

THE DAVID S. NELSON FELLOWSHIP

Starting the Legacy

*A Biographical Sketch of Judge Nelson
By Dahila Prince*



David Sutherland Nelson was born to immigrant parents in the Roxbury, Massachusetts in December of 1933. He was a normal kid that went through Boston Public Schools system and later went to Boston College and graduated in 1957. He later went to Boston College Law School in 1960.

After law school he worked as an attorney in a private law firm along with Joe Oteri, his lifelong friend. Judge Nelson took an even bigger step in the legal field by being appointed by President Jimmy Carter, as a District Judge for the first circuit of Massachusetts. His appointment is an historical event since it made him the first African American in Massachusetts to be appointed to this honorable and prestigious position.

Judge Nelson was a judge for over 20 years and while he was professional and certainly intelligent, he was also a people person. As many who knew Judge Nelson have mentioned, he had a unique sense of humor, which brought laughs and smiles to those around him. He was known as someone that wanted to make a difference in the community *and* the legal field.

Judge Nelson never did marry or start a family of his own in the traditional sense. However, he was a content and joyful person because of the people that surrounded him, like close friends and family. He also had a close bond with Joe Oteri's family and together they had accomplished a lot in their career by working side by side. As stated in our meeting with Mr. Oteri, "Judge Nelson had the ability to charm anybody. He was also well rounded primarily because of his mother. Enid was the glue that held the family together." Because of his upbringing and values that were passed down,

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"Justice is but Truth in Action"
~Louis Brandies

Judge Nelson understood those that were poor, lacked resources, or came from the inner city neighborhoods.

This summer the fellows have spend a great deal of time learning about Judge Nelson and his legacy. Thank you to all the judges of the Moakley Federal Courthouse and all the individuals that we met this summer. We really appreciate that they took the time to meet with us and share their stories and personal memories of Judge Nelson. It was also very important to have had the pleasure of meeting Joe Oteri. Also, thanks to my coordinators MJ Bastien and Marcela Dodi for sharing what they knew about Judge Nelson from their previous years as Nelson Fellows.

Locked Up: Visiting FMC Devens

By Elizabeth Olokun

“On August 6, 2012 The Nelson Fellows went to Fort Devens, a Federal Medical Center Complex and Federal Prison Camp in Ayers Massachusetts. We were scheduled for a tour of the prison but due to complications, we were denied entrance into the highly secured facility. Although very sad and upset at first, our attitudes soon changed. We were escorted into a visiting room where we had the opportunity to sit and talk with a panel of eight inmates.

The panel before us shared their inspiring and heartfelt stories. What is so inspiring about someone in jail? One may ask. What stood out and inspired me was not the stories told by each individual, but the resounding lesson emphasized by each. Tony with whom I spoke with personally after the panel, summarized this lesson for me:

“We did not come before you all to seek pity or to tell you how to live your life. We came here today, hoping that you can learn from our bad

choices. I am sitting here before you because I chose to not to listen to the ones around me that cared. If stayed I in school and did my best to stay out trouble, I would not be here today. Of course, I look back and regret what I have done and know many of us here do also. But I cannot and will not dwell on the past. I look to my future. I invest my time here in jail equipping myself as a person. I am a living example for the consequences of a bad choice and if seeing me here today will stop a young person from failing in the future, I have done

well.” He also stressed the importance of surrounding yourself with positive people because those around you reflect who you are. Friends are good to have but do not do anything to please anyone else because it is you that will serve the jail time, they will not do it for you. I went to jail on August 6th, 2012 and I met people. everyday people just like me. People whose choices had put them in a place no one wants to go to. The choices you make, really do affect your future.



The Buzz...

What are they doing now?

Escarolyn Garcia – was crowned Mrs. Latina Ethnic World 2012 this summer! She will be attending Bridgewater State in the fall. She was a Nelson Fellow in 2011 and she worked in Judge O’toole’s chambers.

A Women in Power

By Yewellyn Sanchez

Nominated by the president Obama and confirmed by the senate in 2009, Carmen Ortiz is the first Hispanic and first woman U.S Attorney.

