

2009-2010 WOMEN'S LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY FELLOWS

We are pleased to introduce the outstanding women's rights lawyers who are participating in the 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 this year. 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.



Lisa Keels

(WLPPFP Fellow – The Women's Collective)

Lisa graduated from Princeton University with an A.B. in English and a concentration in dance and theater. Her senior thesis was entitled *The Golden Age of American Musical Theater: A Woman's Journey*. Lisa then earned her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center. She was a Staff Editor on the *Georgetown Journal of*

Gender and the Law and published her article examining the Family and Medical Leave Act's effect on gender equality in the workplace. Lisa was also a student attorney with Georgetown Law's Domestic Violence Clinic, served on Student Bar Association, and was the founding member of a dance group called Evasive Maneuvers. Lisa also conducted research on feminist legal theory for Professor Robin West. After receiving her J.D., Lisa worked as an associate attorney for Torgys, L.L.P. in New York representing multinational clients in employment litigation, securities filings, and corporate transactions. She also advocated for pro bono clients, such as conducting research on female genital mutilation in a client's quest for asylum from Chad. Lisa also served as a research fellow with the O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health at Georgetown Law. Lisa is a Georgetown Fellow supported by the Ford Foundation.



Rose Kimotho

(LAWA Fellow – Kenya) Rose graduated from the University of Nairobi in Kenya, where she was awarded the Lucy Onono Memorial Prize for the best student of International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. She then attended the Kenyan School of Law. Rose has received a certificate in Refugee Law from the

Institute of International Humanitarian Law in San Remo, Italy, completed the Protection Learning Programme organized by the United Nations Refugee Agency, and completed a Gender Based Violence Research Training. After earning her law degree, Rose worked for the International Women Lawyers Association – Kenya Chapter

(FIDA-Kenya). There, she was part of a team of lawyers that drafted the Equality and Domestic Violence bills, which were the precursors of the current bills that aim to eliminate gender discrimination while promoting women's access to justice. Rose then joined the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) as a protection officer. Subsequently, she served as a sexual and gender-based violence consultant for the Christian Children's Fund, Inc. More recently, as a gender protection officer for UNHCR, Rose implemented a women's leadership training project in Bangkok, Thailand. She also oversaw gender protection efforts in refugee camps in Kenya and revitalized the task force on sexual and gender based violence in the camps. Most recently, Rose has been working as a protection officer for the UNHCR in Liberia. In this capacity she has served as a liaison to Liberia's Gender and Justice Ministries for gender-based violence issues. Rose is involved in numerous women's and human rights organizations, including FIDA-Kenya and the Gender Based Violence Network. Rose's fellowship is supported by Georgetown Law and the Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation.



Fanny Gómez-Lugo

(WLPPFP Fellow – IACHR) Fanny is a Venezuelan lawyer with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), where she has examined human rights violations complaints filed under international human rights law against 35 states in the Americas region, including petitions alleging discrimination or violence against women among other issues.

Previously she worked as a fellow and consultant for the IACHR Rapporteur on the Rights of Women, drafting reports finding states responsible for failing to adequately investigate and prosecute violations of women's rights. She also researched a wide array of women's human rights issues in many countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. Additionally, Fanny was awarded a fellowship to pursue postgraduate studies on women's rights at the Center for Human Rights, University of Chile, under the supervision of the current President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. Before

coming to Washington DC, she worked as an independent research consultant for Human Rights Watch, carrying out research on human rights violations in the Americas. She has volunteered for the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network conducting research for a Model Legislation Project on HIV/AIDS and Women in Sub-Saharan Africa. She also provided research for the Spanish skills-building workshop coordinated by the University of Toronto. Fanny has lectured at Georgetown University Law Center and at the Bloomberg School of Public Health at John Hopkins University. She also co-authored a book chapter to be published by a women's rights organization in Uruguay. Fanny received her L.L.M. from McGill University, and her fellowship is supported by IACHR.



Maeve McKean

(WLPPFP Fellow – CHANGE and ICW) Maeve recently received her J.D. and Masters of Foreign Service from Georgetown University. While at Georgetown, Maeve spent a summer as a legal intern with the Center for Legal and Social Studies in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She also served as a law clerk in the Parole Division of the Washington, DC Public Defender Services,

preparing clients for parole hearings. Maeve worked as a summer associate for Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt and Mosle, where she assisted on a pro-bono project for a foreign subsidiary of a U.S. non-profit organization summarizing the extraterritoriality of U.S. labor laws to ensure the client's bylaws comported with U.S. civil rights statutes. Maeve was also an intern with the U.S. Department of State, Office of the Assistant Legal Adviser for Private International Law. Prior to attending law school, she spent a year teaching English with the Peace Corps in Mozambique. Subsequently, she served as a Field Representative and Legislative Correspondent with Senator Dianne Feinstein's Office. Maeve received her B.A. in English from Boston College. She is a Georgetown Fellow supported by the Ford Foundation.



Sandra Pullman

(WLPPFP Fellow – NPWF) Sandra received her B.A. magna cum laude from Harvard, where she wrote an honors thesis in creative writing and received a scholarship to work on the Cambridge Women's Heritage Project. After graduation, she taught high school English and nonfiction writing in Santiago, Chile. The following year,

she interned for the Women's Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and wrote a retrospective on Ruth Bader Ginsburg and the subsequent leaders of the organization. She received her J.D. cum laude from Harvard Law, where she served as President of the Coalition Against Gender Violence, President of the ACLU, executive editor of the *Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review*, and a member of the article selection committee of the *Journal of Law and Gender*. She spent her summers at the Victim Rights Law Center, providing legal services to victims of sexual assault, and at Vladeck, Waldman, Elias & Engelhard, working on a high-profile sexual

harassment case against the New York Knicks. During law school, she worked with low-wage women suffering from depression at ROAD (Reaching Out About Depression) and conducted clinical work at the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law of the Boston Bar Association and Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders. After graduation, she served as a law clerk to the Honorable Judge Susan Oki Mollway at the United States District Court for the District of Hawaii. Sandy is a Legal Advocates for Women Fellow.



