

# RTK News

## First Class of Full Tuition Scholars in More than Two Decades Graduates

On May 21, sixteen Root-Tilden-Kern Scholars graduated from NYU School of Law with zero tuition debt. The class of 2008 was the first class in over two decades to receive three years of full tuition, an achievement recognized in a lengthy *New York Law Journal* article on May 23, 2008.

The number of scholarships awarded was cut in the '80s due to the ever increasing cost of tuition. The number of scholars was cut from 20 to sometimes as few as 10. In 1984, the tuition award was reduced from full to two-thirds.

In 2001, then Dean John Sexton announced a precedent-setting gift of \$5 million from prominent attorney Jerome H. Kern ('60) that began a major capital campaign to raise \$30 million for the Program. To honor Mr. Kern's generous contribution, the Law School renamed the Program as the Root-Tilden-Kern Scholarship Program. In 2004, under the leadership of Dean Richard Revesz and with the generosity of many alumni, the Law School successfully completed its campaign goal of \$30 million and now offers full-tuition scholarships to 20 students each year.

Full tuition was once again awarded to sixteen outstanding candidates entering in the fall of 2005. Over the course of their time at NYU, the Root-Tilden-Kern Scholars have become leaders in public interest at the Law School, serving as role models for their fellow students and truly embodying the spirit of the Program. For example, Randi Levine, Holly McIntush, and Amanda David established the Suspension Representation Project, to counsel public school youth at risk of suspension before the NYC Department of Education.

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### Class of 2008

**1. Sonia Lin**

The Honorable Denny Chin, U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, New York, NY

**2. Amanda David**

Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C.

**3. Ría Tabacco**

The Honorable Julia Smith Gibbons, U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, Memphis, TN; The Honorable Victor Marrero, U. S. District Court, Southern District of New York, New York, NY

**4. Nicholas Durham**

*Chadbourne & Parke Fellowship*, The Door Legal Services Center, New York, NY

**5. Sophia Bernhardt**

*Equal Justice Initiative Fellowship*, Montgomery, AL

**6. Ryan Downer**

The Honorable Martha Craig Daughtrey, U.S. Court of Appeals, Sixth Circuit, Nashville, TN

**7. Samuel Roe**

Lowenstein Sandler PC, Roseland, NJ

**8. Alejandro Fernandez**

*Prettyman Fellowship*, Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, D.C.

**9. Matthew Copus**

New Mexico Legal Aid, Albuquerque, NM

**10. Tafadzwa Pasipanodya**

Foley Hoag LLP, Corporate Social Responsibility and Sovereign International Litigation, Washington, D.C.

**11. Diana Reddy**

The Honorable Kimba Wood, U.S. District Court, Southern District of New York, New York, NY

**12. Julia Einbond**

The Honorable Mitchell Goldberg, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

**13. Randi Levine**

*Equal Justice Works Fellowship*, Advocates for Children, New York, NY

**14. Mitra Ebadolahi**

The Honorable Margaret Morrow, U.S. District Court, Central District of California, Los Angeles, CA

**15. Holly McIntush**

The Honorable Diane Henson, 3rd Court of Appeals, Austin, TX

**16. Carrie Johnson**

South Brooklyn Legal Services, Housing Law Unit, Brooklyn, NY

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# Letter from the Directors

Dear Root-Tilden-Kern Alumni/ae,

We write this letter in the midst of enormous change: change of seasons, change of presidential administration, and—perhaps most importantly—dramatic changes in the economy. As directors of a program dedicated to supporting the next generation of public service lawyers, we are acutely aware of these changes. The reality is that the economic pressures on the communities our scholars will serve are likely to worsen before they improve.

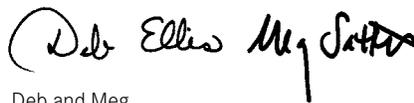
In this context, the mission of the Root-Tilden-Kern Program becomes ever more important. Being part of the Program ensures that our scholars have the financial support they need to launch careers that might otherwise be fiscally impossible. It also provides the moral support new lawyers need to make an impact on the public interest world by leading new endeavors and tackling entrenched problems.

The Root-Tilden-Kern Program has always had as its central mission leadership and service in the public interest. When economic times become difficult, service becomes a pressing priority. We are proud to report that our scholars are involved in myriad efforts to soften the

impact of crushing economic times on the populations they serve. Whether they are working against predatory lending, re-negotiating mortgages, or working to obtain paychecks owed to low-wage immigrant workers, our scholars are committed to making common cause with communities facing hard economic times. Scholars are also involved in efforts to combat the global dimensions of the economic crisis by fighting for economic and social rights, and arguing for debt forgiveness for highly indebted countries.

We ask you to support these efforts with a gift to the Program. In this time of fiscal scarcity, your continued support is essential to the Program's ability to provide full tuition for twenty Scholars. Please check the Honor Roll of Donors at the end of the newsletter to see if your name is there. If so, we give you our deepest gratitude. If not, we ask you to consider the importance of the Program in tough times and to consider making a donation in the coming year.

We wish you all the best for a happy and healthy New Year.



Deb and Meg

## Fellowships Awarded to RTKs in 2008

### **Sophia Bernhardt '08**

Equal Justice Initiative Fellowship,  
Montgomery, AL

### **Nicholas Durham '08**

Chadbourne & Parke Fellowship, The Door Legal  
Services Center, New York, NY

### **Alejandro Fernandez '08**

Prettyman Fellowship, Georgetown  
University Law Center, Washington, D.C.

### **Annie Lai '06**

Racial Justice Fellowship, ACLU of Arizona,  
Phoenix, AZ

### **Randi Levine '08**

Equal Justice Works Fellowship,  
Advocates for Children, New York, NY

### **Margaret Middleton '07**

Thomas Emerson Fellowship, David Rosen &  
Associates, New Haven, CT

### **Johnathan Smith '07**

Fried Frank/MALDEF Fellowship, New York, NY

### **Jennifer Wagner '07**

Skadden Fellowship, Mountain States Justice,  
Charleston, WV

## First Class of Full Tuition Scholars

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Of the sixteen Scholars in the class of 2008, seven will go on to prestigious clerkships all over the country. The other nine have jobs ranging from death penalty work in Alabama, to advocating for children's rights and quality public education in New York, to international govern-

ment work in Washington, D.C. And the Scholars are not done setting precedents... the class of 2008 has set a goal to have 100% participation in this year's annual giving campaign, in order to ensure that generations of Root Scholars to come will continue to benefit from full tuition!

## *NYU School of Law Journal Memberships 2008-09*

### **Journal of International Law and Politics**

**Articles Editor:** Seth Gurgel '09

**Symposium Editor:** Sara Johnson '09

#### **Staff Editors:**

Matthew Baca '10

Joanna Edwards '10

Beatrice Lindstrom '10

### **Journal of Legislation and Public Policy**

**Staff Editors:** Susanna Mitchell '10,

Susan Vignola '10

#### **Law Review**

##### **Articles Editor:**

Sirithon Thanasombat '09

**Notes Editor:** Margarita O'Donnell '09

**Staff Editors:** Theresa Bridgeman '10,  
Elizabeth George '10, Carmen Iguina '10,  
Julia Sheketoff '10, Rebecca Talbott '10,  
Nathan Wessler '10

#### **Moot Court Board**

**Staff Members:** Cassandra Snyder '10,  
Sara Zier '10

### **Review of Law and Social Change**

**Editor-in-Chief:** Katherine Mastman '09

#### **Articles Selection Editors:**

Gabriel Diaz '09, Sally Newman '09

**Executive Editor:** Anna Purinton '09

#### **Student Articles**

##### **Development Editor:**

Lisa Bakale-Wise '09

#### **Senior Articles Editors:**

Russell Crane '09, Shanti Hubbard '09

#### **Colloquium Editor:**

Anjali Bhargava '09

#### **Alumni Coordinator:**

Ian Marcus Amelkin '09

#### **Staff Editors:**

Alyssa Bell '09, Angela Gius '09,

Jeannette Markle '09

## RTK Alums at Leaders in Public Interest Series 2007-08

Throughout the year, IL scholars and other NYU students gathered on Monday evenings for the Leaders in the Public Interest Lecture Series. The speakers shared their insights on changing legal perspectives, lawyering, and various potential public interest career pathways.

On October 22, **Cary LaCheen '88** spoke about her work in disability rights and health law. For the past five years, LaCheen has been working as a senior staff attorney with the National Center for Law and Economic Justice, where she directs a national project that uses



Cary LaCheen



Jonathan Abady

federal disability rights laws to improve the way that benefits programs serve low income people with disabilities.

Throughout her career, LaCheen has brought many successful suits in the disability rights field, including: advocating for coverage of early intervention services for developmentally-delayed children by New York State; Medicaid coverage of medication for the mentally ill; and challenging the abhorrent conditions of confinement in boarding homes for people recently released from state psychiatric facilities.

Currently, LaCheen is involved in advocacy efforts at the state and federal levels to facilitate the revision of welfare policies to incorporate the requirements of disability rights laws. She travels nationally to train legal services lawyers on how they can use the ADA to ensure that their clients receive the benefits and services that best meet their needs.

