

**BOSTON COLLEGE** 

ANNUAL REPORT 2018–2019

THE RAPPAPORT CENTER FOR LAW AND PUBLIC POLICY



## A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

It is my great pleasure to report that the Rappaport Center for Law and Public Policy had another stellar year, bringing to the forefront issues of vital importance to our communities, state, and nation. Focused on the theme of "Challenges to Constitutional Democracy," the Center engaged law students, members of the Boston College community, and the public in robust dialogue on myriad issues relating to democracy, criminal justice reform, and higher education.

Experts from near and far shared their knowledge on voting rights, impeachment, the Electoral College, campaign finance, criminal disenfranchisement, prosecutorial discretion, and the value of college completion. The Boston College Law School community continues to be greatly enriched by the Rappaport Center's programming on significant and relevant topics.

We were also enriched by the passion and commitment to public service of our two distinguished Jerome Lyle Rappaport Visiting Professors. In the fall of 2018, the Honorable Robert J. Cordy, former associate justice of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court, shared his wisdom on combatting corruption and promoting the rule of law throughout the world. During the spring of 2019, we were honored to welcome one of our illustrious alumni, Dannel P. Malloy '77, JD '80, who joined us less than a week after stepping down from his eight-year tenure as governor of Connecticut. Governor Malloy taught us about integrating public policy, law, politics, and justice at the highest levels of state government.

This year, we were again tremendously impressed by the Rappaport Fellows Program and the cohort of Fellows. Selected for their dedication to public service, the Rappaport Fellows delved into policy work during their internships at government agencies, ranging from the newly-created Executive Office of Technology and Digital Services to the Massachusetts Health Policy Commission and the Office of the Attorney General. Ensuring that Rappaport Center Fellows are provided with opportunities to learn from policy makers across all walks of government remains an important component of our mission.



Daniel Kanstroom



Elisabeth J. Medvedow

Under the skillful leadership of Faculty Director Daniel Kanstroom and Executive Director Elisabeth J. Medvedow, the Rappaport Center continues to enrich the student experience at Boston College and to train a remarkable cadre of future legal professionals from across the Commonwealth. We remain deeply grateful to Phyllis and Jerry Rappaport for their vision and prescience in advancing public service and public policy at Boston College Law School.

Sincerely,

Vincent D. Rougeau

Dean, Boston College Law School

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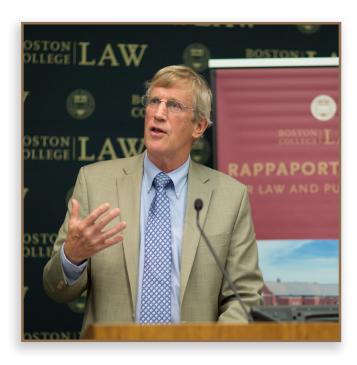
Phyllis and Jerry Rappaport

Established through a gift from the Phyllis & Jerome Lyle Rappaport Foundation, the Rappaport Center at BC Law convenes local, state, and national policy makers and thought leaders to engage in dynamic discussions on critical public policy issues. Through forums, conferences, and symposia, experts from government, business, academia, and the non-profit sector address challenging and complex societal problems. To inspire future public leaders, the Rappaport Center offers a Fellows Program for exceptional law students providing education, mentorship, and funding for summer internships in state and local government.

## RAPPAPORT DISTINGUISHED VISITING PROFESSOR FALL 2018

## THE HONORABLE ROBERT J. CORDY

## Former Supreme Judicial Court Associate Justice



Former Supreme Judicial Court Associate Justice Robert J. Cordy was the Jerome Lyle Rappaport Visiting Professor at Boston College Law School in the fall of 2018.

A vociferous proponent of the rule of law, Cordy has had a distinguished career in state and federal service as well as in the international community, assisting countries in establishing stronger constitutional democracies and judicial systems. Appointed to the Supreme Judicial Court in 2001, Cordy remained there until his retirement in 2016.

