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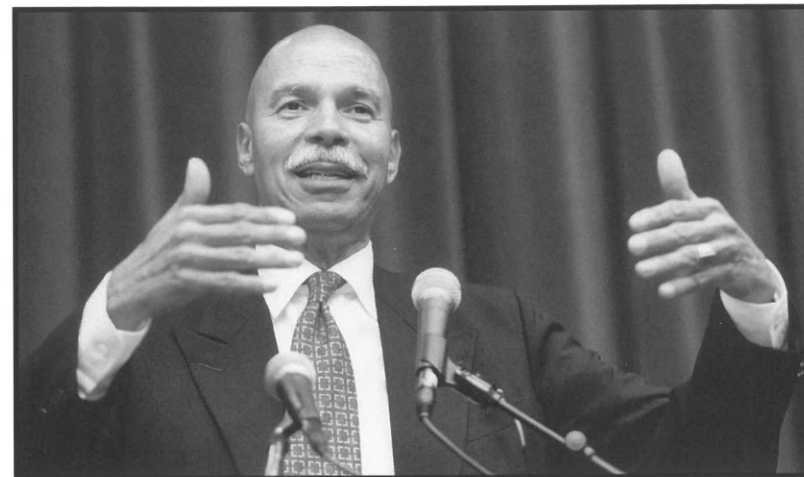
The Center for Social Justice at the University of California, Berkeley's School of Law brings together faculty, students, the bar and the bench to explore more effective ways for the law to fulfill our nation's promise of equality for all its people. As one of the country's premier law schools in the most diverse state, Boalt Hall is the ideal home for the center.

The mission of the center is threefold: to produce creative and innovative scholarship on issues of equality and diversity; to provide law students with the rigorous training and exposure necessary to address complex social justice problems and serve disadvantaged communities; and to build a coalition of groups and individuals within the legal academy, the bar and the community who focus on social justice goals.

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LAW AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

The concept of a just society in which all people are treated equally is deeply rooted in our constitutional democracy. From the documents that provided the legal justification for the American Revolution and declared our country's independence to the Constitution and its Reconstruction-era and 20th century amendments, this country has proclaimed itself as a society that values the equality of all its people. Throughout the world, the United States has projected its image as a land of equal opportunity in which success is based on an individual's capacities and character rather than on group or class status. Furthermore, our national identity is grounded in the fact that our nation is primarily a community of immigrants.

Our history has not always matched our ideals. Originally, the promise of equality was limited to white men of financial means, and some of our economies depended on slavery for their prosperity. As a mirror of our society, the legal system often justified and perpetuated such injustices. Although constitutional amendments, federal and state legislation, social activism and court decisions have remedied many of our society's injustices, the absence of true equal opportunity for all people remains one of the nation's most challenging problems.

There is considerable debate about the meaning of equality and the proper role of the law in creating a just society in a capitalist democracy. The law cannot presume to be a tool for solving all of society's injustices. However, in our constitutional democracy, social justice issues are continually addressed in state and federal courts, the legislatures, and administrative agencies. Hence, as lawyers, law teachers and law students, we have a special responsibility to produce the most thoughtful and rigorous scholarship on social justice issues and to be effective advocates for underrepresented and disadvantaged clients and communities.

The center's events continually remind me that what I'm doing does make sense, that the law can serve the public's interest, and that understanding the law can be a powerful tool. For me and many of my classmates, the space, resources and community that the Center for Social Justice provides are Boalt's most important institutional assets.

