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## Message from the Center for Social Justice and Public Service

The 2010–11 Center for Social Justice and Public Service Annual Report provides an opportunity to celebrate accomplishments and to thank faculty, staff, students, alumni, and all involved with the Center's work. We hope you will see the results of your support reflected throughout the report.

The Center provides a locus for public interest and social justice study and service within the law school. Santa Clara Law has designated this field as an area of specialization and excellence. The entire law school community is committed to providing each student with a legal education that instills commitment to social justice, public service, and pro bono work. The Center's rich academic and extracurricular offerings allow Santa Clara students to serve community needs for social justice while studying law.

This report describes the past year's activities, including faculty scholarship, teaching, and service; social justice initiatives, events, lectures, and conferences; clinical programs; the Public Interest and Social Justice Law Certificate and continuing legal education; Public Interest Law Career Services and the Pro Bono Recognition Program; the student Public Interest and Social Justice Coalition; and fundraising to support our students and alums. This year also featured the introduction of a Pro Bono Placement Project, the upcoming Marshall–Brennan Leadership Development Course and Constitutional Literacy Project, and the undergraduate social justice pathway in the core curriculum, along with an undergraduate law and social justice course.

We are grateful for our many supporters. The Center's work could not be accomplished without the fundraising efforts of the Public Interest and Social Justice Law Board, which awarded 19 student summer grants and two income supplement grants for alumni. The Stevens Fellowships, LGBT Summer Grants, Santa Cruz County Social Justice Grant, and the Harry and Jean Gluck Fellowship awarded seven grants to students this year. Generous donations from alumni and individuals supported student summer work and helped make the Center's extracurricular programming possible.

Thanks also to the Public Interest and Social Justice Alumni Leadership Council, the Student Public Interest and Social Justice Coalition, and the student-led Public Interest Law Career Services. Special thanks go to the Center's advisory board: Angelo Ancheta, Margalynne Armstrong, Pat Cain, Vicki Huebner, Carolyn Kim, Ellen Kreitzberg, Sandee Magliozzi, Jennifer McAllister, Sarah Mercer, Cynthia Mertens, Deborah Moss-West, Jean Love, Michelle Oberman, Kathleen (Cookie) Ridolfi, Lynette Parker, Stephanie Wildman, Eric Wright, and Nancy Wright. Thanks, too, to research librarian Ellen Platt, research assistant Fanny Chu '12, and SCU undergraduate research assistant Emily Rooke-Ley '14. And very special thanks go to the Center's graduate fellows, Nina Gurikar '10 and Shadie Parivar '10.

Each academic year ends with the Public Interest and Social Justice Law Celebration and Graduation Ceremony. The event honors those who study and work in public interest and social justice law and underlines the collective effort of the Santa Clara Law community. Thank you to everyone who has been involved. Your ongoing contribution means a lot to the Center and has a far-reaching impact for social justice.



Stephanie M. Wildman, Margalynne Armstrong, Sandra Vega, and Deborah Moss-West work together to run the Center.

## Center for Social Justice and Public Service

During the past year, the Center for Social Justice and Public Service continued its mission of promoting and enabling a commitment to social justice through law. The Center emphasizes the use of law to improve the lives of marginalized, subordinated, or underrepresented clients and causes.

This report describes the 2010–11 academic year activities of the Center’s social justice and public interest law program. Community-building events increase the visibility of the social justice faculty and facilitate informal connections within the social justice community. The Center’s role includes:

- Facilitating and promoting the social justice research, teaching, and service of faculty.
- Sponsoring extracurricular events for the SCU community to enhance awareness and advance education about social justice issues.
- Promoting student social justice education and service opportunities.
- Supporting clinical education.
- Reviewing and administering the Public Interest and Social Justice Law Certificate Program.
- Promoting the next generation of social justice practitioners through the educational pipeline that leads to law school.



## FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION

### Scholarship, Teaching, and Service

The scholarship, teaching, and service of the law school faculty provide the Center's core intellectual leadership and the example of public service. Here is a sample of the many contributions made by Center faculty and administrators in the past academic year:

**ANGELO ANCHETA** continues to work on constitutional and civil rights law and directs the law school's civil clinical program at the Katharine and George Alexander Community Law Center (KGACLC). He continues to work with national, state, and local organizations addressing race-conscious affirmative action, desegregation, and voting rights issues. In 2011, he was named to a ten-year term as a member of the California Citizens Redistricting Commission, the new state commission that is responsible for drawing district boundaries for California's congressional delegation in the House of Representatives, the state Assembly, the state Senate, and the state Board of Equalization.



Angelo Ancheta

**MARGALYNNE ARMSTRONG** was a plenary panelist at the AALS 2010 Midyear Meeting on Race and the Law, "Beyond the Color Line." She also (with Stephanie M. Wildman) presented a faculty colloquium at Lewis and Clark School of Law on "Teaching Race in the Law School Classroom." She was a panelist on "How Can One Judge Overturn the 'Will of the People'? Core Principles of Constitutional Democracy Meet Same-Sex Marriage," co-sponsored by the Rainbow Committee of the Santa Clara County Bar Association, Billy DeFrank LGBT Community Center, and Santa Clara Law Center for Social Justice and Public Service.



Margalynne Armstrong

**W. DAVID BALL** serves on the advisory board of the Bill of Rights Defense Committee, guest lectures at San Quentin with the Prison University Project, and coaches Little League. His publications include: "Heinous, Atrocious, and Cruel: Apprendi, Indeterminate Sentencing, and the Meaning of Punishment" (109 *Col. L. Rev.* 893, June 2009), and "The Civil Case at the Heart of Criminal Procedure: In re Winship, Stigma, and the Civil-Criminal Distinction" (*Am. J. Crim. L.*, forthcoming).



W. David Ball

**STEPHEN DIAMOND** is co-author with economist Jennifer Kuan (Stanford) of a paper on the need to reconsider the institutional design of capital markets, to be presented to the meetings of International Society of New Institutional Economics in June at Stanford. Professor Diamond is also working on a paper on the crisis in corporate governance theory in the wake of the global credit crisis, as well as an article for the Continuing Education of the Bar on insider trading issues at private technology companies. In the fall, Professor Diamond will be conducting a seminar on Constituting Revolution as part of his seminar series on globalization and the rule of law. The seminar is an attempt, in the wake of the Arab Spring events, to consider the problems that revolutionary movements face when they attempt to institutionalize the achievements of a revolution in new legal frameworks.



Stephen Diamond



Eric Goldman

**ERIC GOLDMAN** worked with a team from University of California, Berkeley, to launch an advocacy website called DoctoredReviews.com. The site exposes the efforts of doctors to prevent patients from publishing online reviews of the doctors, and it provides educational material to patients, doctors, and consumer review websites about the problems of suppressed patient reviews. He has been helping the Public Participation Project advocate for the adoption of federal anti-SLAPP legislation. In June 2010, Professor Goldman was the “civil society” representative to an OECD proceeding on Internet intermediary liability in Paris. He participated in a Fourth Circuit proceeding seeking public access to the litigants’ joint appendix in *Rosetta Stone v. Google*. This intervention led to thousands of pages being unsealed. Professor Goldman published a book chapter, “The Regulation of Reputational Information,” in *The Next Digital Decade: Essays on the Future of the Internet* (Berin Szoka & Adam Marcus, eds. 2010).



