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# STEIN CENTER NEWS

The e-newsletter for alumni and friends of the  
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## Stein Center News - September 2013

Read Director Bruce Green's welcome letter.

Save the Date (Oct. 8) for the Second Annual Hot Topics: Using Law to Empower Underserved Communities



Five Stein alumni will share their innovative ideas on how the law is used to empower underserved communities in the areas of social and economic justice, immigration, and family & LGBT rights on Tuesday, October 8, at 7:00 p.m.

### Speakers

*Afua Atta-Mensah '04*, Urban Justice Center, Safety Net Project Supervising Attorney

*Kamal Essaheb '06*, National Immigration Law Center, Immigration Policy Attorney

*Carmen Huertas-Noble '02*, CUNY Law Community & Economic Development Clinic, Founder and Director

*Erin Miles '11*, Bronx Defenders, Family Defense Practice Attorney

*Richard Saenz '10*, Queens Legal Services, HIV/LGBT Advocacy Project Staff Attorney

The panel will commence at 7:00 pm and conclude with a reception, to allow plenty of time for networking and community-building. The panel discussion and reception take place in McMahon Hall Lounge 109 in Fordham's Lowenstein Building, 155 West 60th Street, between Columbus and Amsterdam.

The panel is free, but advance registration is requested. Register [here](#).  
Questions? Call Sherri Levine at 212-636-6988.

Stein 20th Anniversary Celebration



We are still beaming from the Stein 20th Anniversary Celebration, which took place on June 6, 2013. We had all the right ingredients for a terrific party: lots of time to catch up with old classmates and meet new Stein Scholars; inspiring and heartfelt remarks by Assistant Dean Tom Schoenherr, Stein Center Director Bruce Green, Judge Joanne Quiñones '97, Marianne Boesky '95 and Dean Michael M. Martin; plenty of food and drink; a fabulous space with wonderful art on the walls (thank you, Marianne!); and laudatory citations from local elected officials.

Most notably, the evening was a great success because so many Stein Scholars students, alumni, and faculty turned out for the event. In fact, more than 150 students, graduates, and law school staff celebrated the Program, rekindled connections, and renewed commitments to the next generation of Stein Scholars.



Judge Joanne Quiñones '97



Those who attended and supported the 20th Anniversary Celebration each played a part in collectively reminding us of the many ways that the Stein Scholars Program is unique and important – we train leaders in “the service of others,” emphasize ethics and professionalism, and strengthen the legal profession by nurturing 20 innovative, skilled, and passionate new lawyers each year. Visit the [event webpage](#) to see more photos.



As a more official reminder of why and what we were celebrating on June 6, proclamations were presented by New York State Senator Brad Hoylman, New York State Assemblymember Linda Rosenthal, and New York City Councilmember Gale Brewer. Here is the text from the joint NYS Legislative Resolution:

State of New York Legislative Resolution  
By: Senator Hoylman and Assemblymember Rosenthal

WHEREAS, Fordham Law School's Louis Stein Center for Law and Ethics established the Stein Scholars Program twenty years ago to support and educate law students who are committed, in the words of the Law School's motto, to practicing law "in the service of others"; and

WHEREAS, The Stein Scholars Program selects approximately 20 students from each entering Fordham Law School class to participate in the Program throughout the time they attend the Law School; and

WHEREAS, Interning in public interest law offices and participating in student volunteer organizations, Stein Scholars collectively contribute more than 10,000 hours of public service each year; and

WHEREAS, Through their regular presentation of programs on contemporary issues of public interest law and their establishment of and leadership in other student organizations, Stein Scholars have enhanced Fordham Law School's efforts to train students dedicated to public service and committed to the highest professional and ethical values; and

WHEREAS, Stein Scholars have undertaken specialized academic work in public interest law and ethics to educate themselves for future careers in which they will employ their skills and knowledge to improve their communities and the lives of its members; and

WHEREAS, Graduates of the Stein Scholars Program, as attorneys and public citizens, have gone on to serve the public in countless ways, including through positions in federal, state, and local government agencies, through service to vulnerable and low-income clients who seek fulfillment of basic human needs such as housing, medical care, and fair work conditions, by protecting public safety and defending individual liberty, by promoting civil rights, environmental justice, and other causes, through efforts to improve the law and the legal profession, and through volunteer work and civic engagement in their communities; and

WHEREAS, Over the past 20 years, the Stein Scholars Program has benefitted from the dedication of its faculty and directors, from the support of the Fordham Law School administration, and from the generosity of the late Louis Stein and his friends and family, including his wife, the late Bess Stein, their three daughters, Ruth Nathanson, Audrey Merves, and the late Marilyn Bellet, and his grandchildren & great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Twenty years after its establishment, the Stein Scholars Program has

grown into a strong, ongoing professional community of students and graduates who support each other's efforts to serve the public and who, through their work, daily reaffirm the ideal of law as a public calling; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commemorate the Stein Scholars Program established by Fordham University School of Law's Louis Stein Center for Law and Ethics for 20 years of public service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the Louis Stein Center for Law and Ethics.

