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# **LOUIS D. BRANDEIS**

## **LEGACY FUND FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE**

### **GRADUATE FELLOW APPRECIATION**



## 2024 Louis D. Brandeis Legacy Fund for Social Justice Graduate Fellowship Recipients

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### **The Heller School for Social Policy and Management Institute for Economic and Racial Equity Summer Dissertation Grant Recipients:**

Aaron Camp, MA '18, PhD Candidate

Snehalatha Gantla, MA '20, PhD Candidate

Emily Su Ni Thoman, PhD Candidate

### **The Heller School for Social Policy and Management Master of Public Policy (MPP) Summer Internship Fellowships:**

Paulina Campos, MPP '25

Molly Finch, MPP '24

Paige Hemingson, MPP '25

Lal Kumar, MPP '25

Sam Larue, MPP '25

Adam Martin, MPP '25

Afnan Nehela, MPP '25

Josh Newhall, MPP '25

### **GSAS PhD Social Justice Fellowships**

Kwame Gayle, PhD Candidate, Sociology

Danielle Jacques, PhD Candidate, Sociology

Syed Taha Kaleem, PhD Candidate, Anthropology

Gowthaman Ranganathan, PhD Candidate, Anthropology

Dear Supporters of the Legacy Fund,

I write to express my heartfelt gratitude for receiving the IERE Racial Equity Fellowship funded by the Brandeis Legacy Fund to continue my research on Black churches as trusted institutions to help address racialized health inequities. Being recognized among a pool of talented scholars was an immense privilege. This fellowship was a remarkable opportunity for me as both a first-generation student, and as someone currently juggling a full-time job alongside my doctoral research.

I am profoundly grateful to the Institute for Economic and Racial Equity for recognizing the significance of studying the intricate complexities of racialized health inequities and the various forms of untapped community and cultural capital as tools to address them. I'm also grateful for the institute providing me with the means to further my research during this critical phase of my academic journey. As a student from the 2016 cohort, my personal journey has seen a variety of setbacks and challenges that have made the prioritization of my research difficult. This fellowship not only demonstrates your commitment to fostering diverse voices and diverse research topics, but also bolsters my determination to contribute meaningfully to academia, and to finish strong.

The financial assistance provided by the IERE Racial Equity Fellowship undoubtedly played a pivotal role in enabling me to dedicate my time and energy to advancing my research. It did not only alleviate some of the financial challenges associated with being a full-time working, first generation Black male student-- but it also enabled me to handle significant financial challenges, and thus provided more time for me to dedicate focus to my research during the summer break. Because of this, I had the opportunity to finalize and execute several study interviews and observations. The movement on the collection of this data helped me shed light on the ways Black church health programming takes shape and how these trusted institutions can assist in reducing racialized health inequities.

During the summer, I started the initial phase of finalizing the review of my qualitative data and setting the stage for the completion of the final dissertation chapters. Through the assistance of the fellowship, I have been able to dedicate time and effort to crafting the basis for which is the final set of chapters that my dissertation includes. This crucial step involved delving into an extensive array of data, research papers, and academic texts, all aimed at understanding the intricate landscape of Black churches and the funding sources available to them as anchors in their communities.

As I meticulously examined the body of existing knowledge, as well as the data collected from interviews and participant observations, I sought to identify gaps, contradictions, and trends that would form the foundation of my understanding for policy recommendations and future research on the role of Black churches. This process provided me with a deep understanding of the importance of various social, organizational, and financial assets within Black churches, and when responsibly cultivated, the utilization of these towards alleviating health inequities.

Please accept my sincere appreciation for this fellowship and the ongoing support from the Institute for Economic and Racial Equity. I am eager to share the progress and outcomes of my research with you and the wider academic community.

With sincere appreciation,  
Aaron D. Camp

Dear Supporters of the Legacy Fund,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to thank you for your support of the IERE Racial Equity Fellowship funded by the Brandeis Legacy Fund that allowed me to continue my research on philanthropic foundations' engagement with racial justice causes during the summer months. This fellowship was an incredible opportunity for me and a significant honor I sincerely appreciate.

The financial assistance provided by the IERE Racial Equity Fellowship provided me with the means to further my research during this critical phase of my academic journey. I had the opportunity to make valuable connections with philanthropic actors in the region, finalize the study plan and protocol, and begin data collection efforts. Starting this work over the summer has positioned me to make significant advances during the academic year while managing a full-time teaching role.

