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2021–22 LARA D. GASS SYMPOSIUM

Centering Intersectionality in Human Rights Discourse

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2022
Welcome to the 2021–2022 Annual Lara D. Gass Symposium, *Centering Intersectionality in Human Rights Discourse*. This year’s Symposium is a collaborative effort with Professor Johanna Bond, Sydney and Frances Lewis Professor of Law at Washington and Lee University School of Law.

More than thirty years after Kimberlé Crenshaw coined the term intersectionality, the theory continues to change the way we think about human rights. The theory posits that aspects of identity, such as race and gender, are mutually constitutive and intersect to create unique experiences of discrimination and subordination. Intersectionality offers “a lens, a prism, for seeing the way in which various forms of inequality often operate together and exacerbate each other.”1 Perpetrators of sexual violence in armed conflict, for example, often target women on the basis of both gender and ethnicity. When human rights actors intervene on behalf of those harmed by sexual violence in armed conflict, they must understand the intersectional complexity of those violations. Remedies that fail to capture the intersectional nature of human rights violations do not offer comprehensive redress to victims.

As an analytical framework, intersectionality offers critical insight into the lived experience of human rights violations. Most importantly, it provides a more complete account of human rights violations and offers a broader scope of remedies to address them than does the unidimensional approach still prevalent in the structures and systems that enforce these rights. While such bodies have made progress in incorporating intersectional analysis in their work in recent years, those efforts are still inconsistent and lack a cohesive institutional commitment to intersectionality as a framework for human rights analysis.

The Symposium features four panels designed to offer a critical vehicle for promoting intersectionality in human rights discourse while simultaneously providing an opportunity to develop strategies for expanding our understanding of intersectional human rights violations and advocate for real and meaningful changes in the way international actors approach human rights advocacy. Each panel features scholars and practitioners who have extensive experience in activism, human rights, and intersectionality. Dean Adrien K. Wing of the University of Iowa College of Law will deliver the Keynote Address.

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9:00-9:15 AM EST Welcome and Introductory Remarks

Elizabeth Hudson
Symposium Editor, Washington and Lee Law Review

Johanna Bond
Sydney and Frances Lewis Professor of Law, Washington and Lee University School of Law

9:15-10:45 AM EST Promoting Intersectionality Through Activism and Coalition

Moderator
Mark A. Drumbl
Class of 1975 Alumni Professor of Law and Director, Transnational Law Institute,
Washington and Lee University School of Law

Panelists
Joanna Bourke Martignoni
Senior Research Fellow, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights

Aya Fujimura-Fanselow
Clinical Professor of Law and Supervising Attorney, International Human Rights Clinic,
Duke University School of Law

Seema Mohapatra
Murray Visiting Professor of Law, SMU Dedman School of Law

Allison M. Whelan
Sharswood Fellow, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School

10:45-11:00 AM EST Break
11:00 AM-12:30 PM EST Intersectional Human Rights Work at National, Regional, and International Levels

**Moderator**
Henryatta L. Ballah
*Assistant Professor of History, Washington and Lee University*

**Panelists**
Shreya Atrey
*Associate Professor of International Human Rights Law, Department for Continuing Education, University of Oxford Faculty of Law*
Gauthier de Beco
*Reader in Law, Huddersfield Business School*
Pilar Herrero
*Senior Staff Attorney, Center for Reproductive Rights*
Dagmar Schiek
*Professor of Law, Vice Dean for Research, and Synnott Family Chair in EU Law, School of Law, University College Cork, Ireland*

12:30-1:30 PM EST Lunch

1:30-3:00 PM EST Intersectionality Through the Lens of CEDAW: At Home and Abroad

**Moderator**
Johanna Bond
*Sydney and Frances Lewis Professor of Law, Washington and Lee University School of Law*

**Panelists**
Martha F. Davis
*University Distinguished Professor of Law, Co-Director of the Program on Human Rights and the Global Economy, Faculty Director of the NuLawLab, Northeastern University School of Law*
Jill C. Engle
*Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Clinical Law, Penn State Law*
Hilary Gbedemah
*Committee Member, Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women*
Genoveva Tisheva
*Committee Member, Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women*

