

**BIOGRAPHIES FOR THE RECIPIENTS OF YLS FELLOWSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS SPONSORED BY OTHER  
INSTITUTIONS 2019-2020 & 2019-2021**

**YALE LAW SCHOOL FELLOWSHIPS OPEN ONLY TO YLS GRADUATES**

**ARTHUR LIMAN PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIP**

**Tiffany Bailey '17** will join the ACLU of Southern California, where she will work to reform municipal ordinances that criminalize homelessness in Orange County, California, and the surrounding region. She also will provide direct services to alleviate the collateral consequences of such criminalization. She graduated from Pepperdine University in 2014 and Yale Law School in 2017. While at Yale, Tiffany participated in the Challenging Mass Incarceration Clinic and the Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic. She was also a member of the Yale Law Journal. Tiffany clerked for the Honorable Leondra R. Kruger on the Supreme Court of California and is now clerking for the Honorable Marsha S. Berzon on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

**Catherine Chen '18** will spend her fellowship year at Medical-Legal Partnership Hawai'i at the University of Hawai'i's William S. Richardson School of Law. She will serve Hawai'i's immigrant populations through direct legal services and community education, focusing on the Compact of Free Association (COFA) and crim-immigration. She graduated from Yale College in 2013 and from Yale Law School in 2018, where she participated in the Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic, Immigration Legal Services Clinic, International Refugee Assistance Project, and Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project. She is now clerking for the Honorable Kim M. Wardlaw of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

**Bassam Gergi '17** will join Fair Share Housing Center in his home state of New Jersey. He will provide low-income residents with a realistic opportunity to access safe, decent affordable housing in high-opportunity communities. Bassam graduated from Yale Law School in 2017, where he was the student director of the Legislative Advocacy Clinic and focused on housing segregation. Prior to law school, Bassam interned on Capitol Hill for then-Senator Barack Obama, and he was a field organizer on President Obama's 2008 campaign in New Hampshire. Bassam earned his B.A. in history from King's College London and his M.Phil. in comparative government from the University of Oxford. At present, Bassam is clerking for Chief Justice Stuart J. Rabner of the New Jersey Supreme Court.

**Diane de Gramont '17** will join the National Center for Youth Law, where she will represent children with disabilities in immigration detention facilities. Diane graduated from Harvard College in 2010 and earned a master's degree in comparative politics from Oxford University in 2014. A member of Yale Law School's class of 2017, she served on the Clinical Student Board and participated in the New Haven Legal Assistance Immigrant Rights Clinic and the Landlord/Tenant Legal Services Clinic. Diane clerked for the Honorable Sarah S. Vance in the Eastern District of Louisiana, and is currently clerking for the Honorable Stephen A. Higginson on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

**John Giammatteo '17** will join Lutheran Social Services of New York's Immigration Legal Program, where he will represent individuals seeking asylum on account of gender-based and gang-related persecution. A 2017 graduate of Yale Law School, John participated in the Veterans Legal Services Clinic and the International Refugee Assistance Project. He clerked for the Honorable Victor A. Bolden of the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut and is currently clerking for the Honorable Gerard E. Lynch of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Prior to law school, John was a Marshall Scholar in London, where he received degrees from City University and SOAS, University of London, and worked with asylum seekers. John graduated from Syracuse University in 2011.

**Diana Li Kim '17** is the recipient of the 2019-2020 Resnik-Curtis Fellowship, created to support projects that focus on criminal justice. Diana will spend her fellowship year with the Connecticut Division of Public Defender Services in New Haven, Connecticut. She will work to improve indigent defense of young adults and of juveniles transferred to be prosecuted as adults by utilizing the scientific evidence on adolescent brain development. Diana graduated from Harvard College in 2014 and Yale Law School in 2017. At Yale, she was active in the Liman Project and the Immigrant Rights Clinic through New Haven Legal Assistance. After graduation, she clerked for the Honorable Janet C. Hall on the District Court for the District of Connecticut and is now clerking for the Honorable Guido Calabresi on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

**Allison Morte '19** will spend her fellowship year working at the L.A. City Attorney's Office, where she will combat predatory payday lending through affirmative litigation and policy advocacy. Morte graduated from the University of Kansas in December of 2015 and graduated from Yale Law School in May of 2019. While in law school, she has participated in the Immigrant Rights Clinic, the Challenging Mass Incarceration Clinic, and the Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic and has volunteered with the International Refugee Assistance Project.

**Alyssa Peterson '19** will spend her fellowship year with the Center for Popular Democracy, where she will work with communities to organize against obligations to forego courts and use arbitration instead, and to shape legislation to bolster enforcement of workplace protections. Alyssa graduated from Georgetown University in 2014 and is a member of the Yale Law School class of 2019, where she has served as a Coker Fellow and participated in the Veterans Legal Services Clinic, the Title IX Working Group, and the Civil Rights Project. Alyssa also worked as a policy coordinator for Know Your IX, a survivor-led activist organization that advocates for stronger enforcement of Title IX.

