

## 2007-2008 WOMEN'S LAW FELLOWS

We are pleased to introduce the outstanding women's rights advocates who are participating in the Georgetown Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program (WLPPFP) and the Leadership and Advocacy for Women in Africa (LAWA) Program at the Georgetown University Law Center. Although each of their fellowship experiences is unique, they all learn together about women's human rights and develop their legal advocacy skills through colloquia and other professional development programming.



**Aziza Ahmed (U.S. Fellow - International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS)** Aziza graduated from Emory with a degree in Women's Studies. She then worked on reproductive health education in South Africa. Aziza later attended the Harvard School of Public Health earning a Master of Science in Population and International Health. Her thesis focused on children in Jamaica involved in transactional sex and their increased vulnerability to HIV/AIDS. After graduation, Aziza worked as a consultant in Barbados with UNIFEM, UNICEF, and DAWN. She subsequently earned her law degree at UC Berkeley. She spent her summers with a human rights organization in India and with the International Women's Health Coalition focusing on issues related to the five-year review of the UN General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS. Aziza is a Georgetown Fellow supported by the Ford Foundation.



**Patience Akenji (LAWA Fellow - Cameroon)** Patience earned her law degree with a minor in Sociology and Anthropology at the University of Buea, and her Master of Business Law at the University of Yaoundé. She is passionate about enabling marginalized segments of society, particularly women, to assert their legal rights. She has worked with Habitat for Humanity International Cameroon, Plan International, and other indigenous groups promoting women's rights. Patience served as a volunteer Legal Trainer for the Gender Mainstreaming Network, a women's empowerment center, where she counseled women on human rights violations, culture and the constitution. More recently, she was the Legal and Advocacy Coordinator for Women in Alternative Action, an organization promoting women's socio-cultural, political and economic rights in Cameroon and the Central African sub-region. Patience is supported by Georgetown Law, the Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation, and the Overbrook Foundation.



**Erin Aslan (U.S. Fellow - Georgetown Domestic Violence Clinic)** Erin received a B.A. from Brown with honors, focusing on "The Americas - Race, Class, and Cultural Identity." She then investigated allegations of police misconduct with the Civilian Complaint Review Board in New York City. She earned a J.D. with honors from NYU as a Root-Tilden-Kern Scholar and an Ann Petluck Poses Memorial Prize recipient for her work in the Comparative Criminal Justice Clinic representing a woman charged with homicide for killing her abusive boyfriend in self-defense. Erin served as a courtroom advocate for women seeking restraining orders, interned with a domestic violence prosecution office, and prepared an asylum application based on the state's failure to protect the applicant from recurring family violence. Upon graduating, Erin clerked for a judge in the Southern District of New York, and then worked with the U.S.

Department of Justice through the Attorney General's Honors Program. Erin is a Georgetown Clinical Teaching Fellow supported by Georgetown Law.

**Abiodun Baiyewu (LAWA Fellow - Nigeria)** Abiodun earned her LL.B. from Obafemi Awolowo University Ile-Ife in Nigeria. Concerned about legal ramifications for women in assisted reproductive technology programs in Nigeria, she wrote her thesis on surrogacy in medical jurisprudence. She earned a certificate from the Nigerian Law School enabling her to practice as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria. She then worked with Negotiation & Conflict Management Group, a peace-building organization in Nigeria. Abiodun has advocated for the rights of people living with HIV/AIDS and for survivors of gender-based violence, developing a public awareness campaign: Gender-Based Violence Alert. She has been a volunteer youth counselor with two local groups, and recently founded an organization called SisterSister advocating for the rights of indigent women. Abiodun is supported by Georgetown Law, the Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation, and the Overbrook Foundation.



**Robyn Carr (U.S. Fellow - National Partnership for Women and Families)** Robyn graduated magna cum laude from Manchester as a Bill and Melinda Gates Millennium Scholar. She traveled to Togo, Benin and Paris to volunteer with a non-profit African charity that works with women to combat poverty and promote social growth through savings and loan programs. Robyn earned her J.D. cum laude from Indiana U-Bloomington, receiving the Alecia A. DeCoudreaux Fellowship awarded to the most outstanding African-American woman in each graduating class. She was Executive Editor of the *Indiana Law Journal*, treasurer of the Black Law Students Association, and member of the American Constitution Society. She represented indigent clients in the Community Legal Clinic. Robyn later clerked for a federal judge in the Southern District of Texas, working on numerous employment discrimination cases. She also volunteered at the Houston Astrodome with the Hurricane Katrina Relief Effort and with Big Brothers Big Sisters. Robyn is a Legal Advocates for Women Fellow.



**Alicia (Lacy) Carra (U.S. Fellow - Legal Momentum)** Lacy graduated cum laude from Michigan Law, serving on the executive board of the Women's Law Student Association. She interned for the Womyn's Agenda for Change and Women's Network for Unity in Cambodia, providing legal education for women garment workers and drafting a response to attempts to test anti-retrovirals (ARVs) on sex workers. Previously Lacy worked as a health educator in the Peace Corps in Dominica, co-authoring a health education manual now in review for a third edition for Peace Corps use world-wide. She also taught health education sessions, co-founded and coached her village's first women's soccer team, and helped design the nation's first response team and protocol for sexual assault. Lacy also worked in a refugee camp in Ghana on health education issues and training peer education teams. Additionally, she worked on sexual assault and domestic violence crisis response initiatives for the Kalamazoo YWCA and U of M Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness Center. Lacy is supported by Legal Momentum.





