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Rappaport Center for Law and Public Policy Impact Report





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from the Boston College Law Dean

Now in my second year at Boston College Law School, I have had the great pleasure of participating in a number of Rappaport Center programs. I have observed the strength and importance of the programming firsthand – addressing acutely relevant topics such as race and wrongful convictions, immigration, and domestic violence – and bringing the BC and Boston legal community together to learn from experts and to gain a greater understanding of these and other incredibly complex issues.

I'm continually impressed by the Rappaport team's keen ability to select topics that are meaningful to students and to secure panelists who are the best and brightest in their fields. The programs organized by the Center are vitally important to our mission, and they showcase so beautifully how lawyers in the public interest sphere impact society and contribute to the greater good.

The benefit to our students and to the broader community of the Rappaport Center's focus on state and local government and on the convergence of law and public policy is invaluable.

I am proud to help lead an institution dedicated to educating principled and ethical lawyers – committed to using the law to pursue justice, uphold equal human dignity, and create real, lasting change in society. The Rappaport Center deeply enhances this mission, and we are privileged to host it at Boston College Law School. I look forward to the coming year's roster of wonderful programs and speakers.

Warmest wishes,



Odette Lienau
Marianne D. Short, Esq., Dean
Boston College Law School



A MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ELISABETH J. MEDVEDOW AND FACULTY DIRECTOR DANIEL KANSTROOM

We are delighted to report that the Rappaport Center for Law and Public Policy had another memorable year, replete with programs that inspire and educate the BC Law community and beyond, the return of Jeffery Robinson as the Rappaport Distinguished Visiting Professor, Kimberly Atkins Stohr as our Senior Fellow, and our remarkable cohort of 2023 Rappaport Fellows. We are proud to continue to highlight timely and relevant issues, bringing expert panelists to go beneath the surface of societal problems and share their insights into potential solutions. During the year, we grappled with a broad range of vital matters, including race and wrongful convictions, transparency (or lack thereof) in state government, immigration and state initiatives, facial recognition software, and the role of State Attorneys General.

Attendance at Rappaport Center programs skyrocketed and students regularly let us know that they appreciate the substantive nature of our programming (and the lunch we provide). We co-sponsored several programs with student organizations and plan to continue our collaborations next academic year, as well.

Jeffery Robinson again inspired the student body through his powerful oratory prowess and his warm connections to students. As noted later in this Impact Report, one student in Jeff Robinson's seminar remarked that the class should be required for all law students. His documentary, "Who We Are: A Chronicle of Racism in America," remains haunting in these challenging times.

Kimberly Atkins Stohr, this past year's Senior Fellow, elected to deliver her Community Address on facial recognition software. She made us aware of how much privacy we have voluntarily relinquished through use of items such as cell phones, particularly iPhones. We followed up with a full program on facial recognition software, looking at the issue from multiple perspectives, including the ACLU and law enforcement. As with all our Senior Fellows, Kim Atkins Stohr truly enjoyed her time at the Rappaport Center and remains an active member of our community.

We welcomed Michael Caljouw as the new Chair of the Rappaport Center Advisory Board. In his 17 years as a Rappaport Center Advisory Board member, he has contributed to virtually every facet of our work. He interviews prospective Fellows, serves as a mentor to Fellows, participates in programs, shares ideas, and provides great counsel and guidance. We feel lucky to have had Scott Harshbarger for so many years at the helm, and we now consider ourselves extremely fortunate that Mike Caljouw stepped up to serve as Board Chair.

A MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ELISABETH J. MEDVEDOW AND FACULTY DIRECTOR DANIEL KANSTROOM

And the shining stars of the Rappaport Center, our annual Fellows, were again amazing and wonderful. As always, the 12 law students who were awarded Rappaport Fellowships worked in state and local government offices throughout the summer. They spent their 10 weeks at the Attorney General's Office, the Suffolk District Attorney's Office, the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, the Committee on Public Counsel Services in both the Youth Advocacy Division and Legal Counsel's Office, State Senator Jo Comerford's Office, the Governor's Office of Policy and Cabinet Affairs, and the Governor's Legal Counsel's Office.

The jobs were exciting and rewarding, and they introduced the Fellows from an up close and personal vantage point to decision-making in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the convergence of law and public policy. Throughout the summer, the Fellows had the opportunity to meet public officials including the Lieutenant Governor, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court, the Attorney General, the Acting U.S. Attorney, and our very own former Rappaport Fellow, Mayor Michelle Wu of the City of Boston.

We have many programs in the planning stages for the coming year and we look forward to continuing to inspire the BC Law community, future public sector lawyers, the next generation of policymakers, and the greater Boston community.

Kind regards,



Elisabeth J. Medvedow
Executive Director

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Elisabeth J. Medvedow".



Daniel Kanstroom
Faculty Director and Professor

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Kanstroom".



RAPPAPORT DISTINGUISHED VISITING PROFESSOR

FALL 2023



Jeffery Robinson, CEO and Founder of The Who We Are Project, an anti-racism nonprofit organization, reprised his position at BC Law as the Rappaport Distinguished Visiting Professor during the Fall 2023 semester at the request of students. During Robinson's career as a practicing attorney, he represented indigent clients in both state and federal public defender offices in Seattle, Washington. For many years thereafter, Robinson was a private practitioner representing clients in civil and criminal cases, including first-degree homicide. He then joined the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) as a Deputy Legal Director and Director of the ACLU Trone Center for Justice and Equality where he worked on criminal justice reform to eliminate systemic racism from the legal system.

Throughout the semester, Robinson engaged with the BC community in myriad ways. Among them, he captivated the audience at a showing of the documentary entitled "Who We Are: A Chronicle of Racism in America," which he wrote, produced, and narrated. The film, purchased by Sony Pictures Classics, was noted in Variety Magazine as the "most egregious" snub for not having been named an Oscar nominee for Best Documentary Feature. Powerful and memorable, the documentary exposes the history of white supremacy and discrimination in the United States from enslaved individuals to the present. In addition to showing the film to the BC Law community on two occasions, the BC Forum on Racial Justice in America presented the documentary on the Chestnut Hill Campus with Robinson providing commentary at the end.

