

# RISING TO THE CHALLENGE



2022-2023  
Impact Report

William & Mary Law School  
Immigration Clinic



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# FROM THE DIRECTOR

By any measure, the 2022-23 Academic Year was an exciting, busy, and impactful one in the Immigration Clinic. As I reflect on the close of another year, the words that come to mind are breadth and depth. Perhaps more than in any other year in the Clinic thus far, the students in Clinic not only worked on so many different types of cases, but those students working on Afghan asylum cases also had the opportunity to work with their clients from initial application submission all the way through to the clients' asylum interview with USCIS. These circumstances provided our students with unparalleled opportunities for growth and development of their professional skills, and our students once again rose to the challenge.

As you will see in the following pages, our students worked tremendously hard for their clients this year. They prepared a record number of submissions, saved our clients thousands of dollars through successful fee waiver applications, and secured multiple life-changing victories, all while expanding the Clinic's efforts through community events and policy-based advocacy. We could not be more proud.

Also, more than ever this year the Clinic was out in the community providing education and training on many aspects of humanitarian immigration law. We provided resources and training for area nonprofits and faith communities, lead Continuing Legal Education courses, hosted the Second Annual Fourth Circuit Asylum Law Conference, and participated in community-wide programming on pressing issues in immigration law and policy.

Through all of our efforts, we continue to live out our dual mission of training the next generation of attorneys while serving our community with dedication and expertise. Every year brings its own set of challenges and opportunities. Although each year may look a different from the last, the steady constant is our gratitude for our partners, donors, and supporters. We hope you enjoy reading about all we have done this past year, and we thank you for the role you play in ensuring success for our students, clients, and Clinic community.

*-Stacy Kern-Scheerer*

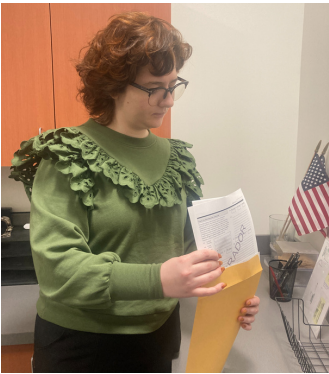
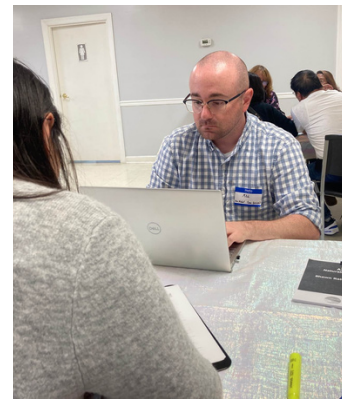
Director, Clinical Associate Professor of Law

# OUR MODEL FOR IMPACT

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The William & Mary Law School Immigration Clinic operates with two missions: first, to train the next generation of trauma-informed, culturally-competent advocates, and second, to help meet the immigration legal needs of non-citizens across Hampton Roads. These dual missions make the Immigration Clinic unique among other legal service providers in our region. Because the Immigration Clinic trains law students, some work may take more time as the students learn how to prepare applications and petitions. On the other hand, the Clinic is also able to leverage the diligence, enthusiasm, diverse experiences, and new ways of thinking that law students bring to the Clinic's work.



Training the next generation of advocates also means that the Clinic has an impact on noncitizens who need legal assistance far beyond Hampton Roads. As students graduate, many go on to work in nonprofits or take on *pro bono* cases for immigrants across the United States, becoming leaders in their firms and their communities.



# A RECORD NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE CLINIC

Enrollment in the Immigration Clinic has continued to increase each year, with the 2022-2023 Academic Year meeting an important milestone. All ten of the students who enrolled in the Immigration Clinic for the Fall 2022 semester chose to return to the Clinic for the Spring 2023 semester. In addition to the ten returning students, eight more students enrolled in Clinic I in the Spring. “The growth of the Clinic in the last three years has been amazing to experience,” said Clinic Director Stacy Kern-Scheerer. “The first time we offered Clinic II in 2021, we had capacity for four students. Now in 2023, we have expanded to ten students in Clinic II. This level of growth would not be practicable, and certainly would not be sustainable, if not for having two supervising attorneys in the Clinic. Bringing Nicole [Medved] on board has been critical to our expansion and success.”