Throughout his judicial tenure to the present, Cordy has traveled the world, collaborating with international partners to promote the rule of law and democracy in multiple foreign countries, including Russia, Turkey, and Uzbekistan.

During his time on campus, Cordy taught a seminar entitled, "Constitutional Democracy Under Siege." The course's subject matter and Cordy's unique perspective was especially timely, given the global focus on democracy and the controversies worldwide. Students learned about national and international policy issues, challenges and impediments to democratic processes, and how the rule of law furthers justice.

In addition to his course, Cordy kicked off the fall term with a public address, "Challenges to Constitutional Democracy," on September 5, 2018. In his talk, he spoke powerfully on how the disparagement and diminishment of a free press and independent judiciary contributes to the demise of America's tradition of constitutional democracy.

Cordy saw the Rappaport Professorship as an opportunity to combine his experience in the executive branch under then-Governor William Weld, the judiciary, and the international community to educate a new generation of lawyers. His expertise and engagement with the BC community fostered important conversations around the critical elements needed to build and sustain strong constitutional democracies that can stand up to the threat of autocracy.

## RAPPAPORT DISTINGUISHED VISITING PROFESSOR SPRING 2019

## DANNEL P. MALLOY '77, JD'80

## **Former Governor of Connecticut**

Dannel P. Malloy stepped down from his eight-year tenure as governor of Connecticut on January 9, 2019, and began his term as the Jerome Lyle Rappaport Visiting Professor on January 14, 2019.

Malloy taught a seminar entitled, "Overcoming Challenges, Implementing Change, Enduring Resistance—One Governor's Experience" and participated in lectures and panel discussions throughout the spring 2019 semester. BCLS's campus greatly benefited from Malloy's knowledge and insights. He drew upon his combined 22 years in government, including his 14-year service as mayor of Stamford, CT, to illuminate matters across the spectrum of policymaking. Malloy is a double Eagle, having received his BA from Boston College and his JD from Boston College Law School.



"Throughout my career, I have endeavored to recognize potential in others and strived to help them achieve it. And now, I have the honor to give back at an institution and community that have given me so much," said Malloy.

Malloy received BC Law's St. Thomas More Award in 2013, delivered the commencement address at the Law School in 2014, and was recognized in BC Law Magazine in 2015 for his leadership. The same year, despite public resistance to resettling Syrian refugees in the U.S. after the Paris terrorist attacks, he personally welcomed a Syrian family to New Haven after another state had denied them refuge. For this, he was honored with the Profile in Courage Award from the John F. Kennedy Library.

Since graduating from BC Law, Malloy has served as a prosecutor, practicing attorney, adjunct professor, and municipal and state chief executive. As governor of Connecticut, Malloy made strides on many fronts, including: economics, education, health-care, employment, infrastructure, environmental issues, criminal justice, and prison reform.

In his community address at the Law School, Malloy gave an impassioned talk about the importance of public service, especially in the legal profession. He asserted that not enough attorneys are going into public service to fulfill their obligations. "If we don't produce people in law school who are willing to spend some portion of their life in public service, then we are going to be in even bigger trouble than we are now," stated Malloy.

At the conclusion of Malloy's Visiting Professorship at the Rappaport Center, he was appointed Chancellor of the University of Maine educational system. Malloy is now overseeing seven campuses and 30,000 undergraduate and graduate students.

