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Lindsay Frazier '16 Wants to be a Voice for Those Living in Poverty

Although Lindsay Frazier '16 had dreamed of becoming a lawyer when she was younger, she began her studies at Gardner-Webb

photo of Lindsay Frazier

University as a secondary history education major. In her junior year, she took a class on the Civil Rights Movement with Dr. Joseph Moore. Researching and writing class assignments gave her confidence in her abilities, and she realized law school was a definite possibility.

“All of my history and political science professors were phenomenal, and I enjoyed taking classes with all of them, but my classes with Dr. David Yelton and Dr. Moore stand out,” affirmed Frazier, a first-year law student at UNC Chapel Hill School of Law. “Their classes challenged me and fostered the further development of my critical thinking and historical research skills. In Dr. Moore’s class, I did original research on desegregation in my hometown and grew so much academically over that semester. That class made me realize that I was capable of more than I realized and that pursuing law school was a feasible goal for me.”

Frazier grew up in a rural area in Rutherfordton, N.C. She witnessed how poverty and a lack of access to resources can impact people and their lives. “I desire to have a career in state or federal government to help ensure that the voices of those who often feel ignored are actually heard,” she related. “I aspire to work for a state or federal agency in a legal capacity to help implement and create policies to help those in rural and/or low income areas.”

She has an internship this summer with the N.C. Lieutenant Governor’s Office. “My GWU history classes prepared me for the long and oftentimes dense reading in law school,” Frazier observed. “Having small classes at GWU also made it a necessity to be comfortable participating in class discussions, which served me well in law school classes where you may be randomly called on. The most important thing I learned as an undergraduate that has helped me in law school is to never doubt yourself and always be willing to try new things, because you’re probably capable of more than you think.”