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2023 Louis D. Brandeis Legacy Fund for Social Justice Graduate Student Fellows

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

Jamie Morgan, MA'21, PhD Candidate

Fernanda Escobar, MPP'15, MA'21, PhD Candidate

Kaili Mauricio, MA'20, PhD Candidate

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

Anna Ardelean, MPP'24

Eva Bórquez, MPP '24

Molly Finch, MPP '24

Ilana Fitzpatrick, MPP '26

Clare Thomsen, MPP '24

Hannah Watson, MPP '24

Aishah Winter, MPP '24

GSAS PhD Social Justice Fellowships

Rachel Dale, MA'20, PhD Candidate, English

Snehalatha Gantla, MA'20, PhD Candidate, Social Policy and Sociology

Mariel Mayz, PhD Candidate, Music Composition and Theory

Daniel Ruggles, MA'23, PhD Candidate, Politics

Dear Supporters of the Legacy Fund,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for awarding me the IERE Racial Equity Fellowship funded by the Brandeis Legacy Fund to continue my research on racial inequalities and immigration during the summer months. Being recognized among a pool of talented scholars was an immense privilege. This fellowship was a remarkable opportunity for me as an international student and a significant honor I sincerely appreciate.

I am profoundly grateful to the Institute for Economic and Racial Equity for recognizing the significance of studying the intricate complexities of the relationship between the immigration of unaccompanied minors to the United States and the Child-Sensitive Social Protection and Child Protection systems in the Northern Triangle region. 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 an international student, this fellowship not only demonstrates your commitment to fostering diverse voices but also bolsters my determination to contribute meaningfully to academia. 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 an international student but also enabled me to dedicate myself to my research during the summer break. I had the opportunity to immerse myself in the literature and data that helped me shed light on the complex dynamics that impact unaccompanied minors coming to the United States. During the summer, I started the initial phase of my dissertation journey; I dedicated time and effort to crafting the bases of my literature review, which is the first paper out of the three papers that my dissertation includes. This crucial first step involved delving into an extensive array of scholarly articles, research papers, and academic texts, all aimed at understanding the intricate landscape of the unaccompanied minors' migration determinants, as well as an exhaustive analysis of scholarly sources to gain an in-depth understanding of the functionality and challenges Child-Sensitive Social Protection and Child Protection systems in the Northern Triangle region.

As I meticulously examined the body of existing knowledge, I sought to identify gaps, contradictions, and trends that would form the foundation of my research. This process provided me with a deep understanding of the unaccompanied minors' migration determinants and the shortcomings of the Northern Triangle region's Child-Sensitive Social Protection and Child Protection systems.

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. Once again, thank you for believing in the potential of my research and providing me with this incredible opportunity. I am truly grateful and honored to be a recipient of the IERE Racial Equity Fellowship.

With sincere appreciation,

Fernanda Escobar

Dear Supporters of the Brandeis Legacy Fund,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for the incredible honor of being awarded this fellowship grant from the Institute for Economic and Racial Equity at the Heller School for Social Policy. I am humbled and thrilled to have been chosen as a recipient of this award, and I wanted to take a moment to convey my heartfelt appreciation. Receiving this fellowship is not only tremendous financial support, but it also signifies a vote of confidence in my academic and professional endeavors. Your generous contribution has undoubtedly alleviated the financial burden associated with pursuing my Ph.D., allowing me to dedicate more time and energy to achieving my goals. It is not an exaggeration to state that without this award, I would not have been able to continue with my Ph.D. this past summer. I was in the midst of a data morass that required a significant time commitment, and as a student past my fourth year with no financial support, taking time off from work or shifting focus away from my family on the weekends would have presented a significant hardship. The award allowed me to pull back from work for two full months and dedicate almost my entire time and energy towards the final data hurdle, and I accomplished my goals.