Susanne Okeny

(LAWA Fellow – Uganda) Susanne received her law degree from Makerere University in Uganda. She also received a Diploma in Legal Practice from the Law Development Center and a degree from the Copenhagen Business School. Additionally, she has completed several training courses focusing on women's rights, human

rights and other aspects of law. Susanne worked as an intern with the Refugee Law Project counseling refugees and assisting with their cases. She also volunteered with the International Federation of Women Lawyers – Uganda Chapter (FIDA-Uganda), assisting with FIDA's legal clinic and giving legal advice. After receiving her law degree, Susanne worked as a Legal Research Assistant with the Ugandan Debt Network. Subsequently, she conducted research on Ugandan family law for Dr. Jenny Kuper of the London School of Economics. Susanne's publications include "An Analysis of Laws and Powers on Internally Displaced Persons in Northern Uganda: Case Study of Unyama, Cwero and Awach Camps in Gulu District," a "Report on Human Rights of People Living with HIV/AIDS in Uganda" for the Health Rights Action Group, and "Law as a Tool – Uganda and HIV/AIDS" with Dr. Kuper of the London School of Economics. For the past several years she has served as a Magistrate Judge in Jinja, Uganda, adjudicating human rights, criminal, civil, and land matters. Susanne is a member of FIDA-Uganda, Ugandan Association of Women Judges, Uganda Judicial Officer Association, and Health Rights Action Group. Susanne's fellowship is supported by Georgetown Law and the Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation.



Dorit Radzin

(WLPPFP Fellow – Superior Court of the District of Columbia) Dorit earned a B.A. from Johns Hopkins University in International Studies, with a minor in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. One of the highlights of her undergraduate education included a summer spent in the Volta region of Ghana, where she conducted research on the role of traditional

rulers in modern Ghanaian society. Dorit also spent a summer as an intern with NARAL. After college, Dorit spent three years on the staff of Human Rights Watch in Washington, DC. Serving first with the Europe and Central Asia Program, Dorit worked on a number of issues including rights of migrants, gender discrimination, and political expression. Later, Dorit worked in the Advocacy Program, where her work focused on U.S. foreign policy and human rights abuses in

the U.S. During her time at Human Rights Watch, Dorit also served as the shop steward for the organized staff in her office. Dorit went on to attend Georgetown University Law Center where she earned her J.D. in the spring of 2009. Dorit pursued a wide variety of interests during her years in law school, including internships with a public defenders office and a labor union. Her extracurricular activities included co-founding and serving on the board of Students for Public Interest Community Enhancement and performing in the Vagina Monologues. Dorit's fellowship is supported by the DC Superior Court.



Chaitra "Chai" Shenoy

(WLPPFP Fellow – Break the Cycle) Chai received her B.A. in Political Science from the University of California, Los Angeles, and her J.D. from American University, Washington College of Law. During law school, Chai received many honors including the Judge Jerry M. Hermele Book Award, Program on Law and Government, and the Belva A. Lockwood

Scholar awards. She was also named the Female Law Student of the Year by the National Association of Women Lawyers and the Student of the Year by the National Association of South Asian Bar Association. Chai also was a student attorney for the Women and the Law Clinic, providing representation in domestic violence cases. Also during law school, she was a fellow with the Marshall-Brennan program, where she taught Constitutional Law to students at Wilson SHS in Washington, DC. Chai interned with the DC Appleseed Project, writing a report on the HIV/AIDs epidemic in the District of Columbia. After law school, Chai worked for the Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence as a Legal Resource Administrator, where she provided legal assistance and resources to grantees funded by the Office on Violence Against Women. Subsequently, Chai moved to New York City, where she worked as the Domestic Violence Policy Analyst for the Manhattan Borough President's Office. Since 2008, Chai has been with Break the Cycle as the Policy and Technical Assistance Attorney. Chai's fellowship is supported by Break the Cycle.



Joy Welan

(WLPPFP Fellow – United States Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Disability Rights Section) Joy received her B.A. in Women's Studies with minors in Political Science and Spanish, *summa cum laude*, from George Washington University (GW) in 2005. While at GW, Joy served as the president of the Feminist Majority

Leadership Alliance and organized a delegation to the March for Women's Lives. She also interned at the Women's Campaign Forum, Feminist Majority Foundation, Women's Human Rights Project of Amnesty International USA, and National Women's Law Center. Joy was one of eight incoming Georgetown Law students selected to be

a Public Interest Law Scholar. She received her J.D., *magna cum laude*, from Georgetown University Law Center in 2008. While at Georgetown, Joy represented survivors of domestic violence seeking protection orders, participated in a civil rights litigation clinic, led a chapter of Law Students for Reproductive Justice (LSRJ), co-founded an organization to support law students pursuing careers in public interest law, co-taught a Legal Research and Writing class, and served as an editor on the *Georgetown Law Journal*. She interned in the Legal and Policy Research Department of NARAL and the Disability Rights Project of the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs. Upon graduation, Joy received the National Association of Women Lawyers Award for her contributions to the advancement of women in society. She served on the national board of directors of LSRJ and received LSRJ's inaugural Cari Sietstra Award for Excellence in Organizing. After Joy graduated from law school, she clerked for Judge Judith Bartnoff on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Joy's fellowship is supported by the U.S. Department of Justice.



Monica Voke-Ighorodje

(LAWA Fellow – Nigeria) Monica received her L.L.B. from the University of Benin, and her B.L. from the Nigerian Law School. While in school, she was the President of the Collegiate Junior Chamber International, and served as a coordinator for the Save a Sick Child project and Campaign for HIV/AIDs Awareness.

After receiving her law degree, Monica worked as junior counsel for the Legal Defense and Assistance Project. More recently, Monica has worked as a Legal Officer with Women Advocates and Documentation Center. There, she helped to write training manuals and implement training programs and workshops. Since 2006, Monica has served as the Acting Group Coordinator on Peace Building, Interpretation of Laws, and Legal Defense for BAOBAB for Women's Human Rights. In this capacity she has provided legal advice, coordinated the clinic's activities and initiated public interest litigation with pro bono lawyers. Monica has authored an article on "The Nigerian Prisons' Condition, Prisoners' Rights and Possible Reforms" and co-authored a legal literacy leaflet on "Reproductive Health and Rights of Women." According to its website, BAOBAB's mission is "to promote women's human rights principally via improving knowledge, exercise and development of rights under religious laws, customary laws and statutory laws." One of the largest and most influential women's rights groups in Nigeria, "[t]he organization evolved from an ad hoc group of activists, social scientists, lawyers, and specialists in Muslim laws and Arabic who were responsible for executing the Women and Laws Nigeria project, under the auspices of the International Solidarity Network of Women Living Under Muslim Laws." Monica's fellowship is supported by Georgetown Law and the Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation.



Amanda Allen

(WLPPFP Fellow – NAPAWF) Amanda graduated in 2004 with high distinction from the University of Minnesota, where she studied music and sociology. In college, she was a Violence Prevention Educator at the Aurora Center for Advocacy and Education, facilitating trainings for classes and organizations on the prevention of sexual and relationship violence.

