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The partnership was launched at the Henderson Center’s 2005 symposium entitled “The New Face of California: The Great Central Valley.” In 2011, the partnership was awarded one of the inaugural grants issued by the UC Center for Collaborative Research for an Equitable California.

CURAJ will use the award funds to establish a Participatory Action Resource Center in Fresno, California that will serve as a catalyst for multiple research projects and as a dedicated site for training community members, faculty, and students on the principles and best practices of participatory action research (PAR). The PAR Resource Center will also focus on building the community’s advocacy capacities.

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The Chief Justice Earl Warren Institute on Law and Social Policy is a multidisciplinary, collaborative venture to produce research, research-based policy prescriptions, and curricular innovation on the most challenging civil rights, education, criminal justice, family and economic security, immigration and healthcare issues facing California and the Nation. The Warren Institute’s mission is to engage the most difficult topics in a wide range of legal and public policy subject areas, providing valuable intellectual capital to public and private sector leaders, the media and the general public, while advancing scholarly understanding. Central to its methods are concerted efforts to build bridges connecting the world of research with the world of civic action and policy debate so that each informs the other, while preserving the independence, quality and credibility of the academic enterprise.

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## JOURNALS

### ***Asian American Law Journal (AALJ)***

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The *Asian American Law Journal (AALJ)* provides a comprehensive forum for legal scholars, practitioners and students to discuss legal issues concerning Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. With our founding in 1993, *AALJ* became one of only two law journals in the United States focusing on Asian American communities in its publication agenda.

Our mandate is to publish commentary, analyses, and research on the experiences and concerns of Asian Americans. We believe that to advance the Asian American movement, we must recognize the diversity among Asian American communities and cultivate scholarship that promotes understanding and empowerment in order to foster resistance to oppression and the achievement of justice. The movement includes, but is not limited to, the intersections of gender, class, sexual orientation, religion and race. We recognize the histories of Pacific Islanders and support those who choose to maintain distinct community identities. In solidarity with all peoples who have been subordinated, we embrace the opportunity to publish works that address issues relating to all marginalized communities. The mission of our journal is to speak truth to power; to borrow from poet Janice Mirikitani, "We give testimony. Our noise is dangerous."

More information is available at <http://boalt.org/aalj>.

### ***Berkeley Journal of African-American Law & Policy (BJALP)***

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Founded in 1992, the *Berkeley Journal of African-American Law & Policy* (formerly the *African-American Law and Policy Report*) is dedicated to addressing legal and policy issues that affect the African American community and people of color, in general. The journal deals with matters such as constitutional law, criminal justice, civil rights, African American participation in the political process, the death penalty, fair housing, economic development in the African American community, African immigration to the United States, and health issues that affect African Americans.

More information is available at <http://www.bjalp.org>.

### ***Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law (BJELL)***

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*BJELL* is a student-edited journal covering current topics in employment and labor law, including employment discrimination, labor law, and workplace rights. Our members work with the nation's leading scholars in employment and labor law to edit and refine their work for publication. *BJELL* is also a central part of Boalt's economic social justice community: we host member lunches and happy hours, share information on courses and jobs, and bring speakers to campus.

More information is available at <http://www.bjell.org>.

Boalt Hall faculty that helps students view their first-year curriculum through the lens of social justice.

**Practitioners-in-Residence:** Each semester, the Henderson Center invites an attorney to deliver a Ruth Chance Lecture in his or her area of expertise, participate in classes by adding the perspective of a practicing attorney, counsel students, and moderate a panel discussion with faculty, students and community members in the practitioner's area of interest.

**Town Halls:** The Henderson Center hosts gatherings for members of the Boalt Hall community to discuss, learn about, and become aware of the invisible privileges, like class, race, sex, sexual orientation, and able-body; privileges that pervade the Boalt Hall community and render very different the Boalt Hall experience of individual members.

**Fall and Spring Semester Symposia:** The Henderson Center organizes forward-thinking symposia on social justice challenges that bring together academics, practitioners, students, and activists from around the country to envision and implement strategies for social change.

### Original Research

The Henderson Center conducts original research with a mission of fostering creative scholarship on issues of race and poverty that is accessible to the public, and takes into account the layered and interdisciplinary nature of social justice issues.

