

**BIOGRAPHIES FOR THE RECIPIENTS OF YLS FELLOWSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS SPONSORED BY  
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**ARTHUR LIMAN PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIP**

**Skylar Albertson '18** will spend his fellowship year working at The Bail Project, the first nationwide community bail fund, where he will facilitate the Project's expansion to new jurisdictions, work with individual clients to post bail, and pursue litigation related to the bail system. Skylar has participated in the Criminal Justice Clinic, the Liman Project, and the Initiative for Public Interest Law. Prior to law school, Skylar worked as the Assistant to the Executive Director at the Bronx Defenders. He graduated from Brown University in 2013.

**Benjamin Alter '18** will work at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), where he will focus on defending the fairness and accuracy of the 2020 Census. Ben, who graduated from Yale College in 2011 and is a member of the Yale Law School class of 2018, has participated in the Rule of Law Clinic and the Appellate Litigation Project. He previously worked as an editor at Foreign Affairs and as a policy advisor at the U.S. Treasury Department.

**Olevia Boykin '17** will spend her fellowship year with Civil Rights Corps, where she will challenge diversionary programs that disadvantage poor individuals in North Carolina. At Yale, Olevia served as the director of the Reentry Clinic at New Haven Legal Assistance, participated in the Criminal Justice Clinic, the Capital Punishment Clinic, and the Liman Project, and designed and led Know Your Rights programs at schools and community centers throughout the greater New Haven area. She graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 2014 and is currently clerking for the Honorable Myron H. Thompson of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama.

**Natalia Friedlander '18** will be working at the Rhode Island Center for Justice, where she will focus on the needs of prisoners with serious and persistent mental illness. Natalia graduated from Brown University in 2011. At Yale Law School, Natalia participated in the Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic, the Criminal Justice Clinic, the Advanced Sentencing Clinic, and the Re-entry Clinic, and was president of the American Constitution Society at YLS. Given her fellowship's focus, Natalia will be the inaugural Resnik-Curtis Fellow. Prior to law school, Natalia worked on domestic and international healthcare issues.

**Joanne Lee '18** will join Gulfcoast Legal Services in Tampa Bay, Florida, where she will work with indigent immigrants who have experienced domestic violence. She will provide direct representation and also join local and national organizations to create an infrastructure of assistance for immigrant survivors of domestic violence. Joanne graduated in 2015 from Oberlin College and is a member of the Yale Law School class of 2018. Joanne directed the Rebellious Lawyering Conference in 2017 and participated in the Immigration Legal Services Clinic, the Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project, and the Temporary Restraining Order Project.

**Maya Menlo '18** will be working at the Washtenaw County Office of the Public Defender, where she will help improve the indigent defense system in Michigan by focusing on providing counsel at arraignments. Born and raised in Michigan, she was a 2015 graduate of the University of Michigan. At Yale Law School, Maya has participated in the Re-entry Clinic, the Criminal Justice Clinic, the Advanced Sentencing Clinic, and the Challenging Mass Incarceration Clinic. Maya has also been involved in New Haven's Sex Workers and Allies Network since its formation in October 2016 and is currently serving as a Senior Global Health and Justice Project Fellow.

**Elizabeth Pierson '18** will join Legal Action of Wisconsin in her hometown of Milwaukee. She will work to improve housing conditions for low-income renters through eviction defense, affirmative litigation targeting exploitative landlords, and renter education. Elizabeth, who graduated in 2012 from Haverford College, has been active in the Mortgage Foreclosure Litigation Clinic, and has volunteered with the Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project and the Temporary Restraining Order Project. She served on the 2016-17 Executive Board of Yale Law Women.

**Yusuf Saei '18** will join Muslim Advocates in Washington, DC, where he will focus on the religious free exercise rights of prisoners. Yusuf graduated from the College of Charleston in 2010 and was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Morocco. At Yale Law School, he was a member of the Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic and the Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic. In 2015-2016, he was a Yale Fox Fellow at Sciences Po Law School in Paris.

**Theo Torres '18** will be spending his fellowship year at the Federal Defender Program for the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago. His focus will be on understanding the effects of policing by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the new Chicago Gun Strike Force. Theo graduated from the University of Texas in Dallas in 2015 and is a member of the Yale Law School Class of 2018. Theo participated in the Criminal Justice Clinic, the Advanced Sentencing Clinic, and the Capital Punishment Clinic, and he directed the Green Haven Prison Project.

