IMMIGRATION
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Dear Alumni,

It’s no surprise that so many of our alumni have specialized in immigration law.

Many immigrants are among the most vulnerable of our residents. They suffer all the same problems as the rest of us but often do so with an even more porous safety net and often without the benefit of speaking and writing English. Some have suffered torture and discrimination in their country of origin, only to find more discrimination awaiting them in America. Many alums, some motivated by the desire to redress some of the wrongs of American foreign policy, have chosen to represent asylum-seekers and other refugees from oppression around the world. Others work on behalf of those from more elite backgrounds seeking work visas, and some handle all sorts of cases, including preventing the deportation of immigrants for minor offenses or for crimes they did not commit at all, which is the focus of our new Immigration and Human Rights Clinic.

Speaking of our new Clinic, I must, once again, give thanks to Carolyn Waller, ‘77, herself an award-winning immigration attorney, who spearheaded the effort to create the clinic—initially by making a $10,000 donation in memory of Father Jim Healy, ’82, a Catholic priest and immigration rights activist who died of AIDS many years before. But Carolyn did much more than donate—she founded and chaired for many years the Center for Immigration Law and Practice, building relationships with various Lutheran Church entities who partnered with the School of Law and its alumni to fund and support it. Alums Amy Novick, ’84, and Mary Brittingham, ’80, served with Carolyn on the Board, and the late Michael Maggio, ’78, and Candace Kattar, ’81, donated many thousands of much-needed dollars.

In this edition, we shine the spotlight on three of our many amazing immigration attorney advocates, Anne Pilsbury, ’75, Fernando Chang-Muy, ’82, and Amy Novick. Each story is amazing and inspiring in its own right, each having used the law to make life better for many, many newcomers to our shores. And in our “Notes” section, you will see listings of dozens of other immigration attorneys, many of whom no doubt deserve the same acclaim as our featured alums for their decades of tireless advocacy, including many who serve the federal government or are professors of immigration law.

Enjoy!

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More Alumni in Immigration
Consulting with international organizations, teaching immigration law, fighting for the oppressed—our alumni do it all.
It was 5 a.m. when the men broke in and roused 14 immigrants from their beds and cuffed them in a Queens, New York, building. The intruders were agents from Immigration and Customs Enforcement, acting without a warrant.

“We were all so scared,” Jose Matias Prezantin, 30, said later, describing the raid in New York four years ago. “They didn’t give us time to get dressed. They handcuffed us all barefoot.”

After interrogating Prezantin and members of his family and detaining them until 6 p.m., the ICE ordered them deported.

But Anne Pilsbury, ’75, said not so fast.

Prezantin and his family, waiting in immigration courts ever since, have a tireless advocate in Anne, director of Brooklyn-based Central American Legal Assistance.

“These cases are really important because they’re the first to consider the issue whether immigration agents can bust into your bedroom at night,” she told the press. Anne maintained that all evidence gathered during that break-of-dawn raid must be thrown out because there’s nothing ambiguous about the Fourth Amendment.

She won the first round, with an immigration judge agreeing the raid produced unreasonable searches and seizures. But post-9/11 state power has stalled the case, with the Department of

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Homeland Security appealing the verdict. Last December the Board of Immigration Appeals agreed with the government that all evidence taken in the raid is admissible. But then in June the appeals board, citing the Fourth Amendment, cancelled deportation orders for two Salvadoran men Anne and CALA represent who were rounded up in a case similar to the Queens raid.

It’s now a battle to see if Homeland Security will appeal that case and what the consequences will be for Prezantin and his family. A battle? Or just another day at the office for Anne?

**Trial by fire**

She could have stayed a small town lawyer, handling business transactions, real estate, or the odd divorce. But time and again, Anne has been drawn back to go to war for the powerless.

Raised in northern New Jersey, Anne came of age in the 1960s, working in journalism and government. After college at the University of Pennsylvania, she worked as a “copy girl”—“Yes, that’s what they called me”—at the Christian Science Monitor in Boston before going to work for the New York City Welfare Department. “That was enough to send me back to school,” Anne said.

