

## 2010-2011 WOMEN'S LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY FELLOWS & LEADERSHIP AND ADVOCACY FOR WOMEN IN AFRICA 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 seminars and other professional development programming.



### **Ginna Anderson**

**(WLPPFP Fellow – Center for Health and Gender Equity/ICW)** Ginna received her B.A. from the University of Chicago and her J.D. from Georgetown University. Before enrolling at Georgetown, Ginna spent a semester teaching second grade at the Children Better Way School in the Buduburam Liberian Refugee Camp,

Ghana. She also worked in Children Better Way's HIV/AIDS community outreach program. From Ghana, Ginna continued her volunteer work as a caretaker in a group home for young adults with severe disabilities in Nicoresti, Romania. While at Georgetown, Ginna interned for the D.C. Superior Court's Counsel for Child Abuse and Neglect, conducting research into D.C. and national foster care laws and assisting lawyers appointed to child abuse and neglect cases. She also worked as a research assistant (2L) for the O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, researching a variety of issues, including domestic bio-security and international human rights and health law. During her second year of law school, Ginna interned at the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, researching state and federal child exploitation laws. She also participated in Georgetown's International Women's Human Rights Clinic, where she drafted a brief on discriminatory, customary divorce laws in post-apartheid Namibia for the Legal Assistance Center in Windhoek, Namibia. Following her second year of law school, Ginna worked as a summer associate at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, LLP, in Washington, DC where she researched and drafted memoranda on federal energy regulations and WTO environmental trade policies. During the latter half of that summer, she lived in Windhoek, Namibia, where she interned at the Legal Assistance Center and conducted fact-finding on the impact of recent changes in Namibian maintenance laws and helped draft a training manual on HIV and human rights for Namibian prison officials and inmates. Upon graduation, Ginna clerked for the Honorable Thad Heartfield, District Judge in the Eastern District of Texas, Beaumont Division.



### **Laura Bornstein**

**(National Partnership for Women and Families)**

Laura graduated summa cum laude from Rice University with a B.A. in Psychology and Women & Gender Studies. During college, she volunteered for the Women's Resource Center on campus, interned at the Women's Research and Education Institute in Washington, D.C., and wrote a senior thesis on young Dutch and American women's use of clothing and body language as an expression of sexual orientation. Laura worked at a personal injury law firm in Houston for one year before attending law school. She received her J.D. cum laude from Georgetown University Law Center, where she served as a Senior Articles Editor on the Georgetown Journal of Gender and the Law. Additionally, as a student attorney in Georgetown Law's Domestic Violence Clinic, she obtained protection orders for several survivors of domestic violence and successfully represented one client in a multi-day trial focused on child custody issues. Laura spent her 1L summer at the Center for WorkLife Law in San Francisco, where she researched family responsibilities discrimination and work/life balance at law firms. Later in law school, she worked on employment discrimination cases for three D.C. organizations: Bernabei & Wachtel, a plaintiffs' side firm; the local field office of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; and the American Federation of Government Employees. Her article proposing an elective Social Security credits program for homemakers was published in the Wisconsin Journal of Law, Gender & Society in the fall of 2009. Another article she wrote, analyzing the historical context of a perplexing 1985 Supreme Court decision that denied heightened constitutional protections to developmentally disabled persons, will appear in the Golden Gate University Law Review this spring.



### **Jaspreet Chowdhary**

**(WLPPFP Fellow – National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum)** Jaspreet received her B.A. in English and Women's Studies from Goucher College, where she received a Marvin Perry Scholarship. While at Goucher, she interned

at the Women's Institute for Freedom of the Press and published an article on Women of Color on Campus and the Struggle for Networking. During her senior year, she conducted research on Intimacy After Illness and presented findings at the American Public Health Association meeting. Jaspreet's M.P.H. studies in Epidemiology from Tulane University furthered her passion for the health care rights and needs of women. While in graduate school, Jaspreet interned at the Louisiana Department of Public Health and helped input data for a cervical cancer screening study. Subsequently, she worked as an epidemiologist at Duke University, where she conducted research on obesity in post-partum women and genetic causes of cancer. In that capacity, she researched and collected data on disease progression. She also created, populated and managed a database from which she pulled data for analysis that was included in published materials about the studies. Jaspreet also supervised the data collection team to make sure they were properly trained in explaining consent forms and entering data accurately. She received her J.D. from Seattle University. While in law school, Jaspreet was a board member of Law Students for Reproductive Justice. She received Public Interest Law Foundation Grants for her summer internships at SPARK Reproductive Justice Now and the Center for Medicare Advocacy. While in law school, she also helped coordinate several programs including a session on how to be a social justice advocate using techniques of the theatre of the oppressed. During the fall of 2009, she interned at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Office of Legal Counsel and Health Care for All. Jaspreet has worked in academic institutions, non-profit organizations, and government agencies which honed her understanding of and effectiveness in interdisciplinary environments.



### Amina Farhadi

**(WLPPFP Fellow – Asian-Pacific Islander American Health Forum)** Amina received her law degree in 2010 from the University of North Carolina School of law. During law school, she served as Co-Coordinator of her LSRJ chapter and President of the UNC Domestic Violence Action Project.

In addition, Amina completed over 100 hours of pro bono work with the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the American Civil Liberties Union Capital Punishment Project and AEquitas: The Prosecutor's Resource on Violence Against Women. While at the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Amina conducted research for recommendations to the Joint Legislative Committee on Domestic Violence regarding homicides, protective order violations and expansion of protective order eligibility to include same-sex dating relationships and family pets. At the ACLU, Amina completed a variety of criminal law research projects, including researching a Texas fetal homicide law and the issue of future dangerousness and sentencing. At AEquitas, Amina researched marital rape case law in over ten states, which will be used to assist later prosecutions. During her third year at UNC, Amina worked in the UNC Civil Legal Clinic, representing low-income people in family law matters, including domestic violence protection orders. Amina holds a B.S. in Biology and B.A. in Chemistry from East Carolina University and is admitted to the Commonwealth of Virginia state bar.



### Danielle Hawkes

**(WLPPFP Fellow – The National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health)** Danielle received her law degree in 2010 from the University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law. During law school, she was a staff member of the S.J. Quinney College of Law's Journal of Law and Family Studies where

she published two notes. The first, *Locking up Children: Lessons from the T. Don Hutto Family Detention Center*, explores the emerging trend of detaining immigrant families, including very young children, in private for-profit detention facilities. The second, *Elective Surgery: When Parental and Medical Opinion Supersedes a Child's Right to Choose*, discusses discretionary medical procedures for children including hysterectomies for physically disabled children, cosmetic surgery for children with Down's syndrome, cochlear implants, reparative therapy, and psycho-altering drugs. Danielle also participated in the Pace National Environmental Moot Court Competition where she won two awards for best oralist. During law school, Danielle completed over 180 hours of pro bono work by working on individual cases, serving as the student coordinator for a low income legal clinic, and co-founding a free legal clinic focusing on LGBT law. Danielle also served as the president of her law school's LGBT student group and was a member of the legal panel for Equality Utah, an organization promoting legislation on behalf of LGBT Utahans. In addition, she served as an intern at the American Civil Liberties Union of Utah where she worked on legal protections for transgender prisoners and worked as a law clerk for Strindberg & Scholnick, LLC, an employment discrimination law firm. Upon graduation from law school, Danielle received a National Association of Women Lawyers Award and a runner up award from the National LGBT Bar Association. Before attending law school, Danielle lived in São Paulo, Brazil for one year as a Rotary exchange student, served as an intern at the Brazilian embassy in Washington, D.C., and worked as a senior business analyst in the insurance industry.