—Offer Egozy '04

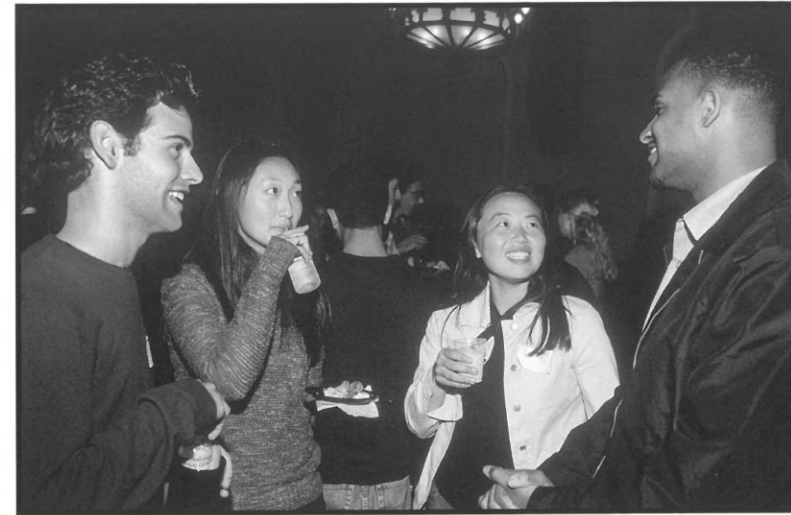
THE CENTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

By linking the legal academy and the university with both lawyers and the community at large, the Center for Social Justice provides scholars and activists a unique opportunity to work collaboratively in the search for solutions to our most pressing social problems. By critically analyzing the social injustices in our society and the needs of disadvantaged communities, the center can also prepare law students to be more effective social justice advocates.

The center's faculty members are leaders in their fields and distinguish themselves by the quality of their scholarship and teaching. Professors with a broad cross section of interests in social justice issues bring a depth of knowledge from a wide range of experiences and scholarly research perspectives. In addition they have expertise in the areas of race and class, environmental justice, feminist jurisprudence, clinical education, disability law, immigration law, sexual orientation and the law, and human and civil rights.

To fulfill its mission, the Center for Social Justice offers a wide range of programs, including:

- ◆ ground-breaking conferences and symposia that bring together experts from around the country to discuss strategies for social change;
- ◆ the Practitioner-in-Residence and Scholar-in-Residence Programs, which offer preeminent social justice lawyers and academics the opportunity to share their insights and expertise with the Boalt community;
- ◆ Ruth Chance Mondays, a speakers series that gives students the opportunity to talk with public interest practitioners on a biweekly basis;
- ◆ a distinctive reading group for first-year students, led by Boalt faculty members, that examines basic areas of the law through a social justice lens;
- ◆ a wide range of theoretical and clinical courses, offering significant scope for an exploration of how the law treats social justice issues and the representation of poor and disadvantaged communities;
- ◆ a Practitioner-Student Mentoring Program, presented in collaboration with the Office of Career Services, which pairs students with social justice lawyers; and
- ◆ a student advisory board, through which the center develops a community of students and student groups interested in social justice issues.



EVENTS AND CONFERENCES

Ruth Chance Mondays

Joining theory and practice, the center sponsors a biweekly luncheon speakers series that brings prominent social justice practitioners to Boalt Hall to discuss current issues and cases with students. This program has been endowed through a grant from the Rosenberg Foundation to honor Ruth Chance '31, who served on the board of the Equal Rights Advocates from 1974 to 1984.

Recent topics and speakers have included the following:

- ◆ "The Work of Equal Rights Advocates," Irma Herrera, executive director, and Sheila Thomas, litigation director, Equal Rights Advocates
- ◆ "Domestic Violence and the Criminal Justice System," Jessica Delgado, Santa Clara County deputy public defender
- ◆ "Hmong Struggle for Exemption from Welfare Reform," Victor Hwang, managing attorney, Asian Law Caucus
- ◆ "One Lawyer's Road to Social Justice Work," Linda Kilb, attorney, Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund
- ◆ "Restoration of Aboriginal Lands and Representation of Tribes," Tom Weathers, board of directors, National Native American Bar Association, and Curtis Berkey, attorney, Alexander & Karshmer

Social Justice Thursdays

Programs on Social Justice Thursdays provide a special forum for first-year students to discuss first-year subject areas and legal education from a social justice perspective. The fall semester sessions, facilitated by members of the social justice faculty, focus on the discussion of law review articles and other works that analyze first-year courses from a social justice vantage point. The spring semester sessions are organized with the assistance of the center's student advisory board and are designed to meet the specific needs and concerns of students in their first year.