Why am I studying the debt/health disparities of older Americans? Studying racial debt-related health disparities is critical to advancing social justice because it helps identify, document, and address the systemic inequalities that affect racial minority groups. This research can inform policies, challenge stereotypes, advocate for change, and help society work toward a more equitable and just future. Most of the existing policies addressing racial health disparities, even if they are more culturally aware, fail to address the full possible effects of financial stress on health outcomes, instead promoting equity through healthcare access or cost minimization through insurance access. When I worked in community development at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, I had the opportunity to meet with policy influencers and creators at all levels from local advocates to senior officials at the Federal government level, and across the board, they were interested in all the information they could get. Policy research should aim to inform; policy decisions made in a vacuum with a lack of or even false information are inevitably worse than informed decisions. Research must be pertinent and accurate, and quantitative research depends on the data. Because of this fellowship, I was able to prepare the data I am using for pertinent and accurate research. I am truly inspired by IERE's commitment to promoting excellence and innovation in racial equity. Your support not only fuels my personal growth and development but also bolsters my determination to contribute meaningfully to the field of racial equity through my research, passion, and dedication. Once again, thank you for believing in my potential and providing me with this incredible fellowship. I am deeply grateful for your generosity and support. I look forward to updating you on my progress and accomplishments as I progress in my journey.

Thank you once again for this life-changing opportunity.

Kaili Mauricio

Dear Supporters of the Brandeis Legacy Fund,

The Brandeis Legacy Fund was essential to my research progress at the end of my fourth year of study after which PhD students at the Heller school, unlike other PhD students on campus, do not receive further financial support. I achieved my ambitious goal of defending my dissertation in March before the end of my 4th year in the program, which required me to complete my field work six months earlier ensuring I had time to analyze data and complete my revisions. I study abortion access in the United States which after the Supreme Court decision to reverse Roe is challenging. A lot happened since my initial field work in July 2022, most notably the passage of statewide near-total abortion ban, and a year-long wind down of the local clinic services concurrent with civil rights litigation at the State Supreme Court.

The summer funding allowed me to conduct follow-up interviews with abortion clinic staff and local advocates at my study site to document the chaotic changes to care, emotional reactions, and mobilization efforts a year after our initial conversations. I spoke with people from multiple viewpoints to document the closure of the local abortion clinic, the hope from ongoing court cases, and the impact of abortion bans. These interviews captured vital information that became the basis for the analysis conducted over the summer and enhance future projects.

Funding from the Brandeis Legacy Fund enabled me to write an extensive white paper on Indiana abortion policy focusing on racial, gender, and economic equity. Policy analysis and recommendations in this white paper prepare Indiana advocates for the upcoming state legislative session and beyond. As the anti-abortion movement duplicates its playbook across states, the white paper can also inform advocates in states with similar political threats to abortion access. I also revisited my dissertation research to extend a more explicit racial equity approach with new findings.

As a Participatory Action Researcher, I believe that knowledge production can shift power to create more just futures. Funding through the fellowship allowed me to use the summer between my dissertation and post-doctoral work to generate knowledge with community members who will put this information into action. I will begin a Congressional fellowship in the fall. The Brandeis Legacy Fund has prepared me for this new position on Capitol Hill. I head to D.C. with an up-to-date understanding of how abortion policy impacts places that rarely have a researcher ready to listen.

Additionally, I have several publications in development originating from my research. I am co-authoring a textbook chapter on local political participation for *The Exciting Dynamics of State and Local Government* to teach undergraduates about civic action through case studies like mine. I am writing an article intended for *Mobilization*, the leading journal for social movement studies, to share the variety and limitations of strategies and tactics employed by abortion advocates. Additionally, I am pursuing a book proposal based on this research that would incorporate my better understanding of federal processes following my year in Congress alongside my current expertise in local and state politics. Without the Brandeis Legacy Fund, I would have not been able to make the progress I document above.

Jamie Morgan

Dear Supporters of the Legacy Fund,

My name is Anna, 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 gift to the Legacy Fund at Brandeis. This funding helped support my work with the National Association to Advance Fat Acceptance (NAAFA).