**Megha Ram '18** will join the Roderick & Solange MacArthur Justice Center (MJC) in Washington, D.C. At MJC, Megha will help people in jail and immigration detention vindicate their rights to medical care, humane conditions, and freedom from violence. She will focus on litigating and filing amicus briefs in federal appellate courts, and will create resources for self-represented individuals. Megha graduated from UC San Diego in 2013 and from Yale Law School in 2018. While at Yale, Megha has participated in the Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic and the International Refugee Assistance Project. She was also a Co-Chair of the Clinical Student Board and an editor of the Yale Law Journal. Megha is currently clerking for the Honorable Michael P. Shea of the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut.

**Adam Rice '19** will spend his fellowship year with the Office of the Attorney General of Colorado, where he will focus on enforcement of labor rights and protecting Colorado's workers against exploitation. Adam graduated from Dartmouth College in 2012 and is a member of the Yale Law School class of 2019. While at Yale, Adam has worked in the Community and Economic Development Clinic and the Fair Housing Track of the Housing Clinic; he is also a member of the Clinical Student Board, the Yale Law Urbanists, and the law school soccer team. Prior to law school, Adam was an elementary school teacher in Newark, New Jersey.

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

**Jessica Laird '19** will work in the Legal Division of the International Committee of the Red Cross as part of its Commentaries Update Unit. These Commentaries are recognized as authoritative interpretations of the Geneva Conventions and their two Additional Protocols, influencing the conduct of international attorneys, government officials, and military personnel on the ground. As part of the team updating the Commentary on the Fourth Geneva Convention, which governs the treatment of civilians in armed conflict, Jessica will focus on those provisions that regulate access to justice in occupied territories and preserve the rights of protected persons. In addition to serving as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Yale Journal of International Law*, Jessica assisted in war crimes investigations in the Human Rights and Special Prosecutions section of the Department of Justice while in law school. Before coming to Yale, she taught students about atrocities prevention at the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust and worked on humanitarian and national security issues at the White House. Jessica received her B.A. in Philosophy and Government from Claremont McKenna College.

**Hilary Ledwell '17** will work with the American Civil Liberties Union's Center for Liberty on the intersection of religious freedom and nondiscrimination claims. These issues — which have become increasingly salient over the past several years — have implications spanning multiple areas of law, including employment, public accommodations, and health care—especially for reproductive health services. At the ACLU, Hilary will work on a combination of litigation, advocacy, and media engagement. Before joining Yale Law School's Class of 2017, Hilary received a B.A. in religion and history from Williams College and an MPhil in Modern European History from the University of Cambridge. At Yale Law School, Hilary was the Editor-in-Chief of the Yale Law Journal and a student fellow at the Information Society Project.

**Roxana Moussavian '19** will work with and on behalf of incarcerated immigrants in Northern California to contest the unlawful terms of their detention. Hosted by Pangea Legal Services, she will support immigrants who seek to bring habeas suits in federal court. The writ of habeas corpus is often an individual's only available legal tool to challenge prolonged immigration detention. The freedom that a successful habeas petition brings can both improve one's immediate health and livelihood and also bring long-term relief. Research shows that in Northern California, represented noncitizens who are released from detention are nearly three times more likely to win their immigration case than represented noncitizens who remain detained. At Yale, Roxana was a member of the Criminal Justice Clinic and the Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic. Before law school, Roxana graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, worked as an economic policy advisor and made short documentary films.

## HEYMAN FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIP

**Dylan Kolhoff '19** will be working at the Senate Judiciary Committee for the staff of Ranking Member Dianne Feinstein (D-CA). During his time at Yale Law School, Dylan served as a student director of the Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic and the Schell Center for International Human Rights, a Coker Fellow, and a Peer Advocate, and devoted much of the rest of his time to working on projects for the Paul Tsai China Center, the Rule of Law Clinic, and the International Refugee Assistance Project. Prior to law school, Dylan spent two years in China teaching in rural Yunnan and doing research on NGO practices around the world. He graduated *summa cum laude* from the College of William & Mary in 2014 with a B.A. in International Relations. In his free time, Dylan is an avid traveler, reader, photographer, and strategy board gamer.

**Chris Looney '19** will spend his fellowship year working at the Department of Defense as Special Assistant to the Deputy General Counsel for International Affairs. At YLS, he was the student director of the Rule of Law Clinic's National Security work stream and served on the board of NSG and IRAP. Before law school, Chris worked as a journalist in Turkey writing about the Syria conflict and as a Peace Corps volunteer in Burkina Faso. His geographic portfolio at DoD will primarily focus on the Levant.

**Charlotte Schwartz '19** will be joining Senator Richard Blumenthal's Judiciary Committee Staff. As the Rule of Law Fellow, Charlotte will be drafting legislation aimed at enhancing election security and integrity, contributing to Senator Blumenthal's innovative anti-corruption litigation, and monitoring investigations into election interference. At Yale Law School, Charlotte served as a student co-director of the Rule of Law Clinic where she worked on behalf of the NAACP to bring two lawsuits against the Trump Administration for mismanagement of the 2020 Census. She also served as co-President of the Yale Law School Democrats and as a board member of the Law Student Alliance for Reproductive Justice. Charlotte graduated with a B.A. in History from McGill University in 2016.