**Henry Weaver '18** will join Earthjustice's Coal Program in Chicago to build partnerships with low-income communities affected by hazardous coal ash disposal sites. He will focus on communities in southern Indiana, where a concentration of coal-fired power plants has left behind unlined and structurally unsound coal ash impoundments. Henry, who graduated from Amherst College in 2013, will graduate from Yale Law School in 2018. He participated in the Environmental Justice and Mortgage Foreclosure clinics and served as an Articles Editor for the Yale Law Journal.

## **GRUBER FELLOWSHIP IN GLOBAL JUSTICE AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS**

**Elizabeth Deutsch '16** will work with the American Civil Liberties Union's Reproductive Freedom Project to develop a systematic response to new federal restrictions on reproductive health care. This will involve ongoing and anticipated litigation to ensure abortion rights for marginalized women and girls, as well as other legal challenges to changed federal policies that impact healthcare access and choice. Liz earned a J.D. from Yale Law School in 2016. She has served as a law clerk to Judge Cornelia T.L. Pillard of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and Judge J. Paul Oetken of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Before law school, Liz received her B.A. from Yale and studied in the U.K. as a Marshall Scholar.

**Laura Portuondo '18** will spend a year working at the Center for Reproductive Rights as a part of its Judicial Strategy team, strengthening its advocacy by developing and advancing innovative legal narratives. She will focus on combating new and aggressive strategies by which lawmakers, activists, and litigants target women's reproductive freedom. While her main objective is to create judicially-oriented analyses for legal advocacy, her work will also be designed to help litigators, activists, and academics push broader social narratives and affirm the important values underlying pro-choice activism and lawmaking. Before joining Yale Law School's Class of 2018, Laura graduated summa cum laude from Yale University with a B.A. in English. At Yale Law School, Laura was a Coker Fellow in constitutional law, member of the Reproductive Rights and Justice Project, and editor of the Yale Law Journal.

**Victoria (Tori) Roeck '18** will work with the New York Civil Liberties Union providing legal assistance for detainees with final removal orders in the Buffalo Federal Detention Center in Batavia, New York. While these immigrants have been ordered deported, for a variety of reasons, the government cannot effectuate their removal. The Supreme Court has held that keeping immigrants with deportation orders

in custody for more than six months is unconstitutional if their removal is not reasonably foreseeable. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, however, routinely violates this ruling in the Buffalo Federal Detention Center. During her fellowship year, Tori will litigate to secure the release of unlawfully detained immigrants in the detention center, and will develop a know-your-rights presentation for all immigrants there with deportation orders. In law school, Tori was a member of the Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic, through which she worked on complex civil litigation challenging the Muslim Ban, family detention conditions in Texas, and the termination of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. She also served as co-director of Yale's chapter of the International Refugee Assistance Project and board member of the Initiative for Public Interest Law at Yale. Before law school, she received an MSc in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies at the University of Oxford, where she was a member of Linacre College. She received her BA in Classics and Philosophy summa cum laude from the University of Notre Dame.

## **HEYMAN FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIP**

**Will Bekker '18** will be working with the Democratic Staff of the Joint Economic Committee of the U.S. Congress, where he will work on policies relating to inequality, rural development, and economic security for working Americans. Will graduated from NYU in 2013 and from YLS in 2018. In law school, Will served as a student director for the Ethics Bureau at Yale and as a teaching fellow for Professor Jacob Hacker's class, Politics and U.S. Public Policy. Will also interned at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York and was a summer associate at Sullivan & Cromwell.

**Adam Bradlow '18** will be working as a Heyman Fellow on Senator Richard Blumenthal's Judiciary Committee staff. Adam graduated Yale Law School in 2018. During law school, he was a member of the Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic. In this capacity, he assisted both statewide and nationwide legislative campaigns to advance protections for undocumented youth. Prior to coming to law school, Adam worked in Johannesburg as an organizer in a social movement of students, parents, and teachers fighting for quality and equality in the South African education system. Adam graduated from Princeton University in 2011.

**Mattie Wheeler '18** will join the U.S. Senate Finance Committee's Democratic Staff, led by Ranking Member Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR). As a Trade Law Fellow, Mattie will work to develop legislative proposals and to provide committee oversight related to U.S. trade law and policy. Her work will focus on trade negotiations, intellectual property, investment, digital trade, and trade preference programs. At Yale Law School, Mattie has served as Co-Editor-in-Chief of the *Yale Journal of International Law* and a board member of the National Security Group. Prior to attending Yale Law School, Mattie conducted research on petroleum relations between France and Algeria as a Fox International Fellow at Sciences Po in Paris. Mattie graduated with a B.A. in Ethics, Politics, and Economics from Yale College in 2013.

