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FACULTY SPEAKER

Mary Louise Frampton

Mary Louise Frampton joined UC Davis as the Director of the Aoki Center for Critical Race and Nation Studies in January 2017. She teaches in the areas of restorative justice, structural inequality, law and social justice, legislative advocacy, and professional responsibility. She has co-taught courses on critical race theory and participatory action research in low-income communities in the Central Valley. Professor Frampton led the Thelton E. Henderson Center for Social Justice at Berkeley Law for more than a decade. She was a UC Berkeley Chancellor's Public Scholar and an Association of American Law Schools (AALS) National Bellow Fellow.

Frampton's research interests are focused on the use of restorative justice as a tool to dismantle the school to prison pipeline, reduce the over-incarceration of people of color in the criminal justice system, and heal divided communities. She is engaged in research projects in juvenile justice systems and schools in the Central Valley and in the community of Greensboro, North Carolina. She was a co-founder of the Community-University Research and Action for Justice, a collaborative effort of UC academics and community activists in the San Joaquin Valley to alleviate poverty. Her publications include *After the War on Crime: Race, Democracy, and a New Reconstruction* (NYU Press).

For 30 years, before joining Berkeley Law in 2001, Frampton was a civil rights attorney focusing on employment discrimination.

ANGELA HARRIS PRIZE FOR CRITICAL RACE SCHOLARSHIP



The mission of the Aoki Center for Critical Race and Nation Studies is to honor the memory of Professor Keith Aoki by fostering multi-disciplinary scholarship and practice that critically examine the law through the lens of race, ethnicity, indigeneity, citizenship, and class. By integrating the scholarship of the King Hall faculty with the research of academics in other departments and schools

across the UC Davis campus and by connecting critical race theory to the world of practice and policy, the Aoki Center seeks to deepen our understanding of issues that have a significant impact on our culture and society.

The Angela Harris Prize for Critical Race Scholarship is named after Professor Emerita Angela Harris, who has written extensively in the field of critical legal theory, examining how law sometimes reinforces and sometimes challenges subordination on the basis of race, gender, sexuality, class, and other dimensions of power and identity. Through her scholarly work and mentorship, generations of students have taken up the pursuit of examining the law through a critical lens.

As an acknowledgement of the impact that Professor Harris has made at King Hall, the Aoki Center is dedicating the first ever prize for critical race scholarship in her honor. The competition is open to all students enrolled at the UC Davis School of Law. The Harris Prize will be awarded for the paper which makes the most significant scholarly contribution in the field of critical race theory.

OTHE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2020 ANGELA HARRIS PRIZE
FOR CRITIAL RACE SCHOLARSHIP ARE :

Nick W. Lee '20 and Lauren Carbajal '20

CLINICAL RECOGNITION AWARD

The Clinical Recognition Award honors one or more law students who have excelled in a clinical course. The award is given annually at the completion of the academic year. The criteria for the award are:

1. *excellence in the field work component of the clinical course determined by the quality of the student's performance in assisting or representing individual clients or in undertaking group advocacy or policy reform projects;*
2. *excellence in the seminar component of the clinical course determined by the quality of the student's thoughtfulness and self-reflection in exploring the legal, ethical, strategic and other pertinent issues raised by the particular clinic; and*
3. *the nature and extent of the student's contribution to the clinical community at that school.*

THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2020 CLINICAL RECOGNITION AWARD IS:

Lyla Bugara '20 and Camila Mojica '20



JOHN PAUL STEVENS FOUNDATION PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIPS

Through a partnership between the UC Davis School of Law and the John Paul Stevens Public Interest Fellowship Foundation, two student recipients will receive \$5,000 to support work in public interest law.

THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENTS ARE:

***Amelia Haney '21, El Centro de los Derechos del Migrante
(CDM) (Mexico City, Mexico)***

El Centro de los Derechos del Migrante (CDM), is a transnational migrant workers' rights organization in Mexico City. Through community outreach, litigation support, and direct services, CDM serves the hundreds of thousands of workers who travel from Mexico to work in the United States. These workers do difficult, often dangerous work in critical sectors of our economy, like agriculture, hospitality, and homecare. Because their immigration status is tied to employment, transnational workers face threats of deportation and blacklisting for asserting their rights. So often, when workers are back in Mexico, they have no way of accessing justice in the United States. CDM helps give them that opportunity. As in intern, Amelia will conduct intakes, guide workers through legal issues, work on active cases and policy advocacy projects, and help on outreach and education trips to rural areas.