LaCheen encouraged students to explore various kinds of activities to determine the kind of law that they would enjoy practicing. "There are a lot of important issues out there, especially in these very sad and hard times... being a public interest lawyer over the long haul is not about finding the most important issue... you have to like what you do everyday."

On October 29 **Jonathan Abady '90** opened his lecture with an overview of the variety of public interest opportunities, including his chosen field—public interest law in private practice.

In 1998 Abady co-founded the firm Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady LLP with four other attorneys. "Each of us came from fairly significant public interest backgrounds, and we all wanted to give voice to our interest to do socially meaningful work. That has driven the development of our practice."

The firm engages in private and public interest litigation. About 50 percent of the practice is public interest litigation that includes prisoner rights, police misconduct, and first amendment cases. Public interest cases are carefully selected, and when the attorneys prevail, they collect a contingency fee. The firm also supplements its public interest litigation practice with corporate and commercial litigation. By relying on contingency fees and the corporate litigation practice, the firm has built a robust public interest litigation practice.

In 2006 Abady's firm settled a lawsuit against the Department of Corrections for the practice of excessive force on Rikers Island. In 2000, Abady was a member of the team of lawyers who litigated voting irregularities in Florida in the Bush-Gore Presidential election.

Abady says he owes much of his success to his early trial practice. Abady began his legal career as a trial lawyer, and was then a supervising attorney with the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem.

## Awards at Convocation, the Theater at Madison Square Garden, May 21, 2008

### For Service to the Law School

*Vanderbilt Medals* "for outstanding contribution to the School of Law" to **Randi H. Levine, A. Tafadzwa Pasipanodya**

### Subject Area Awards

*Candidates for Membership in the Order of the Coif:* **Holly Gene McIntush**

*Eric Dean Bender Prize* "for a third-year student who has demonstrated a working commitment to a public service-oriented cause or project outside of and separate from Law School commitments" to **Randi H. Levine**

*Black, Latino, Asian Pacific American Law Alumni Association (BLAPA) Award for Clinical Service* "to a member of APALSA, BALSALSA, LALSALSA, MELSALSA or SALSALSA, for outstanding work in a clinical course, dedication to public service and commitment to a career in Public Interest Law" to **Diana S. Reddy**

*Black, Latino, Asian Pacific American Law Alumni Association (BLAPA) Public Service Prize* "to a member of APALSA, BALSALSA, LALSALSA, MELSALSA or SALSALSA, for dedication to Public Service and commitment to a career in Public Interest Law" to **Amanda David**

*Ann Petluck Poses Memorial Prize* "designated by the Dean in recognition of outstanding work in a clinical course requiring student practice" to **Amanda David, Randi H. Levine, Sonia R. Lin-Diana S. Reddi, Ría Anne Tabacco**

*Leonard J. Schreier Memorial Prize* "to a law student who has exhibited academic excellence in the area of Ethics" to **Ría Anne Tabacco**

# Root-Tilden-Kern and D'Agostino Class of 2011

## Elizabeth Ashamu

Elizabeth graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Yale University in 2006 with simultaneous Bachelor's and Master's degrees in African Studies. She was awarded the National Security Education Program David L. Boren Study Abroad Fellowship, the Institute for International Education Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, and the Yale Dean's Research Fellowship to fund academic study and independent research in Morocco, Egypt, and Guinea. She served on the board of the Yale African Students Association and volunteered to assist refugees and asylum seekers in New Haven and during her junior year abroad in Cairo.



Elizabeth Ashamu

Following graduation, she traveled to Togo as a Yale Law School Arthur Liman Public Interest Law Fellow and interned with children's and women's rights organizations. She spent a year in Rwanda, where she contributed to documenting the genocide and supporting justice efforts with African Rights, a human rights organization. Immediately before entering law school, Elizabeth held the position of Africa Program Coordinator with Rights and Resources Group, a coalition that works to promote global action on forest policy and market reforms to increase household and community ownership, control, and benefits from forests and trees. Elizabeth grew up in Nigeria and Virginia and attended St. Paul's School in Concord, New Hampshire.

## Betty Baez Melo

Betty Baez graduated from Dartmouth College in 2005 with a double major in Sociology and Romance Languages, with a concentration in French and Spanish. At Dartmouth Betty was very active in student groups including La Alianza Latina, Class Council, and Habitat for Humanity. She also founded a bilingual playgroup for adopted Latin American children and co-founded the first Latina sorority on campus, Sigma Lambda Upsilon. She spent time volunteering in the Dominican



Betty Baez Melo

Republic and Costa Rica, studying abroad in France, and interning in human resources and diversity positions in large firms in New York City.

After college, Betty joined the Peace Corps and served for over two years in a small rural town of Guatemala as a Healthy Schools Municipal Coordinator. She supervised 20 schools and trained over 100 teachers on interactive learning techniques, health and hygiene practices, lesson plans, curriculum development, and small project design and management. While in Guatemala, Betty also took the opportunity to learn a Mayan language, travel the country and hike volcanoes. Betty was born in the Dominican Republic and grew up in Brooklyn where she attended Edward R. Murrow High School.

## Noam Biale

### WilmerHale Scholar

Noam graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of California, Berkeley in 2004, with a B.A.



Noam Biale

in philosophy. There, he was a contributor to the philosophy journal and wrote and produced two original plays. He also tutored math and English in the G.E.D. program at San Quentin State Prison.

After a philosophy-induced existential crisis, Noam left Berkeley to work in a pizza shop in New York City. Upon returning to school, he became interested in the sociological and political implications of molecular biology and genomics, and conducted research on the use of racial categories in population genetics. After a girlfriend dragged him to an ACLU conference where he heard a panel on genetics and civil liberties, Noam began working with the ACLU's Technology and Liberty Program. Over the last three years he has worked in the New York and Washington, D.C. offices of the ACLU as Advocacy Coordinator. He organized a nationwide campaign to repeal the Real ID Act, which resulted in 18 states passing legislation rejecting the program. He also worked with the ACLU on privacy and national security issues. His writing has appeared on the ACLU's blog, *The Huffington Post*, and *Daily Kos*. Noam grew up in Berkeley, California, and attended Berkeley High School.

## Daniel Bowes

### Starr Foundation Scholar

Daniel received an A.B. from Duke University in 2007, graduating as close to the bottom of his class as the top (he offers assurances he learned



Daniel Bowes

plenty). While at Duke, Daniel served as the president of the ACLU@DUKE and a columnist for the Duke Chronicle and Durham Herald-Sun. Between 2005 and 2007, he influenced the ACLU's statewide agenda as a member of the ACLU of North Carolina's Board of Directors. In the aftermath of the Duke Lacrosse case, Daniel was appointed the Duke-Durham Community Liaison and facilitated dialogues between Duke students and Durham residents. Daniel received Duke's Distinguished Leadership and Service Award, and became the only student ever awarded Durham's Sam Reed Award for "outstanding dedication and commitment to human rights advocacy and social equality."

After graduating, Daniel served as an Austry Fellow at MDC, a non-profit organization whose mission is to expand opportunity and advance equity in the southeastern United States, where he was a consultant to FEMA's Emergency Preparedness Demonstration Program, the South Carolina Council on Competitiveness, Oxfam America, the North Carolina Asset Building Policy Task Force, and the Durham At-Risk Youth Collaborative. Daniel grew up in Burlington, North Carolina, and attended Hugh M. Cummings High School.

## Danielle Escontrias

Danielle graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Texas at El Paso in 2008 where she



Danielle Escontrias

majoring in Political Science with a minor in International Security Studies. A Harry S. Truman Scholar, she was also the recipient of the Philip T. Cole Memorial Scholarship in her junior year.

Danielle interned with Teaching for Change, a non-profit organization in Washington, D.C., dedicated to promoting social justice in classrooms,

and with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid in El Paso. Danielle also served as president of the University Democrats on campus, Precinct Chair for the local Democratic Party, and volunteered her time with several voter outreach and political campaigns. Danielle also worked as a research assistant for the Center for Law and Border Studies. Danielle grew up in El Paso, Texas, and attended Ysleta High School.

### **Anurag Gupta** **Filomen M. D'Agostino Scholar**

Anurag graduated *summa cum laude* from NYU with a Bachelor's in International Relations and Middle Eastern & Islamic Studies in 2006. He received the NYU President's Award for Leadership, the Elizabeth Claster Memorial Award, and the Faculty Memorial Award for Excellence in Service and Scholarship. He served as Teach For America's campus coordinator, a resident assistant, and led the "South Asian Studies Program Initiative" (SASPI), which after three years of persistent lobbying, successfully introduced South Asian Studies to NYU's undergraduate curriculum.

Following graduation, Anurag received a Fulbright to teach English at a middle school in Gwangju, South Korea. While there, he volunteered at Little Fox children's shelter, and founded Opening Possibilities Asia (OPA), an organization committed to bringing educational resources to Burma. He facilitated OPA's first Teacher's Training Workshop at Phaung Daw Oo School in Mandalay in January 2007, and has since raised over \$12,000 in direct aid for the school. For his work, he received the 2008 IIE New Leaders Group Award for Mutual Understanding. Prior to law school, he studied as an M. Phil student in Development Studies at the University of Cambridge. Anurag was raised in Delhi, India and Brooklyn, New York.



