

From the Dean

Today is Law Day, and while we are missing our in-person event with Legal Services of North Florida (LSNF) and Legal Aid Foundation of Tallahassee, we are virtually celebrating our outstanding students for their pro bono work. More than 60 graduating 3Ls went above and beyond our graduation pro bono requirement this year! The students listed below completed at least 40 hours of pro bono service and are being recognized with special certificates and challenge coins from LSNF. The coins, which are also given to practicing attorneys for outstanding pro bono commitment, signify these students' extraordinary service. Additionally, we are recognizing Kathryn Mesa with our Blaise N. Gamba Outstanding Pro Bono Award for her more than 450 hours of pro bono service—the most of any graduate! She completed her pro bono service at ACLU of Florida and the Second Judicial Circuit, while being a dedicated student leader at FSU Law. Please join me in congratulating all of our outstanding, service-minded students! For more details, a [video featuring and honoring our students](#) is available online. You can also join our [virtual 2020 Law Day Celebration](#), co-hosted with LSNF and Legal Aid Foundation of Tallahassee, beginning at noon today.



Kathryn Mesa

-Dean Erin O'Connor

2020 FSU Law Challenge Coin Recipients:

Raul Alvarez	Meaghan Maus
Shannon Anderson	Kathryn Mesa
Barbara Andrade	Emily Michel
Elisabeth Avilla	Evan Mishkin
Michael Bacallao	Nicole Molner
Allison Barkett	Oswaldo Morejon Parra
Jordan Botsch	Ashlin Morgan
Lauren Brooker	Jordan Moss
Edward Brower	Trevor Mylin
Elizabeth Butler	Oma Nations
Sarah Carter	Stefanie-Jo Osborn
Ryan Colon	Tiffany Osei-Owusu
Daniela Donoso	Nicole Peet
Evan Drake	Anastacia Pirrello
Taylor Fleming	Nicholas Poppell
Karina Flores	Alexander Purpuro
Craig Gaver	Breanna Raspopovich
Kate Gawin	Machaella Reisman
Susan Givens	Tommy Richmond
Erica Gloyd	Taylor Schock
Caitlin Harden	Alessandro Secino
Cailynn Houlihan	Brendan Shearman
Camille Infantolino	Deborah Huveltdt Sier
Young Kang	Eleanor Sills
Ethan Katz	Sydney Simmons
Austin Kirtley	Jared Sutherland
Adam Kraus	Mikayla Taylor
Benjamin Lagos	Katherine van Dijk
Alexandra Lavelle	Amanda Varrone
Gabriel Lopez	Robert Walters
Heather Raya Lopez	Nathan Weinbaum
Michael Maloney	

Professor Landau Receives FSU Graduate Teaching Award

[David Landau](#), FSU Law Mason Ladd Professor and Associate Dean for International Programs, was one of only eight FSU faculty members selected to receive a 2019-20 University Graduate Teaching Award. He was selected by a committee of faculty and students who reviewed nominations, student questionnaires and support materials. The University Teaching Award recognizes teaching excellence as multi-faceted, involving areas such as providing a positive role model to students, imparting a respect for truth and a love of learning, challenging students' thinking and assumptions, showing respect for all persons and innovative instructional techniques.



Honorees were recognized earlier this month during an online reception and a trophy will be presented in the future. "We thank you for your expert and dedicated teaching service to the students of Florida State University," said FSU President John Thrasher (Dec. '72) in a congratulatory letter to Landau, "and wish you continued success in all of your scholarly endeavors."

Landau also received a Graduate Teaching Award in 2012-13. "These prestigious teaching awards are another testament to the strong and dedicated faculty we have at FSU Law," said Dean Erin O'Connor. Since 1993, 17 law professors have received the honor, with Professors Nat Stern, Steven Gey and Landau each receiving two awards.

"It's a privilege to work alongside so many wonderful teachers here at the College of Law, and to teach and learn from our brilliant and motivated students," Landau said.