Andrea Reyes '22, Alameda County Public Defender (Oakland, CA)

Andrea will be interning with the Immigration Representation Project at the Office of the Alameda County Public Defender. She will be supporting the unit's immigration attorneys in the representation of individuals fighting their deportation before the Immigration Court, Board of Immigration Appeals, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. She will also work on issues relating to crim-migration, immigration consequences of criminal convictions, and avenues for post-conviction relief.

SUMMER FELLOWSHIP GRANTS



King Hall Legal Foundation (KHLF) is a student-run 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to support and encourage public interest legal work. KHLF funds summer grants for students pursuing public interest summer internships and future careers. KHLF grants serve the dual purpose of assisting King Hall students to gain valuable work experience and helping provide legal assistance to underserved and underrepresented populations and causes. KHLF raises money by organizing a variety of charity events throughout the school year, the largest of which is the annual KHLF Auction which brings together faculty, students, alumni and the larger Davis community.

SUMMER GRANT RECIPIENTS

<i>Taylor Andelman</i>	<i>Alejandra Gutierrez</i>	<i>Khrystan Policarpio</i>
<i>Victoria Anderson</i>	<i>Yoxira Guzman</i>	<i>Jennifer Ramon</i>
<i>Nicholas Awakuni</i>	<i>Camille Halley</i>	<i>Andrea Reyes</i>
<i>David Barentsen</i>	<i>Amelia Haney</i>	<i>Shelly Richter</i>
<i>Leticia Casillas Luquin</i>	<i>Vanessa Hofman</i>	<i>Jesse Ricks</i>
<i>Zoya Chakourski</i>	<i>Catalina Huang</i>	<i>Kendra Rivas</i>
<i>Matthew Charnin</i>	<i>Keegan James</i>	<i>Sophie Rodriguez</i>
<i>Viktoriya Chebotarev</i>	<i>Ameil Kenkare</i>	<i>Rachel Schroder</i>
<i>Kristine Chin</i>	<i>Sean Kennedy</i>	<i>Courtney Schwyzer</i>
<i>Jesse Craig</i>	<i>Laura Kurtz</i>	<i>Mikaila Skaroff</i>
<i>Emily Dennis</i>	<i>Christine Long</i>	<i>Charles Sloan-Hillier</i>
<i>Kiyoshi Din</i>	<i>Lilian Lopez</i>	<i>Melissa Stratton</i>
<i>Meghan Eaton</i>	<i>Jordan McKee</i>	<i>Dayja Tillman</i>
<i>Sara Eddy</i>	<i>John Mensik</i>	<i>Austin Turner</i>
<i>James Ezuka</i>	<i>Ezera Miller-Walfish</i>	<i>Alexander Watson</i>
<i>Sergio Giro</i>	<i>Max Mills</i>	<i>Chris Zoukis</i>
<i>Casper Gorner</i>	<i>Monica Ortega</i>	
<i>Carson Graves</i>	<i>Joana Peraza</i>	
<i>Alexandra Green</i>	<i>Caroline Perris</i>	
<i>Noelle Guerrero</i>	<i>Hoang Pham</i>	

UC PRESIDENT'S PUBLIC SERVICE LAW FELLOWSHIPS

In April 2016, UC President Janet Napolitano announced a first-of-its-kind systemwide fellowship program aimed at helping students at UC Davis School of Law and other UC law schools pursue careers in public interest law.

The President's Public Service Law Fellowships award \$4.5 million annually to promising law students at King Hall, UC Berkeley, UC Irvine, and UCLA. The funding makes post-graduate work and summer positions more accessible for students who want to pursue public-interest legal careers but might otherwise - out of financial need - seek private sector jobs.

"Lawyers who serve the public interest can use the power of the law to effect positive change and strengthen our democracy," Napolitano said. "For the benefit of California and the nation, we want to foster the public-service careers of more UC-educated legal scholars."