Robinson also taught a seminar, "Orwell's Nightmare: United States Law and the Support of Anti-Black Racism," that examined housing, education, criminal justice, affirmative action, voting, reparations, and policing. Students were deeply affected by Robinson and the course as reflected by their comments: The seminar "should really be a required course for all law students." "Professor Robinson is an incredibly thoughtful and intentional lecturer. His presentations are rich with images, videos, songs, speeches, poems, book excerpts, interviews, anecdotes, etc. to make for an engaging and informative course." "He prompted us to think beyond the classroom and consider our past, present, and future." "I became impassioned by our class discussions and brought what I learned to my friends and family." "Professor Robinson handled very important and heavy subject matter with the utmost care and intention to create a safe space without compromising the integrity of the material and without softening the reality of the world."

Robinson is a graduate of Marquette University and Harvard Law School.

RAPPAPORT SENIOR FELLOW

SPRING 2024



Kimberly Atkins Stohr, Senior Opinion Writer and Columnist for The Boston Globe, served as the Rappaport Senior Fellow in the Spring semester of 2024. Atkins Stohr was also the inaugural columnist for The Emancipator, a joint independent antiracist multimedia project from Globe Opinion, Boston University Center for Antiracist Research, and author of its newsletter, Unbound. In addition to print media, Atkins Stohr is an MSNBC contributor and co-host of the Politicon podcast #SistersInLaw. Previously, she was the first Washington, DC-based news correspondent for WBUR. Atkins Stohr has also served as the Boston Herald's Washington bureau chief, guest host of C-SPAN's morning call-in show's Washington Journal, and a Supreme Court reporter for Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly and its sister publications. Before launching her journalism career, Atkins Stohr was a trial and appellate attorney in Boston.

Prior to serving as a Rappaport Senior Fellow, Atkins Stohr was already well known and well respected by the Rappaport Center as a result of her participation in programs over the past few years. Most notably, she moderated the 2022 pre-Primary Forum for the three most prominent Attorney General candidates at Boston College Law School: Andrea Joy Campbell, Shannon Liss-Riordan, and Quentin Palfrey.

As a Senior Fellow, Atkins Stohr delivered a Community Address entitled “Where the Biometric Buck Stops: Accountability for Facial Recognition Bias,” met with students, and moderated a follow-up program two days later. That program, “Facial Recognition: Exploring Privacy, Profiling, and Public Safety,” featured William G. Brooks III, Chief of Police at the Norwood Police Department; Kade Crockford, Director of the Technology for Liberty Program at the ACLU; and former SJC Associate Justice Elspeth Cypher, Boston College Law Huber Distinguished Visiting Professor. The two programs explored the multifaceted aspects of facial recognition technology, encompassing discussions on challenges to maintaining privacy, the widespread nature of facial profiling in the business and law enforcement communities, and the need to ensure public safety. Panelists Crockford and Brooks were both members of the Massachusetts Special Commission to Evaluate Government Use of Facial Recognition Technology in the Commonwealth.

Atkins Stohr is a native of Michigan and a graduate of Wayne State University, Boston University School of Law and Boston University College of Communication, and the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism.

GREATER BOSTON DEBATE SERIES

FALL 2023 and SPRING 2024

In 2021, the Rappaport Center for Law and Public Policy and the Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston launched a new initiative, the Greater Boston Debate Series. The goal is to provide space for productive, deep, and sometimes messy dialogues about how to affect change on issues such as criminal justice, transportation, housing, education, and more. We have held multiple debates with experts including a State Senator, the former Mayor of Worcester, professors, legal practitioners, Executive Directors of nonprofits including Lawyers for Civil Rights and the Massachusetts Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Coalition, and the President of the Massachusetts Teachers Association. We've been honored to have highly respected moderators from the media, academia, and the public and nonprofit sector, including Guy-Uriel Charles, Charles Ogletree, Jr., Professor of Law, Harvard Law School; Tiziana Dearing, Host of Radio Boston, WBUR; Katie Johnston, Reporter for The Boston Globe; Carrie Jung, Senior Education Reporter, WBUR; Mandy McLaren, Boston Globe Reporter for The Great Divide; Shira Shoenberg, Editorial Writer, The Boston Globe; and Monica Tibbits-Nutt, current Secretary of Transportation for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (she participated as a moderator in her prior role as Executive Director of the 128 Business Council).

This year, we held three debates, two addressing education and one examining workers in the gig economy. Following teacher strikes in Brookline, Haverhill, Malden, and Woburn since 2022, on June 14, 2023, we asked the question: "Should Public School Teachers Have the Right to Strike in Massachusetts?" Max Page, President of the Massachusetts Teachers Association, argued "yes" against Paul Levy, a member of the Newton School Committee and former President of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. The debate was moderated by Carrie Jung, Senior Education Reporter for WBUR.

For the next debate on November 9, 2023, Max Page returned to the debating forum, where he argued "no" to the question "Should MCAS Be Required for High School Graduation?" against Edward M. Lambert, Jr., Executive Director of the Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education, who asserted strenuously that "yes," MCAS should remain a State requirement. The debate was moderated by Mandy McLaren, Boston Globe Reporter for The Great Divide.

Our final debate of the academic year addressed "Uber/Lyft: Employee v. Independent Contractor?" Shannon Liss-Riordan, longtime labor lawyer, and Conor Yunits, Executive Vice President for Issues Management Group, challenged each other's contentions with Liss-Riordan arguing that drivers should be employees and Yunits declaring that drivers should remain independent contractors. Katie Johnston, Reporter for The Boston Globe, moderated the debate, which was held on April 30, 2024.

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FALL 2023 and SPRING 2024

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Paul Levy
School Committee Member, Newton, Massachusetts

Carrie Jung
Senior Education Reporter, WBUR

Max Page
President, Massachusetts Teachers Association



Should Public School Teachers Have the Right to Strike in Massachusetts?

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2023 | 4:00 - 5:00 PM EST
REGISTER: tinyurl.com/GBDS-June14 | Hosted Online Only

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Edward M. Lambert, Jr.
Executive Director, Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education

Mandy McLaren
Reporter, The Great Divide, The Boston Globe; Moderator

Max Page
President, Massachusetts Teachers Association



Should MCAS Be Required for High School Graduation?