### Sept. 5 Challenges to Constitutional Democracy

The Honorable Robert J. Cordy, Jerome Lyle Rappaport Visiting Professor; Associate Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts (retired); Partner, McDermott Will & Emery

### SEPT. 26 WHAT'S NEXT IN VOTING RIGHTS?

Panelists: Hannah Fried, Executive Director, Access Democracy;
Pam Wilmot, Executive Director, Common Cause Massachusetts;
Dion Irish, Chair, Board of Election Commissioners, Boston Election Department;
LaShawn Warren, Senior Vice President of Campaigns and Programs,
The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights

Moderator: M. Patrick Moore, Jr., Partner, Hemenway & Barnes

### Oct. 18 Electoral College: Stay, Go, or Alternatives?

Panelists: John Brautigam, Attorney; former State Representative, Maine Legislature; former Assistant Attorney General, Maine Office of the Attorney General; Rebecca Burgess, Program Manager, American Enterprise Institute, Program on American Citizenship; Lawrence Lessig, Professor, Harvard Law School

Moderator: Ryan Williams, Professor, Boston College Law School



Harvard Law School Professor Lawrence Lessig

### Oct. 24 Impeachment

**Joshua Matz**, Of Counsel, Gupta Wessler PLLC; Co-Author with Professor Larry Tribe, "To End a Presidency: The Power of Impeachment"

## Nov. 2 Criminal Conviction: Disenfranchisement and Other Challenges to Democracy

Panelists: Donnell Wright, Social Worker, Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services; Member, Post-Incarcerated Community; John Carella, Staff Attorney, Voting Rights, Southern Coalition for Social Justice; Gabriel "Jack" Chin, Professor, University of California Davis School of Law; Margaret Love, Law Office of Margaret Love; former U.S. Pardon Attorney, U.S. Department of Justice

**Moderator: Daniel Kanstroom**, Professor and Rappaport Center Faculty Director, Boston College Law School

## Nov. 8 Corporations Are People Too (And They Should Act Like It)

**Kent Greenfield**, Professor, Boston College Law School; Author, *Corporations Are People Too (And They Should Act Like It)* 

Commentator: The Honorable Robert J. Cordy, Jerome Lyle Rappaport Visiting Professor; Partner, McDermott Will & Emery; Associate Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts (retired)

### Nov. 30 Debt, Degrees, and Democracy: A Critical Look at the Value of College Completion

Full-Day Conference, Co-sponsored with the National Consumer Law Center

Panel One: Defining the Problem

Panel Two: Promoting Success and Persistence in Higher Education

Panel Three: Transforming Collection Practices to Reduce Barriers to

Re-Enrollment

Panel Four: Debt, Degrees, and Democracy: Reshaping the Conversation on

College Completion

### JAN. 23 A Special Responsibility for the Quality of Justice: A Governor's Trained Eye in Guiding Public Policy

**Former Connecticut Governor Dannel P. Malloy**, Jerome Lyle Rappaport Visiting Professor

### FEB. 13 CAMPAIGN FINANCE

**Panelists: Guy-Uriel Charles**, Professor, Duke University School of Law; Visiting Professor, Harvard Law School;

**Paul Diego Craney,** Spokesperson and Board Member, Massachusetts Fiscal Alliance;

**Eugene Mazo**, Visiting Associate Professor, Rutgers Law School; **Pam Wilmot**, Executive Director, Common Cause Massachusetts

Moderator: Kevin Martin, Partner, Goodwin Procter

## Apr. 6 Charging Decisions and Public Safety: Local, State, and Federal Perspectives

Co-sponsored with the BC Law Criminal Justice Society

**Panelists: William Evans**, Chief of Police, Boston College Police Department, former Commissioner, Boston Police Department;

**Donna Patalano**, General Counsel, Suffolk County District Attorney's Office **Rachael Rollins**, Suffolk County District Attorney;

William Weinreb, Partner, Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan; former Acting U.S. Attorney, District of Massachusetts

Moderator: R. Michael Cassidy, Professor, Boston College Law School



Left to right: Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins, BC Chief of Police Bill Evans, General Counsel to the Suffolk County District Attorney Donna Patalano, and former Acting U.S. Attorney Bill Weinreb

### Apr. 8 Achieving the Government Trifecta

The Honorable Andrew J. McDonald, Associate Justice, Connecticut Supreme Court; former State Senator and Former Chief Legal Counsel to Governor Dannel P. Malloy