**Nadine Chabrier (U.S. Fellow – The Women’s Collective)** Nadine graduated from UC-Berkeley with a B.A. in Sociology and minor in Women’s Studies. She then worked as a social worker for homeless families and as a researcher for a study on HIV/AIDS before earning her J.D. at UCLA. In law school, Nadine co-chaired the Public Interest Law Fund Auction, served on the boards of the Black Law Students Association and La Raza Students Association, and participated in the *Chicano/Latino Law Review*. Nadine was enrolled in the Program in Public Interest Law and Policy and the Critical Race Studies Concentration. She also worked with the LA County Office of the Public Defender, the LA County Children’s Court, and with UCLA professors on projects in LGBT identity and gender discrimination. She is interested in racial justice, foster care, and prisoner rights. Nadine is a Georgetown Fellow supported by the Ford Foundation.



**Tinyade Kachika (LAWA Fellow – Malawi)** Tinyade received her LL.B. with honors from the University of Malawi, where she was awarded a prestigious scholarship and recognition. Since graduation, Tinyade has worked with Women and Law in Southern Africa (WLSA) Research and Education Trust, a prominent women’s rights organization in Southern Africa. She has published research on topics such as gender-based violence, property rights and HIV/AIDS,

authored issue and discussion papers, and lobbied extensively for policies that protect women’s rights, influencing government policy affecting women in Malawi. For example, she was instrumental in enacting the Prevention of Domestic Violence Act in 2006. She has provided both lawmakers and citizens with training on women’s rights, legal education and increasing female literacy. She has also participated in over 40 radio and television discussions on women’s inheritance rights, domestic violence, HIV/AIDS and women’s roles in politics and decision making structures. Tinyade is supported by Georgetown Law, the Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation, and the Overbrook Foundation.



**Leah Kiguatha (LAWA Fellow – Kenya)** Leah received her LL.B. from U of Nairobi, and was elected Secretary General of the Student Association for Legal Aid and Research, working with a legal aid clinic and collaborating with the Kangemi Women’s Empowerment Center, International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA-Kenya), and Legal Resources Foundation. Leah interned at a legal advice center representing

indigent Kenyans in court in matters of land and labor rights. She spent a year as a Social Justice Intern at Nairobi Chapel coordinating responses to urban poverty. She also worked with Musyimi & Company Advocates in Nairobi, practicing family law and real estate law and providing pro-bono legal services to indigent women and children. Leah has been an active civic educator, hosting an educational radio talk show and writing a weekly legal question and answer column in *The Daily Nation*. Leah is supported by Georgetown Law and the Roth Family Foundation.



**Morgan Lynn (U.S. Fellow – Women Empowered Against Violence, WEAVE)** Morgan received her J.D. from Georgetown Law as a Public Interest Law Scholar. She was an editor for the *Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law* and a student attorney in the Domestic Violence Clinic. She interned with WEAVE and the Legal Aid Society, and focused her studies on feminist theory, critical race theory and women’s human rights. She also created

and co-facilitated the course “Conscientious Lawyering Seminar: Race, Class, Gender, Sexual Orientation in Legal Education and Practice.” Before law school, Morgan was a policy analyst on consumer safety and good government for Public Citizen. She wrote her thesis at Smith College on “(In)Visible Privilege: An Examination of Whiteness in Social Movement Organizations,” addressing child sexual abuse, feminism, sexual orientation, transgender identity, race construction, and social movement transformation. Morgan is supported by WEAVE.

**Victoria Ochanda (LAWA Fellow – Kenya)** Victoria received an LL.B. from U of Nairobi and a diploma from Kenya Law. She worked with Odhiambo and Odhiambo Advocates providing pro bono services to women, and as a program coordinator at an organization advocating for women’s and children’s human rights. At the Kenya Human Rights Commission, she implemented advocacy strategies and conducting fact-finding missions in areas where

extreme violations of human rights had been reported. She developed a book on Kenya’s internally displaced persons; conducted campaigns encouraging agri-business to be gender-sensitive in work allocation, equal pay, and corporate social responsibility; researched human rights violations in the police force; and trained police officers to respect human rights. She conducted trainings on women’s human rights for Ilishe Trust and is a member of the Law Society of Kenya and the International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA-Kenya). Victoria is supported by Georgetown Law, the Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation, and the Overbrook Foundation.