Anurag Gupta

### **Elizabeth (Ellie) Happel** **Coben Scholar**

Ellie graduated from NYU *magna cum laude* in 2005, majoring in Metropolitan Studies. She won the Albert S. Borgman Memorial Prize for her honors thesis and the President's Service Award for her work on race relations at NYU. During her undergraduate summers, Ellie worked at the Seattle Defender Association's Race Disparity Project, volunteered at an orphanage in the Dominican Republic, and led a cultural immersion travel program out of Ladakh, India.



Ellie Happel

Following graduation, Ellie moved to Nicaragua and worked at a health clinic in the rural village of Mulukuku and at a public health NGO based in Managua. Subsequently, she worked for Pro Mujer in Bolivia where she conducted a public health survey of women.

Relocating to Washington, D.C., Ellie worked with the Environmental Defense Fund and Save American Forests on the Camisea Gas Project in Peru. As part of this project, she spent a month in the Amazon Basin, collaborating with indigenous organizations.

For the past three summers, Ellie has worked for *Where There Be Dragons*, an educational travel company. Ellie has led trips in Guatemala, Peru, and India and spent the spring of 2008 helping refine portions of the organization's curriculum and teaching methods. Ellie grew up in Seattle and attended Garfield High School.

### **Eduardo Jansen**

Born and raised in Brazil, Eduardo immigrated to the U.S. with his family in his early teens. After graduating from technical school, Eduardo received a B.A. in History in 2005 and a M.A. in Urban Planning in 2008 from UCLA. At UCLA, Eduardo was active in the student movement, organizing students to pressure and work with school administrators on several issues including access to higher education, student empowerment, and university worker's rights.



Eduardo Jansen

Outside school, Eduardo has worked with a number of local and regional organizations including SCOPE, MIWON, and the UCLA Labor Center to empower low income communities of color in Los Angeles County. Focusing on economic development and campaign development, Eduardo has participated in numerous local political campaigns and local economic development efforts. In his most recent project, Eduardo worked with the L.A. Mayor's office and fellow graduate planning students highlighting and proposing housing, environmental, and economic development opportunities in the neighborhoods served by L.A.'s Orange Line BRT. Eduardo attended El Camino Real H.S. in the San Fernando Valley.

### **Stephen Kang** **Doris C. and Alan J. Freedman Scholar**

Stephen Bonggyun Kang graduated *magna cum laude* from Amherst College in 2000, with an A.B. in Political Science.



Stephen Kang

After college, Stephen worked in fundraising at a non-profit housing developer working to combat homelessness. He then spent four years as a counselor for people with psychiatric disabilities, HIV/AIDS, and histories of homelessness, helping them obtain job training and employment.

Most recently, Stephen worked at New York Lawyers for the Public Interest (NYLPI) as Assistant Director of Pro Bono. At NYLPI, he connected nonprofits and grassroots groups with attorneys at private law firms who provided free legal assistance to aid the organizations' capacity-building efforts. In addition, he secured pro bono counsel for NYLPI's impact cases in disability rights, environmental justice, and health care access, and worked with other public interest organizations to find counsel for their litigation and advocacy projects.

Stephen is active in public education work challenging homophobia in Asian American communities. He is the co-founder of the Dari Project, a collective that is developing publications designed to raise awareness about the lives and experiences of LGBTQ people of Korean descent. Stephen was born in Seoul, Korea, and grew up in Los Angeles, Boston, and the suburbs of Pittsburgh.

**Elizabeth (Liz) Kilstein**  
**Filomen M. D'Agostino Scholar**

Liz received her B.A. in English from Barnard College, Columbia University, graduating *magna cum laude* in 2004. She has also studied at Oxford University and Union Theological Seminary.



Liz Kilstein

Liz directed Barnard's peer counseling and crisis hotline, mentored students at Harlem's Frederick Douglass Academy, and interned at Columbia's Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy. Liz graduated with departmental honors, distinction on the Barnard Senior Project, the W. Cabell Greet Prize for Excellence in English, the Barnard Student Leadership Award, and the Columbia University Hillel Student Leadership Award.

After graduation, Liz worked for the Institute of International Education. In the summer of 2007, she was a fellow at the Auschwitz Jewish Center in Oswiecim, Poland. From there, she moved to Jerusalem on a Dorot Fellowship, where she worked at a legal clinic for women who are unable to obtain divorces under Israeli religious law.

Liz serves on the alumni advisory board of the Bronfman Youth Fellowships in Israel and has volunteered with the Yes In My Backyard in Washington, D.C., and the Victor J. Goldberg IIE Prize for Peace in the Middle East. She grew up in Paramus, New Jersey.

**Marne Lenox**  
**Jacobson Public Service Scholar for Women, Children and Families**

Marne graduated in 2005 with an A.B. from Brown University, where she majored in Public Policy & American Institutions and Africana Studies. As



Marne Lenox

an undergraduate, Marne worked with elementary school students as a Teacher's Assistant/Literacy Instructor. She served as a Meiklejohn peer academic advisor to first-year students and co-founded Black Women/Jewish Women, a dialogue group dedicated to deconstructing misconceptions

and bridging the perceived gap between these communities. Marne received an Undergraduate Teaching and Research Award to research women in politics alongside a political science professor, and worked with another professor to complete research on congressional politics.

After graduation, Marne served as the Director of Planning and Policy Analyst for Jennifer Lawless' U.S. Congressional Campaign in Rhode Island's 2nd District. She also taught an after-school English as a Second Language class for 8th grade students attending a Title I school. From May 2006 until beginning law school, Marne worked as the Education Specialist for the New York State Technical and Education Assistance Center for Homeless Students at Advocates for Children, where she provided guidance and training to school districts, social service providers, families and youth about the educational rights of students experiencing homelessness. Marne grew up in Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania.

**Ruben Loyo**  
**Sullivan & Cromwell Scholar**

Ruben graduated *magna cum laude* from Georgetown University with a B.A. in History



Ruben Loyo

in 2006. He received the Foley Medal for academic excellence in history and personal commitment to social justice. While at Georgetown, Ruben worked first as an English teacher and then as a coordinator for the D.C. Schools Project Parent Program, an ESL program that serves low-income immigrant families. Thanks to a partnership with the Mexican government's National Institute for Adult Education, he implemented a basic education program that allowed participants to complete their primary and secondary education. He was also active in M.E.Ch.A., an activist group that focuses on issues affecting Hispanic communities.

After graduating, Ruben joined the staff of Reading Is Fundamental, Inc., the nation's largest and oldest literacy non-profit. At RIF, he managed subcontracts and grants for eight states and territories. He helped the organization meet the goals of its Macy's sponsored

Multicultural Literacy Campaign by assisting with the development of bilingual materials, including RIF's newest early-childhood literacy website, and by working on RIF's South Texas Literacy Coalition, an initiative to increase literacy services in Border Valley communities. Ruben grew up in Chicago and attended Lincoln Park High School.

**Yihong (Julie) Mao**  
**Andrew J. Mellon Scholar**

Julie graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Cornell University in 2008 with a B.A. in English. As a



Julie Mao

student, she was on the Dean's List, received the Department of English Coxe Prize in Creative Writing, and participated in the Mellon Mays Minority Undergraduate Fellowship. As a community organizer, she served as a rural outreach coordinator for the Ithaca Free Clinic, managing two Cornell Public Service Center grants. Julie was also an ESL tutor for the John Knight Institute for Writing and a member of Americans for Informed Democracy (AID). She organized conferences with the goal of civic empowerment of youth in global affairs and was a resident of Von Cramm Cooperative where she served as President in 2007.

In 2006, Julie became a member of the Cornell Urban Scholars Program where she interned at Coler-Goldwater Hospital in New York City helping residents lobby for increased substance abuse treatment services. Her past work experience includes writing background guides and organizing Model U.N. Conferences at United Nations Association and conducting outreach and writing grants for the U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI). Her interests lie in immigration, housing, and international human rights. Originally from China, Julie grew up in Connecticut.

## Linnea Nelson

Linnea graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Oberlin College in 1993. After graduation, Linnea became a legal assistant at Lansner & Kubitschek, a small civil-rights law firm in Manhattan. In 1995, she worked as a union organizer at UNITE, on a project at the Garment Workers' Justice Center. The mission of the GWJC was to educate documented and undocumented workers about their rights under the Fair Labor Standards Act and the National Labor Relations Act, and to support and encourage direct action in back-wage and unionization campaigns.



Linnea Nelson

Linnea entered the United Brotherhood of Carpenters in the late 1990s, graduating to journey level carpenter in four years. She became a shop steward in 2004. She was one of the founding members of the New York City District Council of Carpenters' Women's Committee, which is dedicated to empowering women carpenters in New York City through involvement in their union. She was also active in the tradeswomen movement through Operation Punch List, Tradeswomen Now and Tomorrow, and as a shop instructor at Nontraditional Employment for Women. She continued to work as a union carpenter in New York City until 2007 when she moved to Oakland, California. Linnea grew up in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

## Meagan Powers

Meagan graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 2005 with a B.A. in Political Science and Philosophy. She received the Dailey Memorial Scholarship and completed a senior honors thesis on the relationship between deliberative democracy and voting systems in divided societies.