Adopted in Senate on May 23, 2013. Adopted in Assembly on May 20, 2013.

## Would Your Public Interest Organization Like to Sponsor an Advanced Seminar Project?

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As many Stein Scholars alumni will remember, 2L Stein Scholars take the Advanced Seminar in Public Interest Lawyering, one of three academic requirements of the Stein Scholars Program.

Small groups of students (3-4) work in conjunction with an outside public interest organization to design, develop and implement a project that will benefit the organization and the people it serves. During the spring semester, which runs from January until April, students work on their project with supervision from the seminar faculty and from an attorney at the sponsoring public interest organization.

Past projects have included: 1) know-your-rights pamphlets; 2) practitioners' guides on new laws or regulations; 3) white papers analyzing new programs or laws; 4) data analysis and overview of findings pertaining to potential causes of action or public education campaigns; 5) draft legislation; and 6) lobbying and/or training materials for legal or policy advocacy.

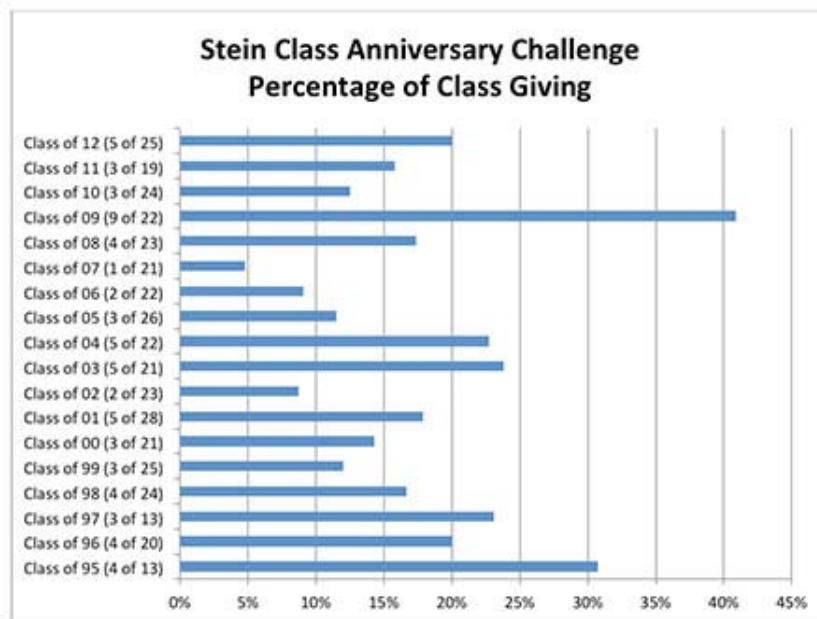
If your organization might be interested in sponsoring an Advanced Seminar project for the 2014 spring semester, contact [Sherri Levine](#) by October 1 about your organization's project ideas.

Students will then contact you directly if they would like to find out more about working on a project with your organization.

## Congratulations to the Class of 2009 for Winning the Stein Class Anniversary Challenge!

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The Stein Class Anniversary Challenge came to a close on June 30, and the Class of 2009 won! Congratulations to the Class of 2009 and to all Stein Scholars alumni for raising \$13,420 in donations and \$11,250 in pledges during our first formal fundraising campaign. Although several other classes made valiant efforts to prevail, the Class of 2009 established an early lead that others were unable to overcome.



Updated August 5, 2013

The Class of 2009 cannot rest on its laurels, though, because the 2013-2014 Stein Class Challenge is now underway! This is your opportunity to renew your contribution (or make a new one) and to encourage others from your class to contribute as well.

You can make a donation now by visiting [law.fordham.edu/giving](http://law.fordham.edu/giving) and choosing the Stein Scholars Program under Fund Choices. If you prefer to make a multi-year pledge, give anonymously, or via phone or check, please contact Brian Lenker by [email](mailto:blenker@fordham.edu) or phone at 212-636-6569.

Our goal for 2013-2014, of course, is to raise more in contributions than before. This past year the money raised was used to help graduating Steins defray the cost of the bar review course and exam in order to ease the transition from student to careers in public interest law.