THIS YEAR'S RECIPIENTS ARE:

Marjan Abubo

Victoria Anderson

Kalan Andrews

Katrina Asuncion

Nicholas Awakuni

Rosie Baek

David Barentsen

Laurence Bezinover

Emily Bills

Courtney Bloodgood

Jeanette Boykins

Diana Cabrera-Vega

Raquel Campuzano-Santamaria

Leticia Casillas Luquin

Zoya Chakourski

Matthew Charnin

Viktoriya Chebotarev

Kristine Chin

Jesse Craig

Emily Dennis

Kiyoshi Din

Rose Dozier Schwartz

Meghan Eaton

Sara Eddy

Tariq El-Gabalawy

James Ezuka

Sergio Giro

Casper Gorner

Carson Graves
Noelle Guerrero
Alejandra Gutierrez
Yoxira Guzman
Camille Halley
Michael Hallock
Amelia Haney
Lidia Hernandez
Vanessa Hofman
Catalina Huang
Wes Hung
Dustin Hutton
Keegan James
Matthew Javier
Ameil Kenkare
Sean Kennedy
Alexander Khoury
Kristopher Klein
Laura Kurtz
Matthew Lanthier
Christine Long
Lilian Lopez
Benjamin Markham
Jordan McKee
John Mensik
Ezera Miller-Walfish
Max Mills
Alec Mitrovich
Sammy Nunan
Grecia Orozco
Monica Ortega

Jazmine Parra
Joana Peraza
Caroline Perris
Dustin Peterson
Hoang Pham
Khrystan Policarpio
Jennifer Ramon
Andrea Reyes
Jacqueline Reynders
Shelly Richter
Jesse Ricks
Kendra Rivas
Sophie Rodriguez
Blanca Sandoval
Lance Schimke
Rachel Schroder
Courtney Schwyzer
Sravya Singampalli
Mikaila Skaroff
Charles Sloan-Hillier
Christian Smit
Dayja Tillman
Austin Turner
Alexander Watson
Katie Weeks
Jennifer Wong
Corina Yetter
Michael Yosef
Brennan Zoellner
Chris Zoukis

PUBLIC SERVICE LAW PROGRAM

The Public Service Law Program is an academic certification program designed for students seeking public service careers. Certificate requirements include academic and experiential components. The experiential component provides students with an opportunity to put classroom learning into practice and make important contacts with public service attorneys. Students are enriched by this experience while simultaneously contributing to their communities.

PUBLIC SERVICE LAW PROGRAM SCHOLARS:

Ramya Auroprem

Sam Bacal-Graves

Estela Barajas

Heather Bates

Kevin Boutin

Lyla Bugara

Kaden Byron

Kiana M. Caton

Robin Daniel Chavarria

Emily R. Child

Alison Augusta Corn

Stephanie S. Dong

Riley Doyle

Sandy Michelle Garcia

Jackie Givelber

Micayla Hardisty

Brandon C. Hargrove

Peter Jansen

Lacia Ann Japp

Kirin Jessel

Kasumi Kanetaka

Tessa Rose Kaplan

Danielle Marie Kassatly

Jaclyn Kawagoe

LaShanee King

Thomas Kroner

Anyia Kwan

Brianna Locatelli

Anibal Lopez

Christopher W. Machold

Hillary Marston

Justine Massey

John M. Mitchell

Maria Camila Mojica

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PUBLIC SERVICE LAW PROGRAM SCHOLARS CONTINUED

Veronika Sentner Morrison

Kim Y. Ng

Jacqueline M. Nguyen

Timothy Khiem Nguyen

Christine Park

Yana Pavlova

Karen Pedraza

Evan D. Reid

Lilianna Elizabeth Romero

Rebecca Ruff

Meta Catherine Russell

Ariahna Sanchez

Rachel M. Schiff

Jeffrey Schultz

Samantha M. Sellers

Jamie Lynn Temple

Paul Hughes Tracy

Maleah Vidal

August Wissmath

Ran Xi

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SERVICE AWARD

Each year the Public Service Graduation Committee bestows the Martin Luther King, Jr. Service Award upon a graduating student who exemplifies Dr. King's vision and commitment to public service. In the nomination and the selection of this prestigious award, special emphasis is placed on public service performed for the benefit of the community. Those nominated for the award represent the best the legal profession has to offer: a combination of competent legal representation and a commitment to the underrepresented and disenfranchised.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SERVICE AWARD HONOREES:

Lyla Bugara

Camila Mojica

Lauren Carbajal

Evan Reid

Kiana Caton

Ariahna Sanchez

Brianna Locatelli

Maleah Vidal

Chris Machold

Anastacia Wright

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR., SERVICE AWARD HONOREE BIOGRAPHIES

Lyla Bugara

Lyla Bugara is a nonbinary, mixed race, queer, Brazilian American committed to radical social justice lawyering. Following California's tragic execution of Stanley Tookie Williams in 2005, Lyla committed her life to resisting the anti-Black racism that took Mr. Williams' life. In the words of scholar and activist Angela Davis, "radical simply means 'grasping things at the root.'" For more than decade, Lyla has worked alongside communities fighting to dismantle white supremacy "at the root," primarily in the context of mass incarceration. Lyla shares in the collective dream of abolishing the Prison Industrial Complex and is guided by the brilliance of currently and formerly incarcerated people working to make that dream a reality. Lyla believes that lawyers can play a key role in larger movements for justice and hopes to develop a holistic legal practice that prioritizes the needs of clients most impacted by systems of oppression. As a first-generation law student at King Hall, Lyla completed nearly 2,000 hours of pro bono legal work for low-income, immigrant, trans, and gender nonconforming clients of color through the Immigration Law Clinic, Civil Rights Clinic, Workers' Rights Clinic and Gender Name Change Project. Lyla aspires to be a public defender and will work as a Graduate Law Clerk at the Contra Costa Public Defender's Office starting in August of 2020.

Lauren Carbajal

Lauren's passion for service began in college, after she worked abroad in Cochabamba, Bolivia at a local NGO where she worked for rural communities. After graduation, she moved to New York and worked for an AmeriCorps program called Blue Engine, which employed a team-teaching model to assist Title I schools in the Bronx and upper Manhattan. She was placed at Bronx Leadership Academy II where she helped teach 9th grade English and started a small choir for the students. After Blue Engine, she

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worked as an academic advisor at a small private college in the Bronx. Lauren realized she missed working with high schoolers and spent the rest of her time in New York as a 12th grade college advisor at SEO Scholars where she helped her students through the college application process. During her first year of law school, she continued to serve her community by working with the Workers' Rights Clinic. That summer, she worked at the Contra Costa Public Defender's Office. She loved her time there, but again, missed working with youth, and decided to spend her 2L summer in the Children's Rights Practice Group of the Southern Poverty Law Center. During her second semester of her second year in law school, she joined the Civil Rights Clinic, where she has had the privilege of working on the Flores Settlement Team. Lauren was also La Raza's Co-Chair during the 2018-19 school year and is a proud founder of the Potluck of Color, which she started with the other affinity group leaders, some of her best friends.

Kiana Caton

Kiana Caton is no stranger to public service thanks to her parents, Alberto Caton and Regena Boyland, both of whom retired from the State of California after more than 25 years of service. Kiana's parents taught her that the intrinsic value of public service transcends personal interests because it accounts for the greater good of society. Thus, Kiana is proud to honor a family legacy of public service as a future first generation attorney. While juggling undergraduate studies, an on-campus job, and various volunteer activities, Kiana first entered public service as a student worker for the Superior Court of San Diego in the criminal and family support units. Between undergrad and law school, Kiana entered state service at the Office of Administrative Hearings, where she supported several administrative law judges. As a King Hall student, Kiana has remained committed to public service, completing externships with United States District Court Judge Troy L. Nunley and the California Department of Justice. She has also served students through her leadership roles in the Black Law Students Association, King Hall Negotiations Team, and King Hall Admissions

Committee, and attends community service opportunities whenever possible. Kiana has accepted post-bar employment in Sacramento with the education law firm Fagen Friedman & Fulfrost (“F3”), where she will continue her public interest work by representing public school districts in California. In the short term, Kiana also hopes to complete a federal judicial clerkship to further her understanding of how the justice system can better serve public needs.