**Dawn Philip (U.S. Fellow – National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum)** Dawn graduated from CUNY, where she interned with a South Asian immigrant rights organization, the New York Civil Liberties Union, and the Civil Rights Division of the New York State Office of the Attorney General. She also participated in the Economic Justice Project, a legal clinic representing clients on welfare whose benefits were being terminated. She was on the *New York City Law Review* and a member of the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association. Prior to law school, Dawn worked with the Ms. Foundation for Women. She graduated from the UCLA with a B.A. in Political Science and Women’s Studies and a minor in Public Policy. Through a research grant, Dawn studied and traveled throughout India at the end of her senior year at UCLA, taking international development and women’s studies classes and working with community organizations. Dawn is a Legal Advocates for Women Fellow supported by the Moriah Fund and the Huber Foundation.



**Rachel Rebouché (U.S. Fellow – National Women’s Law Center)** Rachel clerked with South African Constitutional Court Justice Kate O’Regan and worked for Ibis Reproductive Health. At Harvard, she was Editor-in-Chief of the *Harvard Journal of Law & Gender* and an editor of the *Harvard Human Rights Journal*. She created a clinical program on women’s rights, and worked in Kenya on the African Charter’s Protocol on Women’s Rights. Rachel earned an LL.M. in International Human Rights at Queen’s University in Belfast. With the Human Rights Centre, she compared how lawyers and judges adapted to changes in human rights and civil rights law in various countries. She also worked at the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission drafting a Bill of Rights. Rachel received her B.A. from Trinity where she was student body president, co-founded the first women’s group, and began a program for student volunteers at a women’s shelter. She received the Harry S. Truman Scholarship for Public Interest Graduate Study, Harvard Alumni Fellowship for Women’s Rights Work, and Dean’s Award for Community Leadership. Rachel is a Legal Advocates for Women Fellow supported by the Rita Charnatz Davidson Fund.



**Victoria Thomas (U.S. Fellow – American Diabetes Association)** Victoria attended Georgetown Law after earning a double major in Gender Studies and Psychology from Rice. At Georgetown, she was a board member of the Women’s Legal Alliance and an editor for the *Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law*, which published her article on “Sexual Harassment in Education.” She represented migrant farm workers experiencing housing and employment discrimination as a law clerk for Southern Migrant Legal Services, and low-income clients experiencing housing discrimination based on gender, familial status, and disability with the Legal Aid Society of DC. As a Home Court Fellow for the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless, she created educational materials for people with disabilities living in D.C. homeless shelters. She also taught legal principles and trial advocacy to inner-city teens through the D.C. Street Law Clinic. Victoria is supported by the ADA.



**Marya Torrez (U.S. Fellow – Planned Parenthood Federation of America)** Marya graduated cum laude from Georgetown Law, where she served as an editor on the *Georgetown Immigration Law Journal*, helped start a Law Students for Choice chapter, and represented juvenile defendants through the Georgetown Juvenile Justice Clinic. She was a research assistant with the Migrant Legal Action Program and a legal intern at People for the American Way.



Additionally, Marya interned at the National Women's Law Center and the National Abortion Federation. Upon graduation, Marya spent a year working as a Dorot Judicial Selection Project Fellow with Alliance for Justice, working on federal judicial nominees and access to justice issues. Prior to law school, Marya directed a youth crisis shelter, a teen center, and other intervention programs for at-risk youth. Marya is a Legal Advocates for Women Fellow supported by the Robert Sterling Clark Foundation and the Huber Foundation.



**Stephanie Troyer (U.S. Fellow – Legal Aid Society)**

After attending Georgetown Law, Stephanie served as a family law clerk for the Honorable Alan Hertzberg in Pittsburgh, drafting opinions and orders and working on child support and custody matters. She then worked as an Assistant Public Defender in Allegheny County, and later joined the Legal Aid Society of DC as a Family Law and

Domestic Violence Staff Attorney. At Legal Aid, she handles civil protection orders for survivors of domestic violence and general family law cases. Prior to law school, Stephanie worked at the Center for Reproductive Rights on state, national, and international issues relating to reproductive health and women's equality. Stephanie is supported by the Legal Aid Society.



**Catherine Wangamati (LAWA Fellow – Kenya)**

Catherine received an LL.B. from U of Nairobi and diploma from Kenya Law. She worked with a law firm assisting clients with divorce, property inheritance and child custody. She then worked with the Centre for International Trade and Investment Law as a Program Officer of Gender and Trade, researching women and development, advocating

for women's rights in Kenya's export industries, and mobilizing women to participate in government processes affecting their economic rights. Catherine served as Organizing Secretary for the Rural Information Center of Africa, leading literacy programs in rural communities and workshops on children's development in rural schools. Catherine assisted the Electoral Commission on Kenya as a deputy presiding officer during the Constitutional referendum in 2005 and as a polling clerk for the general elections in 2002. She is a member of the Law Society of Kenya and FIDA- Kenya. Catherine is supported by Georgetown Law and the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation.