## **ROBERT L. BERNSTEIN FELLOWSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS**

**Lara Domínguez '16** will be spending her fellowship year at Minority Rights Group (MRG), an organization that promotes the rights of minorities and indigenous peoples. Lara will be based in London, working closely with MRG's Legal Director on strategic litigation before international human rights tribunals. Lara will focus primarily on advancing MRG's cases before the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, including developing the merits of a pending case on behalf of the Batwa people. Lara currently works at Three Crowns LLP, a small firm that specializes in international litigation. At the Law School, Lara was student director of the Immigration Legal Services Clinic, a member of the Allard K. Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic, and a student fellow at the Center for Global Legal Challenges.

**Kyle (Kai) Elliot Fees '18** will spend his Fellowship year working with UCLA Professor E. Tendayi Achiume, the UN Special Rapporteur on Contemporary Forms of Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance. Serving as her inaugural Research and Advocacy Fellow, Kai will conduct international human rights legal and interdisciplinary research and assist Special Rapporteur Achiume (J.D. 2008; 2010-11 Bernstein Fellow) in coordinating her regional and national consultations. In addition, Kai will take the lead in drafting two reports directed at policy makers, civil society organizations, and social movements on priority issues relating to discrimination and intolerance. At Yale, Kai was a student director of the Allard K. Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic and the Orville H. Schell, Jr. Center for International Human Rights. He served as Editor-in-Chief of the Yale Human Rights and Development Law Journal and International Human Rights Chair of Law Students for Reproductive Justice, and as a teaching assistant to Professors Harold Hongju Koh and Samuel Moyn. Kai also participated in the Global Health Justice Practicum, and, as a Kirby Simon Summer Human Rights Fellow, provided research support to Professor Philip Alston, the UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights. Prior to attending law school, Kai earned a B.A., summa cum laude, in Philosophy from the University of Arizona and an M.A. in Social Justice and Human Rights from Arizona State University.

**Julia Wang '18** will be spending her fellowship year at the Center for Reproductive Rights' office in Geneva, Switzerland. Julia's work will focus on the legal barriers that undocumented migrant women face in accessing sexual and reproductive health services in Europe. She will also contribute to the Center's advocacy work to address regressive legislative restrictions on the access to abortion in countries such as Poland. At Yale, Julia was a member of the Allard K. Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic. She served as a student director of both the Lowenstein Clinic and the Orville H. Schell Jr. Center for International Human Rights. Julia is the founder and president of the Immigrant History Initiative, a non-profit organization that creates and provides immigrant-focused history curricula to heritage and language schools. Before law school, Julia was a Gates Scholar at Cambridge University, where she received her MPhil in Modern European History. She holds an A.B. in History from Harvard.

**Evan Welber '18** will be spending his fellowship year at the Open Society Justice Initiative, an operational program of the Open Society Foundations. Rather than give grants, the Justice Initiative's team of human rights lawyers and staff pursue legal work that supports the broader mission and values of the Open Society Foundations, such as promoting human rights and building legal capacity for open societies. At the Justice Initiative, Evan will be working on a portfolio of human rights cases before national and international fora and will produce research products to further OSJI's advocacy goals around the world. Evan has worked in the highest courts of Brazil, Hong Kong, and Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as at the International Criminal Court, the UN Department of Political Affairs, and Human Rights Watch. He has advised governments on constitutional reform, provided legal assistance to refugees, and drafted submissions for litigation at the International Court of Justice and European Court of Human Rights. He has worked in 15 countries across 5 continents and has studied 16 languages.

#### **ROBINA FOUNDATION HUMAN RIGHTS FELLOWSHIP**

**Elena Brodeala '18 LL.M.** will be a Robina fellow at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France, where she will work directly with one of the 47 judges and with the Research Division of the Court. Through this work, Elena hopes to bring a positive contribution to the development of human rights jurisprudence in Europe. Elena is a committed defender of women's rights with a special interest in the region of Central and Eastern Europe. She is currently completing a Ph.D. thesis on this topic at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy. Before coming to Yale, Elena held research positions at New College Europe in Bucharest, Romania and at Central European University in Budapest, Hungary, and studied in different European countries, including Romania, Iceland and Norway. Elena has also collaborated with two NGOs in Romania and Sweden working in the fields of gender equality, intercultural learning and youth development. At Yale, she was a proud member of the Allard K. Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic.