This increase in enrollment meant that not only could the Clinic respond to more needs in the community, but it also gave many students the opportunity to see their cases through from the initial client meeting up to the client's asylum interview in Arlington. This year, seven students were able to attend or make an appearance in interviews and hearings before the Department of Homeland Security and Department of Justice.

“It’s hard to wrap my mind around that I was able to walk a case through learning how to conduct trauma-informed interview to going to the Asylum Office with my client,” said Melissa Box, J.D. ‘23. “At the same time, I was able to within the year work on citizenship applications, applications for asylum, work permits, and TPS. I feel confident that now, I can help a client in each of those matters. This is growth at its finest.”



# THE CLINIC BY THE NUMBERS

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## 15 COUNTRIES

Clinic clients have come from 15 different countries around the world, including Germany, Guatemala, and the Philippines.



## 8 LANGUAGES

Clinic clients speak eight different languages, including Spanish, Pashto, and Dari.



## \$12,800+ SAVED

The Class of 2023 saved Clinic clients over \$12,800 in government fees this year through approved fee waivers.



## 108 HOURS

Students enrolled in the Clinic spend an average of 108 hours per semester on their casework.

## Top 5 Countries of Origin

Afghanistan

Honduras

Mexico

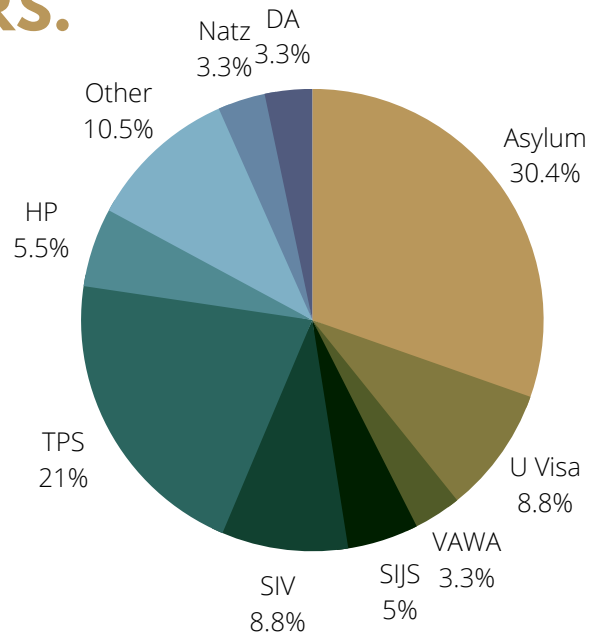
Venezuela

Russia

# STUDENTS MEETING THE COMMUNITY'S NEEDS

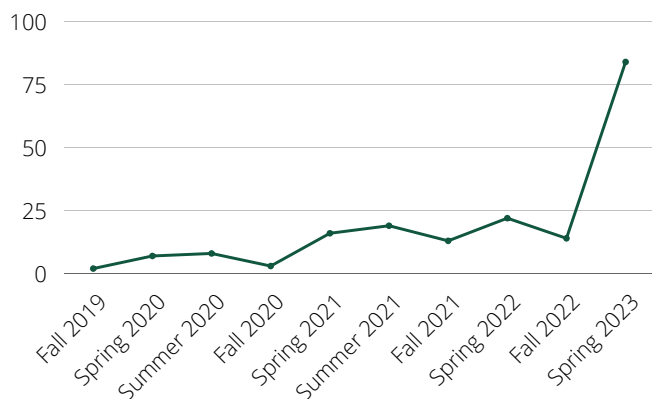
## STUDENTS IN THE CLINIC REPRESENT CLIENTS ON A VARIETY OF MATTERS.