Major Lectures

The center sponsors two annual lectures honoring distinguished alumni committed to social justice.

Mario G. Olmos Law and Cultural Diversity Memorial Lecture

This annual Boalt Hall lecture was established by family and friends of the late Judge Mario G. Olmos '71 to honor his commitment to social justice. The endowed lecture addresses issues of justice for people of diverse national, economic, racial and cultural backgrounds. Recent lectures have included:

- ◆ "The Secret Curriculum: Race and Class in Legal Education," Professor Derrick Bell, New York University Law School
- ◆ "The Politics of Inclusion: Taking Up the Challenge," Judge Thelton Henderson '62, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California
- ◆ "A Latina Judge's Voice," Judge Sonia Sotomayor, U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit
- ◆ "Insisting on Critical Theory in Legal Education: Making Do While Making Waves," Professor Francisco Valdes, University of Miami School of Law

Robert D. and Leslie-Kay Raven Lecture on Access to Justice

This yearly Boalt Hall lecture, established in 1994 by the law firm of Morrison & Foerster in honor of Robert D. Raven '52, presents topics relating to access to justice. Recent lectures have included:

- ◆ "What America Owes to Blacks and What Blacks Owe to Each Other," Randall Robinson, attorney, author and activist
- ◆ "Beyond Bondage: The Trafficking in Women and Girls with Particular Reference to South Asia," Radhika Coomaraswamy, director, International Centre for Ethnic Studies, and Special Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, United Nations
- ◆ "Inventing the Public Defender: Trial Stories," Professor Barbara A. Babcock, Stanford University Law School