Brianna Locatelli

Brianna developed an interest in public interest work as a product of her circumstances. She was born to parents who didn’t graduate high school and her father ultimately spending his time in and out of prison. This gave her a firsthand experience of the inequalities at play in society and a drive to work against them. During her undergraduate career she interned in the Women’s Law department at the Community Legal Information Center helping the public fill out domestic violence, civil harassment and elder abuse restraining orders. While at King Hall she has been on the board of the student run nonprofit King Hall Legal Foundation where she served as treasurer her 2L year. Both summers she interned at the nonprofit Senior Citizens Legal Services where she provided free legal help to a vulnerable population including the highlight of helping the elderly maintain shelter with eviction defense. During her 2L fall semester she was part of the Aoki Water Justice Clinic where she helped communities try to navigate funding systems to obtain clean drinking water. Her family is from Paradise and was impacted by the Camp Fire which has fueled her passion of creating a Disaster Relief Clinic at King Law to educate students on disaster relief law so they can be ready to help when disaster strikes. She has obtained postgrad employment at the Chico office of Legal Services of Northern California where she will continue her passion for legal aid work.

Chris Machold

Chris grew up in Quincy, IL, and attended college at Cornell College in Mount Vernon, IA. While at Cornell, he competed on the mock trial team for four years and became involved in the Chaplain's Office, through which he worked on several social justice initiatives and ran the office's yearly Martin Luther King, Jr. Candlelight Vigil.

Following graduation, Chris joined the Episcopal Service Corps in Atlanta, GA. During that year, he participated in the diocese's anti-racism and anti-poverty work and volunteered as the intake coordinator for the Georgia Justice Project, a nonprofit law office that does indigent criminal defense and policy reform work. It was this work that caused him to want to become a public defender.

At King Hall, Chris served in his third year as the President of the Trial Practice Honors Board. He has also served as President of the Criminal Law Association and Co-Chair of Students United for Reform and Justice (now Students Against Mass Incarceration). As an SAE on the UC Davis Law Review, he worked on several defendants' rights and criminal justice reform articles and published his student note on protecting the digital privacy of the accused.

Chris has worked for the Sacramento County Public Defender and the Contra Costa County Public Defender. In August, he will start with the Law Offices of the Public Defender for the State of New Mexico, where he hopes to continue to institutionalize the holistic and restorative principles the office adheres to, and vigorously defend his clients.

Camila Mojica

Originally from Colombia, Camila Mojica views the world from a binational, bicultural and bilingual lens. She is a first-generation immigrant committed to improving the lives of under-represented immigrants through direct representation and advocacy in the courts, legislatures, schools and community. Ms. Mojica holds bachelor's degrees in International Studies and Advertising and Public Relations from Loyola University Chicago and will graduate from King Hall with the Immigration Law Certificate, Pro Bono Program and Public Service Law Certificate.

She was a managing editor of the *Immigration & Nationality Law Review*, where she researched undocumented-children's rights to a public-school education. Ms. Mojica has also served as a counselor for the Aoki Clean Slate Project, member of the Coalition for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, outreach officer of the Womxn's Law Association and co-president of the Immigration Law Association.

Ms. Mojica's main area of interests within human rights law include immigrants' and asylum-seekers' rights, child welfare, and education equity—and she has dedicated her education, internships, and focus to that end. She was a student advocate and research assistant for the UC Davis Immigration Law Clinic where she provided legal counseling to migrant families seeking humanitarian relief. At King Hall, she also interned for the California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation, the ACLU of Northern California, Human Rights First, Bet Tzedek and the Asylum Seekers Advocacy Project.

Ms. Mojica has earned the Celeste Summer Dove Cassman Scholarship, Women Lawyers of Sacramento Scholarship, Justice John Paul Stevens Fellowship, and the University of Michigan Bergstrom Child Welfare Law Fellowship. Camila is passionate about humanity, justice and community and immigration issues as they relate to poverty and human rights violations

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among vulnerable communities. She hopes to dedicate her professional life to protecting civil rights and advancing social justice and forge a successful career as an immigrants' rights attorney.