**Hyun-Soo Lim '18** will be a Robina Fellow at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France. During her year at the Court, Hyun-Soo will research and draft opinions for Judge Helen Keller of Switzerland, and complete comparative legal research and writing for the Research Division. Hyun-Soo studied East Asian Area Studies and International Development at the University of Pennsylvania and McGill University. During college, she interned at public interest legal organizations in South Korea, assisting asylum litigation and advocating for corporate social responsibility. At Yale, Hyun-Soo was a co-director of the Lowenstein Human Rights Project, Co-chair of the Women of Color Collective, Professional Development Chair of Yale Society of International Law, Managing Submissions Editor of Yale Journal of International Law, Student Fellow of the Paul Tsai China Center, and Chair of the Korean Graduate Student Association.

### **SAN FRANCISCO AFFIRMATIVE LITIGATION PROJECT FELLOWSHIP**

**Jeremy Pilaar '18** will run the San Francisco Affirmative Litigation Project (SFALP) at Yale Law School and assist the San Francisco City Attorney's Office with worker empowerment, climate justice, consumer protection, and constitutional litigation. He will also pursue academic research at the intersection of law and political economy, with a focus on employment rights, tax policy, and public education finance. At Yale, Jeremy was managing editor of the *Yale Law & Policy Review*, co-president of the Yale Law Democrats, vice president of the American Constitution Society (ACS), and a research assistant to Professor Daniel Markovits. He was also part of the SFALP team that helped win a nationwide injunction against the Trump administration after the president threatened to unlawfully defund sanctuary cities. In addition to his J.D., Jeremy holds a B.A. (*summa cum laude*) in Political Economy from the University of California, Berkeley and an M.Phil. (*distinction*) in Comparative Social Policy from the University of Oxford. His writings have appeared or are forthcoming in the *Harvard Law & Policy Review*, the *Yale Law & Policy Review*, and the *International Journal of Public Administration*.

### **YLS INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE FELLOWSHIP**

**Beatrice Walton '18** will spend her fellowship year as a clerk at the International Court of Justice in The Hague, Netherlands. During her time at Yale, Beatrice participated in the Rule of Law, Lowenstein International Human Rights, and Media Freedom & Information Access Clinics. She was a member of the *Yale Law Journal* and an Executive Articles Editor of the *Yale Journal of International Law*. Beatrice also served as a Kerry Fellow at the Jackson Institute for Global Affairs, and as a Herbert J. Hansell Student Fellow at the Center for Global Legal Challenges. Before Yale, Beatrice earned a M.Phil., with distinction, in International Relations & Politics from the University of Cambridge, where her research focused on Russian approaches to International Law and empirical studies of human rights. She graduated from Harvard College in 2014 with an A.B. in Government, *summa cum laude*, and a secondary field in Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia Studies.

### **YLS PERMANENT COURT OF ARBITRATION FELLOWSHIP**

**Michael Modesto Gale '18** In his capacity as Assistant Legal Counsel, Michael will work closely with the PCA's secretariat and arbitral tribunals to adjudicate investor-state treaty claims and sovereign interstate disputes. At Yale, Michael competed in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, served as Managing Editor of the *Yale Journal of International Law*, and worked with the Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic. Michael has worked at a human rights NGO in Argentina, a DC law firm, a Brazilian government ministry, and a Brazilian law firm. He speaks English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, and—hopefully—he'll learn some Dutch in The Hague as well! Michael graduated Phi Beta Kappa and magna cum laude from Brown University, where he received his A.B. in Latin American Studies.

## YLS PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIP

**Laika Abdulali '18** will join the Orleans Public Defenders, where she will work to minimize collateral immigration consequences for non-citizen clients. Additionally, she will create a database of the potential immigration consequences of Louisiana criminal charges. Laika graduated from Yale Law School in 2018, where she was active in the Immigration Legal Services Clinic and in the International Refugee Assistance Project. She graduated from Trinity College (CT) in 2013.

