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It's been 18 years since PILP put out a newsletter, so we felt it was high time to tell the Oregon legal community what we've been up to. From successful auctions to cutting edge CLE's, PILP has been hard at work raising money to fund the work of future trailblazers in public interest law.

L&C Law students graduate with an average debt of \$139,745. This, in combination with recent threats to public service loan forgiveness programs, has even the most dedicated public interest students concerned about whether a career in the realistic.

If given the choice, most will take the job that holds the promise of paying off their student debts--not the hypothetical job that may or may not be available after passing the bar.

Public interest work can be transformative: one which shapes perspective, character, point of view and values. If we want L&C students to go into public interest law, or to realize their responsibility to perform pro bono work, these values must be instilled while they are still in school. PILP works hard to provide these opportunities, *but we still need your help.*

OUR ANNUAL AUCTION IS IN FEBRUARY AND WE ARE COUNTING ON YOUR SUPPORT.



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STUDENT-ORGANIZED HUMANITARIAN EVENTS

DAY OF RELIEF

One of the SBA's focuses this year is mental health. With that in mind, SBA Vice President Quincy Frazier thought that it "would be nice to provide students with an opportunity to give back to the community in which we live." As he put it, "Helping others not only benefits the receiver but is a great vitamin to the well-being of the giver."

Thanks to a generous donation, Frazier obtained enough socks, ponchos, emergency blankets, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, Band-Aids, granola bars, water, and even dog food and dog treats to put together over 300 care packages for people experiencing homelessness in Portland this season. Now all he needed was students to help assemble the bags.

In spite of looming exams, enough students (and their families) showed up to fill the LRC. After socializing over soda and Thai food, students teamed up to make the care packages. Not more than a couple hours later, they were done.

Two days later, Frazier and a group of students teamed up with "a tenacious team of career-volunteers" from Potluck in the Park to distribute the care packages and serve lunch.

That afternoon, in an interview with Koin 6 News, Frazier said, "I focused on myself the last year and a half that I've been at Lewis & Clark . . . Giving back, honestly, this is one of the highlights of my law school career."

*Have an idea for an event?
Contact us at pilp@lclark.edu*

BAR REVIEW

Over 40 students attended L&C's first Bar Review last month at Stickmen Brewing Company. You might be asking, why study for the bar . . . at a bar? Well, Bar Review has nothing to do with the bar exam. Instead, the event encourages students to create positive relationships with their peers and future colleagues.

The ranking system in law school often encourages and rewards competition among students; however, community-minded legal work and problem solving are essential to reaching the best outcomes for clients. As such, Bar Review is a great way for students to help establish a more collegial legal profession.

As an added benefit, the profits from each Bar Review event will be donated to a different nonprofit that gives back to the school or legal community. PILP was honored to be the first beneficiary. Thank you to the Bar Review founders, Stickmen Brewing Company, and the attendees who supported PILP by coming.

BAR REVIEW FOUNDERS: *Lucy Brookham, Max Yokli, Stephan Warner, Alison D. Roth, Kadin Pasley & Maia Powloski*

ANNOUNCING THE 2018 LARRY K. AMBURGEY COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC INTEREST LAW AWARD RECIPEINT: REPRESENTATIVE EARL BLUMENAUER

Earl Blumenauer is an alumnus of Lewis & Clark Law School and has been a Member of the House of Representatives for over 40 years.



He started his career in the 1960s and has refused to let up in his fight for progressive values. These things (and much more) make him one of the most prominent members of our legal community. You won't want to miss out on this opportunity to see this true public interest champion when he accepts the Amburgey Award at the auction, so purchase your tickets today!

Just in case you aren't familiar with this Oregon hero, here are the top ten reasons why PILP loves Representative Blumenauer.

#5

He started Portland's nationally acclaimed recycling program, launching Portland's status as a leader and innovator in sustainability.

#4

Named one of "The Top 25 Change Agents in the History of Bicycling," his Portland Bicycle Master Plan helped create the highest bike participation rate in the nation, supporting a \$100 million a year industry in this area. Upon entering Congress, he founded the Congressional Bike Caucus.

#3

He has hired numerous L&C law grads as staffers, ensuring that L&C law students continue to serve the public interest in a government role.