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023 | 4:00 - 5:00 PM EST
REGISTER: tinyurl.com/GBDS-NOV9-23 | Hosted Online Only

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Shannon Liss-Riordan
Partner, Lichten & Liss-Riordan

Katie Johnston
Reporter, The Boston Globe; Moderator

Conor Yunits
Executive Vice President, Issues Management Group



Uber/Lyft: Employee v. Independent Contractor?

TUESDAY, APRIL 30, 2024 | 4:00 - 5:00 PM EST
REGISTER: tinyurl.com/GBDS-APRIL30 | Hosted Online Only

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RAPPAPORT REUNION AND CELEBRATION

2001-2024 RAPPAPORT FELLOWS IN LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY

On April 25, 2024, approximately one hundred Rappaport Fellows in Law and Public Policy from 2001 through 2024 and other guests gathered for a Reunion and Celebration at Artists for Humanity in South Boston. Michelle Wu, Mayor of Boston, 2010 Rappaport Fellow, and Rappaport Center Advisory Board member, delivered an inspirational and personal Keynote Address, sharing her first foray into politics during her 2010 Rappaport summer interning for then-Mayor Tom Menino in Boston City Hall. At the time, the Mayor spearheaded a project to create a more efficient and user-friendly restaurant permitting process which launched her passion for public service. The Mayor attributed her career in politics to her summer as a Rappaport Fellow. The rest, one could say, is history.

In addition to Mayor Wu, other speakers included Elisabeth J. (Lissy) Medvedow, Executive Director of the Rappaport Center; Michael Caljouw, Rappaport Center Advisory Board Chair; and Phyllis Rappaport, Rappaport Foundation Chair.

At the Reunion, Fellows connected and re-connected with their “Fellow Fellows,” past and present Rappaport Center Advisory Board members, as well as the current and prior administrative team members. Among attendees were the Honorable Julia (Julie) Kobick, newest U.S. District Court Judge for the District of Massachusetts, 2008 Rappaport Fellow, and member of the Rappaport Center Advisory Board; the Honorable Gregory Massing, Associate Justice of the Massachusetts Appeals Court and former Executive Director of the Rappaport Center; and Carmen Ortiz, former Rappaport Distinguished Visiting Professor, former U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, and current partner at Anderson & Kreiger. R. Michael Cassidy, inaugural Faculty Director of the Rappaport Center, was also in attendance, as well as the current Faculty Director, Daniel Kanstroom, both of whom are Rappaport Center Advisory Board members.

Immediately following the event, one 2020 Fellow inquired about establishing a Rappaport Fellows New Alumni group. The idea was so well received that the first meeting of the “Rappaport Fellows New(ish) Alumni Network” took place this summer in Boston. Additional opportunities for the Rappaport Fellows in Law and Public Policy to network, socialize, and enjoy being together will occur throughout the year.



RAPPAPORT REUNION AND CELEBRATION

2001-2024 RAPPAPORT FELLOWS IN LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY



(L-R) Logan Malik, Arianna Unger, Emily Moura, Solomon Hayes, Nick Martin, George Barker, Noah Kopf, Cole Garvey, Rebecca Wood, and Mitch Fallon, 2024 Fellows



(L-R) Lauren Koster and Michael Anderson, 2018 Rappaport Fellows



(L-R) Lena Greenberg, 2015 Rappaport Fellow, and Jacqueline Dagle, 2021 Rappaport Fellow



(L-R) Sherelle Wu, Micah Jones, Alexander Nally, and Mario Paredes, 2017 Rappaport Fellows



(L-R) Paula Lyons and Melanie Manoach, 2007 Rappaport Fellows



(L-R) Ruchi Ramamurthy, Jacqueline Dagle, Brendan Kelly, and Jennifer White, 2021 Rappaport Fellows

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(L-R) Micah Jones, 2017 Rappaport Fellow; Hon. Julia (Julie) Kobick, U.S. District Court Judge, Rappaport Center Advisory Board member, 2008 Rappaport Fellow; and Matthew Mazzotta, 2008 Rappaport Fellow



(L-R) Hon. Gregory Massing, Associate Justice, Massachusetts Appeals Court, former Executive Director, Rappaport Center; R. Michael Cassidy, Inaugural Faculty Director, Rappaport Center Advisory Board member; and Justin Gomes, 2015 Rappaport Fellow



(L-R) Kadie Martin, 2019 Rappaport Fellow; Dylan O'Sullivan, 2019 Rappaport Fellow; Cindy Nguyen, former Rappaport Center Administrative Assistant; Dan Kanstroom, Faculty Director; Lissy Medvedow, Executive Director; and Abi Chingo, Rappaport Center Administrative Assistant



(L-R) Rodline Louijeune, 2016 Rappaport Fellow; and Ariel Soiffer, 2008 Rappaport Fellow



(L-R) Sadie Keller and Joseph (Joe) Thibodeau, 2023 Rappaport Fellows



(L-R) Sherelle Wu, 2017 Rappaport Fellow; Phyllis Rappaport, Chair, Rappaport Foundation; and Michelle Wu, Mayor of Boston, 2010 Rappaport Fellow, Rappaport Center Advisory Board Member

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(L-R) Sadie Keller, 2023 Rappaport Fellow; Jessica Rahmoune, 2021 Rappaport Fellow; Hon. Julia (Julie) Kobick; and Lissy Medvedow



(L-R) Jonathan Sturr, Kaye-Alese Green, and Noam Yossefy, 2022 Rappaport Fellows



(L-R) Joseph (Joe) Curtatone, Rappaport Center Advisory Board Member, former Mayor of Somerville; Jon Rapaport, Rappaport Foundation Board Member; and Tim Medlock, Executive Director, Rappaport Foundation



Michelle Wu, Mayor of Boston, 2010 Rappaport Fellow



Jerry Rappaport Video



(L-R) David Linhart, 2011 Rappaport Fellow; Malgorzata (Mal) Mrozek, 2015 Rappaport Fellow; Vannessa Lawrence, 2020 Rappaport Fellow; and Rodline Louijeune, 2016 Rappaport Fellow