### Sally Bellet '76 Receives Honorary Degree from Fordham Law

Sally Bellet '76 was one of eight distinguished individuals to receive an honorary degree at the 2013 Fordham Law graduation. Sally, former vice president of real estate development for Amtrak, is president of the Stein/Bellet Foundation. She established the Edward and Marilyn Bellet Chair in Legal Ethics, Morality and Religion at Fordham Law School—a position currently held by Professor Russell Pearce—as well as the Bellet Scholarship, which is awarded annually to a Stein Scholars student with a demonstrated commitment to ethical leadership. She chaired the Stein Alumni Anniversary Advisory Board and continues to provide invaluable support to the Stein Scholars Program, which was founded by her grandfather Louis Stein '26.



Here are the remarks Sally delivered after being presented with the honorary degree by Father Joseph M. McShane, Fordham University President, on May 19:

Good morning, Father McShane, Dean Martin, Gus [Professor Constantine Katsoris '57] and members of the Fordham Law School faculty. Congratulations to the class of 2013. On behalf of the Stein-Bellet family, I am honored to receive an honorary degree from the Fordham University School of Law. Almost 90 years ago, Fordham Law School took a chance and admitted a son of immigrants who had very little in material goods but an abundance of dreams. This young man went on to become a successful lawyer, a leader of the food industry, and a philanthropist whose good deeds have helped too many to count.

Now, 87 years after my grandfather Louis Stein's graduation from Fordham Law School, so much has changed, yet the values and character of the School have not. Fordham remains a leader in the education of lawyers, whose background and social and economic status are irrelevant to their acceptance. It still provides wonderful opportunities to those who dare to dream to do great things. Fordham Law gave Louis Stein the skills he used to make the world a better place. For that, he loved the School. Eternally grateful to this institution, he established the annual Fordham-Stein prize, to recognize truly outstanding lawyers in the advancement of justice. He established the Stein Center for Law and Ethics and later the Stein Scholars Program to promote the public good through law reform, public service, and maintenance of high ethical standards.

In 1976, he celebrated the 50th anniversary of his graduation by presenting me with my degree from Fordham Law. Like my grandfather, I am eternally grateful to Fordham Law. I accept this wonderful honor on behalf of myself, my family, and his memory.

I'd like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank one individual for his advice, action, loyalty, and friendship. John Feerick—lawyer, dean, professor, humanitarian, and 2003 recipient of the Fordham-Stein prize. John Feerick brought my grandfather's vision to life and exemplifies the very best of this institution.

Thank you for this honor. With the training of Fordham, my humble grandfather changed the world. Graduates—may you all do the same.

### Three Stein Scholars Receive Awards at 2013 Graduation

Three Stein Scholars received prestigious awards at graduation this year: Rebecca Iwerks '13 received the Joseph R. Crowley Award and the Donald Magnetti Award, Kelsey Ripper '13 received the Adele Monaco Memorial Award and Alex Wentworth-Ping '13 received the Hugh R. Jones Award in Law and Public Policy. That is in addition to the two Steins we reported on in the last issue of Stein Center News: Jerry Dickinson '13 and Joanna Zdanys '13, who were awarded this year's Mary Daly Prize in Legal Ethics.



Rebecca Iwerks '13



Kelsey Ripper '13



Alex Wentworth-Ping '13

The Joseph R. Crowley Award is presented each year in memory of the associate dean and professor of law to a student who has shown academic achievement and concern for others.

The Donald Magnetti Award is presented to a graduate in recognition of her outstanding public commitment and contribution to those beyond the law school community.

The Adele Monaco Memorial Award is presented to a member of the graduating class in the evening division who has made a positive impact on the lives of evening division students through

the demonstration of compassion, courage, determination and commitment to public service.

The Hugh R. Jones Award in Law and Public Policy is presented to the graduate with the highest combined weighted average in the subjects of constitutional law, criminal justice, and professional responsibility and is named in honor of the distinguished former member of New York's highest court.

Please join us in congratulating Rebecca, Kelsey and Alex!

## Stein Center Hosts Second Legal Ethics Shmooze

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The Stein Center for Law and Ethics, Touro Law Center, and the Stanford Center on the Legal Profession co-sponsored the second Legal Ethics Shmooze on June 18-19, 2013, at Fordham Law School. The Shmooze was designed to provide nationally-recognized legal ethics scholars a chance to consider and discuss emerging topics in the field. In addition to providing an opportunity for collegial interchange, it sought to promote legal ethics as an important area for future scholarship and suggest ideas about the direction of such scholarship.