Alum Profile: Allison E. Turnbull ('01)

[Allison E. Turnbull](#) recently joined Winderweedle, Haines, Ward & Woodman, P.A. as a shareholder in Winter Park. Turnbull practices in the areas of real estate, land use and development. She recently served as lead land use and government relations counsel on the I-4 Ultimate project, a major public/private transportation partnership redeveloping and expanding Interstate 4. Her experience includes the procurement and retention of land use entitlements, including zoning, comprehensive plans, concurrency, infrastructure finance and development, developments of regional impact, procurement issues, due diligence and property rights. She also has substantial lobbying experience at the state and federal levels. Turnbull is very engaged in professional activities and is a member of the Orlando Economic Development Council's Investor Relations Committee, Association of Florida Community Developers, Commercial Real Estate Women, Urban Land Institute and the Greater Orlando Builders Association.



"I am so pleased to work with the high-caliber attorneys of WHWW—a wonderful mix of the strongest quality of credentials and experience the legal profession has to offer. This group provides such a warm environment to practice in and really cares for their clients. Having grown up here in Winter Park, I feel right at home with the personalities and culture of the firm."

Student Profile: 3L Breanna Raspopovich

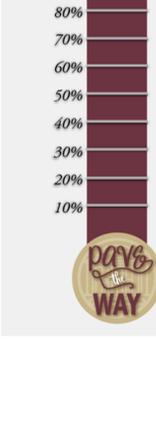
Desired Practice Location: Chicago
Expected Graduation: May 2020
Field of Law Sought: Interested in civil litigation, including personal injury, workers' compensation and the federal employers liability act



Breanna Raspopovich is from St. Petersburg, Florida. She earned a bachelor's degree in criminology with minors in business administration and philosophy from the University of Florida. She will graduate from FSU Law this week. Last summer, Raspopovich was a summer associate at Hoey & Farina, P.C., a personal injury and federal employees liability act firm in Chicago. She conducted research, reviewed and conducted discovery, and wrote pleadings, complaints and weekly memoranda. Raspopovich also met with clients and attended pretrial hearings and depositions. During the spring semester of her 2L year, Raspopovich worked as a legal extern for the Florida Department of Health, where she had her own caseload, reviewed investigative reports and pleadings, and wrote administrative complaints, closing orders and emergency suspension orders. During the summer after her 1L year, Raspopovich clerked for the Honorable Judge Theodora C. Komninos of the Sixth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida. She conducted legal research, wrote memos, and witnessed hearings, jury selections and trials. Before law school, Raspopovich spent two summers working at the Pavich Law Group, P.C. in Chicago, where she helped with basic administrative legal work.

This year, Raspopovich served as president of the Student Bar Association (SBA). She previously served as SBA secretary and 1L representative. As SBA president, Raspopovich was integral in creating the inaugural 5K fundraising event to benefit the Legal Aid Foundation. Raspopovich was also a student ambassador for the FSU Law Admissions Office and a member of Litigators, where she served as secretary during her 2L year. She was a member of the Women's Law Symposium during her 1L year and studied at the Summer Program in Law at the University of Oxford in England. Raspopovich is a recipient of the Book Award for Civil Trial Strategy and a Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award. If you are interested in hiring Raspopovich after graduation, [visit her LinkedIn profile](#).

"Fate and luck are hard concepts to truly understand and I don't believe they exist unless you put yourself out in the world and go after what you want. FSU Law was exactly what I wanted and needed. I am so grateful to have been taught by prestigious professors, studied alongside brilliant classmates and represented the law school as the Student Bar Association president. I am excited to begin my legal career and thank the past three years for molding me into a strong, advocating and confident woman."



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Visit law.fsu.edu/pavetheway to learn how you can change lives and pave the way for future FSU Law students while increasing the value of an FSU Law degree. As of April 24, 2020, we have raised \$1,721,465.10 toward our \$2 million campaign goal.

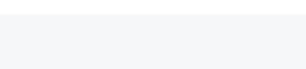
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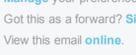
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