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(L-R) Annie Lee, 2017 Rappaport Fellow; Carmen Ortiz, 2017 Rappaport Distinguished Visiting Professor; and Dylan O'Sullivan, 2019 Rappaport Fellow



(L-R) Linda McClellan, Ethan FitzGerald, and Lucia Martinez, 2023 Rappaport Fellows



(L-R) Lissy Medvedow, Mayor Michelle Wu, and Phyllis Rappaport



Phyllis Rappaport



(L-R) Peter Brown and Peter Durning, 2001 Rappaport Fellows



(L-R) Hon. Gregory Massing; Matthew Mazzotta, 2008 Rappaport Fellow; Ariel Soiffer, 2008 Rappaport Fellow; and Hon. Lee Peterson, Associate Justice, Norfolk County Family and Probate Court, 2001 Rappaport Fellow

RAPPAPORT CENTER PROGRAMMING FALL 2023

WHO WE ARE: A CHRONICLE OF RACISM IN AMERICA IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL PROGRAM | SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

Jeffery Robinson, CEO, The Who We Are Project;
2023 Rappaport Distinguished Visiting Professor

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WHO WE ARE: A CHRONICLE OF RACISM IN AMERICA
Documentary Screening and Community Address
by Jeffery Robinson, 2023 Rappaport Distinguished Visiting Professor

JEFFERY ROBINSON'S
WHO WE ARE
A CHRONICLE OF RACISM IN AMERICA
A FILM BY EMILY KUNSTLER & SARAH KUNSTLER

Jeffery Robinson, CEO,
The Who We Are Project

Tuesday, September 5, 2023
Stuart House 315, BC Law School
In-Person and Virtually
Only the Community Address will be held virtually
from approximately 6:15 p.m.-7:00 p.m. (EST)

4:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.
DOCUMENTARY SCREENING
COMMUNITY ADDRESS
Q&A

RSVP by: Thursday, August 31, 2023
In-Person RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/SEPS-INPERSON>
Virtual RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/SEPS-VIRTUAL>
Dinner from Anna's Taqueria and snacks will be provided.
Co-Sponsored by: BC Law LAHANAS, BC Black Law Students Association,
and the BC Forum on Racial Justice in America



REWARDING CAREERS INTERWEAVING PUBLIC, PRIVATE, AND NONPROFIT SECTORS

IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL PROGRAM | SEPTEMBER 13, 2023

Moderator:

- Glenn Cunha, Adjunct Professor, Boston College Law School

Panelists:

- Genevieve Nadeau, Counsel, Protect Democracy
- Lon Povich, Counsel, Anderson & Kreiger
- Vanessa Vélez, Deputy Chief Counsel, Private Counsel Division, Committee for Public Counsel Services

Co-Sponsors: BC Law Career Services Office and BC Law Criminal Law Society

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Vanessa Vélez
Deputy Chief Counsel,
Private Counsel
Division, Committee
for Public Counsel
Services

Wednesday, September 13, 2023
11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.
East Wing 120, BC Law School

In-Person and Virtually
RSVP by: Wednesday, September 6, 2023
In-Person RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/SEPI3-INPERSON>
Virtual RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/SEPI3-VIRTUAL>

Lunch from Jake's Falafel will be provided.

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RACE AND WRONGFUL CONVICTIONS

IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL PROGRAM | SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

Moderator:

- Sharon Beckman, Associate Clinical Professor and Director, Boston College Innocence Program

Panelists:

- Jarrett M. Adams, Attorney, Law Office of Jarrett Adams; Exoneree
- Hon. Geraldine Hines, Huber Distinguished Visiting Professor, Boston College Law School; 2018 Rappaport Distinguished Visiting Professor
- Samuel R. Gross, Thomas and Mabel Long Professor Emeritus of Law, University of Michigan Law School
- Jeffery Robinson, CEO, The Who We Are Project; 2023 Rappaport Distinguished Visiting Professor

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JARRETT M. ADAMS
 Attorney, Law Office of Jarrett Adams; Exoneree, Author

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JEFFERY ROBINSON
 CEO, The Who We Are Project; 2023 Rappaport Distinguished Visiting Professor

SIGNED COPIES OF JARRETT M. ADAMS' BOOK, "REDEEMING JUSTICE: FROM DEFENDANT TO DEFENDER, MY FIGHT FOR EQUITY ON BOTH SIDES OF A BROKEN SYSTEM" WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AT THE PROGRAM OR AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ONLINE: [TINYURL.COM/SEP27-BOOKSALE](https://tinyurl.com/sep27-booksale)

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SEPTEMBER 27, 2023
11:45 AM - 1:15 PM (EST)
EAST WING 120, BC LAW
LUNCH FROM JUDITH'S KITCHEN

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 VIRTUAL RSVP: [TINYURL.COM/SEP27-VIRTUAL](https://tinyurl.com/sep27-virtual)



TRANSGENDER RIGHTS: STATE AND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL PROGRAM | OCTOBER 18, 2023

Moderator:

- John Ward, Adjunct Professor, Boston College Law School; Founder of GLAD, Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (now GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders)

Panelists:

- Shaplaie Brooks, Executive Director, Massachusetts Commission on LGBTQ+ Youth
- Heron Greensmith, Deputy Director of Policy, Transgender Law Center; Adjunct Faculty, Boston University School of Law
- Casey Pick, Director of Law and Policy, The Trevor Project

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OCTOBER 18, 2023
11:45 AM - 1:15 PM (EST)
EAST WING 120, BC LAW
LUNCH PROVIDED
*PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE.

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EVALUATING TRANSPARENCY IN MASSACHUSETTS GOVERNMENT

IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL PROGRAM | NOVEMBER 1, 2023

Moderator:

- Samantha J. Gross, Political Reporter, The Boston Globe

Panelists:

- Diana DiZoglio, Massachusetts State Auditor
- Jay Kaufman, Founding President, Beacon Leadership Collaborative; former State Representative, Massachusetts House of Representatives
- Matthew Victor, Founder and Project Director, MAPLE (MA Platform for Legislative Engagement)

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Massachusetts House of
Representatives

Matthew Victor
Founder and Project
Director, MAPLE
(MA Platform for
Legislative Engagement);
Corporate Attorney,
Boston, BC Law '22

NOVEMBER 1, 2023
11:45 AM - 1:15 PM (EST)
EAST WING 120, BC LAW
JAKE'S FALAFEL
*PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGE.