**DEVELOPING FUTURE WOMEN'S RIGHTS LEADERS**

Through professional development trainings, colloquia on hot topics in women's legal issues, and networking opportunities, WLPPFP helps our Fellows become future leaders of the women's rights movement:

- \* Our Welcome Bar-B-Que for the new Leadership and Advocacy for Women in Africa (LAWA) Fellows at the home of Julia Ernst.
- \* The WLPPFP Orientation Alum Panel featuring Ann Cammett, Senior Teaching Fellow with the Georgetown Domestic Violence Clinic; Sarah Craven, Chief of the Washington Office of the United Nations Population Fund; Gloria Ofori-Boadu, the founder and director of Women's Assistance and Business Association in Ghana; Naomi Stern, Council for the U.S. House of Representatives Budget Committee; and Cynthia Totten, Program Director of Stop Prisoner Rape.
- \* A Board Welcome Party hosted by Judy Lichtman, the Senior Advisor and Former President of the National Partnership for Women and Families.
- \* Intensive computer training for the LAWA Fellows with Dianne Ferro, Georgetown's Assistant Director of Technology Training.
- \* Our Annual Retreat at the home of Julia Ernst including a potluck dinner and getting-to-know-you fun and games!
- \* Reserved seating for U.S. Supreme Court oral arguments, *Sprint/United Management Co., v. Ellen Mendelsohn* (employment discrimination)
- \* Reserved seating for U.S. Supreme Court oral arguments, *United States v. Williams* (child pornography)

- \* The National Women's Law Center Annual Dinner, featuring Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; Lilly Ledbetter, inspiration for Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act; and Janet Napolitano, Governor of Arizona.
- \* An Alumni Potluck hosted by Deborah Epstein, Georgetown Associate Dean and co-director of the Domestic Violence Clinic.
- \* A discussion on "Women and Development in Africa" with Melysa Sperber, Africa Program Officer with Vital Voices Global Partnership; and Mark Blackden, Gender Advisor with the International Finance Corporation and former Gender Advisor with the World Bank Africa Division.
- \* A program on "Blazing a Career Path in Women's Rights and Social Justice" with Barbara Moulton, Georgetown's Assistant Dean of the Office of Public Interest and Community Service; Lisalyn Jacobs (WLPPFP alum), V.P. of Govt. Rel. for Legal Momentum; and Deborah Fleischaker, Dir. of the Death Penalty Moratorium Project of the ABA Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities.
- \* A panel on "Women's Human Rights in Africa" by our LAWA Fellows to an undergrad International Women's Human Rights seminar.



*Fellows at the U.S. Supreme Court*

- \* Colloquia featuring women's rights experts on the following topics:
  - "Legislative Advocacy – Reflections from the Hill" with Maryamu Aminu, Debt AIDS Trade Africa (DATA), former staffer with the Human Rights Caucus and U.S. House Cte. on Foreign Affairs; Holly Fechner (WLPPFP alum), Covington & Burling, former Senior Counsel for Senate Health, Education, Labor, Pensions Cte.; and Cari Simon, Co-Dir., Bipartisan Congressional Pro-Choice Caucus and former Dir., Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus.
  - "Gender Based Discrimination" with Kristin Galles, Title IX attorney and Co-Chair of the ABA IRR Section's Women's Rights Committee; Penny Wakefield, Steering Committee of the CEDAW Ratification Working Group; Tzili Mor (WLPPFP alum), Senior Teaching Fellow, Georgetown International Women's Human Rights Clinic.
  - "Women and Economic Rights" with Nicole Lee, Executive Director of TransAfrica Forum; Elaine Zuckerman, Founder and President of Gender Action; Sinsi Hernandez-Cancio (WLPPFP alum), Service Employees International Union; and Seema Jalan, Senior Policy Manager Global Development Policy, Women's Edge Coalition.
  - "Violence Against Women" with Laurie Kohn (WLPPFP alum), Co-Director of the Georgetown Domestic Violence Clinic; Kavitha Sreeharsha, Immigrant Women's Program of Legal Momentum; Robin Murphy, Domestic Violence/Family Unit of the Legal Aid Society; and Karen Cunningham, Women Empowered Against Violence.
  - "Women's Reproductive Health" with Beri Hull, International Community of Women Living with HIV/AIDS; Pat Nalls, The Women's Collective; Mimi Liu, Planned Parenthood; and Jill Morrison (WLPPFP alum), National Women's Law Center.
  - "Women's Rights in Action" with Jocelyn Frye, National Partnership for Women and Families; Shereen Arent, American Diabetes Association; and Priscilla Huang (WLPPFP alum), National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum.



WLPPFP Annual Retreat

**WHERE ARE THEY NOW?**

We send our 2006-2007 Fellows our best wishes as they start the next phase of their careers advancing women's rights and social justice.

**Diana Aguilar** is working with the Public Policy Litigation and Law Department of PPFA.

**Ann Cammett** started her second year as the Georgetown Domestic Violence Clinical Teaching Fellow.

**Linda Dumba** returned to work with the Legal Assistance Centre in Namibia.

**Priscilla Huang** accepted a position with the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum as its Policy Director.

**Tzili Mor** started her second year as the Teaching Fellow with the Georgetown International Women's Human Rights Clinic.