Pratheepan Gulasekaram

**PRATHEEPAN GULASEKARAM** published his articles, “The Real Effects of a Symbolic Border Wall” in the *U.C. Irvine Law Review* (forthcoming, 2011), “The People’ of the Second Amendment: Citizenship and the Right to Bear Arms,” in the *NYU Law Review* (Fall 2010), and his article “Sanctuary Ordinances and Immigration Federalism: A Dialectical Analysis” (with Rose Villazor), in the *Wayne State Law Review* (2010). He presented at several conferences on immigration reform, including at the U.C. Irvine Immigration Symposium, the Wayne State Law Review Symposium, and the AALS Mid-Year Meeting on *Civil Rights in the Age of Obama*. In addition, he made several television, newspaper, and public radio appearances to discuss immigration issues, as well as the Proposition 8 Trial in San Francisco regarding the constitutionality of same-sex marriage.



Joan Harrington

**JOAN HARRINGTON** served as chair of the Board of Governors for Public Advocates, Inc., a nonprofit law firm and advocacy organization that focuses on the areas of education, housing, and transit equity and serves primarily Northern California.



Marina Hsieh

**MARINA HSIEH** continues as a vice president of the national ACLU Board of Directors, chairing its Affirmative Action Working Group and serving on its Governance Committee. She concluded her role as a cabinet member of the ACLU’s five-year Leading Freedom Forward Campaign, where she chaired the planned giving efforts that raised over \$250 million in new or increased promises from members in over 43 affiliates nationwide. She is a member of the State Bar of California’s Council on Access and Fairness, which addresses issues of diversity and inclusion at all stages of the legal pipeline, from elementary schools to judgeships. She also serves on the Council’s subcommittee on law schools. At Santa Clara Law she continues as faculty advisor to the Asian Pacific American Law Student Association, and serves on the dean’s working group for Leadership Education for Lawyers.



Ellen Kreitzberg

**ELLEN KREITZBERG’S** work revolves principally around education about the death penalty, involving educating the public (numerous speaking engagements at schools, including middle schools, high schools, and college campuses); training lawyers; and abolition work. She is a member of a strategic planning committee headed by Death Penalty Focus and the ACLU Death Penalty section to coordinate a statewide plan to abolish the death penalty in California. She is also on the board of the Northern California Innocence Project.



Jean Love

**JEAN LOVE** published “The Synergistic Evolution of Liberty and Equality in Marriage Cases Brought by Same-Sex Couples in State Courts” (*Journal of Gender, Race and Justice* 13 [2010], 275), and she is the co-author (with Patricia Cain) of “Six Cases in Search of a Decision: The Story of In re Marriage Cases,” in *Women and the Law Stories* (Elizabeth Schneider & Stephanie Wildman, eds., 2011). She also published (with Candace Kovacic-Fleischer and Grant Nelson) *Equitable Remedies, Damages, and Restitution* (8th ed., 2011). She is a faculty advisor to Equality SCU and a member of the University Committee on Research. She is also a member of the ALI (serving on the Members Consultative Group for the Restatement of the Law Third of Torts), a member of the SALT LGBT Committee, and a member of the Academic Advising Committee for the National LGBT Bar Association.

**KENNETH MANASTER** continues to serve on the selection committee for the Justice John Paul Stevens Fellowship. At the request of the Markkula Center for Applied Ethics, Ken mentored SCU undergraduates in preparing for a student debate in October 2010 on the subject “Should Marijuana be Legalized: A Student Debate on Proposition 19.” He was a Law Career Services panelist on environmental law careers, and a panelist for Ethics at Noon, “The Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill and the Precautionary Principle: Ethics, Risk, and Environmental Disaster.” Ken wrote “John Paul Stevens: Judge and Teacher” ([www.scotusblog.com](http://www.scotusblog.com), May 2010), and a law review article, “The Many Paths of Environmental Practice” (*Pace Environmental Law Review* 28 [2010], 238). Ken is a member of the Program Council, University Environmental Studies Program.



Kenneth Manaster

**CYNTHIA MERTENS** led another group of 18 law students and two alumni on an immersion trip to El Salvador in January 2011, an experience that changed the lives of the participants. As Jessica Montoya, second-year law student, stated, “It’s the type of experience that leaves you with stories that can’t be forgotten and a yearning to help that can’t be denied.” Professor Mertens is also the “legal coordinator” for a two-year Ford Foundation Grant that, in conjunction with Fairfield University in Connecticut and Loyola–Chicago, is examining the status of undocumented college students. She also assists undergraduates and various members of the University community with finding solutions to their legal problems.



Cynthia Mertens

**DEBORAH MOSS-WEST** continues to serve as the assistant director at the Center for Social Justice and Public Service. In addition to teaching Housing Discrimination at Santa Clara Law, and Family Law in Merritt College’s paralegal program, she was a panelist (with Eric Wright, Nancy Wright, and Stephanie Wildman) at the Society of American Law Teachers Annual Conference, entitled “Centers for Social Justice in Law Schools—the Santa Clara Experience,” and at the Western Regional Black Law Students Association conference in Las Vegas in 2011. She also served on the planning committee for the 2011 Trina Grillo Social Justice Retreat, “Human Rights at Home and Abroad.” Deborah is a trainer for the Grassroots Institute for Fundraiser Training (GIFT), a nonprofit that teaches fundraising skills from a political framework that underscores the role that the community plays in building strong organizations and social justice movements. She is active in her church and serves on boards and committees for local nonprofit organizations, including board president of the Tri Valley Chapter of Jack and Jill of America.



Deborah Moss-West



Jimmy Hardwick '12 (left), Micah Miller '12 (center), and Camille Ching '12 (right) at the Comunidad Monsignor Romero squatter community in El Salvador. The students participated in the 2011 law student immersion trip to El Salvador with Professor Cynthia Mertens.

**TYLER OCHOA'S** recent publications include the eighth edition of his co-authored casebook on *Copyright Law* (with Craig Joyce, Marshall Leaffer, and Peter Jaszi. LexisNexis 2010), and a casebook titled *Celebrity Rights: Rights of Publicity and Related Rights in the United States and Abroad* (with David Welkowitz, Carolina Academic Press 2010). He also published an article, "Protection for Works of Foreign Origin Under the 1909 Copyright Act" (*Santa Clara Comp. & High Tech. L.J.* 26 [2010], 285), and a book chapter, "Limits on the Duration of Copyright: Theories and Practice," in *Time: Limits and Constraints* (Parker, Harris, & Steineck, eds., Brill, 2010).



Tyler Ochoa

In the Spring, Professor Ochoa spoke on "Recent Developments in Copyright Law" at John Marshall Law School's 55th Annual Intellectual Property Law Conference and at Drexel University Earle Mack School of Law. He repeated the talk for the Copyright Law Subcommittee of the I.P. Litigation Committee of the ABA Litigation Section. He also spoke on "Seven Rationales for the Right of Publicity," on a panel titled "Sports Law: The Use of Athlete's Images, at Practising Law Institute, Counseling Clients in the Entertainment Industry." Professor Ochoa also joined amicus briefs filed in the following cases: *GlobalTech Appliances, Inc. v. SEB S.A.* (U.S. Supreme Court), *Viacom International, Inc. v. YouTube, Inc.* (U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit), and *McGaughey v. Bayer Corp.* (California Court of Appeal).