Over the summer, I began the initial phase of my dissertation journey and dedicated time and effort to immersing myself in the field. Through attending events, networking, and direct outreach, I gained new and valuable connections that will be central to advancing my research. I have conducted initial interviews with philanthropic leaders of color in the region to record their perspectives and experiences of foundations' racial justice and equity efforts since the Black Lives Matter protests of summer 2020. These interviews are a significant step for the larger component of my research, which examines how organizational conditions affect foundations' engagement with racial justice. Interviews conducted thus far have helped to clarify how the summer of protests in 2020 impacted philanthropic foundations, the changes and challenges philanthropic organizations have navigated since, where the sector stands today in meeting the commitments they made four years ago, and actors' sense of opportunity for transformative change. Significantly, conducting these interviews helped me to secure access for conducting an ethnographic case study of a philanthropic foundation in the region.

Now, I am eager to move my focus towards the central aim of my study – to shed light on how relational and organizational conditions can impact a philanthropic foundation's social change efforts. Thanks to the work I was able to do this summer, I am now positioned to advance my research to this next stage.

Thank you for believing in the potential of my research and providing me with this incredible opportunity.

With sincere gratitude,  
Snehalatha Gantla

Dear Supporters of the Legacy Fund,

I am writing to thank you for your generous support of the Brandeis Legacy Fund—and for granting me the honor of being awarded one of the IERE Racial Equity Fellowships alongside my esteemed colleagues. I am constantly inspired by the work at IERE and immensely grateful to be a part of this community.

My research broadly centers around how identity can help facilitate and impede solidarity building across racialized and marginalized groups. More specifically, I am focused on Asian American identity and solidarities with Black and Latine communities in the United States. This fellowship provided critical financial support that not only enabled me to continue working on my dissertation this summer but also figure out my funding plans for the next year of my PhD.

Over the summer, I worked on a few critical components of my dissertation. I completed the initial phase of my quantitative analysis by running several logit models across two different datasets. I sought to better understand the effect of Asian American identity on minority linked fate and the way factors such as Asian subgroup, generational status, etc. impacted this relationship. Thankfully, I ended up with some significant results! I also began the process of writing up my quantitative chapter and was able to receive an initial round of feedback from my committee. Finally, I spent some time brainstorming how I want to incorporate my quantitative findings into the qualitative phase of my project. All of the progress I made this summer has fueled my excitement to continue working on my dissertation this fall.

Receiving this fellowship has proven extremely helpful. As a graduate student, we often have more expenses than funds, and this support helped close that gap. For a wonderful three months, I was able to focus solely on my research. I hope to continue this spirit of giving and pay it forward to others.

Thank you again for your generosity and support.

Warmly,  
Emily Su Ni Thoman

Dear Supporters of the Legacy Fund,

My name is Paulina Campos, and I am a Master of Public Policy student at The Heller School at Brandeis University. I am writing to thank you for your generosity to the Legacy Fund at Brandeis. This funding helped support my summer internship.

This summer, I had the privilege of being an Early Education Policy Intern with the Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center (MassBudget). This position was supported in part through the Legacy Fund. As an intern, I assisted one of MassBudget's policy analysts with a mixed methods research project focused on the economic conditions and lived experiences of family child care providers in the Commonwealth. The project was oriented toward economic and racial equity implications, given that these providers are more likely to be women of color and more likely to operate in vulnerable communities. I worked with the Department of Early Education and Care to collect the latest provider data. I also worked with SEIU Local 509 to draft a portion of the report focused on the history and impact of union representation on family child care providers. I was excited and honored to contribute to MassBudget's research and analysis that will inform policymakers on this pressing issue, which significantly impacts children and working families across Massachusetts.

I am passionate about advancing gender equity through policies that address economic and racial disparities. Prior to coming to Heller, I worked in communications and public relations. I supported clients in the nonprofit and philanthropy space in reaching their advocacy and awareness goals through earned media campaigns and digital marketing. While this was exciting and rewarding work, I joined the MPP program at Heller so that I could strengthen my understanding of policy issues and ultimately become a policy analyst. My internship this summer has helped me work toward this goal and I hope to continue such work when I graduate from The Heller School at the end of this academic year.