**Meghan Rhoad** is with the Women's Rights Division of Human Rights Watch.

**Naomi Schoenbaum** is working with Sidley Austin in Washington, D.C.

**Amelia Vukeya** is working with the AIDS Law Project in South Africa.

In addition to earning an LL.M. at Georgetown Law, the LAWAs Fellows complete a challenging internship experience over the summer, to gain real-world experience implementing their enhanced legal and advocacy skills and to develop expanded networks with policymakers in Washington, D.C.:

**Amelia Vukeya** interned with the ABA Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities, collaborating with Mike Pates, Director of the AIDS Coordinating Committee. She conducted research on human rights and HIV/AIDS, on issues dealing with IV drug use, access to health care, employment and criminal law, and the treatment of prisoners with HIV/AIDS. She also drafted and presented a report for the ABA's Annual Meeting in San Francisco, which was later published.

**Linda Dumba** interned at the Center for International Environment Law, where she was awarded a Louis Sohn Fellowship. She conducted research for the International Financial Institutions and Gender Programs, which support local communities concerned about projects financed by the World Bank and export credit agencies. She also worked on CIEL's Democratizing International Dispute Settlement initiative, developing and applying a systematic analytic framework for evaluating the need to increase transparency, public participation and accountability. Linda also participated in numerous speaking engagements on women's rights, including a presentation for an Americans for Informed Democracy forum and for Constella Futures.



LAWAs with Kenyan Delegation at UN CEDAW Session

**2006-2007 FELLOWS SUMMER EVENTS**

- A conversation with Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton at her office in the U.S. House of Representatives, where they learned about her leadership in Congress on social justice and women's rights.
- A training on "Media and Communications Skills" by Megan Thompson, Production Associate for "NOW with David Brancaccio," and a National Television Academy Award recipient.
- A workshop on "Principles of Fundraising" with Regan Ralph (WLPPFP alum), Executive Director of the Fund for Global Human Rights, Shira Saperstein, Deputy Director of The Moriah Fund, and Jacqueline Nolley Echegaray, Associate for The Moriah Fund.
- A presentation on "History of Civil Rights in the United States" by Professor Sonia Jarvis, Center for Equality, Pluralism & Policy.
- A presentation by the Senior LAWAs Fellows on Women's Human Rights in Africa at the Georgetown University Law Center.
- A farewell party for 2006-2007 Fellows at the home of Wendy Williams, Professor at Georgetown Law.



**ALUM ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

WLPPFP celebrates the continued achievements of our outstanding alumnae, who strive to improve the lives of women and their families throughout their careers. Our alumnae constitute a powerful network of experienced and committed lawyers across the United States and Africa, serving as founders and directors of non-profit organizations, judges and justices, parliamentarians, professors and deans of law schools, public interest lawyers, and in other influential posts. Below are a few examples of their recent activities:

**Fitnat Adjetey (1993-1994, LAWAs-Ghana)** is a member of the Executive Management Team of Ghana Telecom, serving as Company Solicitor.

**Carrie Avery (1989-1990, U.S.)** continues to serve as president of the Durfee Foundation in Berkeley, CA.

**Carol Beier (1986-1987, U.S.)** sent warm greetings to her fellow WLPPFP alumnae. She is serving as a Justice on the Kansas Supreme Court, and has also been appointed as an Ex Officio Member of the Kansas Children's Cabinet and Trust Fund, dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

**Deborah Brake (1990-1991, U.S.)** has been appointed Professor of Law at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, teaching classes on Constitutional Law and Employment Discrimination.

**Beth Burkstrand-Reid (2005-2006, U.S.)**, in addition to teaching classes in family law and sex-based discrimination at American University's Washington College of Law, has rejoined Crowell & Morning, where she maintains an active pro bono practice handling sex-discrimination cases.

**Sarah Burns (1983-1984, U.S.)** is a Professor of Clinical Law at NYU School of Law, and she has also worked on the New York City Commission on the Status of Women's Task Force on Sexual Harassment, as well as the Second Circuit Task Force on Race and Ethnic Bias in the Courts.

**Dora Byamukama (1995-1996, LAWA- Uganda)** has been elected as a Parliamentarian for the East African Legislative Assembly for 2007-2012.

**Catherine Caporusso (1996-1997, U.S.)** has begun a solo practice focusing on plaintiff's employment law, and she also recently welcomed a new baby – Congratulations, Catherine!

**Pamela Coukos (1995-1996, U.S.)** continues her work at Mehri & Skalet focusing on plaintiff's employment discrimination class action cases. She is also working toward her PhD at the University of California, Berkeley's Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program.

**Sarah Craven (1992-1993, U.S.)**, chief of the Washington, D.C. office of the United Nations Population Fund, spoke about women's reproductive health and human rights at the Georgetown University Law Center.

**Paul Di Donato (1985-1986, U.S.)** has gone into private consulting, after working at the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative and as Executive Director of Funders Concerned about AIDS.

**Linda Dumba (2006-2007, LAWA-Namibia)**, an attorney with the Legal Assistance Centre in Namibia, has been collaborating with the Georgetown International Women's Human Rights Clinic on litigation to advance women's property and inheritance rights in Namibia.

**Beatrice Duncan (1993-1994, LAWA-Ghana)** is in her third year of her PhD program specializing in land tenure, gender and customary law.

**Angela Dwamena-Aboagye (1994-1995, LAWA-Ghana)** is continuing her work as the Executive Director of the Ark Foundation, working to advance the rights of women and girls in Ghana.