The Immigration Clinic represents immigrants in the Hampton Roads region on a variety of humanitarian immigration matters, including asylum, visas for survivors of crime, protections under the Violence Against Women Act, Special Immigrant Visas for Afghans who assisted the U.S. military, deferred action (DA) naturalization, Temporary Protected Status (TPS), and more.



## STUDENTS' WORK RESPONDS TO THE NEED.

### All Submissions by the Immigration Clinic, by semester



Students in the Immigration Clinic work hard to represent their clients. Each semester, students are regularly completing and submitting applications for relief, motions and briefs, and supporting evidence. During the Spring 2023 semester, the Clinic significantly increased the number of Temporary Protected Status applications submitted in order to help Afghan clients remain in lawful status while their applications for asylum or Special Immigrant Visas were pending.

## The Hours Add Up

Since opening, Immigration Clinic students and staff have provided \$3.1 million in pro bono legal services.

# STUDENT EXPERIENCE

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Students in the Clinic develop advocacy skills in an environment that emphasizes trauma-informed principles of legal representation. During the course of the semester, students grow in their professional identity, practical lawyering skills, cultural competence, and commitment to a just immigration system of universal representation.

Through their work, students learn the methods and skills necessary to build client rapport and trust, craft trauma-informed interview plans, conduct interviews, work with interpreters, draft declarations, develop a record through intentional evidence gathering, counsel clients effectively, draft persuasive memos and briefs, and mitigate the effects of secondary trauma by practicing self-care techniques.

Many semesters, especially this year, students also have the opportunity to attend hearings and interviews before the Department of Justice and Department of Homeland Security.

## In Their Words

*Every law student should seek out the opportunity to work in a Clinic. My time in the Immigration Clinic has been my absolute favorite part of law school. In law school, you learn so much, but nothing can substitute for the experience of working for a client and learning by doing.*

-Jayde Morgan, J.D. '23





# STUDENTS VOLUNTEER AT CITIZENSHIP FAIR



Clinic student Harlin Oh J.D. '23 assists a green card holder with a citizenship application (November 2022).

**22,000+**

people are likely eligible to apply for citizenship across Hampton Roads



Clinic students Melissa Box, J.D. '23, and Nancy Rosen, J.D. '23 review a citizenship application (November 2022).

In Fall 2022, Immigration Clinic students and supervising attorneys volunteered at a Citizenship Fair in Virginia Beach. The Fair was sponsored by Gardner & Mendoza, PC and Tidewater Mortgage Services. At the fair, Clinic students and attorneys met with immigrants from all around the world and all walks of life to assist with their applications. Some applicants only had their green card for three years, while others for more than thirty years. Volunteer interpreters were available to assist with a variety of languages, including Spanish, French, Tagalog, Arabic, and Korean.

“Citizenship Day was meaningful to me because as someone who filed her own citizenship application alone, the process would have been so much easier had I attended a similar event,” said Harlin Oh, J.D. '23. “Today, I had the honor of assisting those who understand the privileges that come with becoming a citizen of a free country, and I am grateful to them for entrusting me to pave their way forward.”

“A lot of the law we study focuses on punishment, deterrence, or profits and losses, and other not always joyful topics. There are few golden opportunities like today that are just joyful,” said Melissa Box, J.D. '23.

According to the Department of Homeland Security, over 22,000 lawful permanent residents in Hampton Roads are likely eligible to apply for citizenship.

Inspired by their work at the fair in the fall, Clinic students put together a plan to hold a similar event at the Law School. The Immigration Clinic hopes to hold this event in Fall 2023.

# THE URGENCY OF TEMPORARY PROTECTED STATUS



In the Spring of 2023, several Afghan clients continued to wait for final decisions on their applications for permanent immigration status, such as asylum or Special Immigrant Visas. Many Afghans entered the United States with a temporary immigration status called OAR parole, which is set to expire two years after their arrival; for most people, this will be in August or September 2023. With many people having no decision on their asylum or SIV applications and their current status set to expire, the Clinic worked to find a solution that would help clients continue to work and remain in lawful status in the United States. For the majority of clients, that solution was Temporary Protected Status.