This experience influenced Amanda to attend law school to advance women's rights. She attended City University of New York (CUNY) School of Law, where she was awarded a Charles H. Revson fellowship, a Public Interest Law Association fellowship, and the Queens County Women's Bar Association Faith O'Neal Scholarship. During law school Amanda interned at Day One, where she advocated for victims of teen dating violence; at the Sex Workers Project, where she assisted low-income immigrant women with a variety of legal matters; and at the Center for Reproductive Rights. She also worked on a litigation team as a third-year law student in the International Women's Human Rights Clinic, representing a trafficking victim in federal court, and was Executive Articles Editor of the *New York City Law Review*. After law school, Amanda was the first fellow at Law Students for Reproductive Justice (LSRJ), where she developed educational materials, including LSRJ's first Human Rights and Reproductive Rights Law Primer. She also advanced new courses at law schools addressing reproductive justice and provided support for student research and scholarship in reproductive justice. She is the author of *A Plan C for Plan B: A Feminist Legal Response to the Ways in Which "Behind-the-Counter" Emergency Contraception Fails Women*, 11 N.Y. City L. Rev. 401 (Summer 2008). Her writings have also appeared on RH Reality Check. Amanda is a Legal Advocates for Women Fellow supported by the Huber Foundation and the Moriah Fund.



Esther Ayuk

(LAWA Fellow – Cameroon) Esther received her L.L.B. in English Private Law from Yaounde University in Cameroon in 1996. She then earned her L.L.M. in Business Law also from Yaounde University. Subsequently, Esther has completed training courses on gender and the law, human rights and mediation, as well as receiving a postgraduate diploma in Magistracy.

In 2003, Esther founded the Cameroon Young Jurists Legal Resource Center (CYJULERC) and has served as the National Director since its inception. CYJULERC runs a legal clinic for women and children, and provides legal counsel to women individually and in groups. In one instance, CYJULERC assisted 473 female employees who had been wrongfully terminated from a Cameroonian company. With CYJULERC's representation, all 473 employees received damages. In 2007, CYJULERC won the 2007 Women's World Summit Foundation International Award on Creativity in Rural Life. Esther also served as a Judge and Inquiry Magistrate for the Court of First Instance in Buea. Esther has published many works on women's rights, including research on female genital mutilation (FGM) in

regions of Cameroon and a paper on possible ways to eradicate FGM in these regions. She drafted a law to criminalize FGM in Cameroon and organized advocacy workshops with female parliamentarians on the issue. Esther is a member of the International Center for Dispute Resolution, the Young International Arbitration Group and the Commonwealth Magistrates and Judges Club. Esther's fellowship is supported by Georgetown Law and the Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation.



Jessica Heaven

(WLPPFP Fellow – NWLC) Jessica received a B.A. in Women's Studies and Political Science *summa cum laude* from Vanderbilt University, where she was a Truman Scholar and received the Muliebrity Prize for promoting gender equity on campus. Jessica received her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 2009. During her time at Georgetown Law,

Jessica served as treasurer for Law Students for Reproductive Justice, Symposium Editor for the *Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law*, a member of the Trial Division of the Barrister's Council, and Vice President for the Georgetown Gilbert and Sullivan Society. She was also selected as a Legal Research and Writing Law Fellow in her second year. Jessica completed Georgetown's Domestic Violence Clinic and served as an intake counselor at Women Empowered Against Violence (WEAVE). She spent a summer as a legal intern with the Sanctuary for Families in New York, where she advocated on behalf of domestic violence survivors and their families. Subsequently, she interned with the Sexual Assault Legal Institute. Jessica also spent a summer as a legal intern with the National Women's Law Center, where she worked to develop a new policy agenda in preparation for the incoming presidential administration. Jessica is a Legal Advocates for Women Fellow.



Jaime Dahlstedt

(WLPPFP Fellow – Georgetown Law Domestic Violence Clinic) Jamie received her B.A. *summa cum laude* from Gonzaga University majoring in Business Administration and spent time during college volunteering at her local Planned Parenthood and Domestic Violence Shelter for women and children. She received her J.D. *cum*

laude from the University of San Diego School of Law along with several academic honors. She also participated in the McLennon Moot Court Honors Competition and was published in the *Hastings Women's Law Journal*. While attending law school, Jaime interned with the San Diego Superior Court in the Family Law Division. She also was an intern with the California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General, where she argued in front of the California Court of Appeals. After earning her J.D., Jamie was an associate attorney for the law offices of Shaun Martin. In this capacity, she worked on trial and appellate cases in the United States Supreme Court, the California Court of Appeal, the Second Circuit, and a variety of state and district courts. She is a member of the National Organization for Women (NOW), the Planned Parenthood Action

Group, and Army of Women, a breast cancer research and advocacy organization. Jaime is a Georgetown Fellow supported by Georgetown Law.



Mark Egberman

(WLPPFP Fellow – NAF) Mark graduated from the School of Computer Science at Carnegie Mellon University in 2004 with university honors and as a Rhodes Scholar finalist. He then went to the South Pacific to work on a pilot program improving the use of technology in hospitals in developing countries. Next Mark attended the University of Cambridge, earning a masters degree in Development Studies. His thesis focused on the trafficking of women for domestic labor purposes. After this, Mark attended Harvard Law School, where he served as the Articles Chair for the *Harvard Journal of Law and Gender*. He was also active in the Coalition Against Gender Violence, a working group on gender justice. He spent his first summer as an intern in Governor Deval Patrick's Office of Legal Counsel. Mark also had clinical placements in the U.S. Department of Justice and the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights. His research in law school focused on the reproductive health and rights of inmates, and he published an article outlining new approaches for overcoming obstacles and improving access entitled "Do Inmates Have an Eighth Amendment Right to Elective Abortions?" Mark graduated with honors in 2009, and his fellowship is supported by NAF.



Charlotte Garden

(WLPPFP Fellow – Georgetown Law Appellate Litigation Clinic) Charlotte received her Bachelor of Arts from McGill University, where she majored in sociology and English literature, focusing on social movement theory and feminist collective identities. She then attended New York University School of Law, where she was a teaching assistant for then-Dean John Sexton and a research assistant for Professor

Arthur Miller, as well as student-director of the Uncontested Divorce Project, which served survivors of domestic violence. After receiving her JD in 2003, Charlotte held the Abraham Fuchsberg Fellowship at Public Citizen Litigation Group, where she litigated cases involving consumer safety issues, class action fairness, and the first amendment. She then spent one year as a staff attorney at the Children's Law Center of Washington DC, representing children in abuse and neglect proceedings in DC's family court. In 2005, Charlotte joined the union-side labor law firm of Bredhoff & Kaiser PLLC, where she represented labor unions, benefit plans, and individual employees. While at Bredhoff, Charlotte litigated on behalf of the United Auto Workers to secure retiree health benefits from the "Big Three" auto manufacturers, and on behalf of the United Food and Commercial Workers to oppose a case arising out of the union's multi-year organizing campaign at a Smithfield Foods plant. Charlotte is presently a teaching fellow in the Appellate Litigation Program at Georgetown Law, where she has argued cases before the courts of appeals for the

D.C. and Fourth Circuits. Charlotte is a Georgetown Fellow supported by Georgetown Law.



