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University of California Hastings College of the Law

Public Interest Celebration

Friday, May 20, 2022

PROGRAM

Welcome and Land Acknowledgment

Prof. Gail Silverstein, Associate Dean for Experiential Learning

Chancellor & Dean's Welcome

Prof. David Faigman

Student Speaker

Allen Sin

Client Perspectives

Juan C & Jose T

Pro Bono Recognition

Daisy Mateo, Pro Bono Coordinator

Clinic & Externship Recognition

Prof. Gail Silverstein

Social Justice Lawyering Concentrators

Prof. Ascanio Piomelli

Student Speakers

Salina Isaq & Nikayla Johnson

Public Interest Achievement Awards

Prof. Gail Silverstein

Post-Graduate Fellows

Fairuz Abdullah, Career Development Office

Student Speaker

Rosamaria Cavalho

Nancy Stuart Public Interest Award

Prof. Gail Silverstein

Closing Recognition and Remarks

Prof. Gail Silverstein

PRO BONO RECOGNITION

AT&T PRO BONO AWARD

Erica Gonzales

WILEY W. MANUEL HONOREES

Class of 2022

Alexander Vicas
Allen Sin
An Le
Anuradha Lingappa
Bruce Calderon
Christin Kim
Danielle Cummins
David Kempen
Elliott Bray
Emma Hyndman
Gerardo Inzunza Higuera
Jessica Bonitz
Josephine Mendoza
Kelsey Geiser
Kevin Murphy
Logan Fehler
Luis Figueroa
Manjinder Kaur
Mckayla McMahon
Michele Ellson
Nathan Guerrero
Richard Lee
Rosa Tovar
Simran Viridi
Yasmine Hajjaji

Class of 2023

Alexandra Susnjar
Angeline Brom
Erica Gonzales
Isabella Granucci
Isha Vazirani
Julia Thomas
Juliana Wilson
Leyna Quach
Lydia Tonozzi
Maleeha Ghaznavi
Megan Gregory
Peter Habib
Rachel Choi
Rachel Song
Roshanne Arathoon
Samantha Mita
Stephanie Gonzalez
Tara Pierce
Tori Arnau

Class of 2024

Alyosha Maggin
Hanshi Sha
Jeffrey Bohorquez
Juliana Arruda



CLINICAL PROGRAMS HONOREES

Community Group Advocacy Clinic

Salina Isaq - Salina was a consistently brilliant, insightful, and active participant in seminar discussions. She and her partner, Karissa Provenza, deftly navigated challenging internal dynamics of a coalition of parents who have had their children taken away from them and helped the group distill its anger at the child welfare system into a set of policy advocacy priorities.

Immigrant Rights Clinic

Felicia Viano - Felicia has a level of sophisticated thinking and legal acuity that is way beyond her age and experience.

Julia Pilkington - Julia had some very challenging and complicated legal questions that had to be overcome in a number of her cases - she met them all most ably.

Mediation Clinic

Maria Salinas Mendoza - Maria managed to exemplify clinical professionalism while also embodying remarkable empathy.
Larissa Grijalva - Larissa pushed herself to see complex conflicts from all points of view, exhibiting great skill building and true compassion.

Medical Legal Partnership for Seniors Clinic

Jenna Gavenman - Jenna was a fabulous MLPS advocate who distinguished herself with her keen analytical skills, excellent organization, and leadership.

Elliott Bray - Elliott rocked MLPS with his professionalism, positivity, and indefatigable work on a multitude of complex MLPS cases.

Refugee & Human Rights Clinic

Mina Turan - Mina distinguished themselves in the Fall 2022 RHRC through their unfailing commitment to their client (who was granted asylum), their stellar research and writing, and their deeply thoughtful and articulate comments in seminar. Mina's future clients will be lucky to have a lawyer as kind, funny, and brilliant as they are!

Social Enterprise & Economic Empowerment Clinic

Irene Yu - Irene represented her clients with extraordinary thoughtfulness and dedication. She was flexible in response to multiple unexpected circumstances and was consistently equity-centered in her interactions with clients, classmates, and staff.

CLINICAL PROGRAMS HONOREES

Excellence in Multiple Clinics

John Balza

Mediation Clinic and Medical-Legal Partnership for Seniors Clinic

Talia Lepson

Refugee & Human Rights Clinic, Immigrant Rights' Clinic and Community Group Advocacy Clinic

Karissa Provenza

Individual Representation Clinic and Community Group Advocacy Clinic

Vasmer Vang

Community Group Advocacy Clinic, Refugee & Human Rights Clinic and Mediation Clinic

CLEA Clinic Student of the Year

Allen Sin

Individual Representation Clinic, Refugee & Human Rights Clinic and Judicial Extern

CLEA Field Placement Student of the Year

Alex Tuchman

Criminal Practice Clinic

SOCIAL JUSTICE LAWYERING CONCENTRATION

2022 GRADUATES

John Balza

Isa Elfers

Salina Isaq

Nikayla Johnson

Ritchie Lee

Chelsea Leopardi

Crista Mulhall

Hannah Nowikow

Greg Okada

Karissa Provenza

Nicole Sequeira-

Tashovsky

Bailey Smith

Alex Tuchman

Katrina Uyehara

Vasmer Vang

Garrett Wessel



PUBLIC INTEREST ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Public Interest Achievement Awards recognize students for their efforts to advance social justice and serve the public interest. The students receiving these awards were nominated for this honor by their peers, faculty, or other members of the UC Hastings community.