Thank you again for your generosity and helping students like me advance equity and social justice through policy analysis.

Best regards,  
Paulina Campos

Dear Supporters of the Legacy Fund,

My name is Molly Finch and I am a Master of Public Policy student at The Heller School at Brandeis University. I am writing to thank you for your generous support to the Legacy Fund at Brandeis. This funding helped support my work with Arise for Social Justice.

This summer, I had the privilege to be an Environmental Justice Intern with Arise for Social Justice in Springfield, MA. This position was funded through the Legacy Fund. As an intern, I helped write a City Council Resolution for the City of Springfield to investigate the issue of mold, which is especially prevalent in low-income communities. I also collaborated with other interns to create a survival guide for Springfield residents that included key resources on many topics. Throughout the summer I attended meetings with the Live Well Springfield Coalition, a coalition of over 30 organizations and city representatives. This experience has helped me work towards a career in Environmental Justice policy work.

I am passionate about improving the lives of people who live in Environmental Justice communities. Prior to coming to Heller, I completed a service year with the International Institute of New England. I helped immigrants and refugees in the Boston area find jobs and practice English as a second language. My internship position this summer has helped me progress toward my dream job of working in a non-profit organization in Massachusetts, and I hope to continue such work when I graduate from The Heller School this December.

Thank you again for your generosity and helping students like me advance policy research at The Heller School.

Sincerely,  
Molly Finch

Dear Supporters of the Legacy Fund,

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Paige Hemingson, and I'm currently pursuing my Master of Public Policy at The Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University. I wanted to take a moment to sincerely thank you for your generous contribution to the Legacy Fund, which directly supported my summer internship experience.

This summer, I had the amazing opportunity to work with the Neponset River Watershed Association, where I focused on community engagement and environmental justice. My work involved collaborating with local organizations to expand access to green spaces in historically underserved neighborhoods, like Mattapan, Dorchester, and Hyde Park. I helped organize events, expanded access points on the greenway, and worked with the EPA to address environmental equity concerns. This hands-on experience was truly transformative and allowed me to see firsthand how policy can drive meaningful change for communities facing environmental disparities.

I would have been unable to devote as much time to NepRWA as I did, had I not received your support. This summer gave me the chance to contribute to something larger than myself and to the betterment of our local environment. I feel more prepared and inspired to continue this work after I graduate, knowing that I've had the opportunity to make a real impact.

Thank you again for assisting students like me and for helping make these opportunities possible. I'm deeply grateful and excited to carry the lessons I've learned into my future career.

Warmly,  
Paige Hemingson



Dear Supporters of the Legacy Fund,

My name is Lal Kumar and I am a Master of Public Policy student at The Heller School at Brandeis University. I am writing to thank you for your support of the Legacy Fund at Brandeis.

This summer, I had the privilege to work as a Policy Intern at the International School of Boston. This position was funded through the Legacy Fund. As a Policy Intern, I helped the International School of Boston to revise its gender and sexuality policy, designed behavior policy using restorative justice practices, behavior matrix, disciplinary infraction assessment form, and gift acceptance policy. This experience has helped me work towards my goals as a policy expert.

I was able to participate in reviewing existing research work and policies to improve efficiency and encourage an inclusive learning environment at IBS. I am passionate about policy design and analysis in the education and health sector. Before coming to Heller, I worked at Sindh Education Foundation, where I worked on various K-12 education programs through public-private partnership models. My internship this summer has paved the way to work as a policy expert in education and health sector in Massachusetts, and I hope to continue such work when I graduate from The Heller School in May 2025.

Thank you again for your generosity and for helping students like me to advance policy design and analysis skills and serve the communities.

Sincerely,  
Lal Kumar

Dear Supporters of the Legacy Fund,

My name is Sam Larue and I am a second-year Master of Public Policy student at The Heller School at Brandeis University. Thank you for your generosity which helped support me during a tumultuous time and will help me even more in the future.

From July to October, I had the privilege to be a Macro Policy Research Intern at the Southeast Center for Independent Living in Fall River, MA. Aside from a small stipend from SCIL, Brandeis' portion of my payment came from the Legacy Fund. As an intern, I work chiefly in a small group setting with representatives from nine other independent living centers in developing advocacy materials for housing and tax credit reforms. I work with clients in developing testimonials for policy memos given to Governor Healey's office and local housing authorities to promote a more humanist, disability-centric approach to affordable accessible housing commissions. This experience has helped me work towards a career in disability policy, while broadening my skill set in specific sub-policy fields and bridging the gap between large policy ideas and direct service provision to marginalized peoples.

