

Fulco-Cabot Fund Highlights 2025-2026

From the Director, Emerita

Dear Alumni and Friends,

I am honored by your generous donations, and grateful for your ongoing support of the program.

Alums, I eagerly follow the news about your careers and accomplishments and hope that you will continue to stay in touch.

With deep appreciation,
Renny

Director's Note

Dear Public Policy & Law Alumni and Friends,

Greetings from Trinity, where we've just celebrated the graduation of 47 Public Policy & Law (PBPL) majors in the wonderful Class of 2026. We're reaching out to share highlights from this past academic year, with particular gratitude for the student experiences that the Fulco-Cabot Fund enabled.

Through the generous contributions of alumni and friends of PBPL, the Fulco-Cabot Fund now disburses roughly \$10,000 annually. These funds support student research and engagement experiences that advance our majors' learning. Below you can learn more about the research presentations, internships, and community-engaged learning that these funds enabled in 2025-2026.

This spring, for instance, several alumni returned to serve as guest judges for the mock trial presentations in PBPL 202 Law, Argument, and Policy. If you are interested in participating or learning more, please reach out to me at Abigail.Williamson@trincoll.edu. PBPL faculty are always excited to hear from alumni and friends of PBPL, so we hope you will keep in touch.

We thank you for your ongoing support and wish you a beautiful summer!

Warm wishes,
Abby Fisher Williamson, Associate Professor
PBPL Program Director



Fulco-Cabot recipient Kashmala Khan '29 with Prof. Emerita Renny Fulco



Noelle Hanson '26 presenting at the SPSA annual meeting



Thesis Prize Winner Savi Augustine '26, "CTfastrak to the Future: Evaluating Hartford's Bus Rapid Transit System"



Ben Lynch '27 presenting at the spring PBPL 220 student research poster fair



Student presenters at the Center for the Study of Guns and Society conference



Ryan O'Boyle '26 presenting his senior thesis, "Experiencing Technical Difficulties: The Fourth Amendment in an Age of Technological Innovation"



Students meeting with Matt Schiller '01 over lunch for "Law Careers after Trinity"

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- **Student Presentations at Academic Conferences.** Students traveled with Professor Shane Gleason to present at the Southern Political Science Association meeting in New Orleans, LA; and the New England Political Science Association meeting in Burlington, VT. Three students joined Professor Evan Turiano '16 on a panel at Wesleyan's Center for the Study of Guns and Society.
- **Access to Internships.** Majors received stipends to cover expenses while completing unpaid internships with Connecticut Senator Richard Blumenthal; Urban Rivers, a Chicago non-profit; a real estate law firm; the Rhode Island Office of Management and Budget; the MA Northwestern District Attorney's Office; MA State Representative Marcus Vaughn; and the Middlesex MA District Attorney's office.
- **Alumni Guest Judges.** Professor Evan Turiano welcomed two alumni as guest judges for the PBPL 202 mock trial presentations, Sam Hines '16, an associate at Lewis Brisbois LLP, and Matt Schiller '01, founding partner of Murphy Schiller & Wilkes LLP. Students shared lunch with alumni to learn more about legal career pathways.
- **On-Campus Research Poster Fair.** Students in Professor Shane Gleason's PBPL 220 Research and Evaluation course presented their final data analysis assignment through a poster fair. The Fund supported this public event and enabled students to print and keep their posters.
- **Experiential Learning in Hartford.** Students in Professor Serena Law's PBPL 310 Tax Policy and Inequality course became IRS certified tax preparers and staffed a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Clinic at Trinity. They completed 784 tax returns, generating \$1.7 million in total refunds for low-income residents. The Fund supported students with transport costs, as they completed supplemental hours at other VITA clinics throughout Hartford.
- **Senior Thesis Expert Advising.** The Fund compensated an expert advisor to provide feedback on a senior thesis on the Fourth Amendment in the age of increasing technological innovation.
- **Student Conference Participation.** A student traveled with the Office of Multicultural Affairs to participate in the Emerging Student Leaders Summit in Washington, D.C.
- **Guest Speakers.** Professors Shane Gleason, Jack Greenberg, and Evan Turiano hosted a series of events for PBPL majors interested in the legal profession, human rights, and other topics, including visits from Alana Burman of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission; Stacey Doan of Protectors of Animals; constitutional law expert Madiba Dennie; and Professor Tao Dumas.



Senior Dinner Snapshots