**Danny Dilulio '18** will spend his fellowship year at Tsinghua University's Center for Healthcare Governance in Shenzhen, China, where he will work to help economically and legally disadvantaged senior citizens gain access to basic medical care. During his time in law school, Danny served as Student Director of the Paul Tsai China Center and as a Lead Editor of the *Yale Journal of Law and Technology*. He received his B.A. *summa cum laude* in East Asian Languages and Civilizations from the University of Pennsylvania.

**Katherine Haas '17** will spend her fellowship year at the American Civil Liberties Union of New Jersey, where she will work to end the improper use of solitary confinement in immigration detention. Katherine graduated from Yale College in 2012, and from Yale Law School in 2017. During law school, she participated in the Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic and the International Refugee Assistance Project. She is currently clerking for Judge Sidney H. Stein of the Southern District of New York.

**Steven Lance '18** graduated from Yale Law School in 2018. At Yale, he was a member of the Allard K. Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic and the Media Freedom & Information Access Clinic and a co-director of the 2017 Rebellious Lawyering Conference. He studied journalism with Lincoln Caplan and Bob Woodward and worked as a research assistant for Emily Bazelon. During his law school summers, Steven interned at The Door's Legal Services Center and the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund in New York City, and studied Spanish at the Proyecto Lingüístico Quetzalteco in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala. Steven is a proud product of California's community college system; he earned an A.A. in Liberal Arts from Santiago Canyon College in Orange, California, and a B.A. in English from the University of California, Berkeley.

**Alexandra Schluntz '18** will spend her fellowship year at the Conservation Law Foundation in Boston, where her project will support small-scale farmers and food entrepreneurs throughout New England. Alex will work to further develop the Conservation Law Foundation's Legal Food Hub, which connects eligible farmers and food entrepreneurs to attorneys who are willing to provide pro bono services. In addition, Alex will engage in state-level legislative advocacy to promote policy reforms that better support sustainable food production in the region. Alex graduated from Yale Law School in 2018, where she was a member of the Environmental Protection Clinic and the Legislative Advocacy Clinic. Alex earned a master's degree from the University of Oxford in 2015 and graduated *summa cum laude* with a B.A. and a B.S. from the University of Arizona in 2014. Following her fellowship, she will clerk for Judge Robert Bacharach of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

**Aleksandr Sverdlik '18** will spend his fellowship year in the ACLU's National Legal Department, where he will focus on discrimination and First Amendment issues. At Yale Law School, Aleks was a student director of the Orville H. Schell, Jr. Center for International Human Rights, a member of the Allard K. Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic, and a member of the Rule of Law Clinic.

## YALE LAW JOURNAL FELLOWSHIP

**Allison Frankel '17** will join the Sex Offender Registration Act (SORA) Unit of the Center for Appellate Litigation in New York. There, she will challenge archaic and unconstitutional laws that restrict where sex offender registrants in New York City can live, work, and move long after they have served their prison sentences. Allison graduated from Yale Law School in 2017, where she participated in the Criminal Justice Clinic and the Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic. Prior to law school, Allison worked for the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and the American Civil Liberties Union. She received her B.A. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2011. Allison is currently clerking for the Honorable Andrew L. Carter, Jr. of the Southern District of New York.

**Joaquin Gonzalez '18** will join the Texas Civil Rights Project, where he will be focusing on voting rights in Texas. He will be working on ongoing litigation dealing with Texas's winner-take-all method of appointing presidential electors and Texas's compliance with federal and state voter registration statutes. He will also help with on the ground voter protection efforts during the 2016 mid-term elections. Joaquin graduated from the University of London International Programme in 2015 and Yale Law School in 2018, where he served as a Notes and Comments Editor on the Yale Law Journal.

**Aaron Korthuis '17** will join the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, where he will work on litigation, advocacy, and removal defense efforts that challenge the cooperation between local law enforcement and federal immigration authorities. The project will help ensure that local immigrant communities trust law enforcement, keep immigrant families together, and stop immigrants from ending up in detention. Aaron graduated from Yale Law School in 2017. While at Yale, Aaron spent much of his time in the Worker & Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic and volunteering for the Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project. Prior to law school, Aaron lived and worked for a few years in Honduras on issues related to that country's persistent violence and corruption. He graduated from Whitworth University in 2012, and currently serves as a clerk for the Honorable Christopher F. Droney of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

### *Fellowships Sponsored by Other Institutions*

#### **ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project Fellowship**

**Rebecca Chan '18** will join the ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project, where she will work on ongoing litigation to protect the right and access to the full scope of reproductive healthcare, particularly contraception and abortion, for all people. Rebecca is a member of the Yale Law School Class of 2018, where she was a part of the New Haven Legal Assistance Immigrant Rights Clinic and the Reproductive Rights and Justice Project. She graduated from Columbia University in 2012.

