

# A Modern Moment

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## OUR FIRST VIRTUAL AUCTION: PILP RAISES OVER \$63K TO HELP PUBLIC INTEREST LAW STUDENTS

The Public Interest Law Project (PILP) hosted their 30th Annual Auction on February 18, 2021 in a first-ever virtual format. Over 350 households attended the event which raised over \$63,000 to provide awards for students working in unpaid, public interest internships this summer. PILP is a student-run organization with a commitment to helping provide the financial means for students to take on public interest work.

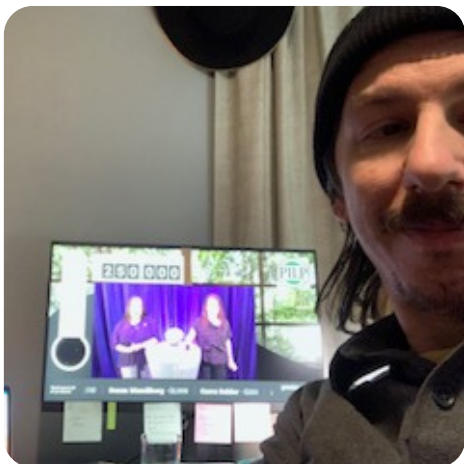
“We are so grateful for our faculty, staff, student volunteers, and community members who continue to value public interest work even during these tumultuous times,” PILP President Natalie Hollabaugh ’21 stated “We could not have expanded our reach both on campus and in the community this year without that support.”

The student organization put together the all virtual event this year with a week-long silent auction that culminated in a live auction hosted by Professor Aliza Kaplan and Misty Marquam from Marquam Auction Agency. The money raised will go to provide summer awards for students working in unpaid legal work at nonprofit legal advocacy organizations, legal aid clinics, public defender’s offices, and other public interest organizations.

“Not only did our annual auction happen in the face of a pandemic, but a winter storm and blackouts appeared as surprise obstacles,” Auction Co-Director Faith Fox ’22 stated. “This unique year still allowed us to further the necessary cause of public interest law. Special thanks to the Auction Team and to our donors, sponsors, and bidders from Massachusetts to California and everywhere in-between.”

“This year PILP was faced with unprecedented challenges when it came to hosting the very first virtual auction but we were blown away,” PILP Procurement Director Eliza Silverman ’22 stated. “We credit the relative success of the auction to our big cheerleaders: the Lewis & Clark Law faculty, staff, and community. We are so grateful for the kindness of the community who enabled such a successful event with their generosity.”

A recording of the live auction is available [here](#). This story was originally published [here](#).



1L Micah Shapiro, 2L Juan Pablo San Emeterio, and 2L Tiffany Hawkins, all PILP volunteers, take in the virtual auction on February 18th.

# SPRING EVENTS

## JANUARY: WOMEN IN CRIMINAL LAW JOB FAIR BOOTCAMP

PILP board members and volunteers provided support to WICL as they hosted their 2nd Annual Job Fair Bootcamp, designed to help predominantly 1L's navigate the NW Public Interest Job Fair. Student volunteers covering a wide range of legal interests spent their Saturday morning mock interviewing and encouraging their peers.

## JANUARY: PILP + LC ALDF CALENDAR

PILP partnered with the Lewis & Clark Chapter of the Animal Legal Defense Fund to have a friendly competition seeking 12 models for our animal calendar! The calendars were sold to fundraise for both programs and after nearly 1,000 votes were cast on social media, we had some winners like Sansa (February) and Chance (March). Sansa is the companion of 1L Radhika Shah and Chance is the companion of 3L Amanda Pham Haines.



## FEBRUARY: VIRTUAL VALENTINES



This year the PILP 1L Team tried out a new way to celebrate Valentine's Day, with virtual cards featuring some of our favorite faculty and staff. The LC Community responded in kind, sending over 210 Valentines across campus and helping us raise funds for summer awards.