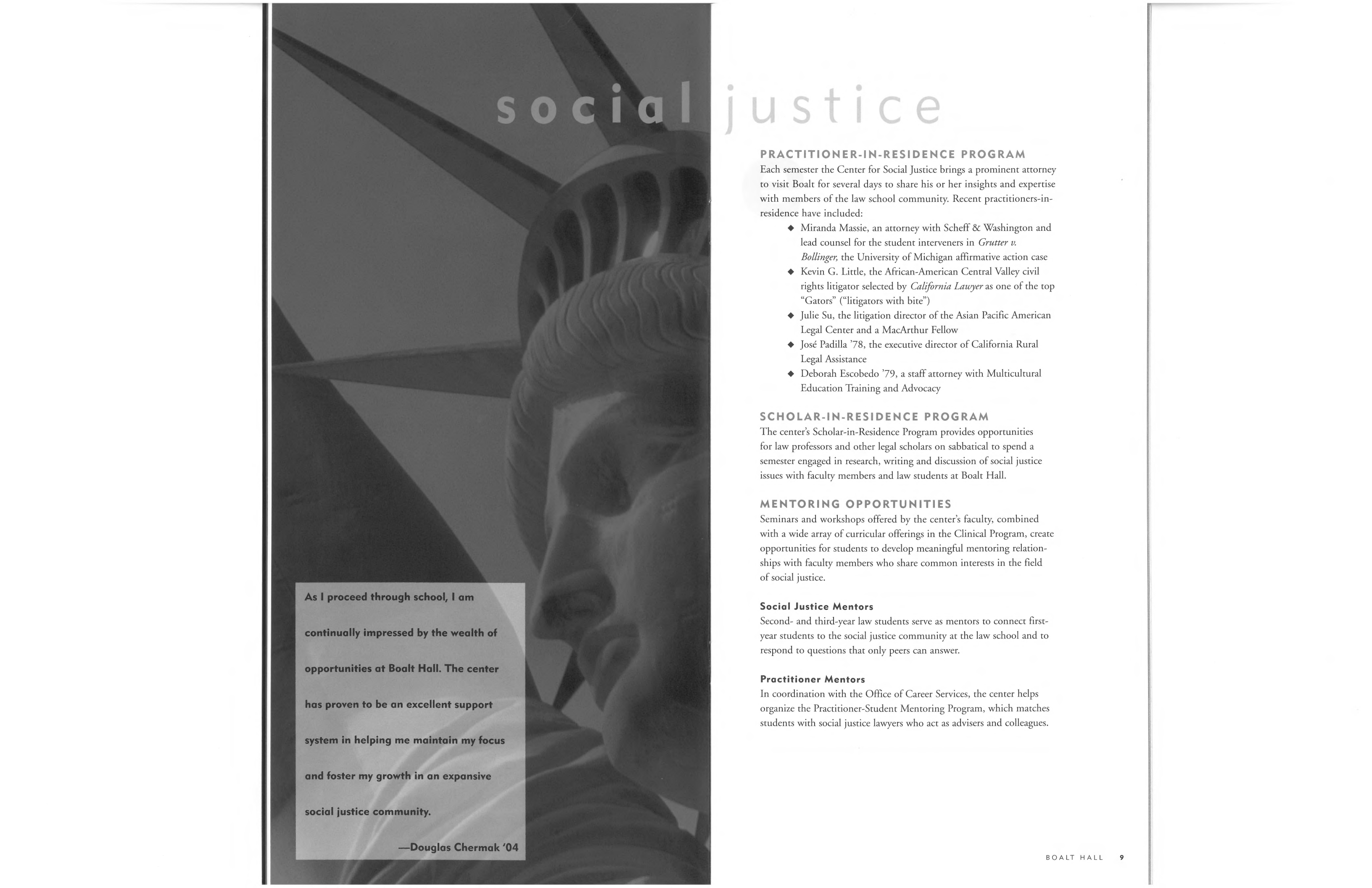
Special Lectures

The center also sponsors a number of special lectures of interest to the Boalt community during the school year. These events provide opportunities for the law school community to hear and meet leading public interest lawyers, judges and academics who have distinguished themselves in the social justice arena. Recent lectures have included:

- ◆ "Transforming Democracy with Cross-Racial Coalitions," Professor Lani Guinier, Harvard Law School
- ◆ "Critical Perspectives on Child Welfare Reform: Who Speaks for the Child?" Nina Bernstein, reporter, *New York Times*, and Marcia Lowry, executive director, Children's Rights
- ◆ "The Constitution: Another Victim of Terrorism?" Professor Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar, Stanford Law School; Lucas Guttentag, director, ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project; Khari Tillery '01, Thurgood Marshall Fellow, Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights; and Cindy Cohen, legal director, ACLU San Francisco

Conferences and Symposia

The Center for Social Justice sponsors conferences and symposia that focus on specific social justice topics. One of these recent events was the symposium Reparations for Slavery and Its Legacy. Experts from a variety of fields examined reparations from legal, historical and psychological perspectives and discussed proposed legislation, lessons from other reparations movements and future strategies. Another conference was Raising the Bar: Latino and Latina Presence in the Judiciary, and the Struggle for Representation. This event offered an unprecedented opportunity for Latino(a) judges from around the country to meet with Latino(a) attorneys and law students focused on the achievements of this population in the judiciary and the barriers to full representation both on the bench and in the bar.



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As I proceed through school, I am continually impressed by the wealth of opportunities at Boalt Hall. The center has proven to be an excellent support system in helping me maintain my focus and foster my growth in an expansive social justice community.