Michelle Oberman

**MICHELLE OBERMAN**, in addition to her ongoing work on issues at the intersection of women's health, public health, and criminal law, has traveled extensively in Latin America in recent years, pursuing research on women's reproductive health status in countries such as Chile, El Salvador, and Costa Rica. She delivered lectures on gender and the law in Chile last spring, as an invited guest of Chile 21, a foundation dedicated to promoting democratic rights and values in Chile. This year, she was honored with Santa Clara University's Award for Recent Achievement in Scholarship (recognizing a tenured faculty member whose scholarly or creative work over the previous five years represents a major contribution to a field of knowledge or to the arts). In May 2011, she also received the Social Justice Achievement Award.



Lynette Parker

**LYNETTE PARKER** co-authored a promising practices manual, titled "Representing Survivors of Human Trafficking: A Promising Practices Handbook," which was published by the Immigrant Legal Resources Center (ILRC) in the fall of 2010. She has presented on panels addressing issues of human trafficking at the National Sexual Assault Conference in Los Angeles, as well as at the screening of the *Dark Side of Chocolate*, by San Jose State University. She presented at the *Train the Trainers*, sponsored by law enforcement agencies and victims' service providers in Contra Costa County, on immigration relief for victims of human trafficking. She continues to serve as the legal advisor on the Executive Committee of the South Bay Coalition to End Human Trafficking.

**KATHLEEN “COOKIE” RIDOLFI**, executive director of the Northern California Innocence Project, remains committed to educating law students and pursuing law reforms aimed at reducing wrongful convictions. Her Seminar, “Righting Wrongful Convictions,” gives law students a unique opportunity to hear from prosecutors, defense attorneys, and law enforcement on policy issues concerning wrongful convictions, and teaches future lawyers how they can play a role in preventing its occurrence. In the fall of 2010, she launched the Veritas Initiative, a research and policy program of the Northern California Innocence Project. In October, the Veritas Initiative released “Preventable Error,” the most comprehensive statewide study ever undertaken on prosecutorial misconduct, in both state and federal courts. The extensive report chronicled more than 700 cases over a 13-year period in which the courts explicitly found that prosecutors committed misconduct. Following the release of her report, co-authored by Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Maurice Possley, she participated in the Fifteenth Annual Ethics Symposium, sponsored by the State Bar of California, where “Preventable Error” was a key discussion topic. Professor Ridolfi was recently honored in *California Lawyers Magazine* for her distinguished work and contributions to criminal law and her report on prosecutorial misconduct. The *Daily Journal* also recently recognized her as one of the top 75 women litigators in California. The Northern California Innocence Project continues to fulfill its mission to exonerate the wrongfully convicted, successfully proving the innocence of two men, Francisco “Franky” Carrillo and Maurice Caldwell, in March of 2011. The Northern California Innocence Project is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year.



Kathleen “Cookie” Ridolfi

**MARGARET M. RUSSELL** travelled to historic civil rights locations in Alabama as part of the 2011 Congressional Civil Rights Pilgrimage, led by Congressman John Lewis. As part of her scholarship on mid-20<sup>th</sup>-century U.S. civil rights struggles and their connections to today, she is preparing several articles and multimedia presentations on insights gained from this trip. Professor Russell was also a keynote speaker at the American Constitution Society’s (ACS) Bay Area student chapter conference. She serves on the ACS advisory board for the Santa Clara chapter, and was a participant in the national annual ACS conference in Washington, D.C. Professor Russell authored several op-eds this year on the judiciary, the Defense of Marriage Act, and the Proposition 8 case. She participated in several media programs on current constitutional issues and the U.S. Supreme Court. She continues her service in the American Law Institute, the ACLU, and the Habeas Corpus Resource Center. Professor Russell is also a member of advisory committees for the appointment of federal district judges and magistrates for the Northern District of California.



Margaret M. Russell

**CATHERINE J. K. SANDOVAL**, in January 2011, was named by Governor Jerry Brown to be one of two new commissioners on the five-member California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). Sandoval is the first Latina to be named to serve as a CPUC Commissioner in its more than 100-year history. The San Francisco-based CPUC oversees rates and other rules for privately owned electric, natural gas, telecommunications, water, rail, and passenger transportation companies. CPUC commissioners are appointed by California’s governor and must be confirmed by the state Senate for their six-year, staggered terms.



Catherine J. K. Sandoval

**KANDIS SCOTT** is researching two technical problems of evidence law. She has served as a special master in search warrant cases in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties. She continues to volunteer with the Returned Peace Corps Volunteers and the Open Space District.



Kandis Scott

**DAVID SLOSS** published “International Law” in the *U.S. Supreme Court: Continuity and Change* (David Sloss, Michael Ramsey, and William Dodge, eds., Cambridge University Press, 2011). He authored a chapter on “The Domestic Application of Treaties” to be published in *The Oxford Guide to Treaties* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming, 2011). He also wrote an article titled “Treaties and the Constitution: Enforcing Treaties Against the States,” to be published in the *Harvard International Law Journal*. In May 2010, Professor Sloss filed an amicus brief in the U.S. Supreme Court in support of the petitioners in *Saleh v. Titan*, Case No. 09-1313, a suit against U.S. military contractors implicated in the Abu Ghraib affair.



David Sloss



Beth Van Schaack

**BETH VAN SCHAACK** taught the Fall 2010 Social Justice Workshop titled *Women's Human Rights*. The workshop featured a number of guest lecturers discussing their cutting-edge work in women's rights. Speakers included Michelle Oberman (discussing the criminal law underpinnings of abortion laws); Doris Buss (discussing comparative antipolygamy laws); and Lillian Sepulveda of the Center for Reproductive Rights. In the spring, Beth taught international criminal law. Over the course of the semester, she brought a number of speakers to campus, including the Ambassador at Large for War Crimes Issues, Steve Rapp, and Justice Richard Goldstone, formerly of the South African Supreme Court. Beth continues to advise the U.S. Department of State on its strategy vis-a-vis the International Criminal Court, and was recently appointed to the Department's Advisory Council on International Law (ACIL). She continues to blog on IntLawGrrls, [intlwgrrls.blogspot.com](http://intlwgrrls.blogspot.com).



Stephanie M. Wildman

**STEPHANIE M. WILDMAN** published (with Elizabeth Schneider) *Women and the Law Stories*, the latest volume in the Foundation Press Law Stories series. Professor Wildman served on the Planning Committee for the AALS Workshop on Women Rethinking Equality. She presented at the AALS annual meeting and at Law and Society on legal storytelling. With Professor Margalynne Armstrong, she conducted a faculty workshop at Lewis and Clark Law School about teaching about race in the law school classroom, and presented at the U.C. Irvine conference on Race and Equality.



