sided employment and labor law, including discrimination cases, unemployment issues, wage and hour violations, separation agreements, employment contracts and other workplace-based issues.

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.

Jennifer's first co-op was with the Hon. 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 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.

Jennifer is currently an associate with the Hacking Law Practice in St. Louis, Mo. She provides legal counsel and representation in family-based immigrant visa applications, asylum and deportation defense before various immigration courts in the Midwest. She is a member of the Kansas/Missouri American Immigration Lawyers Association, Friends of Casa de Salud and was recently named a member of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce St. Louis' "Hispanic Leadership Institute," which seeks to promote regional development through leadership training.

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 Prisoners' Legal Services. 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. 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 Somerville, Mass., with the Committee for Public Counsel Services, where she represents indigent criminal defendants throughout Middlesex County.

Sarah James Schendel

Originally from Alaska and Oregon, Sarah graduated from Bard College in 2003 with a BA in cultural anthropology. After college she served with AmeriCorps VISTA at Cornell University's Public Service Center, and then worked as a legal assistant at Prisoners' Legal Services of New York, a nonprofit organization that handles cases for inmates at maximum-security prisons on issues including mental and medical health treatment.

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

After graduating from NUSL, Sarah spent two years as the sole immigration attorney at the Center for Non-Profit Legal Services in rural Southern Oregon. In 2012, she returned to Boston and spent two years as an associate with Masferrer & Associates, representing immigrants facing deportation. Sarah taught immigration law as an adjunct at NUSL last summer and she is currently a staff attorney at the Irish International Immigrant Center in Boston in addition to working as a mentor manager-immigration rights for Lawyers for Affordable Justice, a collaborative legal incubator founded by the law schools at Northeastern, Boston College and Boston University. She was also one of 16 lawyers selected for the Boston Bar Association's 2014-2015 Public Interest Leadership Program.

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 Hon. 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 an attorney in the Counsel's Office.

Catharine Hornby

Catharine graduated from Harvard College 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 years she spent working for the Massachusetts Senate Committee on Ways and Means, from 2000 to 2005. She pursued a law degree to gain the tools she felt she needed to succeed as a public servant.

After completing law school in 2010, Catharine 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, and later deputy director, for the Group Insurance Commission, the agency that administers Massachusetts state employee benefits. In 2015, she was appointed assistant secretary for budget within the state's Executive Office of Administration and Finance. She and her team are responsible for preparing recommendations for the state's operating and capital budgets, to present to the governor, and for overseeing state spending during the year. Catharine lives with her husband in Cambridge.

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.

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. In 2013, she assumed the role of president of the Chattanooga Area Food Bank, an organization dedicated to eliminating hunger and promoting better nutrition throughout a 20-county region in Tennessee and northwest Georgia.

Kate Murdock

Kate is a supervising attorney for the training team at The Bronx Defenders, where she oversees new attorneys and trains them in the holistic criminal defense model. 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 Hon. 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.

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.

After graduation, Chase received an Equal Justice Works Fellowship to work at the Sylvia Rivera Law Project with transgender individuals in various forms of detention experiencing violence because of their mental illness. In 2011, Chase founded the Lorena Borjas Community Fund, an organization committed to providing bail and other court assistance to LGBTQ immigrants facing deportation because of involvement in the criminal injustice system. In January 2013, Chase joined the LGBT & AIDS Project of the National ACLU as a staff attorney.

CLASS OF 2011

Benjamin Meshoulam

Benny is a senior policy advisor and assistant attorney general in the Policy and Government Division of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, where he helps develop and advance legislative and policy priorities in areas including consumer protection, civil rights, and insurance and financial services. After law school, Benny served as a law clerk for Justice Margot Botsford '73 of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts. Before law school, Benny worked as legislative director for Massachusetts State Representative Jeffrey Sanchez, and then as assistant project director at the Metropolitan Planning Council, the regional planning agency for Greater Boston. A graduate of Tufts University and the London School of Economics, Benny resides in his native Cambridge with his wife and son.

Danielle Ponder

Danielle, a native of Rochester, N.Y., 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 as a refugee caseworker for a Catholic family center in Rochester; a K-12 teacher in Benin, West Africa; and a community organizer in Monroe County, N.Y., where she worked to improve access to mental health service providers for communities of color.

Danielle is an assistant public defender in the Monroe County Defender's Office. She also consults with local activist organizations on organizing tactics. In addition, she is a lead vocalist, producer and songwriter with her band, Danielle Ponder and the Tomorrow People.

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 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. Jawaid is currently working as a public defender for the Legal Aid Society in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Talia Stoessel

Talia graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of California, Santa Cruz, in 2006, where she earned a BA in psychology with honors. 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, abusive situations and patterns of discrimination.

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 Massachusetts LGBTQ Bar Association to participating in the Poverty Law and Practice Clinic. Talia has since moved to Portland, Ore., and is practicing labor and employment law, representing a variety of unions and plaintiffs in discrimination and wage claims at Bennett, Hartman, Morris & Kaplan. Talia also published a law review article, "Addressing the Harm of Silence and Assumptions of Mutability: Implementing Effective Non-Discrimination Policies for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Youth in Foster Care" and is an active member of the board of Oregon's LGBT Bar Association.

CLASS OF 2012**Gavriela M. Bogin-Farber**

Gavi is an associate at Messing, Rudavsky & Weliky, a boutique employment law firm where she represents individuals in employment discrimination cases at the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination. She also advises clients regarding severance agreements. Gavi was previously a staff attorney and Parmet Fellow at Health Law Advocates, where she represented low-income consumers struggling with medical debt and other health coverage issues.

While at Northeastern, Gavi completed co-ops at the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, Civil Rights Division; Greater Boston Legal Services, Suffolk Probate Project; the Law Offices of Howard Friedman '77; and the ACLU of Massachusetts. At the law school, she was active in the Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project.

Prior to law school, Gavi worked as the paralegal at the Medical-Legal Partnership|Boston, an innovative program that partners lawyers and advocates with health care providers to support clients facing domestic violence, housing, education, immigration, and other legal issues. Gavi graduated from Johns Hopkins University with a BA in public health.