—Douglas Chermak '04

PRACTITIONER-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM

Each semester the Center for Social Justice brings a prominent attorney to visit Boalt for several days to share his or her insights and expertise with members of the law school community. Recent practitioners-in-residence have included:

- ◆ Miranda Massie, an attorney with Scheff & Washington and lead counsel for the student interveners in *Grutter v. Bollinger*, the University of Michigan affirmative action case
- ◆ Kevin G. Little, the African-American Central Valley civil rights litigator selected by *California Lawyer* as one of the top "Gators" ("litigators with bite")
- ◆ Julie Su, the litigation director of the Asian Pacific American Legal Center and a MacArthur Fellow
- ◆ José Padilla '78, the executive director of California Rural Legal Assistance
- ◆ Deborah Escobedo '79, a staff attorney with Multicultural Education Training and Advocacy

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM

The center's Scholar-in-Residence Program provides opportunities for law professors and other legal scholars on sabbatical to spend a semester engaged in research, writing and discussion of social justice issues with faculty members and law students at Boalt Hall.

MENTORING OPPORTUNITIES

Seminars and workshops offered by the center's faculty, combined with a wide array of curricular offerings in the Clinical Program, create opportunities for students to develop meaningful mentoring relationships with faculty members who share common interests in the field of social justice.

Social Justice Mentors

Second- and third-year law students serve as mentors to connect first-year students to the social justice community at the law school and to respond to questions that only peers can answer.

Practitioner Mentors

In coordination with the Office of Career Services, the center helps organize the Practitioner-Student Mentoring Program, which matches students with social justice lawyers who act as advisers and colleagues.

EXTERNSHIP AND CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Boalt Hall provides students with assistance in finding externships and postgraduate fellowships, as well as support in securing public interest and public service employment.

Through the Field Placement Program students earn academic credit by working in government agencies and nonprofit organizations, including a wide range of public interest groups. Margaret Crow Rosenfeld serves as the coordinator, helping students find various extern positions. Before coming to Boalt, she was the director of the Public Interest Law Program at the Public Interest Clearinghouse, a staff attorney with California Indian Legal Services and an attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice's Indian Resources Section. She received her B.A. from Mills College and her J.D. from Golden Gate University.

Terrence Galligan, the associate director for public interest programs in the Office of Career Services, counsels and assists students interested in public interest and public service employment. Previously, he served as programs coordinator for the Office of Public Interest Advising at Harvard Law School and was a partner with Kirkland & Ellis in New York, where he did extensive pro bono work. He also helped organize a group of business leaders to provide mentoring and summer jobs for public high school students. In 1998 he served as an associate independent counsel in the Whitewater investigation and related investigations. He received his B.A. and J.D. from Georgetown University, and during law school he helped found the *Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics*.

ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Center for Social Justice Advisory Council, a group of preeminent jurists and lawyers committed to social justice, provides valuable advice and support to the center. The members of the advisory council include:

- ◆ The Honorable Edward Chen '79
- ◆ The Honorable Thelton Henderson '62
- ◆ The Honorable John Racanelli, Ret.
- ◆ Jolie Bales '83
- ◆ Mario Barnes '95
- ◆ Angela Blackwell '77
- ◆ Barbara S. Bryant
- ◆ Abby Ginzberg
- ◆ Irma D. Herrera
- ◆ Dale Minami '71
- ◆ Rena O'Malley '83
- ◆ Bernida Reagan
- ◆ Brad Seligman
- ◆ John True '75
- ◆ Ellen Widess '74



STUDENT AFFILIATES

Student Advisory Board

The student advisory board works with the center's director to ensure that the center is responsive to student needs and concerns. Composed of representatives from social justice organizations and groups of students with diverse backgrounds, the board plays a crucial role in defining the center's mission.

