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# CIVIL & HUMAN RIGHTS

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## WELCOME

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APRIL 2020

Dear Readers,

Welcome to our launch of the Center for Civil and Human Rights Newsletter. We hope to use this newsletter to inform you of projects and upcoming events in our Center; notable research and cases that are impacting our society; and to highlight students, faculty, and alumni who are making a difference in civil and human rights.

This first issue comes during an unprecedented time in history. The spread of the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 has had a worldwide impact on daily life and society. The Center's planned events for March and April 2020--which included in-person speakers, pro bono activities, and CLEs--have been postponed in light of the current pandemic. We hope to resume normal in-person activities as soon as we can safely do so.

We are continuing our Social Justice speaker series in the virtual realm this week with Professor Mason Marks. He will be presenting on "Pandemic Privacy: A Conversation About Digital Surveillance." Professor Marks has written extensively on health law, data privacy, and technology. He recently published an article in Slate Magazine on COVID-19 testing (<https://slate.com/technology/2020/03/covid19-coronavirus-testing-google-walmart-target-privacy.html>).

Stay well and take care.

--Center for Civil and Human Rights

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## RESEARCH

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**Visiting Assistant Professor:  
Dr. Danielle Wingfield-Smith**

Gonzaga Law is pleased to welcome Dr. Danielle Wingfield-Smith, J.D., Ph.D., as our next Visiting Assistant Professor with the Center for Civil and Human Rights. Dr. Wingfield-Smith will be teaching two courses next year while continuing with her research in the field of legal history, Constitutional law, and educational law and policy. Dr. Wingfield-Smith received her B.A. from the College of William & Mary, her J.D. from the University of Richmond School of Law, and her Ph.D. from the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia. Dr. Wingfield-Smith replaces Dr. Jeffrey Omari, our inaugural VAP, who will have his own exciting news to share in an upcoming newsletter. Dr. Wingfield-Smith will begin in August 2020. Read more at <https://www.gonzaga.edu/news-events/stories/2020/2/12/welcoming-danielle-wingfield-smith>.



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## EDUCATION

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**Civil Rights Moot Court Team**

Gonzaga Law's Center for Civil and Human Rights sent two teams to compete in the 35th Annual National McGee Moot Court Competition held at Mitchell Hamline School of Law in St. Paul, Minnesota. The problem involved issues of privacy, search and seizure, compelled testimony, and a statute prohibiting race-based policing. Both the 2L team of Noelle Green, Russell Lytle, and Brielle Rumsey and the 3L team of Nicole Anderson, Francis dela Cruz, and Jessica Trujillo performed well under stiff competition. Attorney Natasha L. Hill coached both teams, her second year in the role.



**Gonzaga Law in Action: Seattle**

The Center for Civil and Human Rights sponsored its first alternative Spring Break this past March. Working in partnership with Columbia Legal Services, the Center sent a highly talented group of Gonzaga Law students to Seattle to advocate for the transformation of mass incarceration in Washington state.

Read more at <https://gmail.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f6127f1aa02763da51e2a672b&id=e549a7c277&e=4b109adaa4>.





### Gonzaga Law in Action: Nogales

The Center for Civil and Human Rights helped facilitate a second alternative Spring Break in Nogales, Mexico. Through the program, five law students, two law professors, and GU staff and alumni traveled to Nogales to provide legal advice to asylum seekers. The trip to Nogales was a collaboration between the Catholic Charities Immigration Clinic at Gonzaga School of Law, the Arizona-based Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project, and the Kino Border Initiative, a Jesuit organization established in 2009 focused on humanitarian assistance, education, research, and advocacy. Read more at <https://gmail.us19.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f6127f1aa02763da51e2a672b&id=723031d511&e=4b109adaa4>.

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## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

### Celebrating Black History Month

The Center for Civil & Human Rights celebrated Black History Month this February by hosting several inspiring speakers and opening up a dialogue between students and community members. The Black History Month events included a presentation by Patrisse Cullors, one of the founding members of the Black Lives Matter movement; a panel presentation and discussion between law enforcement and community regarding #BlackLivesMatter; and a presentation by Ricky Kidd, who was wrongly convicted and spent 23 years in prison.

