



## ARTHUR LIMAN PROGRAM

## Public Interest Newsletter



**Opening panel: “Why Clinical Education in the 1970s? Why Clinical Education Now?”** From Left: William Pincus (Council on Legal Education for Professional Responsibility); Kristin Henning (Georgetown Law School); Michael Wishnie (Yale Law School); Deena Hurwitz (University of Virginia Law School); Jeffrey Selbin (UC Berkeley School of Law); Dennis Curtis (Yale Law School); Stephen Wizner (Yale Law School); Jean Koh Peters (Yale Law School); Francis X. Dineen (Yale Law School); Carroll Lucht (Yale Law School); Daniel J. Freed (Yale Law School).

## Colloquium Looks at Forty Years of Clinical Education

On March 5 and 6, 2009, the Liman Program hosted the Twelfth Annual Liman Colloquium, *Forty Years of Clinical Education at Yale: Generating Rights, Remedies, and Legal Services*. Co-sponsored by Yale Law School and the Oscar M. Ruebhausen Fund, the colloquium addressed the history of and contemporary issues in clinical education, as it also honored the innovations of Yale clinical faculty members Dennis Curtis, Francis X. Dineen, Carroll Lucht, and Stephen Wizner.

Yale’s clinical program has served as an inspiration for many Liman Fellows. More than two dozen current or former Liman Law Fellows participated, along with Liman Summer Fellows from Barnard, Brown, Harvard, Princeton, Spelman, and Yale – all part of the group of more than 350 people attending the two-day conference.

The first panel asked the questions:

*Why Clinical Education in the 1970s? Why Clinical Education Now?* One round of answers came from the “founding fathers” – Dennis Curtis, Francis X. Dineen, Carroll Lucht, Stephen Wizner, and Daniel Freed. They were joined by William Pincus, who created the Council on Legal Education for Professional Responsibility (CLEPR), which was supported by the Ford Foundation to provide funding to establish law school clinics around the country.

Working with students in the 1960s, they invented programs focused on representing poor residents as well as federal prisoners at Danbury and patients at Connecticut Valley Hospital. Classes – on poverty law, prison law, parole, sentencing, and the mentally ill – developed from this work. The lessons learned through representing individuals in these settings also generated law review articles and statutory reform.

Another round of answers to the panel’s questions came from another generation of innovators. Commentary on the contemporary impact of clinical education was guided by moderator Jean Koh Peters, who specializes in the representation of children in Yale’s clinical program. Jeffrey Selbin, teaching in UC Berkeley’s East Bay Community Law Center, argued that the “justice mission” of clinics needs to be framed through research on their impact, including the degree to which clinics orient students toward civic responsibility.

Deena Hurwitz, who taught as a Cover/Lowenstein Fellow in Yale’s International Human Rights Law Clinic before moving to the University of Virginia, detailed the challenges of relating to clients abroad, whom one often does not meet in person. Yale clinical professor Michael Wishnie, working on immigration and workers’



**"The Sentencing Guidelines: What Went Wrong? What Went Right?"** From Left: Dan Freed (Yale Law School); Nancy Gertner (Judge, U.S. District Court, District of Massachusetts); Dennis Curtis (Yale Law School); Kevin Blackwell (U.S. Sentencing Commission); Rory Little (UC Hastings); William K. Sessions III (Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, District of Vermont, now Chair, U.S. Sentencing Commission); Kate Stith (Yale Law School).

rights, described the increasing number of non-clinical faculty engaged in hands-on work with passionate and committed students. Kristin Henning, who teaches a juvenile justice clinic at Georgetown, spoke about the need to attract people of color to the clinical movement, particularly given the demographics of the clients served.

A festive dinner followed, with jazz music from the Clamdiggers. They played in celebratory memory of Yale Law School's Stan Wheeler, who had shaped the field of law and the social sciences, taught about prisons, sports and the law, and who was a close friend of the honorees and a jazz musician himself. Marcia Chambers, herself a pioneer of legal journalism and Wheeler's spouse, arranged for the music. Thereafter, former deans Harold Koh and Guido Calabresi served as masters of ceremonies for the evening's honors. (See page 5).

A remarkable number of people came together at an early hour Friday morning for intense roundtable discussions, led by Liman Fellows and by other public interest advocates. Topics included the relationship among criminal justice advocates and local communities; evolving understandings of economic justice; challenges facing environmental law

clinics; efforts to transnationalize law school clinics; obstacles faced under state and federal programs in accessing health care, child care, and child support; and immigration and workers' rights.

The panels that followed focused on questions central to Yale's clinical programs. *The Sentencing Guidelines: What Went Wrong? What Went Right?*, moderated by Yale Professor Kate Stith,

examined the origins of the sentencing guidelines and the future of federal sentencing after the 2005 Supreme Court decision of *United States v. Booker* rendered the guidelines advisory rather than mandatory. Professors Curtis and Freed analyzed the history of the problems of the 1960s, including racial disparities and unexplained discretionary judgments. They explained the evolution of guidelines in parole decisions that, during the 1970s and 1980s, provided a model for a sentencing guideline system.

Federal District Judge William Sessions III now chairs the U.S. Sentencing Commission. He was joined by Kevin Blackwell, who serves as a Senior Research Associate in the Sentencing Commission's Office of Research and Data. They addressed the contemporary work of the Commission and its efforts to reduce disparities and develop new policies. The Honorable Nancy Gertner from the District of Massachusetts, who co-teaches a class at Yale on sentencing, argued that concerns about disparities ought not result in mandatory sentences or mandatory guidelines. She called for judicial access to data on sentences of other judges and for studies about the effectiveness of different forms and lengths of sentences.



**"Detained Clients: From Danbury and Connecticut Valley Hospital to Immigration Jails and Guantánamo."** From Left: Tom Jawetz (Liman Fellow 2004–05, then at ACLU National Prison Project); Muneer Ahmad (Yale Law School); Sara Norman (Prison Law Office); Michael J. Churgin (University of Texas at Austin Law School); Sarah Russell (Director, Yale's Liman Public Interest Program); Brett Dignam (Yale Law School).



Professor Rory Little, an alum of Yale's clinical program and a former prosecutor now teaching criminal procedure at UC Hastings, identified some benefits from the guidelines – they have forced judges to give reasons for their sentences and have provided defense counsel with notice of the factors affecting sentences.

A second panel was *Detained Clients: From Danbury and Connecticut Valley Hospital to Immigration Jails and Guantánamo*. It considered the shifts in the numbers of persons detained and in the law governing detention in the years since the 1970s, when Yale's clinics began representing clients in prisons and mental hospitals. Professor Michael Churgin, who teaches a mental health clinic at the University of Texas, recalled how receptive judges were when he was a student in the early days of the Yale clinics. He explained that, since 1996, when Congress enacted the Prison Litigation Reform Act, many barriers have narrowed the opportunities of prisoners to obtain redress, and thereby limited the role students and lawyers can play.

Yet, as Brett Dignam, who has taught the prison clinic at Yale since the early 1990s, detailed, students remain passionate about problems spawned by the growing number of prisoners and the racial disparities within prisons. Students have helped to pioneer new areas of legal rights, focused on women prisoners who have pursued claims about medical treatment, sexual assault, and lack of religious freedom. Muneer Ahmad, who has just joined Yale's clinical program as a full-time faculty member, described the challenges of visiting clients detained at great distances. Ahmad saw the pedagogical value in long trips with students, as such journeys demonstrate just how isolated clients are from their communities.

A few panelists spoke about recent initiatives using litigation to limit some of the harms of incarceration. Sara Norman is one of the lawyers in a major ongoing challenge to the conditions in California's prisons; Tom Jawetz litigated at the ACLU National Prison Project on

behalf of detained immigrants. Both have succeeded in obtaining court-ordered relief to conditions of confinement. Both were also students of Brett Dignam, who was in turn a student of Denny Curtis and of Judith Resnik when they taught in the 1980s at USC. Jawetz and Norman were joined by Sarah Russell, another graduate of Yale's clinical program and now teaching in the prison clinic while also directing the Liman Program.

Stephen Wizner opened the lunchtime panel, *Legal Services: Invention, Retrenchment, Reconfiguration, and Collaboration*. Its topic was the relationship among legal services organizations and law schools. Speakers

who had helped to found clinical programs at Tel-Aviv University Faculty of Law. There, students had drafted the legislation that created the public defender system, of which Mann was the first director. Jay Pottenger, former director of Yale's Clinical Program, described the development of clinical programs in China. He also underscored the complexities in the United States, in that partnerships with legal aid programs entailed working out communications, coordination, and dealing with competition for support.

The afternoon session, *Global Actors: The Value and Ethics of Human Rights*



**"Legal Services: Invention, Retrenchment, Reconfiguration, and Collaboration." From Left: Stephen Wizner (Yale Law School); Helaine Barnett (President, Legal Services Corporation); J. L. Pottenger (Yale Law School); Kenneth Mann (Former professor, Tel-Aviv University Faculty of Law).**

drew on examples from the United States, Israel, and China. The current President of the Legal Services Corporation, Helaine Barnett, a dear friend of Arthur Liman (who had himself served as the President of the Legal Aid Society of New York as well as of the Neighborhood Defender Services of Harlem), argued that "for law schools, perhaps the most important role in teaching professional responsibility to new lawyers is instilling a public interest ethic in law students." Barnett called on law schools to be active partners with legal aid programs.