Reports of our research include:

- *The Path to Equal Opportunity: An Investigation of Best Practices in Employment and Contracting* (2011).
- *School-based Restorative Justice As an Alternative to Zero-Tolerance Policies: Lessons from West Oakland* (2010).
- *A Higher Hurdle: Barriers to Employment for Formerly Incarcerated Women* (2008).
- *Barriers to Employment & Reentry for Formerly Incarcerated People* (2008).
- *Proposition 209 and Public Employment in California: Trends in Workforce Diversity* (2008).
- *A Vision Fulfilled?: The Impact of Proposition 209 on Equal Opportunity for Women Business Enterprises* (2007).

### Research Partnerships

Community-University Research and Action for Justice (CURAJ, pronounced CURE-räi) is a partnership of UC educators, lawyers and Central Valley grassroots organizations formed to address the inequities in the California Central Valley where the profitable agricultural industry operates alongside a community with the nation's highest poverty and unemployment rates and where safe drinking water is hard to find.

## TRAINING AND RESEARCH CENTER

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### About the Henderson Center

The Thelton E. Henderson Center for Social Justice, originally named the Center for Social Justice, was founded in 1999 in response to the passage of Proposition 209, the California ballot measure that outlawed affirmative action in public institutions. The Center began as a place where social justice issues could be freely discussed, and where faculty and students interested in social justice could be nurtured. The center was re-named in 2006 after the revered Boalt alumnus, lawyer, jurist, humanitarian, and pioneer in the advancement of civil rights.

Appointed to the federal bench in 1980, the Honorable Thelton E. Henderson has presided over the most contentious social justice issues of our day. He has upheld the rights of state prison inmates to receive adequate medical care and ordered the U.S. Department of Defense to give equal treatment to employees, regardless of their sexual orientation. In 1997, he overturned Proposition 209, a ruling that was reversed by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal. He is currently chief judge emeritus of the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

Today, the Henderson Center is a training and research center that prepares the next generation of lawyers to meet the challenges of serving underrepresented communities and produces innovative and accessible scholarship on issues of race, sex and poverty. It has become the heart of the law school's public mission, and the intellectual hub of the school's vibrant social justice community.

### Henderson Center Programs

In addition to a social justice curriculum, the Henderson Center offers students a wide variety of programs to train and inspire them to succeed at careers in the public interest; whether as attorneys, policy makers, law school professors or social entrepreneurs. Among the programs are:

**Ruth Chance Mondays:** A bi-weekly, endowed speaker's series that offers students the opportunity to hear from innovative and groundbreaking public interest attorneys who practice across the country. The speaker's series is named after the civil rights activist Ruth Chance, who graduated first in her Boalt Hall Class of 1931, where she was the only female student.

**Social Justice Thursdays:** A bi-weekly reading group for first-year law students led by

### ***Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law & Justice (BGLJ)***

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The Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law & Justice, a continuation of Berkeley Women's Law Journal, was founded in 1984 by a group of students at the University of California, Berkeley School of Law who came together with a vision of preserving voices of diversity and maintaining a commitment to social change within the often-stifling confines of the legal academy. Since its founding, the Gender Journal has published research, analysis, and commentary that address the lives and struggles of underrepresented women.

Our mandate is to publish feminist legal scholarship that critically examines the intersection of gender with one or more other axes of subordination, including, but not limited to, race, class, sexual orientation, and disability.

Because conditions of inequality are continually changing, our mandate is also continually evolving. Pieces may come within the mandate because of their subject matter or because of their analytical attention to differences in social location among women.

More information is available at: <http://www.boalt.org/bglj>.

### ***Berkeley La Raza Law Journal (BLRLJ)***

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The *Berkeley La Raza Law Journal* (BLRLJ or "the Journal") is entering its 30th year of producing knowledge designed to capture the imagination of legislators, stir the consciences of judges, and provide a dynamic tool for practitioners concerned with the impact of their work on behalf of the Latina/o community.

The *Journal* was imagined in 1980 and established in 1981 by Latina/o students and our allies at the Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley. The *Journal* is one of the few law reviews in the United States that center on Latina/o conditions, communities, and identities.

The *Journal* was established to provide a forum, which previously did not exist, to analyze legal issues affecting the Latina/o community. Previous issues have addressed bilingual education, affirmative action, immigration law, labor law and policy, voting rights, community empowerment, new models of organizing labor, rural communities, and Latina/o Critical Legal Theory.