Eric Wright

**ERIC WRIGHT** continues to serve on the Executive Committee of the California Commission on Access to Justice, serves on the Administrative Agency Access to Justice Subcommittee and also serves as the Co-Chair of the Right to Counsel Committee. He was recently reappointed as a Bar Association representative on the Access to Justice Committee for a fourth term. He is on the Board of the Watsonville Law Center and also on its Executive Committee. He continues to be active on consumer cases for the Katharine and George Alexander Community Law Center and has helped to secure several *cy pres* awards for the Center. He received a Public Interest and Social Justice Recognition Award at the Public Interest and Social Justice Law Celebration and Graduation Ceremony in June of 2010.



Nancy Wright

**NANCY WRIGHT** has served as chair and is the current treasurer of Fresh Lifelines for Youth. She also serves on the Executive Board of the James A. Doolittle Foundation, a major donor to the arts, and on the selection committees for the Justice John Paul Stevens Fellowship and the Herman Wildman Scholarship Award. In May of 2011, she received the Social Justice Recognition Award at Santa Clara Law School's Public Interest Graduation.



Julia Yaffee

**JULIA YAFFEE** conducted pre-law workshops for students at a number of schools across the country, highlighting Santa Clara's commitment to diversity and social justice. She also moderated several panels at the LSAC Annual Meeting and at the AALS Annual Meeting. She served on the 2010 LSAC Annual Meeting Planning Committee, and is currently serving on the AALS Institutional Advancement Section Executive Committee, planning the 2012 conference. On campus, Julia serves on the Staff Affairs Committee, the University Web Committee, and the University Communications Committee.



David Yosifon

**DAVID YOSIFON** published "Discourse Norms as Default Rules: Structuring Corporate Speech to Multiple Stakeholders," in *HealthMatrix: Journal of Law-Medicine* (2011, forthcoming), and "Towards a Firm Based Theory of Consumption," in the *Wake Forest Law Review's Symposium Issue on Corporate Sustainability* (2011, forthcoming). Professor Yosifon presented "Corporate Social Responsibility after *Citizens United*," at the Business Organizations Section Meeting at the 2011 AALS Annual Conference in San Francisco. He also presented "Using *Citizens United* as a Basis for Corporate Law Reform," at the *Hastings Business Law Journal* symposium on *Citizens United: One Year Later*.

## Marshall–Brennan Leadership Development Course and Constitutional Literacy Project

A new initiative, the Marshall–Brennan Leadership Development Course and Constitutional Literacy Project is a multifaceted program (endorsed by the California State Bar) built around law students teaching the Constitution and moot court skills in local underserved high schools. The components will include:

1. a high school constitutional literacy course taught by law students (spring 2012);
2. a seminar for the law students teaching in the program (spring 2012); and
3. pipeline activities for high school students, with community service opportunities for law school students (and possibly SCU undergrads).

This project supports the Center for Social Justice and Public Service's commitment to instill leadership and professional values in students at all educational levels, in keeping with the legal profession's obligation to provide public service and access to justice education.

## Pro Bono Placement Project

Last fall, the Center for Social Justice and Public Service joined with Public Interest Law Career Services (PILCS) to create the Pro Bono Placement Project. This innovative project identifies nonprofit legal services organizations that have a need for volunteers during the academic year. It gives students the opportunity to gain hands-on skills while serving community legal needs, an invaluable experience for their careers.

In spring 2011, the Center and PILCS organized over 20 student volunteer placements at four legal service organizations: Bay Area Legal Aid, Community Legal Services of East Palo Alto, Law Foundation of Silicon Valley, and Senior Adults Legal Assistance.

## Undergraduate Law and Social Justice Pathway and Course

The Center, working with political science Professor Jane Curry, created a law and social justice pathway as part of the undergraduate core curriculum. The Law and Social Justice Pathway offers students a cross-disciplinary opportunity to learn about and focus on issues related to social justice, particularly from a legal perspective. Students who are considering going to law school or pursuing a career in legal services will be able to study the principles behind the justice system and have practical experiences that expose them to social justice issues in the community.

Stephanie Wildman and Deborah Moss-West also teach an undergraduate Law and Social Justice course that meets the civic engagement, experiential learning, and law and social justice pathway requirements for the new core.

“Volunteering as an immigration intern during my second semester of law school allowed me to use my legal education to help real clients. It was the perfect start to my career in immigration and refugee law, and I am so grateful to Community Legal Services of East Palo Alto and the Pro Bono Placement Project at Santa Clara Law for providing me with the opportunity.”

– JESSICA CHAN '13

A chronological look at the activities of the academic year reveals a continuing and growing enthusiasm for Center events. Check the Center's website, [law.scu.edu/socialjustice/events.cfm](http://law.scu.edu/socialjustice/events.cfm), for upcoming events.

## Social Justice Thursdays Speaker Series

Joining theory and practice, the Center sponsors a lunchtime speaker series on contemporary social justice issues. Speakers include local attorneys, who describe their practices, as well as scholars who discuss recent work. The well-attended series attracts 30 to 40 students at sessions covering a wide range of social justice topics, including Welcome Day; Law Board Summer Grants and Fellowship Information Session; Constitution Day, a Supreme Court 2009–10 Term Review; a Supreme Court 2010–11 Term Preview; and a law firm pro bono opportunities panel.

Faculty facilitators and panelists were key to the success of these events. Special thanks to Ken Manaster, Richard Berg, Anna Han, Pratheepan Gulasekaram, Angelo Ancheta, Gerald Uelmen, Bradley Joondeph, Ed Steinman, Eric Wright, Deborah Moss-West, and Stephanie Wildman. Thanks also to student panelists Sarah Mercer and Jennifer McAllister. Special thanks to the student groups that co-sponsored many of the Center's events, including the Public Interest and Social Justice Coalition, American Constitution Society, Black Law Students Association, La Raza Student Lawyers Association, and Women and Law.

Through these events, students had the opportunity to learn more about professors' scholarship and to speak with professors and guests at the conclusion of the sessions.

## Social Justice Thursdays Essential Issues

Social Justice Thursdays Essential Issues created a reading group for first-year students to help them connect with the social justice community. Students read and discussed works by Kimberlé Williams Crenshaw, Jerome McCristal Culp, Stephanie M. Wildman, M. Katherine Baird Barmer, Margaret E. Montoya, Cheryl I. Harris, Sumi Cho, Robert Westley, and Julia A. Su.

Again, the participation of faculty facilitators provided important support to students. Thanks go to Margalynne Armstrong, Ellen Kreitzberg, Lynette Parker, Eric Wright, Nancy Wright, and Stephanie M. Wildman. Thanks also to the law student panelists Kristen Ayana King, Keith Bayley, Wei Lu, and Christian Cornejo from the Alternative Spring Break.

## Diversity Lectures



Darren Hutchinson

**DARREN HUTCHINSON** (American University Washington College of Law) gave the Fall Diversity Lecture, entitled "Resistance in the Afterlife of Identity," co-sponsored with the Public Interest and Social Justice Coalition. Darren Hutchinson is a professor of law at American University Washington College of Law and earned his J.D. from Yale Law School. Prior to his career in teaching law, he practiced commercial litigation at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Hamilton in New York City. He clerked for the late Judge Mary Johnson Lowe, formerly a U.S. District Judge in the Southern District of New York. He previously was an associate professor of law at Southern Methodist University School of Law. He has written extensively on issues related to constitutional law, critical race theory, law and sexuality, and social identity theory.