The impact that law schools have was made plain by Kenneth Mann,

*Clinics*, moderated by Elizabeth Brundige, the Cover/Lowenstein Fellow at Yale, explored the development of international human rights clinics. One question was how U.S.-based programs select issues, partners, projects, and methods of advocacy. Another was the challenges faced by a model that often provides services to entities, rather than individuals. Laurel Fletcher, who teaches a human rights clinic at UC Berkeley, saw that genre as providing unique opportunities to expose students to different legal cultures and to bridge boundaries between legal cultures. Peter Rosenblum from Columbia Law



**"Law Schools' Commitments to Clinical Education: Structure, Stature, and Subsidies."** Bottom Row: Rachel F. Moran (UC Irvine, UC Berkeley, AALS President); Robert Dinerstein (American University Washington College of Law); Susan Sturm (Columbia Law School). Top Row: Judith Resnik (Yale Law School); Pamela S. Karlan (Stanford Law School); Robert Solomon (Yale Law School).

School argued that many teachers in human rights clinics are "human rights people first," rather than understanding themselves as legal services lawyers or legal academics.

Daniel Bonilla and Julieta Lemaitre, clinicians from Universidad de Los Andes in Bogotá, Colombia, spoke about their programs. Bonilla described tensions over resources in Colombia between two kinds of clinics – "traditional" service-oriented clinics, which focus on working with individuals and maintain a separation of law and politics, and "public interest law" clinics, which do work such as cases before the Colombian Constitutional Court and are not committed to a division between law and politics. Lemaitre detailed the challenges facing human rights advocacy work, often equated with liberal activism: "When you open a human rights clinic, it aligns you politically."

The Colloquium concluded with a panel, *Law Schools' Commitment to Clinical Education: Structure, Stature, and Subsidies*, moderated by Judith Resnik, who had taught in Yale's clinical program before becoming a non-clinical teacher. One set of questions was whether clinical teaching was different, or "exceptional," to borrow one of Robert Dinerstein's three "E's" of clinical education – the

other two being "essentialism" and "excellence." The current President of the American Association of Law Schools, Rachel Moran, argued for difference – for clinical education to maintain its distinctions. She warned about the risk of clinical education becoming a "victim of its own success." She noted that "clinical programs, when

more fully assimilated into the law school curriculum, will likely be defined more by their pedagogical contributions than their social justice traditions."

In some respects, other panelists disagreed, by calling for forms of integration against which Moran cautioned. Columbia law professor Susan Sturm argued that clinicians and non-clinicians – along with people from other disciplines and fields – should work collaboratively to respond to social and

legal problems. Dinerstein, director of the clinical program at American University, rejected the view that one was either a clinical teacher or an academic teacher, although he also noted that "clinical education would have nowhere near the purchase on legal education that it has now if it wasn't good." Robert Solomon, director of the clinical program at Yale, was skeptical of the construct: "I don't mind revolutions or thinking of this as a movement or revolution, I just don't think it helps us." What he advocated was a theory of the kind of contributions clinical education makes to the academy, as a "core part of legal education."

Pam Karlan, who teaches a Supreme Court clinic as well as non-clinical courses at Stanford Law School, raised another concern – that non-clinical faculty at elite schools were moving away from the idea of the desirability of training people to be lawyers. As law schools hire more PhDs, or those right out of law school, younger faculty have little experience in the practice of law. "It is hard for you to model for your students the idea of being an engaged, thoughtful practitioner at the highest level, if you decided – either before you came to law school or in your law school career itself – that that was not a life worth living at all." Clinical



**"Global Actors: The Value and Ethics of Human Rights Clinics."** From Left: Peter Rosenblum (Columbia Law School); Elizabeth Brundige (Yale Law School); Laurel Fletcher (UC Berkeley School of Law); Daniel Bonilla (Universidad de Los Andes); Julieta Lemaitre (Universidad de Los Andes).



programs were an antidote, as noted by Harold Koh, former dean of Yale Law School, who spoke of the importance of clinics in teaching the values of public service. He thanked Denny Curtis and Steve Wizner for having not only “taught me what it means to be a teacher” but what it means to be a “sun sang nim” – a Korean term for which he said the only English translation is “jedi master.”

As the Colloquium closed, the panel pushed advocates, scholars, and students to consider their responsibility for shaping the future of clinical education as it has moved from marginalized to mainstream during the last forty years. Judith Resnik reminded the group that clinical education was “invented,” just as “most of legal education’s curriculum is made up” and then becomes seen as a “canon that has existed for a long time.” The founders of clinical education created projects because they “were both responsive and committed.” She concluded that these founding fathers shaped their programs “with love and joy and deep friendship.” Resnik added that the feminist word for what they did was “sisterhood – and this bunch of guys had a great deal of sisterhood.”

Colloquium materials, including videos of the panels, a bibliography of related readings, and photos are available at [www.law.yale.edu/liman](http://www.law.yale.edu/liman). The Summer 2009 Yale Law Report also contains photographs from the Colloquium: <http://www.law.yale.edu/ylr/>.

The colloquium, like all of the Liman Projects, could not have occurred without the work of the students who shaped the events. Student colloquium coordinators included Kathleen Claussen ’10; Sara Edelstein ’10; Rebecca Engel ’09; Adam Grogg ’10; Joshua Johnson ’09; Rebecca Heller ’10; Martha Lovejoy ’09; Patricia Moon ’09; Elliot Morrison ’10; Chavi Nana ’09; Lindsay Nash ’10; Megan Quattlebaum ’10; Emily Stirba ’10; Elina Tetelbaum ’10; Marisa Van Saanen ’10; Vasudha Talla ’09; Therese McCabe Wales ’10; Daniel Winik ’11.

## Celebrating Four Remarkable Teachers and Friends



Honorees from left: Francis X. Dineen; Dennis Curtis; Stephen Wizner; Carroll Lucht.



Harold Koh and Carroll Lucht.

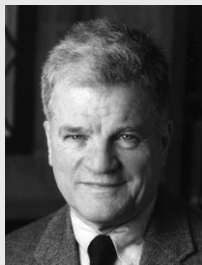
Yale clinical programs are indebted to many people, including the deans who served from 1968 through 2009 – Louis Pollak, Abe Goldstein, Harry Wellington, Guido Calabresi, Tony Kronman, and Harold Koh. Friday evening, Harold Koh and Guido Calabresi served as masters of ceremonies for the celebration of Dennis Curtis, Francis X. Dineen, Carroll Lucht, and Stephen Wizner. Guido welcomed everyone to this “wonderful reunion,” filled with so many people that he loved “because they’ve dedicated their lives to doing good things.” Guido emphasized the particularly important role of a clinical program, with expert practitioners, within a highly theoretical law school



Guido Calabresi and Steve Wizner.

like Yale. Colleagues and former students spoke about each honoree, who in turn took the podium to offer comments. At the conclusion of the evening, Harold Koh surprised the honorees with the announcement that several YLS alums had contributed to a newly-created “Curtis-Wizner” fund, to be used – when fully funded – to support a Curtis-Wizner fellow or professorship in clinical education at Yale.

## Honoree Biographies



**Dennis Curtis** is Clinical Professor Emeritus of Law and Professorial Lecturer in Law at Yale Law School, where he teaches courses on sentencing and professional responsibility. He also directs a clinical course in which students work with Connecticut's State Disciplinary Counsel to prosecute lawyers who violate rules of professional conduct. Professor Curtis was one of the pioneers of clinical education in the early 1970s, and a founder of the clinical program at Yale. He received his B.S. from the U.S. Naval Academy and his LL.B. from Yale Law School.



**Francis X. Dineen** is a Clinical Lecturer in Law at Yale Law School and one of the longest serving legal services lawyers in the country. He has worked at New Haven Legal Assistance since its founding and teaches and works with students in the Landlord/Tenant and Legal Assistance clinics at Yale Law School. Professor Dineen is credited with literally reinventing landlord/tenant practice in CT. He has an A.B. from Dartmouth and an LL.B. from Yale Law School.



**Carroll Lucht** is a Clinical Professor of Law and Supervising Attorney at Yale Law School. His subject areas are disability law, poverty law, and refugee and asylum law. He has worked with legal services organizations in Colorado, Nebraska, Georgia, and Iowa, where he was Clinical Professor of Law at the University of Iowa College of Law from 1981 until 1989, when he joined the Yale Law School faculty. He received a B.A. and a J.D. from the University of Nebraska and an M.S.W. from the University of Michigan.



**Stephen Wizner** is the William O. Douglas Clinical Professor of Law at Yale Law School. He has been on the Law School faculty since 1970 and was a founder of the school's clinical program. He also has a Special Appointment as the Sackler Professor of Law at Tel Aviv University, where he serves as consultant and advisor on clinical legal education. At Yale, Professor Wizner has taught and supervised students in the Law School's clinical program, and has taught non-clinical courses in Trial Practice, Evidence, and Ethics. He received his A.B. from Dartmouth College and a J.D. from the University of Chicago.

## Honoring Dennis Curtis



**Emily Bazelon**, *Senior Editor, Slate Magazine; Senior Research Scholar in Law and Truman Capote Fellow for Creative Writing and Law, Yale Law School; and Denny's student at Yale in the late 1990's.*

"It's a truism of law school that it's where good writing goes to die, and that would have been particularly bad for me, because

I am a journalist. But Denny, as much as any writing teacher I have ever had, as much as any editor I have ever had, taught me to write. . . . The most important thing I want to convey is that Denny, more than anyone I know, is completely and utterly himself. As far as I know, all the time. That seems like it should be an obvious thing to pull off, but it really is not, as you all know. . . . Denny is my constant lesson in the incredibly important notion—I think maybe the most important thing that someone can learn at a place like Yale—that you can be at the top of your game, you can have the best job, you can publish in the

best journals, you can do the most innovative legal work, and you can still be a wonderfully generous person who makes the people around you feel bigger, rather than smaller, just for being in your presence."



**Brett Dignam**, *Clinical Professor of Law and Supervising Attorney, Yale Law School, and Denny's student at USC in the early 1980's.*

"Even your adversaries are captured by your charm. You regularly disarmed government lawyers by asking whether they intend to confess error in the moments before an appellate argument and inevitably you reminded them to remember that 'the government always wins whenever justice is done.' First and foremost, you have been our teacher. By giving us early and extensive responsibility, you have nurtured our confidence. . . . You spent hours mootng our court appearances, circling back again and again for the creative angle, the perfect answer, and then letting us go to fly on our own."



