The Thirty-Third Annual Mary Philbrook Public Interest Award

is proudly presented to

Susan L. Burke, Esq.

Student Honorees

Jessica Beardsley
Michael Berryhill
Jacquelyn Corsentino
April Gambardella
Joanna Gardner
Julianna Koster
Eric Lee
Ariella Levine
Ashley Maddison
Anastasia Millicker
Olivia Nardone
Kristen Petagna
Christina Schyner

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The Burlington County Bar Foundation
The Camden County Bar Foundation
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INTRODUCTION OF MARY PHILBROOK AWARD HONOREE

Ellen Goodman
Professor of Law, Rutgers Law School
Co-Director and Co-Founder of the Rutgers Institute for Information Policy & Law

HONOREE’S REMARKS

Susan L. Burke, Esq.

CLOSING

Ann E. Freedman
Professor of Law, Rutgers Law School
Mary Philbrook Public Interest Celebration Founder
Susan L. Burke, Esq.

In June 2015, the National Law Journal named Susan L. Burke one of the top 75 female attorneys in the nation. Ms. Burke is an experienced litigator with 30 years of experience, specializing in bringing federal class action or mass tort lawsuits to reform broken systems or fix societal problems.

Presently, Ms. Burke serves as lead Multi-District Litigation (MDL) counsel in the KBR Burn Pit MDL, pending in federal court in Maryland. In that case, Ms. Burke represents military personnel harmed by Halliburton/KBR’s misconduct in Iraq and Afghanistan. Ms. Burke also serves as lead counsel in a nationwide fraud case against a medical device manufacturer.

Ms. Burke’s past work in American federal courts has had a global impact: As lead counsel for Iraqi victims, Ms. Burke achieved a legal first by negotiating multi-million dollar settlements with defense contractors involved in the Abu Ghraib torture, and with Blackwater, a private mercenary company responsible for the Nissor Square massacre. Ms. Burke also served as lead counsel in a series of lawsuits seeking to reform the military’s deficiencies in prosecuting rape and sexual assault. Her work on this issue was profiled in the Academy-award nominated documentary “The Invisible War.”

Further, Ms. Burke has prevailed in upholding campaign finance reform, served as counsel advocating for people with mental illness and other disabilities, and prosecuted civil cases against health care providers for paying kickbacks and overbilling Medicare and Medicaid.

Ms. Burke has appeared as a guest on Real Time with Bill Maher, Nightline, CNN Christiane Amanpour, PBS Newshour, and many other television news shows. Ms. Burke and her legal work have been profiled by The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Philadelphia Daily News, and The Baltimore Sun, as well as other news outlets.
Jessica came to law school to help the most vulnerable, and quickly found ways to put her growing skills to use. Beginning in her first year, she participated in the Pro Bono Domestic Violence Project providing information and support to plaintiffs in restraining order cases, and later completed two semesters in the Domestic Violence Clinic. While in the clinic, she represented a client at trial in a successful effort to prevent the dismissal of her existing final restraining order and wrote an amicus brief on the constitutionality of the Sexual Assault Survivor Protection Act. Her accomplishments were recognized at graduation with the Lisa and Kolin Pimental Award for Excellence in the Study of Domestic Violence Law. In her 1L summer Jessica worked for the Office of the Attorney General, Division of Children and Families, and in her 2L summer, at the Mazzoni Center in Philadelphia, assisting low-income LGBTQ clients with legal name changes, divorce proceedings, second parent adoptions and discrimination issues. A staff editor on the Journal of Law and Public Policy, Jessica also served as a teaching assistant in a Legal Analysis, Writing and Research class. Jessica currently serves as a law clerk for the Hon. David Ragonese in the Family Division of the Camden County Superior Court.
Michael Berryhill (Class of 2018 - December)

Michael is a person of great intellect, talent and dedication and also great humility. As a student worker over several semesters, he has been a mainstay in the Law School’s Clinical Program, making wide-ranging contributions to the Domestic Violence Clinic, Children’s Justice Clinic, Civil Practice Clinic, Immigrant Justice Clinic, and the Child and Family Advocacy Clinic. He has also done exceptional work with the Mortgage Foreclosure Project, assisting clients in New Jersey to avoid mortgage foreclosure, and with the Expungement Law Project, giving clients the opportunity for a fresh start with a clean slate. His strong relationships with staff in the prosecutors’ offices, municipal courts and police departments throughout South Jersey have enabled him to deliver outstanding results for clients. Throughout law school, Michael has been commuting to D.C. to spend time with his fiancé and now wife Olivia, and has spent many weeks and weekends performing his National Guard service, including contributions to relief efforts after Hurricane Florence and in preparation for his deployment to the Middle East in January, after graduation.