➔ Each year, hundreds of law students participate in the Social Justice Thursday Speakers Series, the Social Justice Workshop, public interest and social justice classes, Public Interest Law Career Services activities, and the student Public Interest and Social Justice Coalition.

## Diversity Lectures

**ANGELA RILEY** (Southwestern Law School) gave the Spring Diversity Lecture, entitled “The Future of Indigenous Peoples,” co-sponsored with the Public Interest and Social Justice Coalition. Professor Riley teaches and writes in the area of indigenous peoples’ rights, with a particular emphasis on cultural property and Native governance. Her work has been published in the *Yale Law Journal*, *Columbia Law Review*, *California Law Review*, *Washington Law Review*, and others. She received her undergraduate degree at the University of Oklahoma and her law degree from Harvard. After clerking for Chief Judge T. Kern of the Northern District of Oklahoma, she worked as a litigator at Quinn Emanuel in Los Angeles, specializing in intellectual property litigation. Professor Riley joined Southwestern Law School in 2003 and, that same year, was selected to serve on her tribe’s Supreme Court, becoming the first woman and youngest Justice of the Supreme Court of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation of Oklahoma. Professor Riley joined the UCLA School of Law faculty as professor of law, and began serving as director of the UCLA American Indian Studies Center in July 2010.



Angela Riley

## Visiting Practitioner Program

**NAN ARON** (president of both the Alliance for Justice [AFJ] and its partner advocacy organization, the Alliance for Justice Action Campaign [AFJAC]) lectured on “Pursuing Justice: A Life in Public Interest Law.” Aron has been a leading voice in public interest law for over 30 years. She founded AFJ in 1979 and guides the organization in its mission to advance the cause of justice for all Americans, strengthen the public interest community’s influence on national policy, and foster the next generation of advocates. In 1985, she founded AFJ’s Judicial Selection Project, now the country’s premier voice for a fair and independent judiciary and a major player in the often controversial judicial nominations process. Throughout the nation, she is unequivocally recognized for her vast expertise in public interest law, the federal judiciary, and citizen participation in public policy.



Nan Aron

**SONIA MERCADO** (Sonia Mercado & Associates) lectured on “Actualizing Your Passion for Social Justice Through the Private Practice of Human Rights Law.” Mercado received her B.A. from Atlantic Union College, Massachusetts, and Séminaire Adventiste du Salève, France, in French Literature in 1971; she received her M.A. in French Literature from UCLA in 1976; and her Ph.D. was in progress when she entered UCLA Law School and obtained a J.D. from UCLA in 1983. Mercado was UCLA Law School’s first participant in its International Law Judicial Externship Program in the Superior Court, Mexico City, in 1982. Prior to founding her own law firm, she worked at the firm of Cummins & White doing defense, business, and professional liability litigation. In 2006, she was nominated as one of the top women litigators in the State of California by the *Daily Journal Legal Newspaper*, which had also previously recognized her work in civil rights. Mercado specializes in the area of civil rights, with a focus on deliberate indifference to medical care. She has successfully obtained six published opinions, including two District Court opinions on issues of jail medical care and a novel opinion regarding Internet jurisdiction.



Sonia Mercado

## Social Justice Workshops

### FALL 2010 | WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS

Beth Van Schaack taught the Fall 2010 Social Justice Workshop, entitled “Women’s Human Rights.” In talks that were open to the community, the workshop featured nationally prominent scholars, including Diane Amann (U.C. Davis School of Law) on “Women’s Human Rights”; Shadi Sadr (Iranian lawyer, journalist, and women’s rights activist) on “Women’s Rights in Iran”; Michelle Oberman (Santa Clara Law), “Abortion Laws and Women’s Lives: Exploring the Relationship Between the Uterus, the Conscience, and the State”; Beth Van Schaack (Santa Clara Law), “A Feminist View of the Crime of Aggression”; Doris Buss (Carleton University), “Is Polygamy a Women’s Rights Issue?”; Nancy Northrup (president, Center for Reproductive Rights), “Recent Transnational Law Developments on Reproductive Rights”; and Joanna Erdman (co-director, International Reproductive and Sexual Health Law Programme, and director, Health Equity and Law Clinic at the University of Toronto), “The Procedural Turn in Transnational Abortion Law.”



Diane Amann



Shadi Sadr



Nancy Northrup



Joanna Erdman



Doris Buss

### SPRING 2011 | CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

Pratheepan Gulasekaram taught the Spring 2011 Social Justice Workshop, “Citizenship and Immigration,” which challenged students to critically examine the fundamental moral, theoretical, doctrinal, and policy questions in the field. The workshop featured several public lectures from prominent and groundbreaking scholars and practitioners, including Karthick Ramakrishnan (associate professor of Political Science, U.C. Riverside), “Going Local: The New Politics of Immigration in the United States”; Hiroshi Motomura (UCLA School of Law), “Are Unauthorized Migrants ‘Americans in Waiting?’”; Ahilan Arulanantham (Director of Immigrants’ Rights and National Security, ACLU of Southern California), “Emerging Issues in Immigration Detention”; Juliet Stumpf (Lewis and Clark Law School), “Governing Work Through Immigration Law”; Stephen Lee (U.C. Irvine Law School), “Regulatory Challenges of Unauthorized Migration”; and Jayashri Srikantiah (Stanford Law School), “Stipulated Removals and Immigration Enforcement.”



Karthick Ramakrishnan



Hiroshi Motomura



Ahilan Arulanantham



Juliet Stumpf



Jayashri Srikantiah

## Conferences and Events

### TRINA GRILLO PUBLIC INTEREST AND SOCIAL JUSTICE LAW RETREAT

The Center, along with the consortium of West Coast law schools and the Society of American Law Teachers, co-sponsored the 14th Annual Trina Grillo Public Interest and Social Justice Law Retreat at University of San Francisco School of Law. The retreat's topic, "Human Rights: At Home and Abroad," promoted an informative exchange among practitioners, students, and academics about a broad range of areas. Deborah Moss-West served on the planning committee, and Scott Maurer, KGACLC, was a panelist on "The Economic Downturn: Impact on the Working Classes and the Marginalized, and the Role of Lawyers." The Center sponsored attendance for 10 students.

### 2011 SOCIAL JUSTICE LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM

The Center for Social Justice and Public Service hosted the Spring 2011 Social Justice Leadership Symposium, entitled "Cultivating Social Justice Leadership: An Intergenerational Conversation Examining the Social Justice Sector Leadership Challenge." This half-day symposium gathered several generations of social justice leaders and innovators to consider questions related to the social justice sector leadership challenge, and to inform and inspire leaders of tomorrow.