**Charles Weisselberg**, *Shannon Cecil Turner Professor of Law, UC Berkeley School of Law, who taught with Denny at USC in the 1980's.*

"Denny approaches the practice of law with a certain measure of joy. I can think of many instances when we received orders from courts or pleadings that would unnerve people, really upset them, and he would respond with a smile and a laugh and would view it as a challenge to overcome."

Weisselberg also showed a PowerPoint with a mock empirical study of various "Curtis aphorisms" such as, "I feel like I was rode hard and put away wet," and surprised Denny with a video that included a scene in which Jonathan Curtis-Resnik, Denny's 17 year-old son, offered a deadpan account of how Denny did have "a ring around his leg" for "every year he lived in Baton Rouge."



**Vicki Jackson**, *Carmack Waterhouse Professor of Constitutional Law, Georgetown Law School, and Denny's student at Yale in the 1970's.*

"My last point is about attitude. This isn't something that Denny taught; I can't tell you a conversation. But I was reflecting on why it is — and so many people have referred to it — that it is so much fun to be with him. Each

client, for Denny — what he showed us, what he taught us — was a person, a human being. But this was not just true about clients; it was true about students; it was true about the clerks in the court; it was true about almost any person around him. Denny has this real curiosity about, and connection with, people.... I thank you for what you've shown about living a committed life in the law while retaining that sense of proportion, of judgment, of humor, of irony, and of humanity that makes being with you such a joy..."

## Honoring Francis X. Dineen



**Abbe Gluck**, *Academic Fellow and Lecturer in Law, Columbia Law School, and Frank's student in the late 1990's.*

"We didn't know back then that he was one of the first Legal Services lawyers in the nation. Or that he was the first person to bring a landlord tenant summary process case in the United States Supreme Court. Or

one of the first people ever to use the concept that equity abhors forfeiture in defending tenants' rights against eviction. Somehow we didn't know those details about Frank — *how could we not have known this?* It amazes me how modest he was with us. But yet somehow we still knew, in the words of that former student, that he was a hero."



**E. Donald Elliott**, *Professor (Adjunct) of Law, Yale Law School; Partner, Willkie, Farr & Gallagher LLP; and Frank's student in the 1970's.*

"Frank is a very special person — he teaches and he inspires, but he does so largely by example. He's certainly made me a better lawyer, a better teacher, and a better person.

I often find myself in a difficult situation saying to myself, 'What would Dineen do?'... He is one of the best teachers, and best lawyers, and best human beings that I have ever known."



**Steven Gunn**, *Ryals & Breed, P.C., and Frank's student in the mid-1990's.*

"Frank inspires his students to see the law as a dynamic and powerful force for good. He carefully guides his students through the complicated maze of federal, state, and local housing laws — often with such facility and familiarity that you would think he

wrote the laws himself. And, truth be told, he and his students *did* write and rewrite many of those laws — often one case at a time. Frank recognizes the incredible capabilities of his students, directing their energies, helping them grow into young lawyers and professionals, yet carefully making sure that it is *they* who shine when it counts, not him. And this, perhaps beyond all else, is Frank's true gift: the ability to inspire his students to believe in themselves and to reach extraordinary heights."



**Amy Marx**, *New Haven Legal Assistance, and Frank's student in the late 1990's.*

"So Frank taught me to do what any prestigious law firm would have done for any well-paying client. We first filed every possible pleading that was afforded to us under Connecticut summary process law, and then we handily won at trial. We did

what Frank always does, which is mentor a student to provide the absolute best representation possible, even though the client has not a penny to pay for legal services."



## Honoring Carroll Lucht



**Dale Ho**, NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc. Fellow at Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP, and Carroll's student who graduated from Yale in 2005.

"Carroll's calm manner, his steady approach, and his trust in me to structure our case were the perfect antidote to my own propensity towards anxiety. It instilled within me a great sense of confidence, and when the time for the asylum proceeding came, we actually prevailed.... Working in the Clinic, and under Carroll's supervision, were, for me, the best of times during my years at the Law School. And by the time we finished working on cases together, I actually felt like a lawyer."



**Tom Jawetz**, Liman Fellow 2004–05; formerly at the ACLU National Prison Project; now Counsel, House Judiciary Committee; and Carroll's student in the early 2000's.

"I think about the number of classmates of mine who were in the Immigration Clinic, and the student directors above me, and the students that I then directed over the years afterwards, who are still doing immigration work, who are doing it at the highest levels in the administration, in private practice, in clinics, in Congress—at the highest level, but at the same time, with the same attention to individual detail—whether that means individual detail to your clients, your particular clients, or to what does this broad policy mean for the individuals who will be affected.... Those are the lessons that we got from the clinic, and those are the lessons that Carroll modeled for us so perfectly."



*The Clamdiggers and Marcia Chambers.*



**Jean Han**, Liman Fellow 2009–10, Ayuda, Inc., and Carroll's student who graduated from Yale in 2006.

"He expected a lot of his students, but in a way that did not feel burdensome to us. He expected us to volunteer. He expected us to be smart. He expected us to do a lot of work, and he expected us to get it all done. And perhaps because he expected this from us, in his unassuming way, we rose to the challenge. We discovered that we didn't really care if we spent forty hours a week in clinic; that was just what we were supposed to do. It was about the client, it was about another human being. It wasn't about us."



**Jean Koh Peters**, Clinical Professor of Law and Supervising Attorney, Yale Law School, and Carroll's colleague.

"The door is open for every colleague, every staff member, every student, and every client. He has never said no.... Through that open door have passed thousands of clients, now American citizens, now reunited with their families; thousands of people with disabilities; and poor people, seeking help.... I have lived a life teeming with blessings, but I count among the greatest that I've ever known that I've barely had to work a day at LSO without the benefit of Carroll's open door, open mind, and open heart."



*Back row: Shelley Sadin, Howard Zonana, Nancy and Jacob Zeldes. Front row: Laura Potter-Cahn and Renee Dineen.*



## Honoring Stephen Wizner



**Elliott Milstein**, *Professor of Law, American University Washington College of Law, and student at Yale in the late 1960's and early 1970's.*

"My sense is that Steve has spawned more clinical teachers than anyone else. He always knew that being at Yale, a place that breeds law professors, provided a particular opportunity to shape minds. And so, his

former students are a particularly strong group of clinical professors teaching at schools across the country. We also benefit from the fact that so many of the Yale alumni in faculty positions that are not clinical are alumni of the Yale clinic and can be counted on to support clinical education."



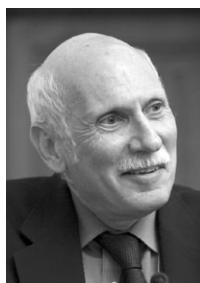
**Deborah Rhode**, *Ernest W. McFarland Professor of Law, Stanford Law School, and Steve's student in the 1970's.*

"I raised the issue in the clinic and asked what I should do. 'Well,' said Steve, 'that's a hard case.' I found this totally inadequate to the occasion. I knew it was a hard case. What I didn't know was what to do. And I felt Steve

ought to be telling me. He resisted. He was willing to help me work through the issues but the decision had to be mine.... But I have come to realize that he made the right response... it forced me to think deeply about the issue, see all sides, and struggle to find my own conclusion. I have since written about the issue in a book chapter titled 'Hard Cases,' and I sometimes use it in my own ethics class at Stanford. I try to make the students struggle to find their own moral bearings in a second best world."



*Stephen and Rachel Wizner.*



**Avi Soifer**, *Dean, William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii, and Steve's student upon Steve's arrival at Yale in 1970.*

"Steve became, of course, both the consummate Connecticut practitioner and the consummate clinical teacher. This may be partially explained by Steve's ability to

embody one of my favorite expressions, with which I believe he fully agrees: 'In theory, there is no difference between theory and practice. In practice there is.' ... Steve is a brilliant pioneer, demonstrating and teaching how to serve those most in need. In theory and in practice, to learn from Steve Wizner is to begin to grasp what matters most."



**Tanina Rostain**, *Professor of Law and Co-Director, Center for Professional Values and Practice, New York Law School, and Steve's student in the 1980's.*

"During the time that I was in the clinic, I had the great pleasure of working with a lot of different teachers, but Steve was the epicenter of my experience there. My most

vivid recollections involved the way Steve spoke to clients—his warmth, his humor, and his empathy. Steve was equally good at listening to clients. And he knew how to listen to us. Steve taught us how to take care of our clients, and he also made sure to take care of us. In the warm and informal atmosphere of the clinic, he got to know each of us well. For me, he became an excellent source of career and personal advice. Looking back over the years, I realize that I always ended up following his recommendations."



*Denny Curtis and Judith Resnik.*

## Liman Fellows Lead Roundtables



*Worker and Immigrant Rights Roundtable. From Left: Justin Cox (Liman Fellow 2008–09, CASA de Maryland); Raquiba Huq (Liman Fellow 2007–08, Legal Services of NJ); Talia Inlander (Equal Justice Works Fellow, Public Counsel); Stacie Jonas (Liman Fellow 2008–09, Southern Migrant Legal Services); Nina Rabin (University of Arizona Rogers College of Law); Allegra McLeod (Liman Fellow 2008–09, Immigration Justice Project); Marisol Orihuela (Liman Fellow 2008–09, ACLU of Southern California); Michael Tan (Liman Fellow 2008–09, ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project).*

Morning roundtables at the Colloquium were led by a mix of current, former, and incoming Liman Fellows and others. In addition to those shown, other fellows in attendance were Sameera Fazili (Liman Fellow 2006–07, Ludwig Community Development Fellow, Yale Law School); Josh Berman (Liman Fellow 2009–10, Natural Resources Defense Council); Leah Fletcher (Liman Fellow 2007–08, Morrison & Foerster); Cyd Oppenheimer (Liman Fellow 2004–05, CT Voices for Children); Jessica Sager (Liman Fellow 1999–2000, All Our Kin).