**Alex Wang '19** will spend his fellowship year with the House Judiciary Committee, where he will focus on immigration matters. During law school, he was a member of the Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic, a Coker Fellow in constitutional law, and a co-director of the Rebellious Lawyering Conference. Alex also interned with the ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project and was as a judicial extern to Justice Goodwin Liu of the California Supreme Court.

## ROBERT L. BERNSTEIN FELLOWSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS

**Taylor Burgess '19 LLM** is spending her fellowship year at the British Pregnancy Advisory Service in London, where she will focus on Long-Acting Reversible Contraception ("LARC") delivery programs in the United Kingdom, reporting on women's experiences of the expanding LARC programs and scrutinizing LARC delivery against the United Kingdom's commitment to the right to respect for private and family life in the European Convention of Human Rights and the protections in the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. Overall, she aims to use human rights principles to push the United Kingdom to maximize LARC's potential to empower women and guard against the risks of exploitation. At Yale, Taylor was a member of the Allard K. Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic and worked with the HAVEN Medical-Legal Partnership. Prior to Yale, Taylor worked as an Assistant Crown Counsel in the New Zealand Crown Law Office and as a clerk to the

President of the New Zealand Court of Appeal. Taylor holds a Bachelor of Laws (Honours) and Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy from the University of Auckland.

**Britta Redwood '17** will be spending her fellowship year at the European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights, an independent non-profit legal organization dedicated to enforcing civil and human rights around the world. Britta will be based in Berlin, working within the Organization's International Crimes and Accountability Program and focusing on litigation against Syrian government officials accused of committing war crimes and crimes against humanity. Britta currently works at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP, a global law firm headquartered in New York. During her time at Yale Law School, Britta was Editor-in-Chief of the *Yale Journal of International Law* and a member of the Allard K. Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic. She holds a A.B. in Philosophy from Princeton University.

**Andrew Udelsman '17** will be a Bernstein Fellow with the Texas Civil Rights Project in Alamo, Texas. His work will focus on combating the Trump administration's "zero-tolerance" policy, which calls for criminal prosecution of all individuals caught illegally crossing the Southwest border, including immigrants with valid asylum claims. He hopes to challenge the "zero-tolerance" itself as well as the *en masse* procedures in place to enforce it. At Yale, Andrew was a member of the Allard K. Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic and a student director of the Media Freedom and Information Access Clinic. Following graduation, he clerked at the Supreme Court of Nevada and the United States District Court of Guam. He holds a B.A. in Sociology from Yale.

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

**Sebastian Bates '19 LLM** will spend his Robina fellowship year at the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg, France, working with the judges of the Court as well as its Research Division. He will join the Court after undertaking a summer fellowship at the Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization. During his year as an LL.M. candidate at Yale, he specialized in comparative constitutional law and public international law and was awarded a Salzburg Cutler Fellowship in the latter field. He was an Executive Editor of the *Yale Journal of International Law* and volunteered for the Temporary Restraining Order Project. Before coming to Yale, he clerked for Justice Johan Froneman at the Constitutional Court of South Africa and was a research assistant at Pembroke College, Oxford, where he worked on the Quill Project. He completed his undergraduate legal education at Keble College, Oxford, from which he graduated with first-class honors and the Faculty of Law's All Souls Prize for Public International Law. As an undergraduate, he was involved in Oxford Transitional Justice Research and competed in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition; he also interned at Columbia Law School's Human Rights Institute, the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, and the Trial Chamber of the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia.

**Angela Hefti '18 LLM** is a research fellow at the Orville H. Schell Center for International Human Rights. Her research project, forming part of a doctoral dissertation, is on human rights law and its response to femicide. Previously, she completed an LL.M. at Yale Law School where she was a member of the Allard K. Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic. Prior to her studies at Yale, Angela worked at the University of Lucerne (Lucerne, Switzerland) where she was the Associate Director of the Lucerne Academy for Human Rights Implementation and a researcher/lecturer. She also clerked at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (San José, Costa Rica) and was a visiting researcher at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law (Heidelberg, Germany). During her legal education in Spain and Switzerland, Angela interned at the Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (The Hague, Netherlands) and the Spanish Refugee Commission (Las Palmas de Gran Canaria, Spain).

**Nikila Kaushik '19 LLM** plans to spend her fellowship year working at the International Criminal Court in The Hague, Netherlands. Nikila is an Australian lawyer, and before starting her graduate studies she worked as a Federal Prosecutor, as the Associate to a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia, and as a lawyer at the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department. At Yale, Nikila was a member of the Allard K. Lowenstein Human Rights Clinic and was on the Board of the Yale Journal of International Law. She holds a combined Bachelor of Arts/Laws (Honours I) from the University of Sydney.