Student Organizations and Journals

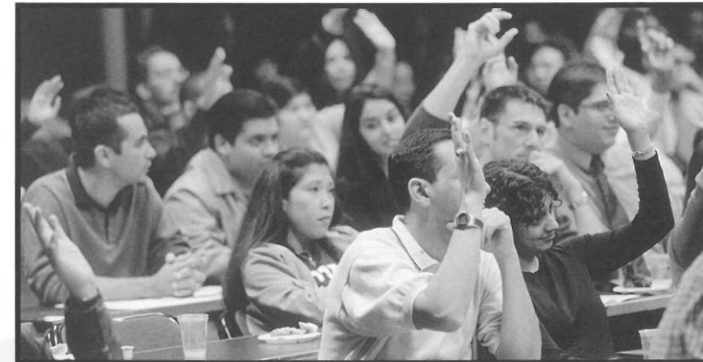
Many student organizations and journals work closely with the center to explore social justice issues. These affiliated groups include:

- ◆ *African-American Law & Policy Report*
- ◆ *Asian Law Journal*
- ◆ Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
- ◆ *Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law*
- ◆ *Berkeley La Raza Law Journal*
- ◆ Berkeley Law Foundation
- ◆ *Berkeley Women's Law Journal*
- ◆ Boalt Disability Law Society
- ◆ Boalt Hall Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Caucus
- ◆ Boalt Hall Women's Association
- ◆ Boalt.org
- ◆ East Bay Workers' Rights Clinic
- ◆ Environmental Law Society
- ◆ Healthcare Law Society
- ◆ La Raza Law Students Association
- ◆ Law Student Outreach
- ◆ Law Students of African Descent
- ◆ National Lawyers Guild—Boalt Chapter
- ◆ Native American Law Students Association
- ◆ Prisoner Action Coalition
- ◆ Youth and Education Law Society

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The center creates a supportive community and an intellectually stimulating learning environment at Boalt. Its programs encourage us to use our particular social and political perspectives as well as our critical thinking skills to engage intellectually with the legal discourse in our classrooms and workplaces.

—Elizabeth Voigt '04



THE CURRICULUM

Boalt Hall offers a rich array of courses addressing social justice issues. In addition to foundational law school courses, faculty members teach theory courses that examine the legal history and rights of traditionally disadvantaged groups as well as a wide range of other public interest law and social justice issues. Boalt also provides clinical courses and skills classes. Following is a representative list of the social justice courses the law school offers.

Social Justice and Public Interest Law

- ◆ Asian Americans and the Law
- ◆ Children and the Law
- ◆ Civil Rights in Housing
- ◆ Community Economic Development
- ◆ Constitutional and Civil Rights of Immigrants: Current Issues
- ◆ Critical Race Theory
- ◆ Disability Rights
- ◆ Domestic Violence Law Seminar
- ◆ Education Law and Policy for the 21st Century
- ◆ Employment Discrimination Law
- ◆ Federal Indian Law
- ◆ Feminist Jurisprudence
- ◆ Human Rights Writing Seminar
- ◆ International Human Rights: Law, Policy and Process
- ◆ Law and Social Justice
- ◆ Law of Nonprofit Organizations
- ◆ Lawyering for Environmental Justice
- ◆ Mental Health Law
- ◆ Public Interest and Nonprofit Organizations
- ◆ Race and American Law
- ◆ Refugee Law
- ◆ Sex Discrimination and the Law
- ◆ Sexual Harassment Law
- ◆ Sexual Orientation and the Law
- ◆ Social Justice Writing Seminar: Selected Topics

The Clinical Program

Center for Clinical Education

Established in 1998, the Center for Clinical Education enables students working under close faculty supervision to represent clients before courts, administrative agencies and international tribunals. Under the leadership of the director, Professor Charles Weisselberg, the center offers three clinics:

- ◆ **the Death Penalty Clinic;**
- ◆ **the International Human Rights Law Clinic; and**
- ◆ **the Samuelson Law, Technology and Public Policy Clinic.**

East Bay Community Law Center

The East Bay Community Law Center (EBCLC) offers students an opportunity to work in a clinical setting, providing free legal services to residents of Oakland and Berkeley. EBCLC focuses on housing law, public benefits, community economic development, and legal services for people with HIV/AIDS. Students receive training in the substantive legal areas and, under the supervision of staff attorneys, handle their own client caseload.