*Criminal Justice and Local Communities Roundtable. From Left: David Menschel (Liman Fellow 2002–03, Innocence Project of Florida); Holly Thomas (Liman Fellow 2005–06, NAACP LDF); Anita Khandelwal (Defender Association). This panel also included Deborah Marcuse (Liman Fellow 2008–09, New Haven City Hall) and Tom Jawetz (Liman Fellow 2004–05, then at ACLU National Prison Project).*



*Dennis Curtis, Stephen Wizner, Jean Koh Peters, Frank Dineen, Ken Mann, and others in the audience at a Friday panel.*



*Liman Fellows Margot Mendelson and Sameera Fazili, Yale Lecturer Robin Golden, and other members of the audience.*



## 2008–2009 Liman Fellows Return for the Colloquium



*The eight 2008–2009 Liman Law Fellows returned to Yale Law School to mentor students and lead roundtables at the Liman Colloquium. Front Row: Tianna Terry, Legal Aid Society, DC; Marisol Orihuela, ACLU of Southern California; and Michael Tan, ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project, NY. Back Row: Deborah Marcuse, Community Services Administration, City of New Haven; Allegra McLeod, Immigration Justice Project, San Diego; Stacie Jonas, Southern Migrant Legal Services, Nashville; Zahra Hayat, National Center for Youth Law, Oakland; and Justin Cox, CASA de Maryland.*

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This Colloquium will examine the changing populations, rules, and enduring problems of prisons.

Dinner on Thursday evening, March 4, will honor **Brett Dignam**, Clinical Professor at Yale Law School

Our topics include:

- the increasing use of “supermax” and segregation
- the role of the courts, Congress, and law schools in questions of incarceration
- the causes and effects of over-incarceration
- policies of decarceration
- gender and prison

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## Liman in Congress, in the Courts, and in the News

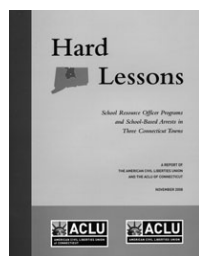
**Alison Hirschel, who in 1997–98 was the first Liman Fellow**, continues her work on improving long-term care for the elderly. She is the past president of the National Consumer Voice for Quality Long Term Care, and teaches courses on law and the elderly at the University of Michigan Law School. On September 15, 2009, Allison testified before the U.S. House of Representative's Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law of the Committee on the Judiciary. She addressed the problem of binding arbitration clauses in agreements signed by families of individuals admitted to long-term care facilities. Objecting to the unequal bargaining power of the parties in light of the dependency and neediness of the residents, Hirschel called on Congress to limit the use of pre-dispute agreements forced on consumers.

Many Yale students told us that one morning they woke up to hear their former classmate, **Justin Cox (Liman Fellow, 2008–09), on National Public Radio**. Justin, who joined **Eliza Leighton (Liman Fellow, 2005–06)** at CASA de Maryland, an immigrants' rights organization, worked on problems stemming from a raid at a Baltimore 7-Eleven convenience store that resulted in the arrest of 24 individuals for alleged civil immigration violations. As a result of a lawsuit under the Freedom of Information Act, CASA de Maryland obtained documentary evidence suggesting that statements made and affidavits submitted about the raid by officials of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) were false. Rather than impromptu arrests of day laborers, as had been publicly stated, the documents demonstrated that the ICE agents had specifically targeted the 7-Eleven as a location because they had been ordered to "bring in more bodies" by a boss chastising agents who fell behind an annual arrest quota. In addition to being covered on NPR's "All Things Considered" (see <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=100027476>), Justin's work at CASA de Maryland was

part of a front-page *Washington Post* story – "Conflicting Accounts of an ICE Raid in Md.: Officers Portray Detention of 24 Latinos Differently in Internal Probe and in Court" (see <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/story/2009/02/17/ST2009021703780.html?sid=ST2009021703780>). In August, the head of ICE, John Morton, said that he had suspended the use of arrest quotas.

Justin's work at CASA along with a report, *Collateral Damage: An Examination of ICE's Fugitive Operations Program*, written by Yale clinical professor Mike Wishnie, Shayna Strom (YLS '09), and **Margot Mendelson (Liman Fellow 2008–09)** at the Migration Policy Institute contributed to this change in ICE policy. The report is available at [http://www.migrationpolicy.org/pubs/NFOP\\_Feb09.pdf](http://www.migrationpolicy.org/pubs/NFOP_Feb09.pdf). Since completing his fellowship, Justin has begun a clerkship with the Honorable Mark Kravitz in the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut, to be followed by a clerkship with the Honorable Martha Berzon on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

### Another Liman Fellow, Jamie Dycus,



who had received a six-month extension of his fellowship to continue his work at the ACLU Racial Justice Program on school-to-prison pipeline issues, was the primary author of two significant policy reports, *Hard Lessons: School Resource Officer Programs and School-Based Arrests in Three Connecticut Towns* and *Missing the Mark: Alternative Schools in the State of Mississippi*, available at [www.aclu.org/racialjustice](http://www.aclu.org/racialjustice). Both reports have garnered major news coverage, including a supportive editorial in *The New York Times* (see <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/01/05/opinion/05mon3.html>), and have sparked legislative activity.

Jamie drafted a bill to require each school district in Mississippi to report annually on its efforts to satisfy the

requirements of state law governing alternative schools. A version was enacted by the state legislature in April 2009. As Dennis Parker, the Director of ACLU's Racial Justice Program, said, it would be "difficult to overstate how central Jamie's role was" in bringing about this change.

**Freedom was what David Menschel (Liman Fellow 2002–03)**, working as legal director of the Innocence Project of Florida, helped to bring to William Dillon and Jimmy Ates. Their release was obtained based on new evidence that neither committed the crimes for which they were convicted. Dillon had served 27 years for a 1981 murder in Brevard County on Florida's Space Coast. A reinvestigation revealed DNA that demonstrated Dillon's innocence as well as evidence of police corruption (see <http://floridainnocence.org/content/?p=424>). Ates, who had served 10 years in prison for a 1991 murder in the Florida Panhandle, had his conviction vacated on the basis of an F.B.I. admission that expert testimony it provided regarding a technique called Comparative Bullet Lead Analysis in fact had no scientific basis (see <http://floridainnocence.org/content/?p=430>).

**A student's graduation from a community college is one of the results of efforts by Amy Meselson (Liman Fellow 2002–03)**, a staff attorney in the Immigration Law Unit at the Legal Aid Society in New York City. Amy has recently succeeded, after three years, in obtaining lawful permanent residence for her client, Amadou Ly, a 21-year-old native of Senegal. Amadou's story made the front page of *The New York Times* in 2006, when his East Harlem high school robotics team unexpectedly won a spot in the national finals in Atlanta, but he could not board a plane because he lacked government identification and was the subject of removal proceedings ("Student's Prize Is a Trip Into Immigration Limbo," *The New York Times*, April 26, 2006). At age 14, Amadou had been abandoned



in New York. At age 16, he was placed in removal proceedings because he had overstayed his visitor visa. Because of Amy's efforts, at the beginning of 2009, Amadou became a lawful permanent resident based on a provision of the immigration law that permits abandoned or abused juveniles to legalize their status. On February 15, 2009, Nina Bernstein, the *New York Times* reporter who followed Amadou's story, published an article – "Facing Graduation, Not Deportation," (see <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/02/16/nyregion/16amadou.html>). On June 12, 2009, Amy attended Amadou's graduation from Kingsborough Community College.

Amy's work at Legal Aid now focuses on developing the Immigration Law Unit's appellate practice in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, as she joins others in aiming to increase the quality of pro bono representation for immigrants. Amy has organized training on the law of removal orders; a session, hosted by the

law firm of Simpson Thacher, included U.S. Circuit Court Judge Robert A. Katzmann (YLS '80), who had devoted his 2007 Orison S. Marden Lecture at the New York City Bar Association to the unmet legal needs of the immigrant poor. Lewis Liman (YLS '87) and Liman Director Sarah Russell (YLS '02) serve on a committee that Judge Katzmann organized about this problem, and they joined a conference at Fordham Law School, "Overcoming Barriers to Immigrant Representation," from which papers have been published. See Robert E. Juceum, Lewis Liman, Sarah Russell, and Jennifer Colyer, *Report of the Subcommittee on the Representation and Counseling Needs of the Immigrant Poor*, 78 Fordham L. Rev. 461 (2009).

**Marisol Orihuela (Liman Fellow 2008–09)** spent her fellowship year at the ACLU of Southern California. Marisol began interviewing detained immigrants

held in squalid conditions at a downtown Los Angeles basement and helped to document that detainees were not permitted to send mail, obtain pens and paper, or have access to a library. Marisol was part of a team that filed a lawsuit challenging these conditions as violating rights of access to courts. The suit was settled in September, providing detainees with access to attorneys and mail, and ensuring adequate living conditions. The *Los Angeles Times* quoted Marisol stating: "They are detaining people in inhuman conditions, grossly unsanitary and disgusting conditions . . . There are serious violations of due process." (see <http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-detention3-2009apr03,0,6866381.story>; see also <http://www.latimes.com/news/local/la-me-immig-jail17-2009sep17,0,4825535.story>). Following her Fellowship, Marisol began clerking for the Honorable Rosemary Barkett on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

## Liman in Washington

Last January at the Inauguration, Judith Resnik and Dennis Curtis convened a mini-Liman event for around 50 people at the home of Nan Aron, who is the President of the Alliance for Justice and has hosted several Liman Summer Fellows. Joined by Doug Liman, the group of lawyers from the government, private practice, and public interest organizations included past and current fellows, their significant others and children, as well as a number of others connected to Yale Law School.