My career goals focus on disability research and policy, and ensuring to explore these areas with different, more comprehensive lenses. I came to the Heller School directly from my undergraduate studies at Brandeis, and struggled for a while in attaining the research and analyst positions I strived for while looking for my summer internship. SCIL believed in me, though, and it has paid off in dividends. My research position has helped me finally break into the disability world, and ignited a love I now hold for the independent living movement. I hope to continue such work when I graduate from the Heller School this upcoming May. This aid will help me get on my feet independently and finally be able to move in with my fiancé soon. I cannot thank you enough for that.

Thank you again for your generosity and helping students like me advance policy research at The Heller School.

Sincerely,  
Sam Larue

Dear Supporters of the Legacy Fund,

My name is Adam Martin and I am a second-year Master of Public Policy student at The Heller School. Your support has allowed me to pursue my goals of developing my research skills to advance public policy, especially with improving access to resources for disabled people.

This summer, I had the opportunity to be a research intern at the Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center through funding provided by the Legacy Fund. This was a fascinating experience, where I got to be involved with the Center's work in promoting an anti-racist budget and achieving progressive policy goals to help working class families. I was involved with creating a report analyzing the impact of the Child and Family Tax Credit on families across Massachusetts. This work involved attending listening sessions in Quincy and Worcester, where I listened to recipients of these benefits discuss how this tax credit has allowed them to cover costs as well as how the program can improve. This experience has allowed me to work towards a career in policy analysis and research, learning about various programs and understanding how they impact various people.

I am fascinated by public policy and how research can inform future initiatives. Before coming to Heller, I worked at the Cohen Center for Modern Jewish Studies here at Brandeis. There, I worked on the Community Studies team, which is dedicated to identifying unmet needs within Jewish communities and how local Jewish organizations can offer additional programs and resources for underserved groups. My work this summer at Mass Budget was yet another opportunity to identify unmet needs with existing tax credits in Massachusetts, and I hope to continue similar work when I graduate from Heller next May.

Thank you again for your generosity.

Sincerely,  
Adam Martin

Dear Supporters of the Legacy Fund,

My name is Afnan Nehela and I am a Master of Public Policy student at The Heller School. Thank you for your generosity which helped support my work with Massachusetts Peace Action (MAPA) in Cambridge, MA this summer and fall.

As an intern, I contributed to the Communications and Advocacy team, focusing on crafting messaging for MAPA's campaigns around nuclear disarmament, peace and diplomacy and reducing excessive military spending. My role involved developing strategies to effectively communicate our messages to diverse audiences through various social media platforms and webinars.

This experience has helped me understand the inner workings of a nonprofit advocacy organization, including the strategic planning behind effective communication, and the difficulties of rallying support for contentious social and political anti-war causes. Currently, I work at the State House in a legislator's office and this experience has been enlightening, allowing me to see the other side of advocacy and understand how these efforts take shape within the legislative process. It has broadened my perspective of how advocacy and policy-making intersect, inspiring me with new ideas on how to contribute to both sectors.

Thank you again. This experience has been invaluable, and I wouldn't have had the opportunity if it wasn't for your generosity.

Sincerely,  
Afnan Nehela

Dear Supporters of the Legacy Fund,

My name is Josh Newhall. I am a Master of Public Policy student with a concentration in Environmental Justice at Brandeis University's Heller School for Social Policy and Management. Your generosity helped fund my internship this summer and ultimately the continuation of my studies as a whole, so I wanted to reach out to thank you directly and give you some information about the work you supported.

Over the summer, I had the opportunity to work with the Boston-based, nonprofit organization, the Boston Food Forrest Coalition. The organization operates as a community land trust, which renovates properties in marginalized communities throughout Boston for the purpose of creating community-owned green spaces which grow fresh produce. As an intern with BFFC, I created a funding proposal to help the organization expand its budget and continue its valuable work. Additionally, I researched and helped interview similar non-profit organizations in order to help BFFC identify best practices and improve their community engagement efforts. While the Legacy Fund supported my work with BFFC directly, it also indirectly gave me the financial flexibility to work on a research project with the Heller School this summer. The research project analyzed the state of Washington's response to the opioid crisis and considered barriers and facilitators to the state's model of care for opioid use disorder. As a research assistant on the study, I conducted a literature review which highlights findings from contemporary studies on this subject, and prepared a report which will be used to help analyze the findings of this study.