### Heather Hodges

**(WLPPFP Fellow – Neighborhood Legal Services)** Heather L. Hodges is a graduate of Tulane Law School and recently joined Neighborhood Legal Services Program ("NLSP") as its new Pro Bono Counsel after over a decade in private practice with the law firms of White & Case LLP, Arnold & Porter LLP and Crowell & Moring LLP. Her

fellowship year will be spent studying challenges to access to justice for minority women in Central America and the District of Columbia. She has done independent fieldwork in Belize and will add Honduras and Guatemala later in the year. She also analyzes and reports on gender-related law reform efforts around the world as a Contributing Editor to the ABA's International Models Project for Women's Rights. At NLSP, Heather is responsible for recruiting members of the private bar, law students and government attorneys to provide vital, pro bono legal service that expands the amount of free civil, legal aid that NLSP can provide to its primarily female clients across a range of family and poverty law matters. In addition, she develops community-based, legal education programs and substantive training courses for attorneys. Heather is also very active at the national and local level in advocating for increased gender diversity in the legal profession and improved, educational opportunities for low-income, minority children. She serves on the Board of Directors of both CentroNía (an education and family services provider) and the D.C. Bilingual Public Charter School. Heather is also a volunteer with GirlsRock DC!, a summer music and self-empowerment camp for girls and serves as the CentroNía Board liaison to its new Early Head Start program in Maryland. In 2008, she was elected to the Board of Directors of the Women's Bar Association of The District of Columbia (WBA), and she serves as a member of the WBA's Initiative Task Force on the Retention and Development of Women Attorneys. In 2008, she was a member of the planning committee for a District-wide



survey and summit on the advancement and retention of female minority attorneys of color, Creating Pathways to Success for All. Recently, she also served as a member of a WBA delegation that met with the Equal Opportunity Employment Commission's Office of Federal Compliance Working Group to discuss barriers to equal employment opportunities for women in the federal government. Throughout her legal career, Heather has had published numerous articles and maintained an extremely active pro bono practice focused on international human rights issues, affordable housing, and immigration. In 2010, she helped draft a Joint Submission to the United Nations' Ninth Session of the Universal Periodic Review Working Group on behalf of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and a coalition of civil rights groups. She also visited local detention centers to interview immigration detainees as a volunteer with the Capitol Area Immigrants Rights Coalition and she has served as legal counsel to new detainees during their "credible fear" interviews. She was recognized for her commitment to public service in 2006 when she received a District of Columbia Mayor's Community Service Award.



### Zaamu Kaboneke

**(LAWA Fellow – Uganda)** Zaamu received her Bachelor of Laws with Honors from Makerere University in Kampala, as well as a Post-graduate Diploma in Legal Practice from the Law Development Centre. She was a member of the Committee of a group of women in 2010 who petitioned the Chancellor of Makerere University

and Board Members to re-instate vital courses that had been scrapped from the university programs. The petition was based on the grounds that scrapping of the courses would significantly diminish the earning capacity of women and derail their education advancement. She has been Chairperson of a Condominium Plan in Kampala, and in 2010 embarked on a media campaign against the negligent acts of the electricity power distribution company which occasioned gross abuse of consumers' rights. This campaign led to massive overhaul of the electricity supply, replacement of obsolete electrical installations within housing units and general maintenance practices in the city. It also targeted the review of the billing systems to adopt best practices. She is the Executive Director of Solutions for Women's Development, a non-profit women's rights organization that focuses on rainwater harvesting, intellectual property rights, human rights and economic empowerment. She is also a Board Member of the management consulting firm, Global Research Consult based in Kampala. From 2002-05, she worked as a Coordinator for Law and Advocacy for Women in Uganda (LAWA-Uganda), formulating policy initiatives, research, managing programs and advocacy campaigns. She was part of the legal research team in the public interest litigation programs on discriminatory laws. These programs led to the petitions on discriminatory provisions in The Divorce Act, The Penal Code Act and Succession Act that breached the Constitution. The Court of Appeal in Uganda on March 10, 2004 declared the provisions unconstitutional. She was also involved in advocacy on the Domestic Relations Bill and other laws from 1999. In 2006 she worked as an Alternative Dispute Resolution/Complaints and Liaison Officer with The Electoral Commission in Uganda. Zaamu currently acts as legal advisor to the Saad Foundation Trust, a family founded organization in Kasese, Western Uganda whose roots are heavily imbedded in education and empowerment programs. She is also the Legal Advisor of Umoja wa Wa Islam wa Afrika Mashariki (UWAM) – (translated in English to mean The East African Muslim Unity), a regional non-profit with headquarters in Kampala, Uganda; where she handles primarily

implementation of women's programs, education, environment, empowerment projects and management of grants. She also works at the law firms of Sengendo & Co. Advocates; and Ajungule & Co. Advocates; has previously worked at the law firm of Mwesige, Mugisha & Co. as a Legal Consultant. She additionally coordinates for the Uganda Muslim Lawyers Association (UMLAS). She is interested in realization of human rights with emphasis on economic independence and focuses on advancement of intellectual property to eradicate poverty in Uganda. She has presented papers on intellectual property on different themes at three consecutive Annual International Standards Conferences titled Copyright Infringement, Intellectual Property Rights as a Poverty Eradication Tool in Uganda, and Trademarks and Wealth Creation In Uganda. She co-authored and presented a paper at the Women's World Congress in Kampala in 2002 titled The Plight of the Rural Woman in the Production of Food, which discussed common challenges for rural women such as access to scientific climate information and ownership of land. She is a member of the Association of Women Lawyers in Uganda (FIDA-Uganda), the Association of University Women, and the Uganda Muslim Lawyers Association.



### Anne King

**(WLPFP Fellow – National Women's Law Center)**

Anne received a B.A. in comparative literature from the University of Chicago and an M.A.T. in elementary education from Johns Hopkins University. Between college and law school she served as a Teach for America corps member in Baltimore and later worked at Family Focus, a

Chicago family support organization. She graduated with high honors from the University of Chicago Law School in 2008 and received the Public Interest Law Society award. In law school, Anne participated in the Poverty and Housing Law Clinic, the Housing Initiative Clinic, and the Workshop on Foster Care. She also interned at several organizations, including Legal Counsel for the Elderly, the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago, the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, and the City of Chicago. Anne was an editor of the University of Chicago Law Review, president of the Public Interest Law Society, a law student team leader for Just the Beginning Foundation, and a participant in moot court and Street Law. After law school, Anne practiced as an Americorps attorney with the Chicago Medical-Legal Partnership for Children at the Legal Assistance Foundation and clerked for the Honorable Milton Shadur of the Northern District of Illinois. Anne is a native of Washington, DC.