DC-area Liman Fellows – Tianna Terry at Legal Aid of the District of Columbia and Justin Cox at CASA de Maryland – were joined by former Liman Fellows, including Eliza Leighton, who continues to work at CASA de Maryland, and Josh Civin, who, after clerking for Justice Ginsburg and working at Hogan and Hartson, has returned to the NAACP Legal Defense Fund where he did his Liman Fellowship. Josh was joined by his spouse Katherine Newberger, who works at the federal public defender's office in Baltimore.

Also attending was former Liman workshop student Monica Bell, who was volunteering with Tianna Terry at Legal Aid before beginning her clerkship with Federal District Judge Cameron McGowan Currie in South Carolina. Larry Schwartztol (Liman/NYU Fellow 2006–07), joined the group. Larry works at the ACLU National Security Project, and his spouse Daphna Renan, having completed her clerkship with Justice Ginsburg, is at the Department of Justice with David Ogden. Daphna's co-clerk Kate Andrias (YLS '04), is now based at Perkins Coie and was involved in the representation of Al Franken in the Minnesota Senate election recount.

At the party were several former Liman Fellows now working on the Hill. Serena Hoy is senior counsel to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid; she is responsible for matters within the jurisdiction of the Judiciary Committee, including staffing judicial nominations, immigration, Guantánamo and detainee policy, the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, crime,

and other constitutional and civil liberties and civil rights issues. Paige Herwig serves as counsel for Senator Amy Klobuchar, and handles Senator Klobuchar's work on the Judiciary Committee, the Crime and Drugs Subcommittee, and the Antitrust, Competition, and Consumer Rights Subcommittee. Lisa Powell serves as Staff Director of the Senate Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia; her focus includes strengthening protections for federal employee whistleblowers, reforming the federal hiring process, and revising REAL ID. Subcommittee staff also handles legislative matters, hearings, oversight, and nominations before the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee for Subcommittee Chairman Senator Daniel K. Akaka. Tom Jawetz has also recently joined the growing group of Limans on the Hill; Tom left the ACLU National Prison Project to become counsel to the House Judiciary Committee, where he is dedicated

to the Subcommittee on Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law, and manages numerous immigration-related issues for the Committee, including detention and removal, interior enforcement, and border issues.

The party also served more generally as a mini public service reunion for Yale Law School alums, including Anya McMurray (now working on judiciary committee matters for Senator Leahy), Andrei Greenawalt (working at the White House), and Lane Dilg (Counsel to Senator Dianne Feinstein, Senate Judiciary Committee).

In early October, Judith Resnik, Arthur Liman Professor of Law, argued in the Supreme Court on behalf of Respondent

Norman Carpenter in *Mohawk v. Carpenter*. The legal question raised was whether rulings by trial judges during discovery that the attorney-client privilege has been waived ought to be immediately appealable under the “*Cohen*” doctrine or whether, as in other discovery issues, such appeals have to await a litigation’s end. Joining in arguing against such mid-stream appeals was the Solicitor General of the United States as well as a group of amici law professors and retired judges, who were represented by Stephen Vladeck (YLS ’04), from American University’s Law School and Charles Sims (YLS ’76), at Proskauer Rose LLP, who also argued a copyright jurisdiction/settlement case the same week at the Supreme Court.

The Chamber of Commerce, Defense Resources, Inc., and the American Bar Association took the opposite view.

Professor Resnik took her “small group” of Procedure students as well as many members of the Liman Student Board down to watch. The students not only had the occasion to listen to the argument but also to meet the client, Norman Carpenter, who had worked at Mohawk Industries but was fired after he reported to Human Resources that the company employed undocumented workers and the company’s law firm interviewed Mr. Carpenter. Unbeknownst to Carpenter, the company was defending a proposed RICO class action regarding the hiring of undocumented workers.

## Liman Public Interest Workshops

The Liman Program convenes weekly workshops each semester. The topic for the spring of 2009 was *The Horizons of Clinical Education: Practicing the Theory of Social Change*, co-sponsored by the Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization and related to the 2009 Colloquium. Conveners included Hope Metcalf, Director of the National Litigation Project at Yale Law School, clinical professor Dennis Curtis, Sarah Russell, and Judith Resnik.

Participants explored the coherence of the category “clinical,” ethical questions confronting human rights clinics, the relationship between clinics and the communities in which they are situated, questions of academic freedom to pursue various kinds of representation, and the future status of clinics at Yale and around the country. Guests included Yale Clinical Professors Muneer Ahmad, Brett Dignam, Francis X. Dineen, Jean Koh Peters, Robert Solomon, and Stephen Wizner; Yale Clinical Lecturers Robin S. Golden and Christopher Lasch; Yale Clinical Fellows Elizabeth Brundige and Scott Shuchart; Paul Wright (Prison Legal News); and Deborah

Marcuse (Liman Fellow 2008–09, New Haven City Hall). The student co-conveners were Rebecca Engel ’09, Sarah Mehta ’09, Margot Mendelson ’09, and Lindsay Nash ’10.

During the Fall 2009 semester, the Liman Workshop, *Imprisoned*, has taken up an issue closely identified with Arthur

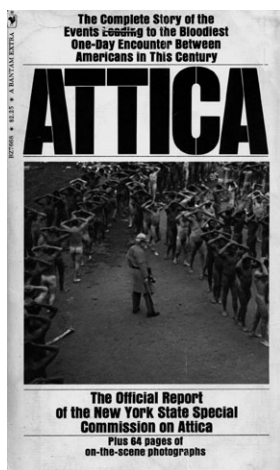
Liman, who was the author of *The Official Report of the New York State Special Commission on Attica* (a best-selling paperback upon its release in 1972). Excerpts from that book, as well as Liman’s discussion of Attica in his book, *Lawyer: A Life of Counsel and Controversy*, are readings for the course.

Weekly sessions address the processes and effects of incarceration, the

demographics of imprisonment, including the disparate impact by race, gender, age, nationality, and ethnicity, as well as the law on prison conditions. Participants consider the increasing reliance on isolation and “supermax” facilities; prison overcrowding litigation in California; mental health treatment in prison; supervision in prison of inmates by guards of the opposite sex; the impact of imprisonment policies on communities; and the alternative modes

of response to concerns about safety and welfare. The workshop also looks comparatively at the practices of other countries and explores international human rights law regarding prison conditions. Guests include Brett Dignam (Yale Law School), Paul Wright (Prison Legal News), Sara Norman (Prison Law Office), Tracey Meares (Yale Law School), Jeffrey Fagan (Visiting Professor, Yale Law School; Columbia), Jim Silk (Yale Law School), Howard Zonana (Yale Psychiatry), and Liman Fellow Sonia Kumar (ACLU of Maryland). This workshop is intertwined with the Thirteenth Annual Liman Colloquium, to be held March 4–5.

Joining the student board of the Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization and members of the Yale faculty, the Liman Program is also a co-sponsor of a four part series entitled “Immigration Theory and Practice Workshops.” Sessions and conveners include Addressing Undocumented Immigration (Jean Koh Peters and Peter Schuck); Migration, Gender, and Nationality (Judith Resnik and Patrick Weil); Immigration and Adjudication (Lucas Guttentag and Michael Wishnie); and Global Justice and Development (Muneer Ahmad and Cristina Rodriguez).





## Liman Program Grants Extensions for Two Fellows

Through matching grants from the host organizations, two of the 2008-09 Liman Law Fellows have received extensions. Zahra Hayat continues for an additional year at the National Center for Youth Law in Oakland, CA. Tianna Terry has a second year at the Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia. The Liman Program is grateful for funds from many sources that have made extensions of fellowships possible. The second year for each of these two Liman Fellows is supported in part by the Vital Projects Fund; that Fund's regular contributions to the Liman Program are greatly appreciated.

*"Elise was placed in foster care at the age of 13, after being raped in her home by a man her mother knew. Just days later, Elise had to testify in her mother's presence about the rape and her mother's prostitution and drug addiction. The most resilient adult would struggle to cope with such trauma. Yet, Elise was unable to get any therapy or counseling for several months. Why? Because she was placed in a foster home outside the county where she lived."* (see [www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2009/09/28/ED6G19TVA9](http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2009/09/28/ED6G19TVA9). DTL#ixzzoTaAlb6JL).



From Left: Tianna Terry and Zahra Hayat.

### Zahra Hayat: Out-of-County Placement for Foster Children: Retrieving their Mental Health Benefits

The quote above is the opening paragraph of a September 2009 op-ed in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, "Foster youths need access to mental health care," co-authored by Liman Fellow Zahra Hayat and Patrick Gardner, Deputy Director at the National Center for Youth Law (NCYL).

California has organized its mental health benefits by county; when a child in foster care moves from one of California's 58 counties to another, benefits do not follow. But through a combination of policy and legislative advocacy, grassroots organizing, and media outreach, Zahra hopes that the situation will change. She has been working on the implementation of SB 785, a statute that partially addresses the problem of out-of-county mental health access by ensuring that

out-of-county foster youth who have been adopted or placed in guardianships with relatives – but not those currently in foster care – are provided mental health services in the county where they are living. However, since all foster children are entitled to mental health services regardless of which county they live in, Zahra has argued that the provisions of SB 785 should be expanded to apply to children currently in foster care.

With the help of advocates and stakeholders, Zahra and Patrick have helped to place the issue of out-of-county mental health access on the agenda of the California Child Welfare Council. They are now working with the Council's Child Development and Successful Youth Transitions Committee to draft a legislative revision that would require that all out-of-county foster youth be given equal access to mental health services as in-county youth. The county

where the child is living will be responsible for providing services, while the county of origin will be responsible for authorizing services in an expedited manner.