Nicole Britton-Snyder

Born and raised in Bronx, New York, Nicole's familial ties to domestic violence were her primary motivation for becoming an attorney. 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 and sexuality studies.

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

After graduating from NUSL, Nicole completed two internships with Bay Area Legal Aid, Family Prevention Unit and the Transgender Law Center. Nicole also worked at the Justice & Diversity Center (JDC) of the Bar Association of San Francisco as the diversity pipeline programs manager.

Currently, Nicole is an economic justice attorney at Bay Area Legal Aid in San Francisco. She represents recipients of CalWORKs public benefits who are in dispute with the county regarding their benefits and access to services associated with the CalWORKs program. She is also a volunteer attorney with JDC's Family Law Project, where she assists domestic violence survivors and low-income individuals with family law related matters.

Randy 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. While at Northeastern, Randy pursued his interest in labor and employment law and completed three co-ops that focused on helping workers.

After spending one year working at a small firm focusing on workers' compensation, Randy returned to work in the labor movement. He currently works for the Chicago local of SAG-AFTRA, where he is responsible for negotiating and enforcing collective bargaining agreements for members who work in broadcast. He is also active in the Chicago chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, including the chapter's Labor and Employment Committee.

Lisa 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 ACCESS year, providing social services to immigrants in North Carolina after graduation. From 2007 to 2009, Lisa worked for the Unitarian Universalist Association in Washington, DC, where she organized people of faith to advocate for compassionate immigration reform and other policies promoting social justice.

Following these experiences, Lisa came to Northeastern to pursue a legal career dedicated to advancing justice for marginalized communities. She completed co-ops with the Volunteer Lawyers Project of the Boston Bar Association; Justice Margot Botsford '73 at the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts; Legal Aid of North Carolina's Medical-Legal Partnership for Children in Durham; and the Southern Coalition for Social Justice in Durham. As a lawyering fellow for the Legal Skills in Social Context (LSSC) program, Lisa worked with first-year students tasked with creating a know-your-rights manual for domestic workers on behalf of the Brazilian Immigrant Center.

After graduation, she worked with immigrant youth at North Carolina Justice Center and US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants. Lisa now works for the Children's Law Center (CLC) in Washington, DC. At CLC, Lisa assists low-income families with legal issues related to children's disabilities. Lisa is delighted to be working with a medical-legal partnership — which is a service model that she first learned about while assisting Medical-Legal Partnership|Boston as a 1L student in Northeastern's LSSC program.

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. 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 was an active member of the National Lawyers Guild. She completed co-ops at the Paso del Norte Civil Rights Project in El Paso; the New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice; the Committee for Public Counsel Services in Boston; and El Proyecto de Derechos Económicos, Sociales y Culturales (The Project for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights) in Mexico City. She represented clients denied unemployment insurance and other public benefits through the Poverty Law and Practice Clinic, and investigated three "cold cases" of racial violence in Mississippi through the Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Clinic.

Following law school, Stephanie worked as the legal director at Interfaith Worker Justice in Chicago. She now lives in Austin, where she is the director of Employment and Legal Services at Workers Defense Project (WDP), a statewide workers' center with over 2,000 members, where she oversees employment and immigration services and coordinates with the organization's strategic policy and corporate campaigns to raise wage and safety standards within the Texas construction industry.

Julia Lum

Julia is a public defender at the Legal Aid Society in Brooklyn, where she represents indigent clients in criminal cases. She graduated from Scripps College with a BA in gender and women's studies in 2009. Following graduation, Julia accepted a position as a litigation assistant at the Prison Law Office in Berkeley, Calif. 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.

While at Northeastern, Julia focused on advocating for people affected by the criminal justice system. Through the co-op program, she worked with the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty; the parole division of the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia; the Legal Aid Society of New York; and the plaintiff-side law firm Cohen, Milstein, Sellers and Toll. During her time at Northeastern, she co-wrote a petition for certiorari to the Supreme Court of the United States to appeal the death sentence of a prisoner in Georgia and participated in Northeastern's Prisoners' Rights Clinic.

Alice Kopij

Alice graduated from Bowdoin College and received her master's degree in social work from Columbia University. 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 also served as a program director at a refugee resettlement agency and 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.

While at Northeastern, Alice completed co-ops with the Hon. Patti Saris of the US District Court for the District of Massachusetts; Greater Boston Legal Services, Immigration Unit; the Hon. Norman Stahl of the First Circuit Court of Appeals; and the immigration law firm Kaplan, Friedman & Associates. After graduating from Northeastern, Alice served as a law clerk to Justice Margot Botsford '73 at the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. She currently works as an attorney advisor at the Boston Immigration Court, a position that she holds as a participant in the Department of Justice Attorney General Honors Program.

Emily Rochon

Emily has spent her entire career working on energy and environmental issues. She has worked for environmental organizations at the state, national and international levels. Immediately prior to attending law school, Emily lived in Europe and managed Greenpeace International's global campaign against coal. In that role, she spearheaded the organization's efforts to undermine carbon capture and storage (CCS), a putative solution to coal's climate problem.

After graduating law school in 2013, she joined the team at Boston Community Capital (BCC), a community development finance institution headed by Elyse Cherry '83. At BCC, Emily helped expand the organization's solar business and built political and policy support for solar as a solution to energy affordability challenges in low income communities. After two years with BCC, Emily returned to Europe as a consultant for Greenpeace International, to advise and assist Greenpeace offices around the globe in their renewable energy campaigns.

In addition to her law degree, Emily has a BA in environmental studies from Providence College, a second BA in biology from Rhode Island College, and an MS in environmental toxicology from Cornell University.

CLASS OF 2014

Andrew Cohen

Andrew earned a bachelor's degree in government and French studies from Wesleyan University in 2003, and a master's degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2005. Through community organizing, legal advocacy and policy engagement, Andrew is committed to bringing the voices of vulnerable populations into the policy discussions that affect them.

Prior to law school, Andrew 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 leaders in New England states to interpret and implement its provisions. Previously, he worked at The Access Project, a national health care policy and advocacy nonprofit organization, where he created the group's Medical Debt Resolution Program and a related training curriculum. He helped hundreds of people across the United States to resolve more than \$3 million in medical bills.