**Mara Redlich Revkin '16** is spending her fellowship at the International Organization for Migration (IOM)'s Iraq Mission. Her research as a political scientist aims to contribute to the development of evidence-based policies and programs that can promote the protection of human rights and rule of law in war-torn societies. As a Robina Fellow, she is partnering with IOM and Yale Law School's Center for Global Legal Challenges to study the effects of a community policing program that IOM is implementing with the cooperation of Iraq's Interior Ministry. This multi-method study, which includes field experiments in 13 Iraqi villages, door-to-door household surveys, and qualitative observations of policing activities during 18 months of fieldwork in Iraq, will assess whether community policing methods have positive effects on the protection of human rights and other outcomes associated with democratization and peacebuilding. At Yale, Mara was a member of the Allard K. Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic and a summer intern at the Cairo office of Human Rights Watch. She also served as the lead researcher on Iraq and Syria for two projects implemented by United Nations University, the research wing of the UN system, on (1) the recruitment of children by armed groups and (2) prospects for post-conflict transitional justice and accountability after the Islamic State's loss of territory in Iraq. She will receive her Ph.D. in Political Science from Yale in May 2019 and holds a B.A. in Political Science and Arabic from Swarthmore College.

**Mariana Olaizola Rosenblat '19** will spend her fellowship year working at the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Regional Office in Buenos Aires. As a Protection Associate, Mariana will carry out field research in five countries of South America to assess local reception and integration conditions for arriving asylum seekers. Building on those findings, she will develop and promote policies to improve refugees' access to welfare and employment schemes as a way to facilitate their local integration. At YLS, Mariana served as a Legal Director of the International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP), Schell

Center Student Director and member of the Allard K. Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic. Between 2014 and 2016, she lived and worked in Myanmar, where she conducted research in regions marred by ethnic conflict, internal displacement and statelessness. As a native of Venezuela, Mariana is grateful for the opportunity to launch her legal career in her home continent by working to safeguard the human rights of those fleeing violence and humanitarian crises.

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

**Shikha Garg '19** will spend her fellowship year as a clerk at the International Court of Justice in The Hague, Netherlands. During her time at Yale, Shikha was a member of the Veterans Legal Services Clinic, an Executive Editor for Articles for the Yale Journal of International Law, and a Forum & Features Editor for the Yale Law Journal. She also participated in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition for three years. Before law school, Shikha graduated from Yale College in 2015 with a B.A. in Political Science.

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

**Isabella Francisca Uría '19** is a member of the class of 2019 at Yale Law School. In June 2014, she graduated from Stanford University with a B.A. in international relations, a minor in modern languages (Mandarin Chinese and Portuguese), and Interdisciplinary Honors in International Security Studies. Following graduation, she held a research position at the Center for International Security and Cooperation (CISAC) with Dr. Siegfried Hecker and the Nuclear Risk Reduction Project. There she examined topics in nuclear cooperation, nonproliferation, and nuclear risk reduction initiatives between the United States and Russia, China, Korea, and Pakistan. She is looking forward to continuing to cultivate a career in international dispute resolution next year as a Fellow at the Permanent Court of Arbitration at The Hague, Netherlands.

#### **YLS PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIP**

**Emily Chertoff '17** will spend her fellowship year at Immigrant Defenders Law Center in Los Angeles, California, where she will be helping the organization found an appellate advocacy unit. Emily will focus on bringing test cases that challenge recent changes to U.S. asylum policies. Emily previously worked on immigration and immigrants' rights issues at Catholic Charities in Washington, D.C., and at Arnold & Porter, where she maintained an extensive pro bono practice. As a law student, Emily participated in the Global Health Justice Practicum. A former journalist, she has published several academic articles on human rights and international humanitarian law.

**Arash Ghiassi '18** will spend his fellowship year at the Income Security Advocacy Centre in Toronto, where he will participate in impact litigation, organizing, and policy advocacy aimed at advancing the interests of low-income Ontarians. During law school, Arash directed the 2017 Rebellious Lawyering Conference and participated in the Housing Clinic, the Criminal Justice Clinic, and the Environmental Justice Clinic. He has also worked as a legal intern at the ACLU's LGBT & HIV Project, the Bronx Defenders, and the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association. Arash received his B.A. from the University of Toronto in 2015.

**Melissa Marichal '19** will join the New Haven Legal Assistance Association, where she will work to prevent evictions and improve housing conditions in low-income neighborhoods through direct representation, community education, and policy advocacy in partnership with tenants and local organizations. At Yale, Melissa represented clients as a member of the Housing Clinic and the Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic, and served as president of the Latinx Law Students Association. She received her B.A. in Anthropology and Political Science from Columbia University in 2013.

**Devin Race '19** will work at the Committee for Public Counsel Services in the Boston area. He will represent indigent criminal defendants, with a focus on people with substance use disorders whose cases are sent to drug court or another diversion court. He will also write a policy evaluation on whether these diversion courts protect client rights, serve treatment needs, and whether they are racially biased. During law school, he was a Senior Fellow in the Global Health Justice Partnership, co-director of the Green Haven Prison Project, member of the Sex Workers and Allies Network (SWAN), and participated in the Criminal Justice and Housing clinics. Before law school, he worked for two years on youth civic engagement programs at the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights.

