

**2003-04 Teaching Scholar
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Patricia A. Massey graduated from Santa Clara University School of Law in 2003. Her particular area of interest and experience is disability rights. As Program Director at a federally funded Parent Training and Information Center, Parents Helping Parents, she co-authored a training manual and taught parents, educators, and members of the legal community about children's special education rights under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act and 504. She also was instrumental in the design and development of Project YEA, a unique, collaborative program that trains volunteer attorneys and lay advocates in special education law and regulations in order to assure that children of the court with disabilities receive the services to which they are legally entitled. Patricia co-taught (with Nancy Wright) a semester-long *Children and the Law* course in Spring 2004 with Professor Nancy Wright. The course, which focuses on child abuse and neglect, also considers a broad range of other issues involving the conflicts between the legal rights of children and the legal rights of their parents and the state.

Patricia helped to coordinate and participated in the Center's activities, including Social Justice Mondays, Social Justice Thursdays, the Social Justice Fall Workshop, and the Trina Grillo Public Interest and Social Justice Law Retreat. She is preparing a manuscript for publication, *Disability Matters: Toward a Law School Clinical Model for Serving Youth with Special Education Needs* (with Stephen A. Rosenbaum) in the CLINICAL LAW REVIEW in Fall 2004.