Meagan Powers

She was active in a student advocacy program that provided counsel to undergraduates facing university disciplinary proceedings and in her senior year, directed the program as Judicial Council Vice President of Peer Advocacy. Meagan interned in Senator Evan Bayh's (D-IN)

regional office and participated in a range of community service activities including tutoring at the South Bend Juvenile Justice Center.

Prior to law school, Meagan served as a paralegal with the U.S. Department of Justice through the Outstanding Scholar Program. In her position with the Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division, she assisted on human trafficking, police brutality, and hate crime prosecutions. In addition, she evaluated citizens' civil rights complaints, recommended investigations of prosecutable incidents, and corresponded with NGOs and congressional offices. In 2007, she received a Civil Rights Division Special Act Award for her involvement in the investigation and trial of Mississippi correctional officers charged with abusing inmates. Meagan grew up in Wakefield, Massachusetts.

## Erin Scharff

Erin graduated from Yale University in 2004 where she majored in Religious Studies. At Yale,



Erin Scharff

Erin was a board member of Dwight Hall, the country's largest student-run center for public service, and served as the Social Action Vice-President of Yale Hillel. She was active in student support for Yale workers engaged in a protracted contract dispute and interned with Elm City Congregations Organized, New Haven's Industrial Areas Foundation affiliated community-based organizing group. She was honored as the 2004 Hillel Exemplar of Excellence for her social justice work and with Yale's Anthony M. Schulte prize for building Town-Gown relations.

Since graduating, Erin has worked for the Religious Action Center for Reform Judaism as a legislative assistant and led B'nai B'rith International's educational and advocacy programs around Medicare Part D implementation. In 2006, she worked on Harry Mitchell's successful challenger election in Arizona's 5th Congressional district. Most recently, she worked as a Research Analyst for SEIU, where she analyzed states' Medicaid Long Term Care programs, and for Barack Obama's campaign. Erin grew up in Shreveport, Louisiana, and Phoenix, Arizona. She attended Chaparral High School in Scottsdale, Arizona.

## Emerson Sykes

### William and Mary Sterling Scholar

Emerson J. Sykes is pursuing a joint degree at NYU Law and the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton where his concentration is in International Relations. He grew up in Andover, Massachusetts, on the campus of Phillips Academy where he attended high school before heading to Stanford University. As an undergraduate, Emerson studied abroad in Paris and at Oxford and focused on African politics and history.



Emerson Sykes

After graduation he worked in Washington, D.C., for the National Democratic Institute's Central and West Africa team, primarily with the Liberia and Nigeria programs. He then moved to New York City to conduct foreign policy research and analysis for The Century Foundation, a progressive think tank.

Before matriculating at NYU, Emerson spent the summer in Monrovia, Liberia, working for the Liberian Ministry of Justice in the Economic Affairs division. Emerson hopes to pursue a career in African state-craft and institution-building in relation to the rule of law. He is also interested in soccer, funky beats, and fresh kicks.

## Elizabeth-Ann (Liz) Tierney

### Filomen M. D'Agostino Scholar

Liz graduated with honors from Brown University in 2003 in International Development Studies.



Liz Tierney

During her time in Providence, she organized with parents of children who are victims of lead poisoning and was active in the anti-war movement. She tutored middle school students whose first language was not English and founded an experimental, queer performance ensemble. In the spring of 2001, she worked with Jobs with Justice in Boston, supporting workers' efforts to demand a living wage.

Upon graduating, Liz became the director of an after-school program for middle school youth in North Philadelphia. She later interned with the Philadelphia Workforce Development

Corporation, counseling TANF recipients about energy assistance programs and conservation. In 2005, she joined Community Legal Services, Inc., where she represented hundreds of public benefits recipients in claims against the Department of Public Welfare and the Social Security Administration. She also provided legal services to uninsured immigrants at a grassroots medical clinic in Philadelphia's Chinatown. Since 2004, she has worked as a supporting member of the Human Rights Coalition, an organization comprised of prisoners' family members that works to end prisoner abuse. Liz grew up in Milton, Massachusetts, and attended Milton High School.

**Kosha Tucker**  
**Sinsheimer Service Scholar**

Kosha graduated with distinction from Duke University in 2006 where she received a B.A. in Public Policy Studies. She coordinated and facilitated race-related dialogues as a member of the Center for Race Relations and was involved in research service-learning as a tutor and mentor to middle school students. Kosha also served as co-captain of Duke's Varsity Cheerleading squad.

As a Benjamin N. Duke Scholar, Kosha was involved with various service activities. During the summer of 2003, she interned at the Department of Juvenile Justice in South Carolina where she taught, tutored, and mentored academically promising male offenders. The following summer, Kosha worked with the Safer Schools Project in Cape Town, South Africa, to develop solutions for a local high school's growing gang and drug problem.

Prior to law school, Kosha committed to Teach For America and taught first grade in Atlanta, Georgia. In her second year of teaching, Kosha was named a regional finalist for the Sue Lehmann Excellence in Teaching Award. Kosha grew up in Louisburg, North Carolina, and attended Bunn High School.

**Mark Weiner**  
**Lindemann Family Public Service Scholar**

Mark graduated with a B.A. from Columbia University in 2004 with a major in Postcolonial History. He worked as a Paralegal at the intellectual property law firm Kallow & Springut LLP from 2004-2005.



Mark Weiner

Following Hurricane Katrina, Mark founded and became Executive

Director of Emergency Communities (EC). His organization grew into one of the largest grassroots non-profits on the Gulf Coast, serving

over twenty thousand residents afflicted by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. As a United Way Partner Agency, Mark directed EC to become the direct relief and recovery organization most relied upon by residents of areas from the Lower Ninth Ward to Plaquemines Parish. In the last two years, EC has built five community centers that have served over 400,000 meals to residents, as well as assisted in the rebuilding of hundreds of homes. In August of 2007, Mark received an Honorary Proclamation of the City of New Orleans from Mayor Ray Nagin. Mark grew up in Chicago and moved to New York for college, where he volunteered much of his time with New York Cares and America Reads.

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# Reunion '09

## Orientation for the Class of 2011

Over the weekend of August 23-24, the Root-Tilden-Kern and Filomen M. D'Agostino Class of 2011 met for the first time as a group and traveled with Director Deb Ellis '82, Faculty Director Meg Satterthwaite '99, and Program Administrator Letizia La Rosa to the Glynwood Center in Cold Spring, NY. Glynwood Center is a 225-acre farm and conference facility that helps communities address change in ways that conserve local culture and natural resources while strengthening economic well-being. Its president is 1978 Root-Tilden alumnus Judith LaBelle. The group went on a tour of the farm, where they learned about sustainable and organic farming, did some get-acquainted games, learned to juggle, and participated in a group discussion about public service work. On Saturday evening, Scholars sat around a campfire by the lake and placed items in the Class of 2011 time capsule, which they will open at the end of their law school years.



# Class of 2010 Summer Jobs

Each summer, NYU gives first year public interest students money to go off and pursue their dream job. This summer the Class of 2010 had the chance to work on the issues that they are passionate about, learn about organizations they had always admired, and contribute their skills to parts of the world they care about. This meant working on a variety of issues ranging from immigration policy to human rights, legislation, worker's rights, and social justice. Spread throughout the U.S. and even as far as Thailand, they all learned valuable lessons about themselves and what it means to be a public interest lawyer.

**Matt Baca** spent his summer with Amnesty International in Mexico City. Matt helped coordinate and conduct research that involved evaluating and diagnosing Mexico's refugee law, especially as it relates to various international accords. As the Mexican government has recently expressed interest in changing its refugee law, Matt hopes his project will have a positive influence. He learned a great deal about Mexican administrative law and was shocked by the fragile

state of refugees under much of the world's legal regimes. At the same time, Matt was inspired by the dedication of the human rights workers and refugees with whom he worked.

**Alyssa Bell** spent the summer interning in the Immigration Unit of the Legal Aid Society's Manhattan office. She worked closely with Spanish-speaking asylum applicants to develop their affidavits, conducted research on the relationship between PTSD and memory in the domestic violence context, and helped to develop expert testimony. She also conducted research on the circuit court standards of judicial review for Convention Against Torture cases involving Haitian criminal deportees. It was an exciting summer that balanced close client contact with challenging legal reasoning in rapidly changing areas of the law.

**Tess Bridgeman** spent the summer in Washington, D.C. working for Senator Dianne Feinstein's Judiciary Committee Chief Counsel for the Subcommittee on Terrorism, Technology, and Homeland Security. She helped the counsels create legislative proposals, prepare hearings, and analyze events related to oversight of U.S. counter-terrorism efforts, international and domestic criminal law, FISA, and the courts. Tess had the opportunity to learn about the inter-related obstacles facing our judicial, executive, and legislative branches in trying to solve the problems created by holding detainees as "enemy combatants" at Guantanamo Bay—an issue she hopes to pursue further in her coursework during her 2L year.