## FEBRUARY: 28 /DAYS OF BLACK HISTORY MONTH WITH BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

In honor of Black History Month, Chloe Williams, Community Outreach Coordinator was inspired to create 28 flyers that amplified the voices, struggle, and fight of Black people. While reflecting on the inspiration, Chloe realized an important part of the flyer's purpose started with recognizing the organizations and other Black people (and other people of color) around her who were also fighting the same fight she was. The collaboration with Lewis & Clark's Black Law Student Association reiterates the importance of having Black leadership and Black voices heard. Both PILP and BLSA shared the flyers on their social media pages throughout February.



# KWAME TURE,

**CIVIL  
RIGHTS ACTIVIST, WRITER,  
AND ORATOR**

**EDUCATION:** Graduated from Howard University, A Historically Black College and University

## CONTRIBUTIONS:

- In 1969, changed his name from Stokely Carmichael to Kwame Ture
- First spoke and coined the phrase, "Black Power," during a 1969 speech where he was calling for cultural, political, and economic self-determination for Black people
- Field organizer with the student nonviolent coordinating committee (SNCC)
- Worked with Freedom Summer, a campaign to register black voters in the deep south
- Part of the Black Panther Party.
- Helped redefine the African American/Black identity around the globe.

**Kwame  
proclaimed,  
Black IS  
BEAUTIFUL**



For more information on Kwame or for the source of this information, go to Howard University's webpage.

If you have any questions about where you can learn more about Black history, please contact Chloe Williams, PILP Community Outreach Coordinator, or our co-sponsors, LC's Black Law Student Association

# PATRICIA BATH,

**OPHTHALMOLOGIST, INVENTOR, RESEARCHER,  
AND HUMANITARIAN**

**EDUCATION:** Graduated from Howard University, A Historically Black College and University

## CONTRIBUTIONS:

- At 16, she won a merit award for her discoveries at a cancer research workshop
- The first woman ophthalmologist faculty at the University of California in 1974
- In 1983, became the first woman chair to an ophthalmology residency program in the US
- Conducted epistemological research and found blindness occurred in Black patients at twice the rate of White patients
- 1976, Dr. Bath and three colleagues founded the American Institute for the Prevention of Blindness. A core principle is that eyesight is a basic human right
- Invented the Laserphaco Probe which uses lasers to treat cataracts with less pain and more precision; the device was patented in 1988. She became the first Black female doctor to patent medical technology



For more information on Patricia or for the source of this information, go to Howard University's webpage.

If you have any questions about where you can learn more about Black history, please contact Chloe Williams, community outreach coordinator, or our co-sponsors, LC's Black Law Student Association

## MARCH: CAFECITO WITH LATINX LAW SOCIETY & BLOOD DRIVE

Join LLS & PILP for a

### Cafecito with Nargess Shadbeh



**March 31st at 5:30 pm**

We will be sitting down with Nargess Shadbeh, from the Oregon Law Center to talk about the importance of our farmworker community and the difficulties they face. All LC students are welcome. Zoom link in our bio!

In March we partnered with Latinx Law Society to welcome 2020 Amburgey Award Recipient Nargess Shadbeh, Director of the Farmworker Program at the Oregon Law Center. Nargess works to improve conditions for farmworkers through litigation and advocacy including successfully arguing for construction of affordable farmworker housing within cities, advocating for better labor housing standards, and working to reduce exposure to pesticides by advocating for stronger regulations.

This event also featured flyers made by LLS amplifying farmworker movement and leadership.

## APRIL: UPCOMING ENVIRONMENTAL CLEAN UP

Community Outreach Coordinator Chloe Williams and Vice President Jessica Hetzel will be leading an Earth Day focused event as PILP volunteers will do clean ups at parks and neighborhood streets in East and North Portland. PILP will also feature environmental justice advocates on our social media pages.



PILP hosted another successful on campus blood drive. Special thanks to the Red Cross and to our outgoing Treasurer, Skylar Losik, for organizing these events for students to donate.





# SAYING GOODBYE TO OUR GRADUATING BOARD MEMBERS

## EMILY FOX

**1L AUCTION ASSISTANT, 2L & 3L DATABASE COORDINATOR, SUMMER AWARD RECIPIENT**

I am so proud to have been a part of PILP for the last three years. PILP allowed me to work my dream summer job, and I was able to help other students have that same experience. But, truly, the best part is the community I will always be part of and the amazing humans I will always cherish. Thank you for everything!