Delphine Burns
Annie Gorden
Megan Gregory
Emma Hyndman
Ashley Johnson
Nikayla Johnson

Ritchie Lee
Ondina Lipney-Burger
Jameelah Najieb
Aloysha Maggin
Molly McNerlin
Natalie Thompson

PUBLIC INTEREST ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINEES

Alejandra Vallejo
Alex Lopez
Alex Tuchman
Alexandra Ettehadieh
Alyosha Maggin
Alysyn Martinez
Ana Jimenez
Annie Gorden
Ashley Johnson
Bob Chan
Caitlin Eliason
Celina Reynes
Celine Moubayed
Claire Linden
Dashiell Tucker
Delphine Burns
Dolma Sinon

Emily Montalvo
Emma Hyndman
Gloria Nunez
Haley Myers
Isa Velez
Jameelah Najieb
Jessica Gillespie
Jillian Macleod
Julia Pilkington
Karissa Provenza
Lizet Gonzalez
Madeline Scher
Madeline Thomas
Margaux Payton
Matthew Ganan
Talia Lubin
Megan Gregory

Mina Turan
Molly McNerlin
Narisa Abhasakun
Natalie Thompson
Nikayla Johnson
Nora Katz
Nora Michelle Sullivan
Ondina Lipney-Burger
Patrick Micu
Peter Habib
Ritchie Lee
Rosamaria Cavalho
Salina Isaq
Sheryl Callos
Stephanie Yim
Sukrti Thonse

FELLOWSHIPS

Legal Services Funders Network (LSFN)

Rosamaria Cavalho, East Bay Community Law Center
Paul Huff, Open Door Legal
Talia Lepson, Open Immigration Legal Services
Karissa Provenza, For the People
Gabby Sergi, Root & Rebound

*"It feels great to have already started my professional legal career before leaving law school!" – **Kylah Staley***

Ralph Santiago Abascal Fellowship

Jameelah Najieb

*"LFA has allowed me to practice in various areas of civil law and build confidence in my abilities to create change and be a part of providing equal access to justice under the law." – **Rachel Llarenas***

Lawyers for America (LFA)

Rachel Llarenas, Open Door Legal Services
Kylah Staley, Center for Biological Diversity
Natalie Thompson, Solano County Public Defender

*"LfA has allowed me to apply the principles I've learned in class to my everyday practice in the court room. I've gained some really incredible mentors and I feel lucky to have been able to take the first steps in my career as a public defender." – **Natalie Thompson***

NANCY STUART PUBLIC INTEREST AWARDS

The Nancy Stuart Public Interest Fund was established to continue the work of Associate Dean and UC Hastings alumna, Nancy Stuart. It aims to advance social justice work within the Hastings community and support students committed to closing the access-to-justice gap for marginalized communities. The Awards financially support outstanding graduating students while they study for the bar exam.

Sherryl Callos

Salina Isaq

Eileen Olivier

Karissa Provenza

Maria Salinas Mendoza

Stephanie Yim

2021-2022 CLINICAL STUDENTS

Individual Representation Clinic

Alisha Alcantar Tomovic	Danielle Cummins
Pola Bernabe	Elizabeth Harris
Alaina Harwood	Katherina Hoppe
Karissa Provenza	Sarah Locklin
Paige Shatola	Michelle Long
Marquise Crear	Crista Mulhall
Joshua Glatt	Alexis Ballinger
Melissa Hossain	Madeline Cline
Sarah Jensen	Annie Gorden
Jacklyn Martello	Nora Katz
Tiffany Monzon	Ryan Malhan
Lisa Straehle	Maria Weaver

Community Group Advocacy & Social-Change Lawyering Clinic

Salina Isaq	Fizza Davwa
Talia Lepson	Nina Kamangar
Karissa Provenza	Alysyn Martinez
Paulina Santana	Daniela Medina

Workers' Rights Clinic

Chelsea Espiritu	Anakaren Jimenez
Alexandra Ettehadieh	Nicole Kim
Lili Mikaelian	Abigail Cruz
James Pierry	Philip Dinolfo
Gillian Teng	Alyssa Duran
Kiersten Yamamoto	Ashley Mains
Khushpreet Choumwer	Andrew Tamez
Nora Katz	Jordan Villa