“When you achieve your goals, don’t forget where you came from,” said Ortiz. She grew up in New York and her parents are originally from Puerto Rico. Ortiz is a well-rounded person. Growing up she wanted to be a judge. This passion led her to work in many areas of the legal field as a civil litigator, assistant district attorney, and state prosecutor among various things.

Ortiz loves being an attorney

because she can help people and she can make a difference. The U.S attorney works on an on call basis; there is always a challenge ahead. Ortiz loves the

challenges and variety throughout the day; there is always something new and interesting to do. Her main challenge was overcoming the stereotypes.

If Obama is not reelected, Ortiz wants to work in private industries and involve law in some way. She would also like to work with youth.



Special thanks to Brandy Donini-Melanson from the US Attorney’s Office for the photo.

Carmen Ortiz is an inspirational person, she is a role model for all Hispanics and women who wish to prosper despite the stereotypes and obstacles. She stresses the fact that you don’t have to be powerful to be a role model. Ortiz is proof that you can get as far in life as you aspire to be.

A Summer of Change

By Tanajiza Floyd



Over the last month my experience as a Nelson fellow has been inspiring because of the skills and information that I have learned. I really enjoyed Jamele Adams’ public speaking class because he taught to me how to be a more assured speaker. I loved his tactics that he used to make us stop saying “um” and “like.” He also taught me how to read and write better. Most importantly he help me become more confident in my abilities.

In addition, Jason Wise’s class taught me about civil rights and what our ancestors had to go through. He gave me a new outlook on life and always let me express myself freely.

Judge Dein is the best and I am sad that I have to leave her chambers. She made me feel important by always being so welcoming and funny. I will always treasure that rainy day she gave her umbrella, when I didn’t have one. I also will always remember when we had lunch together. I felt like she cared because she shared with me stories of her personal life and asked me about mine. Judge Dein is awesome and I am happy that I have her in my corner. I am happy that she oversees this program. I would never have seen myself in a courthouse with out a program like this. Now I see myself as a future lawyer and a judge!



The Flight of the Bumblebees: The Lindsay Fellows

By Lidia DeBarros

On August 3rd over forty people assembled in courtroom 8 of the Moakley Federal Courthouse to witness the graduation of another successful year of the Lindsay Fellowship Program. For the past three years, the court selects five or six college students interested in the law to work as fellows in memory of the late Judge Reginald Lindsay. Each Fellow is assigned to a judge during the first month of the

program and they also take an intensive legal research and writing course taught by a local law school professor. In their second month, the fellows go to either the US Attorney's Office or the Federal Defender Office.

This summer we had six outstanding Lindsay Fellows that came from various colleges and backgrounds. In addition to their class they met several influential people in the law field.

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A Man of the People

by Rachel T. Dunning

to meet him.



Special thanks to the governor's office for the photo.

A vastly notable and anxiously anticipated day for us Nelson Fellows was meeting with our Governor, Deval Patrick. After arriving to the State House, many of us were up on our toes because we were expecting to see the governor at any second. We were all on our best behavior because nobody wants to look bad in front of such an important figure. Not knowing the building too well, we treaded cautiously through the halls, and remained quite withdrawn up until the moment he entered the conference room where we were

We learned a lot in the short time that we were there. And with us we took some valuable lessons, such as accepting people for who they are, even when they make mistakes. As basic as this may sound, this lesson was invaluable coming from a role model or an influential person. Even the most powerful and revered figures can make simple human mistakes, like you and me. It teaches us to see everybody equally -no one as superior or inferior. Regardless, if you are an inmate, a teacher, or a politician, everybody makes mistakes and nobody should be prejudged on them.

Governor Patrick shared, "The mistakes that I have made aren't out of venality or cruelty, they're honest mistakes." Just because someone does something wrong, doesn't mean they're a vindictive person, it simply means they're human.

Unfortunately, Governor Patrick will be leaving us this upcoming term, as he plans to go back to his private life. However, that doesn't change the fact that he's a man of the people, and will do whatever he can to make an improvement in society. Meeting Governor Deval Patrick was a great honor for me, and I'm sure it was for the other fellows as well. I hope this opportunity can be afforded to future fellows.