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 leader of a local rock 'n' roll band, Hot Molasses, which has raised more than \$12,000 for social justice organizations through benefit concerts.

During law school, Andrew completed co-ops with the Consumer Rights Unit at Greater Boston Legal Services; the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission; a small consumer protection firm called Klein Kavanagh Costello; and Justice Margot Botsford '73 of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court. Currently, he works as a staff attorney and Parmenter Fellow at Health Law Advocates, a Boston-based nonprofit law firm dedicated to helping vulnerable people access health care.

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 came to NUSL for its social justice mission, and its commitment to educating and supporting social justice lawyers. Laura's first co-op was with the Service Employees International Union headquarters, where she worked on election protection in Michigan and learned about the breadth of practicing labor law. Next, she went on co-op in Mexico City with the Proyecto de Derechos Económicos, Sociales y Culturales (ProDESC), where she researched legal tools to support a bi-national temporary worker

organizing campaign. Her third co-op was at the California Teachers Association in Burlingame, California, learning the nuts and bolts of labor law from member defense to issues affecting unions nationwide. Her last co-op was with the union side labor firm Levy Ratner. She is currently serving as the Home Care Law Fellow at SEIU in Washington, DC.

Katrina Rogachevsky

As the daughter of an Argentine immigrant, Katrina grew up hearing stories of her father's experiences 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. While there, Katrina witnessed firsthand 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.

Before coming to NUSL, Katrina served as chief of staff for Massachusetts State Senator Barry Finegold, drafting legislation and coming to find the intrinsic value of law in shaping public policy. She believes deeply in the transformative power of good public policy and chose Northeastern because of its focus on social justice. Katrina is currently clerking for the Hon. Jenny Rivera on the New York Court of Appeals.

Steven Toff

Steven holds a BA in labor studies from San Francisco State University and a master's degree 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 has since helped a variety of workers to build collective power and fight against the commodification of working peoples' lives. He has worked for various labor organizations, including the national AFL-CIO, the Association of Western Pulp & Paper Workers and National Nurses United. In each of these positions, he dedicated his work to challenging the inherent inequity of our economic system. He is currently the director of strategic campaigns at the New York State Nurses Association.

CLASS OF 2015**Hannah Adams**

After graduating with a BA in drama from Vassar College in 2007, Hannah moved to New Orleans to participate in post-Katrina organizing and rebuilding. At the Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center, she worked as an outreach and education coordinator for five years, developing “know your rights” materials, informational campaigns and trainings for tenants, homeowners and housing providers. She also invented a board game for youth about housing discrimination.

At Northeastern, Hannah concentrated in poverty law and economic justice. She completed co-ops with the Consumer Rights Unit of Greater Boston Legal Services, handling post-foreclosure eviction defense; the Housing Unit at Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, protecting the rights of low income tenants; and the Hon. Helen G. Berrigan in the Eastern District of Louisiana. She also participated in the Poverty Law and Civil Rights and Restorative Justice clinics.

In her spare time, Hannah is a theater artist interested in storytelling and performance as organizing tools. She is also active in the National Lawyers Guild. Hannah hopes to use her legal skills to support movements for social change along the Louisiana Gulf Coast. She is currently working as an Equal Justice Works fellow at Southeast Louisiana Legal Services, where she represents tenants living in substandard housing conditions as part of a Medical-Legal Partnership.

Caitlin Gillies

Caitlin graduated from Barnard College at Columbia University in 2010 with a BA in American history. Prior to law school, she served as policy coordinator at the Resilience Advocacy Project, a New York City-based legal advocacy organization that works with low-income youth. There, Caitlin engaged in system-level advocacy on issues impacting young people, including barriers to public benefits and childcare for adolescent mothers. Through this work, she learned about the potential of the law to affect change in the lives of individuals from marginalized communities.

Caitlin was drawn to Northeastern because of its commitment to social justice advocacy. While in school, she pursued a concentration in poverty law and economic justice, and completed co-ops at Greater Boston Legal Services in the Welfare Law Unit; the National Center for Law and Economic Justice in New York; the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts; and the New York City Council. She also participated in the Poverty Law and Practice Clinic, representing a client in a successful unemployment hearing and helping other clients to secure food stamps and cash assistance. After graduating, Caitlin worked with foster youth at The Children’s Law Center in Brooklyn as part of its “Broken Adoptions Project.” She is currently clerking at the City of New York’s Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings, which hears a diverse range of issues, including discrimination cases brought under the city’s human rights law, wage violation cases, police vehicle seizure cases and landlord-tenant disputes.

Michelle Newman

Michelle graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 2010 with a BA in philosophy, politics and economics, with a focus on choice and behavior in individuals and groups.

Before joining the Northeastern community, Michelle worked at the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law in Washington, DC, in the fair housing and fair lending, community development, and environmental justice projects. Her work assisting post-Katrina capacity-building efforts on the Gulf Coast, in particular, expanded her idea of the creative roles lawyers can play in social justice movements. She also moved to Santiago, Chile, to volunteer with VE Global, a nonprofit that implements educational programs in homes for youth at-risk.

Michelle was drawn to Northeastern because of its roots in public service and commitment to social justice. She was fortunate to co-op for the CPCS Roxbury Defenders, the Hon. Susan Illston in the Northern District of California; the Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment in California’s Central Valley; and the Ecuadorian plaintiffs’ team in the long-running case against Chevron in Ecuador, which has resulted in a historic judgment against Chevron while generating immense collateral litigation in the US, Canada, South America and Europe.

She is currently clerking for US Magistrate Judge Evelyn J. Furse in the District of Utah, and happily exploring the mid-/mountain west.

Seth Purcell

A Massachusetts native, Seth earned a bachelor’s degree in political science from Tufts University in 2005. In 2009, he earned a master’s degree in sustainable international development from Brandeis University’s Heller School. He currently works with the Political Asylum/Immigration Representation (PAIR) Project, a Boston-area nonprofit that assists asylum seekers and detained immigrants with pro bono legal services in the commonwealth.

