

OUTREACH 2014

Women's Law & Public Policy Fellowship Program
at Georgetown Law

SPRING | SUMMER



ALUMNA-PALOOZA!

Take a look at what our awesome
WLPPFP and LAWA Alumnae are up to!



Highlights from our Seminars and Events

The Fellows have been enlightened, energized and entertained in our Seminars throughout the course of the semester. Here are just a few of the highlights:

Addressing Domestic Violence in D.C.

Professor Deborah Epstein (US 1990-1991), the Director of the Georgetown University Law Center Domestic Violence Clinic, joined the Fellows for a talk on domestic violence in D.C. Professor Epstein provided background on the once-abysmal treatment of DV cases by both law enforcement and prosecutors, and described key reforms during the 1990s which improved the response. As a special treat, Fellow Courtney Cross took the group on a guided tour of the courthouse, where the Fellows sat in on several cases. The Fellows' observations formed the basis for a fascinating class discussion of race, poverty, drug use, judicial ethics, due process and access to justice.

A Conversation with Executive Directors

The Fellows were joined by four executive directors for a "Conversation on Leadership." The fellows were especially appreciative that our leaders Jessica Arons, President and CEO, The Reproductive Health Technologies Project; Kierra Johnson, Executive Director, Choice USA; Sarah Craven (US 1992-1993), Chief of the Washington Office, United Nations Population Fund; and Jessica González-Rojas, Executive Director, National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health were so honest about their own struggles and doubts. Even better, they offered the Fellows excellent advice on how to overcome them.

The Harriet B. Burg and Lisa Marie Small Lecture on Women and Disability

As you may recall, a staple of our fellowship year has been the Harriet Burg lecture. With the blessing of the Burg friends and family, this lecture now also honors a Lisa Small, an alumnae who passed in July of 2012, who was a Burg Fellow.

Lisa spent her fellowship year working to protect the legal interests of disabled women at the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law. She remained committed to public interest work, and especially to helping people with disabilities. In spite of her disabilities, she worked as an attorney for disability and fair housing issues, and provided pro bono legal assistance to indigent clients by helping them obtain healthcare and get recusal from their

medical bills. She also remained committed to WLPPFP throughout her life, serving on the organization's advisory board and remaining close to several friends she made during her time as Fellow.

It was the Fellowship's special privilege to be joined by Joy Levin Welan (US 2009-2010), who is a trial attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division. Joy enforces the Americans with Disabilities Act, and her enthusiasm for her work was infectious. Also joining us for the seminar were Lisa Small's Fellowship classmates Christine Webber and Amy Spencer, and supporters of the Burg Fellowship, Gerald Burg, Barbara Franklin and Ann Garfinkle.



Joy Levin Welan, Amy Spencer and Christine Webber join the Fellows for the April 9th seminar

Ensuring a Focus on Women in HIV Advocacy

Sara Kluberanz, Fellow at The Women's Collective

On February 28, 2014, I participated in a panel on Women and HIV at the ABA HIV/AIDS Law & Practice Conference. This year, the conference's theme was "Navigating a New Era." It featured two full days of workshops and plenaries - only two of which centered on women living with HIV.

The conference focused much of its attention on the Affordable Care Act, and how HIV care would evolve in the new healthcare environment. Several participants talked about the HIV Care Continuum and efforts to rally under the new battle cry to "End AIDS." But none of those panels highlighted key issues that impact health care outcomes, particularly for vulnerable populations: health disparities and social determinants of health.

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The "Women and HIV" panel was a plenary session that concluded the first full day of the conference, and provided one of the few forums for a discussion of intersectional issues that impact access to health care and HIV care, treatment, and outcomes. In my work with The Women's Collective, I've redeveloped our policy priorities to focus on intersectional issues that contribute to health disparities and inequalities in health outcomes.

