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# 40th Anniversary of the First Women RTK Graduates

In the spring of 1972, three women—Barbara A. Burnett, Erica Steinberger McLean, and Mary C. Morgan—walked across the stage at Convocation at NYU School of Law to become the first women to graduate from the Root-Tilden-Kern Program. This past spring marked the 40th anniversary of that seminal moment in public interest law history.

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## RTK Gets a New Executive Director!

**In September**, Denise Tomasini-Joshi joined New York University School of Law to become the executive director of the Root-Tilden-Kern Program. Previously, she served as legal officer with the Open Society Justice Initiative, where she led efforts to implement alternatives to pretrial detention in Latin America. Her role at Open Society Justice Initiative involved forging partnerships across a wide and complex range of justice professionals while developing and executing strategic plans, training programs, and collaboration protocols among multiple government agencies. Denise also served as a senior policy analyst with the Council of State Governments' Criminal Justice/Mental Health Consensus Project, where she developed and implemented protocols for collaboration among criminal justice and mental health agencies and presented at conferences nationwide. Denise has spoken and published widely on the issues of mental health and pretrial detention. She began her legal career as an attorney at the Columbia University/Goddard Riverside Tenant Assistance Project and at MFY Legal Services. Denise received her Master of International Affairs from Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs and her J.D. from Columbia University School of Law. The RTK Program is fortunate to have her wealth of experience and passionate commitment to public interest law! ■



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## LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



### Dear RTK friends,

It's my great pleasure and honor to write my very first Letter from the Executive Director. I officially began my duties as assistant dean for public service on September 10 and immediately had a sense of what an incredible opportunity it is to be involved with the Root-Tilden-Kern Program.

The quality of scholars and alumni is without match, and the program itself has no parallels in the law school world, even in places where they have tried to follow our RTK model. An integral part of keeping the reputation and integrity of the program was, clearly, the leadership of the previous executive director Deborah Ellis. I hope that you will join me in sending her a heartfelt thanks and recognizing her achievements during the 10 years that she held the title. I know that current and former Roots greatly benefited from her tireless advocacy and commitment to this amazing program. Please see page 19 for a fuller tribute to Deb.

As I write this, the election cycle closes and we move "forward." So it is at Public Interest Law Center, where we are implementing new programs and considering new ways to integrate the richness of the RTK community with other public interest efforts. A new rule by the New York State Unified Court System requires all who seek admission to the New York State bar, starting in January 2015, to perform 50 hours of pro bono work and we are excited about using the opportunity to have RTK scholars work hand in hand with other students who would not have otherwise engaged in public interest work. No one carries the torch for commitment to public service quite like the Roots, and if anyone can convince aloof colleagues to get more involved, it's a Root!

Another initiative that we are developing involves developing parallel support between the Bickel and Brewer Latino Institute for Human Rights and the RTK Program. Now that both are housed under PILC, new opportunities for collaboration and cross-pollination are waiting to be explored. We expect that each program will become stronger as a consequence.

Next January we will also be welcoming back from sabbatical our academic adviser Meg Satterthwaite. I would like to take this opportunity to thank David Golove for the wonderful job he's done as interim academic adviser. I know that the first-year Roots appreciated Professor Golove's detailed account of the history of the RTK program and his mushroom-hunting skills at the first-year retreat. We appreciate his willingness to connect and work on behalf of the program.

Finally, I would be remiss not to mention that Roots—both present and past—have done particularly well this year in the clerkship market. RTK alumna Julia Sheketoff '10 will clerk for the Honorable Stephen Breyer, associate justice on the United States Supreme Court, while current 3Ls Yan Cao, Francesca Corbacho, and Abigail Nurse are all headed for appellate court clerkships, just to name a few. In total, 3L Roots have received an outstanding 13 clerkships to date.

In my first year there will be much to learn, and I am counting on RTK students and alums to provide feedback on the program, how to keep it prestigious, how to make it stronger, and how to guide it into a new era. Please drop me a line if you'd like to discuss, and I look forward to meeting many of you in the future.

**DENISE TOMASINI-JOSHI**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ROOT-TILDEN-KERN**

These three women personify the success of a movement to advance the rights of female law students that began in 1969 with the formation of the Women's Rights Committee at NYU. The student-led committee was formed to represent the interests of the growing number of women entering law school at NYU. Its first goal was to make women eligible for the RTK Program. After hearing the Committee's arguments, the Law School investigated whether admitting women would violate the program's trust agreement, which had been previously touted as the reason for barring women from the program. The Law School found that nothing in the trust agreement kept women from becoming Root scholars. With no further barriers in place to keep women from applying to the program, the Law School extended the application deadline to allow for women to apply, and in 1969 the RTK Program welcomed its first-ever female scholars.

Barbara A. Burnett says being "the first woman anything can feel like being in a fish bowl." When she enrolled at the Law School in 1969, she was engaged to another scholar in the program. Some people at the Law School assumed that she was planning a career as her husband's legal assistant. Barbara also recalls that during her first year, a professor commented that he was not sure that "the girl from Kansas was getting it." Undeniably, Barbara was "getting it," as she earned high marks in the class. Barbara continued to excel in her studies and in her final year of law school had several offers from prestigious New York City firms to choose from for her first job as an attorney. After three years of work in a law firm, Barbara decided it was time to turn her attention back to public service. NYU needed a professor in property and trusts, which were Barbara's fields. She applied and became one of the first women to teach at the Law School. Eventually, she went on to become a professor at Syracuse University College of Law, where she taught for 22 years. Reflecting on her career, Barbara says, "It seemed that I was called to a position where I could demonstrate that women were not only capable of practicing law but were also legitimate authority figures in a law school classroom."

For Erica Steinberger McLean, the story of her experience in the program is one she frequently tells, as it "illustrates how life is so

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BARBARA A. BURNETT '72

public service component, Erica strove throughout her career to support several organizations working for social change. She has been active in recruiting and mentoring law firms to increase diversity in the legal profession and supervised a variety of pro bono work in areas such as emergency childcare, housing discrimination, and global initiatives on sustainable health care and justice for women. Recalling the opportunity the RTK Program gave her, Erica says, “I could never have had my career without the Root Program—my mother was a teacher and a widow. I would not have asked her for any support for law school.”

The Honorable Mary C. Morgan is no stranger to breaking barriers. Not only is she one of the first women to graduate from the Root Program, but she also is the first publicly open lesbian to be appointed judge in the United States. After graduating from NYU, she worked at the Economic Development Law Project before going into private practice in San Francisco, where she worked in family law. In 1980, she co-founded the Bay Area Lawyers for Individual Freedom (BALIF), which is now the oldest and largest bar association for the LGBT law community. In 1981, Governor Jerry Brown named her to the San Francisco Municipal Court, where she was eventually elected presiding judge. She went on to serve on the municipal court until 1993, when she retired early to teach at American University and also to serve as deputy assistant attorney general in the Office of Policy Development at the Department of Justice during the Clinton Administration. In 2003, Mary was called back from retirement after California Governor Gray Davis appointed her to San Francisco Superior Court. She presided over San Francisco’s Behavioral Health Court before retiring for the second and final time, in 2011. ■

much a matter of finding the right people and being flexible as opportunities open up.” While working on Capitol Hill during the summer of her junior year in college, her supervisor recommended she attend law school, specifically NYU, and apply for an RTK scholarship. She applied to the program, despite being told incorrectly by a recruiter that it was not open to women, and was awarded a scholarship. After graduating from law school, she reconnected with her former securities professor, Martin Lipton '55, at a Law School reception and joined Wachtell Lipton, where she became a partner. Ever mindful of the program’s

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ERICA STEINBERGER MCLEAN '72

## Roots Receive Prestigious Ford Foundation Fellowships

The Ford Foundation has selected NYU School of Law as a partner in the Ford Foundation Law School Fellowship Program, which will fund 25 students from NYU to work in select public interest organizations in the U.S. and abroad.

The Ford Foundation is an independent, nonprofit grant-making organization. For more than 75 years it has worked with courageous people on the frontlines of social change worldwide, guided by its mission to strengthen democratic values, reduce poverty and injustice, promote international cooperation, and advance human achievement. With headquarters in New York City, the foundation has offices in Latin America, Africa, the Middle East, and Asia.

The fellowship program is a new component of the Ford Foundation’s Social Justice Fellowships Initiative. In its inaugural year, it will provide \$1.75 million in funding to support 100 fellows from NYU School of Law, Harvard Law School, Stanford Law School and Yale Law School.

We are happy to report that the following second-year RTK Scholars were awarded a fellowship for summer 2013:



**SHEILA BAYNES '14** will work at the Environmental Defense Fund (Air and Land, Water and Wildlife) in Boulder, Colorado.



**BRITTANY FRANCIS '14** will work at the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama.



**ANNE MATHEWS '14** will work at the National Women’s Law Center in Washington, D.C.

Alumnus Anthony Foxx '96 urged a fresh crop of graduates to pursue their passions at NYU School of Law's Convocation ceremony on May 18, 2012: "Take the skills you have and the passion you have and make a difference." Philip Kovoov '12 was the student speaker. He delivered a reflective speech on the real-world superheroes who inspired him and his peers during law school. A portion of Philip's speech is reprinted below.

# Roots Speak at J.D. Convocation—AGAIN!



*Philip Kovoov '12*



*Anthony Foxx '96*

Thank you, Dean Revesz, and congratulations, Class of 2012!

Today is an occasion for celebration. We celebrate our community. We celebrate our achievement. We celebrate our families and loved ones. We celebrate our future (and especially our Loan Repayment Assistance Program).

Like many of you, I didn't always know that I wanted to be a lawyer. When I was a child, I dreamed of being a superhero. I loved old comic book characters—like Spider-Man, Wonder Woman, and Batman. I admired their passion, their righteousness, and their power.

So you can imagine how disappointed I was when I realized that I had no superpowers. I could not fly. I could not shape shift. And I certainly was not invincible. So, like you, I decided to become a lawyer.

I came to NYU not knowing what to expect. Most people I knew despised lawyers, and most lawyers I knew despised law school. But from the moment we received that purple acceptance letter, this place seemed different. A place defined more by public service than by private interest. A place bustling with excitement. A place where everyone seemed surprisingly happy.