In spring, we traditionally host a symposium to bring together law and other students, with professors, lawyers, activists and other community members to learn about and discuss current issues affecting the Latina/o community. Additionally, we irregularly hold colloquia and installments of our speaker series.

These events and others are part of our evolving project to transform conventional legal education at Boalt Hall in order to help Latina/o law students and our allies become better advocates for social justice, self-determination, and liberation in the United States and abroad.  
*¡Por la raza habla el espíritu!*

More information is available at <http://www.boalt.org/LRLJ>.

### ***Ecology Law Quarterly (ELQ)***

*ELQ* is Boalt's environmental law journal. In addition to publishing one of the most widely cited journals on environmental law in the country, *ELQ* fundraises for its members' summer work in environmental public interest and environmental justice. *ELQ* also supports the annual Environmental Justice Symposium, held in the spring.

More information is available at <http://www.boalt.org/elq>.

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### **Berkeley High Student Court**

BHSC is a program at Berkeley High School (BHS) that takes an alternative, student-based approach to school discipline. The Court handles real discipline cases brought before a student jury, and student lawyers argue the case for both sides. Berkeley Law students train BHS student lawyers by teaching a class on the basics of trial procedures—i.e., the trial process, voir dire, opening and closing statements, objections, etc.—and mentor BHS students as they participate in the program. A Berkeley Law student also serves as trial coordinator, acting as clerk and bailiff, selecting jurors from the jury pool and assisting the judge. The coordinator's most important job is to contact and recruit judges (both state and federal), prominent law professors and lawyers from the community to serve as judges. Berkeley Law students are recruited to teach, mentor and preside over trials throughout the school year.

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The EAC works with attorneys from the National Center for Youth Law and Disability Rights, CA to train Berkeley Law students to become court-appointed educational rights holders for children in foster care who have special education needs. Once trained, Berkeley students are paired with a foster youth, as well as an experienced Berkeley Law educational advocate and a practicing attorney for mentoring and assistance. The Ed Advocate then works with schools and other service providers to actively advocate for their assigned youth's special education needs. Participating students learn about administrative law, special education, the foster care system, and gain valuable mediation and advocacy skills. Because of the personal connection made with a foster youth, a one year minimum commitment is required for this clinic.

### **Expulsion Representation Clinic**

The ERC offers participating Berkeley Law students an opportunity to act as a non-

### **South Asian Law Students Association (SALSA)**

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SALSA strives to build community among South Asian law students, to recruit more South Asians to the legal profession, and to network and engage in public interest work with the South Asian community. By providing a forum for South Asian law students to exchange thoughts and ideas pertaining to the South Asian community, SALSA endeavors to provide a continuing education about South Asian jurisprudence, South Asians' role in the legal profession, and South Asians' status in the greater community. With the growing number of South Asian lawyers, SALSA finds it important to bridge gaps between law students, lawyers, and South Asian communities to create lasting networks and modes of communication that can foster a collaborative and evolving South Asian identity.

### **Students for Environmental & Economic Justice (SEEJ)**

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Students for Environmental & Economic Justice (SEEJ) is dedicated to the just distribution of environmental and economic benefits and burdens for communities of color and low-income neighborhoods. We foster a community of students at Boalt committed to the strategic use of legal tools to support grassroots organizing and community empowerment.

### **Women of Color Collective (WOCC)**

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The Women of Color Collective provides a supportive space for African American, Asian American, Latina, Native American, other women, and trans people of color at Berkeley Law. Through cultural, social, professional, educational and community service programs, the WOCC will advance the needs of women and trans people of color, thereby enriching the educational experience at Berkeley Law.

The organization aims to inform members, as well as the law school community, about issues facing women and trans people of color in law school, the legal profession, and society at large. The Collective also serves as a support/mentorship network, linking current students to each other and to Berkeley Law alumni.

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Native American Law Students Association seeks to increase the number of Native American law professors, attorneys, judges, and public service entrepreneurs participating in the legal community, which includes both urban and rural Native American communities. In pursuit of this goal, NALSA is committed to the recruitment of Native American students to Boalt. Although NALSA is committed to serving the American Indian community whenever possible, our first priority is to provide the academic and social support necessary to successfully complete three years at Boalt. In meeting this necessity, NALSA also functions as a peer-support organization.

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Pilipino American Law Society (PALS) was started to address Pilipino American community-specific legal and social issues, as well as to help recruit more Pilipino Americans into the legal profession. We welcome all individuals, regardless of ethnic background, who are interested in Pilipino American issues.

