

Barbara Harlow Internship at the Rapoport Center for Human Rights & Justice



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Human Rights and Justice Projects

As an academic non-profit, the center is dedicated to creating an interdisciplinary work space with academics in disciplines such as anthropology, sociology, government, fine arts, and public policy. Here are some of the projects I was involved with during Fall 2018 & Spring 2019:

- Interviewed former high-profile clients of human rights lawyer, Michael Tigar.
- Edited and reviewed human rights and justice publications.
- Improved faculty affiliation and engagement with center.
- Designed fall colloquium posters.
- Engaged in human rights and justice discussions with visiting scholars, activists, and law students.



Lois Romano, a former political journalist from The Washington Post, Newsweek, and POLITICO, interviews Michael Tigar about his most notable moments in his career and share stories.

Most Memorable Moment

On September of 2018, I had the honor of attending, participating, and assisting “The Michael Tigar Papers” event where I interviewed Robin Mardemootoo, a former student of Michael Tigar and law partner with Tigar on pro bono human rights cases. Sleep deprived from a 40 hour flight to Austin for a 4-hour event, this corporate lawyer expressed how the event was important to him. It was a small circle of passionate people committed to the ideology of standing up for their principles to fight for international human rights. He believes in many paths to attain that objective. And I agreed with him. Addressing an issue and working to solve it *is* an interdisciplinary and multi-dimensional experience.

“I practice banking and corporate work but do pro bono work because it feeds my soul.”

Barbara Harlow’s Legacy



Barbara Harlow

Barbara Harlow was a valuable colleague, friend, and mentor to many students, intellectuals, and activists. During her career and time at the Rapoport Center, Barbara Harlow was an editor of postcolonial texts, a translator of foreign literatures, a writer of resistance literature, and an activist against the political detention of women and the South African apartheid.

In honor of her legacy, I chose to fully engage with the world around me by uplifting others, staying curious, and asking difficult questions.

Personal development

Future plans. This summer, I will be going to Accra, Ghana to conduct a social impact and research project on colorism. I plan on exploring journalism, radio, and policy in the future. I’m considering attending grad school in policy or international relations. **What advice would you give to a younger student in the program?** To my younger self, I would encourage myself to be more confident in discussions and not fall into the imposter syndrome that weighs on me so often in spaces with people I intellectually look up to.

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