### Lori Leibowitz

**(WLPFP Fellow – ABA AIDS Coordination Project/The Women's Collective)** Lori graduated magna cum laude from Georgetown University Law Center in 2010. At Georgetown, she was a Public Interest Law Scholar, an editor of the Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law and Policy, and an active member of the Workers

Solidarity Group. During law school, Lori worked on landlord/tenant, public benefits, and family law cases at Bread for the City, an organization that provides vulnerable residents of Washington, DC, with comprehensive services in an atmosphere of dignity and respect. At the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless, she advocated for families trying to access emergency shelter and assisted with the representation of clients trying to enforce their rights while in shelters. She also interned

at Advancement Project, which brings legal advocacy and strategic communications tools to grassroots organizations working to dismantle structural racism. There, she helped to create a legal and community organizing strategy to create a Constitutional right to vote for all U.S. citizens. Lori was also part of Georgetown's Institute for Public Representation, where she represented clients as a student attorney in a variety of civil rights cases. During her first year of law school, Lori began serving as an intake volunteer at the DC Employment Justice Center's weekly Workers' Rights Clinic, and she continues to volunteer there regularly. Before law school, Lori was the Director of Jews United for Justice (JUFJ), an organization that empowers DC-area Jews to act on their shared values by pursuing justice and equality. Lori's work at Jews United for Justice was focused on affordable housing and workers' rights, especially domestic workers' rights. Before working at JUFJ, Lori was the Providence Site Director for Project HEALTH, an organization that mobilizes college students to run programs and engage in advocacy that breaks the link between poverty and poor health. Lori was also an Emerson National Hunger Fellow, working as a community organizer in Milwaukee and Washington, DC to fight hunger and homelessness. Currently, she engages in policy and advocacy work around HIV/AIDS, splitting her time between The Women's Collective and the American Bar Association's AIDS Coordination Project. Lori is passionate about affordable housing, the power of community organizing, and creating beautiful pottery.



## Margo Lindauer

**(WLPPFP Fellow – Georgetown Law Domestic Violence Clinic)** Margo is a teaching fellow with the Domestic Violence Clinic at the Georgetown University Law Center. Margo has worked with survivors of domestic violence in formal and informal capacities since graduating from Wellesley College, where she began to cultivate her

commitment to women's rights and advocacy. After graduating from college, Margo worked as the Latino Outreach coordinator at a small homeless service agency in North Carolina. In that capacity, she worked with homeless, non-English speaking families and their children, many of whom were single parent families due to domestic violence. As a law student at Northeastern University School of Law, Margo participated in her school's Poverty Law Clinic as well as its Domestic Violence clinic. Margo recently completed a teaching fellowship at Suffolk University Law School's Juvenile Justice Center. As a juvenile justice fellow, Margo supervised students in Boston Juvenile Court, taught a handful of full-length classes, and supervised students on a policy project related to the Massachusetts Department of Youth Services. In the spring of 2009, Margo worked with Suffolk's Child Advocacy Clinic as a clinical teaching fellow. In that capacity, she supervised students, covered students' cases after they graduated, and assisted the main professor for the clinic in drafting a series of policy initiatives related to college tuition waiver eligibility for youth in state custody. Prior to her position at Suffolk, Margo was a staff attorney at Casa Myrna Vazquez, Inc., a not for profit domestic violence agency in Boston. Margo handled restraining order cases, managed a case load of long-term family law cases, and assisted the legal team in maintaining their state-wide helpline. In addition, Margo was part of Massachusetts' Children and Family Law Panel where she accepted state appointed abuse and neglect cases. Margo is fluent in Spanish.



## Gladys Mbuya

**(LAWA Fellow – Cameroon)** Gladys received her LLB with Honors in English Private Law from the University of Yaoundé in Cameroon and later graduated with a B.L from the Nigerian Law School in Abudja. She is a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Courts of Nigeria and Cameroon and she is a member of the Cameroon common

law society. After returning from Nigeria, she worked with Liberty Law Firm in Mutengene for seven years as an attorney. She founded the Libra Law Office in Tiko in June 2006 and has been the Head of Chambers ever since. She is also the founder and president of Libra Association for Widows, which is a non-governmental association working to protect the rights of widows and women in general with its head office in Tiko. She has attended many international seminars on women's human rights and has drafted constitutions for more than 50 women's forums. She collaborated with the Martin Luther King Memorial Foundation (LUKMEF – Cameroon) on research into the root causes of inter-ethnic conflicts and has represented more than 100 destitute women (pro bono) before the Law Courts in the South West Region of Cameroon. She is a founder, resource person and vice president of a radio talk show on women's human rights called Global Voices for Women, which has been on the air for 10 years. She is the current Secretary General of Advocates Cameroon, a Christian Lawyer's Fellowship affiliated with Advocates International. She has written several articles published in magazines on women's human rights, including Great Constitutions of the World and Their Provisions Concerning Women and How Battered Women Can Seek Legal Redress. She is a life member of FIDA-Cameroon. She is involved in many other women's human rights associations including women in action, Mutengene women's forum, and Pinyin women's association, and she is the president of Tiko lawyer's forum. In collaboration with FIDA Cameroon, Gladys has acted as a resource person in training programs for paralegals on issues like single parenthood, recognition of children born out of wedlock, Muslim customary marriage laws, civic education for women, and the implications of Cameroon's ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). She is the legal adviser to several civil society groups and has received various commendations for her work promoting women's human rights. Her profile was recently included in the "Faces of Georgetown" feature on the GULC website, available at <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/news/webstory/2.2.11.html>.



## Rachel Muthoga

**(LAWA Fellow – Kenya)** Rachel graduated with Honors from the University of Nairobi with an LLB Degree in 2004. Disconcerted by the broad areas of law reform needed to secure women's rights, her undergraduate thesis made a case for the enactment of a "Women's Act" in Kenya. After graduation she worked at a private

law firm before joining the Law Society of Kenya, where she was appointed as a program officer implementing advocacy work in areas like legal aid and civic education. She thereafter worked for the U.S. Embassy in Nairobi as the Legal Assistant to the Resident Legal Advisor in the Department of Justice, working on the implementation of the Women's Justice and Empowerment Initiative, a US development project focusing on improving treatment of African women by their judicial systems. She represented the Department of Justice and the U.S. Embassy at several seminars and conventions and lectured on



Kenya's Sexual Offenses Act. She also coordinated the Kenyan government's Task Force on Women's Justice and acted as liaison between the American Embassy and FIDA-Kenya as well as the Women Judges Association. She is a member of the Independent Medico-Legal Unit Justice Network and published *Right to Bail – Decongesting Prisons* for its Journal in 2006. She also published *International Adoptions and Child Trafficking* for the CRADLE Journal. She currently sits on the Leadership Team of the Kenya Chapter of Prison Fellowship International dealing with restorative justice and prison reform. She has been an active civic educator and trainer on women's rights and is presently interested in the role of law in resolving gender-based violence in post-conflict situations.