#2

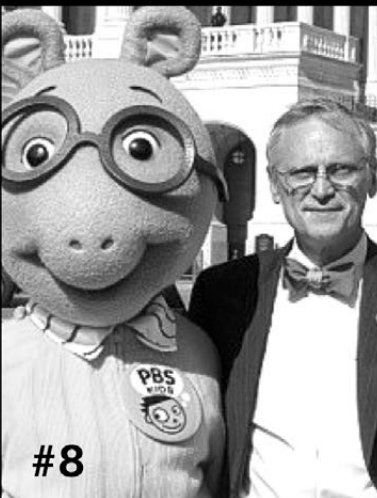
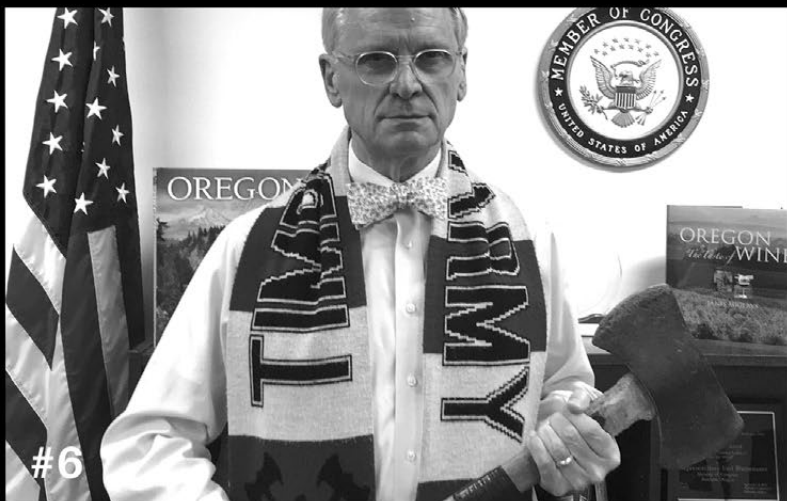
He created the *Safe Routes to School* program while he was Portland City Commissioner, a program that ensured students could attend classes safely. His advocacy helped make it into a national program.

#1

He has championed projects dear to the hearts of many L&C law students, including projects focused on sustainability, active transportation, animal rights, and equal justice.

- He is a Timbers fanatic (#10 & #6)
- He is friends with Bill Murray (#7)
- He supports public broadcasting (#8)
- He loves Bruce Springsteen (#9)
- Last, but certainly not least:

**HIS SIGNATURE BOW-TIES
ARE FABULOUS**





DAYNA
JONES



CORINNE
FLETCHER



DANIELLE
ELEFRITZ

LEWIS & CLARK LAW SCHOOL STUDENTS HONORED FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING PRO BONO ACHIEVEMENTS

2016 OREGON STATE BAR PRO BONO AWARD WINNER DANIELLE ELEFRITZ

At the Oregon Convention Center this past October, the Oregon State Bar recognized Lewis & Clark law students for the 13,177 hours of pro-bono work they did in the 2016-2017 year.

Danielle Elefritz, a 3L at Lewis & Clark and co-editor in chief of the Animal Law Review, went above and beyond the call of duty. She did 733 hours of pro-bono work for the NW Environmental Defense Center and the EPA.

At the EPA in Washington D.C., Elefritz worked in the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, helping enforce mobile source provisions of the Clean Air Act.

She was also a Project Coordinator for NEDC. In addition to proofreading student work for the organization, she assisted on a project that targeted businesses selling car parts allowing people to modify

their diesel engines so they could “roll coal.” This is the practice of increasing the amount of fuel entering the engine in order to emit large amounts of dark sooty exhaust fumes into the air.

We are in absolute awe of Elefritz and cannot believe how much she was able to accomplish in just one year. We can only aspire to do as much for our community as, but she—as well as all of the other students who logged extracurricular pro bono hours this year—have inspired us nonetheless.

We thank and commend all of the L&C Law students who donated pro bono hours this past academic year. PILP looks forward to seeing what public interest projects students complete this year!

Learn how to report your pro bono and community service hours by contacting Carra Sahler at sahler@lclark.edu.

THE PSJD PRO BONO PUBLIC O AWARD

The PSJD Pro Bono Publico Award honors one law student nationwide for their pro bono achievements, thereby recognizing the significant contributions law students make to underserved populations, the public interest community, and legal education through public service work.

Selection is based primarily on the pro bono work nominees provided their public service projects or organizations; the quality of work they performed; and the impact it had on the community, their peers, and the school.