# Jun. 25 After the Mueller Report: The Attorney General, the White House, and the Congress—A Constitutional Crisis?

Panelists: Frank Figliuzzi, former Assistant Director for Counterintelligence at the Federal Bureau of Investigation; National Security Commentator, MSNBC; Chuck Rosenberg, former U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia and the Southern District of Texas; Commentator, MSNBC; Michael Sullivan, former U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts; Partner, Ashcroft Law Firm;

**Joyce Vance**, former U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama; Commentator, MSNBC

**Moderator: Daniel Kanstroom**, Professor and Rappaport Center Faculty Director, Boston College Law School

The program was live-streamed and recorded. Watch the full program here: bit.ly/aftermueller

"Kudos to the Rappaport Center for the foresight to coordinate such a vital discussion at this critical time in history, when public dialogue is essential to preserving the rule of law and democracy."

FRANK FIGLIUZZI former Assistant Director for Counterintelligence at the Federal Bureau of Investigation; National Security Commentator, MSNBC



## RAPPAPORT FELLOWS PROGRAM

The Rappaport Fellows Program in Law and Public Policy provides gifted law students committed to careers in public policy and service with opportunities within the highest levels of state and municipal governments. Each summer, the Center awards 12 students with generous stipends to work in a government agency and experience the complexities and rewards of public policy and service. Students learn from top policymakers, participate in weekly experiential programming, and are mentored by members of the Rappaport Center Advisory Board and former Fellows.

The Rappaport Fellowships offer a firsthand look at the life of public policy lawyers and the influence these legal professionals have on the quality of life in our local communities, state, and nation. The Program aims to inspire future civic leaders and policymakers to make a difference in society.



2018–2019 Rappaport Fellows with Jerry Rappaport, Professor and Faculty Director Daniel Kanstroom, Executive Director Lissy Medvedow, and Professor and Former Faculty Director R. Michael Cassidy



#### MICHAEL ANDERSON

3L, Suffolk University Law School

Summer Placement: Office of Massachusetts State Senator Patricia Jehlen

"I am deeply grateful for this opportunity and honored to be joining the Rappaport community. I look forward to exploring public policy and community advocacy within Massachusetts with such an outstanding group of individuals."

Michael graduated from Kalamazoo College in 2016 with a BA in English and a concentration in environmental studies. Prior to law school, he worked at the Kalamazoo Nature Center on recovery efforts for threatened and endangered butterfly species, among other environmental initiatives and projects. He helped to establish a Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area, coordinated citizen science projects, organized local grassroots efforts surrounding social justice issues, and is a lifelong advocate for the environment. He is interested in the intersection of environmental law and public policy.



SAM BURGESS

3L, Boston University School of Law Summer Placement: Legal Department at MassDOT/MBTA

"I am ecstatic to join the Rappaport community and contribute to a robust and multidisciplinary conversation on important public policy issues facing Boston, Massachusetts, and the nation."

Sam graduated *summa cum laude* from Furman University in 2014. He is interested in issues concerning the sustainable and equitable development of modern American cities, especially transit, land use, and housing. Prior to law school, Sam spent three years working at a Fortune 500 financial services company.



**GARRETT CASEY** 

3L, Harvard Law School

Summer Placement: Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, Energy and Telecommunications Division

"It is an incredible honor to be a (2018) Rappaport Fellow. I am grateful to have this unparalleled opportunity to learn from attorneys and policymakers who are dedicated to building a better Commonwealth."

Garrett is a 2015 graduate of Bowdoin College, where he majored in English and served as editor-in-chief of the student newspaper. Prior to law school, Garrett worked as legislative director to then-State Senator Eileen Donoghue of Massachusetts, focusing on issues including student debt, addiction treatment, consumer protection, and climate change.