**Joanna Edwards** spent the summer in Dakar, Senegal, working at RADDHO, a West African Human Rights NGO. She worked on issues relating to the campaign to bring former Chadian Dictator Hissène Habré to justice and took advantage of the opportunity to hear lots of awesome Senegalese music.

**Beth George** worked for Senator Charles Schumer's Judiciary Committee staff. She helped draft and edit legislation, including working on the Free Flow of Information Act of 2007, which would increase protections for journalists' confidential sources. Beth also prepared questions for committee hearings, vetted a federal district court nominee, and researched recent Supreme

Court decisions. One lesson she learned was the difficulty of ensuring Congress's intent: terms, including the definition of a journalist and the bill's relationship to FISA, were scrutinized with great concern about how they would later be interpreted by federal courts.

**Angie Gius** spent the summer working on state policy with the Progressive States Network (PSN) in New York. She created tools to help state legislators and other advocates navigate recent immigration legislation and create positive policies for immigrants in their own state. Angie also helped PSN prepare for the National Conference of State Legislators, and traveled to New Orleans to talk with legislators and learn even more about moving progressive messages at the state level. The summer demonstrated the power of the states to pass innovative legislation and create huge change on the national level, as well as the need for the progressive community to work together to make sure their policies are the ones making that change.

**Carmen Iguina** worked at the Southern Center for Human Rights in Atlanta, dedicated to enforcing the civil and human rights of people in the criminal justice system in the South. She worked on several civil rights cases, including a case challenging the constitutionality of Georgia's sex offender registration law, and one death penalty case. Carmen also had the opportunity to represent a client at a parole hearing in front of the Alabama Board of Pardons and Paroles, and was very excited to obtain parole for her client. She was inspired by the passion and dedication of the attorneys at the Center, and learned of the incredible need for this work in the South.

**Beatrice Lindstrom** spent her summer in Bangkok, Thailand, at the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP). She worked as a legal intern in the Trade and Investment Division, conducting legal analysis of intellectual property and services provisions in free trade agreements and drafting a report on their implications for developing countries. Working in close proximity with economists and negotiators, Beatrice observed the need for public interest lawyers at all levels of the international trade system.

Matt Baca at Amnesty International in Mexico City.





3L Edget Betru and 2L Carmen Iguina at the Southern Center for Human Rights in Atlanta.

**Jeanette Markle** spent the summer at the employment unit of South Brooklyn Legal Services getting familiar with the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), wage and hour protections, and anti-discrimination laws. She researched procedural issues related to collective action claims under FLSA, drafted a human rights complaint, successfully secured benefits for an unemployment claimant through representation at an administrative hearing, and had a once-in-a-lifetime encounter with a smoking gun in a discrimination case. Jeanette took away from her experiences the belief that worker education is essential to helping low-wage workers vindicate their rights. This is especially true in the context of FMLA claims given the surprisingly high bar for making out a prima facie case.

**Susanna Mitchell** spent her summer with the Juvenile Law Center in Philadelphia. Her work exposed her to an amazing group of attorneys working to reform the juvenile justice and child welfare systems in Pennsylvania and nationwide. She traveled to the state capitol to meet with agency officials, prepared language for state legislation on school stability, drafted an amicus brief on the constitutionality of New York's juvenile offender statute, and provided weekly training on restorative justice to youth in West Philadelphia. Her experiences exposed her to the multiple strategies required for effective systems change including public education, litigation, legislative advocacy, and collaboration with state agencies.

**Keren Raz** and **Susan Vignola** spent the summer at Lawyers Alliance for New York, a non-profit law firm providing business legal services to New York area non-profit organizations. Keren and Susan worked on a variety of projects that exposed them to interesting and complex legal issues facing non-profits today, including the tax implications of establishing certain types of charities and foundations, the requirements for hiring child care employees who may have a criminal record in New York state, the licensing requirements for community health/alternative wellness centers, the complex legal procedures involved in converting government-owned housing to affordable co-ops for private ownership, the legal structures for loan programs, and compliance with privacy regulations governing student records. In addition, Keren and Susan learned how the Lawyers Alliance determines which clients to assist, as so many non-profits in New York require legal assistance but cannot afford attorneys' fees. Since Lawyers Alliance provides high quality services free of charge, the demand is great. Keren and Susan had the pleasure of working with and learning from a talented, experienced, and friendly staff of senior level attorneys, many of whom had come from the law firm world and made a career change to focus on public interest work.

**Danielle Rock** spent the summer at the Office of the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama in Huntsville, Alabama. Her work consisted of legal research, drafting motions to suppress, and writing memoranda of law for Assistant U.S. Attorneys in relation to ongoing criminal prosecutions for interstate arms trafficking, narcotics trafficking, and second-degree murder. Danielle also received training on suicide bombing prevention and investigating federal white collar fraud, public corruption, and carjacking offenses.

**Julia Sheketoff** spent her summer interning with the Foreclosure Prevention Project at South Brooklyn Legal Services. She assisted victims of predatory loans to avoid foreclosure by conducting research in support of ongoing litigation, helped clients apply for favorable loans, and performed intake. Julia learned that the government response to the foreclosure crisis is wholly inadequate.

**Cassandra Snyder** worked with the Brennan Center for Justice's Access to Justice Project. Having spent time before law school working in direct legal services, this was Cassandra's first opportunity to approach the problems facing indigent court users from a policy perspective. Cassandra learned the importance of careful coordination between advocacy groups with similar goals and gained insight into how organizations present their ideas for social change to different audiences including legislators and the public. Cassandra researched constitutional limitations on fining indigent criminal defendants and drafted sections of a report about the use of fees to fund criminal courts in Florida.

**Rebecca Talbott** spent her summer in the International Department of the Center for Reproductive Rights. She helped produce a report on maternal mortality in Nigeria which was then presented before the United Nations (CEDAW) in July. She also researched the abortion laws of all forty-seven member states of the Council of Europe, and used the research to help draft a third-party intervention brief to the European Court of Human Rights to help women obtain access to safer abortions. Rebecca learned how international human rights law can be used as a tool for influencing government policies.

**Kara Werner** spent her summer as an intern at the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law in Washington, D.C. She assisted attorneys by conducting research on various issues relating to prison reform and the criminalization of persons with mental illness. She also conducted research on the death penalty as applied to persons with mental illness in order to help the Bazelon Center frame their position on that issue. In her spare time she organized "field trips" for interns and staff to learn about various social service organizations serving the mentally ill and homeless in D.C. Over the course of the summer she learned vital time management skills as well as the ins and outs of prison lawsuits.

**Nate Wessler** spent his summer working for the Immigration Legal Services program of Lutheran Social Services of New York. He worked with clients as they sought political asylum, fought deportation, and applied to become legal

# Class Notes

permanent residents or citizens. He was able to represent immigrants in several interviews with immigration officers. Nate learned how difficult it can be for noncitizens to negotiate our immigration laws, and how vital it is for people to have good representation when dealing with an immigration system that is stacked against them.

**Sara Zier** spent her summer at Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, a civil legal aid program serving low-income families and individuals in a 68-county service area, including the entire Texas-Mexico border region. During her time in Texas, the United States government broke ground on the border wall in the county where she lived and worked. Sara worked primarily on legal problems stemming from border issues, immigration detention, and employment problems suffered by farmworkers and other low-wage workers. Sara learned about the challenges of delivering comprehensive legal aid services in a high-poverty, rural region, such as triaging legal problems that impact low-income individuals' most basic needs.

## Wayne R. Hannah Jr. '57

I continue the practice of law in Chicago and West Palm Beach with Sonnenschein Nath and Rosenthal. The annual trip to Palm Beach gives me needed perspective on the disparity between different social/economic classes. I continue to lecture, serve as expert witness and represent clients in the condominium law field. This includes representing the Chicago Bar Association as a director and secretary of the CBA Condominium Association, a 17 story building erected in 1990. Using my training as a fund raiser for the Root-Tilden-Snow program, I am serving pro bono as general counsel of the Illinois Educational Foundation, devoted to supporting students in the community colleges of Illinois and finding them four year colleges to continue their careers to bachelor's degrees. Our fund raising, more than \$1 million in 2008, is going better than the early years of Root-Tilden fund raising when substantial personal effort barely produced \$100,000 in a year. There are now more than 100 students in this program.

## Gerald Jacobowitz '58

As reported in the Times Herald Record and Hudson Valley Business Journal on June 2, 2008: "Gerald N. Jacobowitz, Senior Partner in the Law Firm of Jacobowitz & Gubits, LLP has received special recognition as the recipient of the John S. McBride Lifetime Achievement Award from the Orange County Bar Association. This prestigious award is given in honor and recognition of excellence in the practice of law and the highest professional ethical standards. The award pays tribute to a distinguished attorney who devotes his time and energies to the service of their community and profession, participating in civic affairs and enhancing the character and quality of life for all citizens."

## William C. Sterling Jr. '59

Mary and I have recently returned from a week long cruise to Bermuda to celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary. We were accompanied by all four children and their spouses, six grandsons and one lone granddaughter who is the newest member of the family.

The calendar tells us the 50th anniversary of our graduation from NYU is coming up next spring. We hope we will be able to get together with many old friends and classmates on that occasion.