More information is available at <http://pals.boalt.org>.

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The Restorative Justice Committee (RJC) is a group dedicated to promoting awareness about restorative justice in the law school community and beyond. Restorative justice involves approaches to crime, harm, and conflict that involve the victim, the offender, and the community in a dialogue about how best to address that harm. It emphasizes victims' needs, offender accountability and constructive approaches to harm. RJC is also affiliated with the Interfaith Restorative Justice Roundtable at San Quentin Prison. Founded in spring 2010, RJC is a new organization and is open to any community members interested in restorative justice. Please contact Seph Petta at [petta@berkeley.edu](mailto:petta@berkeley.edu) or Jolene Forman at [joleneforman@berkeley.edu](mailto:joleneforman@berkeley.edu) to join.

attorney advocate for a child facing expulsion from his/her school. In many cases, this entails investigating a case, and conducting opening and closing statements and witness examination at a formal hearing. Berkeley Law students are trained by attorneys from Legal Services for Children who specialize in expulsion representation. Following the training, Berkeley Law students are paired with a mentoring student who has previously conducted a hearing, as well as with a supervising attorney at LSC.

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JHO is a Street Law program that empowers incarcerated and detained youth by teaching them basic criminal procedure and their legal rights. The outreach program provides an opportunity for participating Berkeley Law students to facilitate a 6-week course at the Alameda County Juvenile Hall on topics such as Miranda Rights, Search and Seizure, Three Strikes, and Police Misconduct. Teaching teams comprised of 4-6 Berkeley Law students are assigned to teach in a particular juvenile hall unit, which vary by age, gender, and level of security. Berkeley Law students are provided with a detailed teaching curriculum, and are expected to meet weekly with their teaching team for lesson planning, team collaboration and preparation. Participating students learn about criminal procedure, including the disparity between theory and reality in high crime neighborhoods, and gain experience working with incarcerated clients.

### **Berkeley Immigration Law Clinic (BILC)**

The Berkeley Immigration Law Clinic (BILC) provides free immigration law consultation and official document preparation for low-income immigrants in the Bay Area. BILC is coordinated by Asian Law Caucus and the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association. BILC helps economically-disadvantaged immigrants file documents mandated by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, including family petitions, naturalizations, declaration letters, and other official citizen and immigration documents. Students work directly with immigrants, meet with clients, prepare immigration documents, draft declarations, and can also refine their language skills if they speak another language.

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The Berkeley Tax Law Clinic (BTLC), which is coordinated by the IRS's Stakeholder Partnerships, Education and Communication division, provides free current year income tax preparation assistance for low-to-moderate income taxpayers in the East Bay each February, March, and early April. The clinic requires Berkeley students to undergo extensive training and to take an online test in the fall before they are eligible to help prepare tax returns. As a result of this training, Berkeley law students can help local residents claim valuable tax credits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, which is a refundable credit for people who work but do not

earn high incomes. BTLC tax preparation assistance services are free to members of the community earning less than \$49,000 annually, and no appointment is necessary.

Location: East Bay Community Law Center at 2921 Adeline Street, Berkeley, CA 94703.

### **California Asylum Representation Clinic (CARC)**

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The California Asylum Representation Clinic (CARC) provides students with the opportunity to assist refugees throughout the asylum process. Participants, most of them first-year law students, gain hands-on experience in providing vital legal assistance and reaching out to under-served communities in the Bay Area. In partnership with the East Bay Sanctuary Covenant, and under the guidance of experienced attorney and student mentors, students work in pairs to interview clients and draft client declarations; perform legal and factual research on asylum law and country conditions; represent clients at their asylum interviews; and advise clients following a decision on their case. Reed Smith LLP, and local immigration attorneys provide CARC students with additional support and mentorship.

CARC has grown into one of the largest student-run clinics at Berkeley Law. Each of the last few years has seen more than 80 Berkeley Law students serve as volunteer participants, student mentors or clinic coordinators. Since its founding in 1995, CARC has successfully assisted hundreds of refugees from all over the world in their bids for asylum, including asylum seekers from Africa, Asia and Central America.

### **Community Legal Outreach (CLO)**

For more than ten years, EBCLC's Community Legal Outreach (CLO) Program has engaged first-year students to assist underserved communities throughout Oakland. Under the supervision of EBCLC staff attorneys, upper class student coordinators recruit and train students to conduct outreach visits to shelters, transitional housing sites and health clinics.