ROBYN CASPER
3L, BC Law School
Summer Placement: Massachusetts Attorney General's Office,
Consumer Protection Division

"The Rappaport Fellowship offers an incredible opportunity to engage with a diverse group of passionate individuals as we explore issues of law and public policy. I am excited and truly honored to be a (2018) Fellow."

Robyn graduated with honors from American University in 2013 with a BA in communications and a minor in political science. Prior to law school, Robyn was the policy director and deputy chief of staff for Boston City Councilor Michael Flaherty. Her passion for public service evolved as she worked closely on a wide array of legislative matters, from housing and public safety to transportation and the environment.



LAUREN KOSTER
2019 Graduate, BC Law School
Summer Placement: Massachusetts Department of Elementary
and Secondary Education

"Becoming a Rappaport Fellow means deepening my commitment to a brighter future for all children. I am delighted to join a cadre of dedicated advocates and policymakers through a program that values lifelong careers filled with meaning and impact."

An advocate for access to high-quality public education since 2004, Lauren came to Boston College Law School as a Public Service Scholar. Her focuses include issues of child welfare, special education services, mental health, delinquency, and the rights of incarcerated juveniles. Prior to law school, Lauren taught fourth grade for Teach For America and worked in education advocacy, policy, and organization in New Haven, Connecticut. Lauren is a 2012 graduate of Yale University with a BA in political science.



ANNA MADRISHIN
3L, New England School of Law Boston
Summer Placement: Health Policy Commission

"As a law student with a niche in public policy, health, and housing, I am deeply humbled and full of gratitude to be a Rappaport Fellow. I look forward to exploring health policy via the legal field with the Health Policy Commission."

Anna graduated *magna cum laude* from The Ohio State University with a BS in environment, economy, development, and sustainability. While at Ohio State, Anna was co-president of a student-led non-profit, Nourish International, which inspired her to pursue a law degree. Before attending law school, Anna worked for Highmark Health to integrate the community affairs departments of Allegheny Health Network and Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield.



SIRI NELSON

2019 Graduate, Northeastern University School of Law Summer Placement: Executive Office of Technology Services and Security

"I am honored to be a Rappaport Fellow and to join this robust network of ambitious and well-intentioned individuals. This formative opportunity will give me valuable insight on issues of innovation and equity in Massachusetts."

Siri graduated *summa cum laude* from the College of New Rochelle, School of New Resources, with a BA in liberal arts. Before law school, Siri was an active member of Black Youth Project 100 and worked for the director of information systems at the College of New Rochelle. During law school, Siri served as a law clerk for the Electronic Privacy Information Center and worked in the Internet Public Interest Opportunities Program, inspiring her interest in pursuing data and privacy rights.



DAN ORDORICA

2019 Graduate, Boston University School of Law Summer Placement: Massachusetts Attorney General's Office, Administrative Law Division

"I am honored to have been chosen as a Rappaport Fellow, and excited to be joining a cohort of outstanding colleagues in pursuit of the public interest."

Dan graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst with a BA in history and earned his MA in social studies education from Duke University. He taught high school history for 17 years in the Los Angeles Unified School District and Boston Public Schools.



**JENNIFER PETERSON** 

3L, Suffolk University Law School Summer Placement: Office of Legal Advisor, Boston Public Schools

"I am incredibly humbled and honored to be joining the Rappaport community and I look forward to exploring public policy with Fellows who share similar passions and goals of serving the Commonwealth."

Jennifer graduated *magna cum laude* from Saint Anselm College in 2016 with a BA in history and a minor in politics. She currently serves as a medical service officer and platoon leader in the Massachusetts Army National Guard. Prior to law school, Jenny interned with Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy III of Massachusetts, where she became passionate about veterans affairs and policymaking.





**CLOE PIPPIN** 

3L, Boston University School of Law

Summer Placement: Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services

"I am so thrilled to be selected as a Rappaport Fellow. I am eager to engage with and learn from policymakers, attorneys, and my cohort to make an impact in our community."