After completing a graduate degree in political science at American University, she landed a job at the Council of the District of Columbia, a time she described as one of great idealism and catastrophe, especially when the Capital exploded in riots in April 1968 following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The city burned for five days. More than 13,000 federal troops were in the streets. Twelve people were killed, 6,100 arrested and 1,200 buildings torched.

Anne went back to school again, this time enrolling at Antioch. “I went to law school because in D.C. anybody who gets to do anything interesting is a lawyer,” she said, only half joking. Why Antioch? “I think because at the time they wanted people with real experience involved in the real world, and that was me,” she said. There were radical, innovative ideas in the air at Antioch, which attracted her, she added, but also the new law school stressed the fundamentals of practice.

She found a teacher whose passion still inspires her. “Burt Weschler taught us to use the federal courts to vindicate rights,” she said, still able to recite by heart what Weschler never failed to cite, language from *Bell v. Hood*: “Where federally protected rights have been invaded, it has been the rule from the beginning that courts will be alert to adjust their remedies so as to grant the necessary relief.”

As true now as in 1946 when the ruling was written, Anne said. “The Supreme Court in that case was dealing with the same issue we are litigating today – illegal home entry and arrests by federal agents.”

**Beating Leviathan**

Anne was at the heart of a landmark decision that exposed and punished abusive tactics by the state and directed at individuals
and movements. The case is *Hobson v. Wilson*, launched in October 1977. The case emerged from the Watergate investigations, when it was revealed that a secret FBI division named Counter Intelligence Program, or COINTELPRO, not only spied on American citizens and organizations, but at J. Edgar Hoover’s direct order, agents were charged to “expose, disrupt, misdirect, discredit or otherwise neutralize” the activities of multiple activist organizations.

She worked with legendary progressive lawyer David Rein—“I started as his gofer”—suing individual agents. After a year, Anne moved to a small town in Maine. “I thought, ‘This case is so outrageously wrong it’ll be over in a year,’” she remembered. It was a time to turn down the volume, live a country life, and enjoy the work of a single practitioner.

But when David Rein died of a heart attack she was back in D.C., handling the case. It didn’t take a year. “Soup to nuts, it took ten years,” she said, ending in a settlement, where the plaintiffs were handsomely rewarded and “we got substantial attorney fees,” Anne said.

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**The birth of CALA**

Back in Maine, she continued her practice and did what never fails to thrill her. “I walk in the woods,” she said.

In the 1970s she had been a co-counsel for the Center for Constitutional Rights. Working there educated her on Central American issues and the proxy wars the United States was funding against leftist movements.

In 1985 in Maine she met a nun who was working in Guatemala with campesinos struggling against right wing military dictatorships. “I realized that here, the worst thing that could happen is you would lose your job,” Anne said “These people were losing their lives.”

Maine was going to have to get along without her again. Through the activist grapevine, she heard about a church in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, Transfiguration Catholic Church, helping immigrants fleeing politically motivated violence in their home countries.

Anne set up the Central American Legal Assistance in the basement. She litigated the first national class action against a sitting immigration judge, winning an injunction against his abuse of authority. Through CALA, she’s won major asylum cases in the Second Circuit.

Williamsburg is fashionable now, but not when CALA moved in more than 20 years ago. Some things haven’t changed, though. “Our office still floods when it rains, but other than that—and very low pay—it’s a neat place to work,” Anne said.

On the staff of seven are two attorneys, including Heather Axford, who came on board as an intern in 2006, and isn’t shy about praising her boss and colleague.

“I learn as much from Anne’s skilled oral arguments in federal court as I do from her ability to gain the trust and confidence of a survivor of torture,” Heather said. “She’s a great example of why more experienced attorneys should stay in direct services—the benefit to the client is immeasurable.”