Law student Aaron Winder (1L) attended several events, including a private dinner with Cullors. He said, *"It was a privilege to have dinner with Cullors in an intimate, private setting. Her overall energy was powerful. I began to understand her message that the key to this fight is organization. Influential organizations are critical to bringing forth a broad coalition of folks to create change contrary to the dominant power structures in this country."*

Dalia Trujillo (2L) also attended the private dinner with Cullors, and reflected on the power of organizing: *"The message that resonated the most, and which I think provides a path forward for me, is the idea that we cannot force people to change their minds and believe in our work. What we can do, however, is organize and bring people together and advocate for the community we want to be a part of."*



Read more about the Patrisse Cullors event at <https://www.gonzaga.edu/news-events/stories/2020/2/27/creating-change-through-organizing>.

Read more about Ricky Kidd at <https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/after-23-years-wrongly-imprisoned-ricky-kidd-is-free-and-using-his-voice>.



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### LGBTQ+ Rights Clinic

Gonzaga University's School of Law is pleased to announce the unveiling of its new Lincoln LGBTQ+ Rights Clinic, developed in partnership with the school's Center for Civil and Human Rights and supported by a significant donation from Joe Lincoln, an alumnus ('88; electrical engineering) and Regent of Gonzaga University. Read more at <https://www.gonzaga.edu/news-events/stories/2020/2/14/gonzaga-law-school-launches-lincoln-lgbtq-rights-clinic>.

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### Law Students Recognized for Pro Bono Work

The Gonzaga Bulletin and the Washington State Bar Association's online magazine NWSideBar highlighted law students' dedication to pro bono work in the Spokane community.

*"Pro bono opportunities are everywhere and, as lawyers, there is a professional and moral obligation to do this work,"* said Rebecca Smith (3L), the Public Service Liaison for the law school. *"Using the law to protect the rights of low-income people who cannot afford a lawyer is what justice is all about, and it's what breathes meaning into the profession."*

Read the Gonzaga Bulletin article [https://www.gonzagabulletin.com/news/gonzaga-law-students-lifting-locals-through-pro-bono-legal-work/article\\_50338f46-5c27-11ea-a31b-93e64c8eef42.html](https://www.gonzagabulletin.com/news/gonzaga-law-students-lifting-locals-through-pro-bono-legal-work/article_50338f46-5c27-11ea-a31b-93e64c8eef42.html).

Read the NWSideBar article <https://nwsidebar.wsba.org/2019/08/30/pro-bono-at-gonzaga-powered-by-students-giving-back/>.

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## THOMAS MORE CORNER

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### Carly Roberts

Carly Roberts (1L) is part of the Class of 2022 Thomas More Social Justice scholars. Carly grew up in Olympia, Washington and attended Western Washington University, where she majored in Political Science and minored in Ancient Greek Language. After graduating, Carly moved to Washington DC for a Running Start Congressional Fellowship, where she was placed in the office of Senator Patty Murray.



*"I love being part of a community that is dedicated to public service and social justice. It has been affirming and focusing to have this collective support and accountability structure throughout my 1L year. I chose to attend Gonzaga because of our Jesuit foundation in general, and the Thomas More program in particular- the animating motivator behind my pursuit of a law degree is a desire to pursue public service, so this program was a perfect fit for me.*

*"I will be using my degree to serve as an advocate and mediator in a public service space. As a 1L, I am still learning about the different opportunities to do that. Currently, I'm looking forward to clerking for the Washington State Attorney General this summer."*

## EVENTS



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**SOCIAL  
JUSTICE  
FRIDAYS**

**PANDEMIC PRIVACY**  
WITH  
PROFESSOR MASON MARKS

A CONVERSATION ABOUT  
DIGITAL SURVEILLANCE

Friday, April 17th at 12:15 pm  
ZOOM LINK in MORNING MAIL ON 4/14



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**SOCIAL  
JUSTICE  
LUNCH SERIES**

**RAMOS V. LOUISIANA:  
The Broad Civil Rights Implications  
of this Jury Trial Decision**  
WITH  
PROFESSOR BROOKS HOLLAND

Wednesday, June 3rd at 12 pm  
Look for the ZOOM LINK in MORNING MAIL

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