#### **Clifford Chance Foundation Fellowship**

**Lauren Hobby '18** will join the Vera Institute of Justice as the 2018-19 Clifford Chance Fellow. There, she will work primarily in Vera's in-house legal department on transactions, policies, and compliance. She will also support Vera's Expanding Access to Postsecondary Education in Prison Project. While at Yale Law School, Lauren represented clients with the Community Economic Development Clinic, advising on nonprofit governance, negotiating contracts, transactions, as well as tax and employment issues. She also served on the boards of Yale Law Women and the Black Law Student Association. Prior to law school, Lauren worked in business and finance in New York City for ESPN International and a small private equity firm. In 2011, Lauren completed a Fulbright Fellowship in Brazil.

## **Hillary Rodham Clinton Fellowship**

**Chelsea Colwyn '18** will spend her fellowship year working as an environmental staff attorney for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) of the Flathead Indian Reservation in western Montana. Chelsea graduated from Dartmouth College in 2004, earned a master's in environmental law and policy from Vermont Law School in 2011, and graduated from Yale Law School in 2018. During law school, she was active in the Environmental Protection Clinic, where she began working with CSKT on environmental and other projects during her second year. She was also in the Community and Economic Development Clinic and the Native Peacemaking Clinic. Prior to law school, Chelsea was a Fulbright Scholar in Adelaide, South Australia, studying environmental water buybacks, and a Research Fellow with Vermont Law School's Water and Justice Program.

**Claudia Wack '18** will spend her fellowship year with SouthCoast Fair Housing in Providence, Rhode Island, where she will advocate for policy responses to localized housing segregation, and help individual Rhode Islanders to vindicate their civil rights. Claudia graduated from Amherst College in 2013, and also holds a Master's in Women's Studies from the University of Oxford. During law school, she participated in both the Community and Economic Development and Environmental Justice Clinics, as well as served as a fellow for the Solomon Center for Health Law and Policy.

## **Environmental Law & Policy Center Fellowship**

**Alda Yuan '18** will join the Environmental Law and Policy Center in Chicago, IL where she will be working on both citizen suits to help enforce the nation's environmental laws as well as state level public policy advocacy. While at Yale, Alda participated in the International Refugee Assistance Project, the Environmental Protection Clinic as well as the Open Data and Open Governance Clinic. She was an active member of a variety of affinity groups, served in student government and worked as a teaching fellow at the undergraduate college. She graduated from Hunter College in 2015.

## **Furman Fellowship at NYU**

**Sophia House '18** will join NYU's Furman Center, where she will work at the intersection of research and urban policy. Her work focuses on how cities tackle complex problems in housing, homelessness, and public safety. At Yale, Sophie helped local government attorneys develop and bring public interest litigation with the San Francisco Affirmative Litigation Project, and represented clients in housing proceedings at the Urban Justice Center's Safety Net Project and the New Haven Legal Assistance Reentry Clinic. Sophie holds a B.A. in Economics from New York University and an MPhil in Comparative Social Policy from Oxford University. She is now a law clerk to the Honorable Andrew D. Hurwitz of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

## **Immigrant Justice Corps Fellowship**

**Erika Nyborg-Burch '16** is a founding member of the Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project – a coordinated network of law students and lawyers defending women and children seeking asylum, which she helped organize as a student at Yale Law School. After graduating law school, Erika clerked at the Third Circuit Court of Appeals and with a Federal District Court Judge in Delaware. As a volunteer with Mighty Writers, Erika mentored a second-grade student born in the U.S. to undocumented parents. Her personal and professional experiences have deepened her commitment to use her law degree to defend undocumented immigrants and their families. Erika will be working with The Bronx Defenders advocating for detained clients in New York City and for immigrant members of the community in the Bronx.

## **Institute for Justice Fellowship**

**Ben Rump '18** will begin a one-year fellowship at the Institute for Justice in Washington, DC. Ben will help defend IJ's clients' constitutional rights to private property and economic liberty. IJ regularly fights against abusive eminent domain and civil asset forfeiture practices. It also leads the charge for occupational licensing reform, including by challenging the often excessive regulation of low-income occupations. Ben grew up in small town in Maine called Bucksport and attended Dartmouth College. Before beginning at Yale Law School, he worked at the Federal Reserve Board in Washington, DC. While in law school, he worked as a summer law clerk at the Institute for Justice and a summer associate at Sullivan & Cromwell.