Maine hasn’t been totally abandoned. “I spend about a month there every year,” Anne said. “I have a little solar cabin, and I walk in the woods.”
Amy Novick

It’s a good bet that if you asked Steve King about Amy Novick, ’84, the Republican congressman from Iowa would not have kind things to say. The same goes for his colleagues, Minnesota’s Michelle Bachmann and Ben Quayle of Arizona.

All of the above—with Mr. King heading the pack—made Amy’s and Immigrants’ List’s (IL’s) “Immigration Hall of Shame,” a top ten list, as she wrote, “of the leading marshals of the anti-immigration reform agenda.” The list wasn’t circulated among immigration lawyers as a joke e-mail but was published on The Huffington Post in April.

King took top (dis)honors for, among other things, comparing immigrants to “livestock,” or proclaiming you can often tell immigrants are illegal by the kind of shoes they’re wearing.

For Amy and IL, the list is an essential outing of public officials who are “obstructing the immigration reform that Americans want, need, and deserve.” In August an updated list with new shame inductees went up on The Huffington Post. Amy wrote: “Every time an opponent of immigration reform engages in a campaign of fear and misinformation, that’s just another win for the dangerous status quo.”

Speaking recently, Amy said, “We have ten million people in this country, undocumented, who can’t participate and are facing Draconian laws.” She noted the last serious immigration reforms occurred more than a generation ago. “And now everyone knows nothing will be done until after the next election.”

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There's also hypocrisy at play. “Even the most conservative people wax nostalgic about their immigrant heritages,” Amy said. “It seems that for many people, after they came, they want to just shut the door.”

She can play a mean media game to score points for her mission, but she walks the walk through her of counsel role with The Haynes Immigration Law Firm in Washington, D.C. Amy has successfully united parents with their adopted children when the State Department had ruled the children were not orphans. She’s obtained “extraordinary ability” status for many immigrants to enter the United States, including an undocumented ballet dancer, and worked on a successful lawsuit compelling the government to act in a case of ideological exclusion of a Bolivian political scientist. Mostly though she represents regular, ordinary folks trying to do the right thing when it comes to immigration. She also serves on the American Immigration Council’s Board of Trustees and is active with Immigrants’ List, the pro-immigration political action committee.

Amy’s zeal to defend the unwelcomed and oppressed extends to teaching tactics to students at her alma mater to fight for human rights. And she was a founding member of the board of directors of The D.C. School of Law’s Center for Immigration Law and Practice, now a formal clinic at the school.

The travellers

Amy’s roots go back to “Bloodlands,” from where Timothy Snyder drew his new book’s title. These are the open plains of Eastern Europe caught between warring nation states, with generations of average people trapped in the middle of an historical meat grinder. She grew up in an extended family in New Jersey, where her father and mother ran a small shop. Her grandparents, immigrants who had come from Belarus and Russia, lived upstairs.

“They pretty much left because of pogroms and anti-Semitism,” she said, describing the older generation as being stoic and reticent when speaking about their European past. “They’d talk sometimes about their hometowns, but not the countries they’d lived in. And they spoke Yiddish, especially if they wanted to talk about things they didn’t want children to hear.”

She was politically formed in high school, catching the wave of the anti-war movement and the McGovern campaign. At Clark University in Worcester, MA, she studied government with an emphasis on international relations. She also studied abroad at a London School of Economics program and a semester in Israel, working on a kibbutz and attending the University of Haifa. Remembering Israel, Amy grows pensive especially when she speaks of spending time in the Sinai Desert. “It’s beautiful… No, it’s phenomenal.”
Recently she took a sentimental journey back to London with her two children, Kenny and Carly, and husband Tom Clark, ’82, who works for the National Labor Relations Board.

“It was fun to show them where I’d lived,” she said. But the Proustian taste-memory of her London year remains elusive. “I loved a certain kind of biscuit, McVitie’s Digestives,” she said. “Close friends still give them to me, but for some reason, they never taste the same.”

An advocate with empathy

With a degree, and experience in the wide world, Amy thought she was finished with school. “I wanted to get a job and go to work,” she said. But working for a while as an administrative assistant typing amicus briefs for a human rights organization was a clue her talents would be better employed writing those briefs.