My internship and research assistant position this summer provided me with invaluable experience which will help me achieve my personal and career goals of improving peoples' livelihoods and the environment. Prior to coming to the Heller School, I worked as a legislative aide with the Massachusetts House of Representatives for four years. While my work with the state legislature allowed me to help my home community, my experiences this summer gave me the opportunity to expand my horizons and benefit a broader range of people. My hope is that these experiences, along with my education at the Heller School, will prepare me to continue addressing larger social dilemmas and improve the world around me throughout my life.

Thank you again for your support of the Legacy Fund and its student beneficiaries. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

Regards,  
Joshua Newhall

Dear Supporters of the Legacy Fund,

Thank you so much for your support towards my completing a social justice internship this past summer.

I am a 2nd year PhD student in Sociology with a BA in Anthropology from Macalester College, a master's in International Training and Education from American University, and an Education Specialist degree in Secondary Education from Worcester State University. In my PhD journey, I am committed to pursuing public-facing research. Therefore, I am so grateful that I was able to use this funding to complete a summer internship with the LGBT Asylum Task Force in Worcester, MA. My research explores the structural experiences of LGBTQIA+ asylum seekers in the US. My internship allowed me to plan community events and engage directly with different stakeholders in this justice work. I've been able to forge relationships that will prove pivotal as I progress in my research journey.

Now in my 2nd year, I am working on a publishable paper that will explore Afro-Caribbean LGBT asylum seeker identity. I was able to meet a lot of people willing to be a part of my ethnographic study through my summer involvement. I am excited to continue this work that was strongly inspired through your support. Additionally, I have remained connected with the organization and continue to volunteer with them.

If you would like to learn more about my research or have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at [kgayle@brandeis.edu](mailto:kgayle@brandeis.edu). Once again, thank you so much for your support. I am truly grateful.

Sincerely,  
Kwame Gayle

Dear Supporters of the Legacy Fund,

My name is Danielle Jacques, I'm a third year PhD student in the Sociology department at Brandeis. I'm writing to express gratitude for your contributions to the fund, which allowed me to pursue a joint internship this summer with two housing justice organizations in the Boston area.

This was my second summer working with Somerville Community Land Trust in Somerville and Comunidades Enraizadas Community Land Trust in Chelsea. The Community Land Trust (CLT) model was originally developed in rural Georgia during the Civil Rights era as a means of securing and maintaining access to common resources among Black farmers, who were systematically denied access to farmland. In recent years, the model has been applied to urban settings across the country as a mechanism of communal ownership that helps to keep housing permanently affordable in areas that are rapidly gentrifying. Somerville Community Land Trust (SCLT) was officially established in 2022 as part of ongoing efforts to address the city's affordable housing crisis. Comunidades Enraizadas Community Land Trust (CECLT), founded by a local group of Latina activists, is a subsidiary of GreenRoots, a long-standing environmental justice organization that has advocated to improve quality of life for immigrants in Chelsea and East Boston.

While working with the CLTs this summer, I wore a number of different hats. I applied for grants, tabled at events, made promotional materials, managed membership data, helped organize and launch a new homeownership education program, and provided childcare so residents could spend time learning about the organization and the broader housing justice movement in their city. This experience was not only personally fulfilling, it was also informative for my research in two main ways. First, I am currently in the qualifying process in my program, but my plan for my dissertation project involves community-engaged research. These two summer internships offered an opportunity for me to learn how to build the kinds of relationships I will need to do this work in the future, and forced me to think about how to use my research and resources in ways that benefit the community. Second, it has given me a lot to think about in terms of community resistance to vicious cycles of gentrification and displacement, which overwhelmingly impact the lives of poor people of color. I plan to continue exploring issues related to the inherent inequalities embedded in private property, real estate speculation, and ownership regimes that we often take for granted.

In sum, I am grateful for your support, as it allowed me to deepen my connections with these organizations and to use my knowledge and skills to further an important mission (housing for all). Thank you for providing these important opportunities for students to pursue their passions and expand their perspectives as engaged researchers, activists, and community members.

