

A background image showing several hands of different skin tones gently holding a globe of the Earth. The image is semi-transparent, allowing the text to be clearly visible.

**University of California
College of the Law San Francisco**

Social Justice Celebration

Wednesday, May 17, 2023

WELCOME

Associate Dean for Experiential Learning and
Clinical Professor of Law Gail Silverstein

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

DEAN'S WELCOME

Chancellor & Dean David Faigman

STUDENT SPEAKERS

Peter Habib
Mary Ruiz de la O
Alysyn Martinez

Land Acknowledgment

UC Law San Francisco is located on the unceded, ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone, who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula and who remain, un-erased, in the Bay Area.

As the indigenous stewards of this land, and in accordance with their traditions, the Ramaytush Ohlone have never ceded, lost, nor forgotten their responsibilities as caretakers of this place for all beings who reside here. We offer this Acknowledgement to build mindfulness of our present participation in a legacy of racist, settler colonialism and of the role that law has played in promoting and legitimizing it. As uninvited guests, we recognize how we benefit from living and working on the Ramaytush Ohlone's traditional homeland. We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the ancestors, elders and members of the Ramaytush community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples.

PRO BONO RECOGNITION

AT&T PRO BONO AWARD

Savannah Carter

WILEY W. MANUEL HONOREES

Class of 2023

Alex Hastings
Alyssa Duran
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Peter Habib
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Nicholas Luong
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Suzanne Edouni
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Ellen Slatkin
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Siqueira
Valeria Vera

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Alina Ball
Beth Parker
Gail Silverstein
Hadar Aviram
Jenn Oliva
Mai Linh Spencer
Manoj Viswanathan
Mark Aaronson
Marsha Cohen
Richard Boswell
Richard Zitrin
Rory Little
Yvonne Troya



PRO BONO RECOGNITION

Pro Bono Society

Alexander Hastings
Alexandra Susnjar
Alexis Ballinger
Alyssa Duran
Anastasia Gomez
Angeline Brom
Ani Hernandez
Annie Wiesenfeld
Arfine Ingusan
Brooke Quesinberry
Caitlin Cooper
Camila Tipan
Celine Moubayed
Charlotte Vaudoit
Chiara Wirz
Devika Tadwalkar
Elena Bertucci
Erica Gonzales
Farah Khaled
Felicia Hipps
Gentry Powell
Gianna Silahian
Gina Cassar
Isabella Razzoli
Isabella Ysebrands
Isha Vazirani
Jess McPeake
Jillian MacLeod
Joshua Guillermo

Joyce Lee
Julia Crowley
Julia Thomas
Juliana Wilson
Julie Burrall
Justine Chang
Keari Platt
Kendall Arnold
Krista Saenz
Lauren Chong
Leila Gastli
Leyna Quach
Lisa Chen
Lois Winn
Long Truong
Lydia Tonozzi
Lynn Ma
Madeline Cline
Maleeha Ghaznavi
Matthew Ganan
Megan Gregory
Michelle Nguyen
Nick Wiley
Ninoa Kamangar
Omeed Askari
Patrick Micu
Peter Habib
Rachel Choi
Rachel Ng

Rachel Song
Rebecca Liu
Roshanne Arathoon
Samantha Mita
Sarah Shafer
Sherene Grinage Gotoy
Shinhye Choi
Sofia De Guzman
Sophia Tao
Stephanie Don
Stephanie Gonzalez
Sukrti Thonse
Tara Pierce
Tiffany Monzon
Tori Arnau
Tuesday Rose Thornton
Vittoria Gabriella Blengio
Zoe Tatarsky

Outstanding Achievement in Pro Bono

Alexander Hastings
Charlotte Vaudoit
Devika Tadwalkar
Elena Bertucci
Erica Gonzales
Farah Khaled
Jess McPeake
Julia Crowley
Justine Chang
Krista Saenz
Matthew Ganan
Nick Wiley
Omeed Askari
Peter Habib
Rachel Choi
Roshanne Arathoon
Sherene Grinage Gotoy
Stephanie Gonzalez
Tori Arnau

CLINICAL PROGRAMS HONOREES

Outstanding Performance in the Community Group Advocacy Clinic

Gracie Winston - Gracie was a consistently insightful and active participant and community-builder in seminar discussions. They and their partner, Miquela Kallenberger, developed outstanding community legal education materials and presentations on immigration law developments for immigrants, activists, and attorneys.