PLEASE RSVP BY OCTOBER 30, 2023
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VIRTUAL RSVP: [TINYURL.COM/NOVI-VIRTUAL](https://tinyurl.com/NOVI-VIRTUAL)



PROTECTING CHILDREN IN MASSACHUSETTS

IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL PROGRAM | NOVEMBER 15, 2023

Moderator:

- Hon. Jay Blitzman, Former First Justice, Middlesex Juvenile Court, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

Panelists:

- Jenny Chou, Executive Director, Children’s Law Center of Massachusetts
- Sana Fadel, Deputy Director, Citizens for Juvenile Justice
- Tammy Mello, President and Chief Executive Officer, Key Program
- Maria Mossaides, Director, Office of the Child Advocate

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MUNICIPALITIES AND MIGRANTS: BALANCING COMPASSION AND CHALLENGES

IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL PROGRAM | JANUARY 24, 2024

Moderator:

- Daniel Kanstroom, Professor, BC Law; Faculty Director, Rappaport Center for Law and Public Policy

Panelists:

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THE PEOPLE'S LAWYER: THE IMPACT OF STATE ATTORNEYS GENERAL

IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL PROGRAM | FEBRUARY 7, 2024

Moderator:

- James Tierney, former Attorney General of Maine

Panelists:

- Andrea Joy Campbell, Attorney General of Massachusetts
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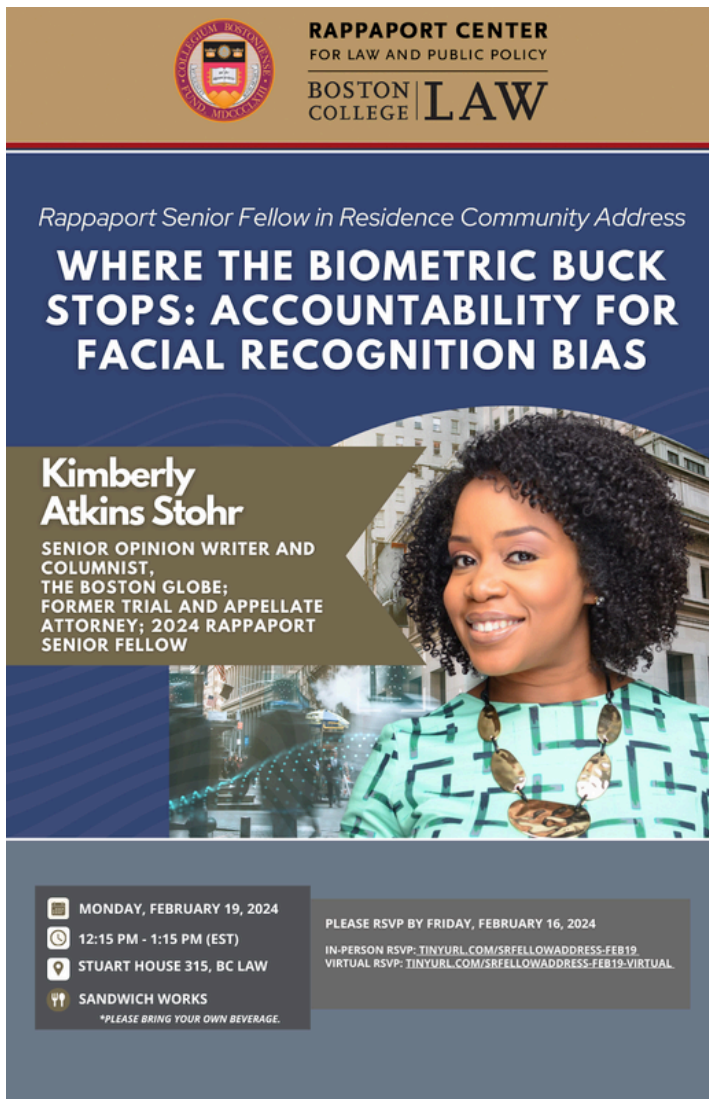
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WHERE THE BIOMETRIC BUCK STOPS: ACCOUNTABILITY FOR FACIAL RECOGNITION BIAS

IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL PROGRAM | FEBRUARY 19, 2024

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FACIAL RECOGNITION: EXPLORING PRIVACY, PROFILING, AND PUBLIC SAFETY

IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL PROGRAM | FEBRUARY 21, 2024

Moderator:

- 2024 Rappaport Senior Fellow Kimberly Atkins Stohr, Senior Opinion Writer and Columnist, The Boston Globe; former Trial and Appellate Attorney

Panelists:

- William G. Brooks, III, Chief of Police, Norwood Police Department
- Kade Crockford, Director, Technology for Liberty Program, ACLU
- Former SJC Associate Justice Elspeth Cypher, Boston College Law Huber Distinguished Visiting Professor

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LAWS AND POLICIES: PAST, PRESENT, PENDING, AND POTENTIAL

IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL PROGRAM | FEBRUARY 28, 2024

Moderator:

- Susan M. Finegan, Moderator, Member and Chair, Pro Bono Committee, Mintz; Rappaport Center Advisory Board Member

Panelists:

- Rachel Biscardi, Managing Attorney, Family Law Unit, Northeast Legal Aid
- Emily Dillan, Law Clerk, Bristol County Probate and Family Court; 2021 Rappaport Fellow
- Hema Sarang-Sieminski, Deputy Director, Jane Doe, Inc.

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RAPPAPORT FELLOWS PROGRAM



The 2023 Rappaport Fellows are a cohort of enthusiastic public-service oriented law students who also happen to be spirited, kind-hearted, fun loving, and passionate about their summer internships as well as one another. The Fellows hailed from seven Massachusetts law schools and worked in a variety of state and local government offices.

