

2017-2018 YLS Fellows by their Multiple Substantive Practice Areas

ADVOCACY

Conor Casey '17 LLM

Act as a research and policy officer and assist the center's advocacy and policy objectives in relation to utilizing international and supranational law to promote domestic legal change through engagement with international human rights bodies which supervise Ireland's obligations in the field of housing rights; including the UN Human Rights Council, the UN Committee on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights, the UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty, and the Council of Europe

Mercy Law Resource Center – Dublin, Ireland

Robert L. Bernstein Fellowship in International Human Rights

Brian Highsmith '17

Develop ways to use consumer law protections to prevent abusive and unlawful collections of criminal justice debts

National Consumer Law Center – Boston, MA

Skadden Fellowship

Claire Kim '17

Contribute to the Center's day-to-day advocacy efforts and work on a publication focusing on religious-refusal clauses in both domestic and foreign policy that impact reproductive health care

Center for Reproductive Rights – Washington, DC

Robert L. Bernstein Fellowship in International Human Rights

Lynsey Gaudio '17

Engage in community education, policy development, and advocacy to hold city and regional governments accountable for implementing effective affordable housing, anti-displacement and equitable transit policies

Public Advocates – San Francisco, CA

Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship

CHILDREN/JUVENILE RIGHTS

Taylor Henley '17

Represent children charged with crimes who cannot afford counsel in their delinquency and youthful offender proceedings. Focus will be on representing undocumented children facing the threat of deportation based on their juvenile delinquency charges, with the goal of improving the agency's representation of its noncitizen juvenile clients

Committee for Public Counsel Services- Youth Advocacy Division – Somerville, MA

Yale Public Interest Fellowship

Cara McClellan '15

Advocate on behalf of black girls in Baltimore who have been excluded from school because of disabilities

NAACP Legal Defense & Education Fund – New York, NY

Skadden Fellowship

CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES/ DIRECT SERVICES

Work to limit the collateral consequences of the criminal justice system on low-income families and communities. Provide civil legal services to women facing barriers related to their criminal records.

Bay Area Legal Aid – Richmond, CA

Yale Public Interest Fellowship

CIVIL RIGHTS/ CIVIL LIBERTIES

- 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
- Brian Highsmith '17 Develop ways to use consumer law protections to prevent abusive and unlawful collections of criminal justice debts
National Consumer Law Center – Boston, MA
Skadden Fellowship
- Marian Messing '17 Work on police accountability in Louisiana
Southern Poverty Law Center – New Orleans, LA
Yale Public Interest Fellowship
- Jonas Wang '16 Gather information in Louisiana, Alabama and Georgia on the effects of criminal justice fines and work on litigation challenging their inappropriate imposition
Equal Justice Under Law – Washington, DC
Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- Joseph Jampel '17 Direct representation of community-based non-profit organizations in affordable and supportive housing projects that leverage new and underutilized funding sources
Regional Housing Legal Services – Glenside, PA
Independence Foundation Fellowship

CONSUMER PROTECTION

- Celina Aldape '17 Advocate for tenants at risk of losing their rent-controlled housing. Work on behalf of tenants who are low-income and who have limited English proficiency in order to challenge efforts by landlords to implement rent increases
DC Law Students in Court – Washington, DC
Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship
- Brian Highsmith '17 Develop ways to use consumer law protections to prevent abusive and unlawful collections of criminal justice debts
National Consumer Law Center – Boston, MA
Skadden Fellowship
- Christine Kwon '17 Work on consumer protection litigation alongside the San Francisco City Attorney's Affirmative Litigation Task Force
Yale Law School – New Haven, CT
San Francisco Affirmative Litigation Project Fellowship
- Nathan Nash '17 Work to expand the Healthy Housing Chicago Medical-Legal Partnership (MLP) and vindicate low-income tenants' rights to safe housing through the MLP model
Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing – Chicago, IL
Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Ryan Cooper '15

Work to promote alternatives to incarceration and criminal commitment for persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities
Travis County Mental Health Public Defender – Austin, TX
Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship

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Carly Levenson '16

Litigate issues relating to forensic evidence and support the development of the newly-formed DNA unit
Office of the Public Defender, State of CT- DNA Project – New Haven, CT
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