Caroline Ajie

(LAWA Fellow – Nigeria) Carol received her Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) from the University of Benin. She spent a year as a platoon leader in the Youth Corps, providing community legal services. She then attended the Nigerian Law School. After receiving her Barrister-at-Law (B.L.), Carol worked as a litigation associate for a firm in Lagos, Nigeria. Since 1991, Carol has been running a law firm specializing in human rights, litigation and arbitration. She has published numerous articles, including "After the Beijing Declaration, What Next for African Women?" and "Discriminatory and Harmful Traditional Practices: Curbing Cultural Conservatism." Carol is involved with many professional and civic organizations. She has held positions with the Nigerian Bar Association and served on its National Executive Committee for 12 years. She also acted as an Advisory Board Member with the Institute for Transnational Arbitration of the Center for American and International Law, as Executive Secretary for Rules Watch Nigeria, and as a member of the African Women Lawyers Association. Carol has been awarded both the Distinguished Service Award of the Nigerian Bar Association, Lagos Branch and the Zonta International Lagos Club Service Award. Carol's fellowship is supported by Georgetown Law and the Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation.



Emily Chapuis

(WLPPFP Fellow – Bredhoff & Kaiser) Emily graduated from Yale Law School in 2009. At Yale, she represented children in abuse and neglect proceedings in juvenile court as part of the Advocacy for Children and Youth Clinic. Emily also represented an incarcerated woman in her successful FTCA/8th Amendment suit as part of the Complex Federal Litigation Clinic. Emily was involved in the *Yale Journal of Law*

& *Feminism* as the Articles Editor, the LGBT Rights Litigation Group as a co-director, and Law Students for Reproductive Justice as a co-chair. Emily spent her 1L summer at the Appellate Advocacy Project of the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia and her 2L summer at Legal Momentum in New York producing legal research and writing in support of impact litigation and advocacy on behalf of women and girls. Prior to law school, she attended Tulane University, graduating *summa cum laude* with degrees in English and Women's Studies, for which she received the award as Outstanding Scholar of the Year in Women's Studies. She then worked in New Orleans—first as a public school teacher and then in higher education, where she worked primarily with LGBT students. She was a steering committee member of Louisiana's Coalition Against Domestic Violence's LGBT initiative. Emily's fellowship is supported by Bredhoff & Kaiser.

DEVELOPING WOMEN'S RIGHTS LEADERS

Through networking opportunities, professional development trainings, colloquia on hot-topics in women's legal issues, and other programming, WLPPFP helps our Fellows continue to develop as leaders of the women's rights movement. Examples of the activities of our 2009-2010 Fellows thus far include:

- Our LAWA Orientation Program for the new Leadership and Advocacy for Women in Africa (LAWA) Fellows.



Farewell Celebration for 2008-2009 Fellows

- The Foundations of American Law and Legal Education Program at Georgetown Law for all incoming international students, including our LAWA Fellows.
- Our Welcome Potluck Celebration for the new Leadership and Advocacy for Women in Africa (LAWA) Fellows at the home of WLPPFP Director **Julia Ernst**.
- The Senior LAWA Presentations of their Graduate Research Papers at Georgetown Law, which Voice of America-Africa covered, including interviews with the LAWA Fellows: <http://bit.ly/9sIsu5>.



Fellows at Annual Retreat



Orientation Alum Panel

- The Farewell Potluck Dinner and Award Ceremony for 2008-2009 WLPPFP and LAWA Fellows at Georgetown Law.
- The WLPPFP Orientation Program and Alum Panel featuring **Sarah Craven** (1992-93, U.S.), Chief of the Washington, D.C. Office of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA); **Elizabeth Atemnkeng** (2008-09, Cameroon), Legal Intern at the O'Neill Institute for Global and National Health Law and Catholics for Choice; **Naomi Stern** (2003-04, U.S.), Counsel for the U.S. House of Representatives Budget Committee; and **Cristina Martin-Firvida** (1996-97, U.S.), Director of Economic Security, Office of Governmental Relations, AARP.
- Our Annual Retreat and Potluck Dinner at the home of WLPPFP Director **Julia Ernst** including a wonderful food, good conversation and getting-to-know-you fun and games; where the new fellows learned more about each other's backgrounds, countries, experiences, placement organizations, and aspirations.



WLPPFP Holiday Party at Jaime Dahlstedt's Home

- Our Board Welcome Party with **Wendy Williams**, Professor of Law at Georgetown Law and co-author of a forthcoming biography of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg; **Marcia Greenberger**, founder and co-President of the National Women's Law Center; and **Judy Lichtman**, founder, former President, and current Senior Advisor of the National Partnership for Women and Families. The board members delighted the new fellows with stories about the history of women in the law and WLPPFP at the party hosted at the National Women's Law Center.
- The National Women's Law Center Annual Dinner featuring **Sheila Bair**, Chair of the FDIC; and **Brooksley Born**, Retired Partner with Arnold & Porter.



Farewell Celebration at Georgetown Law

- A public speaking opportunity for our LAWA Fellows on **“Women’s Human Rights in Africa”** presenting to undergraduate students taking a seminar on International Women’s Human Rights at the Georgetown Main Campus.
- **WLPPFP/LAWA Holiday Dessert Party** at the home of current fellow **Jaime Dahlstedt**, Teaching Fellow with the Georgetown Domestic Violence Clinic.
- A series of seminars on **“The Fellowship Experience”** led by our current fellows, who shared their multifaceted backgrounds working on women’s rights, discussed their fellowship experiences with their placement organizations and LL.M. degree programs, exchanged ideas about what they have learned so far, and envisioned their future career paths advancing the legal status of women in their countries.
- **Fellowship New Year’s Celebration** welcoming in the new decade at Georgetown Law.
- Our **WLPPFP Alumni Potluck** hosted by **Deborah Epstein** (1990-91, U.S.), Georgetown Law Associate Dean of Clinical Education, Professor of Law, and Co-Director of the Georgetown Law Domestic Violence Clinic.

Fellows have also participated in colloquia featuring discussions with women’s rights experts and professional development training on the following topics:

- **“Using International Human Rights Law in Women’s Rights Litigation”** with **Anne Goldstein**, Human Rights Education Director at International Association of Women Judges.



WLPPFP Alum Ayesha Khan and Georgetown Law Asst. Dean Barbara Moulton



Seminar on Women and Economic Rights - Melysa Sperber, Tamara Gaw, Courtney Chappell

- **“U.S. Ratification of CEDAW: Impact on Women in the U.S. and Worldwide”** with **Penny Wakefield**, former Executive Director, American Bar Association’s Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities; **Ketayoun Darvich-Kodjouri**, Director of Communications and Advocacy, Center for Development and Population Activities; and **Sarah Albert**, Director of Social Policy and Advocacy, YWCA.