Twenty-two national scholars spent two days discussing the following papers:

- Rebecca Aviel (University of Denver Sturm College of Law): *The Joint Representation of Divorcing Spouses*
- Benjamin Barton (University of Tennessee College of Law): *A Glass Half Full: The Upside of America's Lawyer Crisis*
- Lara Bazelon (Loyola Law School): *The Long Good-Bye: Does the Attorney-Client Relationship Ever End if the Defendant is Innocent?*
- Susan Carle (American University Washington College of Law): *Conceptions of Agency in Scholarship on the History of Civil Rights Lawyering*
- Elizabeth Chambliss (New York Law School): *Unbundling Legal Education: The Market for Limited Law Training*
- Michele DeStefano (Miami Law): *Beyond Benchmarking: How Should Law and Corporate Compliance Intersect?*
- Nora Engstrom (Stanford Law): *Lawyer Lending: Costs and Consequences*
- Howard Erichson (Fordham Law School): *The Problem of Settlement Class Actions*



- Susan Fortney (Hofstra Law): *The Role of Ethics Audits in Improving Ethical Conduct: An Empirical Study of Self-Assessment and Management-Based Regulation of Law Firms*
- Bruce Green (Fordham Law School): *Judicial Regulation of U.S. Civil Litigators*
- Justin Hansford (St. Louis University School of Law): *Cause Judging*
- Renee Newman Knake (Michigan State University College of Law): *Not Nominated: The Stories of Women Shortlisted to the Supreme Court*
- Samuel Levine (Touro Law Center): *The Law and the "Spirit of the Law" in Legal Ethics*
- Russell Pearce (Fordham Law School): *The Relational Infrastructure of Law Firm Culture and Regulation: The Exaggerated Death of BigLaw* (with Eli Wald)
- Dana Remus (University of North Carolina School of Law): *Managing Mechanization: Technologies of Discovery and the Ethics of Advocacy*
- Deborah Rhode (Stanford Law): *Reforming American Legal Practice and Legal Education: Rethinking the Role of Nonlawyers in Delivering and Financing Legal Services*
- Rebecca Roiphe (New York Law School): *Stratification: Two Tiers of Law Schools in Historical Context*
- Carole Silver (Indiana University Maurer School of Law): *Diversity in Action: The Role of Diversity in Explaining Law Students' Fit* (with Gabriele Plickert)
- Eli Wald (University Of Denver Sturm College Of Law): *Stoner: Capital, Equality and Pursuit of the American Dream*
- Brad Wendel (Cornell University School of Law): *Lawyers and Fidelity to Facts*
- Alice Woolley (Faculty of Law, University of Calgary): *Lawyers in Office Space: Specifying the Objective and Subjective in Legal Ethics Theory*
- Benjamin Zipursky (Fordham Law School): *Objectivist Versus Process-Based Justifications of the Adversary System*

Plans for a June 2014 Criminal Justice Ethics Shmooze at Fordham Law are already underway.

### Evening Program Marks Centennial with Class in Legal Ethics

The Evening Program at Fordham Law celebrated its 100th anniversary on Monday, May 20, by providing two CLE classes, including one on ethics called Hot Topics in Legal Ethics. Bruce Green, Director of the Stein Center for Law and Ethics, and Nicole Hyland '02, of Frankfurt Kurnit Klein & Selz P.C., conducted the class.



Through the use of several hypotheticals, the program explored a variety of cutting-edge ethics issues that affect lawyers today. Topics presented and discussed included conflicts of interest and confidentiality problems that arise in the context of attorneys' use of law firm websites, social media, e-mails, outsourcing of legal work, and billing.



More than one hundred Fordham Law Evening Program alumni attended the class and many of the participants asked questions and shared their own perspectives on some of the issues raised by Bruce and Nicole.

### Stein Scholars Program Welcomes New Stein Scholars

After receiving and evaluating numerous applications, the Stein Scholars Program has selected 21 new Steins who stood out for their commitment to public interest and anticipated contributions to the Program. You can find out a little about the Class of 2016 here:

Krista Blumenberg is interested in civil rights, human rights, and women's rights. This past year, she worked at the World Federalist Movement Institute for Global Policy, while also volunteering with New York Cares, CUNY Citizenship Now!, and the NYU Alumni Mentor Network.

Hopi Costello came to law school wanting to learn more about criminal defense and prisoners' rights, and hopes one day to work for criminal justice reform, including increasing alternatives to custody. A semester as an intern in the Scottish Parliament researching alternatives to incarceration solidified her concern for these issues.