Prior to law school, Seth worked on international development and humanitarian aid projects overseas. His work took him to places such as Niger, Mali, Burkina Faso, Fiji, Uganda, South Sudan and South Asia. Seth’s experiences in the developing world culminated in a desire to effectuate social change through the law. This led him to Northeastern University, where Seth completed co-ops with Physicians for Human Rights; Joyce & Associates; and the PAIR Project.

CLASS OF 2016

Jess Acosta

Jess graduated *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa from Colby College in 2011. She then taught third grade in South Louisiana with Teach For America for two years before taking a job as a telephone case screener with the Department of Children and Families in Massachusetts.

Jess chose NUSL because of the school's core social justice mission and its commitment to use the law to advance the rights of disadvantaged populations. Her belief in these public interest values extends beyond her professional aspirations and into her personal life. Jess and her wife, Becky, have taken children into their home through foster care placements while Jess has been enrolled at NUSL. After graduation, Jess will work for the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office as an Honors Fellow. Following the two-year fellowship term, Jess plans to work permanently in government and public service to empower marginalized children and families in Massachusetts.

Amanda Bradley

Amanda graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2011 with a BA in psychology and sociology and a certificate in criminal justice. As an undergraduate, Amanda volunteered at the Innocence Project. The more invested she became in individual cases, the more she understood the need for organizations like the Innocence Project; however, she also recognized the reactive nature of such organizations. While she felt that she was contributing to changing individual experiences within the criminal justice system, the system continued to operate without acknowledgment of the people it targeted.

After graduation, Amanda joined AmeriCorps because she realized in order to participate in systematic change, she needed to immerse herself in the communities targeted by our legal machine. She worked in the education department of a prison in New Mexico, where she attempted to deconstruct the traditional roles of teacher and student and to create a space where the students could participate in the learning process, tailoring the classes to meet the needs the students identified as most immediate and important.

At Northeastern, Amanda has completed co-ops at the Prisoners' Legal Services in Boston; the ACLU of Arizona Border Litigation Project; and the Bronx Defenders in New York. She plans to use her legal education as a means to transform the way we conceptualize public service.

Mallory Hunsley

Mallory Hunsley received her BA in anthropology from Grinnell College in 2011. She then spent two years with AmeriCorps VISTA, building a medical-legal partnership program for Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation in East St. Louis, Ill. She has also worked as a carpenter for Habitat for Humanity in New Orleans, and helped found and administrate the student-run Sexual Health Information Center and the Transgender Activist Group at her alma mater. She hopes in her career as an attorney to act as a voice for the rights and health of transgender people in the United States.

Jackie Kelley

Jackie, a native of Massachusetts, has dedicated her professional career to issues facing immigrants to the United States. She graduated *summa cum laude* from Georgetown University in 2007, where she studied French and linguistics. From 2005 to 2011, Jackie worked in the Immigration Unit of Ayuda, a nonprofit organization in Washington, DC, dedicated to providing direct legal services to low-income immigrants. During her years at Ayuda, Jackie managed a caseload of hundreds of Spanish- and French-speaking clients seeking myriad immigration benefits, including political asylum, status for unaccompanied minors and survivors of domestic violence, trafficking, and violent crime, protection from deportation and family reunification. She later served as a consultant to Ayuda, advising legal interns on immigration law and procedural issues.

Jackie has also worked in the Immigration Legal Services Unit of Centro Presente, an East Boston-based community organization and as an immigration advisor to international students at a Boston language school. Her co-ops include the Boston Immigration Court; the Irish International Immigrant Center; and Joyce & Associates.

After law school, Jackie plans to continue working directly with low-income immigrants in utilizing the law as a tool for personal empowerment, while fighting for legal and social justice for noncitizens on a national scale.

Brenda Kombo

Born in Kenya and raised in Ethiopia, Brenda is an anthropologist primarily interested in the connections among gender, violence, human rights and culture. At Northeastern, she has enjoyed serving as a research assistant and teaching assistant to several professors. As a Global Law Student Fellow, she co-edits the weekly e-newsletter *Global Law News*. For her first co-op, she was an Ella Baker Fellow with the Institute for Justice & Democracy. Her subsequent co-ops were with the Katiba Institute in Nairobi, Kenya, and at the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, where she was a judicial intern to the Hon. Geraldine S. Hines.

Before law school, Brenda worked as a research assistant on a project on Africa and the International Criminal Court as well as a sub-consultant on the Due Diligence Project. Prior to that, as a senior program officer and then consultant for Equality Now's (EN) Nairobi office, she managed the Solidarity for African Women's Rights coalition campaign, supported EN's Discrimination in Law program and co-edited *Journey to Equality: 10 Years of the Protocol on the Rights of Women in Africa*. Brenda has also worked as a research fellow at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and spent a year, as a doctoral candidate, based at the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris as a Fox International Fellow. Her doctoral research, which was funded by the Wenner-Gren Foundation and others, focused on intimate partnership violence in Yaoundé, Cameroon. Brenda received her doctorate from Yale University and BA from Hampshire College.

Richard Lumley

Rich received undergraduate degrees in political science and philosophy and a master's degree in religious studies from Santa Clara University. After working as a litigation assistant at a law firm in Monterey, Calif., he returned to Santa Clara University as the program director for student immersions. In that capacity, Rich developed and led service learning programs for undergraduates to El Salvador, Mexico, New Orleans and San Francisco. These programs focused on issues related to homelessness, affordable housing, immigration and globalization.

Prior to joining the Northeastern community, Rich directed service programs at Providence College. There, he managed an international immersions program, the college's Habitat for Humanity chapter and a local service program in Providence for incoming freshmen. He also regularly collaborated with faculty, staff and students on service learning initiatives across the college.

Rich has completed co-ops with the Hon. Marianne Bowler at the US District Court for the District of Massachusetts; Northeastern University's Office of the General Counsel; and Orr & Reno. Rich has interests in litigation, employment and labor law, administrative law, and health care law and policy.

Louis Mattei

After graduating from The Ohio State University, Lou spent five years as a watchdog journalist reporting on public misdeeds in the far reaches of the United States, including New Mexico and the US Virgin Islands. Along the way, he piloted numerous disputes under local sunshine laws — cases founded on the principle that government transparency, and the concomitant ability to hold the powerful accountable, is crucial to the health of our democracy.