Students from Immigration Clinic I and Immigration Clinic II stepped up to assist individuals and families with Temporary Protected Status (TPS) applications to bridge the gap in status and work authorization. The students worked with Clinic clients to gather evidence to prove that they have been living in Hampton Roads, including documents like letters from friends and volunteer helpers, paystubs, report cards, records from English classes, medical records tax filings, bank statements, and even gym memberships. Overall, the Clinic submitted fifty-one TPS applications and related work permit applications in just the Spring 2023 semester.

“Given the enormous case backlog at immigration courts across the country, and the sheer number of applications submitted to USCIS every year, this temporary protection can be a lifeline for many people who have no other options,” said Mitchell Harrison, J.D. '23. “I hope that my clients will not actually end up needing TPS, that they will receive decisions that will afford them a more concrete sort of protection. But in the meantime, I am very glad that TPS is an option for them.”

# STUDENTS LEAD EFFORT TO COMMENT ON PROPOSED RULE

Clinic students Ashali Chimata, J.D. '23 and Olivia Ragoowansi, J.D. '23 wrote a comment on the Biden Administration's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking about new asylum policies at the border. In March, the Biden Administration sought comments to a new rule on asylum eligibility that was set to go into effect with the end of Title 42 in May. Now in effect, the rule creates a rebuttable presumption against asylum eligibility that is applied to most noncitizens who cross the Southwest Border, and it also contains three proposed exceptions to the application of this presumption.

The comment written by Ashali and Olivia focused on how even the exceptions to the presumption against asylum exclude many of the most vulnerable people. Among many other critiques of the rule, Ashali and Olivia described how the expanded use of the CBP One smartphone app hurts asylum seekers, especially those who have darker skin tones and those who do not have access to wi-fi in shelters.

“It was great to see Olivia and Ashali jump in with skill, sincerity, and passion writing their comment on the proposed rule,” said Director Stacy Kern-Scheerer. “They did an outstanding job. It is important that students really understand that legal advocacy can take many forms, and for our students to engage with policy in this way really strengthens their writing and advocacy capabilities and expands their professional wheelhouse.”



*Overall, the Proposed Rule does not address the true issues plaguing the immigration system; instead, it is meant to deter people from seeking asylum, much like the policies of the former Trump administration. The proposed presumption and these exceptions will create more confusion and delay for asylum seekers, making an already arduous process even more difficult to navigate for vulnerable, pro se applicants.*

*-Ashali Chimata, J.D. '23 and Olivia Ragoowansi, J.D. '23, in their comment on the Biden Administration's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*

# THE IMPACT OF THE CLINIC ON OUR GRADUATES

Because of the practical skills and training learned from participating in a Clinic, Immigration Clinic alumni graduate more confident and better prepared for the practice of law. In a recent survey of Clinic alumni, alumni said that some of the most important skills that they learned included research and writing skills, client communication skills, and trauma-informed interviewing. “I use the skills and information from this Clinic in my day-to-day work more than anything else,” said Majesta-Dore Legnini, J.D. '22.

The skills learned in the Immigration Clinic are also incredibly transferrable. The same survey of Clinic alumni showed that over 80% of responding alumni either practice immigration law full-time or *pro bono* or their work intersects with immigration law.

The training students receive through the Immigration Clinic is valuable not only to nonprofit work, but also to graduates going to work in Big Law. According to the Thompson Reuters Foundation 2022 Index of Pro Bono, 42% of responding firms offered *pro bono* services in Immigration, Refugees, and Asylum Law. This means that graduates of the Clinic are ready to join their firms as experienced counsel on important and complex issues, right from the first day. “The Clinic developed my passion for working with non-citizens and that passion has only since grown since I have been able to work with non-citizen families as part of my *pro bono* practice,” said Gabby Vance, J.D. '21.



