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Project: **Reconsidering International Human Rights Praxis**



Ashleigh Lussenden is a 3L at Berkeley Law focusing on international human rights, federal Indian law, and gender and sexuality law. During her time in law school, she has served as a student researcher in the International Human Rights Law Clinic, and a student leader for Women In Tech Law and the Native American Law Students Association, as well as serving on the board of the Berkeley Technology Law Journal and a student advisory board for repatriation at the Hearst Museum. She has interned at Fenwick & West and Sidley Austin, focusing mostly on life sciences transactions and drug development. Prior to law school, she earned her Ph.D. in Neuroscience from Stony Brook University and her B.A. in biology and psychology from University of Denver.

Ashleigh Lussenden will work with Professor Laurel E. Fletcher at the Miller Institute for Global Challenges and the Law on a report on a project that reconsiders international human rights praxis. International human rights came of age in a particular political context which shaped the international human rights imaginary. These foundational ideas and understandings about what international human rights meant and therefore how they should be advanced have continued to influence the international human rights movement and driven the rift within the movement. This research critically will examine the current debates about the future of human rights, and propose a new conceptualization of international praxis to address the current crisis.