Dean Donald Polden opened the symposium, followed by an intergenerational panel discussion, featuring Jennifer Lind Tse (Southern Poverty Law Center), Sarah Mercer (Santa Clara Law), Paula Nailon (University of Arizona, James E. Rogers College of Law), Joan Messing Graff (Legal Aid Society, Employment Law Center), and moderator Marina Hsieh (Santa Clara Law). Speakers prompted a thought-provoking discussion on the complexities of what it means to be a social justice leader. Attendees were able to further explore the topic in small group discussions sessions following the panel. Small group discussion leaders included the panelists, as well as Margalynne Armstrong, Julia Yaffee, Edison Jensen '89, and law students Aroma Sharma, Antonio Raymo, and Jennifer McAllister. Michael Engh, S.J., president, Santa Clara University, introduced the Honorable Sidney Espinosa, mayor of Palo Alto, who delivered the keynote on leadership and technology. Mayor Espinosa highlighted the three qualities of successful leaders: a true capability to foster dialogues, a capacity to appreciate diverse opinions, and the importance of mentorship. Espinosa also commented on how emerging technology can impact social movements by validating user participation. He challenged each of us to use technology to advance causes we believe in. Learn more and watch the podcast at: [law.scu.edu/socialjustice/leadership.cfm](http://law.scu.edu/socialjustice/leadership.cfm).

Michael Engh, S.J., president, Santa Clara University with keynote speaker the Honorable Sidney Espinosa, mayor of Palo Alto.



Dean Donald Polden with symposium panelists and discussion leaders.



### LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE CASE STUDY CONFERENCE

Students in the fall Law and Social Justice Seminar presented case studies on public interest and social justice litigation issues during a day-long conference. The student presentations included: “The Power to Be a Cause for Change: A Study of *Lorri Sulpizio v. San Diego Mesa Community College*,” “*People v. Easley*: A Closer Look at Access to Justice For Sexually Assaulted Victims,” “*Quair v. Sisco*: A Story of Banishment and Disenrollment in an American Indian Tribe,” “Curbing Police Brutality Through Community Action,” “Elder Abuse: The Untold Story,” “Social Justice Issues in Gang Litigation,” “Employee Embezzlement: Justice for the Broken Trust?,” “Case Study: The Taravel Street Hate Crime,” and “A Guilty Man’s Innocent Plea: A Study of Wrongful Convictions.”

### SOCIAL JUSTICE WRITING FORUM: WRITING BY SCU LAW FACULTY

Professor W. David Ball led a discussion of his article, “The Case Against State Prisons,” a work in progress.

### DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.’S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

This annual event commemorates the life and writing of Dr. King. Professor Margalynne Armstrong, Professor Gerald Uelmen, Assistant Dean Marina Hsieh, and law students Sherrett Walker, Jason De Barros, and Yali Corea-Levy led the event with readings and discussion of Dr. King’s “Letter from Birmingham Jail,” and a speech by César E. Chávez honoring Dr. King, delivered on January 12, 1990.



Stephanie M. Wildman and the Honorable Martin J. Jenkins at the Public Interest and Social Justice Law Celebration and Graduation Ceremony.

### PUBLIC INTEREST AND SOCIAL JUSTICE LAW CELEBRATION AND GRADUATION CEREMONY

The Honorable Martin J. Jenkins, associate justice of the California Court of Appeal, First Appellate District, served as keynote speaker for the celebration and graduation ceremony honoring public interest and social justice accomplishments.

The ceremony recognized 38 Public Interest and Social Justice Law Scholars, four Justice John Paul Stevens Public Interest Fellowship Honorees, 19 Public Interest and Social Justice Law Board and Fr. Paul Goda Summer Fellowship Honorees, one LGBT Legal Issues Summer Fellowship Honoree, one Harry and Jean Gluck Social Justice Law Fellowship, one Santa Cruz County Social Justice Grant, and 79 Pro Bono Recognition Awardees.

The Herman Wildman Social Justice Law Writing Award recipient was Jennifer McAllister '11, for her essay “‘We’re Not Taking New Patients Right Now:’ Lack of Access to Health Care for Transgender Patients as a Public Health Crisis.” Professor Nancy Wright received the Public Interest and Social Justice Recognition Award, and Professor Michelle Oberman received the Public Interest and Social Justice Achievement Award. The ceremony also recognized service by Sarah Mercer, 2009–11 Public Interest Law Career Services Student Coordinator. Dean Donald J. Polden opened the ceremony. Following Dean Polden’s comments, Sarah Mercer '11 and Jennifer McAllister '11 delivered the student address.

### CO-SPONSORED EVENTS

The Center for Social Justice and Public Service co-sponsored the following talks: “Centers’ Orientation: Introduction to the Centers—High Tech, International, and Social Justice at SCU”; Miss Major Griffin-Gracy, Claudia Center, Melanie Rowen, and Matt Wood, “Gender Identity and Law: A Panel Discussion on Transgender Legal Issues”; Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, “The Future of Immigration Legislation”; Andrea Fitanides, Sandra Nazzal, and Julie Park, “Law School National Pro Bono Celebration”; “The 13th Annual Public Interest Career Fair”; “Making the Most of a Summer Internship”; and “Resources for Summer Funding.”

## Clinical Programs: Enabling Students to Serve Community Needs for Social Justice While Studying Law

The Law School's outstanding clinical education programs are key to the Center's success. Santa Clara's clinical programs promote the integration of theory and practice in the social justice arena.

For civil justice, the Katharine and George Alexander Community Law Center, guided by Professor Angelo Ancheta, provides legal services to low-income residents throughout Silicon Valley. Full representation cases focus on immigration law, workers' rights, and consumer law. For criminal justice, the Northern California Innocence Project (NCIP), directed by Professor Kathleen (Cookie) Ridolfi, works to exonerate innocent prisoners and to pursue legal reforms to redress the causes of wrongful conviction. NCIP teaches students the importance of justice through law and serves as a resource for others working to exonerate innocent prisoners convicted in Northern California courts.

### The Katharine and George Alexander Community Law Center

Each year, the Katharine and George Alexander Community Law Center (KGACLC) provides free educational services, legal counseling, and legal representation to approximately 1,000 low-income individuals in the areas of consumer protection, immigration, and workers' rights. Approximately 150 law students participated in the KGACLC's clinical classes, interviewing and counseling clinics, and community education workshops during the 2010–11 academic year. In addition, over a half dozen SCU undergraduates served as interpreters and translators. The KGACLC is supported by Santa Clara Law, as well as generous donations from individuals and law firms, government and foundation grants, and *cy pres* awards developed through public interest litigation.



Katharine and George Alexander congratulate the 2011 Alexander prize recipient, Paul van Zyl.

## Northern California Innocence Project (NCIP)

The Northern California Innocence Project is a Santa Clara University legal clinic where law students, under the supervision of law faculty, collaborate with forensic experts, investigators, and community volunteers to help wrongfully convicted California prisoners prove their innocence and regain their freedom. In 2010–11, NCIP obtained the exoneration and release of two clients, Francisco Carrillo and Maurice Caldwell. Carrillo and Caldwell each had served 20 years in state prison for crimes that they did not commit. With the help of the approximately 90 students who have gone through the program this year, and a grant from the National Institute of Justice, NCIP has reviewed hundreds of cases and is litigating in all levels of the state and federal courts, including the California Supreme Court and the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. NCIP has also been involved in amicus efforts in cases raising innocence issues in state and federal courts throughout the country, including the U.S. Supreme Court.