Lou is grateful to have learned from so many excellent attorneys during law school, including lawyers at the US Attorney's Office in Boston, the First Circuit Court of Appeals, Ropes & Gray — and, of course, his Northeastern professors. Based on these experiences, Lou hopes to become a litigator focusing on white collar and public corruption cases. He is excited to serve as a law clerk at the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court after graduating this year.

Amanda Montel

Amanda graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, in 2008 with a degree in psychology and women's studies. She then completed two years of national service with AmeriCorps as an adult literacy tutor, working with adult immigrant and refugee students to improve their language skills and access to community resources. She also worked for a nonprofit coalition of literacy service providers in Dayton, Ohio.

Amanda is interested in law and policy issues that impact the most marginalized communities and their access to justice. At Northeastern, Amanda was a lawyering fellow in 2015, working on a project to extend legal protections of migrant farmworkers to include seafood workers. She has been active in Law Students

for Reproductive Justice and as a research assistant and teaching assistant. She completed co-ops at the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination; the ACLU of Massachusetts; and the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Economic Justice. Amanda plans to pursue a legal career working for social change, and is particularly interested in civil liberties and economic justice.

Shiva Prakash

Shiva graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) with a degree in economics in 2009. Having studied economic development, both in the international and domestic context, she decided to pursue a master's degree in city planning at MIT's Department of Urban Studies and Planning. At MIT, Shiva worked on projects related to community development in Massachusetts' gateway cities as well as the implementation of policies promoting sustainability on a citywide scale.

After graduating, Shiva worked at New Ecology (NEI), a Boston-based nonprofit, where she managed affordable housing projects utilizing sustainable and healthy green design. She also helped manage a program to gather data on household energy use in the affordable and public housing sectors with the goal of identifying opportunities to implement a low-income energy efficiency retrofit program throughout Massachusetts. At NEI, Shiva was exposed to the challenges faced by many in accessing basic needs, such as safe, healthy housing. Her interest in advocating for policies that address these disparate impacts on underprivileged communities and individuals brought her to law school.

Shiva has completed co-ops with the Conservation Law Foundation; the Hon. Judge Thompson on the First Circuit; and the Natural Resources Defense Council's Legal Internship Program in New York City.

Quinn Rallins

Quinn holds a BA in international relations and economics from Morehouse College and an MSc in comparative social policy from Oxford University. Prior to attending law school, he was a community organizer working on issues such as the rebuilding of the Ninth Ward in New Orleans, housing affordability in Massachusetts and capping the interest rates on payday loans in Alabama. He also worked on issues abroad, such as capital punishment in Malaysia, poverty alleviation in Sierra Leone and expanding youth services in the Dominican Republic.

Since coming to Northeastern, Quinn has focused on issues of civil and human rights law, and was awarded the Valerie Gordon Human Rights Award. His co-ops have included the Housing Unit of Greater Boston Legal Services; the Hon. Rogeriee Thompson of the US Court of Appeals for the First Circuit; the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund; and the Equal Justice Initiative.

Colleen Shea

Colleen attended Ithaca College in upstate New York as a Park Scholar, an honor that provided full tuition based on academic achievement, leadership and community service. She studied abroad in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and graduated *magna cum laude* in 2009 with a BS in integrated marketing communications.

After graduation, Colleen joined Teach For America and taught seventh grade special education in Brooklyn, N.Y. While she was teaching, Colleen also earned her MS in special education at Hunter College. Colleen then transitioned into a position as a legal associate for the Special Education Legal Unit of the New York City Department of Education, where she investigated complaints filed against the city alleging IDEA violations and made settlement and litigation recommendations to her supervising attorneys.

Colleen's co-ops have included the Disability Law Center in Boston, funded by a grant from Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough; the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; and the Massachusetts Governors Legal Counsel, funded through a Rappaport Fellowship. She is currently a Social Justice Lawyering Fellow with the Southern Legal Counsel. Following graduation Colleen will work with the Disability Law Center in Boston — as a Skadden Fellow.

Anne Sheldon

Anne graduated from Bates College with a BA in philosophy in 2009. As an undergrad, she studied abroad in Khon Kaen, Thailand, with a focus on community-based development. She also spent a summer as a Bates Fellow in Koalack, Senegal, working with 10,000 Girls, a nonprofit that provides educational support for female students in rural Senegal.

Upon graduation, Anne spent two years with the Maine Women's Lobby and Policy Center as a community organizer. In this role, she helped women share their stories and raise their voices to advance legislation and worked on a variety of policy issues including reproductive justice, economic security, labor and marriage equality.

Anne then returned to her home state of Massachusetts and worked as a policy assistant at Rosie's Place, focusing on advocacy in the areas of housing, access to emergency shelter, voting rights and other issues. Anne also worked as a campaign assistant at the Massachusetts Paid Leave Coalition.

Anne has completed co-ops in the Housing and Benefits Unit of Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services; in the Rosie's Place Legal Program; and at the Mass Law Reform Institute. She has also participated in the Poverty Law and Practice Clinic and the Domestic Violence Clinic.

David Way

David graduated from Colby College in 2009. In 2010, he was accepted into the AmeriCorps Victim Assistance Program in New Hampshire. In his first year with the program, he was placed at the Manchester YWCA crisis center, where he worked as a court advocate. In that position, he guided survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking through the criminal and restraining order processes. In his second and third years, he was placed at Bridges, another crisis center in Nashua, where he expanded his work as a court advocate to help survivors navigate the complexities of the family division in divorce and custody processes as well as criminal and restraining order hearings.

At Northeastern, David has focused on a criminal law and poverty law. His co-ops have included the US Attorney's Office in Boston; the Hon. Gary Katzmann of the Massachusetts Appeals Court and the Federal Public Defender Office in Boston. He hopes to use his experience to bring new insight to the criminal justice system.

