

Reproductive Health, Rights, and Justice: Law & Policy 101

Sponsored by the National Women's Law Center and Law Students for Reproductive Justice

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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Law Students for Reproductive Justice 2015 Fellows:

Jennifer Chou (National Asian Pacific Women's Forum)

Jennifer Chou is the Reproductive Justice Fellow at the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum. She earned her J.D. from the David J. Epstein Program in Public Interest Law and Policy at the UCLA School of Law and her B.A. in Political Science and Women's Studies from Wellesley College, with a concentration in Asian American Studies. Jennifer is a passionate Californian, reproductive health and immigrant rights advocate, and a lifelong caffeine addict.

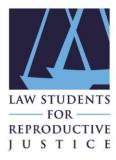
Abbey Marr (Advocates for Youth)

Abbey is a 2014 graduate of Harvard Law School and recently completed her term as the Secretary of the Board of Law Students of Reproductive Justice. She is a 2014-15 LSRJ Reproductive Justice Fellow with Advocates for Youth, and is a volunteer case manager for the DC Abortion Fund. Last year, she worked with Berkeley's Center on Reproductive Rights and Justice, assisting Professors Melissa Murray and Kristin Luker on the recently published Reproductive Rights and Justice casebook. She is president emeritus of Harvard's LSRJ chapter and was an editor of the Harvard Journal of Law and Gender. Abbey spent her 2L summer with the National Domestic Workers' Alliance working on federal, state and local legislation and her 1L summer with ACLU-Reproductive Freedom Project conducting research for federal litigation. She graduated in 2009 from George Washington University where she worked with Advocates for Youth on sexual and reproductive health policy. Between college and law school, Abbey worked for the Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division.

Elena Peifer (National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health)

Elena Peifer is the RJ Fellow at the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health. She graduated in May 2014 from the University of Michigan where she was a Darrow Scholarship Recipient. Elena serves on LSRJ's National Board of Directors. During law school, Elena was the co-president for Law Students for Reproductive Justice and the Outreach Chair for Black Law Students Association. Under Elena's leadership, Michigan LSRI was awarded the Cari Sietstra prize for Excellence in Organizing. Elena served as Information and Technology Editor, Articles Editor, and associate Editor on the Michigan Journal of Gender & Law. Elena was additionally selected by the administration as a leader of the Michigan Access Program, an orientation program dedicated to social justice and diversity in the law school and legal community. Elena received recognition for her commitment to public interest work as recipient of both the Dean's Public Service Fellowship and the Jenny Runkles Award. Elena has interned at Tahirih Justice Center, representing victims of gender-based violence in immigration and family law matters, and at the Immigration Practice of the East Bay Community Law Center, continuing to work with immigrant survivors of gender-based violence. During law school, Elena completed the Human Trafficking Clinic, the Child Advocacy Law Clinic, and an externship at the Family Law Project. Before law school, Elena worked for two years as a consultant for non-profits





and a grant writer at the Glen Price Group. Elena received her B.A. in Gender Studies and Politics with a minor in Spanish from Pomona College.

Kelsey Ryland (Unite for Reproductive & Gender Equity, URGE)

Kelsey Ryland is the RJ Fellow at URGE (Unite for Reproductive & Gender Equity). She graduated from Seattle University School of Law in May 2014. In law school, Kelsey was the Vice President and Co-President of her campus' chapter of LSRJ. She received the Marilyn J. Berger Gender and Justice Award for her paper, "Anti Choice Laws as a Form of Reproductive Oppression." Her summers in law school were spent as a policy intern at the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) in Washington D.C. and as a policy intern at Legal Voice (formerly the Northwest Women's Law Center) in Seattle, WA. While at NNEDV, she worked to ensure the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. At Legal Voice, Kelsey researched complex legal issues relating to women's rights in preparation for amicus briefs and impact litigation. Before law school, Kelsey was a domestic violence advocate at the Seattle Police Department with the Victim Support Team through AmeriCorps where she assisted survivors of domestic violence in finding immediate safe housing and getting connected to community resources. This experience informed Kelsey's desire to attend law school and become a policy advocate. Kelsey is a queer woman who subscribes to a robust anti-oppression framework and believes that all people should have access to the resources they need to create a family, when and how they want, and to live in relationships free from violence.