**Samantha Schnell '19** will spend her fellowship year at Brooklyn Defender Services, where she will advocate for developmentally disabled clients involved in criminal and family defense cases. Developmentally disabled New Yorkers are legally entitled to receive social and medical services from the State of New York. In order to access these critical services, however, applicants must navigate a bewildering eligibility determination process. All too often, deserving candidates are denied the services they urgently need. Samantha will advocate for clients at all stages of the eligibility determination process, including representing clients who are appealing unfavorable outcomes. During her time at Yale Law School, Samantha participated in the Veterans Legal Services Clinic, the Capital Assistance Project, and the Reproductive Rights and Justice Project. Before law school, she worked as a teacher. She received her B.A. from Amherst College in 2011 and her M.F.A. from Columbia University in 2016.

**Pauline Syrnik '19** will be working at The Legal Aid Society – Criminal Appeals Bureau, where she will challenge the unlawful detention of individuals who are held past their judicially-imposed sentence due to their inability to find SARA-compliant housing in New York. Pauline was born and raised in New York City and graduated from Hunter College in 2015. At Yale Law School, she participated in the Capital Punishment Clinic, Reproductive Justice Clinic, Legislative Advocacy Clinic and the Liman Project. She additionally directed the Rebellious Lawyering Conference and the Capital Assistance Project.



## YALE LAW JOURNAL (YLJ) FELLOWSHIP

**Ruthie Lazenby '19** has been named by YLJ as the Shirley Adelson Siegel Fellow and will join New York Lawyers for the Public Interest, where she will focus on improving housing conditions in New York City. In particular, she will use disability law to ensure that landlords are held accountable when mold and pest issues disproportionately impact people with disabilities. She will also work to ensure that New York City's new Asthma Free Homes Act is adequately enforced. Ruthie graduated from Yale Law School in 2019. While in law school, she participated in the Environmental Justice Clinic, the Gender-Based Violence Clinic, and the Lowenstein Human Rights Clinic. Prior to law school, Ruthie served for two years as a FoodCorps service member and worked in the cheese industry for four years. She received her B.A. from Wesleyan University in 2010.

**Amber Qureshi '19** has been named by YLJ as the Justine Wise Polier Fellow and will join Muslim Advocates in Washington, DC, where she will challenge the federal government's efforts to strip Muslim, Arab, and South Asian Americans of their citizenship. At Yale Law School, Amber was a student director of the Allard K. Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic, a member of the Rule of Law Clinic, and a member of the Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic. She also served as a legal director of Yale's chapter of the International Refugee Assistance Project and a co-director of the Lowenstein International Human Rights Project. Before law school, Amber taught high school math at Baltimore City College. She received her M.S. in Education from Johns Hopkins University in 2015 and her B.S. in Finance and Economics from the University of Maryland in 2013.

**Jeff Zalesin '19** has been named by YLJ as the Jane Matilda Bolin Fellow and will spend his fellowship year with Campaign Legal Center in Washington, DC. Jeff will focus on developing a legal strategy to protect the tradition of drawing legislative districts that provide equal representation to all U.S. residents, regardless of immigration status. In law school, Jeff has been a member of the Rule of Law Clinic, working on matters involving voting rights and the 2020 Census. He is also a past co-president of the Yale Law School Democrats. Jeff graduated from Pomona College in 2014 and worked as a journalist at Law360 for two years before law school.

## YALE LAW SCHOOL FELLOWSHIPS OPEN TO GRADUATES OF ALL LAW SCHOOLS

### HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON FELLOWSHIP

**Jordan Laris Cohen '17** will work with the New York Civil Liberties Union to enforce local, state, and federal standards of care for immigrant youth in the custody of the Office of Refugee Resettlement in New York State. The project will focus on mental-health and medical care, disability accommodation, and education access, and will involve individual and potential class-wide representation. At Yale Law School, Jordan was member of the Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic and the Yale Law Journal. He is currently clerking for Judge Pierre N. Leval of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and previously clerked for Judge Myron H. Thompson of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama. Prior to law school, Jordan received an M.Phil. in Political Theory (First-Class Honours) from the University of Oxford, where he was a Clarendon Scholar, and a B.A. in History and Political Science (*summa cum laude*) from Yale University.

**Rebecca Ojserkis '17** will join the ACLU Women's Rights Project in New York. There, she will provide legal services and outreach to K-12 students who have been disciplined, denied accommodations, or otherwise pushed out of school after experiencing sexual harassment or assault. Rebecca holds a B.A. from Amherst College and a J.D. from Yale Law School. During law school, she was a member of the Veterans Legal Services Clinic, the Reproductive Rights and Justice Project, and the *Yale Law Journal*. Since graduating from Yale, Rebecca clerked for Chief Judge Diane P. Wood of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and Judge Sidney H. Stein of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

#### **MARY A. MCCARTHY PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIP**

**Rebecca Gendelman '19** will spend her fellowship year with Human Rights First, where she will represent detained asylum seekers in immigration court and write an advocacy report on conditions in New Jersey detention centers. She grew up in New York City and graduated from Williams College in 2015. Rebecca participated in the Immigration Legal Services Clinic and the Capital Assistance Project at Yale Law School and interned at the Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition and The Legal Aid Society's Criminal Appeals Bureau.

**Andrea Parente '19** will be working at Disability Rights New Jersey to secure special education supports and services for students with disabilities charged with or convicted of crimes. Andrea has worked with New Haven Legal Assistance Association, advocating for clients in special education cases and participating in its Immigrant Rights Clinic. Andrea has engaged in disability justice work through university advocacy, scholarship, and presentations for panels and trainings related to disability.