### **Sarah Nambasa**

**(LAWA Fellow – Uganda)** Sarah holds a Bachelor of Laws Degree with Honors from Makerere University, Kampala Uganda (2001) as well as a Post-Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice from Law Development Centre, Kampala, Uganda (2002). She is a State Attorney at the Directorate of Legal Advisory Services, Ministry of Justice

and Constitutional Affairs in Kampala, where she worked for over four years offering legal advice to the government and its allied institutions. She is a member of the Inter-Ministerial Committee on Human Rights, the body responsible for preparing state reports to human rights treaty bodies and representing the Government of Uganda during reporting. She formed part of the Ugandan Delegation during state reporting to the African Commission on Human & Peoples Rights in Banjul, the Gambia (June and November 2007), and the Kingdom of Swaziland (May 2008). She was also involved in information-gathering on indigenous peoples in Uganda by the Working Group on Indigenous People of the African Commission on Human & Peoples Rights in July 2006. She is a member of a team of legal experts to the Tripartite Plus Commission, a peace and security initiative between the Governments of Uganda, Rwanda, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Before joining the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, Sarah was in private practice for 3 years. She also formed part of a team of lawyers engaged by the International Labour Organisation (ILO) to draft a contract template for the Agro-Business Sector in Uganda (2005) and was engaged by the ILO to carry out sensitization to the beneficiaries of the above product regarding the law of contract through radio programs carried out in Central and Western Uganda in 2005. She also attended the Summer School at University of Nottingham, U.K, for the training Reporting to U.N Human Rights Treaty Bodies: Maximising the Role of States, National Human Rights Institutions and Civil Society Organisations (2007).



### **Katie Onachila**

**(WLPPFP Fellow – Workplace Flexibility)** Katie received her B.A. in Political Science and English from the University of Miami (FL). She was a member of University of Miami's varsity swim team and mock trial team and worked as an intern at the law firm Shuster & Saben. Katie earned her JD from Georgetown University

Law Center in 2010. While at Georgetown, Katie was a junior legislative counsel and policy analyst for the Federal Legislation and Administration Clinic. During this time, she represented Workplace Flexibility 2010 in developing national level policy

on workplace flexibility and workplace discrimination issues, specifically as relevant to low-income women and families. Also during law school, Katie worked as a law and policy intern with Slover & Loftus, LLP, specializing in administrative law, and advocating on behalf of the firm's pro bono clients. Katie was active in Students for Public Interest Community Enhancement, the Women's Legal Alliance, Georgetown Law Democrats, the ABA Law Students Section, DC Action for Children, and the D.C. Bar Women's Division. She was also the co-founder of the Georgetown Masters Swim Program.



### **Aparna Polavarapu**

**(WLPPFP Fellow – Georgetown Law International Women's Human Rights Clinic)** Aparna is a teaching fellow with the International Women's Human Rights Clinic at the Georgetown University Law Center, two institutions with which she is very familiar. A former law student at Georgetown,

Aparna also worked as a student attorney with the International Women's Human Rights Clinic. Her student work at the clinic involved visiting Tanzania on a fact-finding mission, drafting a human rights report, and proposing new legislation. The report, entitled *Child Marriage and Guardianship in Tanzania: Robbing Girls of their Childhood and Infantilizing Women*, was published in the Georgetown Journal on Gender and the Law in 2006. After graduating from Georgetown, Aparna worked as a business law attorney at a major Boston law firm, but continued to cultivate her interest in legal development and human rights advocacy, particularly with respect to women and minorities. While she was practicing corporate law, she also provided pro bono legal assistance to women seeking political asylum in the United States and volunteered with an international development nonprofit organization. She ultimately decided to leave the corporate practice of law and enroll at The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy to expand her focus on gender, human rights, and international legal development. During the summer of 2009, she performed qualitative and legal research in Rwanda to identify whether and where gender inequality continues to exist even after implementation of recent land reforms. This research forms the basis of her upcoming article on women's land rights in Rwanda. The summer before that, she took advantage of her time off between work and school to go on an adventure and practice her French by driving from London to Cameroon with two of her friends in a 20-year-old car purchased on eBay UK. She and her friends finished in one piece. The car didn't.



### **Davida Silverman**

**(WLPPFP Fellow – National Health Law Program)** Davida Silverman received her B.S. in Political Science from Florida State University and her J.D. from the City University of New York (CUNY) School of Law. In college, Davida served as Executive Director of the Florida State University Women's Center where she successfully advocated

for the inclusion of emergency contraception in the student health center, called attention to fraternity violence against female and LGBT students, investigated into students' missing sexual harassment complaints and organized educational events to raise awareness of the need for gender equality. Davida also co-founded and co-managed a progressive student government political party and was an organizer of the Florida State chapter of United Students Against Sweatshops. Her efforts contributed to Florida State's recognition by Mother Jones as the third greatest activist school in the country, as well as other media

coverage in The Nation, the Miami Herald and The Chronicle of Higher Education. While at CUNY School of Law, Davida served as President of Moot Court, co-founded and co-chaired the Organization of Women Law Students and was an active member of the Domestic Violence Coalition and Law Students for Reproductive Justice. She also co-chaired the CUNY chapter of the Courtroom Advocates Project, a legal services project that allowed law students to advocate for victims/survivors of domestic violence in family court, and led a student initiative to establish a family law clinic at her school. Davida was awarded First Place and Best Oralist in the 2008 CUNY School of Law Summer Moot Court Competition, and she received the Emory University School of Law Child Advocate Summer Fellowship and the CUNY School of Law Public Interest Law Association Summer Fellowship. In law school, she interned with the National Center for Youth Law where she contributed to furthering adolescents' access to sexual and reproductive health services; the Georgia Office of the Child Advocate where she researched the commercial sexual exploitation of children; the ACLU of Mississippi Reproductive Freedom Project; and the Honorable Bryanne Hamill in Kings County (Brooklyn) Family Court. She also served as a student attorney in her school's Elder Law Clinic. Prior to law school, Davida worked for four years at feminist organizations. She served as a pre-abortion counselor at a feminist-run abortion clinic, worked in a variety of capacities at a domestic/sexual violence shelter and volunteered as rape crisis advocate.



### Jessi Leigh Swenson

(WLPPFP Fellow – The Rebecca Project for Human Rights) Jessi Leigh received a B.A. in social sciences from Hampshire College in 2003 where she completed a thesis, The NAACP v. Levittown, on the history of the NAACP's work against housing discrimination. She also served as Editor-in-Chief of the student newspaper and

published in Hampshire's literary magazine. After college, she was Assistant to the Director at Family Outreach of Amherst, a nonprofit in Amherst, MA, where she spearheaded the organization's annual charity auction and designed and launched its first website. She received her J.D. from University of California Hastings College of the Law in 2010. At Hastings, Jessi Leigh served as President of Law Students for Reproductive Justice and was active with the Hastings Public Interest Law Foundation. As a student in the Civil Justice Clinic at Hastings, she represented low-income clients in housing and disability cases. Jessi Leigh was Co-Editor-in-Chief of Hastings Women's Law Journal, where she oversaw a symposium on the challenges of regulating reproductive technologies. Her note, Realizing Ledbetter's Dream with DIY Sensibility, was published in Hastings Women's Law Journal this year. While at Hastings, Jessi Leigh interned at with the Independent Online Distribution Alliance in San Francisco and worked as a researcher at the Law Office of Peter Irvine (a solo criminal defense and intellectual property law practitioner) in Northampton, MA.