Ariel Tazkargy (National Women's Health Network)

Ariel Tazkargy is the RJ Fellow at the National Women's Health Network (NWHN). She graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in May 2014. While in law school, Ariel served on the executive boards of the Asylum Law Project and the Women's Law Student Association. She currently serves as the Executive Editor of Law and Inequality: A Journal of Theory and Practice, which publishes many articles on topics related to women's inequality in the law, including reproductive justice. As a staff member on the journal, Ariel authored "From Coercion to Coercion: Voluntary Sterilization Policies in the United States," which has been selected for publication and will appear in the journal's forthcoming in Volume 32, Issue 1. Ariel has clerked at the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Minnesota in the Civil Rights Division, focusing on enforcement of the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act. She has also volunteered at Peace and Hope International Walk-in Legal Clinic in Minneapolis, MN, which provides legal advice and referrals to refugees and immigrants in the Twin Cities. Ariel continued helping refugees and diaspora communities in her work as a legal intern with the Advocates for Human Rights in Minneapolis, and during her internship with the Center for Reproductive Rights in New York. Ariel holds a B.A. in English Literature from the University of Kansas. Rock Chalk Jayhawk!

Presenters from the National Women's Law Center:

Sharon Levin, Director of Federal Reproductive Health Policy

Sharon G. Levin joined the Center in June 2012, and oversees the Center's work on reproductive health law and policy at the national level. Prior to joining the Center, Ms. Levin was Vice President and General Counsel at the National Abortion Federation; a consultant for NARAL Pro-Choice America; and Director of Advocacy at the Washington Area Women's Foundation. Ms. Levin was also Co-Chief Counsel to Senator Charles E. Schumer and Special Assistant for Women's Issues and Legislative Counsel to Congresswoman Nita M. Lowey. Ms. Levin is an Adjunct Professor at American





University's Washington College of Law, and holds a J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School and a B.A. in history from Columbia University.

Caitlin Gullickson, Outreach Associate

Caitlin is the Outreach Associate for Health & Reproductive Rights. Prior to joining the Center's staff, she spent two years as a member of the National Organization for Women's communications team. A 2010 graduate of Mount Holyoke College, Caitlin's background includes communications, fundraising, and online and offline organizing for reproductive rights and economic justice issues.

Leila Abolfazli, Senior Counsel

Leila Abolfazli is Senior Counsel in the Health and Reproductive Rights Program at NWLC. She works on a range of issues involving the protection and expansion of reproductive rights at the federal level. Prior to joining the NWLC, Ms. Abolfazli was a Senior Associate at WilmerHale in Washington, D.C. She is a graduate of Emory University and Georgetown University Law Center.

Kelli Garcia, Senior Counsel

Kelli Garcia, Senior Counsel, first joined the Center in 2009 as a law fellow and was promoted to Counsel, focusing on health care reform implementation and preventing discrimination in health care. She subsequently worked as a law fellow at the O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, where she worked on scholarship related to global health and human rights, health care reform and the Family and Medical Leave Act. Kelli returned to the Center in April 2012, and now oversees the Center's efforts to address religious restrictions on women's access to reproductive health services, including its work on hospital mergers and crisis pregnancy centers. Kelli holds a law degree from Yale Law School, a Ph.D. in social psychology from the University of California, Los Angeles, and an A.B. from Princeton University.

Rachel Easter, Fellow

Rachel is a Women's Law and Public Policy Fellow with the National Women's Law Center's Reproductive Rights team. While in law school she worked as a legal intern at NWLC and the Center for Reproductive Rights and served as an executive member of her school's chapter of Law Students for Reproductive Justice. Rachel is a graduate of Stanford Law School and the University of Virginia.