**Yun (Nancy) Tang '19** will join the Asian Outreach Unit (AOU) of Greater Boston Legal Services, where she will provide direct representation for underserved Asian immigrants. She will defend Southeast Asian refugees against deportation, and support Asian community groups in coalition and solidarity building. At Yale Law School, Nancy participated in the Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic and the Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic, and co-directed the 2017 Rebellious Lawyering Conference. In 2017-2018, she was the Yale Fox Fellow in University of Cape Town. A native of Beijing, China, Nancy graduated from Amherst College in 2014. She was a 2014-2015 Junior Fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in D.C.

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

**Emma Sokoloff-Rubin '18** will run the San Francisco Affirmative Litigation Project (SFALP) at Yale Law School. Emma was a member of the clinical student board at YLS and an SFALP student director. She was part of the SFALP team that helped win a nationwide injunction against the Trump administration after the president threatened to withhold funds from sanctuary cities. Prior to law school, Emma ran an outreach program at Texas RioGrande Legal Aid as a Liman fellow, facilitated dialogue and ropes course programming with teenagers from the Middle East, coauthored a book about a women's movement in Brazil, and covered public schools as a journalist in New York City. Emma's reporting on Latin America has appeared in *Foreign Affairs*, *The Nation*, and *The Atlantic*, among other publications. Emma is currently clerking for Judge Jeffrey A. Meyer of the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut.

## THE DAVID NIERENBERG '78 INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ASSISTANCE PROJECT FELLOWSHIP

**Geroline Castillo '19**, a graduate of the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, will join the International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP) as a part of its Litigation team, where she will help to advance and defend the rights of refugees, displaced persons, and immigrants by bringing impact cases that challenge unjust immigration policies and demand accountability and transparency in government actions. Geroline is a member of the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law Class of 2019, where she participated in the Immigration Justice Clinic and the Human Rights and Atrocity Prevention Clinic and served as an editor on the Cardozo Law Review. During law school, she also interned at the Southern Poverty Law Center and the Center for Constitutional Rights. Geroline received her B.A. in Sociology from Boston College in 2012.

## EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS (*Fellowships Sponsored by Other Institutions*)

### ARYEH NEIER FELLOWSHIP

**Allison Frankel '17** will serve as the Aryeh Neier Fellow with Human Rights Watch and the American Civil Liberties Union. Allison will spend one year with each organization, where she will conduct field research and write a human rights report, exposing abuses in the U.S. criminal justice system, and develop litigation strategies for reform. Allison graduated from Yale Law School in 2017, where she participated in the Criminal Justice Clinic and the Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic. After law school, Allison clerked for the Honorable Andrew L. Carter, Jr. of the Southern District of New York. She is currently a Yale Law Journal Fellow with the Center for Appellate Litigation in New York, where she challenges archaic and unconstitutional restrictions imposed on New York City's sex offender registrants long after they have completed their prison sentences.

### EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS FELLOWSHIP

**Molly Anderson '19** is excited to fellow with Atlanta Legal Aid Society, where they will address the legal barriers facing the LGBTQ community when accessing public benefits. At Yale, Molly was a Co-president for OutLaws and also served as a Director for the Rebellious Lawyering Conference. They have also participated in the Housing Clinic and the Gender Violence Clinic. Prior to law school, Molly was a lobbyist for a reproductive healthcare provider in Georgia.

**Mark Birhanu '19** will join Raise the Floor Alliance to support the work of Black worker centers in Chicago by assisting their members with record expungement and employment law matters. At law school, Mark participated in the Reentry Clinic, Immigrant Rights Clinic, Advanced Sentencing Clinic, and Challenging Mass Incarceration Clinic. Prior to law school, Mark worked at the ACLU of Illinois and at Save the Children's African Union Liaison Office in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

**Kathryn (Kate) Huddleston '16** will join the ACLU of Texas, where she will work to advance educational equity for immigrant youth in the Rio Grande Valley by challenging barriers to educational opportunity relating to immigration status and language background. Kate was previously a Yale Law Journal fellow at the ACLU of Arizona and an immigrants' rights fellow the ACLU of Southern California. She clerked for

the Honorable Stephen Reinhardt of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and is currently clerking for the Honorable Goodwin Liu of the Supreme Court of California. At Yale, she was a member of the Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic. Before law school, Kate taught high school world history in a small town in the Rio Grande Valley. She graduated from Princeton University in 2011 with an A.B. in history.

**Zachary (Zak) Manfredi '17** will bring affirmative litigation on behalf of asylum-seeking parents and children who suffered injuries as part of the U.S. government's family separation and family detention policies as an Equal Justice Works fellow at the Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project. Zak will file administrative complaints on behalf of formerly detained immigrants and develop litigation to seek remedies for the injuries they suffered. As a member of the Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic, Zak helped litigate a number of federal cases on behalf of immigrant workers and detainees, including the initial travel ban case. As a law student he was president of the American Constitution Society, a founding member of Yale's National Lawyers Guild Chapter, and a Herbert J. Hansell Student Fellow at the Center for Global Legal Challenges. Zak is also a PhD candidate in the Rhetoric Department at UC Berkeley and holds an MPhil in political theory from Oxford University, where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar. He is currently a clerk for the Honorable Justice Goodwin Liu of the California Supreme Court.

