

RECIPIENTS OF YLS FELLOWSHIPS

Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowships

Alicia Bannon '07 (Brennan Center for Justice, New York, NY)
Josh Berman '07 (Natural Resources Defense Council, Chicago, IL)
Rebecca Engel '09 (The Bronx Defenders, Bronx, NY)
Jean Han '06 (Ayuda, Inc., Washington, DC)
Kathy Hunt '09 (New York Civil Liberties Union, New York, NY)
Sonia Kumar '08 (ACLU of Maryland, Baltimore, MD)
Margot Mendelson '09 (University of Arizona School of Law, Tucson, AZ;
Migration Policy Institute, Washington, DC)
Kirill Penteshin '09 (UNITE HERE Local 11, Los Angeles, CA)
Benjamin Plener '09 (Orleans Public Defenders, New Orleans, LA)
Vasudha Talla '09 (Sanctuary for Families, New York, NY)

Heyman Federal Public Service Fellowships

Kumar Garg '08 (White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and
Department of Education, Washington, DC)
Jessica Gordon '09 (Senior Counsel for Climate Legislation, Environmental Protection
Agency, Washington, DC)
Stephanie Hays '09 (Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance &
Training, Department of Justice, Washington, DC)
Abbas Ravjani '09 (House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,
U.S. Representative Silvestre Reyes, Washington, DC)

Robert L. Bernstein Fellowships in International Human Rights

Emily Tendayi Achiume '08 (Lawyers for Human Rights, Johannesburg, South Africa)
Stratos Pahiš '09 (International Commission of Jurists, Geneva, Switzerland)
Katherine Wiltenburg Todrys '07 (Human Rights Watch, London, United Kingdom)

Robina Foundation Fellowships

Sam Ferguson '09 (Independent research on prosecuting the crimes of Argentina's
"Dirty War")
Brittan Heller '09 (International Criminal Court, The Hague)
Matiangai Sirleaf '08 (Constitutional Court of South Africa)

San Francisco Affirmative Litigation Project Fellowship

Jill Habig '09 (Yale Law School, New Haven, CT)

Supreme Court Clinic Fellow

Scott Shuchart '03 (Yale Law School, New Haven, CT)

YLS Fellowship at the Permanent Court of Arbitration

Garth Schofield '09 (Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague)

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Andreas Th. Müller LL.M. '09 (International Court of Justice, The Hague)

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Emma Alpert '09 (Brooklyn Family Defense Project, Brooklyn, NY)

Prithika Balakrishnan '09 (Office of the Public Defender, San Francisco, CA)

Manav Bhatnagar '09 (Senator Russell D. Feingold, Washington, DC)

Elbridge Colby '09 (Nuclear Posture Review, Department of Defense, Washington, DC)

Kristen Eichensehr '08 (Office of the Legal Advisor, Department of State, Washington, DC)

John Mangin '08 (The Center for Urban Pedagogy, Brooklyn, NY)

Patricia Moon '09 (The Bronx Defenders, Bronx, NY)

Robin Rotman '09 (Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Jefferson City, MO)

RECIPIENTS OF FELLOWSHIPS SPONSORED BY OTHER INSTITUTIONS (TO DATE)**Aryeh Neier Fellowship (2009-2011)**

Sarah Mehta '09 (Human Rights Watch and ACLU Foundation, New York, NY)

Equal Justice Works Fellowship

Diana Reiter '09 (South Brooklyn Legal Services, Brooklyn, NY)

Equal Justice Works / Bruce Ennis Foundation Fellowship for First Amendment Law

Emma Llanso '09 (Center for Democracy & Technology, Washington, DC)

Henry Luce Foundation Luce Scholars Program

Nathaniel Gleicher '09

Brittan Heller '09

Mississippi Youth Justice Project Fellowship (2009-2011)

Poonam Juneja '09 (Southern Poverty Law Center, Jackson, MS)

Skadden Fellowships

Sameer Ahmed '09 (Asian-American Legal Defense and Education Fund, New York, NY)

Ilana Gelfman '09 (Greater Boston Legal Services, Boston, MA)