Congresswoman Norton with 2008-2009 Fellows

- **“A Standing Ovation: How to Give a Great Speech”** with **Christine Jahnke**, the founder and President of Positive Communications.
- **“Women’s Economic Rights”** with **Courtney Chappell** (2004-05, U.S.), Advocacy Manager, DC Employment Justice Center; **Melysa Sperber** Global Grants Manager with Vital Voices Global Partnership; and **Tammi Gaw**, In-House Counsel with the TransAfrica Forum.



Fellowship Event



Susanne Okeny and Maeve McKean



Fellows at Disability and Women's Rights Seminar



Deborah Reid Presenting on Women's Health Rights

- **“Litigation Skills and Government Appellate Practice”** with Nancy Garrison, Senior Appellate and Communications Counsel, Appellate Section, Antitrust Division, U.S. Department of Justice.
- **“Hot Topics in Women’s Rights – U.S. Health Care Reform, and Women in Afghanistan”** with Deborah Reid, Senior Attorney, National Health Law Program (NHeLP); and Belquis Ahmadi, formerly director of the Women’s Rights under Islam Program of the USAID-Afghanistan Rule of Law Project.
- **“Blazing a Career Path in Social Justice”** (including Do’s and Don’ts of a Job Search) with Ayesha Kahn (1990-91, U.S.), Legal Director, Americans United for Separation of Church and State; and Barbara Moulton, Georgetown Law Assistant Dean, Office of Public Interest and Community Service (OPICS).

We are grateful to all of our speakers and other supporters – thank you very much for your willingness to share your expertise, mentoring and advice with our Women’s Law and Public Policy Fellows!

WLPPFP/LAWA ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

We celebrate the continued achievements of our outstanding alumni, who strive throughout their careers to improve the lives of women and their families. Our alums 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 some of their recent activities:

- **Belquis Ahmadi (2002-03, Afghanistan)** recently moved to the Philippines after heading the Women’s Rights under Islam Program in Afghanistan for several years.
- **Aziza Ahmed (2008-09, U.S.), Lisa Keels (2009-10, U.S.) and Rachel Rebouche (2007-08, U.S.)** are all presenting at the University of Baltimore School of Law Center on Applied Feminism’s 3rd Annual Feminist Legal Theory Conference, which is being organized by Professor Margaret Johnson (1995-96, U.S.). Lisa informed us that her paper will be published by the University of Baltimore School of Law’s law review. Aziza also recently accepted a faculty position with Northeastern Law School.



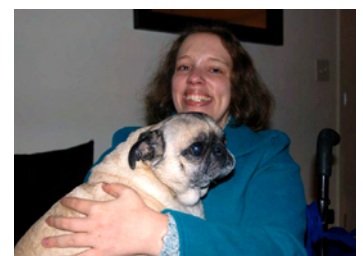
WLPPFP-LAWA Seminar



Alum Belquis Ahmadi Presenting on Women's Rights



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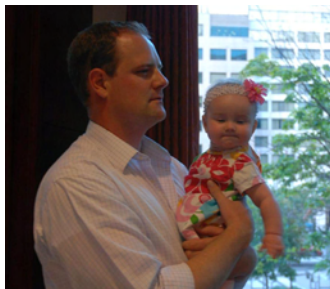
WLPPFP Holiday Party



*WLPPFP Alums Lisa Bornstein and Jennifer Goldberg
Present on Disability and Women's Rights*

- **Patience Akenji (2007-08, Cameroon)** had a two month consultancy contract with GTZ (which is a German-Cameroon Cooperation) on rape issues, and received a permanent job with a UK company as its office manager. She was also recently visited by Melysa Sperber, Global Grants Manager with Vital Voices Global Partnership, for a week in Douala, Cameroon. Patience writes: "Whatever I do, women's rights have always been the center, and I am still working with Women in Alternative Action (WAA) Cameroon and other NGOs."

- **Meredith Asay (2008-09, U.S.)** has accepted a position as a policy advisor for the governor of Wyoming.



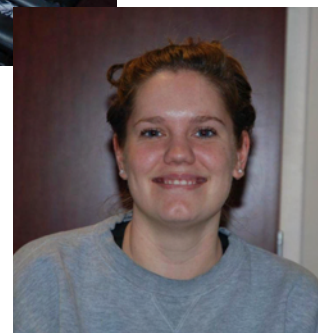
*Newest WLPPFPer -
Family of 2008-2009
Fellow Meredith Asay*

- **Jackie Asimwe (2000-01, Uganda)** was quoted in a Women's E-News article entitled: "In Uganda, Rioters Strip Women Wearing Trousers." The article indicated that "Women's rights advocate Jackie Asimwe denounced the rioters for using the clash to abuse women and commit criminal acts in *New Vision*, a Kampala-based newspaper. 'It is an invasion of women's privacy,' the newspaper quoted Asimwe as saying."
- **Erin Aslan (2007-08)** is spearheading litigation as a Trial Attorney with the Criminal Section of the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.



*Chai Shenoy
and Jaime
Dahlstedt*

*Welcome to New
Program Assistant
Sarah Lavin*



- **Barbara Ayesu (1998-99, Ghana)** coordinates the activities of LAWA-Ghana Alumnae Incorporated. She sent this update on her work relating to advocacy on the rights of domestic workers and domestic assistants: "In 2003 LAWA-Ghana collaborated with Georgetown Law's International Women's Human Rights Clinic to embark on groundbreaking research in three areas, namely Rights of Queen Mothers, Domestic Violence and the Rights of Domestic Workers. After the research with support of Georgetown Law, LAWA-Ghana embarked on a number of advocacy activities including legislative consultation and a one-day stakeholders meeting. After that, LAWA-Ghana continued to search for funding and eventually got support for advocacy in four regions resulting in a report. A number of activities have also been done, including the July launch of the LAWA-Ghana 'Manual for Domestic Workers,' which the organization developed and is the first of its kind in Ghana!"
- **Arlene Brens (2008-09, U.S.)** is co-chairing the Washington Council of Lawyer's Mentoring Program, and is an Attorney-Advisor with the Social Security Administration.