*I am thoroughly convinced that the best thing an aspiring lawyer can do at W&M Law School is work for the Immigration Clinic. I was able to affect real change in the world, and for the first time, I got to try my hand at the practice of law. I wasn't analyzing a fictional fact pattern or memorizing cue cards. I wrote a motion for a real person. There is so much joy and satisfaction accompanied with writing a motion that causes lasting, positive change in another's life. This was why I went to law school, so that I could become a lawyer and help someone in need.*

-David Kierstead, J.D. '22

# A YEAR OF VICTORIES

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This Academic Year, the Clinic won several cases for recent and longstanding clients in a variety of matters. This year's victories reflect the many different types of cases that the Clinic takes to serve noncitizens in Hampton Roads. "From the very beginning, this Clinic was founded on the principle that our students would serve the noncitizens of Hampton Roads seeking humanitarian immigration protections," said Clinic Director Stacy Kern-Scheerer. "We learned quickly from our community members and partners that the need for representation transcends any one particular form of immigration relief. We are proud that we provide legal representation on a variety of humanitarian matters, reflecting where the true need is in our community."

Immigration cases are known for lengthy processing times and delays, meaning many students will not always be able to see the final result in a case to which they are assigned. On average, Clinic clients who have received a decision on their case have waited over a year after submitting their application, with some waiting nearly three years.

The following pages include anonymized versions of some of these clients' stories and the work of Clinic students to support clients through incredibly challenging circumstances.

## 372 DAYS

Clinic clients have waited an average of 372 days from submission of their application until they reach a decision, with some decisions taking more than 900 days.

## APPROVALS IN A VARIETY OF CASE TYPES

- Asylum
- Removal of Conditions on Lawful Permanent Residency
- Lawful Permanent Residency
- U Visas for Children Abroad
- Special Immigrant Juvenile Status

# LONG-AWAITED VICTORIES FOR CLINIC CLIENTS

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## The Clinic's First Afghan Asylum Victory

In March, the Clinic received its first approval of an asylum case for a client from Afghanistan. The client, Mr. R\*, was one of thousands of people evacuated from Afghanistan in August 2021 after Kabul fell to the Taliban. In the Spring of 2022, Valerie Stoneback, J.D. '22, and Mike Arnone, J.D. '22, were assigned to the case. Clinic Director Stacy Kern-Scheerer and the Clinic's Fellow Nicole Medved worked with Valerie and Mike to prepare Mr. R's case.

Valerie prepared several trauma-informed interview plans to talk with Mr. R about what he experienced in Afghanistan to get the necessary information about what he and his family had experienced. Mike then used what he and Valerie learned in the interviews to research conditions in Afghanistan relevant to Mr. R's case.

After months working with the Clinic, in July 2022, Mr. R had a three-hour-long, emotional interview at the Arlington Asylum Office. Based on his testimony at the interview, his affidavit, and the supporting documents submitted with his application, he was granted asylum. Looking to his future in the United States, Mr. R wants to one day go to college.

## A Green Card for a Survivor of Domestic Violence

Earlier this year, the Clinic received notice that one of its first clients' application to remove the conditions on her green card was approved. Ms. J\* was referred to the Clinic in 2019 by a local domestic violence shelter as one of the Clinic's first clients to help her to remove the conditions on her lawful permanent residency status. After nearly three years since the Clinic took her case, her petition has been approved by the Department of Homeland Security. Ms. J now has lawful permanent residency without conditions. Her next step in her immigration journey will be applying for US citizenship.

In the Spring of 2020, Louise Ellen, J.D. '20, was assigned to the case. Even during the COVID lockdown, Clinic Director Stacy Kern-Scheerer and Louise worked together to prepare Ms. J's entire filing: gathering and completing all of the necessary forms, preparing a statement by Ms. J about her marriage and the abuse that she suffered, and gathering evidence from multiple states and spanning more than a decade of Ms. J's life.