Jacquelyn Corsentino (Class of 2018)

During law school, Jacquelyn’s commitment to community service was consistent. She received a Maida Public Interest Fellowship in her 1L summer and interned for the New Jersey Office of Attorney General’s Tort Litigation Division. She was then selected as a Marshall Brennan Constitutional Law Fellow, where she taught Camden students four-days a week. Additionally, she was selected as a Henry J. Raimondo Legislative Fellow, within Eagleton Institute of Politics' Graduate Fellowship Program, working for the New Jersey Legislature's Office of Legislative Services. Throughout all three years of law school, she was actively involved in the Domestic Violence Pro Bono Project, as a
mediator, and as a volunteer observer on election day. At graduation, she received a Dean's Pro Bono Publico Award for Exceptional Service for volunteering over 100 hours. Jacquelyn also served as the State Constitutional Law Editor of the Rutgers University Law Review. Additionally, she worked for the Honorable George S. Leone in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division and was a summer associate at Connell Foley. She currently works as a law clerk to the Honorable Heidi W. Currier in the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division and will be returning to her firm next year.

April Gambardella (Class of 2019)

At Rowan University, April interned with the Pennsylvania Innocence Project and led anti-hydraulic fracturing initiatives in the Glassboro area. She entered Rutgers Law School as a Social Justice Scholar and immediately began pro bono work, participating in the Voter's Rights Project her first year and interning at the Georgia Innocence Project during spring break. Since then, she has interned with Philadelphia VIP, conducted pro bono mediations, and, as an Association for Public Interest Law executive board member, raised money for public interest stipends. In her second year, April served as a Marshall Brennan Constitutional Literacy Fellow at Brimm Medical Arts High School. This past year, April has served as a Student Co-Director of the Domestic Violence Project and a Summer Fellow and is representing clients in the Domestic Violence Clinic. After graduation April will clerk for the Hon. Judge John J. Burke III, a family law judge in Burlington County.
Joanna Gardner (Class of 2019)

Prior to law school, Joanna worked for two years in non-profit communications and spent a year as a volunteer in rural Honduras at a home for children who had suffered abuse and neglect. Joanna is a Social Justice Scholar and Immigrant Justice Fellow and a member of Rutgers Law Review. She has sharpened her focus on immigration law through internships with HIAS Pennsylvania, the Camden Center for Law and Social Justice and Justice at Work (previously Friends of Farmworkers). Joanna has also organized and participated in numerous community outreach events and pro bono opportunities related to immigration law. Her dedication to the community earned her the 2017 Chancellor’s Award for Student Civic Engagement.

Julianna Koster (Class of 2019)

Julianna is an exemplary member of the law school’s public interest community. She is one of the founders and the Student Director of the Mortgage Foreclosure Program. As Student Director, Julianna has been tireless in helping prepare student manuals and project materials, training other law students, interviewing numerous clients, and assisting homeowners seeking to modify their mortgages to avoid foreclosure of their homes. She has also participated as a leader in the Mediation and Voter’s Rights Projects and in the Hon. Judith H. Wizmur Bankruptcy Project, and served as a Marshall Brennan Constitutional Literacy Fellow. Julianna served as Secretary of the Student Bar Association last year, and is this year’s SBA President.

Eric Lee (Class of 2019)
Prior to law school, Eric worked in the finance industry in New York City, and then started his own business in his hometown of Cherry Hill, which he continues to operate. After realizing how many of his non-English speaking customers were in need of legal assistance, he decided to pursue a law degree. Eric has completed over 150 hours of pro bono work to date. He has served as the Vice President of the Association for Public Interest Law, coordinated the Alternative Spring Break project in Nashville, TN, and is a student leader for the LEAD (Learn, Empower, and Advocate for People with Disabilities) and Voter’s Rights Projects. He most recently revived the Voter’s Rights Project’s efforts to help eligible inmates at the Camden County Correctional Facility register to vote. He is currently a law clerk at Bidlingmeier & Bidlingmeier, P.C., a firm in Trenton, NJ focused on civil rights issues.

Ariella Levine (Class of 2019)

A former City Year teacher, Ariella has continued and expanded her commitment to public interest work while in law school. With over 200 pro bono hours completed, Ariella has participated in the Voter’s Rights Project, the Truancy Intervention Program in Atlanta, GA for Alternative Spring Break, and the Mediation Pro Bono Project, and helped organize past Philbrook Public Interest Award Celebrations. As a 3L, Ariella serves as Student Co-Director of the Pro Bono Domestic Violence Project and is representing clients in the Domestic Violence clinic. Ariella was awarded Maida Public Interest Fellowships for her two summer internships at the Fair Share Housing Center and South Jersey Legal Services. She utilized her teaching skills as a Marshall Brennan Constitutional Literacy Fellow. Ariella is also a member of the Minority Student Program and a Staff Editor of the Rutgers Journal of Law and Religion, and served two years as an executive board member of the Association for Public Interest Law. After graduation, she hopes to work on poverty law
issues with the Addiction Medicine Clinic at Cooper Hospital or in a similar setting.