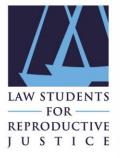
Gretchen Borchelt, Vice President of Health & Reproductive Rights

Gretchen Borchelt is the Vice President for Health and Reproductive Rights at the National Women's Law Center. She oversees the Center's advocacy, policy, and education strategies to promote the quality and availability of health care, including reproductive health care. Prior to becoming Vice President, Gretchen served as Senior Counsel and Director of State Reproductive Health Policy, directing the Center's state-based legal and policy efforts to protect and expand access to reproductive health care, and linking that work to the Center's federal reproductive health advocacy. Prior to joining the Center in 2005, she worked at Physicians for Human Rights and was a Women's Law and Public Policy Fellow at the National Partnership for Women and Families. Gretchen is a graduate of Columbia Law School and the University of Virginia.

Emily Martin, Vice President and General Counsel

Emily Martin is Vice President and General Counsel at the National Women's Law Center, where she undertakes cross-cutting projects addressing women's health, economic





security, and education and employment opportunities. She also provides in-house legal advice and representation to the Center. Prior to joining the Center, Ms. Martin served as Deputy Director of the Women's Rights Project at the American Civil Liberties Union, where she spearheaded litigation, policy, and public education initiatives to advance the rights of women and girls, with a particular emphasis on the needs of low-income women and women of color. She also served as a law clerk for Senior Judge Wilfred Feinberg of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and Judge T.S. Ellis, III, of the Eastern District of Virginia and previously worked for the Center as a recipient of the Georgetown Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship. She has served as Vice President and President of the Fair Housing Justice Center, a non-profit organization in New York City. She is a graduate of the University of Virginia and Yale Law School.

Mara Gandal-Powers, Counsel

Mara Gandal-Powers is Counsel for Health and Reproductive Rights at the National Women's Law Center. She previously was a legal fellow and an intern at the Center. During law school, Ms. Gandal-Powers was a law clerk for Senator Al Franken on the Senate Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology, and the Law. Additionally, she interned for the Children's Health Advocacy Project, a medical-legal partnership between Legal Services of Eastern Missouri and health centers and children's hospitals in St. Louis. She received her undergraduate degree from Bowdoin College where she majored in Women's Studies. She received her law degree from Washington University in St. Louis School of Law, where she served as co-president of Law Students for Reproductive Justice and was an associate editor of the Washington University Global Studies Law Review. Prior to attending law school, Ms. Gandal-Powers worked for the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs. She currently serves on the Alumnae Board of The Holton-Arms School.

Brandie Temple, Well Woman's Benefit Hotline Coordinator

Brandie Temple is the Well Woman's Benefit Hotline Coordinator on the Health and Reproductive Rights Team at the National Women's Law Center. Brandie holds Bachelor's degrees in history and anthropology from the University of Missouri in Columbia with primary research emphasis on women's history in the U.S. as it pertains to reproductive choice and economic security. Prior to joining NWLC, Brandie worked for the North Carolina Guardian ad Litem Program, a volunteer based legal advocacy program where she helped recruit, screen, and train community volunteers to act as advocates for abused and neglected children in court. She also worked at Planned Parenthood Health Systems, Inc. where she provided non-biased, comprehensive reproductive health care to women and men as a health center assistant. Brandie is an activist, organizer, and speaker promoting women's rights and social justice. She has acted as a volunteer canvasser to register people to vote, attended numerous rallies in support of social justice, including the 2014 Moral March on Raleigh, and has spoken publicly in support of women's rights, most recently at the NC NAACP's commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom held in Wilmington, NC.

Career Panelists:

Jeryl Hayes, Domestic Policy Analyst at Advocates for Youth

Jeryl Hayes is the Domestic Policy Analyst for Advocates for Youth, a national non-profit that addresses the sexual and reproductive health needs of young people across the country and around the world. Prior to working for Advocates for Youth, she served as the Reproductive Justice Law & Policy Fellow through the Law Students for Reproductive Justice Fellowship Program, with placement at the Black Women's Health Imperative. She

is a 2012 graduate of American University Washington College of Law with a Masters of Law in Law & Government with a concentration in Civil & Constitutional Rights and specialization in Gender and the Law.