The past three years have been demanding. They have been humbling. But above all, they have been inspiring. We have walked among real-life superheroes—professors like Bryan Stevenson, Rachel Barkow, and the late, great Derrick Bell. People who have dedicated their lives to confronting injustice. People both uniquely human and superhuman. Day in and day out, we have witnessed these superheroes perform extraordinary feats. And we have been their faithful sidekicks.

In return, they have trained us well. Somehow they taught us to "think like a lawyer." To write persuasive briefs and deliver compelling arguments. They taught us also that too often the law has little to do with justice, but that we too can still make a difference.

Over the past three years, I have witnessed you honing your superpowers. Powers of learning and thinking, powers of listening and speaking, and powers of advocacy and compromise. Night after night, I have seen you walk out of those clinic offices at ungodly hours. Day after day, I

have seen you in that carrel in Vanderbilt Library. And I remember those silent dance parties, only days before finals—talk about fearlessness.

But I have also witnessed you in action. Many of you have challenged mass incarceration—from New York to New Orleans. Others have defended major corporations against hostile competitors. Those of you in the Suspension Representation Project have fought on behalf of students across the city. Others still have worked to hold corporations accountable for their abuses here and abroad. And our basketball team has won us pride and glory at the Deans' Cup—FOUR YEARS IN A ROW.

When we exit these doors, we will be many things. Proud. Happy. Hungry. Relieved. And, hopefully, employed—or soon to be. But above all, we will be privileged—privileged whether the first

lawyer in your family or following a family tradition. When we walk out those doors, we will be law school graduates. And whether we work on Wall Street or

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in the Deep South, that has power.

I remember a line from a comic book that my mother used to read me. It said, "With great power comes great responsibility." From now on—whether we pass the bar or not—we will be expected to speak up when others are silent. We will be expected to give voice to the voiceless. And we will be expected to do the right thing, even when it's the hard thing.

The past three years have also been a dark time in our nation. Our economy has faltered. And more than eight million people have lost their livelihoods. In response, our prisons have swelled. Today, there are 2.3 million people incarcerated. The

United States now has the highest rate of incarceration in the world. And our Supreme Court continues to favor the powerful at the expense of the powerless.

Now more than ever, the world needs you and your superpowers.

Today, we have much to celebrate—for the years past and the years to come. And we have much to be thankful for. Look around you. Look at all those who have sacrificed to get you here—parents, siblings, partners, and friends. Whisper a "Thank you." If you see a relative (or a stranger), blow them a kiss. Don't be shy. Today is our day.

Tomorrow we begin the next chapter in our saga. ■

# Invest in future RTK Scholars.

Continue the cycle of giving.

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## Awards at Convocation Presented to RTK Scholars

### For Scholarship, Academic Excellence, and Related Achievements

*Frank H. Sommer Memorial Award* "for outstanding scholarship, character, and professional activities"

**NIKKI REBECCA REISCH**

*Maurice Goodman Memorial Prize* "for outstanding scholarship and character"

**FRANCES M. KREIMER**

### Subject Area Awards

*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"

**VALERIE J. BRENDER**

*Black, Latino, Asian Pacific American Law Alumni Association (BLAPA) Award for Clinical Service* "to a member of APALSA, BALSA, LALSA, MELSA, MULSA, or SALSA for outstanding work in a clinical course, dedication to public service, and commitment to a career in public interest law"

**SHANNON A. CUMBERBATCH**

*Black, Latino, Asian Pacific American Law Alumni Association (BLAPA) Public Service Graduation Prize* "to a member of APALSA, BALSA, LALSA, MELSA, MULSA, or SALSA for dedication to public service and commitment to a career in public interest law"

**CAMILO ANDRES ROMERO**

*David Friedman Memorial Award* "for outstanding achievement in evidence"

**NIKKI REBECCA REISCH**

*Sol D. Kapelsohn Prize* "designated by the dean for the highest excellence in writing in the field of labor law"

**VALERIE J. BRENDER**

*Jerome Lipper Prize* "for outstanding work in the field of international law"

**NIKKI REBECCA REISCH**

*Ann Petluck Poses Memorial Prize* "designated by the dean in recognition of outstanding work in a clinical course requiring student practice"

**TALIA R. GOODING-WILLIAMS**

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**ADAM S. HERLING**

**FRANCES M. KREIMER**

**NIKKI REBECCA REISCH**

**MARTHA ROBERTS**

# Class of 2012 Post-Graduate Employment



## **Valerie Brender**

NYU School of Law Human Rights Watch Fellowship, New York, NY

## **Sara Cullinane**

Equal Justice Works Fellowship, Make the Road, New York, NY

## **Shannon Cumberbatch**

The Bronx Defenders, Bronx, NY

## **Rachael Dizard**

U.S. Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Newark, NJ

## **Talia Gooding-Williams**

Palm Beach County Public Defenders, West Palm Beach, FL

## **Ashley Grant**

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

## **Adam Herling**

Judge Stephanie K. Seymour, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit, Tulsa, OK (for the 2012 term)

## **Philip Kovoov**

New York County District Attorney's Office, New York, NY

## **Frances Kreimer**

Dolores Street Community Services, San Francisco, CA

## **Zack Orjuela**

Orleans Public Defenders, New Orleans, LA

## **Saerom Park**

Service Employees International Union Law Fellow, Washington, D.C.

## **Nikki Reisch**

Judge Marsha S. Berzon, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, San Francisco, CA (for the 2012 term)  
Judge Raymond J. Lohier Jr., U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, New York, NY (for the 2013 term)

## **Martha Roberts**

Judge Carlos F. Lucero, U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit, Denver, CO (for the 2012 term)

## **Camilo Romero**

Homeboy Industries, Los Angeles, CA

## **Amanda Sen**

Sinsheimer Fellowship, Partnership for Children's Rights, New York, NY

## **Liz Spector**

Proskauer Rose, New York, NY

## Additional Fellowships and Clerkships Awarded in 2012 to Alumni

### **Noam Biale '11**

Judge Gerard Lynch, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (for the 2014 term)

### **Stephen Kang '11**

Judge Kermit Lipez, U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit (for the 2012 term)



### **Anurag Gupta '11**

The Jacobson Leadership Program in Law and Business at NYU School of Law awarded Anurag a fellowship in Entrepreneurship, Social Entrepreneurship, and Innovation.

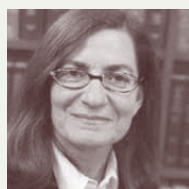


### **Julia Sheketoff '10**

Justice Stephen G. Breyer, Supreme Court of the United States (for the 2013 term)

# Leaders in Public Interest Series 2011–12

The Public Interest Law Center's Leaders in Public Interest Series featured three Root-Tilden-Kern alumni this past year. The three alumni discussed their work in government, direct services, and labor law, exemplifying the wide range of public interest careers pursued by NYU's public interest students.



**United States Federal Trade Commissioner Julie Brill '85** kicked off the Leaders in Public Interest Series on September 12 by delivering the 15th annual Attorney General Robert Abrams Public Service Lecture. In her presentation, "Finding Heroes in a Small World," Brill described her path from the Vermont

attorney general's office to the North Carolina attorney general's office and, in 2010, to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). She discussed the victories and challenges of her remarkable career in consumer protection and antitrust and emphasized the importance of mentors and role models for finding inspiration as well as guidance. Today, Brill's work at the FTC addresses federal policy questions that stem from her early fights in Vermont against credit reporting agencies and Big Tobacco, and the new challenges related to rapid advancements in information technology and data privacy.



**On November 14, Dorchen Leidholdt '88, Director of the Sanctuary for Families Center for Battered Women's Legal Services, delivered her talk entitled "Advocating for Survivors of Gender-Based Violence Locally and Globally."** Leidholdt's talk focused on how the provision of locally focused direct services for battered women

and international advocacy for women facing the specter of domestic abuse are part of the same struggle. Leidholdt also encouraged the audience to be flexible about their career paths in public interest law, noting that the intersections between various types of public interest issues lead to diverse and surprising career paths.



**On February 6, Matthew Ginsburg '05, Associate General Counsel for the AFL-CIO, gave a talk entitled "Building Worker Power on the Job and in the Community: Labor Law as Public Interest Law."** Ginsburg explained how labor unions continue to be instrumental players in community organizing, as

well as in legal and political struggles for social justice both domestically and internationally. Ginsburg discussed the work he has done for the AFL-CIO to support worker organizing efforts and to create a more favorable environment for unionized workers and social justice generally, and described the various paths to entry into union-side labor law. ■

## NYU School of Law Journal Memberships 2012–13

### *Law Review*

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Jesse Rockoff '14

Ariel Werner '14

Michele Yankson '14

### *Review of Law & Social Change*

#### **EDITOR-IN-CHIEF**

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#### **STAFF DEVELOPMENT EDITOR**

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#### **STAFF EDITORS**

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Anne Mathews '14

Nicholas Melvoin '14

Kendal Nystedt '14

Daniel Yu '14

### *Environmental Law Journal*

#### **SENIOR STAFF EDITOR**

Leslie Coleman '13

#### **STAFF EDITOR**

Akiva Fishman '14

### *Journal of International Law & Politics*

#### **SENIOR EXECUTIVE EDITOR**

Relic Sun '13

#### **SYMPOSIUM EDITOR**

Francesca Corbacho '13

#### **NOTES EDITOR**

Matt Craig '13

#### **STAFF EDITORS**

Won Joo Choe '14

Alyson Zureick '14

### *Journal of Law & Business*

#### **ARTICLES EDITOR**

Tyler Kinder '13

# Root-Tilden-Kern Class of 2015



## Amanda Bass

FILOMEN M.  
D'AGOSTINO SCHOLAR  
FOR CIVIL RIGHTS,  
CIVIL LIBERTIES, AND/  
OR CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Amanda was raised in West Chicago, Illinois, and is the third eldest of seven children. Homeschooled by her parents, Reginald and Patricia Bass, until the age of 13, Amanda enrolled at Amherst College in 2006, where she double-majored in black studies and mathematics and graduated magna cum laude in December 2010.

In 2008, Amanda spent six months working as a community organizer in Macon, Georgia, for Barack Obama's presidential campaign. Amanda spearheaded voter registration and volunteer recruitment initiatives in communities throughout middle Georgia and worked with African American businesses and churches, public officials, and local media to register voters and to educate people about the electoral process and their right to vote.