3:00-3:15 PM EST Break
3:15-3:45 PM EST Keynote Address

Introduction by Professor Johanna Bond
Sydney and Frances Lewis Professor of Law, Washington and Lee University School of Law

Adrien K. Wing
Associate Dean for International and Comparative Law Programs, Bessie Dutton Murray Professor, University of Iowa College of Law

3:45-4:00 PM EST Break

4:00-5:15 PM EST The Potential for the UN to Transform Human Rights Discourse (or Vice Versa)

Moderator
Mohamed Kamara
Professor of French, Washington and Lee University

Panelists
Lisa A. Crooms-Robinson
Professor of Law, Howard University School of Law
Raaya Gomez
Yale Law School (L.L.M. ’22)
Amanda Lyons
Executive Director, Human Rights Center and Lecturer in Law, University of Minnesota Law School

5:15-5:20 PM EST Closing Remarks

Lauren Robertson
Editor in Chief, Washington and Lee Law Review
KEYNOTE

Adrien K. Wing, **Keynote**

Dean Adrien K. Wing is the Bessie Dutton Murray Distinguished Professor at the University of Iowa College of Law, where she has taught for thirty-four years. She is the Associate Dean for International and Comparative Law Programs, and the Director of the University of Iowa Center for Human Rights. Author of over 150 publications, she teaches Critical Race Theory, Sex Discrimination law, and Law in the Muslim World. She is the editor of *Critical Race Feminism* and *Global Critical Race Feminism* (2d ed. 2000). Recipient of many honors, she currently serves on the *American Journal of International Law* Board of Editors. Wing holds her Bachelor’s degree from Princeton with high honors, her M.A. degree from University of California, Los Angeles in African Studies, and her Doctorate of Jurisprudence from Stanford Law School.

PROMOTING INTERSECTIONALITY THROUGH ACTIVISM AND COALITION

Mark A. Drumbl, **Moderator**

Mark A. Drumbl is the Class of 1975 Alumni Professor of Law and Director of the Transnational Law Institute at Washington and Lee University School of Law. He has written over 100 articles, long and short, and book chapters. Additionally, he is the author of *Atrocity, Punishment, and International Law* (2007) and *Reimagining Child Soldiers in International Law and Policy* (2012), both of which have been widely reviewed and cited. He is co-editor of the *Research Handbook on Child Soldiers* (with Jastine Barrett) (2019) and *Visualities and Aesthetics of Prosecuting Aged Defendants* (with Caroline Fournet) (2022). Together with Barbora Holá he is coauthoring, ‘*Getting Collaborators*: Stories and Sentiments from Communist Prague’ (2022), which hinges upon extensive archival work in the secret police files from the former Czechoslovakia. His work has been relied upon by courts, he has served as an expert witness, and he has consulted inter alia with the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Joanna Bourke Martignoni, **Panelist**

Dr. Joanna Bourke Martignoni is a Senior Researcher at the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights and an Affiliate of the Gender Centre at the Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies in Geneva. Her research focuses on feminist legal theories, economic, social and cultural rights, non-discrimination and equality, climate change and feminist political ecology.
Aya Fujimura-Fanselow, Panelist

Aya Fujimura-Fanselow is Clinical Professor of Law and Supervising Attorney of the Duke International Human Rights Clinic. Prior to joining Duke Law, Aya developed extensive expertise in human rights advocacy, clinical teaching, fact-finding, research, litigation, capacity-building, and coalition-building within the United States and abroad. Her work has primarily focused on gender and human rights, as well as economic, social, and cultural rights; transitional justice; reproductive rights; and criminal justice with a focus on pre-trial detention.

Aya received her J.D. from Fordham Law School, where she was a Stein Scholar in Public Interest Law and Ethics. Upon graduating, she was awarded a post-graduate Tolan Fellowship in Human Rights and the National Association of Women Lawyers Award for outstanding law graduate. She received her B.A. with honors from Bryn Mawr College.

