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## FALL SPOTLIGHT: 2023

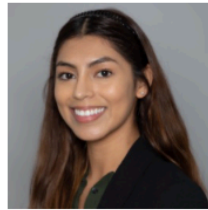
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### Introducing our CEPS Fall Fellows

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#### **Jordan Brooks, Steven Chaykin Fellow, Health Equity Project**

Jordan Brooks, MPH is an MD/JD candidate at the University of Miami, who is currently in his fourth year of medical school and third year of law school. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Neuroscience from Kenyon College. He then worked for four years for the University of Pittsburgh Department of Neurosurgery in the Neurotrauma Clinical Trials Center. He graduated with his Master of Public Health in Epidemiology from the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health and was inducted into the Delta Omega Honorary Society of Public Health. Currently, Jordan is a Governing Council member and the Legislative Chair for the Florida Medical Association and a Civic Health Fellow for Vot-ER. He is also a Board of Directors member for Buddy Systems MIA. While at the University of Miami, Jordan has been heavily involved in public service work, working with numerous local organizations in Miami, namely: the University of Miami Department of Community Service, the Human Rights Clinic of Miami (at both the medical school and law school), the Ladies Empowerment and Action Program, Catalyst Miami, Legal Services of Greater Miami, and the Florida Health Justice Project.



#### **Valerie Caso-Veras, Peter Palermo Fellow, Housing & Community Equity Project**

Valerie Caso-Veras is a second-year law student at the University of Miami, where she is an intern for the Innocence Clinic and a member of OUTLaw. Prior to attending law school, she graduated from Florida International University with a B.A. in Psychology, where she assisted in researching Florida death penalty cases for the Death Penalty Clinic and advocated for immigrant detention divestment in South Florida with the Florida Immigrant Coalition (FLIC).

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#### **Taimaisú Ferrer Sin, Peter Palermo Fellow, Housing & Community Equity Project**

Taimaisú Ferrer Sin is a second-year law student at the University of Miami. She received her Bachelor of Architecture with a minor in Education from Cornell University in 2022. She is a Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Graduate Scholar and an NAACP LDF Earl Warren Scholar. In addition to being a member of the Black Law Students Association, Miami Law Women, and the Hispanic Law Students Association on campus, Taimaisú is a member of the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association and the Gwen S. Cherry Black Women Lawyers Association. During the summer of 2023, Taimaisú served as a HOPE Summer Public Interest Fellow with Legal Services of Greater Miami in the Consumer Unit.



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#### **Janeal Fordham, David P. Catsman Fellow, Legal Profession Program**

Janeal Fordham is a second-year law student at the University of Miami, where she is a HOPE Scholar and Fundraising Chair for the National Lawyers Guild. Prior to attending law school, Janeal was the Gallard Fellow for The Branson School in Marin County, CA. She taught in the History Department and served as the school's Community Engagement Director. Janeal graduated from Spelman College with a B.A. in Political Science.

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## **Brandi Griffin, Mandel Fellow, *Legal Profession Program***

Brandi Griffin is a third-year law student at the University of Miami, where she is a member of the Black Law Students Association, Miami Law Women, the First Generation Law Association, a Student Ambassador with the Office of Admissions and the Law Student Representative on the Board of Trustees Student Affairs Committee. She is originally from Atlanta, Georgia. Prior to attending law school, Brandi received her Bachelor of Arts in Communication from Wake Forest University and a Master of Arts in Journalism from Northeastern University. In her free time, Brandi enjoys reading for fun, visiting museums, trying new restaurants and spending time with her family, including her dog, Charlie Boston.



## **Emma Page, Steven Chaykin Fellow, *Health Equity Project***

Emma Page is a second-year law student from Dayton, Ohio. She graduated from the University of Kentucky in 2021 with a degree in Public Health and minors in Biology, Spanish, and Health Communication. Prior to law school, she gained experience working on the Covid-19 response at the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department in Kentucky. During the summer of 2023, she served as a HOPE Summer Public Interest Fellow at Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc. In her 2L year, Emma will be involved in the Race and Social Justice Law Review and the Environmental Justice Clinic.

## **Omarley Spence, William M. Hoeveler Fellow, *Legal Profession Program***

Omarley Spence is a second-year law student at the University of Miami School of Law and is from Lauderhill, Fl. He graduated from the University of Florida in 2019 with a B.A. in Economics and an M.S.M. in Management. Prior to coming to law school, he gained skills in project management and financial market trend tracking while working as an Associate at Fisher Investments. He is a member of the Black Law Student Association, a member of the OutLaw Student Association, a member of the University of Miami School of Law Trial Team, First-Generation Law Association, and the Treasurer for the Caribbean Law Student Association. In his free time, Omarley enjoys running and spending quality time with family



## **Niara Ellison Williams, Hunton Andrews Kurth Fellow, *Health Equity Project***

Niara Williams is a second-year law student from Perrysburg, Ohio. In 2018, she received her B.A. in Political Science from Bowling Green State University. Prior to coming to law school, she obtained her Master's in Public Health from the University of Miami and worked as a research analyst in health communications research. Outside of her master's coursework, she participated in several policy and research initiatives related to maternal health. She is currently Vice President the Health Law Association, Advocacy Chair of If/When/How and a member of the Black Law Student Association and First-Generation Law Association. She is pursuing the health law concentration and hopes to specialize in transactional health care work after graduationInput caption text here. Use the block's Settings tab to change the caption position and set other styles.

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**UPCOMING FALL EVENTS:**

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CENTER FOR  
ETHICS AND  
PUBLIC SERVICE  
PRESENTS:

Upcoming Event

### Summer Work Mixer

Calling all 1Ls! Join the Center for Ethics and Public Service to learn more about the current fellows' summer work experiences and the Center's work in the community! Lunch will be provided.



Alma Jennings Student Lounge



Tuesday, September 5,  
2023 at 12:30 PM

**Register Here!**



CEPS 21st Annual  
William M. Hoeveler Awards Luncheon  
**Honoring Dr. Marvin Dunn**  
November 10, 2023 12:30 to 2:00pm



Dr. Marvin Dunn, an African American native Floridian, is professor emeritus and retired chairperson of the Department of Psychology at Florida International University. Born during the Jim Crow era, he brings a perspective to black history that has been missed, distorted, and minimized in the past. He co-authored *The Miami Riot of 1980: Crossing the Bounds* (1984). He authored *Black Miami in the Twentieth Century* (1997) and *A History of Florida: Through Black Eyes* (2016). Dr. Dunn is a renowned expert on race and ethnic issues in America and a nationally respected scholar, author, historian, documentary filmmaker, and community activist. He lives in Miami Florida. Much of his work can be [found on Dunnhistory.com](http://foundonDunnhistory.com)

## Good News!



The University of Miami Center for Ethics and Public Service has been selected to receive the **Public Service Award** at the Caribbean Bar Association 27th Annual Scholarship and Awards Gala presented by the Caribbean Bar Foundation. This year's Gala will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 14, 2023, at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Hollywood, 1 Seminole Way, Hollywood, FL



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