Cloe graduated with highest distinction from Indiana University in 2016 with a BA in political science and a certificate in political and civic engagement. In college, Cloe found her passion for local politics and public engagement through moderating political deliberations with fellow students and community members. She hopes to use her law degree to serve the Boston community by solving complex problems through collaboration.



### KAYLA VENCKAUSKAS

2019 Graduate, University of Massachusetts School of Law Summer Placement: Office of State Senator Mark Montigny

"I am honored to have the opportunity to be a Rappaport Fellow and to delve into the inner workings of public policy. I look forward to working with policymakers and others in the program to improve the community and advocate for those in need."

Kayla is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, where she earned her BA in political science. Kayla spent last summer fighting on behalf of consumers in the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office. She learned the importance of policy-driven legislation as a tool to fight for the rights of others. Kayla served as the president of the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund and devoted her efforts to end the needless suffering of animals.



**MEG ZIEGLER** 

3L, BC Law School

Summer Placement: EdLaw Project

"I am thrilled and honored to be joining the Rappaport community and I look forward to spending the summer engaging with state and local policy initiatives, both through my own work and as I learn from and alongside the other Fellows."

Meg graduated from the University of Vermont in 2015 with a major in secondary English education, a minor in special education, and her teaching license. While in Vermont, Meg contributed to research on person-centered planning as a tool to promote cultural reciprocity between educators and families from diverse backgrounds with children with disabilities. After graduating, Meg received a Fulbright grant to spend a year teaching English in Thailand. She then worked for the Franklin Grand Isle Bookmobile in Vermont, where she read books to children and promoted early childhood literacy and community engagement.

## RAPPAPORT FELLOWS EXPERIENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES

The 2018 Rappaport Center Fellows had a productive and exciting summer. In addition to working at government agencies, the Fellows participated in weekly experiential learning forums to explore the intersection of law and public policy. The Fellows had the chance to speak with elected officials, government representatives, judges, lawyers, and community leaders, and topics ranged from municipal governance and criminal justice to housing, transportation, and racial equity.

The Rappaport Center for Law and Public Policy partners with the Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston at Harvard University, which runs a Fellows program for non-law graduate students interested in public policy. The Rappaport Center and Institute Fellows often participate jointly in the weekly forums.

During the summer of 2018 Fellows met with the following officials and policymakers:

- Governor of Massachusetts Charlie Baker
- Mo Cowan, Vice President of Global Litigation at General Electric
- David Friedman, Red Sox Special Counsel
- City of Boston Mayor Marty Walsh
- Boston City Councilor Michelle Wu
- Superintendent of MCI-Cedar Junction



Mo Cowan

The Fellows also toured the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) Control Room; Fenway Park, to better understand the private and public relationships of the Red Sox and the City of Boston in regard to vendors, street closings, and air space; MCI-Cedar Junction; Haymarket Vent Building (the Big Dig tunnel); and the Moakley Courthouse, where the Fellows participated as court clerks in a Discovering Justice mock appellate argument program for middle school students.



Touring the Haymarket Vent Building

## RAPPAPORT FELLOWS EXPERIENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES



"The weekly outings truly encompass the Rappaport

Center's mission to educate and support the next generation of thoughtful public service leaders, preparing them to solve the nuanced public policy issues of their time.

Whether by learning the importance of civic education in the shaping of democratic society at Discovering Justice or the sobering reality that incarcerated individuals at MCI-Cedar Junction—and at correctional institutions across the nation—are there as a result of their struggle with severe mental health issues, the cohort of Fellows were challenged to think through policy matters that extend beyond one's day-to-day life."

MICHAEL ANDERSON, Suffolk University Law School, 3L

The Rappaport Fellows with Governor Charlie Baker

The Rappaport Fellows with Mayor Marty Walsh



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