## **Justice Catalyst Fellowship**

**Patrick Baker '18** will join the Immigrant Defense Project as a Catalyst Fellow, where his work will focus on identifying and challenging abusive immigration enforcement practices in New York State. As a member of Yale Law School's Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic and New Haven Legal Assistance, Patrick represented clients seeking asylum, relief from deportation, and damages for unlawful detention. He also worked as a summer intern for the New York Legal Assistance Group and the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild. A native of Florida, Patrick holds a B.A. from Duke University and taught English before coming to law school. At YLS, he served on the Clinical Student Board and was a Notes and Comments Editor for the *Yale Law Journal*.

**Chrys Desir '18** is a recent Yale Law School graduate from the New Haven, Connecticut area. Their interest in indigent legal services comes from their experience both organizing for police accountability in New Haven and working in the city's schools. In their fellowship and day to day life, they're focused on building up leadership of queer and trans youth of color.

**Wally Hilke '18** as a Catalyst Fellow at Community Activism Law Alliance, Wally will work with Chicago community organizations to challenge police misconduct through legal representation in police misconduct complaints and collaboration with grassroots organizers. As a law student, Wally led a student coalition supporting an activist campaign for a civilian review board in New Haven; coordinated a symposium of formerly incarcerated women organized by the National Council for Incarcerated and Formerly Incarcerated Women and Girls; and organized legal observing actions, National Week Against Mass Incarceration events, and restorative justice workshops through his school's National Lawyers Guild chapter. He also served on his law school's Title IX Committee, where he successfully advocated for equity-based student evaluations of law professors. Wally is a graduate of the University of Chicago and Yale Law School.

## **Justice Catalyst/Public Rights Project Fellowship**

**Callie Wilson '18** will join the Oakland City Attorney's Office, where she will promote gender equity. She will work on consumer protection and public health litigation and advocacy in the Community Lawyering and Civil Rights Division at Oakland. During law school, she was a student director of the San Francisco Affirmative Litigation Project (SFALP), a co-Editor-in-Chief of the *Yale Journal of Law & Feminism*, and a Peer Advocate. Prior to law school, was the Communications Director for a New York State Assembly Member. She graduated from Barnard College.

## **National Center for Philanthropy and the Law Fellowship at NYU**

**Grace Heusner '16** will join Lawyers Alliance for New York to serve as a one-year fellow sponsored by the National Center for Philanthropy and the Law at NYU. Grace will work as an attorney advising nonprofits and community groups on a range of transactional legal issues. Grace graduated from the College of William & Mary in 2010 and Yale Law School in 2016. During law school, she was active in the Community and Economic Development Clinic, Yale Law Women, and the Yale Law Journal. Since graduating in 2016, Grace clerked for the Honorable Robert N. Chatigny of the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut and worked as an associate at Covington & Burling LLP.

## **Sabin Center for Climate Change Law Fellowship at Columbia University**

**Ama Francis '18** will be working to develop legal solutions to climate migration at Columbia Law School's Sabin Center for Climate Change Law & Policy. Ama will also analyze and implement adaptive solutions for small island developing states as a Climate Fellow. Ama was an active member of Yale's Environmental Justice Clinic, a student director of Immigration Legal Services, founder of Clarity & Community, and led New Directions in Environmental Law 2018. A native Dominican, Ama is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and graduated from Harvard University in 2011.

## **Skadden Fellowship**

**Minju Cho '16** will provide direct representation of low-income Asian immigrants in civil lawsuits against fraudulent immigration service providers. Will also assist victims in applying for U and T visas.

**Conchita Cruz '16** will provide direct legal services to asylum seekers who fled violence only to become victims of domestic violence and consumer fraud in the United States.

**Kathy Lu '18** will provide direct representation, community education and policy advocacy to ensure the safety and empowerment of Chinese immigrant survivors of gender-based violence in New York City. Will also provide Chinese-language legal services in family law, immigration and civil litigation.

**Julie Veroff '15** will provide direct representation, impact litigation, policy advocacy and community education to challenge and dismantle barriers to equitable public education for immigrant youth and their parents in California's Central Valley and Bay Area.