Along with the other panelists, Dazon Dixon Diallo of SisterLove in Atlanta, and Professor Margaret Drew of Northeastern University School of Law in Boston, I discussed the

need for woman-focused HIV community based organizations to evolve in the changing healthcare landscape and to address gender-based violence, housing, poverty and income inequalities, and sexual and reproductive health and rights in order to ensure that women have the opportunity to enter and stay in care. Violence, lack of stable and affordable housing, poverty, and violations of sexual and reproductive health and rights prevent women from learning how to practice safe sex, preventing vertical transmission, safely disclosing their status, accessing and safely storing their medication, and accessing health care and supportive services. We can never forget that women are the primary caregivers in our society, so

even if we're providing them with health care, they're often put-

ting the needs of their children and families first - so if their children don't have food to eat or a safe place to sleep, their first concern is NOT getting to a doctor or getting their prescriptions.

I hope that our discussions and our work can spur more conversations about the barriers impacting women and families living with HIV/AIDS. Attending the conference was an incredible learning experience that gave me valuable insight in the HIV advocacy movement, its limitations, and opportunities to make the movement more meaningful for the populations that have the most need.



The LAWAS, along with WLPPFP Courtney Cross, participated in American University's Women & Politics Institute, Race to Representation 5K.

LAWAS on Capitol Hill

On April 21st, the LAWAS presented their research and recommendations to Congressional staffers, Georgetown Law colleagues, embassy representatives, NGO workers and others interested in African women's human rights. The presentations included:

Angelina Atabong—*The Very Last Chance: Legal and Policy Strategies for Improving Access to Emergency Contraception in Cameroon*

Fagbenle ("Oyin") Oyindamola—*Women and Energy Access: Promoting a Gender-Sensitive Energy Policy and Legal Framework for Sustainable Development in Nigeria*

Maria Jurua Uganda—*Crimes Without Perpetrators: A Victim-Centered Approach to FGM Prosecution*

Alice Kinyua—*A Renewed Quest for Justice: Improving the Collection and Preservation of Evidence for Increased Prosecution and Conviction of Sexual Offences in Kenya*

Elsy Sainna—*Justice for Wanjiku: Policy and Legal Strategies for Actualizing the Two-Thirds Gender Principle as Required by the Kenyan Constitution*

Behailu Weldeyohannes—*Imprisoning Women in Men's Prisons?: Ensuring Female Prisoners' Right to Health and Sanitary Care in Ethiopia*

Several attendees raved about the LAWAS' polished and professional presentations. In addition to hours of practice, the LAWAs attribute their success to advice from public speaking expert Christine K. Jahnke, author of "The Well-Spoken Woman," PowerPoint help from Dianne Harrison Ferro Mesarch, Georgetown University Law Center's Assistant Director of Training, and constructive feedback from LAW Seminar II volunteer, Nancy Garrison.

Please check back on our website at www.law.georgetown.edu/wlppfp for the video of this event.



Clockwise from top left: Group Shot at the Hill; Behailu; Elsy; Maria and Angelina; Oyin and Alice. Photos courtesy of DJ Glisson, Firefly Imageworks

Alumnae Spotlight

Thank you to the many Alumnae who took the time to fill out the Alumnae Survey and update us on their publishing, lecturing and world-changing goings-on. Please keep the amazing news coming. Your work and accomplishments serve as an inspiration not just to our current fellows, but to all of the Alumnae and supporters of WLPPFP.

Elizabeth Akullo and **Cherer Shaffo** (LAWAs 2012-2013) were selected by the Georgetown University President's Office on Global Initiatives to participate in a strategic collaboration between international health and development agencies and the faith-based global health community.

Ginna Anderson (US 2010-2011) is the Senior Counsel at the American Bar Association Center for Human Rights.

Jennifer Caballero (US 2012-2013) is a Staff Attorney and Westwood Fellow at the Neighborhood Legal Services Program.

Anna Carpenter (US 2011-2012) has accepted a job as Associate Professor of Law at University of Tulsa and will be creating a Family Law Clinic there.

Ann Daugherty-Leiter (US 2002-2003) is the Director of Legal Services at AIDS Network Legal Services.

Virginia Davis (US 2003-2004) is a Senior Policy Advisor at the National Congress of American Indians.

Beatrice Duncan (LAWA 1993-1994) is now a justice and constitutional advisor at the United Nations.