**Dennise Moreno '17** will spend her fellowship year representing separated and detained families in their asylum proceedings with the Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project. She will also create resources to assist pro bono attorneys providing legal representation to asylum-seeking families across the country. Dennise graduated from Yale College in 2014 and from Yale Law School in 2017. During law school, Dennise participated in the Criminal Justice Clinic and the Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project, and she co-directed the Medical Legal Partnership at Haven Free Clinic. After graduating, Dennise clerked for the Honorable Nelson S. Román of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York and is now clerking for the Honorable Pamela Harris of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

**Veena Subramanian '19** joins Open City Advocates in Washington, DC as an Equal Justice Works Fellow sponsored by the Morrison and Foerster Foundation. As a fellow, she will provide post-sentencing representation for current and former foster youth in the juvenile justice system. With a case currently pending before the DC Court of Appeals, Open City Advocates will also work to ensure the right to post-sentencing for all youth. After graduating from UC Berkeley in 2014, Veena worked as a caseworker in foster care in the Bronx. While at Yale, Veena participated in the Reentry Clinic at New Haven Legal Assistance and the Palliative Care Medical Legal Partnership, and served as a co-chair for the Clinical Student Board and the Green Haven Prison Project.

#### **IMMIGRANT JUSTICE CORPS FELLOWSHIP**

**Thomas Scott-Railton '18** will join the Impact Litigation Project of the Bronx Defenders as an Immigrant Justice Corps fellow. Thomas graduated from the University of Michigan in 2010. At Yale Law School, Thomas was a member of the Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic, the Asylum Seeker Advocacy Project, and the Mental Health Alliance. During his law school summers, Thomas interned at The Door and the ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project.

## JUSTICE CATALYST FELLOWSHIP

**Matt Ampleman '17** will work with the Neighborhood Vacancy Initiative to reduce the number of vacant, tax-delinquent, code-violating properties in his home town of St. Louis City. While in law school, Matt worked on analogous projects through the Ludwig Center for Community & Economic Development. He supported the Missouri Governor's Ferguson Commission through the Legislative Advocacy Clinic. He has a master's degree in environmental engineering and has worked on community health projects in East St. Louis, Illinois, and East Chicago, Indiana.

**Meghan Brooks '19** will join the New York Legal Assistance Group's Special Litigation Unit as a Catalyst Fellow. There, she will work to expand the availability and utility of the class action mechanism in the veterans' law context, targeting barriers to benefits, housing, and civilian workforce participation in the greater New York City area. In law school, Meghan was a member of the Veterans Legal Services Clinic. She also served as a co-Editor-in-Chief of the *Yale Journal of Law & Feminism*, and as a Student Director of the Temporary Restraining Order Project. Meghan is a graduate of Harvard College.

**Laura McCready '18** will join the ACLU of Massachusetts, where she will challenge policies that discriminate against people using medication for treatment of opioid use disorder. At Yale Law School, Laura participated in the Reproductive Rights and Justice Project, the Criminal Justice Clinic, and the Reentry Clinic, and she co-directed the Capital Assistance Project and Law Students for Reproductive Justice. Laura graduated from the University of North Carolina in 2014. She is currently clerking for the Honorable William J. Kayatta, Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit.

**Carolyn O'Connor '19** will spend her fellowship year at the Texas Civil Rights Project, where she will work with communities impacted by the border wall, "show me your papers" laws, and asylum-seeker turn-backs. Carolyn O'Connor graduated from Sarah Lawrence College in 2011 and received her Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy from Tufts University's The Fletcher School. Prior to law school, she worked as an AmeriCorps\*VISTA in Oregon and as an advocate for safety net benefits for low-income New Yorkers. At Yale Law School, Carolyn participated in the Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic, the International Refugee Assistance Project, the Asylum Seeker Assistance Project, and the Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic. She also was a project director for the Lowenstein Project and a student director of the Schell Center.

**Hayden Rodarte '19** will be working at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights of the San Francisco Bay Area. His fellowship project will focus on the harms and deprivations suffered by asylum-seekers while in immigration detention along the Southwest Border. At Yale Law School, Hayden was a clinical student and Fellow with the Global Health Justice Partnership, co-directed the Lowenstein Human Rights Project, served on the boards of the Latinx Law Students Association and First Generation Professionals, and was an article editor for the Yale Human Rights and Development Law Journal. He also served as a Graduate Associate and co-directed the Latinx Graduate Network for the Yale Latino Cultural Center. As a Visiting Student at Stanford Law School in his third year, Hayden served as a clinical student with the Immigrants' Rights Clinic, representing individuals in removal proceedings at the San Francisco Immigration Court. Before law school, Hayden graduated with his BAs in 2013 and MA in Latin American Studies in 2014 from Stanford University. He is a proud Chicano, gay first-generation college graduate and professional.