## ERIC WERNER

**1L MARKETING, 2L PROJECT MANAGER, 3L SECRETARY/ARCHIVIST**

To the PILP community: thank you for keeping me motivated and inspired through the marathon of law school. Your unceasing dedication to supporting public interest legal work was a constant reminder of why I came to law school and how I hope to use my legal education now that the light at the end of the tunnel inches closer each day. Here's to being on the other end of the PILP auction and panels someday soon!

## JESSICA HETZEL

**1L POD REP, 2L PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR, 3L VICE PRESIDENT, SUMMER AWARD RECIPIENT**

PILP is my favorite student organization! I will always cherish my three years with PILP, from planning fun events to raising awareness of public interest law issues, and most importantly, to making lasting connections. I'm excited to see the amazing things PILP will accomplish going forward!

## SKYLAR LOSIK

**2L & 3L TREASURER, SUMMER AWARD RECIPIENT**

I was so grateful when I received a PILP award to support my public interest work 1L summer, but maybe the greatest gift was that it resulted in my being on the PILP board my 2L and 3L years. I am so incredibly proud to have been a part of the PILP community and the incredible things that we have achieved over the past two years. Thank you PILP family!

## NATALIE HOLLABAUGH

**1L POD REP, 2L AUCTION DIRECTOR, 3L PRESIDENT, SUMMER AWARD RECIPIENT**

Being a part of PILP these past three years has been a highlight of law school. I feel so fortunate to have grown and learned alongside my peers and look forward to working with each of them in our future careers as public interest attorneys (fingers crossed)! I am so grateful for all of the support.

## TRINITY HATCH

**2L NIGHT OF COORDINATOR, 3L AUCTION OUTREACH**

I made a concerted effort to be part of PILP since my 1L year because I truly support PILP's mission, but it wasn't until my last year in law school I had the privilege to be a part of the executive board. It has truly been an honor working with such determined and passionate people on the PILP team - who care both about public interest work in our community and the students at Lewis & Clark.



Throwback to the 1L Pancake Breakfast in 2018, Trinity, Eric, Emily, Natalie and Jess all volunteered.

# ANNOUNCING THE 2021-2022 PILP EXECUTIVE BOARD

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STREISSGUTH

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TO BE  
ANNOUNCED

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## PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR

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\*Indicates an individual who has been on the PILP Board all 3 years of law school

## THIS SUMMER OUR 1L MEMBERS ARE WORKING AT A VARIETY OF PLACES...

Mitch LeClair: Metropolitan Public Defender

Ember DeVaul: NW Worker's Justice Project

Stephanie Grayce: Metropolitan Public Defender

Jessie Holmes: CA DOJ, Office of the AG, Natural Resources Law Section

Sunny Sidman: Montana Public Defender

Grace Badik: Oregon Law Center





## A REQUEST FROM PILP

The Michael and Rebecca Richman Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in January 2020 with the mission of creating two scholarships memorializing and honoring Michael Richman, CAS '16, and his sister Rebecca Richman, Esq., Law '19, who died tragically in the fall of 2019.

Rebecca graduated from Reed College in 2013 with a BA in Anthropology and entered Lewis & Clark Law School in 2016. While in law school, Rebecca served as the Business Editor of Lewis & Clark's Animal Law Review and was a passionate advocate for clients of the school's Low-Income Taxpayer Clinic. During her third year of law school, Animal Law Review awarded Rebecca the Noodle Award for her outstanding