Outstanding Performance in the Criminal Practice Clinic

Brianna Callagy - Briana's deep commitment to pursuing justice infused her work at the San Mateo District Attorney's Office and her thoughtful reflections on the criminal legal system and her responsibilities in it. She harnessed her exceptional talents as a legal analyst and writer throughout her clinic endeavors.

Chela Davila - Chela exemplifies compassion, dedication and professionalism in criminal justice work. At the Marin Public Defender's Office, she was tireless on behalf of her clients. Her willingness to contribute, think creatively and push herself in the classroom setting was exceptional.

Megan Votaw - Megan has a powerful dedication to zealous representation of her clients and to the hard work it demands. Both before and during her Clinic semester, she was instrumental in helping the San Francisco Public Defender's Office launch a pre-trial release unit for clients accused of misdemeanors. Her reflective essays incorporated deeply thoughtful insights about her professional journey and clinic experiences.

CLINICAL PROGRAMS HONOREES

Outstanding Performance in the Immigrants' Rights Clinic

Kendall Arnold - Kendall combines a deep and perceptive reflection on her role as a lawyer with an ability to adapt to new situations and represent her clients with compassion.

Brian Gan - Don't be fooled by Brian's soft-spoken good nature and humility, he is a most able and dedicated fearless advocate for his clients.

Outstanding Performance in the Individual Representation Clinic

Raeshondra Dike - Thanks to Raeshondra's substantial intellect, communication and time-management skills, and work ethic, she excelled while handling the semester's most demanding and legally complex case. She was a joy to work with, and her sophisticated and incisive reflections in class benefitted us all.

Alysyn Martinez – Alysyn brings integrity, insight, a willingness to work hard, and a delightful, positive energy to everything she does. She and her partner, Ani Hernandez, provided outstanding representation to a young man whose past criminal record they helped clear and a young woman seeking to reinstate her disability benefits.

Iris Wagner – Iris displayed her deep commitment to pursuing justice for her clients, where she invested significant time and energy to listen to and collaborate with her clients, conduct diligent factual investigation, and provide zealous oral and written advocacy. In the classroom, she demonstrated exceptional preparation, insightfulness, and contribution to group learning.

Outstanding Performance in the Legal Externship Program

Felicia Higgs – Felicia excelled in her two externships at the ACLU of Northern California's Criminal Justice team and its Democracy & Civic Engagement team, and her seminar reflections and class assignments merited all the superlatives she received in feedback.

CLINICAL PROGRAMS HONOREES

Outstanding Performance in the Mediation Clinic

Larissa Grijalva and Ariel Kahn - Larissa and Ariel, this year's Clinic Teaching Assistants, who took the course as 2Ls, devoted invaluable time and attention to the court, the Clinic class, and to each student. They were essential to preparing students to act as court clerk for the mediation calendars of San Mateo County's Small Claims Court. Their kindness, consistency, and warmth allowed clinic students to shine and enabled the Clinic to provide the vital community service it does.

Outstanding Performance in the Medical Legal Partnership for Seniors Clinic

Jessica Colbert - Jessica wowed with her deep commitment to excellence in all that she does, her sharp mind, deep thinking, skilled case management and supreme organization, hard work, and the way she supported her teammates.

Claire Linden - Claire was a fabulous MLPS advocate who distinguished herself with her excellent organization, empathy, diligence, teamwork, and thoughtful representation of her clients.

Nikol Nesterenko - Nikol returned to the MLPS Clinic as an Advanced Student and RA and became indispensable. Exceptionally talented all around, she showed immaculate attention to detail and unparalleled ability to research and analyze complex legal issues.

Gloria Nuñez - Gloria rocked MLPS with her passionate dedication to her clients and her strong desire for justice. Gloria is a creative thinker and excellent legal analyst, and she exhibits consummate professionalism, excellent communication skills, and deep empathy.

Anushka Silva - Anushka stood out as being tireless, reliable, professional, and brave in launching into unfamiliar, complex areas of law. She was an excellent team player who is skilled at juggling many commitments and inspires with her infectious cheer.

Isabella Ysebrands - Izzy distinguished herself as a fierce advocate for her clients, leaving no stone unturned. She exhibited excellence in every part of clinic, including her ability to analyze complex areas of law, ask probing questions, and support the rest of the team.

CLINICAL PROGRAMS HONOREES

Outstanding Performance in the Refugee & Human Rights Clinic

Diana Serrano - Diana was a superstar in the Fall 2021 Refugee & Human Rights Clinic. She represented her client, an asylum seeker from Guatemala, with incredible compassion, commitment, and creativity. She went on to provide Spanish language interpretation for Clinic clients in two subsequent semesters. We will miss her once she graduates, but we are thrilled for the clients she will represent in her future career.