Throughout her months in Georgia, Amanda felt, for the first time in her life, the full impact of unjust laws that function as instruments of intimidation and exclusion. At the time, Georgia's discriminatory voter registration laws had made possible the de facto disenfranchisement of more than 600,000 African Americans.

It is through the political and legal battles that Amanda fought in Georgia that she became acutely aware of her need to study and know the law, to understand its practical applications, and to be able to adeptly navigate its boundaries of interpretation so that, as a future lawyer, she could help marginalized and underrepresented people find a voice.



## Emma Clippinger

WILMERHALE  
SCHOLAR

Emma graduated from Brown

University in 2009 with a degree in comparative literature. Following a summer internship with the Clinton Foundation Health Access Initiative in Rwanda, Emma co-founded Gardens for Health International in 2007. The organization partners with rural health clinics to provide agricultural solutions to the problem of chronic malnutrition. Since its inception, the organization has received numerous accolades, including awards from Echoing Green and Ashoka. Brown awarded Emma a Starr Social Entrepreneurship Fellowship to support her work with Gardens for Health International and an Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship to support her work with the Rhode Island Department of Health's Office of Minority Health. While at Brown, Emma was a founding member of the Brown Social Innovation Initiative.

Following her graduation from college, Emma served as executive director of Gardens for Health International for three years. During this time, she developed a strong interest in access to land as it relates to access to food and, ultimately, health. She intends to use her law degree to advance global economic and social justice.

Emma grew up in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She is looking forward to living in New York City for the first time.



## Zachary Dorado

ANDREW W. MELLON  
SCHOLAR

Zachary graduated from Fordham

University with Departmental Honors in English and sociology. He completed a thesis on literary censorship trials and received a Certificate of Excellence for Outstanding Commitment to Service and Social Justice and a Certificate of Accomplishment for Outstanding Leadership and Service to the University. He participated in and later assisted with Urban Plunge at Fordham, which introduces incoming students to New York City through direct service work and social justice education. He was also a founding member of the Justice Council at his campus.

Zachary spent two years on his campus' mock trial team. He later tutored refugee students living in New York City with the International Rescue Committee and interned with community organizers at Housing Conservation Coordinators. Zachary also completed a clerk internship at the Plymouth District Court and a paralegal internship with the Bronx office of the Children's Law Center. He hopes to continue to explore social injustice by working with indigent tenants in New York.

Zachary is originally from Sandwich, Massachusetts, where he began his interest in social justice while in high school by becoming a founding member of In Good Company, which uses techniques from the Theatre of the Oppressed to spread awareness through theater to community and school groups.



## Brooks Emanuel

Brooks graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from the University

of Georgia in 1999, with an honors interdisciplinary studies major: race, gender, and sexuality in U.S. Society.

After a career as a professional dancer and choreographer (hip-hop, African, and modern), including work with companies in New York City and Atlanta, in 2007 Brooks became executive assistant to the director of Georgia Rural Urban Summit,



a coalition of 50 progressive groups. In this role, he lobbied at the Georgia General Assembly and became involved in the progressive advocacy community.

After a stint in Boston serving on several political campaigns, Brooks returned to Atlanta to work with the Georgia House Democratic Caucus. As director of legislative services, he worked directly with the house minority leader and whip, other caucus members, progressive advocates, and other lobbyists to promote Caucus legislative priorities and defend against the most egregious right-wing legislation. During the 2010 decennial redistricting process, he helped mount the Democratic legislative and legal challenge to racially divisive Republican-drawn House maps.

Brooks has worked on a broad range of issues including immigrant, reproductive, and labor rights; protections for working parents, welfare recipients, homeowners, and tenants; funding for public education; and death penalty abolition.



### Anna Estevao

LINDEMANN FAMILY  
PUBLIC SERVICE  
SCHOLAR

Anna graduated from Barnard College in 2010 with honors in anthropology. During college, Anna spent a year visiting New York state prisons and interviewing inmates as an intern with the Prison Visiting Project of the Correctional Association of New York. She reported on conditions of confinement and rehabilitation programs while advocating for drug sentencing reform with grassroots coalition groups. Her senior thesis focused on the effects of long-term incarceration on inmates and was awarded with distinction. Anna also spent a summer conducting factual research for a study estimating the rate of wrongful convictions in capital punishment cases.

After graduating from college, Anna worked as a legal assistant and paralegal for the National Security Project of the American Civil Liberties Union, a legal team that advocates for post-9/11 national security policies that are consistent with the Constitution and fundamental human rights. At the ACLU,

she worked on a variety of cases relating to the torture and detention of detainees, targeted killing, extraordinary rendition, and government secrecy and surveillance.

Anna grew up in Kearny, New Jersey.



### Sophia Gebreselassie

WILLIAM AND MARY  
STERLING SCHOLAR

Sophia graduated from Brown University in 2005 with a B.A. in international relations with a focus on economic development. She has spent her time since supporting efforts to improve the health, prosperity, and equity of communities around the world.

Sophie became inspired by the law's ability to bolster international development efforts while managing the communications of the World Justice Project (WJP), a non profit organization that works to advance the rule of law. At the WJP, she led media efforts on five continents and managed the launch of the WJP Rule of Law Index®, a tool to measure countries' adherence to the rule of law. Conveying the connection between the rule of law and development goals and publicizing the project's grassroots successes gave her new perspective on the law's ability to empower communities.

Prior to the WJP, she worked at a cause-oriented communications agency, supporting the firm's international development and global health projects. After college, she volunteered copy-writing services for development projects and worked in Ethiopia building a public health website.

Sophie was raised in Maryland by parents native to Ethiopia. She is excited about gaining a new set of tools to continue her advocacy on behalf of marginalized communities.



### Rebecca Hufstader

STARR FOUNDATION  
SCHOLAR

Rebecca graduated summa cum laude from Washington University in St. Louis with a degree in English literature and Spanish. She began volunteering on Claire McCaskill's campaign for the

U.S. Senate during her first semester of college and immediately caught the political bug. Over the next four years she interned on numerous campaigns and organized teach-ins, protests, and voter registration drives in her role on the executive board of the College Democrats.

After graduation, Rebecca moved to Pennsylvania to work on Joe Sestak's campaign for the Senate. Following the election, she took her passion for electoral organizing and her Spanish skills to the Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition in Philadelphia. As a program coordinator, she organized pro bono Citizenship Days and managed an effort to register newly naturalized citizens to vote. She also coordinated the organization's advocacy in opposition to state-level anti-immigrant legislation and developed a deep interest in immigration policy.

Rebecca grew up in Storrs, Connecticut. She looks forward to using her NYU Law degree to represent low-income immigrants and ultimately hopes to help craft or advocate for fairer and more practical immigration laws.



### Diane Johnston

SINSHEIMER  
SERVICE SCHOLAR

Diane graduated from Emory University in 2007 with a degree in interdisciplinary studies focusing on social change in immigrant populations. During her time at Emory, she worked with various student-based volunteer groups and local organizations on issues relating to immigrant and low-income communities in Atlanta. She also interned in her home state of Massachusetts with inner-city youth addressing education, foster care, juvenile justice, and substance abuse matters. Diane graduated from Emory early and traveled to Chile, Argentina, and Costa Rica, where she developed her Spanish in immersion programs and volunteered with local non profit agencies.

After returning from Latin America, Diane continued her pursuit to assist immigrant communities by teaching English as a second language in Atlanta for several months. She then moved to New York City and worked as a counselor

to high-risk youth in Brooklyn. In 2009, she took her first public interest law position as a paralegal in Staten Island Legal Services' Homeowner Defense Project and has worked there since. In this role, she advocated on behalf of low-income homeowners to obtain affordable mortgages and prevent unnecessary foreclosures on her clients' homes. Diane plans to use her law degree to continue advocating for the rights of indigent clients and hopes to focus on representing immigrant youth.



### Andrew Jondahl

COBEN SCHOLAR

Andrew graduated summa cum laude from Boston

University in 2007 with a degree in broadcast journalism. After graduation, Andrew moved to Senegal, West Africa, where he served for two years as an agroforestry volunteer in the Peace Corps, working with rural farmers to incorporate trees into existing agricultural systems. He spent a third year with the Peace Corps in Senegal's capital, Dakar, as a communications and volunteer support specialist, developing a series of iPod training videos for the greater development community and leading innovation in the program's pre- and in-service trainings.

After returning to the United States at the end of 2010, Andrew continued to work in public service as a consultant for New York-based non profits Malaria No More and NetGuarantee. He served as Malaria No More's mobile health (mHealth) specialist, helping to design malaria awareness campaigns that capitalized on an expanding mobile phone market in Africa. With NetGuarantee, Andrew worked to apply innovative financial mechanisms to international funding processes to expedite the delivery of health commodities to malaria-endemic countries.

Andrew grew up in Plymouth, Minnesota, and is excited to explore ways in which mobile devices can be used to protect civil rights, both domestically and abroad.



### Julie Krumwiede

FILOMEN M.

D'AGOSTINO SCHOLAR  
FOR WOMEN OR  
CHILDREN

Julie graduated summa cum laude from the George Washington University, where she studied English and sociology and began cultivating her penchant for social and restorative justice. Concerned by the lack of resources available to marginalized groups in Washington, D.C., she began volunteering with HIPS (Helping Individual Prostitutes Survive) where she supported community members in making programming more inclusive for transgender sex workers. She has done outreach with the organization since 2008, hitting the streets at night with HIV testing, safer sex and injection supplies and education. Julie has also worked at the National Abortion Federation Hotline Fund as a case manager, providing one-on-one support to low-income individuals accessing reproductive health services and abortion care.

Having been raised in Utah and Idaho, Julie's work and life in D.C. exposed her to a new set of ways in which poverty, institutionalized racism and imprisonment drastically impact low-income people, communities of color, LGBTQ and gender non-conforming individuals. These are issues she hopes to further address by providing empowering, culturally competent legal defense for groups as marginalized as street-based sex workers and drug users.

Julie is also passionate about pugs, Scrabble, and female rappers and was once retweeted by Lil' Kim.



### Jehan Laner

DORIS C. AND ALAN J.  
FREEDMAN SCHOLAR

Jehan graduated magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa

from the University of California, Los Angeles in 2011, with a double major in Political Science and Communications Studies and with a minor in Civic Engagement.