## Jerome M. Strauss '59

Jerry Strauss has merged his law firm into the law firm of Grant, Fridkin, Pearson, Athan & Crown, P.A., of Naples, Florida. Jerry, a member of the prestigious American College of Trust & Estate Counsel since 1966, has for more than 40 years earned the highest rating given to practicing lawyers (AV) by Martindale-Hubbell. In addition Jerry's law firm, JM Strauss Law Offices, was recognized in 2007 and 2008 in The Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers. Jerry and his wife, Sue, reside in Naples, Florida, and he continues to remain a licensed and active member of the Florida Bar and the Indiana Bar.

## Manny Klausner '62

Manny continues to handle significant First Amendment, media law, and election law matters, and serves as outside general counsel to the Individual Rights Foundation, legal arm of the David Horowitz Freedom Center. Manny and Willette will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary in February. Manny is a founding ed-

## Public Interest Playoff!

This fall, Fordham's Stein Scholars challenged the Root-Tilden-Kern Scholars to a friendly game of kickball. The two teams squared off in Prospect Park on Sunday, September 21, where the NYU team, clad in purple, rose victorious. Although the game turned fiercely competitive at times, it was a great way for the public interest Scholars to come together and celebrate their common goals.



itor of Reason Magazine (“Free Minds and Free Markets”), and will participate in Reason’s 40th Anniversary Gala in Los Angeles in November.

In July, Manny attended the Law School’s round-table conference on Presidential Powers and Presidential Elections in Florence at Villa La Pietra. The photo below was taken during one of the conference dinner events at Il Cibreo, Manny’s favorite restaurant in Florence.



Chef Fabio Picchi, Willette, Manny, and Justice Thomas

### Ronald Bettauer '69

I left the Office of the Legal Adviser of the State Department, after more than 38 years there, and began a stint as visiting scholar at George Washington University Law School. In the Spring I published a book review in the American Journal of International Law and an article in Mealey’s International Arbitration Report on negotiating with Iran, and was on a panel at the American Society of International Law annual meeting. At the end of June I was appointed by the U.N. Secretary General to the Board of the U.N. Register of Damage caused by the Construction of the Wall in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, which will involve 4-6 meetings in Vienna each year (the first such meeting I attended was at the end of July).

I also received the Outstanding Performance by an International Lawyer in Government award from the American Bar Association International Law Section.

### Bruce Lurie '70

As some of you know, the last two years have been excruciatingly difficult for me. In July 2006, I was bogie boarding with my then 13-year-old son, Bretton, in Malibu, California, when I was attacked by what appeared to be a large Mako shark. The impact broke my neck and left me paralyzed face down in the water. My son pulled me out of the water. I was essentially gone, but

I was finally resuscitated on the beach and then airlifted to UCLA Medical Center. I was initially in a coma and had surgery done to repair my broken neck. It was touch and go for quite a while, but I pulled through. The accident left me paralyzed below the neck, breathing through a ventilator, unable to speak (the worst outcome for a lawyer), unable to swallow and suffering from numerous infections – the result of inhaling a large quantity of the Pacific Ocean. I spent 30 days in intensive care. I was then flown to Craig Hospital in Denver, Colorado. Craig specializes in treating spinal cord injury. I spent 3 1/2 months in rehabilitation. During that time, Mike Martin '70 and his wife Kam were wonderful to me and visited me frequently. Mike gave me his NYU law cap when I, thankfully, got off the ventilator. At Craig Hospital, through intensive therapy, I began to recover. I was able to speak again and swallow again and start moving my arms and legs. I was still very weak.

I returned home to Los Angeles where I have continued to receive therapy. As a result, I am learning to walk again, and I am regaining strength, although the process of rehabilitation is excruciatingly slow and painful. But I am grateful every day that I have the ability to feel pain and to recover. Here in Los Angeles, I have been fortunate to see Tony Castanares (RTK '70) and Rick Richman (RTK '70), who have come to visit me. My law firm in Beverly Hills (Lurie, Zepeda, Schmalz & Hogan) is continuing to thrive without me there on a regular basis, and I remain proud of the wonderful people we have there who have hung in there through this disastrous experience.

I continue throughout all this to pursue my interest in a healthy lifestyle and eating a plant-based diet. In fact, the doctors say that had I not been as healthy as I was at the time of the accident, I probably would not have made it. I am in the process of writing about this experience (I am now a master at voice recognition software). My ordeal has certainly taught me a lot about patience, how precious every minute of life is, how many compassionate people there are ready to help others, my need to rely on others when my independence was suddenly taken away from me, the plight of other disabled people and the need to intensify my efforts to use my abilities to help others who suddenly find themselves in such circumstances.

### Douglas McFarland '71

Douglas has recently published *Few Are Chosen: A Campaign Memoir*, the story of his campaign for the U.S. Senate in Minnesota. He describes it as a good-natured and honest look at what a candidate for office really experiences and thinks. More information is at [www.fewarechosenbook.com](http://www.fewarechosenbook.com).

### David N. Hofstein '76

I continue to head the Philadelphia based domestic relations firm of Hofstein Weiner & Levit PC and serve as an adjunct lecturer of law at the James E. Beasley School of Law at Temple University. My wife Gail, who I met when I was at the law school, continues to be the office administrator. I recently served as LCE chair of the ABA’s Family Law Section coordinating a meeting of 600 family lawyers and psychologists examining the role of children in custody cases, and served as co-chair of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers’ National Representation of Children Committee. No other lawyers yet in the family: our two daughters, ages 23 and 26, are employed in the entertainment industry in Los Angeles.

### Charlie Wilson '76

Melonie and I are enjoying the freedom of being empty nesters. With all the free time, I decided to become a school board member. I won in a vigorously contested election last November, and I’m finding being on a public school board to be an extremely gratifying form of public service. Richard, our older son, recently graduated from Amherst College and decided to forego attending Yale Law School for teaching 3rd grade in Washington, D.C. He loves it and thinks that he made the right decision not to go to law school. He finished in the top 100 at the NYC Marathon last fall in a time of 2:39. Our younger son Geoff is at Yale where he is in Branford College and very active in Connecticut Democratic politics. I continue as a law professor at Ohio State University College of Law, and Melonie continues serving as a consultant for non-profit organizations.

### Kathy Bachman '78

WilmerHale Partner Kathy Bachman was named as one of the Boston area’s leading corporate lawyers in the Women’s Business Top 10 list for January 2008.

### **Diana DeGette '82**

Congresswoman Diana DeGette has a new book that hit the shelves in August titled "Sex, Science, and Stem Cells." She was a guest on the Leonard Lopate show on WNYC on August 4, 2008 (to listen: <http://www.wnyc.org/shows/lopate/episodes/2008/08/04>).

### **Deb Ellis '82**

I was married this summer to my honey Hal Strelnick. We honeymooned in Hawaii with my children, John (15) and Mia (12).

### **Madeleine Schachter '82**

Former in-house counsel Madeleine Schachter has joined Baker & McKenzie LLP as Special Counsel, Pro Bono. In this new role, she will actively practice on pro bono matters and will enhance and coordinate the Firm's pro bono legal work and pro bono client teaming program. Prior to joining the Firm, Ms. Schachter served as vice president and deputy general counsel for Hachette Book Group USA, Inc, formerly known as Time Warner Book Group, Inc.

### **Robert Nelson '87**

I was a recipient of California Lawyer Magazine's 2008 Attorney of the Year (CLAY) award. This award honors California attorneys who "made a profound impact on the law in 2007." The award was in recognition of a verdict I achieved last year against Chrysler Corporation on behalf of the family of a Richard Mraz, a longshoreman in Los Angeles who died when the Chrysler vehicle he was driving went from park to reverse after he exited the vehicle, and ran him over. The jury awarded the family \$5.2 million in compensatory damages and \$50 million in punitive damages.

I have been a partner at the plaintiffs' law firm Lief, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein in San Francisco for the last 14 years. I do plaintiff class actions, mass torts, and False Claim Act cases on a variety of different matters. One highlight was our litigation on behalf of Attorneys General against the tobacco companies, which resulted in the largest settlement in litigation history. Prior to my work at Lief Cabraser, I was an Assistant Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of California for five years, and prior to that I served as a judicial clerk to Judge Stephen Reinhardt on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, who continues to write extraordinary opinions that advance the rights of the disadvantaged.

On the home front, I live with my wife Monica and our two children, Lena (age 10) and Jake (age 8). We live in Mill Valley, on Mt. Tamalpais, where, when I'm not coaching one of the kids' teams, am trail running or mountain biking.

### **Todd Edelman '94**

I will be returning to my criminal defense roots in August, as I have accepted a faculty position in the Georgetown University Law Center's Criminal Justice Clinic.

### **Keith Harper '94**

Keith Harper was named one of "The 50 Most Influential Minority Lawyers in America" by the National Law Journal in 2008.