CLASS OF 2017

Stephanie Ainbinder

Stephanie graduated *cum laude* from Tulane University in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in sociology and social policy and practice. She took on her first union job as an undergrad when she began working as an organizer for the United Labor Unions, Local 100, in New Orleans. After graduation, Stephanie moved to Boston and served for three years as the hospital and higher education campaign coordinator for the Massachusetts Building Trades Council, AFL-CIO. During her first year in Boston, Stephanie enhanced her skills as a community organizing fellow with the Jewish Organizing Institute and Network (JOIN) for Justice. She also volunteered as a policy advisor for the Martin J. Walsh for Mayor campaign and helped develop detailed, progressive policies aimed at improving the lives of women and the LGBTQ community in Boston.

Through her campaign and union work, Stephanie was exposed to the myriad ways in which the law can be used to rectify the power imbalance between employers and individual workers. Stephanie is pursuing her JD at Northeastern because she genuinely finds law school fun and so that she may more effectively contribute to the destruction of oppressive systems.

Miranda Mercedes Cover

Mercy graduated from Wesleyan University in 2007 with a BA in English and archaeology. In 2009, she took a position with the Southeastern Environmental Education Alliance (SEEAL), an environmental education and stewardship nonprofit. There, she administered a climate change awareness campaign, bringing presentations to schools across Southeastern Massachusetts. She has worked extensively in the environmental sector since that time, including managing a residential energy efficiency campaign, the Southcoast Energy Challenge, and as a volunteer organizer with 350.org.

In 2012, Mercy joined a Dutch sailing vessel on a delivery trip from Tortola, British Virgin Islands, to Cascais, Portugal. This transatlantic trip inspired her to pursue a position with Oceana, the ocean conservation organization. She led the Southern New England component of Oceana's Climate and Energy Campaign, working to prevent seismic testing for oil and natural gas in the Atlantic and to gather support for the Investment Tax Credit bill to support offshore wind development. At Northeastern, Mercy plans to pursue environmental law and mediation. She is interested in environmental justice, renewable energy and sustainable agriculture.

Alexis Erkert

Raised in Cameroon, Alexis moved to the United States at 18. She graduated from Appalachian State University in 2006 with a BA in sustainable development. Alexis then spent six years as a human rights advocate and social activist in Haiti, handling policy analysis, advocacy and social movement support work on issues including women's rights, militarism, aid accountability, labor rights and food sovereignty. She participated in election monitoring, met with members of the Canadian Parliament and US Congress, assisted on petitions to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, wrote reports for the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights and secured accompaniment for human rights defenders facing political repression. After the 2010 earthquake, she coordinated Under Tents, an international campaign in support of Haiti's right-to-housing movement.

Throughout her life, Alexis has seen how the law can preserve elite power and justify exploitation. She is motivated to leverage her access to a legal education to challenge the institutions and systems that privilege a few at the expense of the many. At Northeastern, she has found a community of peers and professionals committed to using the law for social change. Alexis is confident that she will go on to become an effective human rights lawyer — able to support people's movements, activists and community organizers.

Steve Fuller

Steve graduated from Boston College in 2010 with a BA in English. He then spent a year living in community with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps and working as a volunteer coordinator for Project Lazarus, a transitional housing facility for people with HIV in New Orleans. His education and experience working with the marginalized HIV community in New Orleans inspired him to find a job in the social justice arena and he became an investigator with the Orleans Public Defenders in 2011.

Over the course of investigating more than 300 felony cases, Steve worked closely with attorneys and clients and learned to navigate city, state and federal level bureaucracies to effectively gather relevant case information. His experience in front-line direct representation convinced him that mass incarceration is the biggest issue facing the US. As a law student at Northeastern, he hopes to learn more about how systemic injustices are perpetuated and plans to join the long fight to correct the criminal justice system.

Sarah Palmer

Sarah graduated from University of Florida with a BA in political science and anthropology in 2011. After college, she moved 1,100 miles from home to teach special education in the Baltimore City Public Schools with Teach For America, while working towards a dual teaching certification in elementary education and special education, and a master's degree in leadership in teaching. As a middle school special educator within a full inclusion school, part of Sarah's job was to ensure compliance between the school and the law for servicing students with special needs. Advocating for her students and teaching them how to advocate for themselves soon became her passion.

In 2013, Sarah received her master's degree from Notre Dame of Maryland University. Her work in special education gave her new purpose and irrevocably strengthened her belief in the law as a forceful mechanism to bring about change. Sarah came to Northeastern because of its commitment to public service, and has recently discovered her passion for working with start-up companies. She hopes to continue to fight for better education opportunities for all children, as well as develop her skills in business law and corporate governance practice.

Lee VanderLinden

Lee graduated from Princeton University with a BA in politics in 2013. As an undergrad, Lee was highly involved in LGBTQ organizing and trans rights (trans being an umbrella term for transgender, gender non-conforming and genderqueer individuals). After graduating, Lee worked through the Princeton Project 55 Public Interest Fellowship program at Center on Halsted, the Midwest's largest LGBTQ Center. Lee's fellowship focused mainly on programming for the community center, including identity-based discussion groups and larger events, such as a speakers' series.

Lee's first co-op was at GLAD, working on expanding access to resources for LGBTQ people. Lee hopes to continue this type of

work in Chicago. Lee's experiences throughout their academic and professional life have built their desire to further the discourse of trans issues in the public interest legal sector. As an attorney, Lee's voice will add to the diversity of those fighting for equity, equality and representation in structures of power, like the legal system.

Jillian Schlotter

Jillian graduated from New York University in 2008 with a BA in politics. She took time after college to work in public service and to observe the law in action to confirm her commitment to a legal career. As a legislative assistant to former Congresswoman Diane Watson, Jillian was responsible for researching and tracking all legislative issues relating to energy, commerce, women, the LGBT community, elections and appropriations. Following her tenure on Capitol Hill, Jillian worked as the membership outreach manager at Human Rights Campaign, where she was fortunate to work on successful campaigns for marriage equality in New York and Washington, and managed the organization's presence at pride festivals across the country.

Jillian's experience as a public servant and activist convinced her that a law degree would provide her with the tools needed to impact the lives of others on a greater scale. She wishes to understand and implement the law in ways that improve the world we share.

Juliana Shulman

Juliana graduated with honors from the University of Chicago, majoring in comparative human development and gender and sexuality studies. As an undergraduate, Juliana focused on the roles of medical anthropology and organizing for social change. She also led a campus group that challenged pharmaceutical corporations, conducted work in South Africa on the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS and served as a human rights fellow in India, where she completed thesis research on the intersections between familial relationships and HIV/AIDS among women in rural Rajasthan.