This year, PSJD received twenty-one impressive nominations. After much deliberation, they chose eight finalists. Lewis & Clark Law School had not one, but TWO of the final eight selected: Dayna Jones and Corinne Fletcher.

In addition to the winner, PSJD selected two Merit Distinction recipients, one of which was awarded to Dayna Jones. She and the other two winners will be guest bloggers for PSJD.



YOUR PATHWAY TO PUBLIC SERVICE LEGAL CAREERS

PSJD is the largest public interest law database and resource center in the US. It connects public interest law job-seekers with their ideal opportunities in the public interest arena, in government, at law schools, and around the globe. PSJD is an initiative of the National Association of Law Placement. You can find PSJD's database and resource center [here](#).

Interested in nominating someone for the award?

Contact Carra Sahler at sahler@lclark.edu

Carra Sahler is the Director of Public Interest Law at Lewis & Clark Law School

PSJD PRO BONO PUBLICO AWARD FINALIST

C O R I N N E F L E T C H E R

As a 2L, Corinne Fletcher initiated and designed a Student Directed Reading Group for both L&C Law students and students at MacLaren, a youth Correctional Facility. The idea was that law students would learn from and with people in prison, while MacLaren students would learn from and with law students.

Amazingly, Fletcher's work with people in prison started because she had been the victim of a violent crime. She had many questions and thought the work would help to answer them. Evidently, it not only helped her heal, but it also sparked a fire within her. This fire eventually led Fletcher to convince state legislators to attend her Reading Group at MacLaren. Their attendance ultimately informed their decision to advocate for procedural reform in the juvenile justice system.

Fletcher's commitment to hearing directly from people who have been marginalized has transformed the outlook of those with whom she has worked. Self-determination, as she put it, "is a fundamental need for personal and social transformation." Accordingly, she is forever committed to breaking down barriers so that people impacted by decisions can be involved in the decision-making process."

"I doubt whether any member of our faculty could have created such an immersive two-way education experience, but Corinne did it. Along the way, she changed lives.

- Faculty

Recommendation

Fletcher also works with the ACLU. She can still be found tearing through the halls of the Capitol Building in Salem, diligently studying proposed bills and advocating for various policy reforms on behalf of the ACLU.

After law school, Fletcher would like to collaborate with Oregon counties to incorporate restorative justice practices into their juvenile justice departments and continue to advocate for statewide legislation on issues like reproductive justice, voting rights, education, and, of course, juvenile justice. We have no doubt that she will accomplish just about anything she puts not only her mind to, but also her enormous heart.

PSJD MERIT DISTINCTION AWARD

DAYNA JONES

Jones has dedicated her time at in law school to environmental justice and Native American Civil Rights issues. Working at the intersection of these two concerns, she helped the Chemawa Indian School launch its Peer Court program, and served as Treasurer of the Native American Law Student Association.

Her most significant contributions, though, are legislative: when the governor of Oregon convened a Cleaner Air Oregon process to review the state's air toxic rules, Jones not only provided support to OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon, but she also worked closely with State Representative Karin Power.

The night before Jones was to testify on the Cleaner Air Oregon bill, she received a call from her partner alerting her that their 2-year-old son, Obery, was having difficulty breathing.

They rushed him to the emergency room where he was subsequently diagnosed with Reactive Airway Disease, a condition in children under six that is triggered by large amounts of particulate matter in the air.

After a year of working for OPAL and supporting Rep. Power, Jones sat bravely before the Subcommittee on Natural Resources and testified in support of a the House Bill that proposed funding the Cleaner Air Oregon initiative through industry fees.

Despite Jones' best effort, HB 2269 died in committee. Rep. Power gave a public remonstrance in which she read Jones' earlier testimony. She has also cited Jones as being instrumental to the Governor in considering a cap and invest program for the state, and crucial to legislative discussions on stronger air quality standards.

While she may have lost this battle, Jones is not done fighting. Winning the the PSJD Merit Distinction Award is a tremendous honor and will only help propel her further towards a successful career in advocacy.

We cant wait to see how far this weekly church volunteer and mother of two can go . . . all we know is that whatever she does, she will do it with kindness and grace.

“The minute we walk through the doors of law school we have been bestowed a great privilege. With this privilege comes a heightened responsibility to our communities, and I am honored for the time I have spent getting to know and volunteer for mine.”