Each year, CLO students provide basic information and make referrals to more than 1,000 low-income people in need of social and legal services. These linkages often make the difference between people being housed or homeless, and having access to other basic necessities such as income and health care.

For the CLO website, check <http://www.ebclc.org/>.

#### **General Outreach and Poverty Law**

CLO students conduct outreach at the Neighborhood Justice Center on the first and third Mondays of the month. Supervised by an attorney, they provide legal support and referrals for a variety of legal questions related to housing, criminal law, public assistance, small claims court, and more. On the second and fourth Mondays, students will conduct outreach at a variety of locations throughout Berkeley, including the Men's and Women's Shelters, and the Youth Clinic.

#### **Benefits Outreach**

Through weekly outreach to clients at the Social Services Agency, CLO students "meet clients where they are" to provide assistance with CalWORKS, General Assistance, and

Finding its roots in the African American Association of the early 1960s, Law Students of African Descent is now at the heart of the Black community at Boalt Hall School of Law. The purpose of the organization is to articulate and promote the needs of Black law students in the law school. An active member of the National Black Law Students Association, LSAD seeks to foster a unique sense of community among its members and to serve as an academic, political, and social resource for Black law students. In the wake of Proposition 209, LSAD actively participates in the recruitment and retention of Black law students. LSAD promotes academic and professional excellence among its members and is committed to forming lasting relationships with its Black alumni, members of the Black legal community, and the Black community as a whole.

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The Middle Eastern Law Students Association (MELSA) is a network of Boalt students who are either of Middle Eastern descent or share an interest in Middle Eastern culture, languages, or social and legal issues. Each semester, MELSA puts on a number of events that provide its members with support and a sense of community as we navigate the academic and social aspects of law school; these events include potlucks, game nights, picnics, exam-prep workshops, and the MELSA student mentorship program.

MELSA also hosts events designed to educate the larger Boalt community and provides all students with opportunities to engage with Middle Eastern law, politics, and culture. Past events have included movie and documentary screenings, round table discussions, and guest lectures by legal scholars that focus on the Middle East. All are welcome!

### **National Lawyers Guild - Boalt Chapter (NLG)**

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The National Lawyers Guild (NLG) is an association of progressive lawyers, law students, paralegals, judges, legal secretaries, and community activists, dedicated to the fight for civil rights and social justice. Guild members share a worldview grounded in the need to advocate for economic, social and political equality and democracy. Our aim is to safeguard and extend the civil and workplace rights and liberties of workers, women, minority groups, small farmers and the disenfranchised. We seek to use the law as an instrument for the protection, rather than the repression, of people. The Boalt NLG Chapter is committed to defending the rights of workers and students in the Bay Area, as well as upholding the rights of vulnerable populations, including the poor and the homeless in the face of repressive law enforcement.

More information is available at <http://www.nlg.org>.



More information is available at <http://www.boalt.org/raza>.

### **Law Students for Justice in Palestine (LSJP)**

LSJP is dedicated to peace and justice in Palestine/Israel. The group believes that without justice and recognition of the human rights of Palestinians, peace in the region will remain forever illusory. LSJP was formed in the fall of 2002 to accomplish the following goals:

- To generate more discussion about the history of Palestine and the Palestinian struggle for liberation;
- To build solidarity with campus groups who share anti-oppression and anti-colonial struggles;
- To infuse the current discourse with a legal analysis of the Israeli occupation and the situation of Palestinians living within Israel; and
- To provide support to her sister organization on the main UC Berkeley campus, Students for Justice in Palestine, which has been participating in an ongoing campaign to demand the UC system's divestment from Israel since February 6, 2001.

### **Law Students for Reproductive Justice (LSRJ)**

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Law Students for Reproductive Justice (LSRJ), Berkeley Law chapter, is committed to organizing, supporting, and educating the Berkeley Law community to ensure that our peers are prepared and inspired to participate in the broader movement for reproductive justice. We believe that reproductive justice will be attained when all people and communities have access to the information, resources, and support they need to attain sexual and reproductive self-determination. Reproductive justice (RJ) requires collective efforts to address and overcome the roots of reproductive oppression, and the construction of legally tenable, realistically accessible avenues for informed, consensual, unobstructed decision making about education, sex, contraception, sterilization, abortion, procreation, birth, and parenting.