Students also contribute to NCIP's pursuit of law reforms aimed at addressing the system-wide problems that cause wrongful conviction. This year, NCIP established the Veritas Initiative, a data-driven reform and policy center that has published two reports on prosecutorial misconduct in California and is preparing to publish a report on eyewitness identification reform.

In addition, NCIP is continuing the work of the California DNA Project, the largest post-conviction DNA outreach and testing program in the nation, funded by a grant from the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) and shared with the California Innocence Project in Southern California. The California DNA Project (CDP) attorneys, paralegals, and students have reviewed thousands of cases, have closed or referred almost half, and have been appointed to represent clients seeking post-conviction DNA testing on 18 cases, with five cases currently in the process of post-conviction DNA testing. CDP is growing, adding additional paralegal and research assistant staff, and has submitted an application for another NIJ grant to continue and expand the project.

Finally, in the past year, NCIP attorneys have addressed varied public and professional audiences regarding wrongful conviction, including the 2011 Innocence Network Conference, the 2011 National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers "Litigating Non-DNA Post-Conviction Innocence Cases" program, as well as local community and professional groups. In addition, NCIP attorneys have been consulted and featured in media coverage, including National Public Radio, the local NBC and CBS nightly news, the *Los Angeles Times*, print media, and television and radio stations in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Sacramento, as well as nationally.



Professor Cookie Ridolfi (middle) with exonerees Francisco "Franky" Carrillo (left) and Antoine Goff (right) at the Northern California Innocence Project's April Breakfast Briefing.

# Public Interest and Social Justice Law Certificate and Continuing Legal Education

## Public Interest and Social Justice Law Certificate

Through the Public Interest and Social Justice Law Certificate Program, administered by the Center, students can enhance their legal education with theoretical, skills, and clinical courses emphasizing social justice and public interest law.

Santa Clara Law students may earn a Certificate in Public Interest and Social Justice Law upon graduation. Requirements include 15 or 16 academic units in approved courses, a public interest and social justice law practicum of 150 hours, 50 hours of public service volunteer work promoting public interest and social justice, and a writing requirement. Certificates are also available with a special emphasis in consumer law, criminal justice, critical race jurisprudence, health law, and immigration and refugee law. During the 2010–11 year, 38 students earned the certificate, including 18 with special emphasis in criminal justice, one in critical race jurisprudence, three in health law, and two in immigration and refugee law.

## Continuing Legal Education

Public interest and social justice law practitioners receive Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) credit through the Center's programming, including the Fall and Spring Diversity Lectures and the Spring 2011 Social Justice Leadership Conference: "Cultivating Social Justice Leadership: An Intergenerational Conversation Examining the Social Justice Sector Leadership Challenge."

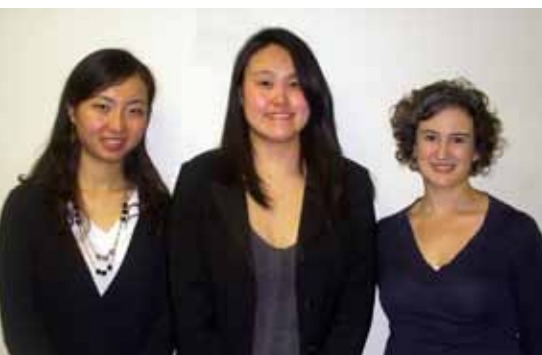
## Death Penalty College

In August 2010, the Death Penalty College held its 19th annual six-day training for defense counsel on how to investigate, prepare, and present the penalty phase of a capital case. The mission of the College includes trying to ensure that lawyers from all over the country are, at a minimum, meeting the ABA guidelines for representation in a capital case. These guidelines have been cited by the U.S. Supreme Court as reflecting the standard of practice for lawyers in capital cases. Once again lawyers from more than 15 different states as well as from the military convened at Santa Clara with a faculty of national experts. This year the training included non-lawyers from the death penalty defense team, including mitigation specialists and investigators.

- ➔ 38 law students earned Public Interest and Social Justice Law Certificates upon graduation. Santa Clara Law also offers the certificate with a special emphasis in consumer law, critical race jurisprudence, criminal justice, health law, and immigration and refugee law. [law.scu.edu/socialjustice/certificate-and-curriculum.cfm](http://law.scu.edu/socialjustice/certificate-and-curriculum.cfm)

# Public Interest Law Career Services and Pro Bono Recognition Program

Public Interest Law Career Services (PILCS) and the Center for Social Justice and Public Service provided several opportunities for Santa Clara Law students to learn more about working in the public interest/public sector arena.



PILCS coordinators Yan Li '13, Carolyn Kim '12, and Sarah Mercer '11.

PILCS provides assistance to law students interested in pursuing a career in the public interest and public service sector by organizing an annual Fall Public Interest and Public Service Career Fair, providing résumé review and mock interviews before Public Interest/Public Sector Day, and by assisting students throughout the year with career preparation resources and tools.

In October 2010, PILCS hosted Santa Clara Law's 13th Annual Public Interest Career Fair, where close to 100 law students participated in networking with employers throughout the Bay Area about internships and volunteer opportunities. PILCS successfully outreached to over 30 employers and had new attendees this year, including the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Office of the State Public Defender, and California Food Policy Advocates.

At the start of the Spring semester, PILCS and Law Career Services staff conducted outreach and informational sessions about the Bay Area Public Interest/Public Sector Day, a day-long event of interviews and a career fair for students interested in the public interest sector. To prepare students for this competitive day, PILCS coordinators, staff from the Center for Social Justice and Public Service, and LCS worked with students by conducting résumé review and mock interviews. Several law students participated and secured summer internships as a result.

Each year PILCS expands career programming for students in the public interest sector with numerous workshops and lunchtime meetings. PILCS sponsors programs to assist students in identifying public interest career opportunities, accessing resources relevant to the public interest sector, and providing a forum for Santa Clara Law students to network with alumni and professionals who are practicing in this field. Workshop topics this year included postgraduate fellowships, a workshop on making the most of a summer internship, resources for summer funding, and individual sessions to prepare students for interviewing for the public interest. In addition to these events, Sarah Mercer '11 and Carolyn Kim '12 were available to students for résumé and cover letter review, general career advice, and mock interviewing.

## Pro Bono Recognition Program

As a result of the Pro Bono Placement Project and Santa Clara Law's continuous encouragement that students volunteer within the community, 79 students were recognized this year at the Pro Bono Recognition program. These students performed over 11,000 pro bono hours providing legal services to those who are unable to afford them. During Santa Clara Law's centennial year, Dean Don Polden provided the keynote speech at the Pro Bono Luncheon. In addition, the Graduating Pro Bono Student of the Year was Traci Lee, and the Pro Bono Student of the Year was Kellin Dunne.