Best,  
Danielle Jacques

Dear Supporters of the Legacy Fund,

My name is Syed Taha Kaleem, a third-year PhD student in the Department of Anthropology at Brandeis University. My doctoral work examines queer lives in the Arabian Gulf, in particular Qatar. Brandeis' rich history of social justice and community engagement is made stronger through your support. This aid funded a summer internship at the Center for International and Regional Studies, a research organization housed at Georgetown University in Qatar. I primarily worked on two important projects, one was putting together a conference on the Sudanese crisis, where I got the opportunity to interact with leading Sudanese intellectuals, activists, artists, poets, and refugees to design the conference themes and panels. Furthermore, I also carried out ethnographic research with the Sudanese refugees living in Doha, examining their experiences with war, displacement, migration, and assimilation in Doha. The outcomes of this research were presented to the Qatar Ministry of Interior for policy recommendation and improving the experiences of refugees living in Doha.

I also had the opportunity to conduct ethnographic research with South Asian migrants in Qatar. I interviewed 10 migrants—who have been working in the service industry of Qatar for more than five years—to investigate the relationship between migration, temporality, family, sexuality, and kinship. I got an opportunity to visit their places of residence and capture a day in their lives. One of the most important takeaways from this experience was how ideas of masculinity are shaped by migration. Most of these men were/are the patriarchs of their households back in their home countries but migrating to Qatar upends this notion and creates a new masculine subjectivity that is subservient to the ethnic and racial order prevalent in Qatar. I recorded these interviews and wrote reflections that are going to be published on the Center for International and Regional Studies website.

These research projects have helped shape my dissertation proposal, which I hope to defend by the end of this academic year. I am grateful for your generosity, without it I would not have been able to avail these opportunities. If you would like to learn more about my research or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [tahakaleem@brandeis.edu](mailto:tahakaleem@brandeis.edu).

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,  
Syed Taha Kaleem



Dear Supporters of the Legacy Fund,

I hope this message finds you well. I am a fourth-year Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Anthropology at Brandeis University, and I want to express my gratitude for your support of my internship with the Jaffna Transgender Network (JTN) in Sri Lanka through the Louis D. Brandeis Legacy Fund for Social Justice.

The funding you provided enabled my travel to Jaffna, Sri Lanka, this summer, where I worked with JTN—a trans-led organization advocating for the rights, livelihoods, and cultural expression of gender and sexual minorities. Founded in 2019 by Angel Queentus, JTN focuses on supporting Tamil-speaking individuals who face multiple layers of marginalization. My collaboration with JTN began in 2022, and your funding has significantly facilitated our ongoing partnership.

During my time in Jaffna, JTN and I worked closely with working-class trans performers who provide entertainment at events such as birthdays, weddings, and puberty rituals. Our goal was to understand the economic conditions surrounding this performance labor, which would ultimately support JTN's advocacy efforts. We conducted interviews that highlighted critical issues such as inadequate wages, hostile work environments, and the urgent need for better livelihood options for trans individuals in Jaffna. As Jaffna is a post-war society facing an ongoing economic crisis, our research aims to shed light on the precarious circumstances of these performers. JTN plans to build on this summer's work by organizing the performers into a collective, empowering them to negotiate better contracts and improve their working conditions.

My collaboration with JTN has underscored the value of applied, collaborative anthropological work that utilizes ethnographic methods to enhance organizational initiatives. This research emerged from a dialogue between JTN and myself, and I had the opportunity to share insights on ethnographic techniques like interviewing and participant observation with JTN members. I am eager to continue this collaboration, supported by the Legacy Fund, during my extended Ph.D. fieldwork in Jaffna this year.

Thank you once again for your generous support. I hope you will continue to champion the exceptional work being done by my peers at Brandeis. I cherish my time at the university and am grateful for your contribution to Brandeis' commitment to "Truth even unto its innermost parts."

Many thanks,  
Gowthaman Ranganathan

*“The most important political office is that of the private citizen.”*

*Justice Louis D. Brandeis*

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The Louis D. Brandeis Legacy Fund for Social Justice supports Brandeis students, enhances campus life and promotes the issues of social justice that the former U.S. Supreme Court justice championed throughout his life.

Since its establishment in 2006, the Legacy Fund has sponsored a series of initiatives designed to help students, enrich the university community, and address social justice concerns on and off campus.

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