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### **Law Students of African Descent (LSAD)**

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other public benefits (i.e. "welfare"). There is also an income support outreach group at the Public Benefits Office to support efforts to educate benefits recipients on the Maximum Family Grant rule. This new branch of the PBO will partner with Law Students for Reproductive Justice to provide support to women and families in the Public Benefits system.

Location: North County Multi-Service Center, 2000 San Pablo Ave, Oakland; Eastmont Town Center, 6955 Foothill Blvd, Oakland

### **Homeless Outreach**

On the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of the month, CLO students conduct outreach to the homeless populations of Oakland and Berkeley, going to homeless shelters, drop-ins, transitional houses, and clinics (including the student-run Suitcase Clinic). Supervised by an attorney, they provide legal advice and referrals, do intake for people who have received "quality of life" citations, and conduct "know your rights" trainings.

Location: East Oakland Community Project (5725 International Ave, Oakland) and other sites TBD.

### **Tenants' Rights Workshop**

The Tenants' Rights Workshop works closely with residents of Oakland and Berkeley to help inform them of their legal rights and remedies regarding a variety of issues, from procuring security deposits to warranty of habitability concerns. Students work one-on-one with staff attorneys from the East Bay Community Law Center to come up with the best solutions to the tenants' problems. In doing so, they learn relevant housing codes and statutes, and effectively identifying and addressing clients' legal issues. The workshop meets weekly on Wednesday evenings.

Location: East Bay Community Law Center (3130 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley)

### **Civil Rights Outreach Project (CROP)**

CROP works in collaboration with the Asian Law Caucus (ALC) in San Francisco to outreach to monolingual and economically disadvantaged individuals within communities impacted by post-9/11 profiling and discrimination. CROP aims to assist these communities with their legal needs, educate them about their legal rights, and empower them to advocate on their own behalf.

In conjunction with the ALC and other partnering attorneys, CROP participants travel to community centers in the Berkeley-Oakland area to provide clients with free, limited legal knowledge and to conduct intakes. Students will gain substantive knowledge of national security and civil rights issues, as well as training on issue spotting and client interaction. CROP can accommodate a range of commitment levels.

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### **East Bay Workers' Rights Clinic & Workers Rights Disability Clinic**

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The East Bay Workers' Rights Clinic and Workers' Rights Disability Clinic are weekly clinics where Berkeley Law students provide low-income workers legal advice about problems they're facing at work. We have two student run clinics with six student directors and you - law student counselors willing to spend an evening every other week meeting with clients and addressing their employment-related problems including wage and hour violations, discrimination and the denial of unemployment benefits. We work closely with attorneys at The Legal Aid Society - Employment Law Center, who provide supervision and guidance and help promote the clinic. Student volunteers have the opportunity to work closely with public interest attorneys specializing in various aspects of employment and labor law. The new Workers' Rights Disability Clinic will assist workers with a full range of employment concerns, but has a special focus on meeting the needs of workers with disabilities.

More information is available at <http://www.boalt.org/workersrights/index.shtml>.

### **Environmental Justice Workshop (EJW)**

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EJW provides pro bono legal assistance on environmental and environmental justice issues by partnering with Bay Area organizations. Topics that students engage with are local, national, and international in scope and include topics such as: climate change, sustainable economic development, food justice, international finance and development, land use and permitting, and energy policy.

Students have the opportunity to draft legal documents, conduct policy research, and provide direct services under the supervision of experienced Bay Area practitioners. Projects evolve as students shape the work around their current environmental justice concerns. EJW recognizes the human aspect of environmental issues and interfaces with affected groups in order to help advance community-based solutions."

### **Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP-Berkeley)**

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The Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP-Berkeley) is a student clinic that assists Iraqi refugees who are applying for resettlement in the United States. Some of our clients are in

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### **Consumer Advocacy and Protection Society (CAPS)**

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The Consumer Advocacy and Protection Society's (CAPS) mission is to raise awareness about the importance of consumer protection laws. CAPS members' areas of interest include consumer privacy, consumer financial products, deceptive advertising, product safety, and access to the courts. CAPS hosts practitioners who enforce consumer protection laws from the government and the plaintiffs' bar, meets with Berkeley Law alumni practicing consumer law, and occasionally goes on field trips to see consumer lawyers in action.