She chose Antioch because of the hands-on approach. “Very few law schools had clinics in the first year,” Amy said. Walking into a classroom on her first day, she knew she’d made the right choice. “There was a bumper sticker on the board that said: ‘Question Authority.’ And it meant not just the government, but all authority, including our professors.”

She became interested in immigration law right away and was headed overseas once more after scoring an internship to do research for The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Geneva.

Back home, she became editor of Antioch’s Law Review and was launched on a career as one of the premiere immigration advocates in the country, working diligently and often behind the scenes as deputy director of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) for almost 20 years. She ran AILA’s education program—helping to teach lawyers to be better lawyers—to later shining a spotlight on anti-immigrant politicians on one of the sharpest political websites on the current scene and in private practice.

Amy said that many of her clients are immigrants who have been here a long time and feel “very Americanized.” She’s represented everyone from low-income and working people to a documentary photographer to a ballroom dancer. One of her clients, Richard Allen, a British economist, wanted to apply for a green card for himself, his wife, and daughter. Amy helped secure the papers in a year’s time.

“She was clear, straight forward, and friendly,” Allen said. “When I questioned her opinion on some points relating to the drafting of recommendations, she would say, ’You may think I’m exaggerating my skills and qualities, but I know what will impress the U.S government officials.’ This is a good measure both of Amy’s skills as an attorney, and her warmth and empathy as a human being.”

One goal of hers is to represent artists who want to come, live, and work here. “I’d love to be able to be paid in art. But mostly,” she said, “I’d like to see meaningful immigration reform come soon. I’d really like to help immigrants who already live here legalize and see them become full participants in American society.”
At a conference at Rutgers University on U.S refugee policy, the discussion turned to an incident 70 years ago when a ship filled with Jewish passengers, fleeing almost certain death at the hands of the Nazis, was turned away from the safe harbors of America. One panelist, Fernando Chang-Muy, ’82, said, “The more things change, the more they remain the same.”

He explained that the issues of immigration and refugees are identical to the ones afflicting European people running for their lives in the 1930s and 1940s.

“People A hating people B,” Fernando told the conference. “What has changed are their faces. They are more likely to be Asian or African.”

As the Thomas O’Boyle Lecturer in Law at the University of Pennsylvania, where he teaches refugee law and policy, Fernando is unquestionably one of the world’s most vetted experts and knowledgeable scholars on displaced and oppressed people. But he doesn’t just find his information, insight, and values at the library. Attempting an escape from bigotry and poverty by crossing borders and fighting for dignity is in Fernando’s blood. Swarthmore College found that out in the early 1990s. School officials were looking for an individual to lead its newly minted Intercultural Center. The search committee was hoping to find someone with

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a powerhouse CV to counsel and work with Asian, Hispanic and gay students. Hearing this, Fernando thought: “Is this my dream job or what?”

Swarthmore quickly hired the Chinese-Cuban American gay lawyer and teacher.

Frying pan to fire

During the first part of Fernando’s father’s life, he had lots of luck. All bad. Escaping tyranny in China in the 1950s, he left his homeland and landed in Cuba, where he settled down, met his wife, and Fernando was born. It wasn’t long before he was on the move again, leaving Communist Cuba for America.

Fernando considers himself lucky. “Growing up there were many influences from my parents, their status as immigrants, and all the challenges they overcame,” he said. “I also had teachers in the religious schools I attended who emphasized charity and serving others.”

His chosen profession was, in retrospect, preordained. “My parents were always harassing me to call the immigration lawyer to ask about relative so-and-so,” he remembered. “My parents didn’t speak English so I was the bridge between home and outside.”

But it was literature and not the law that was the driving passion when he was a student. After completing a bachelor’s degree in literature at Loyola University in New Orleans, he went on to Georgetown University to study literary theory.