Seema Mohapatra, Panelist

Seema Mohapatra is an expert in the areas of health care law, public health law, bioethics, torts, and family law. Her research interests include the intersection of biosciences and the law, assisted reproduction and surrogacy, international family and health law, health care equity, and informed consent. She has authored articles and book chapters on topics related to health justice during and after the COVID-19 pandemic, health insurance coverage of infertility and assisted reproduction, genetics and health privacy, international surrogacy laws, reproductive justice, and equity in health care coverage. Prior to visiting at SMU Dedman School of Law, Professor Mohapatra was a tenured professor at Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, where she twice earned the Dean’s Fellow title and award for outstanding scholarship.


Professor Mohapatra regularly presents her research nationally and internationally at legal and medical conferences and symposia. She often speaks to the media about a wide variety of health law and bioethical topics, and her work has been featured in The Atlantic, The New York Times, Times of India, Bloomberg News and on National Public Radio.

Prior to teaching, Mohapatra practiced health law in Chicago at Sidley & Austin and Foley & Lardner.
Allison M. Whelan, Panelist

Allison M. Whelan is a Sharswood Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School and an Associate Fellow at the Leonard Davis Institute for Health Economics at the University of Pennsylvania. Allison's research and teaching encompass a broad set of medical, science, and social policy issues at the intersection of administrative law, health and FDA law, constitutional law, bioethics, public health preparedness, and social justice. Through her work, she aims to identify the public, private, and ethical factors that converge and influence the topics she writes about. In an era of political polarization and distrust, her work probes whether ethical norms and expectations related to public and individual health are best policed and enforced at the public or private level. Her work also explores how to use the administrative state to address distrust in public health institutions and inequalities in health care access and outcomes.

Previously, Allison was an associate at Covington & Burling LLP in Washington, DC in the firm’s Food, Drug, and Device Practice Group. At the firm, Allison developed a particular area of focus and expertise advising clients that research and develop medical countermeasures and she co-chaired Covington’s Food, Drug, and Device Rapid Response team during the COVID-19 pandemic. She also developed an extensive pro bono practice, advising non-profit reproductive advocacy organizations, assisting low-income clients with applications for various government benefits, and protecting voting rights.

Allison clerked for the Honorable Guido Calabresi of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and the Honorable William J. Kayatta, Jr. of the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. She also served as the inaugural senior fellow for the Center for Biotechnology and Global Health Policy at the University of California, Irvine School of Law. Allison graduated, summa cum laude and Order of the Coif, from the University of Minnesota Law School in 2014, where she served as Lead Note and Comment Editor for the Minnesota Law Review. She also holds a Master of Arts in Bioethics from the University of Minnesota. She is the author of numerous law review articles and book chapters. Allison’s work is published with the Minnesota Law Review, Cornell Law Review Online, UC Irvine Law Review, Fordham Law Review, Illinois Law Review, and the Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics, among others.

INTERSECTIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS WORK AT NATIONAL, REGIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS

Henryatta L. Ballah, Moderator

Henryatta L. Ballah is a historian of Nineteenth & Twentieth-Century Africa. Her scholarly research and teaching focus on “bottom-up” history, meaning an emphasis on the ideas and methods of ordinary people dealing with complex issues within their particular historical moments. Emphasis on the “grassroots” will continue to inform her course content, historical methods, and pedagogical goals. Her research interests include, the Atlantic world, civil wars, labor and
social movements, youth history, women’s history, and terrorism. Her research has been supported by numerous grants and fellowships, including a 2020 Career Enhancement Fellowship from the Woodrow Wilson National Foundation. Her scholarship has been published by *Journal of History of Childhood and Youth, Journal of West African History, University of Wisconsin Press,* and a forthcoming article entitled *Witchcraft in Liberia,* Oxford University Press.

She teaches courses on Pre-colonial Africa, Colonial Africa, Youth and Social Movements in Africa, African Women, and Terrorism in Contemporary Africa, and is developing several new courses including, civil wars and African societies, and Islam in Africa. Her research has been presented at numerous conferences—both domestic and international, including the annual African Studies Association Conference and at the Universities of Ghana and Liberia, West Africa.