Her involvement with public interest law began when she interned with

AmeriCorps serving as a JusticeCorps member at the Stanley Mosk Resource Center for Self-Represented Litigants in the Los Angeles County Superior Court. As a volunteer, she provided direct legal assistance to indigent litigants throughout all stages of their family law actions. Following her work with the courts, she studied with UCLA's Center for American Politics and Public Policy in Washington, D.C., where she interned with the American Bar Association's Commission on Immigration. While at the ABA she provided legal information to detainees in immigration custody.

Throughout her work in college, Jehan began to see a need for bilingual services in the law and the barriers to the judicial system that many people encounter. She hopes to use her law degree to empower traditionally marginalized communities.

Jehan grew up in Whittier, California, and graduated from Whittier High School. She is excited and grateful for this opportunity to continue her education at NYU.



### Julia McCarthy

JACOBSON PUBLIC  
SERVICE SCHOLAR  
FOR WOMEN,  
CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Julia graduated in

2008 from Georgetown University with a degree in history and minor in biology. While at Georgetown, she captained the lightweight women's rowing team and co-founded the culinary club.

After graduation, Julia joined Teach for America in New Orleans, where she taught second grade. Despite New Orleans's strong culinary culture, Julia saw students, 99 percent of whom qualified for free lunches, subjected to nutritionally deficient meals, so she investigated sourcing healthier, local food. Julia researched policies affecting the National School Lunch Program, started a community garden, and helped the district resource teacher develop a healthy eating curriculum.

Realizing that the problem of healthy food access for low-income communities was greater than the school lunch program, Julia secured an internship at the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition (NSAC) to better understand

supply-side barriers. At NSAC, Julia advocated for inclusion of provisions to promote healthy food access in the nutrition title of the 2012 Farm Bill and helped craft redline language for marker bills. With a law degree, Julia hopes to work for a policy organization that advocates for adequate, healthy food for children in low-income communities.

Julia spent most of her school years in the United States but calls Tokyo home.



## Hannah McDermott

FILOMEN M.  
D'AGOSTINO SCHOLAR  
FOR WOMEN OR  
CHILDREN

Hannah graduated from Cornell University in 2011 with a degree in industrial and labor relations. While at Cornell, Hannah worked with the Cornell Farmworker Program, an organization that provides resources to the underserved farmworker population living in central New York. She served as a student leader for the Immigrant Farmworker Initiative and founded the Refugee Outreach Club. Hannah spent a semester in Cairo, Egypt, working with the International Labour Organization and researching the role of women and youth in Egypt's labor market.

After graduation, Hannah moved to Amman, Jordan, on a Fulbright Scholarship. She is working to develop an English language program for Sudanese and Somali refugees, as well as community development programs for these groups. She also taught classes on English and American culture at a girls high school in Amman.

Hannah was born and raised in Granville, New York, a small town near the New York-Vermont border. After law school, she hopes to return to the Middle East to work with immigrant populations (particularly youth) facing exploitation in the workplace and complicated immigration systems.



## Hannah Mercuris

FILOMEN M.  
D'AGOSTINO SCHOLAR  
FOR CIVIL RIGHTS,  
CIVIL LIBERTIES, AND/  
OR CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Hannah graduated cum laude from Columbia University in 2010 with a degree in anthropology and human rights. During college, Hannah led education initiatives and activism campaigns with Columbia's Amnesty International chapter to demand accountability for torture, stop violence against women, and close the prison at Guantánamo Bay. Hannah also interned with the Africa Division of Human Rights Watch, where she supported research efforts on corporate social responsibility and sexual violence.

After graduation, Hannah moved to Washington, D.C., and assisted a small law firm, Burke PLLC, in cases against private military contractors for fraud and complicity in the torture at Abu Ghraib prison. Hannah also worked on litigation addressing the failure of the military to ensure justice and protection for members of the military who were raped or sexually assaulted. In the year before law school, Hannah worked as a legal assistant with the National Security Project of the American Civil Liberties Union and volunteered with Sanctuary for Families.

Hannah is proud to be from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where she attended Germantown Friends School. In law school, she hopes to continue her work at the intersection of civil liberties and armed conflict and on inequality in the justice system.



## Jack Nelson

Jack graduated from Williams College in 2007 with a degree in Russian. While at Williams, he

was captain of the Nordic ski team and studied for a semester in Siberia. After graduating, he returned to his home state of New Hampshire to work as a field organizer for the Democratic Party. Following the 2008 election, he moved to Washington, D.C., where he worked as a legislative correspondent covering health

care, education, and labor issues for U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen.

Jack spent the 2009-10 academic year on a Fulbright grant in Oslo, Norway, where he studied the Norwegian environmental movement and international climate politics. He attended the U.N. climate negotiations in Copenhagen as an NGO observer and worked to strengthen ties between youth climate activists from developed and developing countries. Jack received the 2009 Lois Roth Award for creatively fostering international dialogue.

For the past two years, Jack has worked at the World Resources Institute in Washington, D.C., where he helps manage strategic relationships with U.S. and international government agencies. Jack is looking forward to a career in environmental justice and is thrilled to be joining the RTK community at NYU.



## Brence D. Pernel

FILOMEN M.  
D'AGOSTINO SCHOLAR  
FOR WOMEN OR  
CHILDREN

Brence graduated magna cum laude from Duke University in 2008 with a degree in history. At Duke, Brence co-led social justice-oriented programming for the Reginaldo Howard Memorial Scholars, a group of student leaders dedicated to a life of service. Brence was awarded the William J. Griffith University Community Service Award for his volunteer efforts in the Durham community and received the History Department's Canon Prize for his historical scholarship.

Academic excellence, leadership, and commitment to diversity led to Brence's receiving the Woodrow Wilson-Rockefeller Brothers Fund Fellowship for Aspiring Teachers of Color to pursue graduate studies at Harvard. There, he was awarded a Leadership in Education grant and worked for the Center for Law and Education. His primary roles included serving as organization liaison to schools and providing research support for attorneys advocating for low-income families.

Brence spent several years thereafter teaching English and history to students in low-income communities in South Carolina and Massachusetts.

An Education Pioneers fellowship allowed him to write curriculum for the Citizen Schools organization as part of a \$1 million National Science Foundation grant; he also implemented a new curriculum on global finance and citizenship for Building Educated Leaders for Life, an urban-based afterschool program. He spent two additional summers as a teaching scholar for the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Brence grew up in Blackville, South Carolina, a mostly minority and low-income community. He hopes to use his law degree to effect positive, sustainable change for public school students who come from backgrounds similar to his.



### Joshua Riegel

Joshua spent seven years working for the American Civil Liberties Union, first in its Women's

Rights Project, and most recently as the senior paralegal in its Racial Justice Program. While at the ACLU, he assisted with impact litigation and other advocacy aimed at leveling structural barriers to equality that disproportionately and adversely affect women, girls, and communities of color. From 2011 to 2012, he also facilitated a weekly support group for LGBTQ residents in a homeless shelter in Brooklyn as part of Queers for Economic Justice's Shelter Organizing Project.

Born and raised in Aurora, Colorado, Joshua graduated from Sarah Lawrence College with a B.A. (2002) and M.A. (2004); he was a Barbara Wallace Cornwall Scholar. As an undergraduate, he studied history and cultural anthropology, and as a graduate student, he studied women's history with an emphasis in feminist and queer political thought.

Through his studies and professional endeavors, Joshua has become deeply interested in the history and development of the law as it relates to the mediation of power, the administration of difference and recognition, and the regulation of low-income and queer communities of color. He looks forward to a career as an attorney advocating for economic and criminal-justice reform.



### Seth Silverman

SULLIVAN & CROMWELL SCHOLAR

Seth is passionate about working in the areas where

environmental and social challenges interact and hopes to pursue issues of international environment and development throughout his career. Graduating from Stanford University with an individually designed undergraduate major in the global politics of health, human rights, and the environment and a Master of Science in civil and environmental engineering focusing on atmosphere and energy systems, Seth has worked and studied in eight countries. Upon graduation, Seth worked as a John Gardner Fellow in the White House Council on Environmental Quality, advancing the efforts of the Interagency Climate Change Adaptation Task Force, the first comprehensive federal effort to build a U.S. national climate change adaptation strategy.

Following his service in Washington, Seth moved to rural western Kenya, where he served as operations manager for the One Acre Fund. One Acre Fund provides a "comprehensive bundle" of support to smallholder farmers, giving over 75,000 farm families and growing in Kenya the tools they need to grow their own way out of poverty. Seth hopes to continue moving between policy and practitioner roles and is excited about the ways in which a legal education can enhance the impact of his work.



### Adrienne Warrell

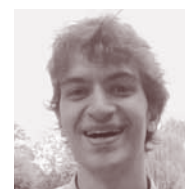
FILOMEN M. D'AGOSTINO SCHOLAR FOR CIVIL RIGHTS, CIVIL LIBERTIES, AND/OR CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Adrienne graduated summa cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania in 2010 with a degree in urban studies. In her time at Penn, she was a program coordinator for Community School Student Partnerships and a Student Advisory Board member for the university's Netter Center for Community Partnerships. Always eager

to explore Philadelphia, she also served as a legislative intern for a city councilman, worked to provide abortion access to low-income women at the Women's Medical Fund, and completed an externship at the Reinvestment Fund, one of the city's leaders in community economic development, during her undergraduate career. In her senior year, she was initiated into the Mortar Board senior honor society for her campus leadership and academic achievement.

After graduating, Adrienne participated in Philly Fellows, a yearlong fellowship in non profit management, working on the issues of homelessness and fair housing at Project H.O.M.E. Most recently, she has been learning about the criminal justice system as a paralegal for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York.

Adrienne was born in Washington, D.C., and raised in Bethesda, Maryland. She is eager to apply a legal education to her passions for social justice and the revitalization of American cities.



### Matthew Wasserman

A New York City native, Matt received a B.A. from Reed College in 2007.

Following graduation, he worked as a paralegal on death row appeals, taught English at a French high school, and performed research for a labor movement-oriented think tank. He then investigated allegations of police misconduct for the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board for nearly three years. Subsequently, he obtained a master's in political science from the Sorbonne (Université Paris 1), where he received high honors.