Mara Senn, Partner at Arnold & Porter LLC

Mara Senn is a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Arnold & Porter. Her white collar practice focuses on representing clients on global anti-corruption issues. Ms. Senn has been recognized in numerous ranking publications for her anti-corruption work, including being named as one of the Top 50 Female Lawyers for Latin America by Latinvex, being named the US anti-corruption lawyer of the year by Corporate Livewire, and being recognized as an anticorruption and investigations leader by Chambers Global, Chambers Latin America, Latin Lawyer, Washington DC Super Lawyers and Global Investigations Review.. Ms. Senn regularly leads multijurisdictional corruption internal investigations and responds to government inquiries and investigations in a wide variety of industry sectors and countries. She advises clients on high-level strategy on all fronts, including the investigation, whether and how to discipline current employees and agents, how global corruption issues affect the business, and ways to ameliorate corporate structures to avoid problems in the future. Ms. Senn also counsels clients on global anticorruption compliance, including conducting analyses to identify weaknesses in compliance systems, designing and implementing comprehensive compliance programs, and preparing agreements and due diligence structures to monitor third-party agents. In addition, Ms. Senn assists clients with anti-corruption due diligence issues in mergers and acquisitions. Ms. Senn often speaks and writes about important global anti-corruption topics and trends. She has been quoted on these topics in publications such as the Wall Street Journal, Just Anti-Corruption, and The FCPA Report. Ms. Senn is the Co-Chair of the ABA's Trans-National Crimes Subcommittee of the White Collar Committee, is a member of the Edward Bennett Williams White Collar Inn of Court and is on the Financial Fraud Law Report and Criminal Justice Magazine editorial boards.

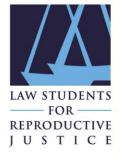
In addition, Ms. Senn has extensive experience in international arbitration matters, bringing five cases to trial involving high-profile international issues and billions of dollars worth of claims against sovereign states. Ms. Senn has also litigated cases in United States District Courts, Courts of Appeals, and the United States Supreme Court, as well as various international fora. She has obtained Top Secret security clearance from the US government. Ms. Senn speaks French and Spanish.

Her pro bono work focuses on issues relating to women, including representing NARAL and working with the National Women's Law Center as the President of the Center's Leadership Advisory Committee.

Dana Thomas, Government Relations Director for Anthem, Inc.

Dana has spent more than a decade working on health care policy specifically for poor and low-income populations. In her current role, she supports Anthem's Medicaid managed care goals by advocating with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. She previously worked at the National Family Planning & Reproductive Health Association (NFPRHA) where she supervised the regulatory affairs staff and was responsible for promoting NFPRHA's ACA implementation and safety-net infrastructure agenda. Dana joined NFPRHA from Capitol Hill where she was Legislative Counsel in the office of Rep. Jan Schakowsky (D-IL). Prior to joining Rep. Schakowsky, she was in regulatory affairs at the National Association of Community Health Centers and served as a law clerk for Service Employees International Union (SEIU). She has a law degree and a certificate in health policy from George Washington University.





Nick Wunder, Counsel to U.S. Senator Al Franken, Senate Judiciary Committee

Nick Wunder is counsel to the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Privacy, Technology and the Law, and to its ranking member, Senator Al Franken (D.-Minn.). In this capacity, he advises Senator Franken on criminal justice; immigration; civil rights and civil liberties, including LGBT rights, reproductive rights, and voting rights; campaign finance; government privacy; and judicial nominations. He previously worked as a senior policy representative at NARAL Pro-Choice America, and as a public education coordinator at the American Civil Liberties Union's LGBT & AIDS Project. He is a graduate of Carleton College and the University of Minnesota Law School.

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