**Shreya Atrey, Panelist**

Shreya Atrey is an Associate Professor in International Human Rights Law at the Department for Continuing Education and the Faculty of Law, based at the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights. She is an Editor for the *Human Rights Law Review* and an Official Fellow of Kellogg College. Her research is on discrimination law, feminist theory, poverty, and disability law. Her monograph, *INTERSECTIONAL DISCRIMINATION* (2019), which won the runners-up Peter Birks Book Prize in 2020, presents an account of intersectionality theory in comparative discrimination law. Shreya is currently working on project on “Equality Law in Times in Crisis” funded by the British Academy. Previously, Shreya was based at the University of Bristol Law School as a Lecturer in Law. She was a Max Weber Fellow at the European University Institute and a Hauser Postdoctoral Global Fellow at NYU School of Law. She completed BCL with distinction and DPhil in Law on the Rhodes Scholarship from Magdalen College, University of Oxford.

**Gauthier de Beco, Panelist**

Gauthier de Beco (JD, KU Leuven; LLM, University of Nottingham; PhD in Law, UC Louvain) is Reader in Law at the Huddersfield Business School, where he is Subject Group Leader: Research & Enterprise, REF Lead as well as PGR Coordinator. He is teaching modules on the Administration of Justice and Human Rights and the Global Legal Professional. He previously taught at University College London, the KU Leuven and the University of Leeds. He has also worked as an expert to several international organizations and NGOs, including the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and the European Commission as well as Inclusion International and ActionAid International.

Gauthier’s expertise lies in the field of international human rights law with a special focus on disabled people. He has published widely in the field, including two monographs and many articles in peer-reviewed journals, and is on the editorial board of the *Revue trimestrielle des droits de l’homme.* He has been involved in a number of research projects related to disability funded, amongst others, by the European Commission and the Nuffield Foundation.
Pilar Herrero, Panelist

Pilar Herrero is a Senior Staff Attorney in the U.S. Human Rights program at the Center for Reproductive Rights where she co-leads the Center’s work on U.S. maternal health. Pilar uses international human rights law to hold the U.S. accountable for violations of human rights standards, and to strengthen domestic legal advocacy for reproductive freedom. Pilar’s work focuses on advancing racial/ethnic and gender justice in and through reproductive health. Pilar earned her LL.M. in international legal studies from NYU School of Law. She earned her J.D. and B.S. in Biology from the University of Washington. In 2019, Pilar was named a “Top Lawyer Under 40” by the Hispanic National Bar Association. She is licensed in Washington state and Tulalip Tribal Court.

Dagmar Schiek, Panelist

Dagmar Schiek is full Professor of Law, holds the Synnott Family Chair in EU law, and also serves as Vice Dean for Research in the School of Law, University College Cork Ireland. She was awarded the Jean Monnet ad personam Chair for EU law in 2011, after having been recognized as Jean Monnet Chair in 2000. Her first professorship was in European Economic Law at University Carl von Ossietzky. She migrated to the United Kingdom in 2007 as professor of EU law and social policy at the University of Leeds, later moving to Queen’s University Belfast in 2014 as a professor of law. She has held visiting positions with University Viadrina, University of Canterbury, Kiyv Mohyla Academy of Law, London School of Economics, and University of Maastricht. Her research interests comprise integration through rights in the EU and beyond, the interaction of the EU’s socioeconomic law with reality in the Member States, comparative labor law and European anti-discrimination law. She has published 100 refereed journal articles and book chapters in these fields, as well as 4 monographs and 7 edited collections.

INTERSECTIONALITY THROUGH THE LENS OF CEDAW: AT HOME AND ABROAD

Johanna Bond, Moderator

Johanna Bond is the Sydney and Frances Lewis Professor of Law at Washington and Lee University School of Law and an affiliate faculty member of the Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies Program and the Africana Studies Program. She previously served as the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs. An expert in international human rights law and gender and the law, Bond joined the W&L law faculty in 2008. Professor Bond teaches the International Human Rights Practicum, Gender & the Law, and Torts. Her most recent book, GLOBAL INTERSECTIONALITY AND CONTEMPORARY HUMAN RIGHTS, was published by Oxford University Press in 2021. Bond’s scholarship has appeared in Southern California Law Review, Emory Law Journal, Columbia Journal of Gender and Law, Yale Human Rights and Development Law Journal, and many other journals and other outlets. Bond was twice selected as a Fulbright Scholar, first in 2001 and again in 2015. In 2001, her Fulbright award enabled her to