“I was studying to get a PhD and proposed a thesis topic which the committee thought wasn’t esoteric enough,” Fernando said. His idea was to turn his thesis into a textbook for high school teachers on how to teach literature from a Marxist, feminist, and structuralist perspective. When he was turned down he decided to sue, and he applied to law school to learn how. “A smarter thing to do would have been to talk to a lawyer who would have told me I had no grounds,” Fernando said. “But that’s how I got to law school—to learn a way to advocate for myself.”

Antioch

Literature would never be abandoned, but Fernando at Antioch found his voice, a method of instructing others, and his life’s calling.

“The best things about Antioch were the teachers and my fellow students, all of whom shared the same ideal of public interest law,” Fernando said. “I learned about sharing and collaboration and study groups where we all supported each other. And Antioch’s focus on nuts and bolts helps me to this day in structuring my classes.”

One example is an excellent lecture class on refugee law he gives at Penn. “I try to combine theory and practice—à la Antioch—by having students actually interview asylum in seekers to see how law impacts real people.”

Bonds made at Antioch have shown themselves to be unbreakable. “I lived in a group home for a year with a great group of fellow students and after all these years we’re still in touch with each other,” Fernando said.
Serving

After graduation, Fernando got a fellowship administered by Howard University and funded by Congress to do organizing and legal advocacy work in Philadelphia. Part of his responsibilities was to represent asylum seekers from Central America.

He then took a job at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. With his typical wit, Fernando said he was given the job “to get me off their back and stop papering them with asylum applications.”

He became one of the most valuable employees at the U.N., transferring to a post as Human Rights Officer in a global program on AIDS, where he taught governments and NGOs to set up polices for people suffering from the affliction.

He was on airplanes almost constantly, travelling to Europe and Asia and every airport in between. Back in the States, he began serving as an administrator in academia, and later, through a federal government grant, helped set up the Center for Survivors of Torture in Philadelphia, which grew to more than 30 centers around the country.

“Most of the participants in the ‘90s were from Africa, though there were others from Central and South America and Asia,” Fernando said. In his work he advocated for Albanians in Greece, Vietnamese in Indonesia, and Haitians at Guantanamo and in Jamaica.

“After 9/11, the government started vetting more carefully persons who were in the pipeline to be resettled in the U.S. as refugees,” he said. Although good for national security, he added, it’s caused hardships for vulnerable people who must leave untenable situations but have remained trapped outside, denied the promise of America.

All in the family

Helen Cunningham met Fernando in the early 1990s when he applied for a grant at the Samuel S. Fels Fund in Philadelphia, which she directs. “I was impressed with his no nonsense yet humorous approach to his work,” Cunningham said.

A friendship was born. “In the intervening years I’ve come to know Fernando, his partner, and daughter,” Cunningham said. “What a family. A white Jewish man, a Chinese Cuban man, and a black daughter. I’ve come to love all three, each for his or her qualities, but together as a tight, warm family.”

Len Rieser, a director of a public interest law firm in Philadelphia, and Fernando have been together for 30 years. They met when Len was a lawyer with the U.S. Department of Justice in the Civil Rights Division and Fernando was completing an Antioch placement.

“So I have Antioch to thank,” Fernando said.

When they settled in Philadelphia they adopted a ten month old baby, Isabel, now 18 and a sophomore in college.

“Life has been great and good and I’ve been, incredibly, incredibly lucky,” Fernando said.
Lesley Guyton, ’75, has practiced entirely in the area of Immigration Law since 1986 when a young woman from Mexico walked into her office (Lesley was an Indiana legal services attorney) with a “bag and baggage” letter from the then INS telling her to report for deportation. With the help of experienced immigration attorneys, Lesley was able to stop the woman’s deportation and assist her in obtaining her green card. In 1988, Lesley moved to Minnesota and set up her own practice which she now shares with her daughter. They have a varied practice but, after many years of handling political asylum cases, they now concentrate on family and employment immigration cases. She recently added a blog to her website, www.guytonlaw.com, and the first article is on recent pronouncements on “prosecutorial discretion.” guytonhome@comcast.net

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