
SUMMER SPOTLIGHT

Program Updates

Greetings from the Center for Ethics and Public Service! This summer our fellows and interns are continuing to advance a wide range of education, interdisciplinary research, and law reform projects.

The **Legal Profession Program**, led by Steven Chaykin Fellow Estefanía Hernández, David P. Catsman Fellow Janeal Hightower Fordham, William M. Hoever Fellow Omarley Spence, and Peter Palermo Fellow Samantha Viner, is designing legal services industry education workshops for law students and innovative CLE seminars for the Florida bar and bench.

The **Health Equity Project**, led by with Hunton Andrews Kurth Fellows Hannah Smaglis and Niara Williams and recent Miami Law graduate Lauren Jones, is researching the medical-legal nexus between housing segregation and public health among displaced low-income communities of color in South Florida.

And the **Housing and Community Equity Project**, as part of the Center's longstanding partnership with Brown University, is developing a pilot community education-based Freedom School curricular project in cooperation with the Coconut Grove Ministerial Alliance of Black Churches focusing on the cultural and social history of Black communities in Florida. The **Housing and Community Equity Project** is also continuing to investigate, research, and craft policy reform initiatives to address ongoing housing displacement and resegregation in the City of Miami and Miami-Dade County.

Staff Updates

**Please welcome Carter Deane Cooper as our new
Program Coordinator**



Carter Cooper, originally from Washington, D.C., earned a BA from Oberlin College with a double major in Psychology and Law & Society and a minor in English. While a student, she served as a Senior Admissions Fellow, Peer Advising Leader (PAL), and Writing Associate and was also a member of the Law & Justice Scholars Program. A classically trained ballerina, Carter often performed in college- and conservatory-produced dance pieces. Following graduation, Carter remained at Oberlin where she would spend the next year as Manager of Academic Peer Advising, coordinating the Peer Advising Leaders (PAL) Program she had been involved with while a student. Having recently moved to Miami, Carter is delighted to join the UM family as CEPS Program Coordinator, and hopes to make a difference in the South Florida area and beyond!

Black Health Summit



The inaugural Black Health Summit was held on June 16, 2022. Our Health Equity Project Fellows, Lauren Jones and Niara Williams, both Hunton Andrews Kurth Fellows, took part in the summit and developed policy briefs that focused on each workshop topic.

Alumni Spotlight Caroline Klancke



After graduating from UM's School of Law where she served as the Greenburg Traurig fellow with the **Center for Ethics & Public Service**, **Caroline Klancke** continued her ethics career on the state level—first while serving as a Senior Attorney and Chief Ethics Officer with the Florida Public Service Commission and later with the Florida Commission on Ethics—the constitutionally created state agency tasked with interpreting and enforcing the Code of Ethics for Public Officers and Employees. During her tenure at the Commission on Ethics, Ms. Klancke, served as Senior Attorney and later as General Counsel and Deputy Executive Director. Ms. Klancke left the Commission in 2022 to found and lead the Florida Ethics Institute (FEI)—the only independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization created to protect and advance the cause of ethics in government through education. Since its inception, and under the leadership of Ms. Klancke, as its Executive Director, FEI has published *The Florida Ethics Law Handbook*—the only comprehensive guide to state ethics laws applicable to public officials—and has established itself as the authority on governmental ethics requirements in Florida. FEI has assisted journalists and media outlets, including the New York Times, Washington Post, Forbes, Vanity Fair, Reuters, and others in their understanding of Florida's ethics laws and their application to facts involving public officers throughout the Sunshine State. Further, Ms. Klancke has lectured extensively on ethics law topics and led ethics trainings for the Florida Bar, Florida Association of Counties, the Institute for County Government, and others.

Good News

- **Tiffani G. Lee**, J.D. '97, CEPS 2021 Lawyers in Leadership Recipient and former Fellow, has just been named Deputy Managing Partner of Holland & Knight. Tiffani was also just recognized by *Florida Super Lawyers* magazine.
- **Miriam Ramos**, J.D. '02, former CEPS Fellow and former City Attorney for the City of Coral Gables recently left public service to join Holland & Knight where she has founded the Florida State and Local Government Ethics division.
- **Matthew Shalna**, J.D. '23, former CEPS LPP Fellow will be beginning a two-year clerkship for U.S. Chief Magistrate Judge Edwin G. Torres in January 2024.

If you are a former CEPS Fellow or Intern and you'd like to share good news with us please email: ceps@law.miami.edu.

Brown University Undergraduate Summer Interns

As part of the Center's longstanding partnership with Brown University, we are excited to introduce our four Brown University Undergraduate Summer Interns. At the request of the Coconut Grove Ministerial Alliance of Black Churches, the interns are helping to develop a curriculum drawing on the historic model of Freedom Schools to teach African American studies in community-based contexts during the upcoming year. To that end, they are working closely with Coconut Grove Village West churches, civic associations, and nonprofit organizations to build a diverse and inclusive curriculum.