Ogochukwu Evelyn Ebubechukwu (LAWA 2011-2012) is continuing private legal practice, and has also become an adjunct professor of law at the National Open University of Nigeria Enugu Study Center. Evelyn teaches courses including Human Rights Law, Environmental Law, Women and the Law and Intellectual Property Law. And her LAWA baby -now 2 years old! - continues to thrive.

Tamar Schwartz Eisen (US 1987-1988) was a Visiting Assistant Professor of Legal Reasoning, Research & Writing at Boston College Law School during the Spring 2013 semester, and is now back at the University of Richmond School of Law teaching in the first-year Legal Writing Program.

Liliana Garces (US 1998-1999) is now Assistant Professor of Higher Education at Pennsylvania State University. She recently published "Social Science Research and the Courts: Considering Post-Grutter v. Bollinger Developments in Higher Education Cases." She was Counsel of Record and authored an amicus curiae brief of Civil Rights Project/Proyecto Derechos Civiles in support of respondents in Schuette v. BAMN.

Sally Goldfarb (US 1983-1984) is a professor at Rutgers Law School in Camden, NJ, where she teaches Torts, Family Law, and Sex Discrimination. Her most recent article, "Who

Pays for the Boomerang Generation?: A Legal Perspective on Financial Support for Young Adults" was published in the Harvard Journal of Gender and the Law.

Katharine Gordon (US 2008-2009) is Director of the Legal Advocate Program at the American Diabetes Association.

Sonia Haerizadah (US 2012-2013) is now a research fellow at the Program on Human Rights in the Global Economy at Northeastern University School of Law. She will be focused on the right to health, and she hopes to combine legal/feminist theory with the research she is doing on the quality of family planning services in Nigeria, Cameroon and Zambia.

Christie Hill (US 2005-2006) is now the Senior Legal and Policy Analyst at the Center on Policy Initiatives.

Heather Hodges (US 2010-2011) was invited to speak at the White House in front of Vice President Joe Biden, U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, Jr., and other senior administration figures, chief justices of several states, and leaders of the legal profession from across the country, for a program entitled "A White House Forum on Increasing Access to Justice."

Toni Holness (US 2011-2012) is a Public Policy Associate at the American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland.

Angela Hooton (US 2003-2004) is the State Policy & Advocacy Director of the U.S. Legal Program at the Center for Reproductive Rights.

Margaret Johnson (US 1995-1996) recently published "A Home with Dignity: Domestic Violence and Property Rights" in the Brigham Young University Law Review.

Brook Kelly-Green (US 2008-2009) began working at the Ford Foundation in May 2013. She is also now a Board Member of Funders Concerned About AIDS.

Stephan Kline (US 1993-1994) is the Associate Vice President for Public Policy at the Jewish Federations for North America.

Lori Leibowitz (US 2010-2011) is a Staff Attorney at Maryland Legal Aid. On October 3, 2013, she became the proud parent of Akiva Leibowitz Hampton.

Lisa Lowenstein (US 2009-2010) is the Senior Manager at Alavere Health, LLC.

Debra Loya (US 1983-1984) is Associate Regional Counsel at the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Fanny Gomez Lugo (US 2009-2010) and **Meghan Rhoad** (US 2006-2007) both shared their expertise at the LAWA Seminar II class in the Spring Semester.

Jennifer Marston (US 2004-2005) is now the Assistant Business Manager at IBEW Local Union 1245.

Anna McClure (US 2011-2012) is now a Human Rights Investigator at the City of Alexandria.

Molly McNulty (US 1988-1989) published an article on the ACA Contraceptive Mandate and its interpretation by Courts nationwide.

Laurie Mikva (US 1984-1985) is an Assistant Clinical Professor at Northwestern University Bluhm Legal Clinic.

Tzili Mor (US 2006-2007) is a Visiting Jurist at UCLA School of Law.

Rachel Muthoga (LAWA 2010-2011) is now the Executive Director at Moving the Goalposts in Kenya.

Katie Onachila (US 2010-2011) recently co-authored "The Military's Workplace Flexibility Framework," which appeared in the American University Labor and Employment Law Forum.