As part of the Fellowship, the Fellows receive a \$10,000 stipend to work in a state or local government agency or office and educational programming. Throughout the summer, they gain the experience of working alongside key policymakers in the inner sanctums of government.

Each Fellow also had the privilege of being mentored by two individuals who are members of the Rappaport Center Advisory Board or legal practitioners in the Greater Boston area. We extend our gratitude to the following mentors for their generosity in sharing their time and wisdom with our Fellows:

- Anthony Benedetti, Chief Counsel, Committee for Public Counsel Services; Rappaport Center Advisory Board member
- Gregory Bialecki, Principal, Redgate Capital Partners; Rappaport Center Advisory Board member
- Hon. Jay Blitzman, former First Justice, Middlesex Juvenile Court
- Kristen Bor-Zale, Equal Justice Works Fellow, Greater Boston Legal Services; 2017 Rappaport Fellow
- Michael Caljouw, Vice President, Government and Regulatory Affairs, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts; Rappaport Center Advisory Board Chair
- Susan Church, Chief Operating Officer, Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office for Refugees and Immigrants
- Iván Espinoza-Madrigal, Executive Director, Lawyers for Civil Rights; 2019 Rappaport Senior Fellow
- Susan Finegan, Partner and Pro Bono Chair, Mintz; Rappaport Center Advisory Board member
- Jaki Fishkin, Deputy General Counsel, Massachusetts Department of Mental Health; 2016 Rappaport Fellow
- Sean Fontes, Counsel, Partridge Snow & Hahn; Rappaport Center Advisory Board member

- Cristina Freitas, Partner, Freitas & Freitas
- Debbie Freitas, Partner, Freitas & Freitas
- Paul Hattis, Senior Fellow, Lown Institute
- Rebecca Hart Holder, Executive Director, Reproductive Equity Now
- Hannah Jellinek, Associate, Todd & Weld; 2017 Rappaport Fellow
- Stephanie Johnson, Associate, Klein Hornig; 2016 Rappaport Fellow
- Danielle Kinkel, General Counsel, Massachusetts Housing Partnership; 2023 Rappaport Senior Fellow
- Hon. Julia Kobick, U.S. District Court Judge; former Deputy State Solicitor, Attorney General's Office; Rappaport Center Advisory Board member; 2008 Rappaport Fellow
- Michelle McNulty, Principal Shareholder, Murphy, Lamere, & Murphy
- Alex Sugerman-Brozan, Assistant Attorney General, Fair Labor Division
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- Felicia Vasudevan, Partner, Murphy Hesse Toomey & Lehane; 2011 Rappaport Fellow
- Bill Walczak, Co-Founder, Codman Square Health Center; Chair, Boards of Bunker Hill Community College, Codman Academy, Massachusetts Business Alliance for Education; Rappaport Center Advisory Board member
- Geoffrey Why, Partner, Verrill Dana, former Commissioner and General Counsel of the Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable

On a weekly basis, the Fellows benefit from the opportunities to engage in conversation with high level public officials, members of the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of government, as well as cutting edge lawyers. Often in conjunction with our colleagues at the Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston, the 2023 Rappaport Fellows in Law and Public Policy met with the following leaders:

- Kim Driscoll, Lieutenant Governor
- Brian Rosman, Legislative Director for Senator Jo Comerford
- Hon. Kimberly Budd, Chief Justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court
- Judy Jacobson, General Counsel and Managing Director of the Preservation of Affordable Housing (POAH)
- Joshua Levy, Acting U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts
- Andrea Joy Campbell, Massachusetts Attorney General
- Michelle Wu, Mayor of Boston; Rappaport Center Advisory Board member; 2010 Rappaport Fellow
- Anthony Benedetti, Chief Counsel, Committee for Public Counsel Services; Rappaport Center Advisory Board member

In addition, the Fellows gathered to socialize for a night of Trivia and a Red Sox game. The 2023 Fellows remain connected to one another and plan to stay that way for years to come.



2023 Rappaport Center Fellows with Anthony Benedetti, Chief Counsel, Committee for Public Counsel Services; Rappaport Center Advisory Board member



2023 Rappaport Center Fellows at Sweet Cheeks for dinner, followed by a Red Sox game at Fenway Park



2023 Rappaport Center Fellows with Judy Jacobson, General Counsel and Managing Director at Preservation of Affordable Housing (POAH)



2023 Rappaport Center and Rappaport Institute Fellows with Boston Mayor Michelle Wu

2023 RAPPAPORT CENTER FELLOWS IN LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY



BHUMIKA CHOUDHARY

Bhumika Choudhary is a rising 3L at Suffolk University Law School. Over the years, Choudhary has gained a variety of experiences in higher education and non-profit communications, local journalism on state government, and as a TEDx founder and organizer. Prior to attending Suffolk University, Choudhary worked as a Case Assistant at Gordon & Rees LLP, where she supported attorneys in their research and writing needs related to complex commercial litigation. In 2018, Choudhary served as a press aide to the Connecticut House Democratic Office and was awarded a Proclamation for her exemplary service to the Town of Enfield. Choudhary received her Master's in Public Policy with honors from Trinity College, where she produced a policy memo on voting rights restoration for CT parolees and workforce education opportunities in Greater Hartford. She also received her BA in Creative Writing at Trinity College. As a 2023 Rappaport Fellow, Choudhary served as an intern at the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, White Collar and Public Integrity Division within the Criminal Bureau.



ZACKARY COLCLASURE

Zackary Colclasure is a rising 3L at Northeastern University School of Law (NUSL) and a graduate of Stonehill College, where he received his BA in Political Science with a minor in Philosophy. Prior to pursuing law, Colclasure served in the Governor Charlie Baker/Lt. Governor Karyn Polito Administration for five years, where he focused primarily on building lasting rapport between constituents and local government. In the Governor's Office, Colclasure's first responsibilities included overseeing the Office of Constituent Services and managing the Governor's Internship Program. Colclasure later became the Governor's Advance Representative and acted as the Governor's personal aide while traveling across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and beyond in furtherance of the Governor's daily obligations. During this time, Colclasure discovered his passion for law by bearing witness to the profound influence that lawyers have in solving life's most immediate challenges. At the end of the Governor's tenure, Colclasure served as the Governor's Deputy Director of Advance & Operations, where he further helped strategize, coordinate, and execute the day-to-day operations of the Governor's schedule. Colclasure was excited to further explore his passion for public service during his Rappaport summer internship at the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office.