Social Enterprise and Economic Empowerment Clinic

Bailey Maher	Maryam Quasto
Karla Martinez Rojas	Rebecca Seigel
Suhansi Perera	Carlos Trejo
Brittany Jackson	Irene Yu

Immigrants' Rights Clinic

Talia Lepson	Brittany Nguyen
Julia Pilkington	Raymond Quicho
Felicia Viano	Dulce Rodas
Farrah Ghaffarirafi	

2021-2022 CLINICAL STUDENTS

Refugee & Human Rights Clinic

Emma Hyndman	Ian Maxwell Duey
Kendall Kohlmeyer	Kendall Arnold
Mina Turan	Brian Gan
Vasmer Vang	Shane Reed
Marian Haidarali	Uma Sen
Adele Perera	
Mary Ruiz de la O	
Diana Serrano	

Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic

Jun Ho Oh	Lauren Chong
Irene Shinn	Michelle Claros
Xiaoxiao Chen	Stephanie Don
Victoria Chu	Anastasia Gomez
Megan Gregory	Guillermo Joshua
Zachary Haddad	Sophie Kuehl
Patrick Micu	Claire McKenny
Ryann Wong	Joseph Saleh

Environmental Law Clinic

Jessica Bonitz	Keari Platt
Megan Delaporta	Lauren Richards
Kyle Da Silva	Margaret Von Rotz
Jesse Honig	Joshua Lasell
Tara Pierce	

Lawyering for Children Practicum at Legal Services for Children

Jordan Karmann	Sophia DeGuzman
Sarah Lynch	Alaura McGuire
Caitlin Cooper	Desiree Robedeaux

Medical-Legal Partnership for Seniors Clinic

John Balza	Samantha Denver
Jessica Bonitz	Joshua Krasner
Jenna Gavenman	Raja Sehdev Handa
Breana Sicley	Hannibal Huntley
Omeed Askari-Behbahani	Claire Linden
Rebecca Liu	Nikol Nesterenko
Anna Saenz	Anne Rodriguez-Webb
Isabella Ysebrands	Elton Rushing

Legislation Clinic

Katherine Hekstra	Andrew Rubang
Jack Hobbs	Stephanie Yim
Chelsea Leopardi	Margaret Jean C Salisbury
McKayla McMahon	Camila Tipan Cando
Quentin Pestner	

2021-2022 CLINICAL STUDENTS

Criminal Practice Clinic

Cantrell Christopher
Logan Fehler
Sydney Gronroos
Madison Hassett
Richard Lee
Gavin Li
Frances Morgan
Hannah Nowikow
Gregory Okada
Andrew Perez
Nora Sullivan
Amy Tao
Natalie Thompson

Alexandra Tuchman
Reagan Vandeburg
Sara Westcot
Alisha Alcantar Tomovic
Ondina Lipney-Burger
Katie Panzer
Kameelah Sims-Traylor
Raymond Yeung
Maximillian Atchison
Alejandra Burke-Vallejo
Alexander Hastings
Eric Soza

Child Welfare Practicum

Jameelah Najieb
Israel Noa
Mamou Nadra
Nicole Ortega

Mediation Clinic

Mina Imen
Peter Quinn
Maria Salinas Mendoza
Kamya Arora
Casey Barkhordarian
Angie Chang
Thomas Cotugno
Larissa Grijalva

Alexandra Ettehadieh
Sinclair Parer
Gabriella Sergi
Vasmer Vang
Maleeha Ghaznavi
Ariel Kahn
Hillary Liljedahl
Connor Moldo

Government Law Clinic

Pooja Abhyankar
Brendan Daly
Michele Ellson
Angad Gangapuram
Andrew Gordon
Eileen Ollivier
Steven Ward
Michelle Zhu

Shinhye Choi
Bryant Forster
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ChristianbRuano
Tuesday Rose Thornton
Anne Wiesenfeld

EXTERNSHIP HONOREES

Legal Externships

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Allen Sin

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Lydia Tonozzi
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Joshua Laroya
Jeffrey Lewis
Sabrina Tran
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Lisa Giarratano
Alyssa Ivancevich
Manjinder Kaur
David Kempen
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Aleen Mankerian

Josephine Mendoza
Lili Mikaelian
Kevin Murphy
Allen Sin
Madeline Thomas
Alexander Vicas
Zaeema Ejaz
Marc Eshoo
Stephanie Gonzalez
Isabella Granucci
Crystal Kim
Arlen Moradi
Mary Saade
Rachel Song
Julia Thomas
Isha Vazirani
Jovanni Villa
Jennifer Weiss
Lois Winn
Aaron Zambrano

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