



ALUMNI FEATURE: GRACE PENDER

Tell us about yourself. What interested you in LPS?

“I knew I wanted to go to law school and thought it would give me the tools to head in that direction as a first-generation college student who had no idea what I was doing! I fell in love with the major my first semester and dropped business to focus on LPS, adding History and Rhetoric, Media, and Social Change as additional majors. It was my most formative academic experience and completely changed the way I saw the law and the world. It taught me to think critically about power structures.”

What have you been up to since graduation?

“I am wrapping up my second year at Georgetown Law. My 1L summer I worked for Iowa Legal Aid. In my 2L year, I joined the *Georgetown Journal on Poverty Law and Policy* as a Notes Editor and served on both the Senate and House Judiciary Committees. This summer I am joining the Arizona Attorney General's and Solicitor General's Offices for a split between constitutional and appellate litigation and advisory work, and next fall I will join my school's Civil Rights Clinic as a Student Attorney representing clients in civil rights cases.”

What do you enjoy the most about law school?

“Once you get past your first year, the opportunities to serve your community are incredible. My education and proximity to where things happen in DC have been life-changing as an aspiring advocate for accountability.”

What advice do you have for current LPS students?

“LPS teaches you to think critically, which is an invaluable asset in law and advocacy. Get involved in your community early and put that knowledge to use! Talk to your professors, classmates, and alumni. I got my first law firm position going door to door with no real experience beyond working in a grocery store, until two Drake alumni took a chance on me.”



OPPORTUNITIES OF INTEREST

Mental Health and the Justice System: Enduring Challenges, Emerging Opportunities

The Harkin Institute
Thursday, May 7th
8:30am - 5:00pm



Any opportunities you'd like showcased?
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