### **Environmental Law Society (ELS)**

ELS takes an active role in promoting environmental justice and public interest environmental law, as well as in engaging students in hands-on environmental projects designed to benefit Boalt specifically and the greater campus and Berkeley community generally. ELS organizes an annual Environmental Justice Symposium and a public interest speaker series, funds a trip to the annual Public Interest Environmental Law Conference in Eugene, and operates Treeblogger, a blog devoted to covering the latest developments in environmental news. Current ELS projects also include initiatives to reduce paper consumption in Boalt's computer lab as well as to bring recycling, composting, e-waste collection to Boalt.

More information is available at <http://els.boalt.org>.

### **Interfaith Restorative Justice Roundtable at San Quentin Prison**

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The Interfaith Restorative Justice Roundtable at San Quentin Prison meets the second and fourth Thursday evening of each month, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This group of inmates and volunteers from the outside advocates for restorative justice within the prison, and in the surrounding community. Each year, the group plans a half-day symposium that focuses on restorative justice in the law, and how to affect legal processes and institutions along restorative lines. Boalt students, faculty, staff, and administrators interested in participating or learning more about the program are welcome to inquire with Mary Elliott at [mary.elliott@pineground.com](mailto:mary.elliott@pineground.com).

### **La Raza Law Students Association**

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La Raza Law Students Association seeks to empower Latina/o students. By studying law with *conocimiento*, we learn how to shape the law to enhance our diverse communities' cultural, economic, political, social, and spiritual vitality.

candidates and increasing voter participation. BHD members work with the Democratic Party in various capacities, helping to elect candidates who promote Democratic principles to both state and national office. BHD also strives to register voters and to disseminate information about candidate positions to the public.

### **Boalt Hall Labor Coalition**

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The mission of the Boalt Hall Labor Coalition is to develop and support student involvement in workers' rights efforts and the labor movement. The Labor Coalition serves as a point of contact for workers' rights and labor union campaigns, mobilizes and coordinates student involvement in those campaigns, assists students seeking careers relating to workers' rights and labor issues, and advocates for University policies in faculty hiring, course offerings and financial aid that support students interested in labor and employment issues.

More information is available at <http://labor.boalt.org>.

### **Boalt Hall Queer Caucus**

The Boalt Hall Queer Caucus is comprised of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender variant, and queer law students and our friends, families, and allies. We strive to provide social opportunities and support for our members, to develop an academic environment that supports queer scholarship, and to organize events relating to political, social, and legal issues affecting the queer community.

More information is available at <http://queercaucus.boalt.org>.

### **Boalt Hall Women's Association (BHWA)**

The Boalt Hall Women's Association provides a physical and figurative space at Boalt for the dynamic and diverse women's community. Its aim is to: create an environment where an informed dialogue on issues of women, law, and society is encouraged and analyzed; educate the community about gender issues by encouraging a broad-based exchange of ideas; develop and nurture an interface between Boalt students and the greater women's community at the University and beyond; support, inspire, and encourage legal work affecting, advancing or impacting women.

More information is available at <http://www.boalt.org/bhwa>.

### **Coalition for Diversity**

The mission of the Coalition for Diversity is to advocate for diversity through nonviolent action and to promote changes in current policies so that the student body and the faculty of Boalt Hall reflect the current demographics of California. Diversity within our community requires greater inclusion of people of color, women, people with disabilities, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people, as well as people from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds.

grave danger due to their previous work for a United States employer. Others are among the 2 million Iraqis who have fled the country – either due to the violence of the war or because they have been the victims of religious or political persecution. Often forbidden from working or attending school, they now eke out precarious lives in the urban centers of the Middle East. In partnership with law firms across the country, our students provide legal assistance to these clients. We believe assisting them is a small but imperative step in mitigating the effects of the Iraq War.

### **La Raza Workers' Rights Clinic**

La Raza WRC provides comprehensive legal services to immigrant, low-income and Latino communities in the Bay Area. These services include bilingual legal representation, education, community organizing and advocacy. Through education and legal assistance for wage claims, discrimination, and workers' compensation, the Workers' Rights Clinic helps low-wage workers fight unlawful working conditions.

The WRC has provided an opportunity for students to work directly with clients who have been impacted by wage and hour violations, employment discrimination and/or retaliation, and other areas of employment law. In particular, students are given the opportunity to meet directly with clients, prepare their demand letters or wage claims, research different areas of the law (in the event the clinic does follow-up work for the client), and in some cases, represent them at agency hearings.