After 903 days, Ms. J's petition to remove her conditions was approved.

# SECURING A FUTURE FOR CHILDREN IN THE UNITED STATES

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## Approved Visas for Children of a Domestic Violence Survivor

In the Spring of 2023, a mother was reunited with her children for the first time in over a decade. Ms. S\*, a survivor of domestic violence, was referred to the Immigration Clinic by a local domestic violence shelter when the Clinic was founded. Ms. S had just been approved for a visa for survivors of crime and wanted to be able to bring her children to the United States. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic slowed down the process, making it impossible for her children to get the documents that they needed.

In Fall 2022, when Harlin Oh, J.D. '23, was working with Ms. S on her green card application, Ms. S continued to ask about her children. Harlin was driven to help Ms. S reunite with her children. Under the supervision of Attorney Fellow Nicole Medved, Harlin helped Ms. S's children complete the process to come to the United States. She also prepared the paperwork to ensure that the children would be able to stay in the United States and be able to work while they are here.

Just one day before their visas were set to expire, the children arrived in the United States. After more than a decade apart, Ms. S and her children are now living together in Hampton Roads.

## Victories for Children Who Suffered Abuse and Neglect

In the 2022-23 Academic Year, the Immigration Clinic received two approvals for Special Immigrant Juvenile Status cases. Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) is a pathway to lawful permanent residency (a “green card”) for children who have been abused, abandoned, or neglected by one or both parents, and for whom it is not in their best interests to return to their home country. SIJS is unique in that it requires an order from a state family court, which can then be submitted with other supporting evidence and required forms to the Department of Homeland Security.

After receiving the necessary decisions from local Juvenile & Domestic Relations Courts, the Clinic filed for SIJS on behalf of two children from Central America who had been abused and neglected by their parents. After about six months, the Clinic received approvals in both cases. Now the children are able to live safely with their new guardians, pursue their educations, and ultimately build a new life in the United States.

# PARTNERSHIPS & TRAINING

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Immigration Clinic attorneys and students regularly participate in community education and outreach events across Hampton Roads. Outreach and training help the Clinic to reach more potential clients as well as educate the community on emerging issues in immigration law and policy.

During the 2022-23 Academic Year, the Immigration Clinic attorneys presented at several outreach and training programs for students, attorneys, and members of the larger community. Clinic attorneys spoke at a variety of events throughout the year, including Commonwealth Catholic Charities' Refugee Day celebration, William & Mary's Women's Weekend, and a CLE presentation at McGuire Woods in Richmond as part of the Medical-Legal Partnership. Clinic attorneys and students also presented to undergraduate students from William & Mary and the George Washington University, teaching them about law school, immigration law, and the work of the Clinic.



*Director Stacy Kern-Scheerer and Fellow Nicole Medved at the James City County Community Wellness Fair (September 2022).*



*Clinic students present on a panel to undergraduate students from the George Washington University (April 2023).*



*Director Stacy Kern-Scheerer speaks at a World Refugee Day event hosted by Commonwealth Catholic Charities (June 2022).*



# CLINIC ATTORNEYS SPEAK AT WILLIAM & MARY WOMEN'S WEEKEND



In September 2022, Clinic Director Stacy Kern-Scheerer and Attorney Fellow Nicole Medved presented at William & Mary's Women's Weekend. Professor Kern-Scheerer and Nicole presented on their work advocating for immigrant women. Approximately fifty people attended the presentation. Attendees included current students, friends of the College, and alumnae, including members of the Society of 1918.

The presentation began by discussing the work of a law school clinic and providing attendees with an overview of the Clinic's growth since its founding in Fall 2019. Then, Professor Kern-Scheerer and Nicole focused on discussing the challenges that immigrant women face in seeking safety in the United States, including language barriers, access to reliable information, and the impacts of trauma. Throughout the presentation, they also addressed how students learn to address these challenges. Professor Kern-Scheerer and Nicole also discussed the importance of local partnerships. After the presentation, attendees had the opportunity to ask about current events and how to support the Clinic's work.