Esther Ayuk Presenting to Fellows



*Katharine Gordon and Carol Ajie
at LAWA Welcome Party*



*Rose Kimotho and Esther Ayuk
at LAWA Welcome Party*

Mushahida Adhikari (2005-06, South Africa)

Mushahida recently accepted a position with the Women's Legal Centre in Cape Town. She has been appointed as a senior attorney and deputy director heading up the women's health rights program. The program focuses on women's access to health care services including reproductive health care services and other women's health issues. She is excited to get back to women's rights work after nearly three years in the private sector. Some of her current projects involve issues such as:

- Forced sterilisations of refugee women and HIV positive women;
- Access to adequate sanitation services for women and girl children living in informal settlements, utilising both the general constitutional rights to health, water, dignity, equality and health environment as well as the environmental legislation;
- Implementation of access to maternity benefits under the unemployment insurance legislation;
- Claim against a state medical facility for refusing access to a pregnant woman giving birth;
- Assisting a victim of domestic violence whose husband is trying to have her declared a vexatious litigant (and in so doing prevent her from bringing further charges against him for DV, rape and assault);
- Campaign together with the Community Law Centre at University of the Western Cape to get South Africa to remove its opposition to and to support the UN resolution for a special rapporteur on laws that discriminate against women; and
- Various campaigns around the signature and ratification of the SADC protocol on gender and development as well as the ICESCR.



Senior LAWA Graduate Paper Presentation



Senior LAWA Presentation at Georgetown Law

- **Cassandra Butts (1991-92, U.S.)** was named by President Obama in November to serve as senior advisor to the CEO of the Millennium Challenge Corporation. The MCC is an independent agency created by Congress in 2004 to determine better ways to deliver U.S. aid to foreign nations in need of assistance. She previously served in the Obama Administration as Deputy White House Counsel focusing on domestic policy and ethics.
- **Courtney Chappell (2004-05, U.S.)** served on the Planning Committee for *Creative Explosion V: The Spirit of API Feminism Through Performance*, which was hosted by the Washington, DC Chapter of the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF). *Creative Explosion* strives to be a safe space for API women to express themselves, to celebrate their lives and experiences, and to empower and inspire API women to contribute to their communities. It seeks to challenge marginalization and oppression and to support established and emerging local artists in local communities. The theme this year was "Recovery, Reflection, Renewal: API Women Reclaim Their Voices." Courtney also traveled to Istanbul, and gave a presentation entitled "Women's Economic Rights" for the current Fellows at Georgetown Law. She is currently the Advocacy Manager at the D.C. Employment Justice Center.
- **Neena Chaudhry (1997-98, U.S.)** continues to serve as Senior Counsel in the Educational and Employment Opportunities unit of the National Women's Law Center.
- **Nancy Chung (2008-09, U.S.)** accepted a position as an Attorney-Advisor with the Social Security Administration in Falls Church, Virginia.
- **Amy Fettig (2001-02, U.S.)** recently traveled to Nevada as part of her work with the National Prison Project at the ACLU.
- **Robin Fradkin (1984-85, U.S.)** is now a probate attorney, working in the area of guardianships and conservatorships of mentally incapacitated adults.



WLPPFP and LAWA Fellows



*Nancy Garrison Presenting on
Appellate Litigation Skills*



*LAWAs Spearhead Cameroon Supreme
Court for International Women's
Human Rights Clinic Mock Trial*



*Charlotte Garden
Presenting to Fellows*

- **July Fulcher (1995-96, U.S.)** celebrated the opening of a new office for Break the Cycle. She is enjoying her work as director of the organization's Washington, DC office.
- **Jennifer Goldberg (1999-2000, U.S.)** is serving as Assistant Director of Advocacy for Elder Law and Health Care with the Maryland Legal Aid Bureau.
- **Sinsi Hernández-Cancio (1995-96, U.S.)** is serving as the National Campaign Coordinator for the Healthcare Equality Project of SEIU Healthcare.
- **Priscilla Huang (2006-07, U.S.)** began her new role as the Associate Director of Policy at the Asian and Pacific Islander American Health Forum (APIAHF) in its Washington, DC office, where she will spearhead the organization's immigration work and be part of a team of advocates working to improve the health and lives of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders. She writes: "I'm excited to begin this new chapter in my professional life, particularly with an organization that NAPAWF already has close ties and alignment with."
- **Erin Hustings (2008-09, U.S.)** has recently provided *pro-bono* services for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU).
- **Moza Jadeed (2008-09 Kenya)** has been busy with activities in conjunction with the International Federation of Women Lawyers – Kenya Chapter (FIDA-Kenya). She facilitated a workshop on Women and Human Rights for journalists from the coastal region and attended a workshop organized by FIDA-Kenya for grassroots leaders at the coast on what they want reflected in the new constitution. She also represented the FIDA-Kenya Council in a courtesy-call visit of the incoming Resident Judge at the Mombasa Law Courts by the Law Society of Kenya.

Justine Andronici (2002-03, U.S.) is the first domestic violence attorney for the Centre County Women's Resource Center.

As many of you know, I have been living in central Pennsylvania and working for the Washington, D.C. women's rights/civil rights employment law firm of Katz, Marshall & Banks, LLP (www.kmblegal.com) for the past several years. I have truly enjoyed my work with the outstanding members of the firm and have been inspired by the courage of my clients. However, an excellent opportunity recently presented itself for me to practice women's rights law in my own community and I simply could not pass it up.

I have accepted a position with the Centre County (PA) Women's Resource Center to serve as the organization's first-ever domestic violence attorney. I have been hired to set up and run a Civil Legal Representation Project, through which I will represent domestic violence victims in a range of areas including; custody, divorce, immigration, and landlord-tenant disputes. I will be in court regularly and will be building the project from the ground up. The Center, (www.ccwrc.org), is an explicitly feminist organization and am truly excited about the opportunity to work with its dedicated staff to better serve the needs of domestic violence victims in my community.

I am also pleased to report that I will continue my affiliation with Katz, Marshall & Banks in my new capacity as Of Counsel to the Firm. This ongoing association with KMB will allow me to continue to contribute to the firm by occasionally consulting on cases within my areas of expertise and to continue to write articles with Debra Katz (1985-86, U.S.) for Ms. Magazine (www.msmagazine.com) and other publications.



- **Patti Skuster**, an attorney focusing on women's reproductive health globally, continues to circulate LAWA Fellowship information to her partners in Africa, and occasionally works with **Tinyade Kachika** (2007-08, Malawi), noting "What a rock star she is!"
- **Jane Kamangu** (2008-09, Kenya) and **Emilia Lobti** (2008-09, Cameroon) are in the final phase of the World Bank Project after meetings in Dakar and Nairobi. They met up with LAWA alums on their work trips, including Honourable Lady Justice **Margaret Onguli** (1996-97, Uganda), **Regina Mutyaba** (1993-94, Uganda), **Moza Jadeed** (2008-09, Kenya), and **Tinyande Kachika** (2007-08, Malawi) at the Nairobi conference. They have also been doing research on customary v. statutory and constitutional law.