Evan Reid

As a rural Georgia native, Evan Reid's passion for public interest law is grounded in a controversial wrongful conviction case that shook his community. After witnessing the power of appellate litigation in healing his own community, Evan sought to use the legal profession to address racial, geographic, and economic disparities within the criminal justice system.

While attending Morehouse College, Evan volunteered for the Georgia Innocence Project in efforts to exonerate incarcerated individuals and interned for the Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project, an organization that investigates lynchings that occurred in the Deep South. Through these experiences, Evan found his passion for capital habeas representation.

As a King Hall student, Evan has crafted death penalty appellate arguments at the Federal Defenders for the Eastern District of California, Capital Habeas Unit; assisted the Law Office of Charles Bonneau in handling complex, criminal appeals; assisted individuals with sealing juvenile records for UC Davis Law's Humanitarian Aid Legal Organization; addressed racial disparities in death penalty cases and prison condition cases as an Equal Justice Initiative intern; and currently serves as the Student Director of UC Davis Law's Restorative Justice Practicum. All these experiences solidified Evan's passion for capital habeas representation and inspired him to continue impacting change in silenced communities.

Upon graduation, Evan will continue his passion for capital habeas representation as a 2020 Equal Justice Initiative (EJI) Fellow.

Ariahna Sanchez

Ariahna Sanchez has Mexican and Salvadorian roots. She is the daughter of a single mother who is herself the daughter of a bracero farmworker. As someone who grew up in poverty, Ariahna realized she wanted to effect change in the world. While at Mills College and UC Davis King Hall, Ariahna became passionate about combating the injustices slaughterhouses create for poor communities of color, especially Latinxs. She became a student counselor for the Workers' Rights Clinic, Wage Claim Clinic, Immigration Law Clinic, and the student-led Gender & Name Change Project. After graduation, Ariahna hopes to join the fight in taking down slaughterhouses.

Maleah Vidal

Maleah Vidal will proudly graduate from King Hall with her Public Service Law and Pro Bono Certificates. Maleah's interest in serving others started at a young age, when she became aware of significant disparities in access to education, jobs and housing within different communities. She also observed a deep disconnect between those creating the laws and those most impacted by it, including her own community. Maleah came to law school to gain the tools necessary to effect positive social change in marginalized communities. During her first year, Maleah had the privilege of joining the only clinical offering for 1Ls, representing low-income workers in employment and labor law. Her proudest moment was obtaining a favorable judgment for a monolingual Spanish-speaking client's wage claim hearing. While with Legal Services of Northern California, Maleah performed legal work on housing and public benefits issues. Her most meaningful experience was securing affordable housing for a disabled client, who was previously denied by the Agency. Working at the UCD Family Protection Clinic, Bay Area Legal Aid, and WEAVE, representing survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, Maleah experienced the transformative power of lawyering as she witnessed how justice began the healing process for her clients. From exploited workers to survivors of violence, Maleah's experience

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is diverse, but shares a common theme: service to others because she believes our struggles are interconnected. Maleah is humbled and inspired by the people she serves and hopes to spend her life in their service.

Anastacia Wright

AnaStacia Nicol Wright is a proud Oakland native who began her legal career early, when her mother “forced” her to intern with Supervisor Federal Glover of District 5 in Contra Costa County right out of high school. Shortly after she became a college intern with Bay Area Legal Aid in Richmond. Since then, she’s held a variety of legal and policy positions ranging from the state capitol to YouTube’s legal policy team, but her heart has remained in Oakland, with the communities and people she grew up with.

It was this passion that rooted her when she transferred from Los Medanos Community College to the University of California at Davis and after she graduated college with a BA in political science and a paralegal certificate and begin her paralegal career in Silicon Valley. Throughout those years, her Oakland roots made sure she found a way to service communities like Oakland no matter where she was. She’s worked for various non-profit organizations, such as Legal Services of Northern California and the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program, as well as created her own community campaigns. During her time at UC Davis as a law student she worked tirelessly to create an expungement clinic before leaving, held book drives for youth in juvenile detention and has worked closely with the AOKI Center’s Tribal Justice Project to service the legal needs of the Native American communities. Although the majority of her work has been working for women and children, particularly in the African American community, she spent her 2L summer at the Alameda County Public Defender’s office where she was able to explore how she can better serve those of her community most affected by carceral system.

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