### Tianna Terry: Reforming DC's Child Support System: Outreach, Training, and Legislation

Tianna Terry's fellowship project has focused on reform of the DC child support system. Through her experience representing individual parents in child support cases, she identified structural problems with the child support system and worked with other advocates to develop solutions.

Tianna successfully lobbied the District government to enforce a provision of local child support law that ensures that low-income obligors are left with sufficient income to live at a subsistence level after paying child support. Tianna also drafted legislation to suspend a child support order automatically when the obligor is incarcerated and unable to pay. In addition, Tianna trained social workers, lawyers, and parents about how to navigate the child support system.

For the remainder of the fellowship, Tianna will expand representation and outreach efforts for parents who live in the Southeast quadrant of the District, the city's most underserved area. Tianna will also help develop and implement policies and procedures to reduce the wait times in the Paternity & Support Branch of DC Superior Court and ensure that litigants are informed of their rights.

## Introducing the 2009–2010 Liman Law Fellows

The Arthur Liman Public Interest Program is delighted to announce the ten recipients of Liman Fellowships for 2009–2010. The Fellows are spending a post-graduate year responding to problems of inequality and improving access to justice.



Some of the 2009–10 Fellows (From Left: Kirill Penteshin, Rebecca Engel, Margot Mendelson, Vasudha Talla, Kathy Hunt Muse, Benjamin Plener).

**Alicia Bannon** is a 2007 graduate of Yale Law School, who graduated *summa cum laude* from Harvard College in 2001 with an A.B. in Social Studies. Before coming to law school, Alicia worked in Kenya at ICS Africa, an NGO specializing in education and health issues and as a research assistant at the Center for Global Development in Washington D.C. Following graduation from law school, Alicia clerked for the Honorable Kimba M. Wood in the Southern District of New York and for the Honorable Sonia Sotomayor in the Second Circuit.

For her fellowship year, Alicia is working at the Brennan Center for Justice in New York. Her focus is on state policies that impose burdensome financial penalties on indigent criminal defendants as a revenue-generating device. Some states now charge indigent defendants for some of the costs associated with their arrest, their prosecution, their public defenders, and their supervision on probation or parole. Alicia joins in reform efforts targeted at New York and Florida.

**Josh Berman** is a 2007 graduate of Yale Law School and clerked for the Honorable

M. Blane Michael on the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. Josh holds a Master's degree in Environmental Science from the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, and he graduated *summa cum laude* with a B.A. in mathematics from Yale College.

For his Liman fellowship project, Josh is working with the Natural Resources Defense Council in Chicago on litigation to curb greenhouse gas emissions from coal-fired power plants. The goals are to ensure that permits for newly proposed coal-fired power plants in the Midwest fully comply with the requirements of the Clean Air Act and set limits on the plants' carbon dioxide emissions.

**Rebecca Engel** graduated from Yale Law School in 2009 and graduated *summa cum laude* from Pomona College in 2000. She is a Ph.D. candidate in American Religious History at Princeton University, where she received her M.A. in 2006. Before law school, Rebecca worked as a civil rights researcher, a journalist, and a union organizer.

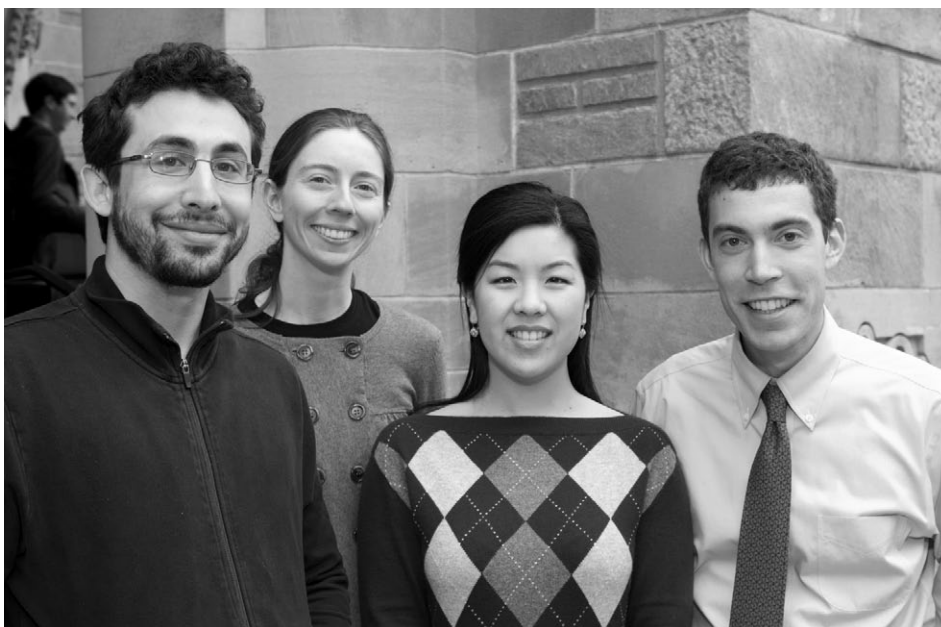
During her fellowship year, Rebecca is working at the Bronx Defenders, where she is providing direct representation

to adolescents suffering the civil consequences of being charged as adults in criminal proceedings. These consequences include loss of housing, suspension or expulsion from school, and loss of benefits or employment. Rebecca will also work on community education and targeted litigation to address the school-to-prison pipeline that results from the excessive police presence in the New York City public schools.

**Jean C. Han** is a 2006 graduate of Yale Law School and holds a B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Harvard College. Last year, she was the Albert M. Sacks Clinical Teaching and Advocacy Fellow for the Immigration and Refugee Clinic at Harvard Law School.

Jean is spending her Liman Fellowship year working with Ayuda, a legal services provider for foreign-born residents of the Washington, D.C. area. At Ayuda, she is providing comprehensive legal services to immigrant victims of gang violence and human trafficking as they seek the protection of the United States government. In cooperation with immigration attorneys and advocates, she is also seeking to develop legal theories





Some of the 2009–10 Fellows (From Left: Benjamin Plener, Alicia Bannon, Jean Han, Josh Berman).

that will allow immigrants subjected to persecution by gangs in their native countries to obtain asylum relief under federal law.

**Kathy Hunt Muse** is a 2009 Yale Law School graduate and graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Pennsylvania in 2005. As a Liman fellow, Kathy is working with the New York Civil Liberties Union. Her focus is on children with special needs and how New York City's disciplinary regime limits their access to classrooms. Related work will address the relationship between special needs students and police presence in schools. Before law school, Kathy worked on improving the HIV testing program in New York City's jails as an Urban Fellow in the Department of Health.

**Sonia Kumar** graduated from Yale Law School in 2008 and clerked for the Honorable Myron H. Thompson in the District Court for the Middle District of Alabama. Prior to law school, Sonia worked in the legal program at the ACLU of Maryland. She graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Maryland Honors Program in 2001 and holds a degree in journalism.

With her fellowship, Sonia has

returned to the ACLU of Maryland and is working to reduce gender disparities in services available for girls involved in the juvenile justice system. Her goals are to improve conditions of confinement and increase the use of alternatives to incarceration. Sonia is working to encourage the state to provide services that holistically address the needs of girls involved in the juvenile justice system.

**Margot Mendelson** graduated from Yale Law School in 2009, and graduated *magna cum laude* with highest honors from Harvard College in 2003. Before law school, she was a community organizer in northern Guatemala, and then a legal assistant for defense against deportation cases in San Francisco. As a Liman Fellow, Margot is working with the University of Arizona in Tucson and the Migration Policy Institute in Washington, D.C. to analyze the implications of mandatory electronic employment verification systems (E-Verify) for immigrants and low-income workers.

E-Verify is a federal government database intended to enable employers to verify employees' work eligibility based on immigration status. Margot is seeking to address the impact of the program, which is increasingly implemented on

a mandatory basis. The concern is that E-Verify is being misused as a tool for racial profiling and limiting collective organizing.

**Kirill Penteshin** is a 2009 Yale Law School graduate, who graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Maryland in 2006. With his Liman Fellowship year, Kirill is working at UNITE HERE Local 11 in Los Angeles, California, where he is assisting the union in organizing low-income hotel employees, who are part of a workforce largely composed of immigrant women. Kirill's project seeks to improve wages and workplace standards by helping employees achieve voice, representation, and bargaining rights at Los Angeles hotels.

**Benjamin Plener** graduated from Yale Law School in 2009, and with High Distinction in 2004 from the University of Toronto. He studied International Development as a Commonwealth Scholar at the London School of Economics.

As a Liman Fellow, Benjamin is working with the Special Litigation Department at the Orleans Public Defenders and has joined a group of public defenders and stakeholders seeking to reform New Orleans' system for the pretrial detention of indigent criminal defendants. Currently, poor individuals are often subjected to prolonged pretrial detention based on little evidence and cannot afford the cash bonds set by local magistrates.

**Vasudha Talla** graduated from Yale Law School in 2009 and from New York University, *magna cum laude*, in 2004. As a Liman Fellow, she is working with Sanctuary for Families in New York to assist detained immigrant women to obtain forms of legal relief under federal provisions specifically intended for victims of gender-based violence. Vasudha is representing detained immigrants in their removal proceedings, drafting materials for use by pro se immigrants and other lawyers, and providing technical assistance to other attorneys.

## 2009 Liman Summer Fellows

In conjunction with other schools, the Liman Program helps support students at Barnard, Brown, Harvard, Princeton, Spelman, and Yale to spend a summer working at a public interest law program. Summer Fellows have worked on a range of issues such as children's rights, immigrants' rights, drug policies, indigent criminal defense, and the death penalty. The Summer Fellowships are funded in part by the generous support of Arthur Liman's son, filmmaker Doug Liman, and the Liman Family Foundation. Some of the 2009 Fellows are shown below.