Bottom Line: College Planning Can't Get Any Easier

by Emily Soto

The BottomLine office provides college assistance to low income and first generation urban students in Boston, Worcester and New York City. Once accepted into BottomLine a student is paired up with a mentor, who is there for the student through *everything* –from the college planning, financial aid, scholarships, the final decision and during college.

The first step as a rising senior is selecting potential schools and brainstorming essays. Second your mentor helps you with your Common Application, supplements, and fee waivers. Next is the most important process, FAFSA and CSS profile, which determines your need, based financial aid. After the process is done and sent in the most exciting part arrives, acceptance and financial aid letters!

Your Bottom Line mentor helps you compare all of your acceptance letters along with the financial aids of the FAFSA and the school, to choose which one is a best fit.

Bottom Line also has a Success Program for college students to provide guidance and assistance throughout their years in college. Bottom Line is successfully recognized as one of the best non-profit organizations, assisting nearly 2,000 students throughout their high school College Access program and Success Program. The best quality that BottomLine is famously known for its “realistic” mentors match you up with the right colleges for you based on your gpa and Standardize Test Score. Overall, Bottom Line has made the college application process less stressful for students and an exciting journey!

The Buzz...

What are they doing now?

Termaine Kidd was a fellow in 1998 and had the pleasure of shadowing Judge Lindsay. He is currently an attorney for the Massachusetts State Police.



CHAIN OF MEMORIES: JOE OTERI

By Garry Gabriel Jr.

When I looked at the Nelson Fellow calendar and saw Joe Oteri's name, I did not comprehend the significance that he held in Judge Nelson's personal life and legacy. As he shared numerous events and moments that he had with Judge Nelson, Uncle Joe, which I have now come to call him, depicted a side of him that I unfortunately would never experience.

He shared memories of the many practical jokes Judge Nelson would play on him. He told us about how whenever Judge Nelson was with his children he was always up to no good -whether it be late night pillow fights or cracking jokes. It was great to hear these humorous tales especially because it made him more real.

Not only did Uncle Joe express his best friend's humor, he gave us insight into Judge Nelson's benevolence. Although he had the prestigious authority of a judge, he never allowed that to harden his heart. Even when convicting those who stood before him, he attempted to help them in whatever way possible. No matter who it was, Judge Nelson believed that everyone could change. It is that exact humanitarian nature that separates Judge Nelson from judges. There was something special about that man.



To many it may seem that our discussion with Joe Oteri was merely just a history lesson about Judge Nelson, but there was more to that. I, personally, feel that I can better comprehend the influence that Judge Nelson has left on the Moakley Courthouse and all who inhabit there. I have always felt proud to be a Nelson Fellow but learning a little bit more about him has instilled a new sense of pride within me, which is why I strive so hard to make him proud. My fellows and myself are his living legacy.

It was amazing to hear Judge Nelson's life story and it made me feel closer to him, although he has been gone for so long. After this experience, I have only one advice for future Nelson Fellows. That is to be proud of being a fellow and to carry on Judge Nelson's legacy. We fellows all represent him and his efforts. Let us not fail him. This is his life. This is his legacy. This is his chain of memories.



THE FLIGHT OF THE BUMBLEBEES (continued from page 2)

On their graduation day, these amazing students had the opportunity to prove themselves in front of friends, relatives, teachers, coordinators, attorneys and judges to show how much they learned during their time in the courthouse.

Before their graduation ceremony, the fellows competed against one another in a moot court before the Honorable Judge Casper and the Honorable Judge Dein. One of the Lindsay Fellows, Annabelle Rodriguez described the moment as a bittersweet one. All the Lindsay Fellows felt nervous, excited, sad, and relieved all at the same time. They all agreed, however, that they were above all prepared, for they worked as hard as they could throughout the summer and by doing so they also honored the legacy of Judge Lindsay.

Alexis Hamden, the fellow's legal research and writing instructor, described this year's group as motivated, capable, and overall awesome. The 2012 Nelson Fellows were also present and witnessed with great excitement the inspirational graduation of the college students they spent the summer looking up to. The moot court was unbelievable, as described by Judge Casper and Judge Dein, and showed how much potential all six of these students have.