**Maxine Eichner (1988-1989, U.S.)** is now a Professor at University of North Carolina's School of Law.

**Deborah Epstein (1990-1991, U.S.)** recently published a new book entitled *Listening to Battered Women: A Survivor-Centered Approach to Advocacy, Mental Health, and Justice*.



*Fellows inside the U.S. Supreme Court*



*LAWAs with Dory Mayer, Georgetown's Director of International Student Services*

**Addy Lyamuya (1994-1995, LAWA-Tanzania) writes:**

**August, 2007:** On top of my career as a Principal Resident Magistrate, who has also an extended jurisdiction to adjudicate High Court cases like a High Court judge, I am a founder member of the White Ribbon Alliance Tanzania advocating for safe pregnancy, birthing and child survival. This is purely volunteer work.

I am the only lawyer. Before **Mary Tungaraza (1996-1997, LAWA-Tanzania)** was also there but now she is outside the country. However, the first time the Global White Ribbon Alliance members in Washington came to Tanzania to sensitize us to join the Alliance, Mary Tungaraza and I proudly represented LAWA.

Our Government under the Ministry of Health has shown us the political will and given us all the necessary support and recognition. There are other local and international partners like ACCESS, UNICEF, Save the Children, WHO, JHPIEGO, CARE International, USAID, PLAN International, etc.

Ever since, I have been able to participate in the programmes and I went to Mwanza Geita district in Tanzania to advocate for the increase of adequate skilled health staff in the health facilities for safe pregnancy, birthing and child survival. I am happy to let you know that our trip was partially a success as we managed to convince the local counsellors to employ the required staff and five have started work. The list is increasing. We are not yet financially able to follow up. We are trying to raise funding.

I also volunteer as the legal officer and currently we are drafting our constitution. It is a hard work that takes a lot of my spare time and money. However, it gives me a chance to use my advocacy skills from Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program, to be part of the group and save girls, women and children.

**October 2007:** I told you that I am in the White Ribbon Alliance Tanzania as a core committee member and a voluntary lawyer. They have proposed my name for a Popular Tribunal on girls and women's lives and I will be on the panel of judges. This will be on 6 - 8 November 2007. The themes are gender based violence, abuse of house girls and maternal mortality and morbidity. My topic is the latter.

The popular tribunal is organized by Women Dignity Project, an NGO in Tanzania in collaboration with TAWLA [Tanzania Women Lawyers Association] of which I am the founder member and the first interim chair, LHRC [Legal and Human Rights Center], Tanzania Media Association of which I was volunteering in its initial period, Women Legal Aid Clinic of which one of the LAWA members is working there, and four other Tanzanian NGOs dealing with equality of gender with specific reference to women equality.

**November 2007:** "The popular tribunal ended successfully." Congratulations on all of your terrific work, Addy!

**Tamar Ezer (2004-2005, U.S.)**, as a program officer with the Law and Health Initiative of the Open Society Institute, moderated a program on Health and Human Rights Mechanisms at a conference in South Africa.

**Amy Fettig (2001-2002, U.S.)** is Staff Counsel with the ACLU Prison Project and is also teaching a course at the Georgetown University Law Center on Public Interest Advocacy.



LAWAs at the United Nations

**Juley Fulcher (1995-1996, U.S.)**, Director of the Washington, DC office of Break the Cycle, helped organize a training for service providers in DC (e.g., police, social workers, teachers, etc.) on providing appropriate services to LGBTQ people in the District who experience violence.

**Liliana Garces (1998-1999, U.S.)** served as council on record for the amicus brief submitted by 553 social scientists supporting the respondents in the voluntary school integration cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, *Parents v. Seattle School District No. 1* and *Meredith v. Jefferson County Board of Education*.

**Mercy Garekwe (2002-2003, LAWA-Botswana)** is practicing law with Garekwe Associates in Botswana and has been involved with the Africa Forum of the International Bar Association.

**Karen Getman (1985-1986, U.S.)** is now a partner in the California firm of Remcho, Johnson & Purcell. She reports that **Julie Randolph (1985-1986, U.S.)**, "a fellow from my year, is living in the Bay Area as well. She practiced at the same firm as me for a while (and in fact recruited me! - old girls network wins again), then got her MSW degree and was a social worker in Oakland for many years. She is now writing and raising two sons."

**Karen Guss (1994-1995, U.S.)** is working part time as the Director of Communications for the United Way of Southeastern Pennsylvania's Community Impact Division. In addition, Karen is also working on a class action disability rights law suit to challenge an existing Pennsylvania statute.

**Suzanne Jackson (1988-1989, U.S.)** has been appointed Professor of Clinical Law and George Washington University Law School.

**Margaret Johnson (1995-1996, U.S.)** is an Assistant Professor at the University of Baltimore School of Law, teaching Family Law and supervising the Family Law Clinic. She recently wrote an article entitled "Avoiding Harm Otherwise: Reframing Women Employee's Responses to the Harms of Sexual Harassment," for the *Temple Law Review*. She is helping organize the Feminist Legal Theory and Feminisms Conference on March 6-7, 2008, featuring WLPPFP alum Justice Carol Beier and WLPPFP Fellow Lacy Carra.