Matt is interested in issues of public policy, civil rights, and systemic inequality. After law school, he hopes to work toward the reform of the criminal justice system through impact litigation, policy advocacy, and grassroots organizing. ■



# Class of 2013 and 2014 Summer Jobs

This past summer, RTK Scholars scattered across the country and the world to work on a variety of important issues and to get hands-on legal training. We've grouped their internships by theme and asked scholars to share some of the highlights of their summers. Below you'll read about the work they undertook, ranging from environmental protection work in Liberia to domestic policy in the Obama White House.

## Department of Justice

Three students spent their summers working for the U.S. Department of Justice: **Julia Kaye '13** in the Civil Rights Division—Special Litigation Section in D.C., and **Abigail Nurse '13** in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia.

## Civil Rights

Three students worked in the area of civil rights this summer. **Gabe Hopkins '13** worked at the New York State Attorney General's Office in the Civil Rights Bureau. The office enforces federal, state, and local civil rights laws and protects New York residents from a wide range of discrimination. Gabe had the opportunity to work on a broad range of issues, from housing discrimination to immigration fraud to disability access to voter rights to affirmative action and more. His work involved research and writing as well as field investigations. He is especially glad to have had the opportunity to work for a government agency for the first time. **Aisha Dennis '13** and **Abigail Nurse '13** interned at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, a non profit legal organization that has assisted African Americans and other people of color in securing their civil and constitutional rights for more than seven decades. Aisha researched several issues in support of an active school desegregation case and a Section Two voting rights case.



Aisha Dennis '13

Abigail conducted legal research on the Equal Protection Clause for a memo on an anti-subordination approach to heightened scrutiny. They both assisted with the respondent amicus effort for the October 2012 Supreme Court case *Fisher v. Texas*, which will determine the constitutionality of race-conscious admissions at the University of Texas.

## Environmental

Several students spent their summers working in environmental law. **Leslie Coleman '13** worked at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). She worked at the EPA's Office of General Counsel, primarily working with the Solid Waste and Emergency Response Law Office. Leslie was pleased by how much responsibility she was given over complicated and timely legal problems. For example, she had the opportunity to serve as the lead on a subgroup formed to assess a recent judicial decision's impact on the agency's enforcement programs. Leslie hopes to return to the EPA early in her career. **Akiva Fishman '14** worked with the Environmental Protection Agency of Liberia. In particular, Akiva researched the environmental impact assessment regimes in several African countries and developed recommendations for reforming Liberia's fee structure. Other work included commenting on proposed wetland restoration and waste management programs, visiting development projects in the rain forest, and helping draft a national oil spill contingency plan. **Relic Sun '13** spent her summer at Earthjustice's international office learning how to use domestic and international remedies to address environmental harms in the United States and abroad. The main lesson Relic learned was how inadequate U.S. laws are in protecting people's fundamental



Akiva Fishman '14

rights to life and health in the context of environmental pollution. She hopes to continue working on pushing for reform in this area of the law. **Elizabeth DeGori '14** spent her summer in Beijing, China, at the Natural Resources Defense Council. Liz's independent research project focused on the development of the U.S.-China relationship in areas related to the environment by looking at formal government agreements, and activities carried out under them, since 1979. She hopes to make this information widely available via website as an ongoing project to help all related actors in the field create synergies, prevent redundancies, and develop further, more successful cooperation in the future.

## Immigration



Kendal Nystedt '14

Two students focused their attention on immigration issues this summer. **Kendal Nystedt '14** spent her summer with the Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project, where she provided free legal services to men detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Florence, Arizona. Kendal worked alongside the unrepresented, who were asylum seekers, legal permanent residents with criminal convictions, DREAMers, and people with claims to U.S. citizenship, among others. She screened for immigration relief, wrote legal motions and appeals, and prepared detainees to represent themselves. While she wanted to cry more often than she was

able to celebrate, she is thankful for the whirlwind introduction to immigration law and has solidified her status as a fierce advocate for immigration reform. **Jesse Rockoff '14** worked at the Immigrant Defense Project, the only nationwide organization focused on the immigration consequences of criminal convictions. He analyzed criminal-immigration issues in case calls received through the organization's hotline, and researched and wrote memoranda on cutting-edge criminal-immigration issues. Jesse also assisted in giving Know Your Rights criminal-immigration trainings and consultations at NYC prisons. While the consequences of criminal convictions for people subject to immigration laws are extraordinarily harsh, he learned this summer that there is help that can be provided even in the most desperate situations.

## Direct Legal Services

**Sara Maeder '14** interned this summer at the Sylvia Rivera Law Project (SRLP), which provides free legal services to transgender, intersex, and gender non-conforming New Yorkers. She worked primarily with SRLP's Survival and Self-Determination Project, where she helped clients legally change their names and amend the gender markers on their identification. Sara also contributed to SRLP's policy work and Prisoner Justice Project. **Daniel Yu '14** worked for the housing practice of the East Bay Community Law Center (EBCLC), representing indigent tenants in unlawful detainers and educating community members of their rights as tenants. Many of the EBCLC's clients are Section 8 voucher recipients, and the legal services the center provides are often the only protection between their clients and homelessness. Daniel was also able to work on affirmative cases against slumlords and banks that illegally foreclosed on tenants.

## Criminal Defense

**Elana Fogel '13** spent her summer at the Bronx Defenders, in the Criminal Defense and Immigration practices. By working in multiple areas, Elana was able to experience first hand the Bronx Defenders' unique holistic defense model. In addition to the usual intern tasks of research and writing, Elana also conducted oral arguments, counseled and represented clients in court appearances, conducted intake interviews, and assisted clients in preparing immigration applications. She learned the inestimable power of having passionate,

supportive colleagues in the intense work of standing beside a client fighting the myriad and interconnected oppressions to which they are subject. **Malika Lubell-Doughtie '14** spent her summer in Kathmandu, Nepal, interning for the International Legal Foundation (ILF-Nepal). ILF-Nepal is the only public defender organization in Nepal. Along with her legal work, Malika assisted in the emergency fundraising campaign that allowed ILF-Nepal to remain open. She felt fortunate to learn from individuals committed to the creation of a legal-aid framework in Nepal. Malika witnessed the many trials and tribulations a legal organization faces when the system the organization functions within is in the midst of political upheaval.

## ACLU

Each summer, several Root Scholars intern at the ACLU. **Matt Craig '13** split his summer between EarthRights International in Washington, D.C., and the ACLU national office in New York. At the ACLU, Matt focused on the threats to free speech posed by the material support statute and the FISA Amendments Act. **Ariel Werner '14** also spent her summer at the ACLU's national office. Working with the Center for Justice and the Affiliate Support and Advocacy department, Ariel focused on criminal justice policy reform related to solitary confinement, capital punishment, juvenile justice, and indigent defense. Ariel was pleased to learn about the different roles of policy advocacy and impact litigation in a comprehensive strategy to improve our prisons and fix our criminal justice system. **Nicholas Melvoin '14** interned at the ACLU of Southern California and participated in an Education Pioneers Fellowship to work on



*Nicholas Melvoin '14*

education reform in Los Angeles. Nicholas focused on issues of educational equity and criminal justice and worked on cases on behalf of students at chronically failing schools, English learners, and inmates at county jails. One of the most valuable things Nicholas learned is the importance of telling a compelling narrative.

## Government

**Amelia Frenkel '14** worked in the Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department in the Employment Litigation Section. The section helps to enforce Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act. In the Employment Litigation Section, she conducted legal research in



*Amelia Frenkel '14*

connection with ongoing investigations and litigation. During her time with the Justice Department, she learned not only a great deal about America's anti-discrimination laws but also about how differences in the interpretation of those laws can impact Americans' ability to claim their rights in the courtroom, and how skilled advocacy can impact those interpretations. **Julia Kaye '13** spent the summer at the White House Domestic Policy Council, where she was the sole intern on a four-person team charged with developing and implementing the president's agenda on civil rights, criminal justice, and regulatory policy. She performed research and wrote speeches for the special assistant to the president for justice and regulatory policy, identified and advanced new policy initiatives, wrote briefing memos to senior advisers, and helped coordinate an interagency working group. Three highlights were meeting the first lady, hearing the president announce his new immigration policy in the Rose Garden, and touring the Situation Room. Halfway through the summer, another intern and Julia co-counseled a jury trial, and they won." ■

# Class of 2015 Orientation

The RTK Class of 2015 came together for the first time on August 21, 2012, in beautiful Blairstown, New Jersey. They discussed their passion for and commitment to public interest law and received helpful advice from two third-year RTK Scholars, Yan Cao and Julia Kaye, on what to expect in law school. During their free time, they took a class on capoeira, a blend of martial arts and dance from Brazil. Professor David Golove also took the scholars on a hunt for mushrooms, explaining to each of them how to spot the best-tasting wild mushrooms!



## Thank You, Professor David Golove!

The Root-Tilden-Kern Program extends a warm thanks to Professor David Golove, who was a fantastic interim faculty director last year. Under his guidance and leadership, the program successfully selected a new class of fabulous scholars whom he helped welcome them at the Class of 2015 RTK orientation in August. We are thankful for his wise direction and are delighted to keep him as a friend of the program for years to come!

# Alumni Working in National Security Law

Every year, we profile alumni working in a particular area of law. This year the focus is national security and the important work alumni conduct in a vast and complex field that has come to receive more attention from scholars, legal practitioners, and the general public since 9/11.



## **Baher Azmy '96**

As a public interest law student at NYU, Baher always had a passion for civil rights and a self-described “moral and political compulsion to work with disenfranchised people and transform their struggles into legal vocabulary.”

But it was after 9/11 that Baher, who is Egyptian American, fused his interest in protecting marginalized communities and responding to government abuses with his personalized concern for how Muslim communities were being treated in New York, New Jersey, and beyond. Indeed, it is the human element of civil rights litigation that has sustained Baher over the years. What began for him as a political opposition to government practices in the wake of 9/11 became personal when he started meeting with individual clients impacted by those practices and working to obtain a measure of justice on their behalf.

Baher’s concern for both the personal and political elements of human and civil rights litigation makes him a great fit for the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR), where he is now legal director. Unique to CCR’s litigation philosophy is recognition that social change grows from communities and political movements, and that lawyers should support the aspirations of affected communities rather than jumping ahead or trying to achieve social change solely through legal rulings.

