



## Office of Inclusion and Engagement Student Advisory Board Member



### Patricia Mundy ML'22

Patricia Mundy grew up in Zambia, the youngest child of a farming family, most of whom had no formal education. From a young age, she recognized the importance of education as a tool for social mobility.

She received her Masters in Geography and Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from Cambridge University, England. She then went on to complete a rotating small animal internship at The Royal Veterinary College in London, England.

Patricia pursued her interest in Ophthalmology by completing a prestigious Fellowship in Comparative Ophthalmic Pathology at the University of Wisconsin Veterinary / Medical School in Madison, Wisconsin in 2008 (She is one of 22 people in the world who has been awarded a Fellowship in Comparative Ophthalmic Pathology). Patricia then completed a Comparative Ophthalmology Residency at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY.

Patricia is a Staff Clinician at the University of Philadelphia, Ryan Veterinary School and is a current student of Penn Law's Masters in Law Program.

Patricia's interest in unconscious bias, equity, and inclusion is rooted in empathy, mutual understanding, and engaging in difficult conversations. She takes this approach because she firmly believes it is the best way forward; it is essential that we create a forum in which individuals can share their thoughts and feelings without fear of retribution or judgment. Notwithstanding whether these thoughts and feelings arise out of biased assumptions and/or stereotypes (conscious and unconscious), there should be space for them to be aired. Well-meaning individuals routinely rely upon assumptions about people for all sorts of reasons; these should be viewed as teachable moments, rather than serving as the basis of scorn or derision