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UB School of Law’s proud tradition of supporting its students’ public-interest commitment has been strengthened with a bequest from Terry M. Richman ’86. Richman, who entered law school at age 39, passed away earlier this year in Wilmington, N.C. She leaves behind her husband of more than 50 years, Ted, and their daughter, Lisa.

At the School of Law, Richman was a senior editor of the Buffalo Law Review, and also won the intramural Charles S. Desmond Moot Court Competition. After graduation, she worked in private practice, primarily with the Rochester law firm Underberg & Kessler. She was active with the Greater Rochester Association for Women Attorneys, serving as its president in 1996–97 and receiving the organization’s President’s Award in 2000.

Among her many community service interests, she was on the board of Rochester’s and Wilmington, N.C.’s public radio stations; served as a labor arbitrator; co-founded a community giving organization; and was active in Democratic politics – “all while mentoring women lawyers, raising a wonderful daughter and reading bales of mystery books,” her family notes. The initial draw from her bequest supported the summer public-interest internships of two students: Sarah Gardner ’19 and two-year J.D. student Luw ing Peche Loayza ’18.

“It’s heartening to see a classmate of mine provide funding so that people can continue in her footsteps.

Summer public-interest internships of two students: Sarah Gardner ’19 and two-year J.D. student Luw ing Peche Loayza ’18.

Meet our 2017 Public Interest Fellows ...

BPILP Fellows:

Charles E. Mann Public Interest Award Recipient:

- Kaitlin Kramer ’19 U.S. Attorney’s Office, Western District of New York, Buffalo

Dean’s Buffalo Public Interest Law Program Fellow

- Lindsey Johnson ’19 Hon. Charles J. Siragusa, U.S. District Court Western District of New York, Rochester

UB Law Alumni Association’s Buffalo Public Interest Law Program Fellow

- Olenka Masny ’19 Legal Assistance of Western New York, Rochester

Buffalo Public Interest Law Program Fellows

- Alana Bernhardt ’19 Ontario County Public Defender’s Office, Canandaigua
- Kodai Sinclair Okano ’18 Erie County District Attorney’s Office, Buffalo
- Genevieve Rados ’19 Hon. Lawrence J. Vilaro, U.S. District Court Western District of New York, Buffalo

Julie Freudenberg ’88 Fellow:

- Kaylan Porter ’18 Hon. William M. Skretny, U.S. District Court Western District of New York, Buffalo

Garry Graber ’78 Fellow:

- Breanna Reilly ’19 Erie County Bar Association’s Volunteer Lawyers Project, Buffalo

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- Alyson Kehl ’18 Federal Public Defender’s Office, Western District of New York, Buffalo
- Amanda Oppermann ’18 Journey’s End Refugee Services, Buffalo

Buffalo Public Interest Law Program Grantee

- Emily Stoufer Quinn ’18 Legal Aid Society of Rochester, Family Law Unit, Rochester

Terry M. Richman ’86 Fellows:

- Sarah Gardner ’19 Neighborhood Legal Services, Buffalo
- Luw ing Peche Loayza ’18 Chautauqua County Public Defender’s Office, Mayville

Suzanne E. Tomkins Women, Children and Social Justice Advocacy Fellow:

- Chelsie Roberts ’18 Wyoming County District Attorney’s Office, Warsaw

Western New York Law Center Fellow:

- Alyssa Bergsten ’19 Western New York Law Center, Buffalo

Summers to remember

Twenty-six UB School of Law students spent their summer working in the public interest, with financial support that made these (typically unpaid) positions tenable.
Our award-winning Discover Law Program is back!

Thanks in part to a grant from the University at Buffalo, the law school is pleased to announce the sixth summer of Discover Law, our award-winning diversity pipeline program for undergraduate students. Designed to increase access and diversity in the legal profession, this four-week “law boot camp” program will be held again in June 2018.

Through Discover Law, a select group of up to 20 students will have the opportunity to learn firsthand about the rigors of law school and the legal profession, as well as how to best prepare for the law school admissions process.

To learn more about Discover Law or to support the program, visit: law.buffalo.edu/ScholarsProgram

Additional fellowship recipients:
Catalyst Public Service Fellows:
• Heather Burley ’19
  Chautauqua County Public Defender’s Office, Mayville
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  Legal Aid Society, Criminal Defense Practice, New York City
• Jordan Sieracki ’18
  Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Attorneys for Children Unit, Buffalo

Buffalo Human Rights Center Fellows:
• Chelsea Gonzalez ’19
  ACLU of Puerto Rico, Women’s Rights Project, San Juan, Puerto Rico
• Shazia Khan ’18
  Amnesty International USA, New York City
• Natalia Marte ’19
  ACLU of Puerto Rico, Ending Mass Incarceration Project, San Juan, Puerto Rico
• Leighann Ramirez ’19
  Ayuda, Washington, D.C.
• Bethany Taylor ’19
  Legal Services of Central New York, Cancer Legal Advocacy & Services Project, Syracuse

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• Olenka Masny ’19
  Legal Assistance of Western New York, Rochester

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Colucci gift promotes legal scholarship

A major gift by Anthony J. Colucci Jr. ’58 and his wife, Carmela, has memorialized the couple’s commitment to legal scholarship and the Buffalo Law Review; and includes an endowed scholarship for Law Review students. In recognition of the Coluccis’ generosity, the Law Review’s office suite on the sixth floor of O’Brian Hall has been renamed the “Anthony J. Colucci Jr. Esq. ’58 Buffalo Law Review Suite.”