A member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, Harper heads Atlanta-based Kilpatrick Stockton's Native American affairs practice group, representing tribes in labor relations, land use and treaty rights cases. He is counsel for more than 500,000 Indians in the Indian trust funds lawsuit, *Cobell v. Kempthorne*; it is the largest class action ever filed against the federal government, with potential damages and interest of \$137 billion. Harper is a principal adviser on Native American policy and the national chair of the Native American Policy Advisory Committee for Barack Obama, past president of the Native American Bar Association of Washington and former head of the Washington, D.C. office of the Native American Rights Fund.

### **Derwyn Bunton '98**

Effective August 20, 2007, Derwyn Bunton became the new Executive Director of Juvenile Regional Services, Inc. (JRS). Pursuant to a contract with the Orleans Public Defenders, JRS provides legal defense services to youth charged in delinquency. Prior to assuming leadership of JRS, Derwyn served as the Associate Director of the Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana, where he served in various capacities for nearly a decade.

Immediately after Hurricane Katrina, Derwyn was part of a team of advocates and lawyers who assisted the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court and the Louisiana Office of Youth Development (OYD) in locating and reuniting youth evacuated to OYD facilities after being trapped by floodwaters in the Orleans Parish Prison. Derwyn then assisted the Orleans Parish Juvenile Court by representing youth in juvenile court on a short-

term basis in modification and termination of disposition hearings.

Derwyn and his wife welcomed their first child, Chloe Cullen Bunton, into the world on March 2, 2008. Chloe and her mother are beautiful and doing great.

### **Arlo Chase '99**

My wife Susanna gave birth to our second daughter on June 23. Lucia joins her two year old sister Kaya in bringing love and laughter (and not much sleep) into our home. We recently moved to a new apartment in Park Slope.

After several years of working at law firms representing developers of affordable housing, I joined NY State Government in May 2007 as the Senior Vice President for Policy Initiatives for the NY State Housing Finance Agency. In that capacity, I work on the development of new housing programs as well as building strategic alliances with other agencies, non-profit organizations and private developers. It's a great job as it allows me to stay in the world of affordable housing and shift to more of a policy (as opposed to legal) focus.

### **Nicki Bazer '01**

Nicki and her husband Luke Adams welcomed a son, Nathan Edward Adams, on March 8.

### **Rachel Rosenbloom '02**

Rachel, supervising attorney at the Post-Deportation Human Rights Project (PDHRP) at Boston College, and a group of Boston College law students obtained rare permission from the Department of Homeland Security for their client to visit her children and her parents in Texas for the first time since she was deported nearly ten years ago. PDHRP is a pilot program designed to address the harsh effect of current U.S. deportation policies. The Project, in which students represent clients under attorney supervision, aims to conceptualize an entirely new area of law, providing direct representation to individuals who have been deported and promoting the rights of deportees and their family members through research, policy analysis, human rights advocacy, and training programs.

### **Erin Aslan '03**

Erin recently became a trial attorney at the United States Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, Criminal Section, where she investigates and prosecutes official misconduct, hate crimes, and human trafficking cases.

### **Rebecca Kiley '04**

After three years at Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, I'm heading home to Boston. In September I'll start as a public defender at the Roxbury/Dorchester office of the Committee for Public Counsel Services. If you're living in Boston, or passing through, I'd love to hear from you: rkiley@gmail.com.

### **Sonja Shield '04**

I've been awarded the Dukeminier Award by the Williams Institute at UCLA Law School for my article, 'The Doctor Won't See You Now: Rights of Transgender Adolescents to Sex Reassignment Treatment,' previously published in the *Review of Law and Social Change* in 2007. The article will be republished in *The Dukeminier Awards: Best Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Law Review Articles of 2007*, and I'll be presenting it at the annual Lavender Law conference in September.

### **Gaylynn Burroughs '05**

Gaylynn is now a staff attorney at the Bronx Defenders family defense practice, representing parents facing allegations of child neglect. She published an article about her work in the April 2008 *Ms. Magazine*, called "Too Poor To Parent?" She was a featured guest on Smart City Radio on July 10; to listen go to [smartcityradio.com](http://smartcityradio.com).

### **Ivan Espinoza-Madriral '05**

Ivan, a Fried Frank/MALDEF Fellow at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, was part of the pro bono team which won a decision in July by Connecticut's Freedom of Information Commission, to preserve a controversial pact of confidentiality between the city of New Haven and thousands of undocumented immigrants who hold municipal identification cards allowing them access to banks and public services.

### **Annie Lai '06**

I recently accepted a position as a Racial Justice Fellow with the ACLU of Arizona, so I'll be moving out to Phoenix starting this September. It will

be hard to leave New York, but I'm really excited about the work and Arizona is proving to be a battleground for immigrants' rights issues this year.

## **In Memoriam**

### **Kerstin Arusha '95**

Kerstin (pronounced "Share-stin") was born in Cambridge, England, and grew up in Altadena, California. She was graduated magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, from Harvard College with a degree in Women's Studies, and from NYU School of Law, where she and her future husband Ari were Root-Tilden Public Interest Law Scholars.

Kerstin joined the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley in 1996 and co-founded the Fair Housing Law Project (FHLP) in 1998. Kerstin was the Directing Attorney, building FHLP into one of the finest fair housing and anti-predatory lending law firms in the country. Kerstin led ground-breaking litigation to protect tenants with disabilities, home child care providers, and many other under-represented families. She became fluent in Spanish and in American Sign Language so that she could better serve her clients. Well before the mortgage lending crisis hit, Kerstin had developed expertise in protecting borrowers whose loans were unfair and misleading; her leadership in this area has recently been spotlighted by multiple national media.

Kerstin died of pancreatic cancer on April 15 at her home in Berkeley, CA surrounded by the love of her husband Ari Krantz Arusha, her six-year-old twins Kaja and Tavi Arusha, and her extraordinary community of friends, family, housemates, and colleagues. Kerstin's courage and grace in facing her disease and far-too-early death matched the brilliant spirit with which she lived her rich and beautiful life.

### **Ruth Pulda '82**

Leader, educator and advocate for women's rights and civil rights, and mentor to a generation of Connecticut lawyers, Ruth was a named partner in the "plucky little law firm" of Livingston, Adler, Pulda, Meiklejohn and Kelly for twenty-five years. She loved a good fight and won more than she lost. She received The Elizabeth Blackwell Award from Connecticut N.O.W. for her "tenacious commitment for health care for women" and the One Woman Making a Difference award from CWEALF (CT's Womens' Education and Legal Fund). Ruth previously served as legal counsel to CWEALF, and co-founded and taught the Women's Rights Clinic at the University of Connecticut School of Law.

Professor Vicki Been, who met Ruth at the opening reception for Root-Tilden scholars of the class of 1983 and became a close friend, remembers her as "an incredible fighter—she always stood up for what was right, championed those whose voices needed to be heard, and plunged into the hard work of setting the world straight." Vicki pointed to several examples: "When Ruth's kids reached school age, she volunteered several days a week at their West Hartford inner city school to make it a better place for all the neighborhood kids. When fighting lung cancer, she learned that the state's insurance wouldn't pay for the wigs so important for cancer patients' dignity, so between chemo treatments she got legislation passed to change the practice. Ruth's spunk and zest for life energized everyone who had the privilege to know her. She leaves the world so much the better because of her tenacious fight for equality, her devotion to family and friends, and her amazing ability to blend passion for social change with a sense of humor and a genuine humility."

# Alumni Working in International Law

Each year we profile several alumni working in a specific area. This year, in honor of our Faculty Director Meg Satterthwaite, who teaches the international clinic, we show some of the many ways that RTK alumni are working on international law: in academia, government, and non-profits.

## Academia, Seton Hall University Law School:

### Baher Azmy '96

When Professor of Clinical Law Baher Azmy inherited the Civil Litigation Clinic in 2000, it was primarily focused on consumer rights. In the past eight years he has transformed the clinic into a practice that combines both domestic and international advocacy strategies.

In his most celebrated case, Azmy represented Murat Kurnaz, a Turkish citizen and German resident whom the U.S. military detained as an “enemy combatant” at Guantanamo Bay. In addition to his extensive involvement in constitutional litigation on behalf of Mr. Kurnaz, Azmy advocated vigorously for Germany to negotiate his release. His efforts included direct communication with the German government and media advocacy in the international forum, and eventually contributed to Mr. Kurnaz’s release in August 2006.

Azmy and his students now work on amicus curiae briefs that bring international law arguments to cases challenging U.S. detention, torture, and deportation policies. The approach is part of the International Human Rights Rule of Law Project, a concerted effort to bring more international law arguments before U.S. courts.

International law arguments are not simply symbolic for Azmy. Particularly in cases relating to wartime conflicts and inter-territorial transfers, international law provides substantive humanitarian protections. In a recent victory, Azmy’s clinic successfully convinced the Third Circuit to consider the United Nations Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime in a deportation case of an immigrant who had cooperated with law enforcement. In a rare move, the Third Circuit asked for oral argument from the amicus curiae. Crediting the clinic’s arguments, the Court remanded the case to the agency with instructions to consider the previously unnoticed international treaty.

Azmy and his students have also brought in-

ternational arguments to purely domestic cases in new, creative ways. Examples include their opposition to anti-immigrant initiatives in Hazelton, PA, and Riverside, NJ, where they used international law strategically to bolster their arguments under U.S. law.