### Shana Tabak

(WLPPFP Fellow – George Washington International Human Rights Clinic) Shana is an attorney whose work focuses on human rights, immigrant and refugee rights, and public international law. She earned a BA, magna cum laude, from Macalester College in International Studies, and a JD and a Certificate in Refugees and Humanitarian Emergencies from Georgetown University Law

Center. There, she was a Public Interest Law Scholar and was also awarded the Pruckmayr Award in International Human Rights. After graduating from law school, she was awarded a Georgetown Fellowship to serve at the International Court of Justice in The Hague, Netherlands. She clerked for the Mexican Judge on the Court, H.E. Bernardo Sepúlveda-Amor. Prior to law school, Shana worked in human rights in Latin America and the Middle East for several years, working with organizations including the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights (now Human Rights First) in New York, and Gisha: Legal Center for Freedom of Movement in Tel Aviv. She received a Fulbright Scholarship to research development and human rights in Bolivia, and a Dorot Fellowship in Israel where she partnered with Israeli and Palestinian human rights organizations and studied Talmud and Arabic. During law school, she represented a petitioner for asylum in Georgetown's Center for Applied Legal Studies Clinic, and volunteered with the Tahirih Justice Center, an organization devoted to protecting immigrant women and girls from gender-based violence. She also worked with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Iraq Office in Amman, Jordan, with the Inter-American Commission for Human Rights, and with the law firm Foley Hoag where she was a summer associate with the International Litigation and Corporate Social Responsibility groups. Shana is a founding board member of Encounter, an educational organization dedicated to providing individuals from across religious and political spectrums with exposure to Palestinian life. Currently, Shana is a Visiting Professor of Clinical Law and a Friedman Fellow at the International Human Rights Clinic at GW Law, where she supervises students and teaches human rights litigation in the Inter-American system and in U.S. courts. Her academic interests are in the fields of international law, intersections between human rights and immigration, and the domestic application of human rights law within the United States. She has published in the Georgetown Journal of International Law and has spoken on feminism and transitional justice at Oxford University.



### Selamawit Tesfaye

(LAWA Fellow – Ethiopia) Selamawit graduated from Addis Ababa University in 2004. Her senior thesis was entitled The Legality of HIV testing under the Ethiopian Law. After earning her law degree, she worked at the Federal First Instance Court as an Assistant Judge. She then earned her M.A from the same university in Gender Studies

with a post-graduate thesis on Denial of Rights, Human Rights Abuses, and Violence Against Female Domestic Workers in Addis Ababa. At this time, she started working at St. Mary's University College as a lecturer, and was promoted as an Assistant Dean for the Law Faculty in the College. After earning her M.A, Selamawit was accepted as a Project Officer at the African Child Policy Forum which is an independent advocacy organization established to put the rights and wellbeing of African children on the public and political agenda. She was responsible for the Children and Law Program and acted as liaison with relevant international, regional, and local partners on gender and children's issues. After this, Selamawit was selected as a participant for an exchange program between Ethiopian Women Lawyers Association (EWLA) and Uganda Women Lawyers Association (FIDA-Uganda) in collaboration with Fredskorpset Norway. After staying in Uganda for a period of 8 months Selamawit worked at EWLA to replicate advocacy strategies, adopt different legal aid mechanisms, and similar projects. Subsequently, she was recruited as a Program Officer for the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), where she worked as the focal person on the UNDP and EU Joint Initiative to study Migration



and Development, where she was responsible for coordinating with UN partners and local NGOs. One of the selected projects under the Initiative was a study on the trafficking of Ethiopian women to the Middle East as domestic workers. She also worked in the Democratic Institutions Programme (DIP) a multi-donor supported program dedicated to promoting good governance in Ethiopia. Selamawit is actively involved in numerous EWLA activities including research, legal aid and serving as a member of the task force currently established to help the organization in its fundraising efforts.



### **Makda Mikre Tessema**

**(LAWA Fellow – Ethiopia)** Makda received an LLB from Mekelle University Law School in Ethiopia in 2006. During her studies, she interned as an Assistant Judge for the First Instance Civil Bench in Ethiopia. She was also an executive member of both the Girls' Club and the Civic Club at Mekelle University and participated in organizing several

events to raise awareness and provide support for women and girls' issues. After she graduated, she served as a consultant in the Ministry of Justice of Ethiopia, Women's Affairs Department developing training manuals, brochures, and posters concerning Violence Against Women, Women's Reproductive Health Rights and Women's Human Rights. She also lectured law courses at a Roha College in Addis Ababa. In January 2008, Makda joined the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) of Ethiopia, an international organization with a local office in Ethiopia. She worked on issues like gender-based violence, sexual harassment, and reproductive health rights. She was involved in planning, organizing, and coordinating project activities, monitoring and evaluation of projects, acting as a liaison between stakeholders and partners, publication production, and resource mobilization. She is also serving on the National Executive Board of Directors for the Young Men's Christian (YMCA) Association of Ethiopia, where she is the Chair of the Gender Subcommittee and Vice President of the Executive Committee. Makda participated in a regional training program in Kenya on the Equal Status and Human Rights of Women in East Africa and in Egypt on Adolescent Girls' and Leadership Initiative (AGALI) training program regarding advocacy and innovative policy and programmatic solutions for adolescent girls' problems. She also attended several international conferences regarding gender justice and sexual and reproductive health rights and represented her organization in a regional meeting in Lagos. She is a member of the Ethiopian Women Lawyers Association and the Ethiopian Bar Association.



### **Alexandria Walden**

**(WLPPFP Fellow – Center for American Progress)** Alex recently received her J.D. from the University of San Francisco School of Law. While there, she served as Managing Editor of the USF Journal of Law & Social Challenges and published her article, Abortion Rights for ICE Detainees: Evaluating Constitutional Challenges to Restrictions on the

Right to Abortion for Women in ICE Detention, in the USF Law Review. Alex conducted research on facial challenges to abortion regulations for Professor Maya Manian, as well as research on the ADA Amendments Act for Professor Michelle Travis. She was active in both Law Students for Reproductive Justice and the Black Law Student's Association. During her second year, Alex interned for the U.S. Department of Labor and served as a law clerk for Bay Area Legal Aid, where she assisted clients with health access issues

and represented clients at administrative hearings and negotiated termination of benefits. Alex spent both of her law school summers interning for the U.S. House of Representatives in the Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights & Liberties, where she conducted research and assisted with aspects of the drafting process for civil rights-related legislation. She evaluated discrimination claims and drafted declarations and motions as an intern at the SF Regional Office of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Alex spent a semester at Georgetown University Law Center and served as a law clerk for the U.S. Senate, Committee on the Judiciary. Alex also worked pro bono at both the Legal Advice and Referral Clinic and La Raza Centro Legal in San Francisco. Prior to attending law school, Alex spent almost four years working in the D.C. Office of Legal Momentum (formerly NOW Legal Defense & Education Fund) on a variety of women's and civil rights issues, including workplace violence, welfare, reproductive justice, marriage equality, and judicial nominations. She was a co-founder and national board member for the Younger Women's Task Force, a project of the National Council of Women's Organizations. Alex received her B.A. in Political Science from American University.