This holistic approach to advocacy and lawyering informs Baher’s beliefs about the future of civil rights and human rights litigation: He recommends that law students seeking careers in this field find ways to work at the grassroots and community level to develop political constituencies in opposition of government abuses. He cites the New York City stop-and-frisk litigation, in which CCR is lead counsel, as an example of a lawsuit buttressed by activism and challenges on the ground. Baher’s mention of this local fight against an abusive police practice is also illustrative of his belief in the importance of coalition building among the Muslim community, the African American community, and other communities of color in challenging practices developed in the name of national security or public safety that are often motivated by racism and xenophobia.

The work is not easy. Baher laments that, since 2008, “there has been a sort of retrenchment or acceptance of the national security policies of the Obama administration, which look a lot like the national security policies of the Bush administration, minus the outrage.” As a result of acquiescence by the public and courts to many of the Obama administration’s policies, CCR and its allies are changing their orientation in recognition of the fact that the post-9/11 “human rights crisis mentality” brought to challenges to torture and detention at Guantánamo must give way to a longer-

term perspective. Rather than achieving victory through a single-impact litigation case—Baher notes *Boumediene*, which upheld habeas corpus rights for Guantánamo detainees—they must be ready for a “long, low-level, and continuous struggle.”

NYU and the Root Program were critical to the development of Baher’s career. Before law school, he was never in an environment that nurtured his instincts and aspirations for social justice work. But in the Root Program and at NYU, Baher was inspired by his colleagues and found a community in which public interest work was genuinely valued. Academically, too, Baher had an incredibly rich experience. Classes with faculty members like Burt Neuborne and work in NYU’s clinical programs played an intensive and meaningful role in Baher’s education. He reflects, “NYU was the best thing that happened to me professionally.”



## **Ben Wizner '00**

Ben’s legal career has traced the enormous expansion of national security law, though Ben has

always been skeptical of this very concept. According to Ben, national security law was not even taught in most law schools before the September 11 attacks; its current entrenchment reflects Americans’ increasing willingness to discard traditional civil liberties. “We didn’t need a new system of laws and rules,” Ben says about the military commissions and secret prisons that have mushroomed since he began working at the ACLU in 2001. “The burden was on the government to show why existing civil and criminal systems that had survived the Soviet threat were inadequate for the struggle against terrorism.”

Today, Ben asserts, civil liberties and human rights advocates have largely lost the battle against a developing corpus of national security law. The result has been a government routinely operating outside of longstanding human rights norms. “You would think that ten years after 9/11, with Osama bin Laden dead and al-Qaeda weakened and dislocated, we would be

ready for a new kind of discussion,” Ben says. “But instead of ratcheting down the ‘global war’ rhetoric, we’re doubling down. Congress has essentially handed every future president the authority to detain without charge or trial terrorism suspects picked up far from any battlefield. We’re seeing some of the policies criticized as ‘extreme’ during the last administration enshrined as a new normal.”

Ben argues that the entrenchment of the post-9/11 national security apparatus, and of national security law as a field, has meant that the technology and legal frameworks developed to protect the “homeland” after 9/11 have begun to bleed into other areas of the law. Accordingly, after serving as the litigation director for the ACLU’s National Security Project, Ben has been leading the organization’s Speech, Privacy, and Technology Project since March 2012.

The project focuses on the many ways in which national security law is now being brought to bear on domestic issues. “We need to understand the threat which the growing infrastructure of the security state presents to our democracy,” Ben says. The laws that protect us from government and corporate surveillance have not kept pace with technological innovations, he adds. The Speech, Privacy, and Technology Project’s docket includes challenges to warrantless GPS tracking and laptop searches, patenting of human genes, and online privacy.



**Mitra Ebadolahi '08 (LL.M. '12)**

Mitra entered law school with a passion for international

human rights, particularly economic and social rights. Her focus on the justiciability of human rights motivated her, as a 1L, to serve as a research assistant for the Center for Human Rights and Global Justice and as a legal intern for the renowned Constitutional Litigation Unit of the Legal Resources Centre in Johannesburg, South Africa. Around this time—in the mid-2000s—more and more information about the U.S. government’s use of torture and extraordinary rendition post-9/11 became public. The emerging

news stories led Mitra to research the legal implications of the United States’ “war on terror” policies, first as a student practitioner in the International Human Rights Clinic and then as a 2L summer intern with the ACLU’s Immigrants’ Rights Project, where she worked on cases at the intersection of national security and immigration law.

Mitra realized that courts were often reluctant to provide meaningful judicial review in the national security context, just as they were in the economic and social rights context. Her desire to understand the proper role of the judiciary and to work as a constitutional litigator in the United States led Mitra to apply for federal clerkships. After earning her J.D., Mitra clerked first for the Honorable Margaret M. Morrow, U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California, and then for the Honorable Betty B. Fletcher, U.S. Senior Circuit Judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Through clerking, Mitra witnessed firsthand the essential role that the judiciary must play in checking executive power. She also learned how to be a careful and responsible lawyer from two remarkable judges, who became cherished mentors.

Mitra is currently in the second year of a two-year term as the inaugural Nadine Strossen Fellow at the American

Civil Liberties Union’s National Security Project in New York. Thus far, Mitra has had the opportunity to work on several important cases. In *George v. Rehiel*, her client, Nick George, was interrogated, handcuffed, and detained for hours in the Philadelphia International Airport simply because he was carrying English-Arabic language flashcards related to his language studies at Pomona College. Mitra is part of the team challenging Mr. George’s treatment as a violation of the First and Fourth Amendments. Mitra has also worked on the team for *Amnesty v. Clapper*, the ACLU’s challenge to the FISA Amendments Act of 2008. That statute, the ACLU argues, has provided the federal government with almost unchecked power to monitor Americans’ international phone calls and e-mails. The Supreme Court heard oral arguments in *Clapper* on October 29, 2012. At the heart of this crucial case, once again, is the proper role of the federal judiciary in a system of separated powers.

In the future, Mitra aspires to a career as a constitutional litigator and a lifelong advocate for marginalized populations whose most basic rights are being violated. She seeks to continue demanding a meaningful role for the courts in reviewing key constitutional rights claims. ■



# Class Notes

## Erica Steinberger McLean '72

Erica is now on the Steering Committee for the Avon Global Center for Women and Justice.

## Claire Lipschultz '76

Claire has been named State Policy Advocate for California for the National Council of Jewish Women, representing the organization's legislative and policy goals for social and economic justice for women, children, and families. She has been actively engaged in statewide efforts to stop human trafficking. In June, Claire and her husband, Sage, celebrated the graduations of their two sons, one from McGeorge School of Law and the other with his undergraduate degree from UCLA.

## Calvin Christopher '04

Calvin lives in Johannesburg, South Africa, working in an investment bank where he is a legal adviser for the bank's operations across Africa. He is married to Kgomo Christopher and has two children, a daughter (age 5) named Larona and a son (age 3) named Lesika.

## Zabrina Alegruire '05

After five years at the Brooklyn Family Defense Project, Zabrina has moved to the San Francisco Bay Area and is working at the National Center for Lesbian Rights on impact litigation.



## Angelica Jongco '05

On June 10, 2012, Angelica and her husband, Daniel, welcomed their first child, Kaya Grace Hutchinson. In Tagalog, Kaya means "can,"

so she's their little "can-do" baby. Please look them up if you're near Oakland, California.



## Jared Bybee '06

Jared, his wife, Mehrsa Baradaran (NYU Law '05), and their three daughters, Cyra, Lucia, and Ramona recently moved to Athens, Georgia. Mehrsa and Jared accepted positions at the University of Georgia, where Mehrsa is a tenure-track law professor and Jared teaches a clinic on community economic development while also working with the Fanning Institute doing a variety of projects to strengthen communities around Georgia.

## Kate Evans '09

Kate completed her clerkship for the Honorable Diana E. Murphy, Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, in August and launched a new immigration litigation law firm, Casper & Evans, P.A., with Twin Cities expert Benjamin Casper. The firm will direct the Pro Bono Litigation Project for the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota. This fall Kate joined the faculty of the University of St. Thomas School of Law as an adjunct clinical professor.

## Dorothy Smith '09

Dorothy will become the director of operations with Youth Venture, a subsidiary of an organization called Ashoka that is focused on supporting social entrepreneurship and innovative strategies for making change globally.

## Dan Firger '10

Dan was married in June. He and his wife, Sonal Bains, got engaged last summer on an epic Montana camping trip with Ellie Happel (RTK '11) and friends. Several Roots, including Happel, Noam Biale (RTK '11), and Ian Marcus Amelkin (RTK '09) were at the wedding.

## Mark Weiner '11

Mark completed a clerkship with Judge Susan Illston in the Northern District of California and is now a public defender with the Legal Aid Society in New York.

# Honors

## Bridget Mary McCormack '91

Bridget was elected to the Michigan Supreme Court. After winning her campaign in November, she will serve as an associate justice on the Michigan Supreme Court beginning in January 2013.



Bridget joined the faculty at the University of Michigan Law School after completing a teaching fellowship at Yale Law School in 1998. Since then, she has been a leader within legal education, strengthening nationally recognized programs such as Domestic Violence Litigation Clinic, the Pediatric Health Advocacy Clinic, and the Michigan Innocence Clinic.

## Ivan Espinoza-Madrigal '05

Ivan has been recognized by the National LGBT Bar Association as one of the Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40. He is an attorney with Lambda Legal in New York.

## Carlos Siso '07

Carlos received the Bronze Medal Award by the Department of Transportation's Office of Chief Counsel in recognition of superior achievement in providing legal services to the Department.

The award inscription reads "For sustained and extraordinary support to FAA's critical air traffic modernization efforts, including acquisition competitions, awards, bid protest challenges, contract administration, and external inquiries."

## Tribute to Deb Ellis

Deborah Ellis '82 has been a leader at New York University School of Law since becoming its first assistant dean for public service and the executive director of the Root-Tilden-Kern Program in 1992. As an alumna of the Law School and the RTK Program, Deb served students as a gifted professor, generous mentor, insightful adviser, and tireless advocate; she made an enormous positive difference at NYU. Both prior to and during her time as assistant dean, Deb was an adjunct professor at the Law School and over the years taught a course in sex discrimination law and also the Public Policy Advocacy Clinic at the Brennan Center for Justice.