LAWA Alumnae at a World Bank meeting in Kenya on Women and Entrepreneurship in Africa

- **Debra Katz** (1985-86, U.S.) continues her work as a partner at Katz, Marshall & Banks LLP. She recently made the Washingtonian's best lawyer list.
- **Brook Kelly** (2008-09, U.S.) completed her WLPPFP fellowship last fall with the release of a report written and researched in partnership with the Georgetown Women's International Women's Human Rights Clinic, "A Capitol Offense: The Gender Dimensions of Washington D.C.'s HIV/AIDS Crisis." Recently she became the HIV Human Rights Attorney for the U.S. Positive Women's Network (PWN) where she continues to work within a human rights framework to increase access to justice for HIV- positive women in the United States. During the U.S. visit of United Nation's Special Rapporteur on Housing, Raquel Rolnik, Brook was asked to testify and present a workshop with **Tzili Mor** (2006-2007, U.S.) on the intersections between gender, HIV, and inadequate housing in the U.S., and is currently developing human rights trainings for HIV-positive women on issues of punitive HIV laws, sexual and reproductive health rights, employment, and housing.



Brook Kelly Presenting at the National Forum on the Human Right to Housing

Esther Ayuk and Emily Chapuis



New 2009-2010 WLPPFP and LAWA Fellows



Mark Egerman Presenting to Fellows



- **Chiseche Mibenge**, a women's rights lawyer from Zambia wrote recently: "I was in Sierra Leone in August 2009 as a gender consultant for UNIFEM. I was seconded by UNIFEM to support an independent Commission of Inquiry created to investigate an incident of political violence that included allegations of sexual violence against women. It was a challenging appointment but I was delighted to consult with Sierra Leone's intrepid Human Rights Commissioners, one of whom is **Jamesina King** (2001-02, Sierra Leone), Georgetown alumni."
- **Stephan Kline** (1993-94, U.S.) recently attended the Jewish Federations of North American 2009 General Assembly. He continues his work as the Managing Director, National Agency Relations and Public Policy for United Jewish Communities.

Collaboration with Georgetown Law's International Women's Human Rights Clinic

Students in Georgetown Law's International Women's Human Rights Clinic (IWHRC) engaged in moot court oral arguments before a panel role-playing as the Supreme Court of Cameroon. Justices on the court included Esther Ayuk (2009-10, Cameroon), who is a magistrate judge in real life; Emilia Lobti (2008-09, Cameroon), who was completing her legal internship with the World Bank before returning home; Aram Schvey (2008-09, U.S.), who is the IWHRC Teaching Fellow; Professor Susan Deller Ross, who is the IWHRC Director; Anne Goldstein with the International Association of Women Judges; and Julia Ernst, Executive Director of WLPPFP/LAWA. Among the clinic students was Rita Mutyaba, who is earning her J.D. at Georgetown Law and is the daughter of Regina Mutyaba (1993-94, Uganda) from our very first class of LAW A Fellows.



Daughter of LAW A Alum in Georgetown's International Women's Human Rights Clinic

- **Judge Lucy Koh (1993-94, U.S.)**, who is currently a state court trial judge in California, was just nominated by President Obama to be a Federal District Court Judge in the Northern District of California.
- **Debbi Lindenberg (1992-93, U.S.)** is working as a Program Officer at the Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation as a consultant with a long-term contract.
- **Morgan Lynn (2007-08, U.S.)** presented at a symposium at Tulane Law School and continues her work at Women Empowered Against Violence (WEAVE).
- **Cristina B. Martin Firvida (1996-97, U.S.)**, Director of Government Relations (Economic Security) with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), has been working on tax issues surrounding health care reform.
- **Evelyn Nassuna (1999-2000, Uganda)** recently traveled to Baltimore, MD, in conjunction with her work as the country program manager for Lutheran World Relief in Uganda.
- **Victoria Ochanda (2007-08, Kenya)** was a part of the team that just finished drafting a national policy on the abandonment of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM/C) in Kenya, which is awaiting approval by the cabinet.

Dr. Esther M. Kisaakye (1993-94, Uganda) has been appointed to the Supreme Court of Uganda.

Ed. Note: After we received Esther's update below, we learned that Esther was subsequently sworn in as a Justice in the Ugandan Supreme Court. We are so proud to have a graduate from the very first year of the LAW A Program attain such a wonderful achievement!

Between 2005-2009, I have served as the Executive Director of the Uganda Network on Law, Ethics & HIV/AIDS (UGANET). This is an HIV/AIDS and Human Rights NGO in Uganda, which I also co-founded in 1995. In 2005, I initiated an Orphans Support Fund to be established by UGANET. The Fund helps HIV/AIDS and other orphans with scholastic materials and legal aid for recovery of their property. In 2007, I initiated provision of legal aid services at UGANET. Since then to date, we have been providing legal aid to widows, persons living with HIV/AIDS and other vulnerable persons who are victims of human rights violations. In the same year, we also started providing HIV testing and counseling. In 2008, we established legal aid centers in 5 Districts of Uganda. Among these is Lira Districts, one of the Districts in Northern Uganda which has been very seriously affected by armed conflict for the last 18 years.



In 2006, I was appointed to be the Vice Chairperson of the Uganda Judicial Service Commission. This is a Constitutional Commission responsible for, among others, identifying candidates and making recommendations to the President of Uganda of Judges of the three highest courts in Uganda, appointment of other Judicial officers and making recommendations to the Government on the Administration of Justice in Uganda. In 2008, I published a paper titled *Global Rights, Local Harms – Limits and Possibilities*, which appears in a publication titled *Women, Crime and Social Harm, Towards a Criminology for the Global Era* (Maureen Cain & Adrian Howe eds., 2008).

Lastly, in May 2009, I graduated from American University with an SJD (Doctorate in Juridical Science). My Dissertation is titled *Employment Discrimination against Women Lawyers in Uganda: Lessons & Prospects for Enhancing Equal Opportunities for Women in Formal Employment*.

Sandy Han (2008-09, U.S.) completed the North Face Endurance Challenge 50K in September! She sent this note in August during her training:

As some of you know, on September 19, 2009 I will be participating in the North Face Endurance Challenge 50K. No, I am not crazy (I've been checked) - the 50 MILERs are the crazy ones. Anyways, as I've been training for this race, one of my running buddies Mike asked whether I would be interested in raising money for the Burma Humanitarian Mission (BHM). After my initial response of "huh?," and a million questions to Mike (a BHM volunteer), I was in.