### **Di Wu**

**(WLPPFP Fellow – O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law)** Di received her Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Master of Law from Tsinghua University. In the summer of 2008, Di went to Kenya as a volunteer promoting HIV/AIDS awareness education. She and colleagues designed and implemented a self-empowerment project for

slum girls living in Mukulu Kayaba, Nairobi. The project aimed to bolster girls' confidence and mobilize social resources for them. After coming back from Kenya, Di submitted a follow-up project proposal to an international student conference held in Dubai in March 2009 and was selected as one of 36 presenters among more than 1,000 participants. In August 2009, Di attended Georgetown Law as a Global Health Law Fellowship recipient for an LL.M. degree, but she never forgot the girls in Kenya. Her idea moved a British lawyer to donate substantially to the project so that it was able to be resumed in another Nairobi slum with the help of a local church in January 2010. So far 100 girls have graduated from this training project, and Di has been invited back to Nairobi to see how the project has made a difference to the girls' lives. In the first six months of her fellowship, Di worked closely with her colleagues at the O'Neill Institute on the China Health Initiative Project, the Health and Human Rights Database, and the Tobacco Litigation Database. Her knowledge of international human rights law and health policy has been enriched. In addition, she got an opportunity to go back to Kenya with the Georgetown Law International Women's Human Rights Clinic on a human rights fact finding mission in March, exploring the health implications of polygamy, early marriage and child domestic workers. Di hopes to visit the girls trained in her project and continues to work for raising local girls' awareness of their rights.

## CULTIVATING WOMEN'S RIGHTS LEADERS

Through networking opportunities, professional development trainings, seminars and panels 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 2010-2011 Fellows include:

- The Farewell Celebration for the 2009-10 Fellows, including a potluck dinner and Presentation of Certificates
- The Annual Mini-Retreat and Potluck



- A seminar on “Legislative Advocacy on Women’s Rights: Perspectives from the Hill,” including Heather Sawyer with the House Judiciary Committee, Janel George (WLPPFP alum) with Senator Maria Cantwell, Sarah Norman with Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (chair of the Congressional Pro-Choice Caucus), and Maryamu Aminu who is a former staffer for the Congressional Human Rights Caucus with Congressman Tom Lantos (she currently works on issues concerning Africa with the One Campaign).
- The WLPPFP Holiday Party at the home of WLPPFP Fellow Aparna Polavarapu.
- A seminar addressing “Blazing a Career Path in Social Justice (including Do’s and Don’ts of a Job Search),” with Lisalyn Jacobs - the Vice President of Government Relations with Legal Momentum, Jennifer Goldberg - the Assistant Director of Advocacy for Elder Law and Health Care with the Maryland Legal Aid Bureau; Jenny Hunter - an attorney with the SEIU Legal Department, and Nicole Vican - the Assistant Director of Public Interest & Government Careers with the Georgetown Law Office of Public Interest and Community Service (OPICS).
- A seminar on Gender-Based Asylum featuring Lindsay Harris and Carolina Villamil from the Tahirih Justice Center.
- A seminar with Mark Blackden, formerly with the World Bank and International Finance Corporation, discussing barriers to women’s entrepreneurship in Africa, and Nancy Cantalupo, Assistant Dean at the Georgetown University Law Center, discussing sexual harassment of and violence against women in educational settings.

- A seminar on “Reproductive Justice” featuring Jill Adams and Mariko Miki of Law Students for Reproductive Justice



- The moot of the argument in *Thompson v. North American Stainless* at the Supreme Court Institute at the Georgetown University Law Center.
- A seminar on “Discrimination Against Women and Girls in Education and Sports – Litigating Title IX Cases” with Kristen Galles.
- A seminar on “Using International Human Rights Law in Domestic Courts” featuring Anne Goldstein, the Human Rights Education Director of the International Association of Women Judges







- The United States Supreme Court oral arguments for the employment discrimination case *Thompson v. North American Stainless*
- The National Women's Law Center Annual Dinner, honoring Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues Melane Verveer.
- The WLPPFP Orientation and Luncheon, including an Alumnae Panel featuring **Susanne Okeny** (09-10, Uganda), working with O'Neill Institute for Global and National Health Law and Catholics for Choice, **Naomi Stern** (03-04, U.S.) of the Office of Management and Budget, **Jackie Scott** (94-95, U.S.) with the National Academy of State Health Policy, **Cynthia Totten** (99-00, U.S.) of Just Detention, and **Sarah Craven** (92-93, U.S.), the Chief of the DC Office of the United Nations Population Fund.
- A series of colloquia on "The Fellowship Experience" led by our current Fellows, who discussed their Fellowship experiences with their placement organizations, shared their multifaceted backgrounds working on women's rights, exchanged ideas about what they have learned so far, and envisioned their future career paths advancing the legal status of women in the United States and around the world.



- A seminar on "Violence Against Women" with **Juley Fulcher** (94-95, U.S.), DC Office Director of Break the Cycle

**W**e 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 the world, 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:

- **Mercy Garekwe (02-03, Botswana)** was just appointed as a judge to the High Court of Botswana! She will start the post in April and also recently participated in a Trial Advocacy Training Seminar in Seattle, WA.
- **Sarah Craven (92-93, U.S.)** was honored with a Mentor Award for her outstanding service as a role model for Public Leadership Education Network (PLEN) students at the organization's annual reception on February 24th at the Embassy of the Republic of Croatia. PLEN is the only national organization whose sole focus is preparing women for leadership in the public policy arena. Sarah also continues her great work as chief of the Washington Office of the United Nations Population Fund (UNPFA) and donates her time and expertise to WLPPFP panels for each new fellowship class.
- **Emilia Lobti (08-09, Cameroon)** is the new National Focal Point for Cameroon for the International Organization for Migration. She recently travelled to Brussels for the launching ceremony of the African, Caribbean & Pacific States Observatory on Migration and is in charge of coordinating ACP activities in Cameroon and the Central African Region. This is an institution newly created to do research and demonstrate to policy makers how migration can be used for development, enabling governments to put into place policies favorable for South-South migration (gender and migration, migration and health, migration and human development, migration and climate change etc.).



- **Maeve McKean (09-10, U.S.)** recently started a position at the Department of Health and Human Services working at the Office of Global Health Affairs as a Senior Advisor to the Director. The main focus of her portfolio is human rights and gender issues. She recently attended a small meeting on combating FGM with current LAWA **Makda Mikre**.

- **Naome Kabanda (00-01, Uganda)** travelled to the U.S. in July to visit family and stopped by the Georgetown Law campus to visit with **Wendy Williams** and **Mary Hartnett**. She continues her work at the Ministry of Water, Lands and Environment in Uganda, focusing on drafting new legislation to better protect women's property rights.