Before coming to W&L, Professor Bond was an Associate Professor of Law at the University of Wyoming and a Visiting Associate Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center. She also served as the Executive Director of the Women’s Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program, a non-profit organization housed at Georgetown. Bond’s human rights experience includes substantial travel and collaboration with non-governmental organizations and human rights lawyers around the world. She also served as a law clerk for United States District Judge Ann D. Montgomery in Minnesota. Bond graduated from Colorado College and the University of Minnesota, where she earned a J.D. and a master’s degree in Public Policy. She also holds an LL.M. from Georgetown University Law Center.

**Martha F. Davis, Panelist**

Martha F. Davis is University Distinguished Professor at Northeastern University School of Law. Both a scholar and a practitioner, her work spans human rights, women’s rights and civil rights, with a special emphasis on subnational practice and implementation. Most recently, she co-edited *COVID-19 AND HUMAN RIGHTS* (2021) and the *RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON POVERTY AND HUMAN RIGHTS* (2021). She is co-author of *HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY IN THE UNITED STATES*, the first law school textbook focused on domestic human rights, and the author of the prizewinning book, *BRUTAL NEED: LAWYERS AND THE WELFARE RIGHTS MOVEMENT*. Her scholarly articles have appeared in the *Yale Law Journal*, the *North Carolina Law Review*, the *Columbia Human Rights Law Review*, and many others. An avid proponent of legal innovation, Professor Davis is the founding faculty director of the NuLawLab, a leader in the emerging field of legal design.

**Jill C. Engle, Panelist**

Jill C. Engle is Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Penn State Law in University Park. Dean Engle manages Penn State Law’s very successful J.D., LL.M., S.J.D., and M.L.S. programs. Previously, she was Director of Penn State Law’s Family Law Clinic, which represents clients in domestic violence and other family law cases. Professor Engle’s scholarship examines gender-based violence, economic inequality, human rights, racial justice, and best practices in legal education. In 2021, she developed and taught the course Human Rights, Intersectionality and the Law, the first course of this kind at Penn State Law.

Before teaching law, Dean Engle did public interest work, including with Head Start and the National League of Cities. She served as a law clerk for the Honorable Neal Kravitz on the DC Superior Court. She also worked in private law in Washington, DC and Pennsylvania. While in law school, she was part of the legal team with the international law firm Morgan Lewis in Washington, DC that handled a pro bono appeal for a Texas death row inmate in federal court. Professor Engle remained active in pro bono work while in private practice and was a recipient of the Pennsylvania Bar Association’s 2010
Pro Bono Advocate Award. During law school at American University, Dean Engle was granted a Marshall-Brennan fellowship to teach Constitutional Law in an impoverished DC high school. She now teaches a similar course, Street Law, at Penn State Law, where the law students teach in social justice classes in local high schools and middle schools.

Hilary Gbedemah, Panelist

Hilary Gbedemah is a lawyer, training specialist, human rights and gender-equality activist, and a Gender Consultant whose forty-four-year career in law has been in private legal practice, lecturing, legislative advocacy, policy development, economic empowerment, curriculum development and mentoring. She is the Rector of The Law Institute, Ghana’s premier vocational legal training facility which provides training in Paralegal Studies, Corporate Governance, Entrepreneurship, Human Rights Law, and capacity building for a wide range of organizations. She is also a Senior Adjunct Fellow at Ghana’s Institute of Economic Affairs.

Hilary is the former Chair of the UN Committee on the Convention for the Elimination of all forms of Violence against Women (CEDAW), has extensive experience in its thematic areas, and has held several positions on the Committee. She has chaired the Working Group on Inquiries under the Optional Protocol (which receives complaints of grave and systematic violations of the Convention), the Working Group on Education which produced the Committee’s General recommendation thirty-six on women and girls’ education, and is currently chair of the Working Group on Communications which receives individual complaints.