With a focus on community economic development, immigration, and governmental affairs in developing nations, Leeanne Cunningham intends to apply her substantial experience working on behavioral health issues with U.S. Chinese migrant communities and Chinese nationals in China, as she undertakes her legal career.

With an interest in being a prosecutor or pursuing a career in immigration law, Katherine Demartini spent the two years before law school working as a legal assistant in the DNA prosecutions unit of the Bronx District Attorney's Office. Prior to that, Katherine interned at the NYS Department of Labor in the Bureau of Immigrant Workers' Rights.

Hailey Flynn finds health law compelling, as evidenced by her work with the Asia Injury Prevention Foundation in Vietnam, where she tried to help reduce traffic casualties through the promotion of helmet use, as well as her efforts with Open Society Foundations' Public Health Program in New York City.

As a member of the New York City Police Department for nearly fifteen years, Robert Gault looks forward to using his law degree to advance the policy and planning goals of the Office of Management Analysis and Planning, the NYPD's public policy arm.

With an interest in international law, cyber-security, counterterrorism and national security, it is no surprise that Olivia Gonzalez spent the summer of 2012 as a legal intern at the U.S. Department of Justice Office of International Affairs. She also co-founded and managed the first NYU Foreign Correspondents Program and wrote over 30 op-eds and editorials for Washington Square News.

Amanda Goodwin is passionate about domestic violence and human trafficking law, in part because she has witnessed the horrible effects of abuse and trafficking while serving as an intern with the NYS Office of the Attorney General Human Trafficking Working Group and the NY County District Attorney's Office, Special Victims and Trafficking Units.

As an advocate for environmental protection, Jake Hays has worked at a variety of places, including as a beekeeper and at the Environmental Defense Fund. He currently works at Physicians Scientists & Engineers for Health Energy, where he will continue full-time while enrolled in the Evening Program.

Catherine Humphreville envisions herself undertaking a career to advance women's rights. Her experience working as a Legal Assistant at the Center for Reproductive Rights fueled her passion to become a lawyer so that she can take steps to ensure access to comprehensive reproductive healthcare for women, regardless of geography, age, race, or economic circumstances.

Matthew Jennings wants to pursue a law career in civil rights, immigration, or LGBT rights. Prior to law school, Matt worked for Teach For America in Houston, Indianapolis, and New York as a Corps Member, recruitment manager, and author of a report on how to support low-income, first-generation college students.

The interest by Mairead Kennelly in practicing criminal defense law or advancing women's rights was inspired by her position as a Jesuit Volunteer Corps Fellow at the Orleans Public Defenders Office for the past year. Prior to that, Mairead volunteered with RedLight Children, a global human rights nonprofit that aims to end child slavery and exploitation.

Jeffrey Kinkle already started advancing his interest in pursuing a career in criminal defense by interning this past summer at The Innocence Project. Prior to that, Jeff spent significant time as a freelance writer, translator, lecturer and researcher, as well as a political consultant.

Ashley Mitchell recently finished working as the Charles W. Puttkammer Prisoner Reentry Fellow at the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice. While there, Ashley researched criminal justice issues, as well as the challenges surrounding successful reentry, which explains why she hopes to devote her legal career to working with juvenile offenders and children impacted by the criminal justice system.

David O'Brien worked for three years as a paralegal at the Juvenile Rights Practice of the Legal Aid Society, which helped inspire his interest in juvenile defense and civil rights law. While there, he helped design a staff training regarding LGBT issues in family court.

As a Teach For America Corps Member in rural Louisiana, Henry Parr worked with teens between the ages of sixteen and nineteen, many of whom had previously been incarcerated. That experience solidified his commitment to advocating for underprivileged communities, particularly in the area of criminal justice reform.

Brandon Ruben was an AmeriCorps VISTA member with Fordham's Feerick Center for Social Justice since September 2012. His background includes teaching in multiple settings, including Asian Americans For Equality and Teach For America. Brandon intends to pursue a career in child welfare or educational advocacy.

That Dillon Taylor is very interested in promoting labor and employment rights is no surprise, since he recently graduated with a B.A. in labor studies from the National Labor College and has been very active with the International Association of Fire Fighters Local #3572, AFL-CIO for several years. His commitment to advocating for the rights of fire fighters flows directly from his lengthy service as a fire fighter in Arizona.

After three years as a Teach For America Corps Member and middle school math teacher at public schools in St. Louis, Emily Vance is more committed than ever to gain the legal skills necessary to work as a public defender in juvenile court or at a non-profit that represents students in special education settings.