## **STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

### **American Constitution Society (ACS)**

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The mission of the American Constitution Society is to harness the values of compassion and respect for each individual, and to reincorporate them into American law and politics, in order to build a stronger and more decent national community. The society's role is to influence the debate on the law, both in its interpretation and its creation, and to restore these traditional American values to their rightful place in legal and political debate. Our goal is not the restoration of a failed approach to government, but a rekindling of the hope that by reason and decency, we can create an American that is better for us all.

### **Asian Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA)**

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The Asian Pacific American Law Students Association strives to meet the cultural, social, academic, political, and professional needs of Boalt students interested in Asian Pacific Islander issues.

### **Berkeley Law Critical Race Scholars Society (CRS)**

The Berkeley Law Critical Race Scholars Society is a student-run organization dedicated to exploring perspectives of race and its intersection with other modes of oppression including, but not limited to, gender, class, and sexual orientation. The CRS Society strives to bridge scholarship and praxis by analyzing historical and contemporary legal issues affecting communities of color and developing skills to bring this knowledge into the professional world. As a group of emerging academics and activists, we aim to provide students with a setting in which to develop and advance CRS dialogue as well as opportunities to network with leading CRS Scholars and legal professionals working to promote racial justice.

### **Berkeley Law Foundation (BLF)**

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The Berkeley Law Foundation (BLF) is an income-sharing organization comprised of Boalt students and alumni who are dedicated to providing legal services to historically underserved communities and to supporting diversity in legal education and the legal profession. Started in 1976 by Boalt students, BLF was the first organization of its kind in the nation. BLF funds public interest law through summer grants for current Boalt students and year-long grants for new attorneys around the country. Our grants enable the recipients to work on innovative and critical projects that provide desperately needed legal services to communities all around the nation and the world. In addition to providing this crucial funding for legal services, BLF created the Phoenix Fellowship, which provides several outstanding Boalt students of color with funding to attend Boalt and do public interest legal work. BLF members raise funds at Boalt for these grants through pledge drives as well as an annual Auction Gala.

More information is available at <http://blf.boalt.org>.

### **Berkeley Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (SALDF)**

SALDF is dedicated to educating the law school community about forms of institutionalized animal abuse and fostering awareness about means of combating this abuse through litigation. We hope to provide opportunities, education, assistance, and universal utility to UC Berkeley School of Law students working to promote positive legal protection of animal welfare. SALDF also desires to establish a curriculum where interested students can learn about animal rights and litigation strategies in a formal setting.

More information is available at <http://sites.google.com/site/berkeleysaldf>.

### **Boalt Disability Law Society (BDLS)**

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Since the Disability Rights Movement began here in the early 70s, Berkeley has been known as a center for disability rights advocacy. BDLS seeks to maintain that tradition at Boalt by

providing a forum for discussion of new and pressing issues in disability law, opportunities for students to engage in disability rights advocacy, and support for law students with and without disabilities. BDLS is a diverse group of students with and without disabilities, unified by a desire to improve access and awareness in the broader community.

Originally called the Coalition for Access and Disability Rights Everywhere (CADRE), the group changed its name in 1999 to reflect its commitment to scholarship and community involvement as well as advocacy.

More information is available at <http://www.boalt.org/BDLS>.

### **Boalt Muslim Student Association**

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The Boalt Muslim Student Association strives to encourage and provide a platform for both Muslims and non-Muslim students to evolve intellectually, physically, and spiritually during their tenure at UC Berkeley School of Law and to become enlightened, responsible, and just individuals as they begin their legal careers.

### **Boalt Hall Committee for Human Rights (BHCHR)**

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BHCHR was founded in 2004 to create and foster a community of students interested in human rights at Berkeley Law. We remain committed to the realization of human rights for all, and to making the human rights community at Berkeley stronger every year, through the following goals:

- Foster & create a community of students interested in domestic and international human rights issues, including civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights;
- Connect students interested in pursuing careers in human rights with other law students, practitioners, and professors;
- Actively engage human rights issues through student-led initiatives and clinical projects;
- Raise awareness of, and educate the broader community about, human rights issues in order to effect rights realization and progress.

More information is available at <http://www.boalt.org/bhchr>.

### **Boalt Hall Democrats (BHD)**

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The Boalt Hall Democrats (BHD) are committed to the dual goals of electing Democratic