Afterwards, for the graduation ceremony, Chief Judge Wolf highlighted in his speech the extraordinary human being that Judge Lindsay was and how much he cared about

his fellows. He read remarks made by Judge Lindsay himself during the Nelson Fellowship graduation in 2004, in which he compared the fellows to a bumblebee. Despite all, the bumblebee flies, and on their graduation day the Lindsay Fellows proved to everyone that they fly too, beyond all our expectations. Judge Casper and Judge Dein also expressed how much they



enjoyed the enthusiastic, bright, and energetic presence of these students throughout the summer, who became a part of the extended chambers family of each Judge who welcomed them.

The ceremony ended with Paola Ozuna speaking on behalf of all the Lindsay Fellows. She thanked everyone who made it possible for them to have this privileged opportunity. What struck me, however, were not her words but the tone with which she spoke. A joyful, happy and, above all, comfortable tone that proved better than any words possibly could, how this courthouse became an important part of their lives.

The day ended with good food, pictures, laughter, tears, and lots of hugs amongst the fellows who during these weeks became more, much more, than simply co-workers. They are now friends, but most importantly, they are Lindsay Fellows for life and this bond can never be broken. As once said by the Honorable Judge Stearns, whom I as a Nelson Fellow had the pleasure to shadow this summer, the Lindsay Fellows are the living legacy honoring the memory of a great judge whose name will always be connected to theirs.

Nirson DaSilva is a senior at UMASS Amherst majoring in History. He worked in Judge Young’s Chambers and later in the Federal Public Defender’s Office. Nirson intends on going to law school and someday hopes to become a top immigration lawyer.

Janeal Hoyte is a recent graduate of UMASS Boston. She majored in Criminal Justice and Sociology with a minor in English. She worked in the chambers of Judge Collings and in the US Attorney’s Office. Janeal hopes to become a corporate lawyer one day.

Rosanna LoGrasso is a senior at Boston University, majoring in Sociology. She interned with Judge Dein and later in the US Attorney’s Office. Rosie was a Nelson Fellow in 2008. She hopes to join Teach for America after she graduates and eventually hopes to go to law school and aspires to become an assistant district attorney!

Paola Ozuna is a senior at UMASS Amherst, majoring in Political Science with a concentration in International Relations. She shadowed Judge Gorton and worked in the Federal Defender’s Office. After she graduates Paola plans on working for a human rights organization abroad. Paola ultimately wants to attend law school.

Annabel Rodriguez is a senior at Boston University, studying Political Science and Italian. She interned with Judge Casper and at the US Attorney’s Office. Annabel plans to go straight through to law school after she graduates next spring.

Jessica Vallejo is junior at Boston College. She is a Political Science major and an International Studies and Women Gender Studies double minor. She shadowed Chief Judge Wolf and worked at the US Attorney’s Office. This fall Jessica will be studying abroad in Venice, Italy! She hopes to go to law school and focus on immigration and family law.

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Lindsay Fellows with Jeanette McGlamery, Judge Lindsay former law clerk

Lindsay



Fellows with Magistrate Clerk Anthony Owens

Fellows



Fellows with Mo Cowan, the Governor’s Chief of Staff

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Autumn Avila is a rising senior at Another Course to College. In college she hopes to major in English. She ultimately wants to go to law school and become a career law clerk. Autumn spent the summer in Judge Young’s chambers and in Chief Judge Wolf’s chambers.

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Erika Damas is a rising senior at Boston Latin Academy. Brandeis is her dream school. Erika wants to go to law school and hopes to work as a prosecutor for World Courts one day – trying warlords! She interned in Judge Stearns’ chambers.



Lidia De Barros is a rising senior from Brockton High School. She moved to the US from Cape Verde, a year ago. She hopes to attend Boston University School of Engineering. She is interested in studying Biomedical Engineering. She spent the summer interning in Judge Stearns’ chambers.

Rachel T. Dunning is a rising junior at Brighton High School. She hopes to attend Brown University once she graduates. She is interested in becoming a scientist or a corporate lawyer. This summer Rachel shadowed Judge Casper.