ALLYSON (ALLY) CRAYS

Allyson “Ally” Crays is a 2024 alumna from Northeastern University School of Law (NUSL) and a graduate of Baldwin Wallace University (BW), *magna cum laude*, in Ohio where she studied Public Health and Political Science. After graduating from BW, she served as a City Year AmeriCorps member in Columbus, Ohio. Over the last five years, Crays has advocated for various menstrual equity policies to increase access to menstrual products, particularly in schools. Throughout this work, she discovered her passion for working with communities to advance policy changes that increase rights for women and LGBTQ+ people. Last fall, she worked as a Legal Intern at the ACLU of Massachusetts in the Legislative Department. Currently, she serves on PERIOD.’s Board of Directors and organizes for state level policy with the Massachusetts Menstrual Equity Coalition. At NUSL, she also pursued a graduate certificate in Women, Gender, Sexuality, & Law. Crays is interested in reproductive justice, menstrual equity, and public policy. For her Rappaport summer, she interned in the Office of State Senator Jo Comerford.



ETHAN FITZGERALD

Ethan FitzGerald, born and raised in Massachusetts, is a rising 3L at Boston University School of Law. Before pursuing his legal career, FitzGerald earned his Ph.D. in Molecular Biology, Cell Biology, and Biochemistry at Brown University. As a researcher, he published novel findings on pulmonary immunology and previously unknown disease mechanisms of COVID-19. During his Ph.D. candidacy, FitzGerald also served as an associate editor for the *Journal of Science Policy and Governance*. In that capacity, he supported researchers from diverse disciplines in honing and strengthening their scientifically informed policy proposals, which were targeted at local, state, and federal policy makers, as well as academia and international organizations. FitzGerald’s experience during the pandemic inspired him to pursue a legal career so that he may help address the critical need for scientists in policy making and advocating for the public interest. He is a graduate of Wheaton College in Norton, MA, where he earned degrees, *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa, in Political Science and Biochemistry along with a minor in legal studies. As a 2023 Rappaport Fellow, FitzGerald served as a summer intern at the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office in the Health Care Division of the Health Care and Fair Compensation Bureau.



JORDANA HARPER

Jordana B. Harper is a rising 3L at Western New England University School of Law, and also holds a B.S., *magna cum laude*, from Mt. Holyoke College, a M.Ed. from Endicott College, and a CAGS from Lesley University in Education Leadership. She served as a teacher, principal, and superintendent of schools prior to law school. In these roles, she had the opportunity to advocate for students, teachers, and families and learned in depth about the laws affecting public education in MA. Harper is interested in continuing her life-long dedication to public education through work in education law and policy around school equity, students with disabilities, school funding, and employment law. She is honored to have been selected as a Rappaport Fellow in Law and Public Policy. Last summer as a Rappaport Fellow, Harper worked at the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination.



ISABEL HASSELBALCH

Isabel Hasselbalch is a 2024 Boston College Law School alumna and a graduate of American University (AU), where she studied International Relations with a minor in Art History. Following graduation from AU, she worked at the Public Defender Service for Washington, D.C., and in development at a women's behavioral health provider in Lincoln, Nebraska, her hometown. During her 1L summer, she worked at the Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee in Quincy, MA. Last summer for her Rappaport Fellowship, she interned at the Committee for Public Counsel Services in the Youth Advocacy Division working in juvenile appeals. Hasselbalch is interested in criminal law and juvenile justice.



SADIE KELLER

Sadie Keller is a rising 3L at Boston University School of Law and a graduate of Oberlin College, Phi Beta Kappa, and a Truman Scholar. After college, Keller taught English at a public university in Mexico City and researched asylum and immigration policies as a Fulbright Scholar. She was then program manager for a national nonprofit, supporting families facing housing insecurity and eviction. Keller has worked on political campaigns and research think tanks, focusing on issues related to immigration, housing, civil rights, and voting rights. She interned for her Rappaport Fellowship at the Massachusetts Attorney General's Fair Labor Division in the Public Protection and Advocacy Bureau.



LUCIA MARTINEZ

Lucia Martinez is a rising 3L at Boston University School of Law and a graduate of Occidental College, *cum laude*, where she studied Latino/a & Latin American Studies and Political Science. Before pursuing her law degree, Martinez worked for seven years at Free Press, a Washington, D.C.-based media and tech policy and advocacy organization, where she advocated for public interest policies at Congress, the Federal Communications Commission, and with technology companies. Martinez plans to pursue a public policy career at the intersection of technology law and civil rights and is passionate about digital civil rights, data privacy protections, and working to mitigate the harm caused by algorithmic bias and surveillance technology. Last summer for her Rappaport Fellowship, Martinez interned at the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office Data Privacy and Security Division in the Public Protection and Advocacy Bureau.



LINDA MCCLELLAN

Linda McClellan is a 2024 graduate of New England Law | Boston and is natively from Philadelphia. She received her BA in Psychology from West Chester University and her MS in Clinical and Counseling Psychology from Chestnut Hill College. Before pursuing her law degree, McClellan was a case manager and clinical therapist specializing in trauma and adolescent development. She got her passion for policy and change during her time working with disenfranchised populations. While engaged in behavioral health service, McClellan worked in outpatient and residential services. At New England Law | Boston, McClellan implemented a trauma-informed training for students working with clients in the CORI Initiative. She also led the CORI Initiative policy program, lobbying for bills to reform Massachusetts' criminal justice system. McClellan was the chair of her SBA's Mental Health and Wellness Committee and maintained the food pantry. She also served on the Black Law Students Association executive board, creating events and linking alumni with the current student body. McClellan worked in State Senator Lydia Edwards's office during law school. She spent her Rappaport summer interning in the Policy and Cabinet Affairs Division of the Office of Governor Maura Healey.