She holds an L.L.M. from Georgetown University; certification in Instructional Techniques (Transport Canada), Management (Ghana Institute of Management and Public Administration), and Organizational Development.

Genoveva Tisheva, Panelist

Genoveva Tisheva has been a member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) since 2019, serving as the Chair of the Working Group on Gender-Based Violence Against Women. She has also served as Director of the Bulgarian Gender Research Foundation since 1998; Director of the Women’s Human Rights Training Institute since 2004; and Chair of the Bulgarian Alliance for Protection from Gender-Based Violence since 2009. Genoveva has extensive experience in the fields of civil law, women’s human rights, gender equality, and socioeconomic rights of women, with a special emphasis on issues of violence against and trafficking in women. She obtained her LL.M. from the Law Faculty of Sofia University.
THE POTENTIAL FOR THE UNITED NATIONS TO TRANSFORM HUMAN RIGHTS DISCOURSE (OR VICE VERSA)

Mohamed Kamara, Moderator

Mohamed Kamara is a Professor of French at Washington and Lee. He has a B.A. and a Diploma in Secondary Education from Fourah Bay College (Sierra Leone), an M.A. from Purdue University and a Ph.D. from Tulane University. Mohamed’s teaching and research interests include French and Francophone literatures and cultures, with specific focus on African and Eighteenth-century French women writers, French colonialism, and human rights. He has published short stories, a play, and articles on human rights, the African Child soldier, French colonial education, and other areas of African literature. He is completing a monograph on the presence and impact of the French colonial school in West Africa.

Lisa A. Crooms-Robinson, Panelist

Lisa A. Crooms-Robinson is a professor at Howard University School of Law, where she currently teaches Constitutional Law, Equality According to Pauli, and Supreme Court Jurisprudence. Her most recent publication is Stripped: Speech, Sex, Race, and Secondary Effects, 26 WM. & MARY J. OF RACE, GENDER, & SOC. JUSTICE 5 (2019). She co-chairs the Board of Trustees for the Center for Constitutional Rights.

Raaya Gomez, Panelist

Raaya Gomez is an Attorney-at-Law from Sri Lanka. She is currently an LLM. candidate at Yale Law School for the academic year 2021–22. She holds Bachelor of Laws degrees from the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, and the University of London International Programmes. After completing her undergraduate studies, Raaya worked as an Assistant Analyst for the Legal Research team at Verité Research—an independent think tank that provides strategic analysis for Asia in the areas of economics, law, media, and politics. Thereafter she practiced law as a Junior Counsel in the private bar with Dr. K. Kanag-Isvaran, President’s Counsel. She has engaged in several short-term consultancies pertaining to human rights issues in Sri Lanka. Prior to commencing her LLM. at Yale, Raaya was a Regional Consultant for the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance for their Global Monitor of COVID-19’s Impact on Democracy and Human Rights in the South, South-East, East Asian, and Pacific Regions.

Raaya’s key academic interests are in international human rights, with a more specific focus on access to justice for women. At Yale Law School, she is a member of the Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic.
Amanda Lyons, *Panelist*

Amanda Lyons is Executive Director of the Human Rights Center at the University of Minnesota Law School. She works on human rights-based approaches to questions of environmental, economic, and gender justice. Her recent publications include *COVID-19 & Human Rights* (2021) and the *Research Handbook on Human Rights and Poverty* (2021), co-edited with Martha F. Davis and Morten Kjaerum. Before joining the University, Amanda worked with human rights NGOs in Brazil, Colombia, and the United States.
REMEMBERING LARA

The Lara D. Gass Symposium is named in honor of Lara Gass, a member of the Law Class of 2014 who passed away in an automobile accident in March of 2014. Lara served as Symposium Editor for the Washington and Lee Law Review, organizing the Law Review’s 2014 symposium focused on the 40th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Lara was active within the Women Law Students Organization and also served as a Kirgis Fellow, the law school’s peer mentoring group, during the 2012–13 academic year. In January 2014, Lara received recognition for her academic achievements, her leadership abilities, her service to the law school and university community, and her character when she was inducted into Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society.