

2016-2017 YLS Fellows by their Multiple Substantive Practice Areas

ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Rebecca

Buckwalter-Poza '14

Direct a project to expand access to justice in the United States
Center for American Progress – Washington, DC

Yale Law Journal Fellowship

ADVOCACY

Mohsin Bhat '16

Research and advocacy focusing on non-discriminatory access to private urban housing in India

Centre of Equity Studies – New Delhi, India

Gruber Fellowship in Global Justice and Women's Rights

CHILDREN/JUVENILE RIGHTS

Alexandra Brodsky '16

Represent girls of color facing discriminatory school disciplinary actions in violation of their civil rights.

National Women's Law Center – Washington, DC

Skadden Fellowship

Jade Chong-Smith '16

Work to prevent the unnecessary incarceration and criminalization of youth victims of complex trauma who come into contact with Washington DC's juvenile justice system
DC Law Students in Court & the Center for Children's Law and Policy – Washington, DC

YLS Public Interest Fellowship

Andrew Hammond '14

Deliver direct representation, impact litigation, and policy advocacy to poor children in Chicago who qualify for critical public benefits programs

Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law – Chicago, IL

Skadden Fellowship

CIVIL RIGHTS/ CIVIL LIBERTIES

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Corey Guilmette '16

Litigation and advocacy to reform trespass policies in the Seattle metro area and work to prevent the discriminatory enforcement of trespass policies, which often target communities of color and the homeless

Public Defender Association – Seattle, WA

Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship

Jaclyn Harris '16

Build upon the Neighborhood Law Corps Unit's tenant protection efforts through affirmative litigation enforcing and community education surrounding Oakland's recently enacted Tenant Protection Ordinance

Oakland City Attorney's Office – Oakland, CA

YLS Public Interest Fellowship

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Noah Lindell '16	<p>Work on voting rights and campaign finance reform issues. Aid CLC in its trial and appellate litigation, which includes challenges to voter ID laws and other illegal voting practices, racial and partisan gerrymandering cases, and attempts to defend and expand campaign finance laws</p> <p><i>Campaign Legal Center – Washington, DC</i></p> <p>Campaign Legal Center Fellowship</p>
Asaf Lubin LLM '15 JSD '18 (expected)	<p>Help advance domestic and international policies aimed at strengthening effective privacy protections and data regulations while curtailing illegal surveillance</p> <p><i>Privacy International – London, UK</i></p> <p>Robert L. Bernstein Fellowship in International Human Rights</p>
Chicka Okafor '15	<p>Develop a rigorous risk-assessment system for early detection of genocides and build a global architecture for prevention through outreach to policy makers and opinion shapers</p> <p><i>Simon-Skjodt Center for the Prevention of Genocide – Washington, DC</i></p> <p>Tom & Andi Bernstein Human Rights Fellowship</p>
Jonas Wang '16	<p>Gather information in Louisiana, Alabama and Georgia on the effects of criminal justice fines and work on litigation challenging their inappropriate imposition</p> <p><i>Equal Justice Under Law – Washington, DC</i></p> <p>Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship</p>
CONSUMER PROTECTION	
Lee Miller '16	<p>Advocate reforms that strengthen rural communities, protect natural resources, and enhance equitable access to nutritious food</p> <p><i>Harvard Food Law and Policy Clinic – Boston, MA</i></p> <p>Yale Law Journal Fellowship</p>
Max Nardini '16	<p>Work on consumer protection litigation alongside the San Francisco City Attorney's Affirmative Litigation Task Force</p> <p><i>Yale Law School – New Haven, CT</i></p> <p>San Francisco Affirmative Litigation Project Fellowship</p>

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Dwayne Betts '16

Work to prevent children charged with crimes from being transferred to the regular criminal court, where they could face incarceration in prison and the lifelong consequences of a felony conviction

Public Defender Services – New Haven, CT

Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship

Kory DeClark '15

Working in the new Pretrial Release Unit, focus on challenging the unnecessary pretrial incarceration of indigent defendants

San Francisco Public Defender's Office – San Francisco, CA

Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship

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Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship

Devon Porter '15

Aim to lower the economic barriers to state-provided legal services through advocacy and litigation

ACLU of Southern California – Los Angeles, CA

Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship

Ruth Swift '15

Train colleagues and advise defendants on the immigration consequences of criminal proceedings for those defendants who are not citizens

Community Law Office – Birmingham, AL

Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship

Jonas Wang '16

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Equal Justice Under Law – Washington, DC

Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship

Rebecca Wexler '16

Pursue litigation and legislative advocacy to expand defendants' access to information about NYPD's use of novel technologies

Legal Aid Society – New York, NY

YLS Public Interest Fellowship

DATA REGULATION

Asaf Lubin LLM '15

JSD '18 (expected)

Help advance domestic and international policies aimed at strengthening effective privacy protections and data regulations while curtailing illegal surveillance

Privacy International – London, UK

Robert L. Bernstein Fellowship in International Human Rights

DISABILITY RIGHTS

Freya Pitts '13

Expand access to special education and related services and limit the use of solitary confinement of young people with mental health and learning disabilities confined in California's county juvenile halls

Disability Rights Advocates – Berkeley, CA

Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship

EDUCATION

Ellie Song '14 Work with the Opportunity Under Law project on education adequacy litigation on behalf of Native American communities
Public Counsel – Los Angeles, CA
YLS Public Interest Fellowship

EMPLOYMENT LAW

Emily Brown '14 Provide direct representation and administrative advocacy for immigrant workers in the agricultural industry throughout Ohio
Advocates for Basic Legal Equality – Columbus, OH
Skadden Fellowship

Mary Yanik '14 Provide administrative advocacy, civil litigation, and immigration defense to protect workers who face retaliation for reporting workplace violations in the Gulf Coast energy sector
New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice – New Orleans, LA
Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship

ENERGY LAW & REGULATION

Tosin Agbabiaka '16 Assist in Power Africa's goal of expanding access to electricity in Africa by providing financing, policy, and regulatory support and technical advice to develop clean-power projects on the African continent
USAID/Power Africa – Washington, DC
Robina Foundation Human Rights Fellowship

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Daniel Hessel '16 Focus on the intersection between human rights and environmental justice. Author a human rights report on two hydrodam projects in Cambodia, and work with a local community in Vietnam to help map community resources and develop a grievance mechanism that is community driven and accounts for local needs, rights, and desires
EarthRights International – Chiang Mai, Thailand
Robert L. Bernstein Fellowship in International Human Rights

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FOOD & AGRICULTURE

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GOVERNMENT – FEDERAL

Zachary Blau '16 Work on civil liberties and criminal justice reform issues
Senator Patrick Leahy, U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee – Washington, DC
YLS Public Interest Fellowship

Graham Downey '16 Management and execution of the Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food Initiative (KYF2), an innovative effort by the USDA to support local food systems
U.S. Department of Agriculture- Office of the Secretary – Washington, DC
Heyman Federal Public Service Fellowship

Aaron Goldzimer '15 *U.S. Department of the Treasury- Office of International Affairs – Washington, DC*
Heyman Federal Public Service Fellowship

Joel Schumacher '15 Placement TBD
Washington, DC
Presidential Management Fellowship

GOVERNMENT – STATE AND LOCAL

Jaclyn Harris '16 Build upon the Neighborhood Law Corps Unit's tenant protection efforts through affirmative litigation enforcing and community education surrounding Oakland's recently enacted Tenant Protection Ordinance
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YLS Public Interest Fellowship

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Yale Law School – New Haven, CT
San Francisco Affirmative Litigation Project Fellowship

Daniel Sheehan '16 Help develop and litigate new public-interest lawsuits on behalf of the City of Los Angeles and its residents. Help the office set up mechanisms to better align its affirmative litigation with the needs of the city's residents by sourcing ideas for public-interest lawsuits from community stakeholders
Los Angeles City Attorney's Office – Los Angeles, CA
YLS Public Interest Fellowship

HEALTH LAW

Rose Carmen Goldberg '15 Direct representation of veterans with some of the greatest treatment needs but the biggest barriers to care—veterans with other-than-honorable discharges based on PTSD. Provision of legal services to help them challenge their unwarranted discharge status and access healthcare and benefits through a new behavioral health medical-legal partnership
Swords to Plowshares – San Francisco, California
Skadden Fellowship

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Yale Law Journal Fellowship

HOUSING LAW

Jaclyn Harris '16 Build upon the Neighborhood Law Corps Unit's tenant protection efforts through affirmative litigation enforcing and community education surrounding Oakland's recently enacted Tenant Protection Ordinance
Oakland City Attorney's Office – Oakland, CA
YLS Public Interest Fellowship

Ryan Sakoda '12 Assist individuals who have been convicted or have pending charges to keep or to obtain public and subsidized housing through direct client service and empirical research on public housing policies
Committee for Public Counsel Services – Boston, MA
Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship

HUMAN RIGHTS

Daniel Hessel '16	<p>Focus on the intersection between human rights and environmental justice. Author a human rights report on two hydrodam projects in Cambodia, and work with a local community in Vietnam to help map community resources and develop a grievance mechanism that is community driven and accounts for local needs, rights, and desires <i>EarthRights International – Chiang Mai, Thailand</i> Robert L. Bernstein Fellowship in International Human Rights</p>
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IMMIGRATION/REFUGEE RIGHTS	
Caitlin Bellis '14	<p>Represent detained immigrants in deportation proceedings and work with a community coalition to establish a publicly-funded program providing counsel to detained immigrants in the Los Angeles area <i>Public Counsel – Los Angeles, CA</i> Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship</p>
Conchita Cruz '16	<p>Help Central American refugee families while in detention and upon release to win their asylum cases and stay in the U.S. <i>Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project at the Urban Justice Center – Washington, DC and New York, NY</i> Gruber Fellowship in Global Justice and Women's Rights</p>
Emily Brown '14	<p>Provide direct representation and administrative advocacy for immigrant workers in the agricultural industry throughout Ohio <i>Advocates for Basic Legal Equality – Columbus, OH</i> Skadden Fellowship</p>
Kate Huddleston '16	<p>Focus on issues at the intersection of policing and immigrants' rights. Work with a court-appointed monitor to ensure implementation of a structural injunction, requiring the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office to refrain from certain racial profiling practices, and work evaluating detainer policies and practices <i>ACLU of Arizona – Phoenix, AZ</i> Yale Law Journal Fellowship</p>
Swapna Reddy '16	<p>Provide remote legal assistance to refugee families across the U.S., harnessing the talent of law students and using innovative methods to decrease response times, scale pro bono capacity, and serve clients in geographically isolated areas <i>Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project at the Urban Justice Center – New York, NY</i> Equal Justice Works Fellowship</p>

Abigail Rich '16 Provide legal services integrated with mental healthcare for refugees with histories of trauma. Develop partnerships with mental healthcare facilities to serve asylum seekers with post-traumatic stress disorder; provide direct legal representation to asylum seekers; and create educational materials to assist in serving refugee clients dealing with trauma
East Bay Sanctuary Covenant – Berkeley, CA
Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship

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Community Law Office – Birmingham, AL
Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship

Mary Yanik '14 Provide administrative advocacy, civil litigation, and immigration defense to protect workers who face retaliation for reporting workplace violations in the Gulf Coast energy sector
New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice – New Orleans, LA
Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship

IMPACT LITIGATION

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Campaign Legal Center Fellowship

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Public Counsel – Los Angeles, CA
YLS Public Interest Fellowship

INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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USAID/Power Africa – Washington, DC
Robina Foundation Human Rights Fellowship

INTERNATIONAL JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

Ashwita Ambast LLM '14 Assistant Legal Counsel
Permanent Court of Arbitration – The Hague, Netherlands
YLS Permanent Court of Arbitration Fellowship

Sergio Giuliano LLM '16 Clerk
European Court of Human Rights – Strasbourg, France
Robina Foundation Human Rights Fellowship

Andrea Katz '16
Clerk
European Court of Human Rights – Strasbourg, France
Robina Foundation Human Rights Fellowship

Peter Tzeng '16
Clerk
International Court of Justice – The Hague, Netherlands
YLS International Court of Justice Fellowship

PRIVACY LAW

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Robert L. Bernstein Fellowship in International Human Rights

PRISONERS' RIGHTS

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San Francisco Public Defender's Office – San Francisco, CA
Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship

Jamelia Morgan '13
Work to limit solitary confinement in American prisons and build awareness of the challenges facing prisoners with physical disabilities who are placed in solitary confinement
ACLU – National Prison Project – Washington, DC
Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship

Freya Pitts '13
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PUBLIC BENEFITS

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Skadden Fellowship

RESEARCH

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Centre of Equity Studies – New Delhi, India

Gruber Fellowship in Global Justice and Women's Rights

VETERAN'S RIGHTS

Jessica Marsden '14

Represent low-income veterans seeking VA benefits and discharge upgrades and start the school's first Veterans Legal Assistance Clinic

University of North Carolina Law Clinical Program & Veterans Legal Assistance Project – Chapel Hill, NC

Equal Justice Works Fellowship

WOMEN'S RIGHTS

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Skadden Fellowship

WORKER'S RIGHTS/ORGANIZING

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