**Barnard Summer Fellows** (From Left: Ruchi Shah, Advisor Christina Kuan Tsu, Keely Faulkner, Chelsea Zimmerman).

### Barnard College

Keely Faulkner '10, *World Childhood Foundation, New York*

Ruchi Shah '10, *Children's Rights, Inc., New York*  
Chelsea Zimmerman '10, *Juvenile Rights Project, Legal Aid Society, Bronx, NY*

Faculty advisor: Christina Kuan Tsu, Associate Dean of Studies



**Some of the Princeton Summer Fellows** (From Left: Karen Levy, Advisor Leslie Gerwin, Kelly Lack, David Christie, Marian Messing, Sarah Islam, Veneka Chagwedera).

### Princeton University

Veneka Chagwedera '09, *The Rockefeller Foundation, New York, NY*

David Christie '10, *New York County Defender Services, New York, NY*

Sarah Islam, *Master of Arts Candidate, Near Eastern Studies, Karamah, Washington, DC*

Kelly Lack '10, *Danish Institute of Human Rights, Copenhagen, Denmark*

Karen Levy, *PhD Candidate, Sociology, Project for Public Spaces, New York, NY*

Marian Messing '11, *Human Rights Watch, Terrorism & Counterterrorism Program, New York, NY*

Vanessa Rodriguez '09, *Rio Grande Legal Aid, San Antonio, TX*

Faculty advisors: Kim Lane Scheppele, Director, Program in Law and Public Affairs, Rockefeller Professor of Public Affairs and Human Values, Woodrow Wilson School; Leslie E. Gerwin, Assistant Director, Program in Law and Public Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School



**Some of the Brown Summer Fellows** (From Left: Camilla Hawthorne, Emma Clippinger, Advisor Alan Flam, Hannah Creek Olson).

### Brown University

Kara Aplan, *International Center for Transitional Justice's Reparations Unit, New York, NY*

Emma Clippinger '09, *Rhode Island Office of Minority Health, Providence, RI*

Camilla Hawthorne '09, *International Institute, Providence, RI*

Britt Harwood '09, *Vera Institute of Justice, New York, NY*

Hannah Creek Olson '10, *U.S. Project for Immigration Rights, Columbia Law School Human Rights Clinic, New York, NY*

Faculty advisor: Alan Flam, Senior Fellow, Swearer Center for Public Service



**Spelman Summer Fellows** (From Left: Ariel Eckblad, Advisor Dennis Lindsay, Ishaah Murphy, Ginene Lewis).

### Spelman College

Ishaah A. Murphy '09, *Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, Washington, DC*

Ginene Lewis '09, *Defender Association, Philadelphia, PA*

Ariel Eckblad '10, *Bluhm Legal Clinic, Chicago, IL*

Faculty advisors: Dr. Desiree Pedescleaux, Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Associate Professor of Political Science; Stacey Abrams, Deputy City Attorney, City of Atlanta; Kianga Ellis, President, Avail Art, L.L.C.; Dennis Lindsay, Career Counselor, Office of Career Planning & Development



**Harvard Summer Fellows** (From Left, Front Row: Jessica Frisina, Irina Vaynerman, Tamar Holoshitz; Back Row: Aaron Frazier, Michael Qian).

### Harvard College

Aaron Frazier '10, *Monroe County, NY District Attorney's Office, Rochester, NY*

Jessica Frisina '10, *Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Washington, DC*

Tamar Holoshitz '10, *Sanctuary for Families, New York, NY*

Michael Qian '11, *ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project, San Francisco, CA*

Irina Vaynerman '10, *Federal District Court, Minneapolis, MN*

Faculty advisor: Amanda Sonis Glynn, Director, Harvard Public Service Network and Coordinator, Center for Public Interest Careers (CPIC) at Harvard



**Yale Summer Fellows** (From Left: Administrative Assistant Lucinda Currell, Liman Director Sarah Russell, Stephany Reeves, Matthew Delgado, Sarah Nutman, Adam Markovitz).

### Yale College

Mathew Delgado '09, *Public Counsel, Los Angeles, CA*  
Adam Markovitz '09, *Southern Center for Human Rights, Atlanta, GA*

Shoshana Ilaich '10, *Public Interest Law Institute, New York, NY*

Stephany Reeves '10, *Community Services Administration, Office of the Mayor, City of New Haven, CT*

Sarah Nutman '11, *Federal Trade Commission's Division of Financial Practices, Washington, DC*

Lauren Ross '11, *Sanctuary for Families, New York, NY*  
Eleanor Wertman '11, *Legal Aid and Social Services Divisions, Bread for the City, Washington, DC*

Faculty advisor: Richard Schottenfeld, Master of Davenport College, Professor of Psychiatry, Yale Medical School



## The Liman Program: Transitions to Come

This coming summer, the Liman Program will welcome a new Director, Hope Metcalf, a graduate of Yale College and of New York University School of Law. Hope is currently the Project Director of Yale's National Litigation Project of the Allard K. Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic. That program was founded by Harold Hongju Koh in 2002 to respond to infringements on civil liberties and human rights arising out of U.S. counterterrorism policy.



Hope Metcalf

Since joining in 2005, Hope has worked with dozens of students on challenges to 9/11 detention and interrogation practices. She is co-counsel in several actions seeking damages for torture survivors, and has co-authored numerous amicus briefs on access to courts and remedies in cases before the United States Supreme Court, including *Boumediene v. Bush* and *Munaf v. Geren*.

Before returning to Yale, Hope was a law clerk for the Honorable Virginia Long of the New Jersey Supreme Court, and a lawyer in private practice at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP in New York and at Wiggin & Dana LLP in New Haven. While at these firms, she concentrated on criminal defense and maintained a strong pro bono docket, including providing representation to undocumented workers, asylum seekers,

and low-income persons in need of health care.

Sarah Russell has been the Director of the Liman Program since 2007. Since that time, the Liman Program has expanded support for Summer and Law Fellows, and has offered fellowship extensions to several Law Fellows for the first time. As

Director, Sarah began the

Liman Project, which provides students with the opportunity to work on research and advocacy projects with Liman Fellows. Sarah has co-taught weekly Liman Workshops on detention, prisons, and federalism and public interest advocacy. She coordinated the past two annual Liman Colloquia – which focused on clinical education and public interest advocacy at the state and local level – and is co-editing publications relating to those conferences.

At the Law School, Sarah has also co-taught clinical courses including Complex Federal Litigation, Prison Legal Services, the Criminal Defense Project, and the Supreme Court Advocacy Clinic. Beginning next summer, Sarah will focus on writing and teaching. Her article, *Rethinking Recidivist Enhancements: The Role of Prior Drug Convictions in Federal Sentencing*, will be published by the *UC Davis Law Review* this spring.

## Expanding Yale's Support for Public Interest: New Public Interest Fellowships

In April 2009, under the leadership of Dean Harold Koh, Yale Law School announced that it had awarded more than thirty public interest fellowships to its graduates for the 2009-10 academic year. These fellowships represent a substantial increase over prior years – made possible through Yale's new YLS Public Interest Fellowship Program, expansion of the existing fellowship programs, and additional fundraising efforts at the Law School. The YLS Public Interest Fellowship Program complements the

Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship, the Robert L. Bernstein Fellowships in International Human Rights, the Heyman Federal Public Service Fellowship Program, and the new Robina Foundation Human Rights Fellowship Initiative. Recipients, detailed both by the name of the fellowship and their host organization as well as by substantive practice areas, are listed on the following pages, as are the 2009 graduates who received public interest fellowships from sources other than Yale Law School.

## Liman Program Welcomes Kim Scheppele to Yale Law School



The Liman Program is delighted to welcome **Kim Scheppele**, who this year is visiting Yale Law School as the George W. Crawford Visiting Professor of Law and Robina Foundation Senior Fellow at Yale Law School. Professor Scheppele joins us from Princeton University where she serves as an advisor to the Liman Summer Fellowship Program, Director of the Program in Law and Public Affairs, and the Laurence S. Rockefeller Professor of Public Affairs in the Woodrow Wilson School. A graduate of the University of Chicago and Barnard College, Professor Scheppele focuses her research and teaching on comparative constitutional law.

At Yale Law School, she teaches Evidence and a seminar, Terrorism: Comparative Law and Human Rights. She is also writing a book on the international anti-terrorism campaign, studying law and social policy in Russia and exploring the role of the far right in the constitutional culture of Hungary.