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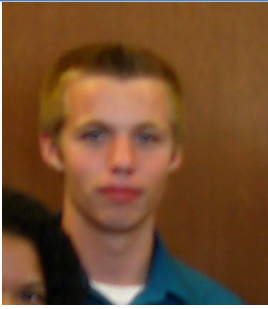


Tanazjia Floyd is a rising senior at Madison Park Technical Vocational High School. She wants to go to college and study accounting and law. She spent the summer in Magistrate Judge Dein’s chambers.

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Garry Gabriel is a rising senior from Brockton High School. He is our musician and hopes to attend college and later attend medical school or law school. Garry worked with Judge Sorokin’s chambers.





Michael Michalak is a rising senior at Worcester High School. He hopes to go to a college that has an ROTC program and later become a military police officer in the marines. Michael has spent the summer in Judge Saris' chambers.

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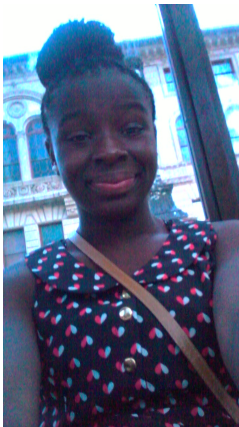
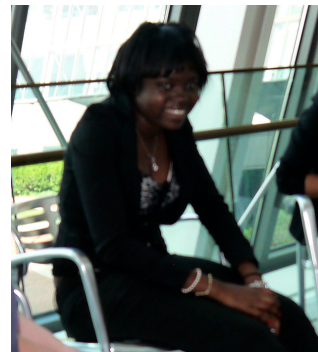
Fadumo Mohamud – is a rising senior at Excel High in South Boston. She hopes to pursue a career in psychiatric field. She hopes to connect her passion for science and math in college. Fadumo shadowed in Judge Casper's chambers.



Carson Passe is our token jock. He plays football and *really* wants to go Georgetown University. He is very interested in going to a college that has an ROTC program and hopes to join the marines. Carson worked in Judge Gorton's chambers.

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Dahila Prince – is a rising senior at Charlestown High School. She is Jamaican and she hopes to attend UMASS Amherst. She wants to go to med school *and* later also attend law school. Dahila is working in Judge Boal's chambers.

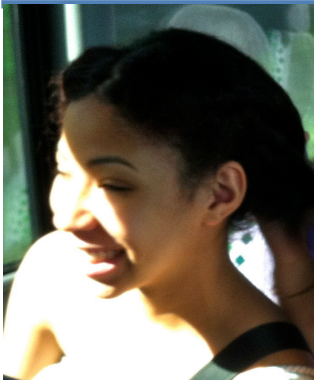


Elizabeth Oluokun – is a rising junior at Worcester High School and wants to go to Stanford. She is not sure what she wants to study but she is passionate about sports –soccer specifically. Elizabeth is thinking about becoming a sports broadcaster at some point in the future.

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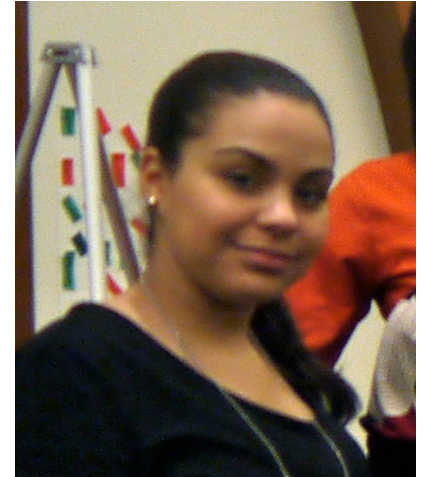
Chris Samuel – is a recent graduate from English High School and is attending Clark University, Atlanta in the fall. He hopes to become a civil rights attorney or an international corporate lawyer. Chris spent the summer in the chambers of Judge O'Toole.





Yewellyn Sanchez – is a rising senior at Excel High School. Yewellyn wants to become a maternity nurse or study journalism in college. She shadowed Judge Zobel this summer.

Emily Soto is a rising senior at Edward M. Kennedy Academy for Health Careers. Boston University is her dream school. After undergrad she hopes to become a social worker and later become a DA for juveniles. Emily spent the summer in Judge Dein’s chambers.



