



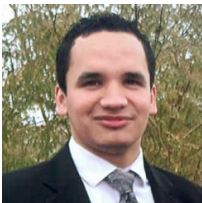
Greetings from the Bacon Program! As we excitedly prepare for the new students and clients that will fill the coming year, we are delighted to share with you some highlights of the clients, students, and partnerships that filled our 2015-16 year.

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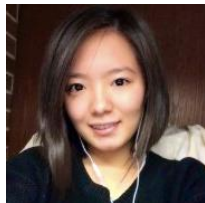
Immigration Law Clinic (ILC)

During the 2015-16 academic year, ILC conducted in-depth intakes of 14 immigrants from five countries around the world. These individuals not only received detailed information and advice regarding their options, but three were accepted as ILC clients, six were accepted by non-profit law offices or pro bono attorneys, and four received substantial follow-up services.

In addition, ILC students' individual representation resulted in the following victories:



Mario Gonzalez



Juana Song

In the fall, **Mario Gonzalez** (Class of 2017) and **Junjuan Song** (Class of 2015) won asylum for a young man from Somalia who fled his country after refusing forcible recruitment efforts by Al-Shabaab. Mario and Juana's tireless work included traveling regularly to Eloy Detention Center, where our client was

detained; tracking down family members, a lay witness, and expert witnesses; and assembling country-conditions evidence to corroborate the claim. They represented the client skillfully in a three-hour hearing, after which the government agreed to waive appeal. Our client was released from detention after eleven months and has begun a new life in Phoenix, Arizona.



Asylum client and his friend

In October, immigration authorities approved visa applications prepared last spring by **Casey Hutchison** (Class of 2016) and **Rio Kamei** (Class of 2015) for a Mexican man and his teenage son. The pair qualified for immigration status based on the father's experience of being coerced into working for months for less than one dollar an hour. Through declarations, corroborating evidence, and legal arguments, the students convinced authorities that the abuse amounted to labor

trafficking. The client originally came to us through the Workers' Rights Clinic, an example of how our clinics collaborate and can provide multi-faceted services to our clients.



Our client, with her father, holding the court order granting asylum.

In January 2016, the immigration appeals court, known as the Board of Immigration Appeals, reversed the decision of an immigration judge and granted asylum to our client, a woman who fled threats by a gang in El Salvador after she and her family were involved in the prosecution of a gang member for extortion. The victory, which came over three years after **Marley Lamb** (Class of 2014) and **Emily Arnold** (Class of 2014) represented her before the immigration court, means that our client finally has status after years of uncertainty, and can file papers to enable her young children to join her from El Salvador.

Just last month, our client was granted a visa based on the work of **Ana Bonilla** (Class of 2015), **Rogelio Calderon** (Class of 2015), and **Greggory Lines** (Class of 2016). The client was brought to the U.S. from Central America as a teenager by a much older boyfriend, who forced her to work illegally and turn all wages over to him for years. The government found that she had been the victim of labor trafficking, enabling her husband, also an immigrant, to obtain a visa as well. This news comes just two weeks before the expected arrival of the couple's second child.



*Professor **Lynn Marcus** with a happy client and her family.*

Workers' Rights Clinic (WRC)

This month, the Workers' Rights Clinic was honored to be named as one of the beneficiaries of a *cy pres* award in a case litigated by the **Impact Fund**, one of the nation's foremost leaders in complex litigation on behalf of low-wage workers. *Cy pres* is a legal doctrine that allows for funds remaining after distribution of a class action settlement to be donated to a charitable organization that furthers the purpose of the case. This award was part of the case *Estrada v. Bashas*, a class action suit on behalf of Hispanic grocery store workers in Arizona. Our work was profiled on the Impact Fund's blog this month, which you can check out [here](#).

Over the course of the 2015-16 academic year, WRC students conducted intakes with 56 low-wage immigrant workers. These intakes provided workers with individualized, confidential advice and counseling, and often were followed by advocacy to help them exercise their workplace rights.

In addition, our students conducted Know-Your-Rights presentations for 220 community members, reaching students planning to enter the work force at San Miguel High School and Pima Community College, women in a leadership and advocacy programs at the YWCA, and the staff and community members at the Mexican Consulate. We also conducted radio

and television interviews as a partner in the Mexican Consulate's Semana Laboral (Labor Rights Week) to raise awareness about our services and the rights of immigrant workers.

Some highlights of WRC's individual advocacy and policy research work:

Summer law student interns **Araceli Rodriguez** (Class of 2015) and **Autumn Kycia** (Class of 2018) helped obtain \$12,500 in unpaid wages for cleaning services provided by a group of immigrant workers in Tucson. The students collaborated with [La Coalicion de Derechos Humanos](#) on the wage theft campaign.



Zac Cohen and Christian Bearden present at Pima Community College



Workers Oscar, Orfa and Rosalia, and Isabel at the Workers' Rights Clinic picking up checks for their unpaid wages.

Ashley St. Clair (Class of 2017), **Wesley Cox** (Class of 2017), and **Juan Fernandez Cabrera** (Class of 2016) prepared and presented a report to the Tucson City Council documenting the impact of the lack of access to paid sick time on low-wage workers. They addressed the Council in December 2015 as it considered an ordinance to mandate paid sick time. [Their report](#) captures perspectives of local employers and service providers who discuss the benefits of paid sick leave.