As an Associate Editor at Autostraddle.com, Laura Wooley edited pieces from contributors as well as wrote her own articles for the independently-owned lesbian website that boasts 2.75 million views per month. As a lawyer, she plans to use her degree to bring systemic change to flawed institutions in the fields of women's rights and constitutional law.

Razeen Zaman has spent the past three years working as the Campaign Organizer with the New York State Youth Leadership Council: Undocumented Youth Leading Change, designing and supervising the New York DREAM Act campaign. She hopes that law school will provide her with tools to become an even better advocate for immigrant communities.

We look forward to getting to know the new class of Stein Scholars. Join us in congratulating them and welcoming them to our community.

Stein Center Joins Amicus Brief to Reverse Decision Exempting Attorneys from Debt Collection Rules

On May 31, 2013, the Stein Center for Law and Ethics joined 18 other organizations in an amicus brief filed in the Second Circuit, authored by MFY Legal Services, the Feerick Center for Social Justice and the New Economy Project. Arguing that debt collection attorneys operate analogous to conventional debt collectors, the brief urges the Court to reverse a District Court decision that struck down a local law requiring debt collection law firms to be licensed and regulated as debt collectors by the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA). The brief, which contends that state laws governing attorney conduct do not preempt the city law, asks that the decision be reversed so that DCA can continue to oversee all debt collectors and protect consumers from potentially unscrupulous behavior.

[Berman v. New York City, No. 13-598, United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, May 31, 2013 \(pdf\)](#)

## Stein Alumni and Faculty in the News



The important work of Stacy Charland '04, an attorney in the Criminal Defense Practice at the Bronx Defenders, was highlighted in an article called "[The Girls Who Haven't Come Home](#)" (New York Times, July 7, 2013). The article, which followed Vernice Hill as she fought to get her two daughters back from foster care, described Stacy's persistent and skilled efforts to oppose the termination of Ms. Hill's parental rights.

Adam Libove '07 recently joined the NYC Department of Investigation, where he worked on an investigation for 9 months involving the NYC Department of Correction (DOC), which resulted in the arrest of 10 NYC DOC members for an assault on an inmate. During the investigation, Adam was cross-designated as an Assistant District Attorney to help with the Grand Jury investigation and presentation. [Read the press release.](#)



Amy Loprest '95, Executive Director of the NYC Campaign Finance Board, was quoted in "[Polling-Place Stickers Coming Up for Their Own Vote](#)" (New York Times, July 18, 2013), about the campaign to design a "NYC Votes" sticker. The stickers will be distributed to all New Yorkers after they have gone to the polls, starting with Primary Day in September.

Richard Saenz '10 was recognized as one of the best LGBT lawyers under 40 by the National LGBT Bar. Richard has worked with Queens Legal Services' clients, community partners, and legislators to expand the rights of low-income LGBT and HIV-impacted New Yorkers. This past year, the HIV/LGBT Advocacy Project filed a lawsuit against the NYC Human Resources Administration, challenging HRA's discrimination against transgender New Yorkers. The Best LGBT Lawyers Under 40 Class of 2013 was presented at the 25th Anniversary Lavendar Law Conference & Career Fair on August 22-24, 2013, in San Francisco. [Read more about Richard's award.](#)



In a case with the potential to impact countless unpaid internships, U.S. District Judge William H. Pauley III (SDNY) ruled that a group of interns at Fox Searchlight Pictures should have been paid for their work on the movie *Black Swan*. Those interns were represented by Juno Turner '06, an associate at Outten & Golden LLP. "This is an incredibly important decision as far as establishing that interns have the same wage and hour rights as other employees," Turner said. "You can't just call something an internship and expect not to pay people when the interns are providing a direct benefit to the company."

Stein Center Director Bruce Green was also recently in the news following his appointment to a panel comprised of former prosecutors, professors and retired judges. The panel is charged with reviewing as many as 50 trial convictions involving a former detective, Mr. Louis Scarcella, whose work may have sent innocent men to prison. Read the July 1 New York Times article "[Panel to Review Up to 50 Trial Convictions Involving a Discredited Detective.](#)"

## From Stein Scholars Class of 1996

We spoke with five alumni from the second class of Stein Scholars, to find out what they have been up to since graduating from Fordham Law and to hear their recollections from the early years of the Stein Scholars Program.