## Recipients of Yale Fellowships

### Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowships

Alicia Bannon '07 – *Brennan Center for Justice, New York, NY*  
 Josh Berman '07 – *Natural Resources Defense Council, Chicago, IL*  
 Rebecca Engel '09 – *The Bronx Defenders, Bronx, NY*  
 Jean Han '06 – *Ayuda, Inc., Washington, DC*  
 Kathy Hunt '09 – *New York Civil Liberties Union, New York, NY*  
 Sonia Kumar '08 – *ACLU of Maryland, Baltimore, MD*  
 Margot Mendelson '09 – *University of Arizona School of Law, Tucson, AZ;*  
*Migration Policy Institute, Washington, DC*  
 Kirill Penteshin '09 – *UNITE HERE Local 11, Los Angeles, CA*  
 Benjamin Plener '09 – *Orleans Public Defenders, New Orleans, LA*  
 Vasudha Talla '09 – *Sanctuary for Families, New York, NY*

### Heyman Federal Public Service Fellowships

Kumar Garg '08 – *White House Office of Science & Technology Policy,*  
*Department of Education, Washington, DC*  
 Jessica Gordon '09 – *Senior Counsel for Climate Legislation, Environmental*  
*Protection Agency, Washington, DC*  
 Stephanie Hays '09 – *Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development,*  
*Assistance & Training, Department of Justice, Washington, DC*  
 Abbas Ravjani '09 – *House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,*  
*U.S. Representative Silvestre Reyes, Washington, DC*

### YLS Public Interest Fellowship Program

Emma Alpert '09 – *Brooklyn Family Defense Project, Brooklyn, NY*  
 Prithika Balakrishnan '09 – *Office of the Public Defender, San Francisco, CA*  
 Manav Bhatnagar '09 – *Senator Russell D. Feingold, Washington, DC*  
 Elbridge Colby '09 – *Nuclear Posture Review, Department of Defense,*  
*Washington, DC*  
 John Mangin '08 – *The Center for Urban Pedagogy, Brooklyn, NY*  
 Patricia Moon '09 – *The Bronx Defenders, Bronx, NY*  
 Robin Rotman '09 – *Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Jefferson City, MO*  
 Kristen Eichensehr '08 – *State Department, Washington DC*

### Robert L. Bernstein Fellowships in International Human Rights

Emily Tendayi Achiume '08 – *Lawyers for Human Rights, Johannesburg,*  
*South Africa*  
 Stratos Pahiis '09 – *International Commission of Jurists, Geneva, Switzerland*  
 Katherine Wiltenburg Todrys '07 – *Human Rights Watch, London,*  
*United Kingdom*

### Robina Foundation Fellowships

Sam Ferguson '09 – *Independent research on prosecuting the crimes of*  
*Argentina's "Dirty War"*  
 Brittan Heller '09 – *International Criminal Court, The Hague*  
 Matiangai Sirleaf '08 – *Constitutional Court of South Africa*

### San Francisco Affirmative Litigation Project Fellowship

Jill Habig '09 – *Yale Law School, New Haven, CT*

### Supreme Court Clinic Fellow

Scott Shuchart '03 – *Yale Law School, New Haven, CT*

### YLS Fellowship at the Permanent Court of Arbitration

Garth Schofield '09 – *Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague*

### YLS International Court of Justice Internship/Clerkship

Andreas Th. Müller LLM '09 – *International Court of Justice, The Hague*

## Recipients of YLS Fellowships by Practice Area

### Civil Rights / Human Rights

Emily Tendayi Achiume – *advocacy and legal aid work for Zimbabwean*  
*refugees in S. Africa*  
 Emma Alpert – *family and housing rights of parents in child welfare cases*  
 Prithika Balakrishnan – *immigration consequences of criminal convictions*  
 Alicia Bannon – *financial penalties for indigent criminal defendants*  
 Sam Ferguson – *crimes by military dictatorship during Argentina's "Dirty War"*  
 Jill Habig – *civil law enforcement actions in San Francisco*  
 Stephanie Hays – *strengthening criminal justice systems internationally*  
 Brittan Heller – *prosecution of genocide, war crimes, and crimes against*  
*humanity*  
 Kathy Hunt – *children with special needs and discipline in schools*  
 Sonia Kuma – *treatment of girls in the criminal justice system*  
 Margot Mendelson – *low-income and immigrant workers and impact of*  
*E-Verify*  
 Benjamin Plener – *pretrial detention practices in New Orleans*  
 Abbas Ravjani – *intelligence community oversight, U.S. House of*  
*Representatives*  
 Scott Shuchart – *U.S. Supreme Court litigation*  
 Matiangai Sirleaf – *Constitutional Court of South Africa*  
 Katherine Wiltenburg – *advocacy on disease transmission and treatment*  
*in African prisons*

### Counterterrorism

Manav Bhatnagar – *Near East and South Asia foreign policy,*  
*counterterrorism strategies*  
 Elbridge Colby – *Nuclear Posture Review, Department of Defense*  
 Abbas Ravjani – *intelligence community oversight, U.S. House of*  
*Representatives*

### Criminal Law

Prithika Balakrishnan – *immigration consequences of criminal convictions*  
 Alicia Bannon – *financial penalties for indigent criminal defendants*  
 Rebecca Engel – *education consequences for juveniles in criminal justice*  
*system*  
 Sam Ferguson – *crimes by military dictatorship during Argentina's*  
*"Dirty War"*  
 Stephanie Hays – *strengthening criminal justice systems internationally*  
 Brittan Heller – *prosecution of genocide, war crimes, and crimes against*  
*humanity*  
 Sonia Kumar – *treatment of girls in the criminal justice system*  
 Patricia Moon – *Family and Criminal Court Integration Project*  
 Benjamin Plener – *pretrial detention practices in New Orleans*

### Education

Rebecca Engel – *education consequences for juveniles in criminal justice*  
*system*  
 Kumar Garg – *educational technology reform*  
 Jill Habig – *civil law enforcement actions, San Francisco City Attorney's Office*  
 Kathy Hunt – *children with special needs and discipline in schools*



### Environmental Law

Josh Berman – *challenging the permitting of coal-fired power plants*  
 Jessica Gordon – *climate legislation and cap-and-trade programs, EPA*  
 Jill Habig – *civil law enforcement actions, San Francisco City Attorney's Office*  
 Robin Rotman – *"green jobs" creation; energy and water-use efficiency*

### Family Law

Emma Alpert – *family and housing rights of parents in child welfare cases*  
 Patricia Moon – *Family and Criminal Court Integration Project*

### Government – Federal

Manav Bhatnagar – *Near East & South Asia foreign policy, counterterrorism strategies; Senator Russ Feingold*  
 Elbridge Colby – *Nuclear Posture Review, Department of Defense*  
 Kumar Garg – *educational technology reform, White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and Department of Education*  
 Jessica Gordon – *climate legislation and cap-and-trade programs, EPA*  
 Stephanie Hays – *strengthening criminal justice systems internationally, DOJ*  
 Abbas Ravjani – *intelligence community oversight, Representative Silvestre Reyes*

### Government – State and Local

Prithika Balakrishnan – *immigration consequences of criminal convictions, San Francisco Public Defender*  
 Jill Habig – *civil law enforcement actions, San Francisco City Attorney's Office*  
 Benjamin Plener – *pretrial detention practices, Orleans Public Defenders*  
 Robin Rotman – *"green jobs" creation; energy and water-use efficiency, Missouri Department of Natural Resources*

### Health Law

Jill Habig – *civil law enforcement actions, San Francisco City Attorney's Office*  
 Katherine Wiltenburg – *advocacy on disease transmission and treatment in African prisons*

### Housing Law

Emma Alpert – *family and housing rights of parents in child welfare cases*  
 John Mangin – *community education about development, housing, labor regulations*

### Immigrant & Refugee Issues

Emily Tendayi Achiume – *advocacy and legal aid work for Zimbabwean refugees in S. Africa*  
 Prithika Balakrishnan – *immigration consequences of criminal convictions*  
 Jean Han – *immigrant victims of gang violence*  
 Margot Mendelson – *low-income and immigrant workers and impact of E-Verify*  
 Vasudha Talla – *gender-based immigration claims for detained women*

### International Law

Emily Tendayi Achiume – *advocacy and legal aid work for Zimbabwean refugees in S. Africa*  
 Manav Bhatnagar – *Near East and South Asia foreign policy, counterterrorism strategies*  
 Elbridge Colby – *Nuclear Posture Review, Department of Defense*  
 Sam Ferguson – *crimes by military dictatorship during Argentina's "Dirty War"*  
 Stephanie Hays – *strengthening criminal justice systems internationally*  
 Brittan Heller – *prosecution of genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity*

Andreas Th. Müller – *International Court of Justice*  
 Stratos Pahi – *Business, Human Rights and Accountability Project, International Commission of Jurists*  
 Garth Schofield – *Permanent Court of Arbitration*  
 Matiangai Sirleaf – *Constitutional Court of South Africa*  
 Katherine Wiltenburg – *advocacy on disease transmission and treatment in African prisons*

### International Judicial Clerkships & Prosecutorial Internships

Brittan Heller – *Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court*  
 Andreas Th. Müller – *International Court of Justice*  
 Garth Schofield – *Permanent Court of Arbitration*  
 Matiangai Sirleaf – *Constitutional Court of South Africa*

### Women's Rights

Emma Alpert – *family and housing rights of parents in child welfare cases*  
 Jill Habig – *civil law enforcement actions, San Francisco City Attorney's Office*  
 Brittan Heller – *prosecution of genocide, war crimes, and crimes against humanity*  
 Kirill Penteshin – *organizing low-income hotel workers*  
 Vasudha Talla – *gender-based immigration claims for detained women*

### Worker's Rights/Organizing

Jill Habig – *civil law enforcement actions, San Francisco City Attorney's Office*  
 John Mangin – *community education about development, housing, labor regulations*  
 Margot Mendelson – *low-income and immigrant workers and impact of E-Verify*  
 Kirill Penteshin – *organizing low-income hotel workers*

## Fellowships Sponsored By Other Institutions

#### Aryeh Neier Fellowship

Sarah Mehta '09 – *Human Rights Watch & ACLU Foundation, New York, NY*

#### Equal Justice Works Fellowship

Diana Reiter '09 – *South Brooklyn Legal Services, Brooklyn, NY*

#### Equal Justice Works / Bruce Ennis Foundation Fellowship for First Amendment Law

Emma Llanos '09 – *Center for Democracy & Technology, Washington, DC*

#### Henry Luce Foundation Luce Scholars Program

Nathaniel Gleicher '09  
 Brittan Heller '09

#### Mississippi Youth Justice Project Fellowship

Poonam Juneja '09 – *Southern Poverty Law Center, Jackson, MS*

#### Skadden Fellowships

Sameer Ahmed '09 – *Asian-American Legal Defense & Education Fund, New York, NY*  
 Ilana Gelfman '09 – *Greater Boston Legal Services, Boston, MA*

#### Thomas Emerson Fellowship

Neil Weare '08 – *David Rosen & Associates, New Haven, CT*

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