Upon graduation in 2009, Juliana worked with Green Corps, where she launched local environmental justice campaigns. Juliana then served for three years as senior organizer at Corporate Accountability International, developing campaign tactics and strategy, and organizing thousands of health professionals and public officials to challenge transnational corporations that threaten human rights, the environment and public health. In particular, she helped launch a campaign challenging the food industry to stop marketing junk food to children. She also worked to challenge water privatization and big tobacco.

In addition to law, Juliana is currently pursuing an MPH at Johns Hopkins, where she is studying how to formulate evidence-based policies to address gun violence, drunk driving and vaccination. Her first co-op was with UNAIDS in Geneva. Upon graduating from Northeastern, Juliana is interested in combining legal advocacy and grassroots organizing to challenge corporations that threaten public health globally.

Alyssa Telander

Alyssa received her BA in women and gender studies from Luther College in 2010. While at Luther, she volunteered in Postville, Iowa, to support the immigrant community in the aftermath of a massive immigration raid at a meatpacking plant. Her experiences in Postville brought her to the US-Mexico border.

After graduating, Alyssa moved to El Paso, Texas, to work for Paso Del Norte Civil Rights Project, advocating for the rights of immigrant workers. She went on to work with immigrant survivors of domestic violence at Diocesan Migrant and Refugee Services. In 2012, she began work as an outreach coordinator with the ACLU in Las Cruces, N.M. A large part of her role at the ACLU of New Mexico's Regional Center for Border Rights was to mobilize community members to address civil liberties concerns regarding border enforcement and to document human and civil rights violations experienced by border residents.

Alyssa's first co-op was with the Buffalo Immigration Court in Buffalo, New York. Upon graduating from Northeastern, Alyssa hopes to provide legal services to immigrants and contribute to the movement for immigrant rights in the US.

CLASS OF 2018

Lydia Brown

Lydia graduated from Georgetown University in 2015 with a BA in Arabic and psychology. Lydia is a gender/queer and transracially/transnationally adopted East Asian autistic activist, writer and speaker whose work has largely focused on violence against multiply marginalized disabled people, particularly in the areas of institutionalization, incarceration and policing. They have worked to advance transformative change through organizing in the streets, writing legislation, conducting anti-ableism workshops, testifying at regulatory and policy hearings, and disrupting institutional complacency everywhere, from the academy to state agencies and the nonprofit-industrial complex.

At present, Lydia is co-president of TASH New England, chairperson of the Massachusetts Developmental Disabilities Council and an executive board member of the Autism Women's Network. In collaboration with Elesia Ashkenazy and Morénike Giwa-Onaiwu, Lydia is the lead editor and visionary behind *All the Weight of Our Dreams*, a forthcoming anthology of writings and artwork by autistic people of color. Previously, Lydia worked for the Autistic Self Advocacy Network's national public policy team. Lydia has been honored by the White House, the Washington Peace Center, Pacific Standard and Mic. Lydia's work has been featured in various anthologies, including *Criptiques*, *Torture in Healthcare Settings* and *QDA: A Queer Disability Anthology*, and periodicals including *Tikkun*, *Disability Intersections*, *Black Girl Dangerous*, *hardboiled magazine*, *POOR Magazine* and *The Washington Post*.

Kyleen Burke

Kyleen graduated *cum laude* from Gordon College in 2012 with a BA in philosophy and political science. As a third-year undergraduate student, Kyleen signed up for a Middle Eastern studies program based in Cairo. During her third week in the city, protests broke out downtown and raged for days. It was January of 2011, and these unprecedented demonstrations evolved into the Egyptian Revolution. The program was then moved to Israel, where Kyleen and her classmates studied Arabic in the Palestinian dialect and awaited news of Hosni Mubarak's resignation. Upon her return home to Long Island two months later, Kyleen was invited to report on the situation in Egypt for her local newspaper. These experiences ignited a passion for Middle Eastern history and politics. She went on to explore these issues through her studies and also led a student group called Loving Our Neighbors, which engages with the interfaith community in the Boston area and encourages students to educate themselves on world religions.

After college, Kyleen spent three years as a case manager with Straight Ahead Ministries in Lynn, Mass. At Straight Ahead, she assisted young men and women who are at a high risk of stalling out in their education and career because of a history of incarceration, gang-involvement or substance abuse.

Kyleen came to Northeastern to learn more about the issues that she cares about: justice, government, peace and faith. She dreams of being an ambassador between religious groups or an advocate for an ailing community and believes that the skills she gains at law school will guide her into meaningful work.

Alicia Cook

Alicia graduated from Williams College in 2011 with a degree in English and sociology. She then accepted a position with the Schuler Scholar Program, an AmeriCorps-associated organization focused on providing underserved youth with access to higher education opportunities. For two years, she experienced firsthand the power of education to inspire and empower individuals and entire communities.

Throughout her life, Alicia has been motivated by a passion and commitment to enacting positive social change. At the end of her AmeriCorps term of service, Alicia began working as a human rights advocate with a pro-bono legal center in Chiang Mai, Thailand, a hotspot for nonprofit human rights work due to its proximity to the Myanmar (Burma) border. The experience reinforced her desire to work within a legal framework to advocate for and to protect groups from violations of their individual and human rights. Alicia hopes to use her legal skills to not only advocate for those who are marginalized, but to also create frameworks through which they may advocate for themselves.

Hannah Eash-Gates

Hannah graduated in 2007 with majors in peace, justice and conflict studies (PJCS), and Spanish from Goshen College in Indiana. Eager to expand her knowledge of international law and US relations with Latin America, she moved to San Antonio, Texas, for a year-long volunteer position at the Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services. Hannah was subsequently hired as a legal assistant by the small nonprofit to provide research support for asylum cases and assist in family immigration applications. In 2010, she started working with Central American children apprehended in the United States without parents or guardians. Since becoming accredited by the Board of Immigration Appeals in 2012, Hannah has successfully represented more than 60 children, defending them against deportation and guiding them towards permanent legal status in the US. She has also helped recruit and train attorneys to represent children pro-bono.