"Women's Weekend was a wonderful opportunity to meet and connect with alumnae, students, and friends of the College," said Professor Kern-Scheerer. "It is always wonderful to meet and share our work with such passionate and dedicated people from across our William & Mary community."

In 2018-19, William & Mary celebrated 100 years of women at the College. To commemorate this milestone, the university hosted the first-ever W&M Women's Weekend September 21-23, 2018. The event is now held annually.

# CLINIC DIRECTOR PRESENTS AT THE LOCAL LIBRARY

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In February 2023, Clinic Director Stacy Kern-Scheerer presented as part of the Williamsburg Regional Library’s One Book, One Community programming. In its fourth year, the One Book, One Community program is sponsored by the Williamsburg Regional Library. During the weeks-long programming, several community events are held focused on one book that the public is encouraged to read and discuss. This year’s selected book was *The New American* by Micheline Aharonian Marcom.

Professor Kern-Scheerer’s presentation kicked off the year’s events by putting the events of *The New American* in the greater context of current immigration law and policy. Professor Kern-Scheerer began her presentation by explaining the work of the Immigration Clinic and describing the challenges that Clinic clients face. She then discussed the complexities of seeking permanent status in America, as well as the current legal controversies surrounding the DACA program.

“The ‘One Book, One Community’ event was a wonderful opportunity to share the work of the Clinic with an engaged and excited audience,” said Professor Kern-Scheerer. “Books like *The New American* help many people put a face to the greater policy debates happening in our country. Events like this show people how these larger policy debates impact people right here in Williamsburg.”

Community events like these throughout the academic year have helped the Clinic to educate more members of the community on the Clinic’s ongoing work and on immigration law more broadly. The Clinic looks forward to continuing similar outreach and training opportunities in the upcoming year.

# THE FOURTH CIRCUIT ASYLUM LAW CONFERENCE



Panelists present on recent changes in Fourth Circuit case law, moderated by Gabby Vance, J.D. '21 (March 2023).



Professor Lindsay Harris presents on burnout in asylum cases and strategies for supporting attorneys' mental health, moderated by Sarah Meredith (March 2023).

The largest training event for the Clinic this year was the second annual Fourth Circuit Asylum Law Conference which was held in March 2023. The Clinic sponsored the Conference with Immigrant Justice Corps. The Conference, spearheaded by Attorney Fellow Nicole Medved, brought together practitioners from clinics, nonprofits, and firms to discuss developments in asylum law and policy, as well as strategies for representing cases at the Arlington Asylum Office and best practices for working with unaccompanied minors. Clinic Alumna and Associate at K&L Gates Gabrielle Vance, J.D. '21, moderated the panel on developments in Fourth Circuit case law.

“I was very honored to be the first ever Clinic alum featured at the Fourth Circuit Asylum Conference,” said Gabby. “I also learned so much during the Conference, and I cannot wait to take that information to help better the work I do for my clients daily. I cannot wait to see what the Immigration Clinic does next, and I feel so special to be part of the community.”

“I'm thrilled with the programming we had at this year's Fourth Circuit Asylum Law Conference,” said Attorney Fellow Nicole Medved. “Each year, we aim to build on the program from last year while also responding to changes in law, policy, and current events. The addition of best practices at the Asylum Office and programming on burnout among asylum attorneys are two great examples of responding to new and emerging conversations that attorneys are having. We're looking forward to next year's conference.”

# HOW YOU CAN HELP

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## DONATE

The Immigration Clinic relies on private donations and grants to continue our work. Your gift will ensure that our clients have access to quality counsel. You can give to the Immigration Clinic at [giving.wm.edu](http://giving.wm.edu).