Shelle Shimizu '17

Provide direct employment-related legal services to indigent New Yorkers in Brooklyn who have come in contact with the criminal justice system
Brooklyn Defender Services – Brooklyn, NY
Yale Law Journal Fellowship

Rachel Shur '17

Work on the problems imposed by attempts to collect fines and fees from poor criminal defendants; focus will be on challenging the practice of incarcerating individuals for the inability to pay a criminal justice debt
Orleans Public Defenders – New Orleans, LA
Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship

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Skadden Fellowship

EDUCATION

Emma Roth '17

Provide direct legal services and engage in policy advocacy on behalf of girls of color who have been systematically excluded from programs meant to redress the racial achievement gap in education

ACLU Women's Rights Project – New York, NY

Equal Justice Works Fellowship

EMPLOYMENT LAW

Will Bloom '17

Work with workers' centers and community organizations to advance workers' structural power through community organizing and litigation

Community Activism Law Alliance – Chicago, IL

Skadden Fellowship

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Dena Adler '17

Research, develop, and implement strategies to advance progress on climate change, especially using legal authority at the local and regional levels

Sabin Center for Climate Change Law at Columbia Law School – New York, NY

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Melissa Legge '17

Protect prisoners from environmental threats by compelling public agencies to consider prisoners' health and safety in environmental decision-making and remedy existing sources of toxic exposure

Earthjustice – New York, NY

Equal Justice Works Fellowship

Helen Li '17

Work with low-income tenants in mediation with their landlords, with a particular focus on childhood lead poisoning issues. Advocate for more robust environmental health laws, and conduct education campaigns in communities throughout the state

Connecticut Legal Services – Middletown, CT

YLS Public Interest Fellowship

Mekela Panditharatne '16

Create better public health outcomes for disadvantaged communities experiencing high exposures to pollutants from contaminated drinking water through litigation and policy campaigns across the U.S.

Natural Resources Defense Council – Washington, DC

Equal Justice Works Fellowship

Joya Sonnenfeldt '17

Work with the Litigation Team to develop drinking water and blood lead testing litigation

Natural Resources Defense Council – New York, NY

YLS Public Interest Fellowship

FAMILY LAW

Tal Eisenzweig '17

Represent noncitizen parents in child welfare proceedings in the Bronx Family Court. Will also develop resources to respond to the unique barriers and injustices immigrant parents encounter after a child welfare intervention.

Family Defense Project at Bronx Defenders – Bronx, NY

Yale Law Journal Fellowship

Olivia Horton '17

Provide legal assistance to pregnant and parenting youth seeking welfare benefits, including cash, nutrition, and child care

Greater Boston Legal Services – Boston, MA

Gruber Fellowship in Global Justice and Women's Rights

FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Julia Solorzano '16

Advocate to address worker safety and health in poultry processing plants in the southeastern United States, in particular ergonomic and medical mismanagement issues, and the denial of bathroom breaks, through strategic OSHA complaints and impact litigation

Southern Poverty Law Center – Atlanta, GA

Skadden Fellowship

GOVERNMENT – FEDERAL

Elizabeth Dervan '17

Work on proposed reforms to critical health care programs for the country, including the Affordable Care Act, Medicaid, and Medicare

U.S. Senate Committee on Finance, Democratic Staff – Washington, DC

Heyman Federal Public Service Fellowship

GOVERNMENT – STATE AND LOCAL

Christine Kwon '17

Work on consumer protection litigation alongside the San Francisco City Attorney's Affirmative Litigation Task Force

Yale Law School – New Haven, CT

San Francisco Affirmative Litigation Project Fellowship

Hava Mirell '16

Develop and implement new policies on restrictive housing, reentry, and probation
Office of Rhode Island Governor Gina Raimondo – Providence, RI

Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship

Marissa Roy '17

Fight on behalf of L.A. community members by creating an impact litigation partnership with UCLA and bringing fresh ideas for impact litigation to the office

Los Angeles City Attorney's Office – Los Angeles, CA

Catalyst Fellowship

HEALTH LAW

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U.S. Senate Committee on Finance, Democratic Staff – Washington, DC

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Center for Reproductive Rights – Washington, DC