This summer, I had the privilege to be a Policy Intern at NAAFA, a position which was funded through the Legacy Fund. As a Policy Intern, I helped analyze the language of pending legislation in five states, applying concepts from class to anticipate issues with equity and identifying areas for improvement. I was also able to travel to Denver, Colorado to attend the International Weight Stigma Conference. Through this opportunity I learned from global experts in the field and networked with trailblazing fat activists. Finally, I worked on a project to develop our strategy for future legislation. I created a national database of local fat organizations and clubs, identifying which areas have been mobilizing themselves and may be willing to mobilize for legislation in the future. This experience working with NAAFA has helped me work towards a career in advocacy and political organizing, as I was able to work with a nonprofit advocacy group at all levels and see the various moving parts to the group.

I am extremely passionate about improving equity for people living in larger bodies. I have been fat my entire life, but since starting my studies at Heller I have gained the tangible skills to advocate for people like me and for people in even more marginalized bodies than mine. My position this summer allowed me to work with the nation's oldest and largest group advocating for these issues. It has also helped me build key connections as I begin my career following my graduation from The Heller School in the Spring.

Thank you again for your generosity and helping students like me advance policy initiatives to increase equity and social justice.

Anna Ardelean

Dear Supporters of the Legacy Fund,

My name is Eva Bórquez 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 gift to the Legacy Fund at Brandeis. This funding helped support my work this summer by allowing me the opportunity to work with the MassBudget and Policy Center.

This summer, I had the opportunity to be a Policy Intern with MassBudget. This position was made possible by the Legacy Fund. As a Policy Intern, I focused on work related to MassBudget's mission of creating a more equitable Commonwealth. Specifically, I spent time researching racial wealth gaps and various asset-building policies that can help to minimize these gaps. I used the research to compile and lead the design of a report advocating for an economic policy called Baby Bonds, wherein the state would invest a seed donation for every baby in Massachusetts eligible for TAFDC. When the child turns 18, the money could be used for an asset-building activity like a down payment on a home, buying into a small business, or helping to pay for higher education.

This was an invaluable experience for me. Working with MassBudget gave me firsthand experience into how a think tank advocates for policies and can advance equity. Before the summer I was unsure of the exact direction I wanted to take my career in upon graduating Heller, and now know with certainty that I want to continue the work I started at MassBudget.

Thank you for your support of Heller students! It's made all the difference in the world to us.

Best,

Eva Bórquez

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 gift to the Legacy Fund at Brandeis. This funding helped support my work with immigrants and refugees.

This summer, I had the privilege to be a Career Services Intern with the International Institute of New England in Lowell, MA. This position was funded through the Legacy Fund. As a Career Services Intern, I worked one-on-one with clients to create resumes and cover letters for job applications. I also assisted with calling clients for updated employment information, immigration status, and work authorization cards. Throughout this internship I learned how to maintain case files and documented actions. When individuals completed their program services I closed the files. I am passionate about helping immigrants and refugees.

Prior to coming to Heller, I completed a service year at the International Institute of New England in Boston, MA, where I practiced English as a second language with clients. Additionally, I provided one-on-one advising to migrants and refugees for career readiness and development. My internship position this summer has helped me work toward my dream job of working on immigration issues in Massachusetts, and I hope to continue such work when I graduate from The Heller School next 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,

My name is Ilana Fitzpatrick and I am a Master of Public Policy and Mater of Business Administration student at the Heller School at Brandeis University. I am writing to thank you for your generous gift to the Legacy Fund at Brandeis. This funding helped support my work to develop my own start-up nonprofit.

Over the summer, I put together a business plan for a mobile gynecology office servicing women with low access to care. Through conducting location research, meeting with Planned Parenthood, the ALCU, and serval state departments, I was able to determine the greatest need existed in the rural south. In a multiweek trip to rural Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi, I was put face to face with just how severe the need has become. Women are dying at unprecedented rates of cervical cancer. This is a completely preventable, detectable, and treatable illness, if only women receive consistent gynecological care.

