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WELCOME

Join us for an Evening in the Tropics

A Word from the Board:

The 2019-2020 PILP Board would like to thank the Portland legal community for its generous support over the years. Without your help, many public interest law students could not give back to their communities and pursue their passion for justice.

This year, we hope to have your continued support for our February 22nd Auction. In our biannual newsletter, we wanted to share what PILP has been up to on campus and in the community, as well as fundraising efforts we have made.

Our auction is in February & we are counting on your support! Check out a live auction preview at the end of our newsletter.

Thank you,
- The 2019- 2020 PILP Board



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PILP provides students with the opportunity to follow their passions in public interest. When I first joined PILP I did not fully know how important it would become to my own success. PILP not only provided me with a summer stipend, but it became an organization that positively impacted my life through the dedicated students I have met. The students involved in PILP continue to inspire and impress me with their dedication and drive to better our community through various public interest opportunities.

The Public Interest Law Project is a non-profit organization run by the students, for the students. Every year there is a team of public interest oriented law students, along with our devoted advisor, Carra Sahler, that begin the long process of raising funds for summer awards. All of their efforts are done while balancing studies, jobs and many other responsibilities. Many of these students already work in the public interest field, and that is their passion. The summer stipend helps them financially, since their public interest positions are unpaid.

Our largest event of the year is the PILP Auction. It is during this auction that we gather most of our funding for students. We are only as successful as the community that supports us. We sincerely appreciate all of our donors and the individuals who attend the auction. Your support and generosity over the years is very appreciated and without you all we would be unable to keep doing our work.

See you in The Tropics,

-Silvia



A Letter from the PILP President

SILVIA BADEA, 3L

PILP in Action

CRAG AUCTION

Dara Illowsky 1L, Patricia Estrella 2L, Eddie Kelinsky 1L, and Jessica Hetzel 2L, volunteer at the Crag auction. Jessica and Patricia both earned PILP stipends in 2019.



TRIVIA NIGHT & POD RACE

The 1L team raised \$980 during the annual Pod Race and trivia night! Thank you to West Coast Grocery for hosting trivia night and donating 10% of the evening's proceeds.

Congratulations to Red Pod who won a pancake breakfast with their professors.



SERVING DINNER AT TRANSITION PROJECTS

A 1L team led by volunteer coordinator, Chloe Williams, made and served dinner to the women at Transition Projects. The team was able to serve dinner and speak with some of the seventy women who live there. Their takeaway: Homelessness is multidimensional and not one decision leads to that path. Keri Pflieger, Eliza Silverman, Kylie Couturier, Carrie Ng, 'Ilima Umbhau and Chloe Williams (front) are pictured above.

PILP in Action

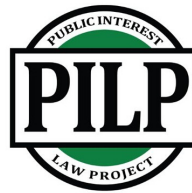


Joey Gomez 1L, James Garland 2L, and Carrie Ng, 1L, all volunteered with other PILP-ers at a Friends of Trees planting event. Over 800 native shrubs and trees were planted.

This year, PILP hosted the 1st annual Public Interest Law Week. We welcomed attorneys, judges, and legal practitioners to campus to discuss their experiences in public interest law including criminal, juvenile, family, environmental, and legal aid.

PILP also co-hosted a Voter Registration tabling event that helped students register to vote and informed people about current voting rights issues. Finally, PILP-ers made and served dinner to the women at Transition Projects in downtown Portland.

Other on campus student organizations generously co-sponsored these events along with our panelists and Director of Public Interest Law, Carra Sahler.



Public Interest Law Week

CHECK OUT THE ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR
ADDITIONAL DETAILS

Ice Cream
sponsored by
New Avenues for
Youth

NOV 11

**JUVENILE
JUSTICE PANEL**

With
Family Law
Society

With Women
in Criminal
Law

NOV 13

**YOUNG PUBLIC
INTEREST ATTORNEY
PANEL**

NOV 14

**VOTER REGISTRATION
TABLING @ LUNCH**

With
OutLaw

Come earn
community
service hours!

NOV 14

**VOLUNTEER TO SERVE
DINNER @ TRANSITION
PROJECTS**

2020 Amburgey Award Recipient

We are thrilled to honor Nargess this year.

Nargess flew on Pan Am Air in the early 1970s, alone at age 12 from Tehran to Portland to learn English and to prepare for college in the U.S. From a bustling metropolis of millions in Tehran, Nargess' new living arrangement placed her in a house with a few acres, horses, and fields deep in East Multnomah County. As a recent young immigrant, while working summer jobs in the fields and nurseries, she saw the struggles of farmworker families in the Willamette Valley. She felt a kinship with the largely Spanish-speaking workers as they brought her memories of Iranian farmworkers in the plum and apricot orchards or knee-deep harvesting rice by the Caspian.

Nargess credits her professors at Lewis and Clark College (particularly Don Balmer) and the Law School (Susan Mandiberg) with helping translate her inflamed passion about all things that were wrong for farmworkers into a long, but still fascinating career in improving those conditions through litigation and advocacy. As a lawyer, she has pursued a multi-disciplinary and methodical approach to ease complex political, economic, and social challenges facing farmworkers.

Nargess insists on directly involving her clients in every stage of their cases. Together, they overcome the barriers of language and culture, to identifying priority legal issues within the farmworker community. Together, they find solutions.

Nargess Shadbeh

Director of the
Farmworker Program at
Oregon Law Center

Lewis & Clark Law '82





2020 Amburgey Award Recipient

Over the years, Nargess has helped train many new lawyers and has worked with law students from all three Oregon law schools. Law clerks helped work on impact issues such as: successfully arguing for construction of affordable farmworker housing within cities in the early 1990s; advocating for better labor housing standards; and working to reduce exposure to pesticides by advocating for stronger regulations. Nargess has provided an environment for many students to learn that their legal degree is only a part of becoming a good lawyer, the rest has to be gained in the field at times sitting on an overturned bucket learning directly from clients and their needs. She points out that long before the MeToo movement, indigenous farmworker women talked about workplace sexual harassment when they were given an opportunity to relay their occupational health and safety in indigenous languages.

Together with farmworkers, new Lewis & Clark lawyers and a multi-disciplinary team from the OLC set out on a nationally funded project to use legal tools to do something about issues facing farmworkers.

Nargess has been awarded the Amburgey Award for her dedication to encouraging farmworkers and students and new lawyers in public interest law throughout her career.

Come celebrate with Nargess and our 2019 stipend recipients at the 2020 auction.

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[About Oregon Law Center](#)

[Learn More About Farmworker Issues](#)



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2020 Auction Preview

Live Auction Preview

Get away for a week to a mid century modern home in sunny Palm Springs. This home has a fireplace and four master suites each with attached patios, en suite baths, plus powder room. Enjoy the spectacular views as you relax outside in the pool or by the fire pit. Close to restaurants and world class golf, and not too far from downtown Palm Springs. Located on Alhambra drive, often featured in Modernism week tours. A great place for a friends or family getaway. Available May 1-October 1 2020.