➔ 79 law students contributed 50 hours or more of pro bono service during the 2010–11 academic year, representing over 11,000 hours of service in the community. [law.scu.edu/careers/pro-bono-recognition-program.cfm](http://law.scu.edu/careers/pro-bono-recognition-program.cfm)

# Public Interest and Social Justice Coalition

The Public Interest and Social Justice Coalition (PISJC, or the Coalition) is the student arm of the Center for Social Justice and serves as a liaison between Santa Clara Law students and the Center. PISJC serves as a network and resource for students who seek to pursue legal careers in accordance with their values of social justice. In addition to the events and programs listed below, PISJC worked with student organizations, Law Career Services, and the Center for Social Justice on sponsoring events that maintain its mission statement.

## Volunteer Opportunities

In conjunction with Public Interest Law Career Services (PILCS) and the Center, the Coalition helped to provide students with opportunities for volunteer work and service. Coalition members volunteered at Bay Area Legal Aid, Community Legal Services of East Palo Alto, and other organizations dedicated to serving the legal needs of underserved communities throughout the South Bay. The Coalition also connected students to food-distribution work at Loaves & Fishes in San José, and to a prison mail project at the Transgender, Gender-Variant and Intersex Justice Project in San Francisco.

## Voter Forum

Prior to the November 2010 election, the Coalition sponsored a lunchtime forum to inform the law school community of the issues surrounding particular ballot initiatives. Professor Gerald Uelmen discussed Proposition 19, the initiative to legalize marijuana in California. Professor Angelo Ancheta discussed Proposition 20, the proposed amendment to redistrict Congressional districts, as well as Proposition 27, which aimed to eliminate the newly-formed redistricting commission. Coalition members also presented information about ballot initiatives that addressed corporate taxation, a vehicle license surcharge to fund state parks, and supermajority requirements.

## Gender Identity and Law Panel

The Coalition sponsored a noontime panel to discuss legal issues specific to transgender people. TGI Justice Project Executive Director Miss Major Griffin-Gracy, Transgender Law Center Staff Attorney Matthew Wood, National Center for Lesbian Rights Staff Attorney Melanie Rowen, and Legal Aid Society–Employment Law Center Senior Attorney Claudia Center comprised the panel. The panelists explained the difference between sexual orientation and gender identity, described the unique legal and social challenges that transgender people face, and offered advice for future advocates and allies of the community.

“Through the social justice program and the guidance of many of the professors, I have realized the importance of social justice, and the power we as future lawyers possess. Many of us feel a pressing imperative to actively pursue the issues we see within our lives. While we come from diverse backgrounds, I find comfort in knowing that we are united in this common understanding, and it’s what keeps me motivated in otherwise challenging times.”

—EUGENE LEE '12

The Center for Social Justice and Public Service offers naming opportunities to interested donors. For more information, see [law.scu.edu/socialjustice/directors-page.cfm](http://law.scu.edu/socialjustice/directors-page.cfm). The Center supports the work of the Public Interest and Social Justice Law Board, which provides financial assistance to law students and graduates who desire to practice law in the public interest. The Center administers the Justice John Paul Stevens Fellowships, the LGBT Legal Issues Summer Grants, Harry and Jean Gluck Social Justice Law Fellowship, the Santa Cruz County Social Justice Grant, and the Benefit for Justice. The Public Interest and Social Justice Alumni Leadership Council also aids these fundraising efforts.

➔ In 2011, 26 law students received summer grants, representing over 10,000 hours of free legal service for low-income communities and families.

## The Public Interest and Social Justice Law Board

The Public Interest and Social Justice Law Board funded two financial assistance programs: Income Supplement Grants, and Public Interest and Social Justice Law Board and Father Paul Goda Summer Grants. Each program is oriented toward a different need.

The Law Board funded \$6,000 in Income Supplement Grants during 2010–11 for alumni working as attorneys with public interest and social justice organizations.

The Law Board funded \$97,500 in Summer Grants for 19 students working as volunteers with public interest and social justice organizations. These organizations include: Pro Bono Project, American Civil Liberties Union, Asian Law Caucus, Bay Area Legal Aid, Asylum Access, Watsonville Law Center, Law Foundation of Silicon Valley, Legal Aid Society of San Mateo, East Bay Community Law Center, Legal Aid Services of Oregon, National Advocates for Pregnant Women, Children's Law Center, Center for Resource Solutions, Hillsborough County Attorney's Office—Domestic Violence Unit, Prisoner Legal Services, and Cancer Legal Resource Center.

## Justice John Paul Stevens Fellowships

In honor of U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens, Skip Paul '75 established the Justice John Paul Stevens Public Interest Fellowships at Santa Clara Law. These fellowships provide financial assistance to Santa Clara Law students to fund public interest and social justice law summer positions.

This year the selection committee awarded fellowships to James Caparas-Hardwick (Senior Adults Legal Assistance), Maximilian John Mizono (Office of the Federal Public Defender), Sharlyn Vareed (Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia), and Sherrett Walker (San Mateo County District Attorney).

## LGBT Legal Issues Summer Grants

With the generous support of Skip Paul '75 and the Dean's Office, Santa Clara Law funds grants for students who plan to work full-time doing legal-related work for a LGBT organization. These grants reward students who have shown a demonstrated commitment to and interest in the rights of lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, transgender individuals, and people living with HIV, regardless of their sexual orientation.

The LGBT Legal Issues Summer Grant recipient is Sirivath Mu, who will spend the summer with the National Center for Lesbian Rights.

## Harry and Jean Gluck Social Justice Law Fellowship

To honor the memory of their parents, Rich Gluck '90 and Mitchell Gluck established the Harry and Jean Gluck Social Justice Law Fellowship at Santa Clara Law. This fellowship provides financial assistance to a Santa Clara Law student working in a public interest or social justice law summer position that will promote the public service values which characterized the work and lives of Harry and Jean Gluck. Harry Gluck devoted his professional life to bettering the lives and working conditions of public employees throughout California, while Jean Gluck worked tirelessly providing comfort and aid to the homeless and mentally ill. Both also contributed their talents, time, and money to organizations dedicated to promoting equal rights and fighting discrimination in all forms. This year's recipient, Carolyn Kim, will be working at Public Advocates.

## Santa Cruz County Social Justice Grant

This grant was established in 2011 with the generous support of friends of Santa Clara Law for Santa Cruz County. This grant awards a student providing public interest and social justice legal services in that county.

The inaugural Santa Cruz County Social Justice Grant recipient is Kristen Ayana King, who will spend her summer with the Watsonville Law Center.

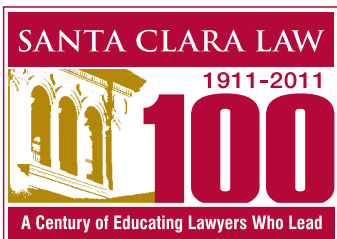
## Benefit for Justice

The Benefit for Justice is the Center's annual event to raise funds for Public Interest and Social Justice Law Board grants. These grants support summer work for students who are committed to social justice work. The 2010 Benefit was a terrific success, thanks to the tremendous work of Benefit Chair Malia Vella '11 and Co-Chair Stephanie Foreman '12.



"The Center for Social Justice has been an integral part of my experience at Santa Clara. The opportunities provided by the Center, including scholarships, classes like Law and Social Justice, presentations in the Social Justice Workshop, lunch with visiting practitioners, and good times at the Benefit for Justice and other events, never disappoint."

—SHERRETT O. WALKER '12



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