Dora Galacatos '96: I am now serving as Executive Director of Fordham Law School's Feerick Center for Social Justice, where I work with law



students, recent graduates, alumni, and others on a range of poverty-related initiatives. My recent work has focused on consumer debt and access to justice, although I have also had the opportunity to learn about and work on issues related to unaccompanied immigrant children, domestic violence, and sex trafficking. The trajectory of my career following law school took me first to a federal clerkship and then to a post-graduate fellowship at Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation (NMIC), a wonderful legal services organization. At NMIC I had an opportunity to represent tenants in housing court, work on a child care project, and litigate an environmental case that went to the New York State Court of Appeals (where our clients prevailed). Following NMIC, I served as Director of the New York City Family Homelessness Special Master Panel and completed a second federal clerkship. I began my work at the Feerick Center in 2006 and have been here since.

The Stein Scholars Program created an instant community of professors, friends, and fellow students who shared a passion for social justice and public interest law. I cherish the friendships I made—both with mentors and peers—which sustained me through law school and which remain very important in my life to this day.



Rita M. Glavin '96: I am co-head of the government enforcement and internal investigations practice at Seward & Kissel LLP. In that capacity, I represent individuals and companies that have or may have difficulties with government regulators. I also serve on the federal Criminal Justice Act panel for the Southern District of New York, where I represent indigent defendants in federal criminal proceedings on a pro bono basis. I recently represented two individuals who were innocent of the charges against them, and I was able to successfully get those charges dismissed. My work representing these indigent defendants helps me keep things in perspective.

Prior to entering private practice in 2010, I spent 12 years in the Department of Justice as a federal prosecutor with DOJ's public integrity section, as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District, and as head of DOJ's criminal division. After graduating from Fordham, I clerked for two years with the Honorable Judge John F. Keenan—another Fordham Law graduate—and have been a Director for Fordham Law School's Alumni Association Board since 2008.

As a defense lawyer, I now have a much different perspective on criminal proceedings. I see the human side of things and how important it is to have a good advocate early in the process. The prosecutor on a case also matters, because some are more open-minded and reasonable than others. I didn't appreciate that as much when I was a prosecutor. Having to point out mistakes isn't easy, especially when you have to tell a prosecutor that they have charged an innocent person. On the investigative side, I now have a greater appreciation for the emotional and financial toll lengthy, complex government investigations have on people who are caught in the middle.

As a member of the second class of Stein Scholars, Bruce Green and Russ Pearce loomed very large in helping me figure out the direction I wanted my legal career to take. I followed Bruce's path when I became a prosecutor in the Southern District and we talked about that path a lot while I was a Stein Scholar. My best law school memories are the events organized with fellow Stein Scholars. And then there was the Book Club, where about five of us met regularly with Bruce in his office, discussed books on compelling legal topics, and even got credit for it!



Peggy Healy '96: I have been a human rights advocate for nearly 40 years. As Senior Vice President for Latin America for [Covenant House International](#), I oversee four programs for homeless and trafficked youth in Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, and Nicaragua. Covenant House International provides crisis care and long-term support to more than 62,000 homeless, abandoned, abused, and trafficked youths annually in the United States, Canada, and Latin America, by providing street children and youth with a safe, dependable environment in which to grow and become self-sufficient. Our 40 years of experience has resulted in CHI becoming a recognized leader in the effort to combat the sexual and commercial exploitation of children and other issues affecting youth.

I began my career in the 1970s in Nicaragua and Central America, where I lived and worked as a Maryknoll Sister as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and human rights advocate for almost a decade. From 1979-1981, I worked as an associate with the Washington Office on Latin America, working to

change U.S. policy toward Central America. After graduating from Fordham Law, I became the Program Director for the Crowley Program in International Human Rights and also enjoyed teaching as an Adjunct Professor at Fordham Law School for over ten years in the J.D. and LL.M. programs. For the twelve years before taking my current position at Covenant House, I worked around the globe with multiple NGOs as a human rights advocate and a specialist in advocacy.

Being a part of the Stein Scholars Program with the class of 1996 was one of the most important parts of my legal education and opened so many doors for me including a clerkship in the SDNY and independent studies that allowed me to make legal contributions even as a student. I made a group of friends that remain friends and colleagues, and today my work with the Stein Program on their Board of Advisors has allowed me to continue to support a program I believe is vital to the Law School. I feel a great gratitude to Bruce Green, Russ Pearce, Tom Schoenherr, and all of the other collaborators who have grown this Program that now is recognized nationally and internationally.