Beverline Ongaro (LAWA 2012-2013) is now a Legal Researcher at the Office of the Deputy Chief Justice in Nairobi, Kenya.

Lynn Paltrow (US 1984-1985) reports: "It has been an amazing year with a front page story in The New York Times about one of our cases (that we are doing with another WLPPF alum **Sally Burns** (US 1983-1984)) an appearance on PBS's Moyer & Company, a conversation about so-called "personhood" measures on NPR's Fresh Air, recognition on MSNBC's Melissa Harris-Perry Show, and publication of a peer reviewed article, Lynn M. Paltrow and Jeanne Flavin, "Arrests of and forced interventions on pregnant women in the United States (US 1973-2005): The implications for women's legal status and public health," 38 J. of Health Politics, Policy & Law 299 (2013), and commentary in "Roe v. Wade and the New Jane Crow: Reproductive Rights in the Age of Mass Incarceration," 103 Am J. of Public Health 17 (2013).

Dorit Radzin (US 2009-2010) is a Staff Attorney at National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). She recently filed a winning brief and did an oral argument in the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals on behalf of the National Labor Relations Board.

Sandra Sands (US 1987-1988) is the Senior Counsel at the Office of the Inspector General.

Amy Senier (US 2012-2013) was named to the Washington Council of Lawyers' Board for the 2013-2014 year. Amy reports, "While this will entail a lot of work, it is work I think I will enjoy and will give me the opportunity to contribute to the delivery of legal services to Washington's poor."

Jana Singer (US 1984-1985) recently published "Bargaining in the Shadow of the Best Interest Standard: The Close Connection Between Substance and Process in Child-Custody Decisionmaking" in Law and Contemporary Problems.

Victoria Thomas (US 2007-2008) is a Staff Attorney at University Legal Services, Protection and Advocacy Division.

Stephanie Troyer (US 2007-2008) is a Supervising Attorney in Domestic Violence/Family Law Unit at the Legal Aid Society of DC. She is also on the Advisory Board of the Local Human Rights Lawyering Project and the DC Superior Court Family Law Task Force

Katie Wallat (US 2012-2013) has been awarded a Litigation Fellowship at Heller, Huron, Chertkof & Salzman, PLLC. She will work primarily on plaintiffs' side employment discrimination cases.

Beccah Watson (US 2012-2013) is the Margaret Fund Fellow in the National Women's Law Center's Education and Employment group.



Sara Ibrahim gives the Keynote



Another WLPPFP First

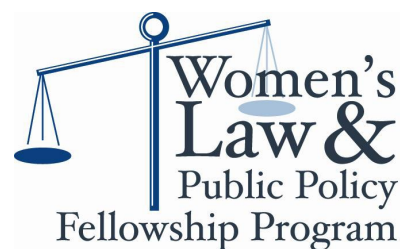
By Jill Morrison, Executive Director

Congratulations to this year's Fellows for organizing the first ever WLPPFP Fellow-led Symposium in honor of International Women's Day entitled "Taking Global Action for Women's Rights." This effort was the 2013-2014 Fellows' group project, as first conceptualized by the Class of 2012-2013.

Held at Georgetown Law on March 21st, the Fellows organized the symposium with Human Rights Action-Amnesty International and the Human Rights Institute. The panels included: Achieving Equality—Economic and Political Participation of Women; Advancing Justice—Ending Gender-Based Violence; and Accessing Healthcare—Gender Specific Health Services. Each panel featured Leadership & Advocacy for Women in Africa Fellows along with other experts, including several of the U.S. Fellows.

The keynote address was delivered by Sara Ibrahim, Advocacy Counsel for Refugee Protection at Human Rights First, who was moved to tears while speaking of her clients held in immigration detention. The lunch speaker, Caroline Hubbard of the National Democratic Institute, spoke of her organization's efforts to increase women's political participation. Hubbard reminded the audience that "no intervention is gender neutral; you are either gender sensitive, or reinforcing patriarchy."

The Program would like to thank the many donors who supported this effort, as well as Professors Edith Brown Weiss, Susan Deller Ross and Andrew I. Schoenholtz for so graciously serving as moderators.



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