The Coordinators & Overseers

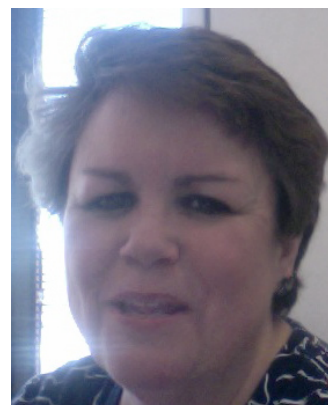
Marieljane “MJ” Bastien is a senior at Boston University majoring in Political Science with minors in English and Women Studies. She hopes to teach abroad after she graduates and then go to law school and focus on juvenile law! She was a fellow in 2008!



Marcela Dodi is entering her fourth year at Brandeis University. She is studying Women Studies and Politics. She hopes to work in international and human rights sector. She hopes to go to law school. She was a fellow in 2008.



Magistrate Judge Judith Dein & District Judge Denise Casper are the current overseers of both the Nelson & Lindsay Fellowship Programs!



Ginny Hurley is the backbone of the Nelson & Lindsay Fellowship Programs. She is really awesome!

Breaking the Bank... and Then Some: Bankruptcy Court

By Autumn Avila



Bankruptcy is something that many people hear about, but they may not know what it actually is until they find themselves having to file for it. Even still, going through the process after filing for bankruptcy is difficult. Not only are you under a lot of pressure, but you have to learn new terminology and meet new people all at the same time.

There are two kinds bankruptcy: Chapter 7 and Chapter 13. In a Chapter 7,

a judge will usually not preside over it. Chapter 7 is more based on the debtor and lawyers for both sides having a discussion about how the debtor got to where he or she is and what would be a good way to fix it. In the example the Nelson Fellows saw, the debtor, Sally Spender, was only paying the minimum amount back to the credit card companies. She was using credit cards to pay off other credit cards as well. Sally got laid off from her job and was unable to find a new job until eight months later. In the mean time, the debtor spent money on a new iPod, laptop, and gifts for friends and family. Obviously, she was spending money on things she did not need. Throughout the meeting, the lawyers worked to come up with a solution. Although a decision might be made on how to pay, there are still many pros and cons when one files for bankruptcy.

The bad news is that filing for bankruptcy will ruin your credit score. Also, as one goes to court to discuss reasons why he or she has no money to pay back what he or she owes, they have to pay the lawyer that is there to help us. In the example, Sally Spender had to scrape together money and borrow money from family members, making her even deeper in debt to the people around her. Also, filing for bankruptcy does not help pay for what is owed. The good news is that the person that files for bankruptcy will stop receiving collection calls, letting them get back to normal. It should also give one a feeling of satisfaction knowing that something was done about a towering problem.

My Experience in Class

By Fadumo Mohammed

Babe Ruth once said, “The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don’t play together, the club won’t worth a dime.” The Nelson Fellows are the perfect representation of Babe Ruth’s quote because we’re not literally world stars. However, we as individuals have already made efforts to improve the world, and together we validate this quote even more by learning to work as a team and knowing that we absolutely are worth the dime. Physically and mentally coming from different soils, we often had our own analytical view of the world in which we live, but at the end of the day we had a common ground of what was considered justice and ways to maintain it. Over the course of six weeks in the Nelson Fellowship, we have built a bridge for not only the importance of academics, an understanding of the law and the justice system, but to the commitment to be future leaders. We understand what we want to pursue in the working field that we’re soon taking part in, and becoming good representation of leaders before us. We Nelson Fellows have had variety of classes to help us become good at understanding the complexity of social and political problems that exist or have existed in past years. We have taken both a civil rights and a public speaking class.