Robert (Trey) Sandusky '96: I am now in my seventeenth year in the Bronx County District Attorney's Office. Currently, I am in the Appeals Bureau, handling direct appeals, habeas corpus petitions, and other post-conviction challenges in state and federal courts, but I have also served in the Criminal Court, Grand Jury, Narcotics, and Trial Bureaus. In October 2010, I got to argue the case of *People v. Benston*, 15 N.Y.3d 610, in the New York Court of Appeals, winning a unanimous decision that expanded the scope of admissible evidence in state domestic violence prosecutions. I am also very active in my Office's Community Affairs Unit, through which I coach a high school mock trial team, conduct tours of the courthouse for local schools, and represent the Office at career days and community meetings. I also play in the Office basketball league, and am player-manager of the Office softball team. Outside of work, I volunteer for several charitable organizations: I am one of the play-by-play announcers and color commentators for Gotham Girls Roller Derby, Hudson Valley Horrors Roller Derby, and the Ithaca League of Women Rollers, and I perform regularly with the New York Choral Society, Village Light Opera Group, and Amore Opera Company. I am also a frequent guest lecturer at Fordham Law School, Cardozo Law School, and John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

As a Stein Scholars alumnus, I am modestly proud of the work I do for my community, both through my legal work as a public servant, as well as through my non-legal involvement with local charities. When I am interviewing law students who are applying to work as prosecutors in my office, I especially look for Stein Scholars, or enrollment in equivalent programs at other schools, or activities and internships that demonstrate that the applicant is dedicated to improving his or her community, and to the ethical practice of law—a critical qualification for an effective prosecutor. Indeed, my experience as a Stein Scholar has been a major contributing factor in my continued work serving the public interest.

Jenny Shevik '96: I was an Assistant District Attorney in Queens County until I had my first child in 2000. My husband and I now have 4 boys, ages 13, 10, 8 and 5. Until two years ago, we lived in New York City where we spent time with Robyn Watts '96 and her three boys. We now live in Bedford, New York, near Ron Rossi and his wife Dara Andreasen Rossi (also Fordham Law 1996). Our children have now become very friendly with the Rossi children, which has been great. I also got to see Julianne Cohen '96 weekly last year as we sat on the sidelines while our children played baseball.



Although I have not practiced law since leaving the District Attorney's Office in 2000, I still have such wonderful memories of the Stein Scholars Program: Our Stein Scholar Seminar taught by Professor Green and a summer internship at The Juvenile Rights Division of The Legal Aid Society were highlights. My favorite memories, though, are long conversations about ethics and justice with Professor Green, Professor Pearce, Dora Galacatos '96, Peggy Healy '96, Robyn Watts '96, Rita Glavin '96, and other Stein Scholars in many different settings, including a restaurant across the street from Fordham when the O.J. Simpson decision was announced. I am truly so thankful for the tremendous opportunity provided by Louis Stein and his family. I learned so much.

## What's New in Legal Ethics?

In the fall of 2012, the co-authors of a new professional responsibility casebook, *Professional Responsibility: A Contemporary Approach* (West 2011, by Daniel Capra, Bruce Green and Russell Pearce), started a blog to promote the study of, and debate regarding, the professional responsibility of lawyers. You can find the blog here: [contemporaryprofessionalresponsibility.com](http://contemporaryprofessionalresponsibility.com).

Although the blog's primary purpose is to serve as a resource for casebook users, the discussion of current developments, innovative teaching materials, and commentary should be thought provoking and useful for all those interested in the legal profession.

There are five primary bloggers: 1) George W. Conk, Adjunct Professor of Law & Senior Fellow, Stein Center for Law and Ethics at Fordham Law; 2) Bruce Green, Louis Stein Professor and Director of the Stein Center for Law and Ethics at Fordham Law; 3) Russell Pearce, Professor of Law, Edward & Marilyn Bellet Chair in Legal Ethics, Morality, and Religion at Fordham Law; 4) Renee Newman Knake, Associate Professor of Law and Co-

Director of both the Kelley Institute of Ethics and the Legal Profession, and of the ReInvent Law Laboratory at Michigan State University College of Law; and 5) Laurel S. Terry, Harvey A. Feldman Distinguished Faculty Scholar and Professor of Law at Penn State Law.



Some recent topics of discussion include such varied and critical issues as race and the legal system, lawyer advertising, application of ethical rules to criminal defense attorneys and prosecutors, current ABA opinions and court decisions, contemporary and historical perspectives on the value of a law degree, innovations in deportation representation options, and proposals for restructuring legal education.

If you are interested in contributing to the blog, please e-mail [contemporaryproresponsibility@gmail.com](mailto:contemporaryproresponsibility@gmail.com).

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