**Danny Wilf-Townsend '15** is a Catalyst Fellow at Gupta Wessler, where he focuses on representing plaintiffs and public-interest clients in appellate and complex litigation, with particular emphases on class actions and constitutional litigation. Danny has briefed and argued cases in state and federal court, at both the trial and appellate level, and has counseled government entities, public officials, and advocacy groups across the country on a wide range of questions concerning public policy and legal strategy. Danny has also played a leading role in several lawsuits challenging unlawful actions by President Donald Trump, including current litigation under the Foreign and Domestic Emoluments Clauses in the Southern District of New York and the District of Maryland. In collaboration with Justice Catalyst, Danny is currently working on developing resources for class-action plaintiffs to use to navigate pressing doctrinal issues that threaten access to justice. Danny clerked for Judge Marsha Berzon of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit and Judge Jeffrey Meyer of the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut.

#### **MICHAEL R. CANNON FELLOW OF HIGHER EDUCATION & HEALTH LAW AT WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY**

**Mark Andriola '19** will be the Michael R. Cannon Fellow in Higher Education and Health Law at Washington University in St. Louis. Mark will work on a diverse portfolio of legal matters, with a particular focus on health law, in the Office of the Vice Chancellor and General Counsel at Wash U. Mark graduated from Dartmouth College in 2014 and spent two years as a consultant at McKinsey & Company prior to law school. At Yale Law School, Mark was the Projects Editor of the *Yale Journal on Regulation* and was a Summer Associate at Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz.

#### **REPORTERS COMMITTEE FOR FREEDOM OF THE PRESS FELLOWSHIP**

**William Powell '19** will spend a year as the Ethics & Excellence in Journalism Foundation Fellow at the Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press. He will focus on First Amendment issues, primarily involving libel, invasion of privacy, and protection of confidential sources and materials. At Yale, Bill was a member of the Capital Punishment Clinic and the International Refugee Assistance Project, a co-director of the Capital Assistance Project, a Coker Fellow, and a Notes Editor on the *Yale Law Journal*. He also spent a summer at the public interest firm of Gupta Wessler. Bill graduated from the University of Missouri with a bachelor's degree in journalism and worked for several years before law school as a magazine writer and editor.

#### **SABIN CENTER FOR CLIMATE CHANGE LAW FELLOWSHIP AT COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY**

**Hillary Aidun '17** will work on legal approaches to climate change mitigation at Columbia Law School's Sabin Center for Climate Change Law. Hillary has served as a law clerk to the Honorable Robert N. Chatigny of the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut, and the Honorable Barbara A. Lenk of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts. In law school, Hillary participated in the Environmental Justice Clinic, the Environmental Protection Clinic, and the Landlord-Tenant Clinic. Prior to law school, she worked at the Center for Biological Diversity, and studied conservation in the Amazon Rainforest as a Fulbright Fellow. She holds a B.A. from Middlebury College.

## SHUTE, MIHALY AND WEINBERGER PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FELLOWSHIP

**Patrick Woolsey '19** will be working as a Fellow at Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger LLP, a public-interest law firm in San Francisco specializing in environmental law, land use, and renewable energy, which represents public agencies, non-profits, tribes and community groups. Patrick is a joint-degree student with Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, where he received a Master's Degree in Environmental Management. At YLS, Patrick was a member of the Environmental Justice Clinic, Environmental Protection Clinic, and Community & Economic Development Clinic. He served as co-president of the Yale Environmental Law Association and Articles Editor for the Yale Law & Policy Review. Patrick graduated from Columbia University in 2013.

## SKADDEN FELLOWSHIP

**Healy Ko '19** will join the Korean Resource Center to provide culturally and linguistically competent legal representation to low-income, Korean immigrant women and children who are survivors of domestic violence in Los Angeles and Orange Counties. She will conduct outreach, community education, and advocacy.

**Elizabeth Leiserson '17** will work at Southern Migrant Legal Services, a Nashville-based project of Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid. She will focus on administrative advocacy and litigation on behalf of migrant farmworkers whose unlawfully low wages are made possible by systematic enforcement failures at state workforce agencies. Elizabeth graduated from the University of Chicago in 2009 and served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Federated States of Micronesia. At Yale, she was a student director of the Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic, an editor on the Yale Law Journal, and a director of the Rebellious Lawyering Conference. She is currently clerking for the Honorable Jane B. Stranch of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit.

**West Resendes '19** will join the ACLU's Disability Rights Project in San Francisco, California, where he will engage in litigation and advocacy to reduce the excessive presence of law enforcement in elementary schools and protect children with disabilities from the trauma of unconstitutional arrest and handcuffing. He will also work on other projects that seek to protect the rights of people with disabilities. West was a member of the Veterans Legal Services Clinic, where he worked on a nationwide class action lawsuit seeking relief for veterans with PTSD and other mental health conditions. West co-directed the Rebellious Lawyering Conference in 2018, served as Advocacy Chair for First Generation Professionals, and was a Managing Editor of the *Yale Law & Policy Review*. During his law school summers, West worked at the ACLU, Covington & Burling, and on the Senate Judiciary Committee for Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI). West graduated from Harvard College in 2012 and was a Henry Russell Shaw Fellow.

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