The Law School will miss Deb's intelligence, passion, experience, and dedication, which have served to strengthen our institutional commitment to public service. She helped thousands of law students and alumni pursue their public service aspirations. NYU's public service ethos has been realized in the career choices of our graduates during Deb's tenure; as a result of her leadership, we saw a steady increase in the number of students taking public interest jobs and a significant expansion in the federal government honors programs. Under her direction, the RTK Program flourished, growing from 12 to 20 students per year at full tuition; the Public Interest Legal Career Fair has become the largest public interest job fair of its kind in the country; and the Public Interest Law Center Summer Funding Program was guaranteed for all students and significantly expanded. Moreover, in 2008, Deb oversaw the creation of the Judicial Clerkship Office, which resulted in a record number of clerkships, especially at the federal Court of Appeals level.

In addition to expanding existing programs, Deb worked diligently with her team to institute several new programs to enhance the support provided to NYU students. Foremost among these is the Pro Bono/Public Service Recognition Award, adopted by the faculty in February 2010, which will give recognition to students from the Class of 2013 forward who perform 50 or more hours of pro bono or public service work. She initiated new programs, including the public interest mentoring program and such lively and popular debates as "Is Social Justice Best



Promoted by Being a Prosecutor or Public Defender?" Deb established new postgraduate fellowships, such as the Outten & Golden Fellowship and the Reproductive Justice Fellowship at the ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project. She collaborated with student groups to establish the Alternative Spring Break program to create opportunities for students to do public service around the country. Deb facilitated our partnership with Legal Outreach, a diversity program for middle school and high school youth, where our law students serve as debate coaches; each summer at NYU, Legal Outreach hosts a summer program designed to teach boys of color who are about to enter high school what it is like to have a career in law.

In 2011, Deb was recognized with the National Association for Law Placement's Leadership and Public Service award, and a White House Champions of Change Award. In 2012, she received the NYU Law Alumni Association Public Service Award on the occasion of her 30th reunion. ■

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Total Class Donors: 6  
Total Class Size: 8  
Total Giving: \$95,877  
Participation Rate of Giving: 75%  
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Total Class Donors: 7  
Total Class Size: 12  
Total Giving: \$2,579,900  
Participation Rate of Giving: 58%  
Robert R. Eidsmoe  
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Total Class Donors: 4  
Total Class Size: 9  
Total Giving: \$6,410  
Participation Rate of Giving: 44%  
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Total Class Donors: 6  
Total Class Size: 11  
Total Giving: \$17,250  
Participation Rate of Giving: 55%  
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### Class of 1958

Total Class Donors: 5  
Total Class Size: 13  
Total Giving: \$2,475  
Participation Rate of Giving: 38%  
Edward W. Beglin Jr.  
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### Class of 1959

Total Class Donors: 7  
Total Class Size: 15  
Total Giving: \$56,078  
Participation Rate of Giving: 47%  
Murray H. Bring  
Wesley E. Forte (LL.M. '65)  
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### Class of 1960

Total Class Donors: 12  
Total Class Size: 22  
Total Giving: \$56,300  
Participation Rate of Giving: 55%  
Thomas Buergenthal  
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### Class of 1961

Total Class Donors: 5  
Total Class Size: 16  
Total Giving: \$55,650  
Participation Rate of Giving: 31%  
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William J. Williams Jr.

### Class of 1962

Total Class Donors: 15  
Total Class Size: 17  
Total Giving: \$73,125  
Participation Rate of Giving: 88%  
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(LL.M. '63)  
Richard C. Warmer  
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### Class of 1963

Total Class Donors: 7  
Total Class Size: 16  
Total Giving: \$12,250

Participation Rate of Giving: 44%  
Anthony C. Gooch (LL.M. '64)  
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The Honorable Burt S. Pines  
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Dennis P. Thompson  
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### Class of 1964

Total Class Donors: 10  
Total Class Size: 19  
Total Giving: \$40,500  
Participation Rate of Giving: 53%  
Croil J. Anderson  
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Robert Edgar Rose  
Edwin D. Williamson

### Class of 1965

Total Class Donors: 5  
Total Class Size: 17  
Total Giving: \$5,250  
Participation Rate of Giving: 29%  
Thomas E. Colleton Jr.  
Dean Richard Edstrom (LL.M. '66)  
Edgar A. Lampert  
William E. Nelson  
Matthew S. Watson

### Class of 1966

Total Class Donors: 10  
Total Class Size: 24  
Total Giving: \$21,900  
Participation Rate of Giving: 42%  
David A. Bennett  
Frank R. Ciesla Jr.  
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William H. Goebel  
Thomas C. Morrison  
Robert D. Nelson  
Ron L. Quigley  
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### Class of 1967

Total Class Donors: 12  
Total Class Size: 17  
Total Giving: \$1,206,250  
Participation Rate of Giving: 71%  
Thomas R. Brome  
Jerome L. Getz  
John G. Hoeschler  
Steven S. Huff  
Robert H. Johnson  
Daniel E. Kirsch  
Irvin A. Leonard  
Griffith B. Price Jr.  
David A. Ranheim  
Joseph C. Scollan  
Robert E. Shields  
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### Class of 1968

Total Class Donors: 9  
Total Class Size: 17  
Total Giving: \$13,950  
Participation Rate of Giving: 53%  
Thomas L. Brejcha Jr.  
Roy C. Cobb Jr.  
Terrence R. Connelly  
Robert L. Henn  
David M. Kies  
John W. Luhtala  
M. Blane Michael  
John P. Scotellaro  
John P. Warnock

### Class of 1969

Total Class Donors: 7  
Total Class Size: 19  
Total Giving: \$36,259  
Participation Rate of Giving: 37%  
Ronald J. Bettauer  
David O. Bickart  
Jerome L. Coben  
Michael Fitzpatrick  
F. Patrick Hubbard  
James E. Kee  
Thomas E. Luebben Jr.

### Class of 1970

Total Class Donors: 4  
Total Class Size: 22  
Total Giving: \$17,050  
Participation Rate of Giving: 18%  
Francis J. Blanchfield (LL.M. '74)  
Michael D. Martin  
Michael Trucano  
Frederick M. Van Hecke

### Class of 1971

Total Class Donors: 4  
Total Class Size: 17  
Total Giving: \$10,950  
Participation Rate of Giving: 24%  
Mark S. Geston  
Jeffrey L. Kestler  
Nolan C. Leake  
Robert E. Shields

### Class of 1972

Total Class Donors: 10  
Total Class Size: 26  
Total Giving: \$143,325  
Participation Rate of Giving: 38%  
Stephen W. Berger  
Barbara A. Burnett



Charles A. Citrin  
Edward B. Cloues II  
Dennis A. Estis  
John D. Grad  
Michael W. Grainey  
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Erica Steinberger McLean  
Lawrence B. Pedowitz

#### Class of 1973

Total Class Donors: 9  
Total Class Size: 22  
Total Giving: \$26,935  
Participation Rate of Giving: 41%  
Richard H. Blaker (LL.M. '82)  
Eugene S. Boggia  
James P. Clark  
Arthur B. Culvahouse Jr.  
Steven L. Edwards  
Eugene I. Farber  
Janet C. Hall  
Niels L. Pearson  
David R. Schaefer

#### Class of 1974

Total Class Donors: 11  
Total Class Size: 23  
Total Giving: \$10,650  
Participation Rate of Giving: 48%  
Holly Hartstone  
Lynette Labinger  
Beth J. Lief  
Charles R. Lucy  
Richard E. O'Connell (LL.M. '82)  
Dennis P. Riordan  
Edward N. Robinson  
Stephen T. Rodd  
Thomas J. Talcott  
Curtis V. Trinko  
Jeffrey M. Weissman

#### Class of 1975

Total Class Donors: 9  
Total Class Size: 21  
Total Giving: \$13,825  
Participation Rate of Giving: 43%  
Richard P. Bernard  
Philip L. Douglas  
Ronald Louis Ellis  
Steven G. Emerson  
Susan M. Freeman  
Lloyd G. Kepple II (LL.M. '79)  
Karl K. Kindig  
David L. Knudson  
Edward J. Spriggs

#### Class of 1976

Total Class Donors: 12  
Total Class Size: 22  
Total Giving: \$54,925  
Participation Rate of Giving: 55%  
Mary Claire Carter Eager  
Alphonse A. Gerhardstein  
David N. Hofstein  
Robert G. Johnson  
Sandra Hanneken Johnson  
Jeffrey L. Liddle  
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Ron M. Neumann  
Ralph A. Peeples  
Kenneth M. Raisler  
Sana Flanders Shtasel  
Scott M. Univer (LL.M. '77)

#### Class of 1977

Total Class Donors: 9  
Total Class Size: 20  
Total Giving: \$53,975  
Participation Rate of Giving: 45%  
David G. Adams  
Armond D. Budish  
Mindy G. Farber  
Lawrence G. Green  
Herbert F. Kozlov  
Timothy G. O'Connor  
John J. Regan  
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Lisa Sook Jun Yee

#### Class of 1978

Total Class Donors: 8  
Total Class Size: 22  
Total Giving: \$5,250  
Participation Rate of Giving: 36%  
Jake Arbes  
Margaret Fung  
Michael B. Gerrard  
Rodd A. Hamman  
Barbara Allan Shickich  
Joseph E. Shickich Jr.  
Barry A. Weprin  
Lloyd B. Zimmerman

#### Class of 1979

Total Class Donors: 5  
Total Class Size: 18  
Total Giving: \$18,241  
Participation Rate of Giving: 28%  
Florence A. Davis  
Kenneth L. Henderson  
Kathleen D. Hendrickson  
Charles W. Leer Jr.  
Jane L. Bloom Stewart

#### Class of 1980

Total Class Donors: 12  
Total Class Size: 28  
Total Giving: \$532,800  
Participation Rate of Giving: 43%  
Christopher K. Aidun  
Michael W. Collins  
Elaine E. Fink  
Karen J. Freedman  
Beverly V. Groudine  
Timothy J. Lindon  
Amelia J. McIntyre  
Heidi Jo Noun  
Martha J. Olson  
Harry G. Prince  
Thomas L. Riesenberg  
David L. Sugerman

#### Class of 1981

Total Class Donors: 4  
Total Class Size: 21  
Total Giving: \$3,275  
Participation Rate of Giving: 19%  
Blair G. Brown  
David G. Dreis  
Susan M. Jennik  
Nancy B. Morawetz