Wesley Cox and Ashley St. Clair at the Tucson City Council



Denise Godoy conducts an intake interview of a farmworker in San Luis.

Farmworker Legal Assistance Clinic

In January 2016, JD students **Miriam Enriquez** (Class of 2018), **Alonzo Corral** (Class of 2017), **Johnnie Saaid-Jackson** (Class of 2018), and **Esther Sanchez-Gomez** (Class of 2017), as well as Master of Legal Studies students **Denise Godoy** and **Andrea Kelly**, participated in the second Farmworker Legal Assistance Mini-Clinic. After an intensive two-day

training, the class traveled to Yuma and San Luis for three days of outreach, research, and legal assistance. Awakening before dawn, they went to the U.S.-Mexico border to conduct outreach to the hundreds of farmworkers who gather there awaiting buses to the fields. The students also engaged in research regarding farmworker housing conditions.

The next day, in partnership with Community Legal Services, we organized a day-long workshop for farmworkers in San Luis, where the law students provided Know-Your-Rights presentations on workplace rights, followed by individual consultations. We also helped farmworkers prepare fee waivers and applications to renew their legal permanent residency cards.



Alonzo Corral and Miriam Enriquez help prepare a green card renewal.

Many community groups and organizations met with us during the trip, including the Mexican consulate, United Food and Commercial Workers Union, and Chicanos por la Causa. We are grateful to the inspiring advocates who took time to speak with us about their work, and look forward to continuing to build our collaborations and partnerships in the Yuma region.



Our group with staff from Community Legal Services and the Mexican Consulate at the Cesar Chavez Community Center in San Luis

Pro Bono Opportunity: Join the Eloy Pro Bono Project!

With support from the [Agnese Nelms Haury Program in Environment and Social Justice](#), the Bacon Program has initiated a collaborative effort with [The Florence Immigrant & Refugee Rights Project](#) to increase pro bono representation for women with gender-based asylum claims in Eloy Detention Center. Since August 2015, we have screened more than 60 women and placed 15 with pro bono counsel. Of these, one has won, nine have bonded out, and five have their cases pending.

In addition, we have had approximately 50 attorneys attend trainings on gender-based asylum claims. In April 2016, two staff members from the [Center for Gender and Refugee Studies](#) (CGRS) conducted three days of trainings. The law firm of Perkins Coie generously hosted a workshop for attorneys with open cases and trainings for attorneys considering the pro bono project. We now have a list of over a dozen attorneys who have taken or are considering taking pro bono cases.

Our most sincere appreciation to the attorneys who have taken on these pro bono cases. We are moved by your dedication and feel lucky to work with you all!



A gathering of pro bono attorneys with CGRS staff for a workshop on their pending cases

If you are interested in learning more about the project, please read the [info sheet](#) and/or get in touch with Professor [Nina Rabin](#). There are many ways to get involved, with varying amounts of time commitment.

Staff & Alumni News



In November 2015, we were delighted to welcome **Otis Kessler**, Bacon Fellow **Shayna Kessler**'s son, into the world and the extended Bacon Program family (left). We are also delighted that Shayna has become Associate Director of the Workers' Rights Clinic.

In the spring, Clinic Co-Director **Lynn Marcus** gave a talk on U.S. asylum law, focusing on claims by those fleeing domestic violence and gangs in Mexico and Central America. Approximately 85 students and community members attended.

Congratulations to our 3L graduates! Check out some of the exciting things our new alumni are up to:

Gabriela Corrales has joined another alum, **Laura Belous**, on the Tucson Children's team of the Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project. Her job is to conduct Know-Your-Rights presentations and to interview unaccompanied immigrant youth, often followed by direct representation or referral to pro bono counsel.

Matthew Johnson is one of only 25 law graduates nationwide to be selected as an Immigrant Justice Corps fellow. He will provide direct legal services to immigrants in New York working at Immigration Equality, which represents lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and HIV-positive asylum seekers, detainees, and binational couples.

Kate Curl Reitz was selected by the EPA as an Honors Attorney Fellow and is headed to Kansas City, where she will work on pollution and other environmental issues in the Midwest.



Kate Curl Reitz and her client outside Eloy Detention Center after her asylum

Many Thanks

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Accepting pro bono referrals from the ILC

Providing mentoring and guidance to our law students

Conducting and preparing free psychological evaluations for ILC clients

Volunteering as expert witnesses in ILC cases

Serving as interpreters for our clients

Working hard to represent our clients these past two semesters

Please send us your news, job announcements, and any other items you think would be of interest, and we will gladly circulate in our next newsletter or other electronic distribution.

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The Bacon Immigration Law & Policy Program generates immigration policy research, expands opportunities for students to gain exposure to immigration issues, encourages interdisciplinary engagement with immigration issues, and provides services to immigrants in Southern Arizona. The Program serves as an umbrella for the law school's immigration-related offerings, including its Immigration Law and Workers' Rights Clinics, doctrinal courses, internships, and opportunities to undertake supervised research on immigration issues.



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