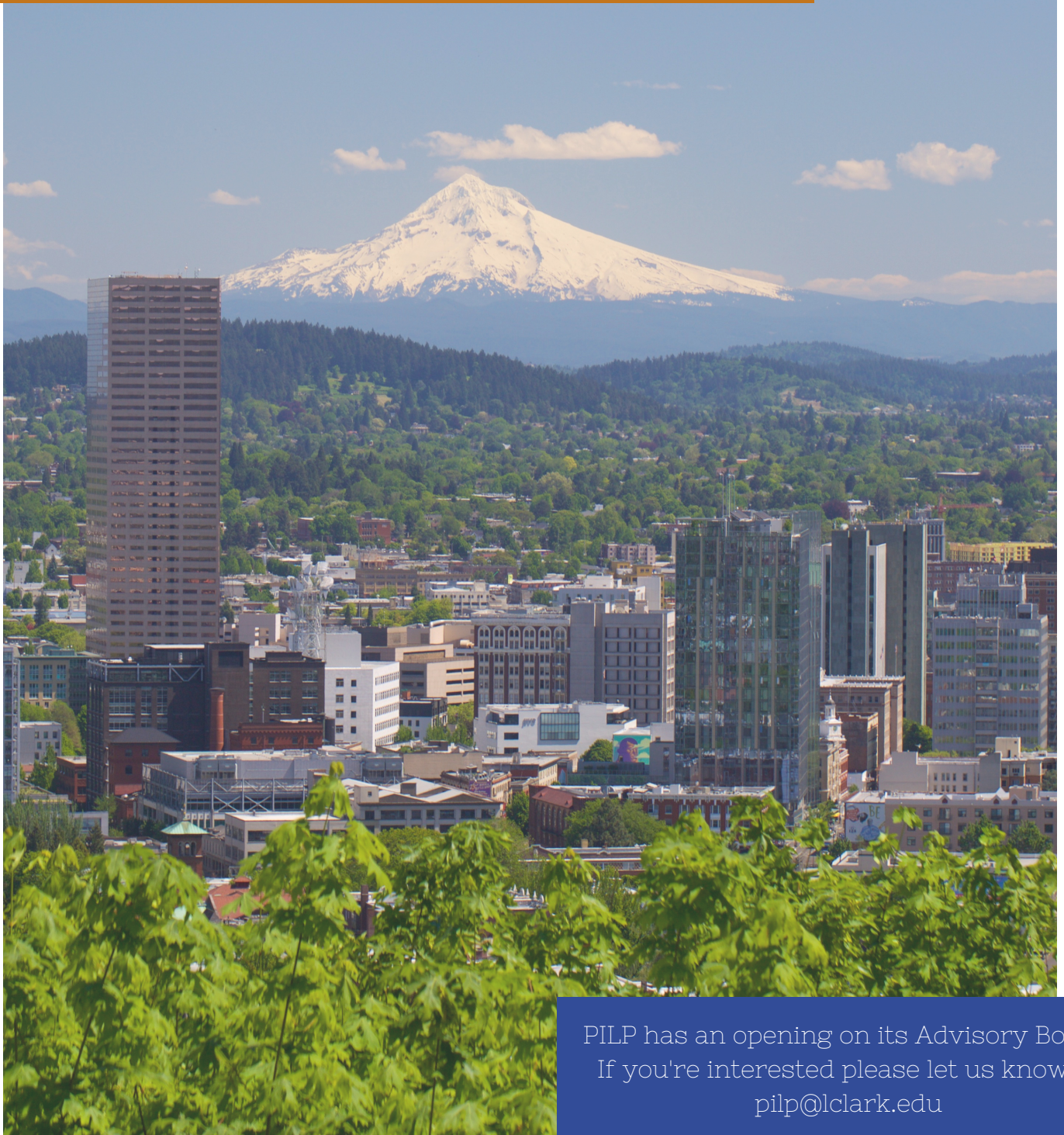
contributions and hard work. After earning her JD, Rebecca was admitted into the Oregon State Bar and moved to Fairbanks, Alaska, where she simultaneously worked as a Deputy City Attorney and as an AmeriCorps Medical-Legal Partnership Attorney for Alaska Legal Services. Becca, as she was known to friends and family, will always be remembered for her love of birds, passion for tax law, and the kind and thoughtful things she did for those fortunate enough to have met her during her lifetime.

Please consider donating [here](#).

Pictured above is Becca at commencement.



# GET INVOLVED



PILP has an opening on its Advisory Board.  
If you're interested please let us know at  
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