- **Joan Meier (85-86, U.S.)** and **Elizabeth Liu (05-06, U.S.)** celebrated that their organization, DV LEAP, was again selected by expert reviewers from area foundations, corporate giving programs, non-profit organizations, and the DC government as one of the outstanding non-profits to be featured in the 2010-11 Catalogue for Philanthropy. Joan commented, "We are thrilled to be recognized for leveraging resources in a way that impacts thousands of survivors of domestic violence each year through appellate advocacy and the establishment of binding precedents." DV LEAP was also recently awarded a major 2-year grant from the Office of Violence Against Women in the Department of Justice. Joan was also a featured keynote speaker at the Second Annual Washington State Domestic Violence Symposium, attended by an overflowing crowd of judges, lawyers, prosecutors, social workers, psychologists and advocates. DV LEAP recently launched a new initiative, Taking a Leap for Kids (TALK), a consortium of nonprofits working on behalf of protective parents. TALK will craft a 3-5 year multi-level plan for comprehensive reform of the family courts which will include litigation, law reform, professional training, public education and media, and grassroots organizing.
- **Beth Burkstrand-Reid (05-06, U.S.)** is currently on the faculty of the University of Nebraska College of Law. Her research focuses on how the assumption of nontraditional gender roles impacts the development of family law, and one of her law review articles will be included in the 2010 edition of *Women and the Law*.
- **Rose Kimotho (09-10, Kenya)** began teaching International Law at the United States International University in Kenya in the fall semester. She also works with the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights. She sends greetings to the WLPPFP/LAWA community.
- **Holly Fechner (91-92, U.S.)** sends greetings from Covington & Burling in Washington, DC, where she is a member of the Government Affairs Practice Group. She specializes in legislative and regulatory matters including healthcare, tax, intellectual property, education, and employee benefits.



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- **Christine Webber (93-94, U.S.)** sends greetings from Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC, where she is a partner representing plaintiffs in class action employment discrimination and Fair Labor Standards Act cases. Her current docket includes *Dukes v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.* (N.D. Cal.), a certified class action for over 1.6 million current and former female employees of Wal-Mart with complaints of discrimination in pay and promotion, the largest civil rights class action in history.
- **Emily Martin (99-00, U.S.)** continues her work as the Vice President and General Counsel at the National Women's Law Center and has had a great time working with current NWLC fellow **Anne King**.
- **Victoria Thomas (07-08, U.S.)** recently joined the Protection and Advocacy Program at University Legal Services, a federally funded legal aid organization for people with disabilities in the District of Columbia.
- **Pritima Osman (04-05, South Africa)** sends greetings from South Africa, where she is the Acting Director of the Child Justice and Family Law and Victim Support and Specialised Court Services Office of the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development in Pretoria.
- **Brook Kelly (08-09, U.S.)** sends greetings from the U.S. Positive Women's Network in New York, where she works as a HIV Human Rights Attorney.
- **Esther Ayuk (09-10, Cameroon)** has resumed her post as a judge in Beau, Cameroon and remains active with Cameroon Young Jurists Legal Resource Centre, which launched a new campaign this year to criminalize FGM in Cameroon in 2001. She is also continuing her work with Gender Action to assess the effects of the proposed Chad-Cameroon Pipeline and West African Gas Pipelines.
- **Cynthia Totten (99-00, U.S.)** continues her great work as the Program Director of Just Detention International (JDI) and recently travelled to South African to further expand her organization's advocacy internationally. JDI presented the briefing "One Year Later: the Need for Standards to End Prisoner Rape and the Cost of Inaction" on the anniversary of passage of the Prison Rape Elimination Act in 2003.
- **Elizabeth Atemnkeng (08-09, Cameroon)** began a consultancy project with Women's Link Worldwide focusing on health and human rights in Uganda. She also recently consulted for a Vital Voices project on trafficking in Cameroon.
- **Margaret Johnson (95-96, U.S.)** recently organized the Fourth Annual University of Baltimore Feminist Legal Theory Conference, which took place on March 4-5 on campus with Toni Morrison as the speaker.
- **Barbara Ayesu (98-99, Ghana)** is the Coordinator of LAWAGhana and recently represented her organization at the annual ILO International Labour Conference.
- **Patience Akenji (07-08)** has been travelling between Cameroon and Washington, D.C. to work on a project in collaboration with Vital Voices and AEquitas. Her team is developing a child trafficking training manual for Cameroon magistrates and police to improve implementation and enforcement of anti-trafficking laws.
- **Marya Torrez (07-08, U.S.)** sends greetings from the National Partnership for Women and Families, where she is the Senior Reproductive Health Policy Counsel. Marya tracks and analyzes reproductive health related activity in Congress and federal agencies, advocates for policies supportive of reproductive health services, and helps to educate the public about reproductive health issues.
- **Lisa Keels (09-10, U.S.)** recently started a position at the Department of Health and Human Services in the Office of Consumer Information and Insurance Oversight, newly established to implement the new health care reform law. She writes that she is "looking forward to working in the new office and being on the frontlines of health reform implementation."



- **Aziza Ahmed (07-08, U.S.)** officially began her teaching position at Northeastern University Law School this fall. She sends greetings to the WLPPFP community.
- **Beatrice Duncan (93-94, U.S.)** recently enlisted former LAWAs **Moza Jadeed (08-09, Kenya)** and **Patience Akenji (07-08, Cameroon)** to collaborate on a UN Economic Commission for Africa study entitled *Gender Perspectives of Food Security within the Context of Climate Change in Africa*. The study focuses on the extent to which regional entities and national structures have taken the needs and challenges of both men and women into account in the design and implementation of initiatives in food security and whether these reflect the potential impacts of climate change. The study also revolves around the roles of men and women in sustainable food security and the extent to which each group is being provided with equal opportunities to access resources to be able to do so effectively.
- **Abiodun Baiyewu (07-08, Nigeria)** sends greetings from the International Labor Solidarity in Nigeria where she works as a Senior Program Officer.
- Congrats to **Mariela Olivares (08-09, U.S.)** recently accepted an offer to join the faculty of Howard University School of Law in Washington, DC. She will be teaching torts, immigration law, a domestic violence seminar, and a class on social justice lawyering.