President of William & Mary Katherine A. Rowe with Sybil Shainwald '48, LL.D. '19. Ms. Shainwald established the Shainwald Immigration Law Clinic Fund. Photo by Capture Photography

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## VOLUNTEER

No matter who you are, you can help immigrants in our community. Students can volunteer with the Clinic as interns or interpreters, doctors and counselors can volunteer to perform forensic evaluations, and accountants can volunteer to help file taxes. Contact the Clinic to learn more about how you can be involved.

## SPREAD THE WORD

Spread the word to help others learn about our Clinic. You can share this report or links to our blog on social media, share our infographics, or invite us to come speak to your group.

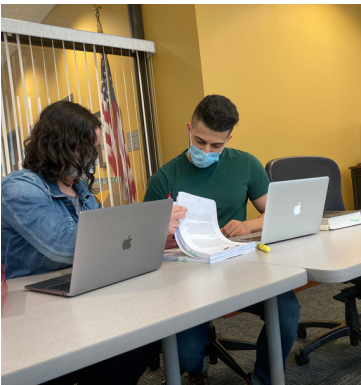
# HOW YOUR SUPPORT ADVANCES THE CLINIC'S MISSION

To sustain the Clinic's work and ensure its growth, the Clinic's top three priorities for funding are, in order of priority:



## CONSISTENT STAFFING OF THE CLINIC WITH A DEDICATED, FULL-TIME ATTORNEY

Ensuring consistent full-time staff in the Immigration Clinic is a top priority for the Clinic. A full-time, dedicated staff attorney in addition to the Director is necessary to sustain and increase the Clinic's capacity to represent more immigrants in complex cases, train more students, and educate the public on immigration law and policy.



## PAID INTERPRETERS AND TRANSLATORS

The Clinic currently relies on students and volunteers to act as interpreters and translators. Paid, dedicated interpreters for our most common languages, such as Spanish, Pashto, and Dari, will ensure that the Clinic can consistently communicate with all of our clients.



## STAFFING OF UP TO THREE STUDENT INTERNS OVER THE SUMMER BREAK

While classes may not be in session over the summer, the Clinic's work continues. Funding student positions in the Clinic will ensure that the Clinic can recruit the best students without regard to financial need or circumstances.

Your gift to the Immigration Clinic has an immediate, tangible impact on the rights of immigrants in Hampton Roads. Join the Clinic as a supporter today at [giving.wm.edu](https://giving.wm.edu).



# Thank you to our partners and supporters

*The Immigration Clinic is grateful for all of our partners across the Hampton Roads region. We recognize and work with organizations and individuals across the region to ensure that immigrants have access to the services that they need.*

- William & Mary Law School's Domestic Violence Clinic
- William & Mary Law School's Family Law Clinic
- William & Mary School of Education's Flanagan Counselor Education Clinic
- William & Mary Office of Community Engagement
- William & Mary Department of Sociology
- Commonwealth Catholic Charities
- Hampton Roads Refugee Relief
- Virginia Beach Commonwealth's Attorney's Office
- York County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office
- Williamsburg/James City County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office
- Williamsburg Police Department
- James City County Alliance on Violence Against Women
- James City County Department of Social Services
- Office of the City Attorney, City of Chesapeake
- City of Chesapeake Department of Social Services
- Transitions Family Violence Services
- Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia
- VCU Health System Medical-Legal Partnership
- Samaritan House
- Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters
- Williamsburg Unitarian Universalists
- Ohel Sholom Temple
- Avalon Center
- L&L Immigration Law, PLLC.
- Powell Law, PLLC.
- Gardner & Mendoza, PC.
- Bethany Christian Services
- Peter Ganser
- Saif Ahmadzai
- Russ and Sharon Baxter
- Jon and Kim Bridges
- Church of the Ascension Virginia Beach
- Immigration and Unity Ministry at Church of the Holy Family
- Crescent Community Center
- St. Martin's Episcopal Church
- Williamsburg Presbyterian Refugee Team

*and many, many more!*