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Shannon Feerick-Hillenbrand Brown University Summer Intern Class of 2026

Shannon was born and raised in Coral Springs, Florida, and is a rising sophomore at Brown University. She is studying Political Science and Urban Studies with a focus on social justice. Outside of the classroom, Shannon is a member of the Brown Initiative for Policy student think tank and hosts a local political podcast called Politics with GenZ. In her free time, Shannon is an active member of the Brown Aerial Acrobatics Silks Team and enjoys painting and singing. She is excited to contribute to the fantastic work CEPS does for the community.



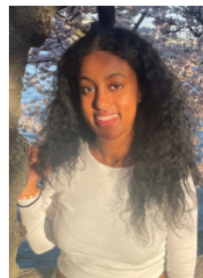
David Felipe Brown University Summer Intern Class of 2026

David is a first-generation college student at Brown studying Cognitive Neuroscience and International and Public Affairs on a Pre-Law track. He was born and raised in South Central Los Angeles, where he saw the impacts of redlining and racial gerrymandering first-hand. At Brown, David is a Sidney E. Frank scholar and former Kessler Scholar. He is also an active member of Brown's Dream Team, which helps advocate for undocumented individuals both at Brown and within the greater Providence community. In his free time, David enjoys being out in nature, taking photos with vintage cameras, and playing with his two cats.



Amira Haileab Brown University Summer Intern Class of 2026

Amira is from Northfield, Minnesota and is a rising sophomore at Brown University. She is interested in studying Anthropology and African Studies but is still exploring her other academic interests at Brown. Her passions include social justice initiatives, community service, and creative writing. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, exploring nature, pottery, dancing, writing for her blog, and reading.



Isabella Mandell Brown University Summer Intern Class of 2025

Isabella is a rising junior at Brown University from Woodbridge, Connecticut. She is concentrating in Environmental Studies and International And Public Affairs. At Brown, Isabella is a member of the Student Clinic for Immigrant Justice, where she works with an attorney on asylum cases in Rhode Island. She is also a coordinator and tutor for the Brown Refugee Youth Tutoring Program. Outside of academics, Isabella loves baking scones and playing for Brown Women's Club Soccer.



In The News

- [*Mayor for Hire: Francis Suarez's wealth boomed while he promoted Miami as tech capital*](#), **Miami Herald**, 7/2/23

"To his credit, the mayor is a shrewd, astute, and canny practitioner of self-enriching, rent-seeking behavior across both public and private sectors of the Miami political and financial ecosystem," said **Anthony Alfieri**, **founding director of the Center for Ethics and Public Service** at the University of Miami School of Law. "Indeed, by any measure, he has been rewarded for his casual disdain of the values of open and responsible government," Alfieri said.

- [Emails Reveal Miami Mayor's Aide Wrote Puff Piece About Billionaire](#), **Daily Beast**, 6/17/23
Cedro's dual roles raise "troubling conflict of interest questions," **Anthony Alfieri, founding director of the Center for Ethics and Public Service** at the University of Miami School of Law, told The Daily Beast. "The subject of her reporting... stands out not only as [a] major campaign donor to the Mayor's political action committee, but also as a rising economic power broker in the City of Miami with financial interests tied to construction projects under city land use and zoning regulation and oversight."
- [Miami Mayor to Keep Quinn Emanuel Job During White House Run](#), **Bloomberg Law**, 6/15/23
"To the extent that the mayor's regulatory noncompliance is entangled with the economic interests of campaign donors and often undisclosed private sector employers doing business with the City of Miami, his conduct raises very troubling questions of ethical candor, civic accountability, and government transparency," said **Anthony Alfieri, a University of Miami law professor**.
- [Trump case assigned to judge who faced criticism over her ruling in his favor in Mar-a-Lago search](#), **AP News**, 6/9/23
Given the reversal of Cannon's ruling last year, "there already appears to be a fair ground for disqualification because the public might reasonably question her impartiality, even absent an evidentiary basis for alleging or finding personal bias or prejudice," said University of Miami law professor **Anthony Alfieri, the founding director of its Center for Ethics and Public Service**.
- [After civil-court spanking, could Joe Carollo face a criminal case? There's an open probe](#), **Miami Herald**, 6/3/23
At the very least, the Carollo decision — and that staggering \$63.5 million judgment — should put the city's leaders on notice, said University of Miami ethics professor **Tony Alfieri. Alfieri, founding director of UM's Center for Ethics and Public Service and Community Equity Lab**, had testified earlier against a motion by Carollo's defense to dismiss the lawsuit. He said it's unclear how the jurors' decision might impact potential criminal and ethics cases. But their findings could be influential. "The fact that the jury found that Carollo acted intentionally is likely to be highly relevant to both criminal and ethics investigations going forward," Alfieri said.
- [DeSantis's Administration Solicits Endorsements and Money for His Campaign](#), **The New York Times**, 5/26/23
"The conduct raises very serious and substantial questions," said **Anthony V. Alfieri, founding director of the Center for Ethics and Public Service** at the University of Miami School of Law.



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Founded in 1996, the Center for Ethics and Public Service is a law school-housed ethics education, experiential skills training, and community engagement program devoted to the values of ethical judgment, professional responsibility, and public service in law and society. The Center's mission is to educate law students to serve their communities as citizen lawyers. The Center operates three programs: the *Community Equity Lab*, the *Black Church Program*, and the *Legal Profession Program*.