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- **Naomi Stern (03-04, U.S.)** recently joined the General Counsel at the federal Office of Management and Budget.
- **Mark Egerman (09-10, U.S.)** started work with Elizabeth Warren at the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau. He writes “Helping to set up a new federal agency, especially one that may play such a major role in the lives of so many, is an incredible opportunity. The feminization of poverty places gender issues at the center of much of the Bureau’s work. Trying to understand the distributional impact of consumer protection interventions is an incredible challenge – one separate from the day-to-day concerns of helping to create a bureaucratic culture that reflects these values. I consider myself lucky to have the opportunity to make a difference.”
- **Naomi Schoenbaum (06-07, U.S.)** began her Bigelow Fellowship at the University of Chicago this year, and recently wrote an essay entitled “Post-Gender Justice: What Does Being a Women Mean to Elena Kagan?” for The New Republic.
- **Janel George (05-06, U.S.)** continues her great work in Senator Maria Cantwell’s office and has recently become involved in Urban Ed, Inc., a nonprofit that helps to train youth and young adults for positions in the information technology field.
- **Deborah Katz (85-86, U.S.)** sends greetings from her boutique civil rights, whistleblower and employment law firm, Katz, Marshall & Banks.
- **Mushahida Adhikari (05-06, South Africa)** was featured in the Fall/Winter 2010 edition of the Georgetown Law Alumni magazine in an article charting the careers of various Georgetown Law LL.M. graduates. Mushahida continues her work focusing on reproductive rights at the Women’s Legal Centre in South Africa. The article can be accessed at <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/alumni/magazine/2010-fall/feature-articles/the-llms/>.
- **Lynn Paltrow (84-85, U.S.)** continues her exciting work at the National Advocates for Pregnant Women (NAPW), which recently celebrated authoring 3 of the 10 Most Read Stories of 2010 on the RH Reality Check website, as well as a favorable Kentucky Supreme Court decision in *Cochrane v. Kentucky* (for which NAPW submitted an amicus brief) and the publication of its first international human rights report. Lynn appeared on Grit TV on December 9th with **Loretta Ross**, the National Coordinator of the Sistersong Women of Color Reproductive Health Collective and discussed the shootings in Tucson, AZ with Keith Olberman on Countdown this January. She also spoke on the opening panel for a conference on the Hill entitled “New Directions DC: A Public Health and Safety Approach to Drug Policy.” NAPW was named as one of 2010’s top non-profit organizations working in the women’s reproductive health, rights, and justice field at the national level.
- **Jenny Marston (04-05, U.S.)** recently visited D.C. for a conference and stopped by the WLPPFP office. She currently works as a staff attorney at IBEW Local Union 1245 near Berkeley, California.
- **Elana Tyrangiel (99-00, U.S.)** took a new job as the Chief of Staff and Counselor to the Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Legal Policy at the Department of Justice.
- **Catherine Caporusso (96-97, U.S.)** sends greetings from her law offices in Chicago.
- **Meredith Asay (08-09, U.S.)** sends greetings from Cheyenne, Wyoming where she works as a policy advisor to Governor Matt Mead.
- **Amanda Allen (09-10, U.S.)** recently accepted a position as a Legislative Fellow from the U.S. Legal Program at the Center for Reproductive Rights.
- Congratulations to **Lacy Carra (07-08, U.S.)** and her family who recently welcomed a new daughter, Sophia Rose! Lacy has recently moved from Pakistan, where she was working on various social justice issues, to Nairobi, Kenya.
- Huge congrats to **Aram Schvey (08-10, U.S.)** and new wife **Deborah Fleischaker!** The couple was married on June 26 at Choptank River in Cambridge, MA and was featured in the Sunday edition of the Washington Post for July 11, 2010, available at <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2010/07/09/AR2010070902192.html>. Aram also recently joined the team at the Center for Reproductive Rights as Policy Counsel for Foreign Policy and Human Rights in Washington, D.C. He sat on a panel hosted by the American University Law Students for Reproductive Justice and the Women and the Law Program for a discussion of the recent European Court of Human Rights ruling on A, B, and C v. Ireland and a screening of the documentary *Like a Ship in the Night*.
- **Teri Chaw (85-86, U.S.)** sends greetings from the National Employment Lawyers Association office in San Francisco, where she is the Executive Director.
- **Juley Fulcher (95-96, U.S.)** and Break the Cycle organized “Shop with Your Heart,” a trunk show benefit with Gossip on 23rd Boutique that took place on November 10th at Local 16 in Washington, DC.
- **Chai Shenoy (09-10 U.S.)** is the President of the Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project, a non-profit organization striving to end violence against women in the A/PI community.
- **Moza Jadeed (08-09, Kenya)** spent time volunteering to provide education to Kenyans in preparation for the referendum on the new Constitution. It was approved and went into effect in August.
- **Sandy Pullman (09-10, U.S.)** recently accepted a position at Outten & Golden LLP in New York, where she represents employees in litigation and negotiation in all areas of employment law, with a particular focus on race and gender discrimination, sexual harassment, and LGBT rights.



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- **Jennifer Schingle (08-09, U.S.)** travelled to China over the summer as an advisor to **Prof. Nancy Cantalupo's** experiential learning course "Rule of Law Promotion and Civil Society in China: Implications for Women and Girls." The summer offering examined how civil society in China is being advanced under the rubric of rule of law promotion through work with and reflection upon the activities of women's NGOs in China and included 2.5 weeks of study in Beijing.
- Congratulations to **Courtney Chappell (04-05, U.S.)** and her family, who just returned home from Korea with their 13-month old daughter, **Eleanor (Ellie) Da-hye Hadley!** She writes, "She is the sweetest little girl who has completely won us over." Courtney continues her great work at the DC Employment Justice Center.
- **Tzili Mor (06-07, U.S.)** recently wrapped up her work on domestic violence and women's rights issues in Afghanistan and has returned to the United States. She is currently working as a consultant.
- **Mary Wyckoff (88-89, U.S.)** is back in DC as the Access to Justice Program Director at Global Rights, an international human rights capacity-building organization working in partnership with local activists in Africa, Asia, and Latin American to promote and protect the rights of marginalized populations.
- **Tinyade Kachika (07-08, Malawi)** is a legal and women's human rights consultant in Malawi. She recently authored a report on land-grabbing in Africa and gave an interview on the topic to IRIN News.
- **Paul DiDonato (85-86, U.S.)** continues his work at Proteus Fund as the Program Officer for the Civil Marriage Collaborative, a unique effort to build and strengthen a broad and diverse constituency and a powerful public education apparatus to achieve marriage equality for same-sex couples in the United States. The Collaborative recently awarded \$1.97 million to support this goal in 9 states and DC.
- **Danielle Delaney (08-09, U.S.)** recently started work on a PhD in Political Science – Theory at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.
- **Nadia Asanchev (08-09, U.S.)** sends greetings from Georgetown University Law Center, where she is currently working as the Deputy Director of the Center for National Security and the Law.
- **Jamesina King (01-02, Sierra Leone)** worked with the Human Rights Commission of Sierra Leone (HRCSL) to produce the third annual report on "The State of Human Rights in Sierra Leone."
- **Rachel Rebouché (07-08, U.S.)** is on the faculty of the University of Florida's Levin College of Law. She collaborated on the recently-released report "Bypassing Justice: Pregnant Minors and Parental Involvement Laws" with colleagues at the National Partnership for Women and Families.
- **Jackie Scott (94-95, U.S.)** recently started a new position at HCD International, a management and technology consulting firm for private and public sector clients.
- **Dawn Phillip (07-08, U.S.)** continues her work as a staff attorney at the New York Lawyers for the Public Interest.
- **Gloria Ofori-Boadu (95-96, Ghana)** sends greetings from Accra, where she continues her work as the President of the Women Assistance & Business Association.
- **Thabisile Langa (04-05, Swaziland)** sends greetings from Swaziland, where she is working as the Legal Advisor at the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Trade and has been the Acting Chief Executive Officer for the Competition Commission in Swaziland since June.
- **Salma Maoulidi (94-95, Tanzania)** travelled to Sierra Leone for an assignment in late August. She continues her work as the Executive Director of Sahiba Sisters Foundation in Tanzania.
- **Joy Whelan (09-10, U.S.)** was on the host committee for the DC Abortion Fund's Winter Holiday Party "Peace, Joy, and Choice" at Topaz Bar in Dupont Circle. The event raised over \$10,000 for DCAF, the most successful year yet!
- **Ayesha Khan (90-91, U.S.)** spent the holiday season travelling in Thailand and India with family. She continues her work as the Legal Director at Americans United for the Separation of Church and State in DC.
- **Jessica Heaven (09-10, U.S.)** recently celebrated the publication of *Getting Organized: Unionizing Home-based Child Care Providers* by the National Women's Law Center. Jessica worked on this report during her fellowship last year, and it can be accessed at [http://www.nwlc.org/our-resources/reports\\_toolkits/getting-organized](http://www.nwlc.org/our-resources/reports_toolkits/getting-organized).

**T**o 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!