#### Class of 1982

Total Class Donors: 15  
Total Class Size: 20  
Total Giving: \$35,875  
Participation Rate of Giving: 75%

William S. Bernstein  
Valerie J. Bogart  
Patrick J. Cotter  
Diana Louise DeGette  
Deborah A. Ellis  
Jo Freeman  
Robert R. Henak  
Randy F. Kandel  
Roberta G. Koenigsberg  
Shawn P. Leary  
Cecil E. Morris Jr.  
Madeleine J. Schachter  
Marcella B. Silverman  
Susan J. Sutherland  
Derek D. Wong

#### Class of 1983

Total Class Donors: 8  
Total Class Size: 26  
Total Giving: \$27,300  
Participation Rate of Giving: 31%  
Christopher E. Austin  
Vicki L. Been  
Hamilton Candee  
Peter M. Koneazny  
Chris Marie McAilley  
Ruth L. Pulda  
Susan R. Ritz  
Janet L. Zaleon

#### Class of 1984

Total Class Donors: 6  
Total Class Size: 15  
Total Giving: \$7,175  
Participation Rate of Giving: 40%  
Laurel Weinstein Eisner  
John Joseph Galban  
Allan P. Haber  
Eric S. Koenig  
Janet E. Sabel  
Edward A. Silver

#### Class of 1985

Total Class Donors: 2  
Total Class Size: 18  
Total Giving: \$1,000  
Participation Rate of Giving: 11%  
Lisa E. Davis  
James G. Steiker

#### Class of 1986

Total Class Donors: 2  
Total Class Size: 11  
Total Giving: \$6,000  
Participation Rate of Giving: 18%  
Susan Cary Cockfield  
James E. Hough

#### Class of 1987

Total Class Donors: 6  
Total Class Size: 15  
Total Giving: \$105,825  
Participation Rate of Giving: 40%  
Peter T. Barbur  
Debra L.W. Cohn  
Timothy R. Lyman  
Robert Jay Nelson  
Laura J. Schulkind  
Mary Agnes Sheehan

#### Class of 1988

Total Class Donors: 6  
Total Class Size: 16  
Total Giving: \$3,750  
Participation Rate of Giving: 38%  
Elizabeth Barbara Cooper  
Stephen Wise Goodman  
Caroline Green LaCheen  
Dorchen Anne Leidholdt  
Barbara Gail Quackenbos  
Diane L. Yee

#### Class of 1989

Total Class Donors: 4  
Total Class Size: 13  
Total Giving: \$700  
Participation Rate of Giving: 31%  
Theresa A. Amato  
William W. Carter  
Carolyn N. Lerner  
Eileen J. Shields

#### Class of 1990

Total Class Donors: 2  
Total Class Size: 13  
Total Giving: \$5,100  
Participation Rate of Giving: 15%  
Patricia Hewitt  
Mark M. Kataoka

#### Class of 1991

Total Class Donors: 3  
Total Class Size: 12  
Total Giving: \$850  
Participation Rate of Giving: 25%  
Alma M. Gomez  
Charlotte A. Hitchcock  
Joseph Z. Scantlebury

#### Class of 1992

Total Class Donors: 6  
Total Class Size: 14  
Total Giving: \$6,050  
Participation Rate of Giving: 43%  
Megan R. Golden  
Rosemarie Hidalgo-McCabe  
Mark A. Izeman  
Lida Rodriguez-Taseff  
Abraham Schuchman  
Nai-kang Tsao

#### Class of 1993

Total Class Donors: 2  
Total Class Size: 10  
Total Giving: \$100  
Participation Rate of Giving: 20%  
Kathleen C. Collins  
Sherri B. Levine

#### Class of 1994

Total Class Donors: 7  
Total Class Size: 13  
Total Giving: \$7,117  
Participation Rate of Giving: 54%  
Widney Brown  
David Brian Cruz  
Todd Eric Edelman  
Mary Haviland  
Suzette M. Malveaux  
Diane E. Thompson  
Virgil O. Wiebe

**Class of 1995**

Total Class Donors: 3  
 Total Class Size: 11  
 Total Giving: \$400  
 Participation Rate of Giving: 27%  
 Diana M. Bianco  
 Arthur A. Krantz  
 Abigail Trillin

**Class of 1996**

Total Class Donors: 4  
 Total Class Size: 11  
 Total Giving: \$6,300  
 Participation Rate of Giving: 36%  
 Baher A. Azmy  
 Laurence J. Dupuis  
 Christopher J. Meade  
 David Ehrenfest Steinglass

**Class of 1997**

Total Class Donors: 4  
 Total Class Size: 12  
 Total Giving: \$1,450  
 Participation Rate of Giving: 33%  
 Teresa A. Cisneros Burton  
 Risa E. Kaufman  
 Joanne C. Lin  
 Dionne R. Gonder Stanley

**Class of 1998**

Total Class Donors: 7  
 Total Class Size: 18  
 Total Giving: \$6,300  
 Participation Rate of Giving: 39%  
 Davina T. Chen  
 Epin H. Christensen  
 Sabrina G. Comizzoli  
 Terry A. Maroney  
 Jennifer McAllister-Nevins  
 Nina R. Morrison  
 Jonathan D. Springer

**Class of 1999**

Total Class Donors: 5  
 Total Class Size: 25  
 Total Giving: \$20,541  
 Participation Rate of Giving: 20%  
 Arlo M. Chase  
 Deborah S. Goldman  
 Andrea H. Le Winter  
 Anne R.K. Reader  
 Margaret Lockwood Satterthwaite

**Class of 2000**

Total Class Donors: 5  
 Total Class Size: 19  
 Total Giving: \$1,900  
 Participation Rate of Giving: 26%  
 Michelle Lynn Light  
 Tanya Southerland Narcel  
 Jennifer Rachel Simon  
 Cassandra Stubbs  
 Benjamin E. Wizner

**Class of 2001**

Total Class Donors: 5  
 Total Class Size: 15  
 Total Giving: \$450  
 Participation Rate of Giving: 33%  
 Jonathan William Anderson  
 Jessica Ellen Marcus

Michele Benedetto Neitz  
 Tara Adams Ragone  
 Michael D. Sant'Ambrogio

**Class of 2002**

Total Class Donors: 3  
 Total Class Size: 12  
 Total Giving: \$2,200  
 Participation Rate of Giving: 25%  
 Benjamin S. Beach  
 Jacob H. Sussman  
 Christine Van Aken

**Class of 2003**

Total Class Donors: 4  
 Total Class Size: 14  
 Total Giving: \$175  
 Participation Rate of Giving: 29%  
 Sharlene Patrice Brown Hobson  
 Mindy S. Leon  
 Markita S. Morris-Louis  
 Isaac Wheeler

**Class of 2004**

Total Class Donors: 3  
 Total Class Size: 12  
 Total Giving: \$1,315  
 Participation Rate of Giving: 25%  
 Alexander M. Fong  
 Joshua Gupta-Kagan  
 Anika Singh Lemar

**Class of 2005**

Total Class Donors: 4  
 Total Class Size: 15  
 Total Giving: \$425  
 Participation Rate of Giving: 27%  
 Matthew J. Ginsburg  
 Angelica K. Jongco  
 Mina A. Kim  
 Nicolas M. King

**Class of 2006**

Total Class Donors: 2  
 Total Class Size: 12  
 Total Giving: \$5,700  
 Participation Rate of Giving: 17%  
 Adam J. Heintz  
 Jennifer M. Turner

**Class of 2007**

Total Class Donors: 4  
 Total Class Size: 12  
 Total Giving: \$7,175  
 Participation Rate of Giving: 33%  
 Marcia DelRios  
 Hannah Gladstein  
 Ani V. Mason  
 Carlos L. Siso

**Class of 2008**

Total Class Donors: 4  
 Total Class Size: 16  
 Total Giving: \$650  
 Participation Rate of Giving: 25%  
 Mitra Ebadolahi (LL.M. '12)  
 Randi H. Levine  
 A. Tafadzwa Pasipanodya  
 Diana S. Reddy

**Class of 2009**

Total Class Donors: 2  
 Total Class Size: 16  
 Total Giving: \$75  
 Participation Rate of Giving: 13%  
 Sara L. Johnson  
 Katherine M. Mastman

**Class of 2010**

Total Class Donors: 11  
 Total Class Size: 20  
 Total Giving: \$15,421  
 Participation Rate of Giving: 55%  
 Theresa Bridgeman  
 Elizabeth Lynn George  
 Carmen G. Iguina  
 Beatrice Lindstrom  
 Jeanette E. Markle  
 Keren G. Raz  
 Rebecca S. Talbott  
 Danielle Candice Thomas  
 Susan Vignola  
 Kara J. Werner  
 Sara Anne Zier

**Class of 2011**

Total Class Donors: 5  
 Total Class Size: 18  
 Total Giving: \$171  
 Participation Rate of Giving: 28%  
 Matthew R. Baca  
 Betty B. Baez-Melo  
 Anurag Gupta  
 Elizabeth Happel  
 Kosha S. Tucker

**Grand Total: 379**

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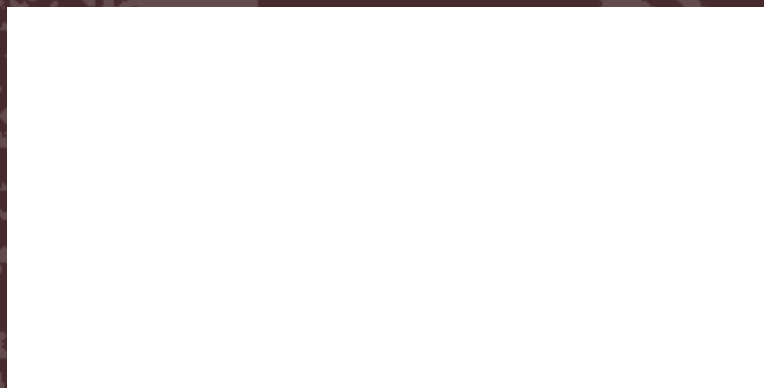
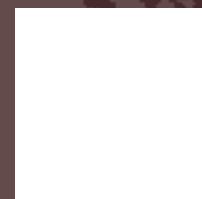
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