**Scola Jullu (2000-2001, LAWA-Tanzania)**, Executive Director of the Women's Legal Assistance Centre in Tanzania, reported that WLAC has moved to a new building and is continuing to bring ground-breaking impact litigation cases challenging discrimination against women.

**Debra Katz (1985-1986, U.S.)** has been included on the Best Attorneys in America list for the third year in a row. The August 2007 edition of *Human Resource Executive* magazine has also named Debra as one of the nation's "Top 10 Plaintiffs' Attorneys to Fear the Most."

**Ayesha Khan (1990-1991, U.S.)** is serving as Legal Director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

**Nancy Kim (1990-1991, U.S.)** is an Associate Professor at California Western School of Law and wrote an article entitled "Mistakes, Changed Circumstances and Intent" for the *Kansas Law Review*.

**Laurie Kohn (1998-1999, U.S.)** is Co-Director of the Georgetown Domestic Violence Clinic and published an article entitled "The Criminal Justice System & Domestic Violence: Engaging the Case but Divorcing the Victim" in the *New York University Review of Law and Social Change*.

**Hope Lewis (1986-1987, U.S.)** is teaching International Law, Human Rights and the Global Economy, and human rights seminars at Northeastern's School of Law. Hope recently co-edited the first textbook in the US to focus on economic, social, and cultural human rights and globalization: *Human Rights and the Global Marketplace: Economic, Cultural and Social Dimensions*.

**Maria Beata Tungaraza** sent us the following message about her advocacy for women's rights in both Somaliland and Tanzania:

I have just come back from the regions after 16 days of activism against gender violence whereby we used the opportunity to advocate for women's human rights, increased government budgets, gender mainstreaming, policy and legislative changes. We managed to hold live television talk shows with civil society participation and lucky enough the Vice Minister for Justice actively and positively participated. We had policy dialogues, and traditional leaders as well as religious leaders participated and opened up to support women's rights beyond my expectations! We developed women's rights booklets, poems and music with popular versions of the constitution, CEDAW and other international human rights instruments. These have been disseminated to the public and have raised increased demands from communities. We hope to develop a documentary which will be submitted to Reuters for an African Journal TV program.

**Elizabeth Liu (2005-2006, U.S.)**, as a staff attorney with the Domestic Violence and Legal Empowerment Appeals Project (DV LEAP), announced her organization's new website - [www.dvleap.org](http://www.dvleap.org), and a Supreme Court Symposium they held in December.

**Christie Love (2005-2006, U.S.)**, an attorney with Advocates for Children of New York, provides legal services on behalf of high school students who have been illegally excluded from school, with a combination of policy analysis, community outreach and direct representation.



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**Sarah Lubega (1999-2000, LAWA-Uganda)** is a Senior Partner at Frederick Francis & Associates, and looks forward to recruiting new LAWA applicants. She wrote that “attending this Program changed my life and exposed me to various opportunities that have enabled me to become academically, economically and socially more empowered. This has, in turn, enhanced my capacity to empower the less privileged women in our society. For this, I will ever be grateful.”

**Salma Maoulidi (1994-1995, LAWA-Tanzania)** made a trip back to the U.S. to attend a dialogue at the Center for Women’s Global Leadership and discussion with the Women’s Studies Department at Rutgers University.

**Jenny Marston (2004-2005, U.S.)** is practicing labor law with Leonard Carder in San Francisco, which specializes in representing local and international labor unions and employee benefit plans, as well as representing employees in class actions, individual employee rights cases and law reform litigation.

**Emily Martin (1999-2000, U.S.)** is now Deputy Director of the ACLU Women’s Rights Program. She recently published two articles: “Venus and Mars in Separate Classrooms: the Rise of Single Sex Education” in the *Florida Association of Women Lawyers Journal* and “Fair Housing for Victims of Domestic Violence: Using Federal and State Laws to Promote Secure Housing for Survivors” in the *ABA Domestic Violence Commission Newsletter*.



*Nadine Chabrier helped organize The Women’s Collective Conference*

**Tzili Mor (2006-2007, U.S.)**, Teaching Fellow with the Georgetown International Women’s Human Rights Clinic, helped arrange a panel at Georgetown Law sponsored by the Jerusalem Women Speak project entitled: “Three Israeli and Palestinian Women, Three Faiths, One Shared Vision.”

**Jill Morrison (1998-1999, U.S.)** continues to work at the National Women’s Law Center, focusing on religious restrictions on reproductive health services.

**Harriet Musoke (2000-2001, LAWA-Uganda)** traveled to Atlanta, GA, last fall and continues her work focusing on women’s reproductive health and rights in Uganda.

**Helen Norton (1989-1990, U.S.)** joined the University of Colorado School of Law, where she is teaching constitutional law, employment and employment discrimination, and torts. She was also awarded the 2007 Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award by the University of Maryland School of Law.

**Bongekile Nxumalo (2005-2006, LAWA-Swaziland)** completed her research on women and development related to World Bank initiatives in Lesotho.