Faculty-Supervised Clinic

Domestic Violence Clinic

The Domestic Violence Clinic combines placement in a government agency or nonprofit office that provides legal assistance to battered women with a companion seminar in domestic violence law. Working closely with a clinic supervisor, students draft restraining orders, represent clients in court, write motions and memos, and work on legislation.

Skills Courses

In their second and third years, students may enroll in a variety of skills courses that teach them to work with clients, negotiate and/or mediate disputes and transactions, and try civil and criminal cases. These intensive, hands-on courses use a combination of lectures, group discussions, simulated cases and role-playing exercises to teach students practical legal skills.

- ◆ **Advanced Legal Research**
- ◆ **Appellate Advocacy**
- ◆ **Client Interviewing**
- ◆ **Evidence Advocacy: Civil**
- ◆ **Evidence Advocacy: Criminal**
- ◆ **Mediation**
- ◆ **Negotiations**
- ◆ **Pretrial Civil Litigation**
- ◆ **Pretrial Criminal Litigation**
- ◆ **Social Justice: Skills and Practice Issues**
- ◆ **Trial Practice: Civil**
- ◆ **Trial Practice: Criminal**

The Center for Social Justice was a key

part of my first year of law school.

Its very presence sends a strong statement

about the importance of public interest

work at Boalt. The center's programs

expanded my ideas about social justice

and the law and reaffirmed my decision

to attend law school.

—Karen Tumlin '03

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I was always passionate about my desire to work toward social justice but I wasn't sure how that passion would translate into a legal career. When I got involved in the center I met people who were out working on the issues I cared about.

I heard about organizations where I would love to work. I'm very grateful to the center for helping me find that connection between law school and what I hope to do with my career.

—Jennifer Troia '04

THE MEMBERS

Faculty Members



Mary Louise Frampton

Director, Center for Social Justice, and Lecturer in Residence

BROWN UNIVERSITY, B.A. 1967

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, J.D. 1971

A civil rights lawyer in the San Joaquin Valley for 30 years before coming to Boalt to direct the Center for Social Justice, Mary Louise Frampton teaches in the area of law and social justice. After serving as directing attorney of the Madera office of California Rural Legal Assistance, she remained in the valley to establish a firm specializing in land reform for small farmers and farmworkers, constitutional law, and employment discrimination litigation. Active in the bar, she currently serves on the California Judicial Nominees Evaluation Commission. Her publications include "The Enforcement of Federal Reclamation Law in the Westlands Water District: A Broken Promise?" in the *UC Davis Law Review*. She is currently working on a book about the lives of her most courageous female clients.



Kathryn Abrams

Herma Hill Kay Distinguished Professor of Law

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, B.A. 1980

YALE UNIVERSITY, J.D. 1984

Kathryn Abrams teaches in the areas of feminist jurisprudence, constitutional law and voting rights. She has taught at Boston, Indiana, Northwestern and Cornell Universities. At Cornell she directed the Women's Studies Program and also won the 2000 Anne Lukingbeal Award for service to women. Professor Abrams's recent publications include "Subordination and Agency in Sexual Harassment Law" in *Directions in Sexual Harassment Law*; "The Engagements of Legal Feminism" in *A Guide to Contemporary Legal Theory*; and "Cross-Dressing in the Master's Clothes" in the *Yale Law Journal*.



Carolyn Patty Blum

Clinical Professor of Law, and Director, International Human Rights Law Clinic

UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA, B.A. 1971

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, J.D. 1976

Carolyn Patty Blum teaches in the areas of international human rights law and refugee law. She has directed several immigration and refugee clinics, developed innovative seminars in human rights and refugee law, and spearheaded the effort to create the International Human Rights Law Clinic. Before coming to Boalt, Professor Blum practiced immigration and refugee law, and served as an immigration team member on the Clinton-Gore Presidential Transition Team.



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