**Ashley Maddison (Class of 2019)**

Ashley’s prior experiences working for several social service non-profit organizations addressing the needs of clients with severe and persistent mental illness led her to pursue a career in public interest law. She is passionate about providing accessible, practical, and holistic services to individuals with disabilities. Ashley has been able to pursue this passion through internship opportunities at Disability Rights Pennsylvania, the New Jersey Office of the Public Defender Division of Mental Health Advocacy, and the Legal Clinic for the Disabled. At Rutgers, Ashley is a student co-leader of Planning Estates Pro Bono (PEP), recruiting and training student volunteers, securing sites for neighborhood community clinics, and coordinating with the director and other pro bono attorneys. Through the Social Justice Scholars Program, Ashley and two other students were able to develop, coordinate, and host two panel discussions on mental health challenges in the legal profession—addiction and compassion fatigue.

**Anastasia Millicker (Class of 2017)**
Anastasia is deeply committed to public interest work. While in law school, she served as a Student Coordinator for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Project, as well as the Mediation Pro Bono Project, for which she anchored the Project’s activities in Municipal Court. Anastasia also volunteered her time for the Domestic Violence Pro Bono Project, providing information to unrepresented domestic violence plaintiffs seeking orders of protection at the courthouse. She interned for the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General and for the Office of the Public Defender in New Brunswick and participated in the Rutgers Child and Family Advocacy Clinic. In the summer of 2016, Anastasia was awarded a Maida Public Interest Fellowship to support her work at the New Jersey Institute for Social Justice, where she assisted on a number of legal policy matters involving economic mobility, criminal justice reform and civic engagement. After graduation, she completed a clerkship for the Honorable Donald J. Stein, in Camden Superior Court.

Olivia Nardone (Class of 2019)
Olivia has dedicated her law school career to becoming a public defender and zealous advocate for vulnerable communities. Her desire to pursue public defense began her 1L summer working with the New Jersey Office of the Public Defender in the Special Hearings Unit (Megan’s Law). There, she learned that public defenders provide a vital service to indigent clients and, regardless of their charges, all people are entitled to competent representation. During her 2L spring semester, she interned in the Juvenile Unit at the Defender Association of Philadelphia, continuing at the Defender Association the following summer as an intern. As a 3L, she is in the Children’s Justice Clinic, advocating for juveniles facing criminal adjudication in New Jersey, while also working with the Rutgers Criminal Youth Justice Clinic in Newark. Olivia has been active as a leader in the Law School’s National Lawyers Guild chapter.

Kristen Petagna (Class of 2019)

Prior to entering law school, Kristen attended a Jesuit University, which emphasized the Jesuit value of being “men and women for others.” Through her time as an undergraduate, and as she continued into law school, she has been dedicated to living out this value. While at Rutgers, she has worked with various pro bono projects with different groups of people, from registering prisoners to vote to gathering research of prison housing policies for transgender individuals. During her 1L summer, Kristin worked with the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Pennsylvania researching wrongful detention of families by ICE in violation of a memorandum between the United States and Vietnam. She has dedicated countless hours to the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Pro Bono Project, and serves this
year as VITA’s student leader. As a 2L, Kristen took a leadership role in the Association for Public Interest Law, serving as treasurer.

Christina Schyner (Class of 2019)

Christy entered law school determined to make a difference in the lives of children with disabilities and their families. As a single mother of a five-year-old with autism, Christy understands first-hand the challenges raising a disabled child presents. Frustrated by the complexities of the application and service-providing processes required to address her daughter’s needs, Christy was determined to understand the systems involved and enact change. She has already done so over the past few years in her Maida-funded internships with Disability Rights New Jersey and the Community Health Law Project. Christy also co-leads the LEAD (Learn, Empower and Advocate for People with Disabilities) Pro Bono Project and is enrolled in the Child & Family Advocacy Clinic this semester. A Social Justice Scholar and member of the Minority Student Program, Christy also served as a Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Fellow, is the Co-Blogs & Publications Editor of the Journal of Law and Public Policy, and has volunteered with the Mediation Pro Bono Project. Christy plans a career in disability rights law.
AUCTION

Monday, March 4, 2019, 12:15pm

The APIL Auction funds students in unpaid summer public interest jobs.

Please join the effort and join the fun to raise money for APIL and social justice!

To volunteer, contact Colin Sheehan, Auction Chair
cds186@scarletmail.rutgers.edu.

Roger S. Clark APIL 5K Run for Justice
Spring 2019 Date TBA
In special recognition of the members of the Philbrook Planning and Selection Committees:

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