— Dayna Jones



**JOIN PILP FOR ITS AN EVENING
OF MAGIC AND INTRIGUE IN**

The Secret Garden

Proceeds (1) provide for the living expenses of students working at otherwise unpaid public interest organizations, and (2) graduates paying off their loans through L&C's Loan Assistance Repayment Program.

***Alumni: Dont miss out on your own
mini-auction prior to the main event!***

Graduates of L&C Law School are invited to attend an alumni only event at 5:00 PM, an hour before doors open to the public. There will be a mini live-auction with 3 items unavailable to the attendees of the main event.

We can't wait to see you there!

**FEBRUARY 17, 2018 - 6:00 PM
LEWIS & CLARK LAW SCHOOL**



THE 2017 VINTAGE VEGAS AUCTION



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Some examples of benefits include: your logo or name are put on everything from our website to this newsletter; free tickets; valet parking; entry to a private pre-auction and more!

DONATE

Do you have a time share or mileage you aren't using?

Timbers or Seahawks tickets?

How about some old home or office art that you are replacing?

Or that piece of jewelry you inherited but never wear?

Wan't to donate but not sure what to give? Email auction@lclark.edu and we will help you figure it out!

Have something to donate but don't want to drive it to SW? Not to worry: we pick up all donations.

Please email pilp@lclark.edu, or click "Donate" for more info.

PURCHASE TICKETS

TICKET PRICES:

Student Tickets: \$25

Public Interest

Professionals: \$55

General Admission: \$75

Note: Volunteers get in free

Whether you have the spending power or not, all are invited and more than welcome to attend!

We expect to sell out again this year, so don't wait to purchase your tickets! Click "Attend the Auction" above to register today.

STUDENT DONATIONS

On a student budget? You can still donate skills or services as an auction item instead!

In the past students have auctioned off everything from opera and ballet lessons, to babysitting and yard work.

If you are interest, please click the link above to email PILP and see how you can volunteer a few hours of your time for the auction!

Note: PILP Award applicants may donate up to 10 hours, but can only count five towards there PILP hours.

A U C T I O N I N A C T I O N : P I L P ' S 2 0 1 7 A W A R D R E C I P I E N T S

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Project
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11 **BAKHTAWAR KHAN**
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Portland, Oregon



12 **MADDIE HOLMES**
Medical-Legal Partnership
of Oregon
Portland, Oregon



CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION



PILP and WICL event organizers pose with Whitney Boise, presenter at the CLE and host of the reception after

Achieving an Impartial Jury in Voir Dire BY PENDREY TRAMMELL

This fall, PILP held its 3rd annual CLE entitled *Achieving an Impartial Jury in Voir Dire*, at the Federal Bankruptcy Courthouse in downtown Portland.

The CLE, which focused on how to address implicit bias in voir dire, highlighted issues of racial bias, and bias against people with a history of criminality.

Christopher Dominic, president of Tsongas Litigation Consulting, Inc., explained strategies for how to get a jury pool talking and more importantly, how to ask difficult questions that can reveal problematic jurors.

The CLE attendees benefited from this new perspective from Dominic on jury selection that isn't accessible to most attorneys during trial.

Washington County Senior DDA Megan Johnson, and Defense Attorney Whitney Boise followed the jury selection expert with a mock jury selection. The mock jurors were volunteers who were given strategically created personas that would emulate qualities in a problematic juror during the course of voir dire.

Johnson and Boise showed two methods of how to get a jury talking, and the Honorable Judge Bergstrom provided insights from the bench.

We were extremely lucky to have these four professionals donate their time and energy to PILP. They put a tremendous amount of time into helping us and we couldn't be more grateful.

This was also the first time that PILP had co-sponsored an event like this with another student group, but when Women In Criminal Law offered to help, we seized the opportunity.

WICL aims to empower women and minorities to pursue careers in criminal law, a field that is historically underrepresented by these individuals. By working with WICL, PILP was able to reach a wide group of attendees, and gain a new perspective on our CLE topic.

WICL was an integral part to the success of this event, and we are so glad that we had the chance to work with this fantastic group dedicated to advancing careers for women in criminal law.

After the CLE, Boise Matthews LLP opened its doors for a reception. Students and attorneys had the chance to mingle, catch up with colleagues, and meet people in the field of criminal law. Thank you to all those who came and participated.

THE JUSTICE GAP: DOING OUR PART

AN EDITORIAL BY MARIJA BOISE

PILP is a nonprofit, student-run group at L&C dedicated to encouraging law students to pursue public interest careers. We primarily achieve this goal by providing summer awards to students working unpaid public interest jobs and assisting recent graduates with their student loans through L&C's Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP).