GoGo Gyno is now in the process of filing for tax exempt status and beginning the fundraising process. This work was not merely an internship, but the beginning of a lifelong career to improve health equity in some of the most vulnerable populations in the country. I could not have done this without the incredible support of the Legacy Fund and your generosity.

Thank you again for your commitment to helping students like me advance my career goals at the Heller School.

Sincerely,

Ilana Fitzpatrick

Dear Supporters of the Legacy Fund,

My name is Clare Thomsen (she/her), 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 gift to the Legacy Fund at Brandeis. This funding helped support my work this summer with the MA LGBT Chamber of Commerce!

I started my position as a Graduate Research Fellow last year, but continued this summer in a larger capacity, and now part-time, and love the work I get to do. I work on the Education and Policy team, and this summer I helped create and facilitate my first LGBTQ+ workplace policy training, alongside my director, Mason Dunn. I attended numerous pride events, and I was able to table at our LGBTQ+ job fair, and I helped create and tailor other training and educational resources. I also had the privilege to develop and begin publishing the Business Guide to Pride, which is a framework and guide the Chamber is publishing at the start of the new year, for corporations and businesses to help them become genuine and inclusive allies and supporters of Pride, besides just a rainbow logo during June.

As a member of the LGBTQ+ community, I have always been passionate and eager to advance social justice for those in the LGBTQ+ community. Especially this year and this summer, with the massive increase in anti-LGBTQ+ rhetoric and legislation, I realized how important all LGBTQ+ policy work is in order to create safer and more welcoming communities for us nationwide.

Thank you again for your generosity and helping students like me advance policy research at the Heller School. I am incredibly grateful.

All the best,

Clare Thomsen

Dear Supporters of the Legacy Fund,

Financial support assisted me in completing my undergraduate and graduate studies as a first-generation student in higher education. At the Heller School at Brandeis University, I am a second-year Master of Public Policy student on my way to graduation.

My name is Hannah Watson. It is with deep gratitude that I write this letter in acknowledgement of the Legacy Fund at Brandeis, for your generous gift. This funding helped support my summer internship in New York City. The Legacy Fund funded my internship at the House of Representatives, Congresswoman Yvette Clarke's local constituent service office in Brooklyn, NY this past summer. I worked with staff members on various federal policy issues including immigration and passport services as well as community outreach during my internship. By participating in cutting-edge cases on improving constituents' immigration visa processes and the relationship between local communities and federal representatives through outreach, I have gained a deeper understanding of the importance of federal policy reform and its impact on constituents and communities.

Through the power of policy, I am passionate about improving marginalized communities and removing barriers for undocumented immigrants. Prior to joining Heller, I worked in human resources, for a global consulting firm located in New York. While working there, I observed that immigrants faced a variety of challenges that prevented them from succeeding in the corporate and society worlds. In conjunction with my internship, I was able to connect the dots between the local and federal government. My goal is to continue this type of work after graduating from the Heller School in May 2024.

Sincerely,

Hannah Watson

Dear Esteemed Supporters of the Legacy Fund,

I'm Aishah, a Master of Public Policy student at The Heller School at Brandeis University. I sincerely thank you for your generous contribution to the Legacy Fund, which has been instrumental in supporting my professional development.

This summer, I had the honor of serving as a Community Affairs Liaison in the Office of New York State Assembly Member Steven Raga (Queens, New York). This role, which aligns seamlessly with my academic pursuits, was made possible through the financial support of the Legacy Fund. During my tenure, I conducted policy research memos on legislative ideas slated for the 2024 state legislative session, crafted comprehensive bill decks, and compiled high-level district profiles that included critical data on immigrant populations, food insecurity, and poverty rates. My responsibilities also extended to data management, where I collaborated with coordinators to analyze constituent profiles for future advocacy and contribute to monthly reports. Additionally, I had the opportunity to refine constituent resource packets and update public health advisory flyers, ensuring that vital information was accessible to all constituents.

My summer experience has been a pivotal step in my ongoing commitment to understanding and influencing public policy, particularly in social justice and community welfare. I intend to leverage this invaluable experience as I continue my academic and professional journey, aiming to contribute meaningfully to policy research and reform upon graduating from The Heller School.