## Government, Department of State:

### Ron Bettauer '69

Having retired in 2007 after an entire career at State, it’s difficult to believe that Ron was the first NYU law graduate ever to be hired as an attorney with the U. S. Department of State Legal Adviser’s Office. Walking along the edge of Lake Geneva in 1971, savoring speaking on behalf of his country on important issues at the international conferences working on protocols to the 1949 Geneva Conventions on the protection of victims of war, Ron committed himself to career of public service law and has hasn’t looked back.

During his 38 years serving in the U.S. Department of State Office of Legal Adviser in positions ranging from staff attorney to Deputy Legal Adviser, Ron represented U.S. interests on an impressive array of legal issues, ranging from the UNESCO convention on the prohibition of illicit commerce in cultural property, to supervision of U.S. representation in all cases brought against the U.S. in NAFTA investor-state arbitration, to the Ethiopia-Eritrea Peace Agreement establishing claims and boundary-dispute settlement commissions. Ron represented the U.S. in Holocaust claims negotiations involving Swiss banks, Germany, Austria, and French banks and in the establishment of the German Holocaust Foundation. Among the many complex and far-reaching international instruments he negotiated, Ron drafted and gained domestic and international support for the U.S. position on two United Nations nuclear conventions establishing international rules for dealing with nuclear accidents following the Chernobyl disaster. He also supervised U.S. representation before the Iran-United States Claim Tribunal, successfully defending against billions of dollars of Iranian claims against the United States. As Deputy Legal Adviser, he supervised offices dealing with international claims and investment disputes, private international law, arms control, nuclear non-proliferation, and U.S. relations with the United Nations and other international organizations. Ron found

his work always to be fascinating, and appreciated the opportunities given to attorneys to work on an array of subject matters. Many NYU Law graduates have since come through the Office of Legal Adviser, including a number of his fellow Root-Tilden-Kern alumni.

## ACLU in New York:

### Ben Wizner '00

“I never imagined that I’d be litigating torture cases against the United States government. Then again, I never imagined that our highest government officials would so thoroughly disfigure the Constitution and disregard the Geneva Conventions and make torture the law of the land,” says Ben Wizner.

As a staff attorney in the national legal department of the ACLU, Ben specializes in human rights and national security litigation. When he began his job at the ACLU, in August 2001, he expected a more conventional ACLU career (to the extent that there is such a thing)—prisoners’ rights, immigrants’ rights, free speech, and so on. A month later, in September 2001, the reality of defending civil liberties changed. Since then, Ben’s focus has been the CIA’s extraordinary rendition program, but he also works on torture and detention issues more generally. He has traveled numerous times to Guantanamo Bay to monitor military commission proceedings. While he hadn’t planned on working for the same organization for seven years, Ben says, “the work is stimulating and my colleagues are fantastic.”

Ben suggests that incoming RTK scholars (and all law students, for that matter) use their summers to explore different areas of public interest practice. He says, “If I had stayed strictly within my interests and comfort zone, I’d be doing something quite different now.”



Ben Wizner with his client Khaled El-Masri

### Human Rights Watch in New York: Zama Coursen-Neff '98



Zama Coursen-Neff has strong memories from her time as a Root-Tilden Scholar during law school. She met some of her closest friends, and had lots of fun, during the iL retreat. She says, "I especially remember meeting Phil Gallagher, who was coming out of a similar community-based volunteer program, and riding bikes with Kirsten Hildebrand. We've ended up at opposite ends of the country and in completely different public interest fields but the three of us still email or talk almost every day."

Zama says that she never imagined she would end up with the career she has today. As the deputy director of the Children's Rights Division at Human Rights Watch, she plans and carries out projects designed to stop human rights abuses against children. Her work is aimed at ending violence and discrimination against girls, the worst forms of child labor, police torture and sexual violence, and abuses against children affected by HIV/AIDS. The Children's Rights Division also works to ensure access to education and the protection of refugee and migrant children. Zama conducts field research and advocacy, both alone and with an "amazing group of researchers and advocates." A typical work day for her may involve interviewing victims in the field, meeting with government officials, escaping to the library to write or edit, or speaking to the press. For Zama, the most motivating part of the job is "the opportunity to listen to people tell their own stories. And when it works — using watertight evidence to expose abuses and pressure the people with the power to stop them."

For students with international law careers in mind, Zama advises taking advantage of the opportunities NYU provides to get first-hand experience as early as possible. She also suggests getting out in the field often and working on proficiency in a language. She says, "Try as many things as you can to figure out what kind of work you find most meaningful and fun."

### ABA in China: Hyeon-Ju Rho '00

Hyeon-Ju Rho was completely focused on domestic social justice issues during law school. She thought she would be a public defender or civil rights lawyer in the U.S. and didn't take a single international law class. Hyeon-Ju says she "could not have imagined that she would be working in China and dealing with social justice issues in a completely different culture and legal system."

As the director of the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (ABA-ROLI) China Program, Hyeon-Ju works with Chinese public interest lawyers, NGOs, and reformers in the government to increase government accountability and the protection of citizens' rights. ABA-ROLI China Program lawyers work in a diverse range of areas, including women's rights, juvenile rights, environmental protection, and criminal justice. Some current projects include increasing training opportunities for criminal defense lawyers in western China and other remote areas through online criminal defense training courses; working with the Chinese court system to develop China's first system of domestic violence protective orders; and working with a local lawyers' association on China's first pro bono handbook for Chinese law firms. The ABA-ROLI China Program works with a broad network of experts in the U.S. and other countries to support these programs. "I love being able to work on such a diverse range of issues, and with such inspiring partners. It's also exciting to work in a context in which so much is still in formation. There's very much a sense that big changes are possible." Hyeon-Ju says, "We are always looking for good people — so folks should definitely get in touch if they would be interested in participating in our programs."

Hyeon-Ju fondly remembers the support she received from the RTK Program staff and fellow students saying, "When I talk with legal interns now who are struggling to maintain their commitment to public interest law in law school environments that do not invest resources into fostering public interest lawyers, I realize how lucky I was to be a part of the RTK Program." Her words of advice to the newest class of RTK scholars: "Stay connected to what truly interests you."

### Amnesty International in London: Widney Brown '94

Widney Brown's interest in international human rights grew out of her experience traveling the world before she became a lawyer. Confronted by poverty in Asia and Africa and radicalized by the Central American refugee crisis in the 1970s, Brown set out to create a world in which a person's well-being is not based entirely on the complete randomness of where she was born.

Today, Brown is the Senior Director of International Law, Policy, and Campaigns at Amnesty International. Working out of the International Secretariat in London, she closely follows trends in human rights abuses and analyzes how to address them from a legal, advocacy, and campaign point of view. In its effort to counter terror with justice, Amnesty strives to reveal the ways in which the United States and other states are exploiting the war on terror to undermine human rights standards. Brown believes that policies like "three strikes" sentencing have led Americans to accept less individual consideration in criminal cases, logically leading to the complete bypass of the judicial system at Guantanamo Bay.

Governments are not the only entities that infringe on essential human rights standards. In early 2009, Brown will launch a campaign that targets both state and non-state actors whose actions drive and deepen poverty. Using the law of the International Criminal Court and tort law, Amnesty will hold governments, corporations, and financial institutions accountable for human rights violations such as executions, forced displacement, and devastating environmental degradation.

To supplement her policy development and advocacy, Brown hopes to add a litigation practice to Amnesty's work. Having started her legal career bringing class actions on behalf of HIV-positive plaintiffs at the New York City Gay and Lesbian Anti-Violence Project, she is no stranger to the challenges of impact litigation. She looks forward to designing a litigation strategy to help Amnesty further its goals.

Even in her management role, Brown makes sure to mix in some field research. She credits her recent work with internally displaced people in South Africa and female victims of honor crimes in Iraq for keeping her passionate.

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#### October 6

*Campaign for Fiscal Equity—Making the  
Right to a Sound Basic Education a Reality  
in our Schools*

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#### October 20

*Making a Difference and Realizing Professional  
Satisfaction: The Role of a Government Lawyer*

#### Michael Cardozo

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#### October 27

*Mission Impossible: Making Governmental  
Proceedings Fundamentally Fair—Will You  
Accept This Assignment?*

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#### November 17

*U.S. Foreign Policy and Multilateral Engagement*

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### Spring Semester 2009

#### January 12

Public Interest Forum  
*I'm an FTC Commissioner and So Can You:  
Thoughts on a Career (Mostly) in the  
Public Service*

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Washington, D.C.

#### January 26

*Beyond Lawyering: A Holistic Vision  
of Public Defense*

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#### February 2

*Advancing Immigrants Rights in the  
Post 9/11 World (While Raising Kids on  
Two Public Interest Salaries)*

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#### February 23

*Public Interest Cyber-Lawyering on the  
Electronic Frontier*

#### Fred von Lohmann

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Foundation, San Francisco, CA

#### March 2

*The Future of National Security*

#### Sam Rascoff

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#### March 9

*Defending Women's Rights Around the World:  
The Role of International Human Rights Law*

#### Luisa Cabal

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#### March 23

*Scholarship in the Public Interest*

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