In our civil rights class we’ve understood the earnestness of “power hungry” regarding race dominance and the way of minorities (e.g. people of color, the Jewish people during the Holocaust) were often placed on the bottom of the hierarchal ruling existing then. The purpose of this class was to help us grasp the effects of the choices people make and its long-term effects. We learned about the different effects of being bystanders as opposed to “up standers” (standing up for one

despite emotional barrier caused from other individuals). We’ve learned to become advocates for justices and equality. We’ve read about “little things are big” by Jesus Colon, a young colored man, refuting whether to help or not to help a white women in need, but eventually chose not to because of academic understanding of social segregation in the past. That story taught us about the importance of education and



how it can sometimes set unnecessary awareness in social contributions. We did many group and individual works that helped each of the fellows learn about the other. We learned to understand one another and others by working in small groups, reading passages, and acting out what we’ve read. What I and the rest of the fellows enjoyed most besides everything would probably be acting out

important events like the “little rock nine”, and personal experiences regarding social problems.

In our following class, we learned to become capable of what normal people may find frightening, it being public speaking. In the public speaking class we had many discussions, about individual experience regarding confidence in what we say, and ways to maintain it. Breaking into two groups -Legacy and Future Leaders of Law. As groups we constantly debated topics regarding social problems like abortion, undocumented immigrants. We become strong and passionate about debating and public speaking. What we learned become a strong mechanism for not only debating and public speaking, but also easier to distinct good and bad writing. In addition we learned to be in control of what we say, and how we say things and avoid things that disengages audience. These are the small techniques that have helped us become strong and confident individuals in the leading world. What I admired most about this class besides the teachers’ enthusiasm and the class as a whole, is the way the fellows both Legacy and the Future Leaders of Law, made an durable impact in making this an endless experience.

The New Jim Crow Laws

By Erika Damas

Jim Crow, two short words and already the writer is struck with an enormous tidal-wave of feelings from confusion to guilt. The history that lies within these two words is then found crashing into the writer's mind with history lessons from grade and beyond.

I used to think that the days of Jim Crow was a "thing of the past." But after meeting with Miriam Conrad and the other attorneys and staff from the Federal Defenders Office, I see things a bit differently.

THE NEW JIM CROW: A COMMUNITY FORUM



"As the United States celebrates the nation's "triumph over race" with the election of Barack Obama, the majority of young black men in major American cities are locked behind bars or labeled felons for life. Jim Crow laws were wiped off the books decades ago, but today an astounding percentage of the African American community is incarcerated in prisons or trapped in a permanent, second-class status -- much like their grandparents endure theirs, who lived under an explicit system of control." (From the New Jim Crow, by Michelle Alexander)

SPEAKERS INCLUDE

BOB FRANKS: a sociology professor at Portland Community College
JOANN BARNETT: a former state representative and police accountability activist
JR. ROBINSON: a justice professor and author of the book "The Book and the Chain"
ANTHONY GREER: a former state representative and prisoner's rights activist
ALBERT UHL: chair of the Oregon Northeast The Black Working Group

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The *new* Jim Crow is the prison system in the United States. Conrad stated, "America is addicted to imprisonment." Coming from a lawyer who represents the persecuted and the so-called "bad people," it wasn't quite shocking to hear; but the weight of those statements made it feel as if it was beyond the scope of what I perceived to be a "defense attorney mind-set." Could it really be that America has turned the severe act of imprisonment that once was sentenced to those who'd committed the ruthless most unjust of crimes, into something so habitual and systematic that it can be labeled as the new Jim Crow?

One of the lawyers had brought up a fascinating point: our prison system feels as if locking up someone and throwing away the key is the best way to solve a problem but in actuality nothing is solved. Then I thought about it and the

thoughts in my mind got more in depth. Working at the courthouse had shed new light on what was being discussed at Miriam Conrad's office. What about the prisoners who get out but are repeat offenders –what do we do then?

After a few more in depth conversations, we, the Nelson Fellows, made our way back to the courthouse. The statement that was said earlier had stuck to me for quite sometime until I finally figured out the answer. Imprisonment has become habitual and apart of our lives; something so serve happens so often and we may not be sure if it is for all the right reasons.

Imprisonment in America has pushed many Americans into the back of the socio-economic bus, segregating the imprisoned from the non-imprisoned in every aspect of life. I realized that the "defense attorney mind-set" that I thought drove this statement to be, was actually not real; only to realize that this new Jim Crow was in fact what was real.