Outstanding Performance in the Social Enterprise & Economic Empowerment Clinic

Lois Winn and Elizabeth Bernal Cate - Lois and Elizabeth excelled in their joint representation of social enterprise clients—businesses advancing racial and economic justice through market-based strategies. Together they brought thoughtfulness, professionalism, and creative problem solving to their client matters. They zealously tackled new subject matters (like understanding privacy laws and M&A transactions), remained flexible to evolving client priorities, and always kept their clients' social missions central to their counsel and work product.

CLINICAL PROGRAMS HONOREES

Excellence in Multiple Clinics

Alexis Ballinger

Government Law Clinic, Individual Representation Clinic,
Social Enterprise & Economic Empowerment Clinic

Lisa Chen

Business Tax Practicum and Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic

Nadra Mamou

Child Welfare Practicum and Mediation Clinic

Juliana Wilson

Criminal Practice Clinic and Legal Externships

Vanessa Yuen

Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic and Medical-Legal Partnership for
Seniors Clinic

CLEA Outstanding Clinical Student Team

Jonathan Escobar Valencia, Ana Sofia Mello & Adriana Diaz Moreles

Refugee & Human Rights Clinic

CLEA Outstanding Externship Student

Jess McPeake

SOCIAL JUSTICE LAWYERING CONCENTRATION 2023 GRADUATES

**Tori Arnau
Alexis Ballinger
Matt Ganan
Farrah Ghaffarirafi
Annie Gorden
Ninoa Kamangar
Rebecca Li
Zoe Liebeskind
Hillary Liljedahl
Jillian Macleod
Ashley Mains
Alysyn Martinez
Daniela Medina
Brittany Nguyen
Desiree Robedeaux
Mary Ruiz de la O
Mikayla Scanlan-Cubbege**



SOCIAL JUSTICE ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

The Social Justice 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.

Nancy Alcaraz
Nooran Alhamban
Peter Habib
Charlotte Halifax
Christina Lin
Zoe Papadopolous
Margaux Payton

Victor Qiu
Tussanee Reedboon
Maria Clara Ribeiro Siqueira
Ellen Slatkin
Tuesday Rose Thornton
Isa Velez
Gracie Winston

SOCIAL JUSTICE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINEES

The following students were nominated for Social Justice Achievement Awards by their peers, faculty, or other members of the UC Hastings community for their efforts to advance social justice and serve the public interest.

Alex Hastings
Alyssa Scott
Alysyn Martinez
Andres Salerno
Anneliese Downey
Annie Gorden
Ashley Johnson
Ashley Mains
Chrystalle Navarro
CJ Andrea Molo
Dominique Armstrong

Erica Gonzales
Isaac Calderon
Jack Hobbs
Jacklin Lee
Janice Espindola
Jeff Bohórquez
Jess McPeake
Jillian MacLeod
Julia Crowley
Khando Deckyi
Lily Kaplan

Lydia Tonozzi
Miquela Kallenberger
Nicholas Medellin
Roshanne Arathoon
Sonja Chen
Trudy-Ann Williamson
Vito Quaglia
Vivyana Prado
Will Martel
Zoe Grimaldi

POST-GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

Lawyers for America

Joseph Jo, Open Door Legal

"LfA provided me with the foundation I need to become a successful litigator and achieve my long-term goal of establishing an international non-profit law firm. My work at Open Door Legal has taught me the importance of treating all clients with respect and empathy and working to ensure that their voices are heard."

Andrew MacDonald, Solano County Public Defender's Office

"My experience at Solano County Public Defender's office has left me with a sense of purpose and excitement to pursue public defense."

POST-GRADUATE FELLOWSHIPS

Ralph Santiago Abascal Fellowship

Jillian Macleod, Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund

Equal Justice Works

Peter Habib, Center for Gender & Refugee Studies

Immigrant Justice Corps

Uma Sen, Catholic Charities of New York

Justice Catalyst

Abigail Cruz, Legal Aid At Work

Legal Services Funders Network (LSFN)

Alexis Ballinger, Communities United for Restorative Youth Justice (CURYJ)

Aurash Gomroki, Legal Link

Nicole Ortega, Law Foundation of Silicon Valley

Alysyn Martinez, Community Legal Services of East Palo Alto

Sidney M. Wolinsky Fellowship

Desiree Robedeaux, Disability Rights Advocates

NANCY STUART PUBLIC INTEREST AWARDS

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

Erica Gonzales

Alysyn Martinez

Desiree Robedeaux

Anne Rodriguez-Webb

Lydia Tonozzi