Through her work with the immigrant community, Hannah learned that the law can be a powerful tool for change in the lives of vulnerable people. At Northeastern, she hopes to learn how to navigate complex legal systems and to advocate for those systems to be more just.

Amy Grenier

Amy holds a BA in history from Hollins University and an MA in migration studies from the University of Sussex, where she wrote her thesis on federalism, immigration and state level activism in the United States. She also studied briefly at Ho Chi Minh International University, where a course on the Vietnamese diaspora piqued her interest in immigrant communities in the United States.

Prior to attending law school, Amy spent two years as a policy assistant for the American Immigration Council in Washington, DC, where she wrote for Immigration Impact. Previously, she interned for the US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, served as a volunteer coordinator for a refugee charity in the United Kingdom and worked as a legal secretary for a regulatory law firm. Amy is the founding co-editor of *The Migrationist*, an international, collaborative academic/professional blog designed to promote public discourse on issues surrounding migration, refugees and human trafficking.

Noah Lerner

Noah graduated from Whitman College in 2012 with a BA in religion and received his teaching certificate from The New Teacher Project in New Orleans a year later. He spent three years as a special education teacher at the Akili Academy of New Orleans, where he taught second, third and fourth grade special education with an emphasis on behavior improvement and reading proficiency. Throughout his time in New Orleans, Noah worked closely with a small team of teachers and the executive director of Teach For America-Greater New Orleans to design new training programs for incoming teachers. As a member of the Executive Director Advisory Committee, he sought innovative approaches to incorporating more culturally responsive teaching practices into the classroom, as

well as identifying potential areas for collaboration with local community resources.

While living in New Orleans, Noah volunteered weekends as a client services intern at the Orleans Public Defenders Office. There, he attended bond hearings and advised families and recently arrested clients on the bond process. This experience further informed his understanding about access to justice, and the role race and class play in acquiring equal treatment under the law. Noah has chosen to pursue a legal education so that he can play a bigger role in the battle for equality.

Marcella Alvarez Morgan

Marcella graduated from Colorado College in 2012 with a dual degree in Russian and comparative literature. She then spent two years as a program officer at the Center for Applied Nonviolent Action and Strategies (CANVAS) in Belgrade, Serbia, where she worked alongside individuals credited with bringing down dictator Slobodan Milosevic in a nonviolent revolution in 2000. She developed media and security strategies for activists in countries such as Venezuela, Bulgaria, Brazil, Nicaragua and Ukraine. She is the coauthor of various texts about civil disobedience and international nonviolent mobilization, including the open-source book *Making Oppression Backfire*, and the textbook about nonviolent strategy, *Understanding Nonviolence*. Before discovering her passion for international civil resistance struggles, Marcella worked in an immigration law firm in her hometown of Albuquerque, and as a domestic violence victim's advocate for the DA's office in Colorado Springs.

Working alongside activists combating oppression in closed societies required Marcella to think critically about specific political contexts, and how legal norms and practices can change across cultures. The experience showed her how important a legal education can be in the field of international human rights. Marcella hopes she will leave Northeastern better equipped to answer the problem of what to do the day after revolution — when the battle is moved from the streets to the courtroom. She plans to use her legal education to work alongside people poised to carry their nascent democracies into future development.

Jon Mosher

Jon received a bachelor's degree in history from George Washington University in 2003. He has dedicated more than 10 years to resolving America's indigent defense crisis. As a research associate with the National Legal Aid & Defender Association, Jon provided criminal justice research, technical assistance and consulting services to individuals, groups and government agencies working to improve defender services for the poor. In 2012, Jon co-founded the Sixth Amendment Center (6AC), a national organization seeking to ensure that no person faces potential time in jail without first having the aid of a lawyer with the time, ability and resources to present an effective defense, as required under the Constitution.

Jon has extensive experience conducting standards-based assessments of indigent defense systems. Additionally, he has authored many papers and reports, including the Sixth Amendment Center's recent examination of Utah's struggles to provide effective right to counsel services, *The Right to Counsel in Utah: An*

Assessment of Trial-Level Indigent Defense Services. Jon is taking a break from the 6AC to pursue his JD at Northeastern because of the school's public interest focus and the incomparable experiential learning opportunities its co-op program provides.

Mary Slattery

Mary graduated from Oberlin College in 2009 with a BA in politics, Latin American studies and international studies. As a young child, Mary spent six years in Tokyo, Japan, where she attended an international school. Growing up abroad in a multicultural environment, she developed the ability to communicate across diverse environments and recognize when social and cultural barriers limit others' access to justice.

A combination of interests in immigrant identity and social justice led Mary to an internship in rural Ohio while in college, working within the Mexican and Central American migrant community. She continued advocating for immigrant communities over the following years as a paralegal in New York City, particularly for immigrant victims of domestic violence and crime. There she grew to understand that rejection in a host country is a common migrant experience throughout the world.

Having spent a number of years working on behalf of immigrants within the US, Mary took an internship with a nonprofit focused on regional migration rights in Southeast Asia. She spent five months traveling throughout the region, learning its history and culture and gained a better understanding of the different roles research, advocacy and legal representation play in social justice work. Mary believes a legal education will enable her to build upon her skills and harness the power of the law to create more equitable access to justice for all.

Christian Snow

Christian graduated from Grinnell College in 2013 with a BA in sociology and history. Growing up in an impoverished, predominantly minority community, Christian quickly became used to the overwhelming presence of the "law", but never comfortable with it. Christian's undergraduate studies opened her eyes to the inner workings and construction of the system of oppression that keeps minority communities at a disadvantage. She began to look for ways to alter the system as it played out in her college environment, mentoring other students and establishing identity communities on campus.

After graduation, Christian spent a year working as a new sector resident in social enterprise with Street-Level Youth Media, a facility and free media arts education program that provides Chicago's under-resourced youth with a much-needed outlet for positive self-expression and cultural production. She then spent six months with Street Level as a community engagement manager, before volunteering for six months with a west-side church.

Christian's belief in knowledge as empowerment was the driving force behind her desire to study law. She wishes to use her Northeastern education to empower members of minority and impoverished communities in their interactions with the law.

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