Men in Blue: Chief Linskey

By Carson Passe

Daniel P. Linskey was appointed superintendent-in-chief of the Boston Police Department in 2007. He was a seasoned officer who worked for the BPD for 23 years already before becoming superintendent-in-chief. He has worked on patrol, investigation, training and drug control assignments. At age 19 he became the youngest person to ever pass the BPD exam.

25% decrease in overall crime in Boston

He truly knows how dangerous the city of Boston can be, he is fighting vigorously to make sure these streets are kept clean.

He is described as “a quick thinker who has remained unselfish and helpful in the city’s fight to keep crime out of Boston neighborhoods.” Since his appointment there has been a 25% decrease in overall crime in Boston, even though the BPD has faced a shortage in employees and in their budget.

Chief Linskey is very efficient when it comes to motivating his men to go into communities and establish relationships

with the residents there. He wants to erase that social tension between police officers and the general public. He stated, “My men are out in all these neighborhoods in Boston to protect the people, not harass them.” He wants all residents of Boston to see BPD officers as their protection from all the crime and violence in the city, not as this faction who have the power to terrorize them.

Daniel Linskey starts his day at 4:15am. He is always checking on the public’s opinions to the BPD in the media. He is a very hard working intelligent man, who got to be where he is by just having what it takes to lead courageous men in hard times. He has faced many challenges and trials to get to where he is now but he never gave up, or compromised any of his ambitions in life. He is a very prime example of how the BDP is composed of men of valor and honor; they are the “Men in the Blue”.



My Experience in Chambers

I would strongly recommend getting involved with the Nelson Fellowship Program. This fellowship is an unique opportunity of a lifetime; specifically because it gives you the rare chance to gain experience in the field of law and meet with U.S. Federal Judges. The Nelson Fellowship Program is very prestigious by matters of professionalism. This is not the type of program to play around with because as fellows you must represent the courthouse. Here you will learn something new day to day such as networking skills, leadership skills, organizing skills and much more. you will gain a deeper insight into the legal field to help determine your future career goals.

First, I would like to state that working in my chambers has been a wonderful experience. Entering my chambers I felt welcomed; everyone treated me as an equal. during my time spent in my chambers, I have grown more educated upon law because of Judge O'Toole. Being assigned to Judge O'Toole has given me the opportunity to know him more as a person and obtain

By Chris Samuel

advice that I can use in my future endeavors. Although I did not have ample time to spend with my Judge, Judge O'Toole has become someone I look up to.

In addition, I enjoyed working in a professional setting, dressing for business purposes, attending meetings with inspiring individuals, and reading over legal documents. I have taken the task assigned to me very seriously because I have a strong interest in law. I get a thrill from learning. There is no such thing as being overeducated, and this job taught me something new every day. Getting involved with this program has shaped my idea more of becoming a Civil Rights Attorney.

In conclusion, this occasion has changed my life on account of my deeper understanding of law plus I now have a deeper interest of getting involved with the legal field. I wish that I had the time to stay longer, learn more, and develop stronger relationships but I would agree that my time spent here has been sufficient



Chief Marshal Gibbons

By Michael Michalak

In a visit to the U.S. Marshall Office the Nelson Fellows were given the opportunity to meet the Chief Marshal John Gibbons. The U.S. Marshall Office is the oldest law enforcement agency and still remains one of the most active and prestigious offices in the United States. It was established in 1789 by the Judiciary Act, originated by George Washington.

John Gibbons had the honor to be sworn in as U.S. Marshall in January 13, 2010 after having succeeded in an extensive career with the Boston Police. Chief Marshal Gibson's main responsibilities are to protect the judges, insure the safety of all the people that come in to the courthouse, and to investigate anything that threatens the courthouse or its judges.

The visit to the U.S. Marshal's Office was a life changing experience for me because I have always had an interest in law enforcement. I have always had the passion and knew that someday I might be involved and work in this field. However, until this summer I had not had

the pleasure to actually meet and talk to an influential individual such as Chief Marshal Gibson. It meant a lot to me personally to know that someone as busy and successful as he is took the time and really get to know us and answer any questions we had about his career. Chief Marshal Gibson inspired me to follow my dreams, persevere them and realize that it is because of people like him who inspire the youth to reach their full potential.



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