Robert L. Bernstein Fellowship in International Human Rights

Nathan Nash '17	<p>Work to expand the Healthy Housing Chicago Medical-Legal Partnership (MLP) and vindicate low-income tenants' rights to safe housing through the MLP model Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing – Chicago, IL Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship</p>
Mekela Panditharatne '17	<p>Create better public health outcomes for disadvantaged communities experiencing high exposures to pollutants from contaminated drinking water through litigation and policy campaigns across the U.S. Natural Resources Defense Council – Washington, DC Equal Justice Works Fellowship</p>
Zain Rizvi '17	<p>Support the health and human rights movement in South Africa by assisting in legal advocacy and other strategies against a provincial health department for its failure to provide emergency medical services. Work with local coalitions to advocate for a national intellectual property policy that increases access to medicines SECTION27 – Johannesburg, South Africa Gruber Fellowship in Global Justice and Women's Rights</p>
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HOUSING LAW	
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Scout Katovich '17	<p>Work to help rescind nuisance ordinances across New York state that have the effect of harming domestic violence survivors. Engage with various New York cities to repeal nuisance ordinances and to pass laws that protect the human rights of domestic violence survivors New York Civil Liberties Union – New York, NY Gruber Fellowship in Global Justice and Women's Rights</p>
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Sebastian Guidi '17 LLM	<p>Research and draft opinions, write comparative legal reports on pressing human rights issues, and observe hearings in both the Chamber of the Court and the Grand Chamber European Court of Human Rights – Strasbourg, France Robina Foundation Human Rights Fellowship</p>
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Corinne Waite '17	<p>Provide direct representation for individuals in removal proceedings in the San Antonio and Pearsall Immigration Courts American Gateways – San Antonio, TX Initiative for Public Interest at Yale Fellowship</p>

IMMIGRATION/REFUGEE RIGHTS

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Family Defense Project at Bronx Defenders – Bronx, NY
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Reprieve – London, UK
Robert L. Bernstein Fellowship in International Human Rights
- My Khanh Ngo '17 Represent immigrants facing removal as a result of their criminal cases and help communities respond to immigration enforcement actions
Alameda County Public Defender – Oakland, CA
Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship
- Swapna Reddy '16 Eliminate the wrongful deportation of refugees from the U.S. by bringing rapid, remote legal aid to individuals who cannot be served by traditional means
Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project at the Urban Justice Center – New York, NY
Echoing Green Fellowship
- 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
- Dorothy Tegeler '16 Provide comprehensive legal services to Central American refugee families as well as pro se assistance through a mass-texting program and private Facebook group
Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project (ASAP) at the Urban Justice Center- New York, NY
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INDIGENT DEFENSE	
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INTERNATIONAL JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS	
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Amnart Tangkiriphimarn LLM '13, JSD '17	<p>Assistant Legal Counsel <i>Permanent Court of Arbitration – The Hague, Netherlands</i> YLS Permanent Court of Arbitration Fellowship</p>
MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIP	
Nathan Nash '17	<p>Work to expand the Healthy Housing Chicago Medical-Legal Partnership (MLP) and vindicate low-income tenants' rights to safe housing through the MLP model Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing – Chicago, IL Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowship</p>
PRISONERS' RIGHTS	
Amanda Alexander '13	<p>Build equitable cities and remedy the impacts of incarceration in the U.S. by delivering community lawyering services, creating economic opportunities and piloting Just City solutions Detroit Justice Center – Detroit, MI Echoing Green Fellowship</p>
Melissa Legge '17	<p>Protect prisoners from environmental threats by compelling public agencies to consider prisoners' health and safety in environmental decision-making and remedy existing sources of toxic exposure Earthjustice – New York, NY Equal Justice Works Fellowship</p>
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REAL ESTATE LAW

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Bay Area Legal Aid – Richmond, CA

Yale Public Interest Fellowship

WELFARE LAW

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WOMEN'S/REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

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WORKERS' RIGHTS/ORGANIZING

- Will Bloom '17 Work with workers' centers and community organizations to advance workers' structural power through community organizing and litigation
Community Activism Law Alliance – Chicago, IL
Skadden Fellowship
- Charles Du '17 Project seeks to hold management and owners responsible for respecting workers' freedom of association in the face of new corporate strategies avoiding and opposing unionization
UNITE HERE Local 11 – Los Angeles, CA
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