Your generosity has not only facilitated my professional development but has also significantly contributed to advancing the quality and scope of policy research at The Heller School. I am profoundly grateful for your support, which enables students like myself to engage in transformative work that resonates with our areas of passion and expertise.

Thank you once again for your invaluable support.

Sincerely,

Aishah Winter

Dear Supporters,

My name is Rachel Dale, and I am a fourth year PhD student in the English Department. As an adult learner and strong believer in educational equity and accessibility, I would like to thank you for your generous support of my summer internship with the Emerson Prison Initiative (EPI).

This program offers incarcerated men at the Massachusetts state prisons in Concord and Norfolk the opportunity to complete a Bachelor's degree in Media, Literature, and Culture. Students who participate in the EPI program commit to taking roughly five years of classes alongside their fellow cohort members. I have served as a volunteer teaching assistant and tutor the program for the past two years, so I have had the pleasure of witnessing the enthusiasm and drive that EPI students have for continuing their education and building community with their classmates. Many of our students are working toward their degrees with the intention of strengthening their job prospects once they have served their sentences, while other students are simply eager to learn. During the spring semester of 2022, the first cohort of EPI students received their degrees during a special graduate ceremony at MCI-Concord, and this fall the third cohort of new students has begun the same educational journey at MCI-Norfolk.

Although I have served as a teaching assistant and tutor in the past, because of your support of my internship this summer, I was able to dedicate more time and resources to assisting the students of Cohort 2. During the summer session, this group of students took seven weeks of accelerated art history and sociology classes. Because these were accelerated courses, the students needed a lot more support with their reading and assignments. I ran the study hall period, which is a required session when students can read together, get feedback on their writing, or extend the conversations of the classroom.

This summer, I was also able to develop an additional component of the art history study hall; some of the funding that you provided went toward acquiring pencils, erasers, and sketch paper so that I could lead the students in drawing exercises to supplement their academic work. Being able to participate in artistic expression was a really important element for some of the students, and all of them were eager to share their work with their cell mates and friends outside of the program.

Thank you so much for your support and your commitment to extending the accessibility of post-secondary education to a group of learners who are too often overlooked.

Sincerely,

Rachel Dale

Dear Generous Donors of the Legacy Fund,

Thank you for selecting me to be a recipient of the Social Justice Internship award. I am a 6th year PhD candidate in Social Policy and Sociology with a BA in Sociology and English from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, in addition to a Master's in Public Policy from Oregon State University. As I reflect on my experience in the Joint PhD Program, I am appreciative of making it this far in my educational journey. My successful growth in this program is in large part due to the institutional opportunities available to me and made possible by the school's philanthropic activities.

The internship award granted to me has been fundamental to advancing the dissertation research phase of my degree, which focuses on philanthropic practices of racial justice. As a result of this award, I have been able to collaborate with a philanthropy member organization to develop a project proposal that examines how structural and organizational conditions shape philanthropic foundations' racial justice programs. As part of this process, I have opportunities to attend events and engage directly with practitioners in the field to understand the landscape of funders, practitioners, relationships, and processes involved in the advancement of racial justice objectives. These opportunities have been crucial for developing a project that is grounded in a meaningful understanding of the current state and priorities of philanthropic foundations.

As I transition from proposal development to research implementation and writing, I am eager to contribute to the study and practice of philanthropy by excavating how relationships between stakeholders and institutions as well as organizational structure and governance shape the definition, practice, and impact of racial justice aims. Critically, I am most excited to consider broader questions about private wealth's role in social change projects in a society defined by deep racial, economic, and political inequalities. In sum, I am grateful for the Social Justice Internship award for allowing me the opportunities to collaborate and cooperate with practitioners in the field to advance my dissertation research.

If you would like to learn more about my research or if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at gantla@brandeis.edu. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Snehalatha Gantla

Dear Generous Supporters of the Legacy Fund,

I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your support of the Legacy Fund and, in particular, for your invaluable contribution towards my Social Justice Internship with Porto Pianofest this past summer. Your generosity has made a significant impact on my professional development and has allowed me to play an integral role in fostering arts accessibility and administration on both sides of the Atlantic.

