

## FIRST-YEAR CHILDLAW FELLOWS BIOGRAPHIES (2011-2012)

**Amanda Crews** attended Baylor University where she earned a B.A. in International Studies and a minor in Spanish. She recently completed a term of service with the Peace Corps in Cape Verde, off the coast of West Africa. She is proficient in Portuguese and Cape Verdean Creole. While an undergraduate she volunteered as an English teacher in Madrid, Spain and later served as a substitute teacher for bilingual students in Texas.

**Amy Gilbert** earned her B.A. in Sociology from the University of Michigan with a concentration in Law, Criminology, and Deviance. Prior to beginning law school she was a Juvenile Rights Practice Paralegal at the Legal Aid Society in New York City, where she was responsible for both juvenile justice and child protection intake.

**Katherine Gladson** is a summa cum laude graduate of DePauw University. After graduation she was a project assistant in the Family Law Department of Jenner & Block before serving as a Teach for America middle school teacher in Kansas City, Missouri, where she also volunteered with the CASA program, serving abused and neglected children.

**Elizabeth Gresk** is an honors graduate from Georgetown University where she majored in American studies and minored in Women's & Gender Studies and Italian. Among her other activities at Georgetown, she was chair of the Senior Parents Weekend Committee, President of the Dormitory Community Council, and a volunteer teachers' assistant.

**Rupa Ramadurai** received her B.A. in English and Political Science from the University of Michigan and her M.A. in Education and Social Change from the University of Miami, where she focused on restorative justice in schools. After serving as a Teach for America corps member in Miami-Dade, FL she moved to Chicago, where she taught 9<sup>th</sup> grade at a Chicago public charter school.

**Thalia Roussos** earned her B.A. with honors in History and Global Studies from UCLA and her M.A. in Secondary Social Studies Education from CUNY Lehman College. One of her internships was at the L.A. District Attorney's Office in the Hardcore Gang Division. She was a Teach for America corps member in New York. Most recently she completed a Coro Fellowship in Public Affairs focused on leadership training.

**Elizabeth Scannell** attended Indiana University Bloomington where she was an honors graduate and an IU Founder's Scholar. At Indiana she was president of the Campus Coalition Against Trafficking. Her work experience includes juvenile justice investigations for the Public Defender Service in Washington, DC and service as a teacher's aide at the IU Campus Children Center and crisis center advocate for the AmeriCorps Victims Assistance Program. She is proficient in Spanish.

**Amanda Walsh** attended New York University where she received her B.A. with honors from the Gallatin School for Individualized Study with a concentration in "Mental Health in America" and a minor in Child and Adolescent Mental Health studies. During her

studies in Dublin, Ireland she was an intern with the National Centre for Youth Mental Health. While interning at the Urban Justice Center, she worked on the Mental Health Project where she provided support for a small team of lawyers and social workers.