Sixty-three million people in the U.S. currently qualify for legal aid services, 70% of which experienced at least one civil legal problem in the last year—a legal problem that most described as “severely” or “very much” upsetting their lives. This is not all that surprising considering the fact that low-income Americans receive inadequate or no professional legal help for 86% of their civil legal problems each year.

Despite this crisis in legal aid, research indicates that two-thirds of the students who come to law school aspiring to work in public interest fields do not end up employed in that work. The suffocating weight of student debt (L&C students graduate with an average debt of \$139,745) the unavailability of jobs in the public interest sector, and the law school experience all contribute to this “public interest drift.”

In 2008 and 2009, L&C was ranked the third best public interest law school in the country. In 2011, we dropped slightly to number nine. Eight years later, we *barely* rank in the top 50—even with the second best environmental law program in the country.

One could endlessly speculate about why this might be, but instead, why don't we start by doing more to encourage and sustain the interest that our students still have in serving the public good: despite our rapid descent in the rankings, L&C still sent 22% of their graduates into permanent, full-

time government and public interest law jobs in 2016, the eighteenth highest in the country.

Professor Aliza Kaplan, a PILP Advisory Board member, put it best: If law schools provided an education that included more practical learning experiences, it would communicate to applicants and students that the school does not merely talk about its commitment to its public interest students but that it actually values and understands their career goals. This message alone would attract higher caliber students, including those who are serious about social justice issues and are committed to solving the most difficult problems in our society.

Despite the significant drop in rankings, last year the National Law Journal reported that L&C has over 22% of their graduates in permanent, full time government or public interest jobs—rankings dropping pretty drastically, L&C had 22% of their 2016 graduates

It is imperative that law students remember to care about the outcome of cases, their effect on people, and about providing equal access to justice. Human beings adjust their behavior based on the metrics they are held against—so let's change the metrics with which we measure. It is time to take on the difficult cognitive and emotional work of assessing which laws and rulings are fair, which are unfair, and how we can make them more just.

PILP aspires to do our part to contribute to this effort. Since the organization's inception 27 years ago, PILP has given awards to nearly 350 students and financed more than 100,000 hours of public interest work at no cost to their employers.

To continue to build on these past successes, we need reliable sponsorship from the legal community and others who appreciate the work that L&C students perform. **PLEASE CONSIDER**

Thank you for your time and consideration. We look forward to working with you and seeing you at the 2018 PILP Auction on February 17, 2018!

PILP'S ANNUAL PUBLIC INTEREST NETWORKING BREAKFAST



Above: Larry Matasar, a student favorite the last three years, talks about his experience being a criminal defense attorney

Connecting Students With Public Interest Professionals

BY CARLEY POULAND

Lewis & Clark Law students with varying interests gathered together early on Thursday, Nov. 9, for PILP's Annual Public Interest Networking Breakfast.

Professionals from a wide array of legal fields, including environmental, animal, family, immigration, and criminal law, joined nearly fifty law students bright and early--one of the best turnouts the breakfast has ever had.

Among the professionals in attendance were the Honorable Judith Matarazzo, Deputy District Attorney Bryce Bissinger, and Legal Aid Services of Oregon

attorney Hope Del Carlo. These three individuals, as well as the rest of the gracious attorneys that attended, opened up about their day to day jobs, as well as some of the pros and cons of being in their line of work.

Many students are not aware of the breadth of legal areas that fall under the public interest umbrella, so the breakfast is a great way for them to learn more from attorneys working in a wide variety of areas. Moreover, the atmosphere is intended to be collegial and fun.

"It was particularly nice to see the wide range of public interest work happening in the Portland legal

community," said a 1L in attendance. "It was a morning well spent."

Part of PILP's mission is to educate students about opportunities to practice public interest law and to help students cultivate relationships with public interest law practitioners. This breakfast has become one OF PILP's favorite ways to accomplish these aims. Many students left feeling inspired to begin or continue to pursue public interest work.

Thank you to Carra Sahler, Director of Public Interest Law, and Marija Boise, PILP President, for facilitating this event. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year!

Are you a public interest legal practitioner (in environmental, Indian, immigration, or animal law, for example)? If so, we would love to have you attend the breakfast next year! Please email pilp@lclark.edu with your contact information and we will be sure to add you to our invite list for next fall.

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