I am a passionate advocate for social justice through the arts, currently pursuing my PhD in Music Composition and Theory. My journey has led me to explore the intersection of arts administration and accessibility, areas that align perfectly with the mission and activities of Porto Pianofest, where I worked remotely from the US at the beginning of the summer and later joined in-person in Porto, Portugal.

Porto Pianofest is committed to bringing the highest quality music to diverse communities, mostly within their home base of Porto, but with activity broadening as the organization grows. Their mission, centered on accessibility and decentralization, truly resonates with my own aspirations. As an assistant to the director and the curator of the festival “Concerts for Families” this past summer, I had the privilege of playing a pivotal role in diversifying our audiences and fostering connections within families through the medium of arts and culture. The festival’s dedication to the local community of Porto, by expanding its musical outreach beyond the city center, is truly important work that is inspiring similar international festivals. Furthermore, Porto Pianofest’s commitment to connecting the global music community, achieved through scholarships, the participation of international pedagogues, symbolic ticket pricing, varying event locations and times for greater accessibility, and events in the United States during the off-season, demonstrates a remarkable dedication to their mission.

It was such a wonderful experience being a part of this organization and witnessing their growth during the eighth edition of their festival. Your generous support allowed me to gain invaluable hands-on administrative experience while working towards making music accessible to a broader audience. Through this internship, I have built lasting professional connections and honed my skills as an artist and advocate for arts. I am proud to say that the work we undertook this summer has had a profound impact on Porto Pianofest’s mission, further solidifying its reputation as a beacon of accessibility, diversity, and community engagement in the world of classical music. Once again, I extend my deepest gratitude for your generous support; it has had a profound impact on my personal and professional journey.

Warmest regards,

Mariel Mayz

Dear Supporters of the Legacy Fund,

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for your generosity in underwriting the Louis D. Brandeis Social Justice Award. Brandeis' rich history of social justice and community engagement is made stronger through your support.

The Award funded a project examining the efficacy of Boston CASA, a non-profit organization that supports children and youth in the foster care system. Non-white and LGBTQ children and youth are disproportionately represented in the foster care system and are more likely to have experienced gender-based or domestic violence, making foster care an important area of social justice concern. Sadly, youth in the foster care system continue to face significant social and economic obstacles with less than 3% of former foster youth expected to graduate from college and 65% living below the federal poverty line by age 23.

Boston CASA seeks to mitigate negative outcomes for children and youth in the foster care system by partnering children and youth with a volunteer advocate who provides mentorship and advocates for their well-being in court. My project with Boston CASA sought to improve Boston CASA's responsiveness to the experiences of the children and youth it serves through a comprehensive program evaluation project. I worked alongside Boston CASA staff to support its first ever Youth Advisory Board, collecting data on the experiences and perspectives of members. Additionally, I executed a survey of current and former volunteers with a coresearcher from Suffolk University to gauge the perceived effectiveness of Boston CASA's programming. I also used previously inaccessible internal metrics and data to generate insights about trends in Boston CASA's caseloads. Collectively, these data and recommendations will allow Boston CASA to demonstrate the effectiveness of their model to key stakeholders and generate insights about ways to increase their efficacy in meeting the needs of vulnerable young people.

My dissertation examines the ways in which institutions mobilize young people for political activism. This project with Boston CASA provides insights about the ways in which institutions like child protective services and family court can create obstacles to mobilization, citizenship, and belonging for our most vulnerable citizens. As an engaged scholar, my work considers the breadth of meaning and exclusion, from my dissertation work examining the heights of political inclusion to this Award-funded work explicating the means of exclusion. Social justice requires a more critical look at the foundational meanings of belonging and citizenship and I appreciate the opportunity to both benefit my community and my own scholarship through this Award.

With gratitude,

Daniel Ruggles

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

Justice Louis D. Brandeis

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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