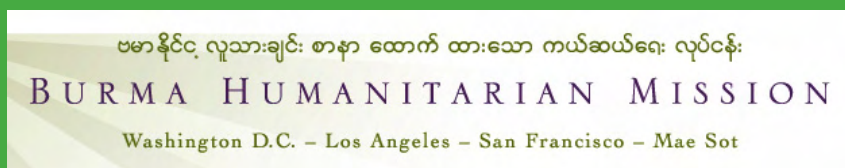
Burma Humanitarian Mission (BHM) is an all-volunteer non-profit organization dedicated to addressing the humanitarian and healthcare crisis in the Karen State of Burma (<http://www.burmamission.org/index.php>). The Karen are an ethnic minority routinely persecuted by the military regime for its ethnicity and religion. The regime has marked the Karen for systematic extermination, but unlike the mass killings in Rwanda and Darfur, the international community has paid very little attention to the ethnic extermination in Burma because it has been much more subtle and systematic. While Burma has one of the worst human rights records in the world, international donor organizations give less to Burma, per capita, than any other country except India. For all you global health wonks, in terms of health care, the Burmese government spends the least percentage of its GDP on health care of any country. The World Health Organization has ranked Burma second to last (190 out of 191).

I am raising money for BHM because they are trying to address the healthcare crisis with a sustainable approach given the reality of daily life in Burma. With little to no infrastructure in the country, BHM addresses the healthcare crisis by providing medical training and medical supplies to its backpack medics. Backpack medics are members of the Karen community that receive medical training, and go out to the Karen villages to provide medical care, as well as promote positive community health standards. On average annually, each medic provides medical services to 2000 Karen villagers and non-Karen patients. BHM assists in training 30 or more Karen medics (men and women) and providing them with medical supplies.



She followed up after the race:

Thank you for your generous support of Burma Humanitarian Mission. Collectively we will support 1.3 backpack medics with the raised \$1,260, and countless more Burmese women, children and men. And thank you again for your personal support for the running (jogging, walking, limping) of the Mid Atlantic North Face Challenge on Sept. 19. I would not have been able to do this without your positive energy, kind words, and encouragement throughout the training and race. My official chip time was 6:37:09 which put me at 88/184 total, 18/58 female, 7/23 age group. And I will never do this again. =)



- **Lynne Paltrow (1984-85, U.S.)** joined host Laura Flanders on Grit TV to speak about the current state of reproductive health and rights. She writes: "It was an honor to be on the show with Professor Carole Joffe, an NAPW supporter and author of the new book *Dispatches from the Abortion Wars: The Costs of Fanaticism to Doctors, Patients, and the Rest of Us* (an excellent read!), and our ally Silvia Henriquez, Executive Director of the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health. You can watch the show on the Grit TV website." Lynne is currently the Executive Director of National Advocates for Pregnant Women (NAPW).
- **Jennifer Schingle (2008-09, U.S.)** is co-teaching a Women's Human Rights course at George Washington University Law School with Nancy Cantalupo this spring.
- **Jane Stoeber (2004-05, U.S.)** is now an Assistant Professor of Law at Seattle University. She taught Domestic Violence Law during the fall and just started the school's Domestic Violence Clinic.
- **Erika Sussman (2001-02, U.S.)** founded and is the Executive Director of the Center for Survivor Agency and Justice, a national organization dedicated to enhancing advocacy for survivors of oppression-based intimate partner violence.
- **Meghan Rhoad (2006-7, U.S.)** continues her work as a US researcher for Human Rights Watch's Women's Rights Division.

- **Cynthia Totten (1999-2000, U.S.)** has moved back to DC to continue her work with Just Detention International in its Washington, DC office, focusing on domestic and international policy work related to sexual abuse in custody.
- **Stephanie Troyer (2007-08, U.S.)** started a new position as Legislative Counsel with the National Abortion Federation.
- **Amelia Vukeya (2006-07, South Africa)** attended the 5th International Leadership Program: A Global Intergenerational Forum, in Connecticut. The conference was hosted by the UNESCO Chair and the Institute of Comparative Human Rights at the University of Connecticut. She writes: The conference “was great. I learned a lot from young human rights leaders from all over the world. It was an amazing experience -- one I will cherish forever. It was also very nice seeing the new LAWAs” while she visited Washington, DC before the conference.
- **Mary Whisner (1984-85, U.S.)** is enjoying life in Seattle as a Reference Librarian at the University of Washington, and she recently received her university’s Distinguished Librarian Award.
- **Liza Zamd (2005-06, U.S.)** is in Germany for the year on a Robert Bosch Fellowship, which “is a distinguished transatlantic initiative that each year offers twenty accomplished young Americans the opportunity to complete a high-level professional development program in Germany.”



*Alum Amelia Vukeya
(2004-2005, South Africa)
visiting Julia Ernst*

Paul A. Di Donato (1985-86, U.S.):

Paul has been an activist and advocate in the areas of HIV/AIDS, LGBT issues, civil and human rights and social justice for over 25 years. He has also held many leadership positions in the field of philanthropy since the late 1990’s.

Paul is currently in private consulting practice providing analysis, advocacy, planning, management and other consulting services for private grant-makers and nonprofit organizations with emphasis on civil and human rights, social justice and health and human services. Areas of practice and expertise include research; publications, including website and intranet site content; fundraising; program development and evaluation; policy advocacy; planning; and grant program design, strategies and tactics.

Paul has been a trustee and a member of the National Grants Committee of Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS – one of the largest HIV grant-making organizations in the United States – for 10 years. He most recently served as the Director of Institutional Relations at the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) where he managed IAVI’s foundation and corporate supporters.



From 1997 to 2005, Paul was the Executive Director of Funders Concerned About AIDS (FCAA). At FCAA, Paul directed a wide array of national and international initiatives designed to increase the scope, quality, diversity and effectiveness of the U.S. philanthropic response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic. While at FCAA, Paul also served on the International Committee of the Council on Foundations, the steering committee of the European HIV/AIDS Funders Group and the National Partners Board for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Business Responds to AIDS/Labor Responds to AIDS program. He also co-chaired the National Steering Committee of Philanthropic Affinity Groups.

Paul has held many senior positions in the nonprofit sector. He served as Policy Director and also Director of Federal Affairs in the Public Policy Department of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation; as the founding Public Policy Director at the AIDS Legal Referral Panel (San Francisco) and as Executive Director and Legal Director at National Gay Rights Advocates (San Francisco). Paul was also a litigator in private civil rights practice focusing on prison reform, employment discrimination and other civil rights issues. Paul was appointed a Revson Women’s Law and Public Policy Fellow in 1985 – the first man so selected. He has also taught courses in discrimination and civil rights law.

Paul has written, lectured and presented extensively on civil/human rights and social justice issues as well as nonprofit and philanthropic practice and management. He is a 1985 honors graduate of the Harvard Law School and graduated with honors from the University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Arts in History.

WLPPFP Alumni Potluck Dinner



*Fellows at
Holiday Party*

*Rose Kimotho
and Joy Welan*



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