**Gloria Ofori-Boadu (1995-1996, LAWA-Ghana)**, while visiting the U.S., spoke with the current Fellows about her experiences founding and directing the Women’s Assistance and Business Association in Ghana.

**Kathrina Peterson (2000-2001, U.S.)** is an attorney with Kuder, Smollar & Friedman focusing on domestic relations law including divorce, child custody, child support, and other issues related to family law, and she has also served as a guardian ad litem in matters before the D.C. Superior Court.

**Regan Ralph (1992-1993, U.S.)**, as Executive Director of the Fund for Global Human Rights, helped organize a meeting at Georgetown Law focusing on civil society and human rights in Tunisia.



*LAWAs interviewed on UN Radio*

**Elise Roy (2003-2004, U.S.)** visited South Africa, Tanzania and Zambia and made an effort to connect with LAWA alumnae in the region.

**Jacqueline Scott (1994-1995, U.S.)** serves as Senior Attorney & Adjunct Professor with the Harrison Institute for Public Law at Georgetown Law.

**Sibongile Sigodi (2001-2002, LAWA-South Africa)** currently heads the Legal and Executive Services Unit of the South African Presidency.

**Naomi Stern (2003-2004, U.S.)** is enjoying her new position as Counsel with the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Budget, where her focus areas include health and social welfare, housing and community development, commerce, justice, veterans, and science.

**Nicole Stewart (1997-1998, U.S.)** continues her work as a Post Production Coordinator for Transvideo/Google.

**Erika Sussman (2001-2002, U.S.)** is now serving as Executive Director of the Center for Survivor Agency and Justice, which is a new national organization dedicated to enhancing advocacy for survivors of oppression-based intimate partner violence.

**Quyen Ta (2003-2004, U.S.)** joined the law firm of Kecker & Van Nest in San Francisco, after clerking with the Honorable Lawrence K. Karlton of the United States District Court, Eastern District of California.

**Cynthia Totten (1999-2000, U.S.)**, Program Director with Stop Prisoner Rape in Los Angeles, wrote that “I am going to South Africa with my colleagues for nearly 3 weeks. It’s amazing to look at the South African LAWA alums’ bios and realize what great resources they are for the work we’ll be doing there. In addition to **Pritima Osman, (2004-2005, LAWA-South Africa)**, it seems like almost every other alum has some key experience or is working at an organization that we wanted to get in touch with. Hopefully I’ll see many of them, though we’ll be spending a number of days in small town doing trainings with Judicial Inspectorate officials, etc. I’ll write you when we get back to let you know how it all goes!”

**Amelia Vukeya (2006-2007, LAWA-South Africa)**, an attorney with the AIDS Law Project in South Africa, has been collaborating with the Georgetown International Women’s Human Rights Clinic on litigation to challenge South Africa’s laws allowing polygamy as discriminatory against women.

**Mary Whisner (1984-1985, U.S.)** has been writing a column for Law Library Journal since 1999, and her columns were recently published in a book entitled *Practicing Reference: Thoughts for Librarians and Legal Researchers*.



*Rachel Rebouche at NWLC*



WLPPFP Orientation Alum Panel

**Regina Mutyaba (1993-1994, LAWA-Uganda)** is involved in various initiatives regarding women's rights. She sent an e-mail reporting that "The Queen of England was in Uganda for three days – she had come to preside over the Commonwealth heads of state meeting. The meeting is a biannual event of all those countries which were colonies of Great Britain. It was a very big event and it ended peacefully." In response to the invitation to the WLPPFP Alum Potluck, she wrote "Thank you very much for the invitation. I am sending my greetings to all the new fellows from here in Kampala, Uganda as I will not be able to be with them physically but I will be there in spirit. Send every and each one of them my regards and best of luck to all of them." Regina's women's rights successes have been featured in the Christian Science Monitor, "Women Lawyers Force Big Rights Gains in Uganda" by Alexis Okeowo (June 14, 2007):

[T]he group's recent legal success was born of years of hard work and strategic organizing. "We had all these brilliant ideas; we thought we could move mountains," says Regina Lule Mutyaba, who joined FIDA-U over 15 years ago to work on a project that helped women write wills during the height of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. FIDA-U was then becoming well known for its advocacy work in Uganda, attracting women from all over the country and, ultimately, the interest of the US-based Georgetown University Law Center.

In 1997, Georgetown helped the lawyers form a coalition, Law and Advocacy for Women in Uganda (LAWU), that would be the apparatus for launching landmark challenges to national marriage and divorce laws.

"Our key strategy was that we had commitment, international support in the form of money and research, and a diverse team of lawyers," says Mutyaba. "Nobody was doing this kind of work: strategic litigation to eliminate laws biased against women."

At the end of last month, LAWU petitioned a Ugandan court demanding that female genital mutilation, practiced by several communities in the eastern region of the country, be declared illegal. Though at least 16 African countries have banned the practice, the effort marks the first time a campaign against the practice has been launched in Uganda.

To all of our alums – thank you very much for all of the updates, and please keep them coming – we love to celebrate your accomplishments with you!

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