MIRANDA POPKEY

Miranda Popkey is a rising 3L at Northeastern University School of Law. She graduated in 2009 from Yale University with a B.A. in Humanities, *cum laude*, and from Washington University in St. Louis in 2018 with an M.F.A. in Writing. She has worked as a book editor, undergraduate creative writing instructor, and as a fieldworker at Massachusetts Audubon's Drumlin Farm. At Action for Boston Community Development, she served as Director of the Generations Advancing Together Through Education (GATE) Program, connecting income eligible Boston-area parents to fully-funded job training opportunities. Popkey is passionate about strengthening and expanding the social safety net, including through Universal Basic Income (UBI) initiatives, and believes in funding community-led initiatives that offer alternatives to incarceration. Popkey interned for her Rappaport summer at the Committee for Public Counsel Services (CPCS) in the Legal Counsel's Office.



LAURA RODRIGUEZ ALFONSO

Laura Rodriguez Alfonso is a rising 3L Public Interest Law student at the University of Massachusetts School of Law. Rodriguez Alfonso graduated from the University of Florida, where she received a Bachelor of Arts in Criminology with a minor in History. While at UF, Rodriguez Alfonso volunteered at PACE Center for Girls as a social service intern which fostered her interest in law. After graduating, Rodriguez Alfonso worked for a domestic violence shelter as a case manager. In this role, she advocated for survivors and assisted in finding housing, filing injunctions, and applying for government assistance. Currently, Rodriguez Alfonso serves as a legal mentor for Discovering Justice. For her Rappaport summer, she interned at the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.



JOSEPH (JOE) THIBODEAU

Joe Thibodeau is a rising 3L Public Service Scholar at Boston College Law School and a graduate of Tufts University, *cum laude*, where he majored in American Studies and International Relations. Prior to law school, he spent eight years serving in various roles as a government and campaign staffer for leaders including United States Senator Ed Markey (MA), Congresswoman Lori Trahan (MA-03), and Massachusetts State Senator Barbara L'Italien (Second Essex & Middlesex). Thibodeau's prior work has focused on political strategy, coalition building, and community engagement. He is interested in civil rights, public policy, and community organizing. Thibodeau spent his Rappaport summer interning in the Legal Counsel's Office of Governor Maura Healey.

2023 LINDSAY FELLOWS



Each summer, the Rappaport Center hosts the Lindsay Fellows, a select group of college students interested in the legal profession who participate in a nine-week program under the auspices of the U.S. District Court. During the summer, these students intern for a U.S. District Court Judge and work in a government office located in the Moakley U.S. Courthouse, including the U.S. Attorney's Office, the United States Probation and Pretrial Services Office, and the Federal Defender Office. As part of the Lindsay Fellowship, the students also participate in intensive legal research and writing classes.

At Boston College Law School, the Lindsay Fellows meet with Lisa Brathwaite, Assistant Dean of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion; Shawn McShay, Assistant Dean of Graduate Enrollment Management (Admissions); Lissy Medvedow, Executive Director of the Rappaport Center; and a BC Law student. In an informal setting, the Lindsay Fellows are provided information about applying to law school, adapting to the law school culture, being a student of color in law school, and financial aid. We invite questions - any and all - from the Lindsay Fellows, give them a tour of BC Law School, and encourage them to pursue a career in law.

2023 LINDSAY FELLOWS

In the Lindsay Fellow newsletter, published at the conclusion of the summer Fellowship, one of the Fellows wrote about the field trip to BC Law School:

“Like many other Fellows, touring a law school was a first for me. It was incredibly eye-opening to see a law school, how it is laid out, and all the resources law students have... Being in the classroom made my dream real and tangible. I could picture myself walking the hallways of BC Law in a couple of years, walking to my Torts class... I appreciated that [the Assistant Dean of Graduate Enrollment Management] took time out of his day to speak with us and tell us what law schools are looking for, precisely what Boston College Law is looking for in a student, someone to add to their community... Additionally, we were able to meet with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Assistant Dean. It was especially nice to hear from someone devoted to helping students who do not have everything figured out because they are first-generation college or law school students. I was scared about going through law school alone but quickly realized that the students at BC are not alone. They have a fantastic mentor who will stick her neck out for you and remind you that you can do anything you set your mind to. Speaking to both the [Assistant Dean], as well as a current law student, has pushed me to apply to BC Law because I am confident that I can and will succeed there.”

Every summer, we look forward to welcoming Lindsay Fellows to Boston College Law School and we especially hope to greet some of them as members of an incoming BC Law class.



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- Linda McClellan, New England Law | Boston
- Isabel Hasselbalch, Boston College Law School

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- Andrea Millard, Suffolk University Law School
- Ivy Miller, J.D./M.P.H., Northeastern University School of Law and Tufts University School of Medicine
- Devyn Parry, Northeastern University School of Law
- Samantha Perlman, J.D./M.A., Boston College Law School and Tufts University Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning Department
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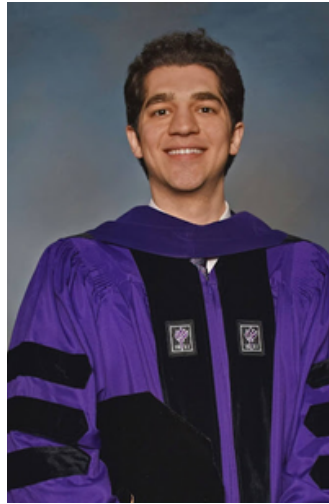


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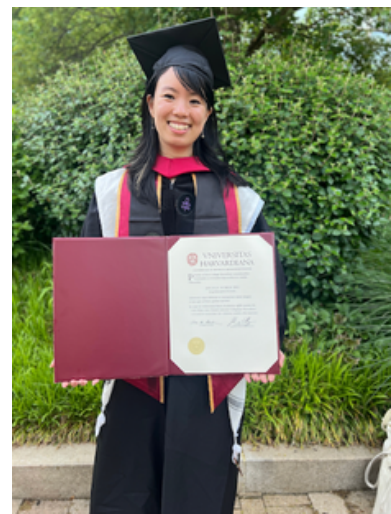
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