Thomas Emerson Fellowship

Neil Weare '08 (David Rosen & Associates, New Haven, CT)

Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellows

Alicia Bannon is a 2007 graduate of Yale Law School. Alicia graduated *summa cum laude* from Harvard College in 2001 with an A.B. in Social Studies. Before coming to law school, Alicia worked in Kenya at ICS Africa, an NGO specializing in education and health issues and as a research assistant at the Center for Global Development in Washington D.C. Following graduation from law school, Alicia clerked for the Honorable Kimba M. Wood in the Southern District of New York and is now clerking for the Honorable Sonia Sotomayor in the Second Circuit. For her fellowship year, Alicia will work at the Brennan Center for Justice in New York. Her focus will be on state policies that impose burdensome financial penalties on indigent criminal defendants as a revenue-generating device. Some states now charge indigent defendants for some of the costs associated with their arrest, their prosecution, their public defenders, and their supervision on probation or parole. Alicia will join in reform efforts targeted at New York and Florida.

Josh Berman is a 2007 graduate of Yale Law School and is currently clerking for the Honorable M. Blane Michael on the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. Josh holds a master's degree in Environmental Science from the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies and he graduated *summa cum laude* with a B.A. in mathematics from Yale College. For his Liman fellowship project, Josh will work with the Natural Resources Defense Council in Chicago on litigation to curb greenhouse gas emissions from coal fired power plants. The goals are to ensure that permits for newly proposed coal fired power plants in the Midwest fully comply with the requirements of the Clean Air Act and set limits on the plants' carbon dioxide emissions.

Rebecca Engel is a member of the Yale Law School class of 2009. She graduated *summa cum laude* from Pomona College in 2000. She is also a Ph.D candidate in American Religious History at Princeton University, where she received her M.A. in 2006. Before law school, Rebecca worked as a civil rights researcher, a journalist, and a union organizer. During her fellowship year, Rebecca will work at the Bronx Defenders, where she will provide direct representation to adolescents suffering the civil consequences of being charged as adults in criminal proceedings. These consequences include loss of housing, suspension or expulsion from school, and loss of benefits or employment. Rebecca will also engage in policy advocacy, community education, and targeted litigation to address the school-to-prison pipeline that results from excessive police presence in the New York City public schools.

Jean C. Han is a 2006 graduate of Yale Law School and holds a B.A., *magna cum laude*, from Harvard College. Currently, she is the Albert M. Sacks Clinical Teaching and Advocacy Fellow for the Immigration and Refugee Clinic at Harvard Law School. Jean will spend her Liman Fellowship year working with Ayuda, a legal services provider for foreign-born residents of the Washington, D.C. area. At Ayuda, she will provide comprehensive legal services to immigrant victims of gang violence and human trafficking as they seek the protection of the United States government. In cooperation with immigration attorneys and advocates, she also will seek to develop legal theories that will allow immigrants subjected to persecution by gangs in their native countries to obtain asylum relief under federal law.

Kathy Hunt graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Pennsylvania in 2005 and is a member of the Yale Law School class of 2009. As a Liman fellow, Kathy will work with the New York Civil Liberties Union. Her focus is on children with special needs and how New York City's disciplinary regime limits their access to classrooms. Related work will address the relationship between special needs students and police presence in schools. Before law school, Kathy worked on improving the HIV testing program in New York City's jails as an Urban Fellow in the Department of Health.

Sonia Kumar graduated from Yale Law School in 2008 and is clerking for the Honorable Myron H. Thompson in the District Court for the Middle District of Alabama. Prior to law school, Sonia worked in the legal program at the ACLU of Maryland. She graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Maryland Honors Program in 2001 and holds a degree in journalism. With her fellowship, Sonia will return to the ACLU of Maryland to work to reduce gender disparities in services available for girls involved in the juvenile justice system. Her goals are to improve conditions of confinement and increase the use of alternatives to incarceration. Sonia will work through litigation, lobbying, press advocacy and public education to encourage the state to provide services that holistically address the needs of girls involved in the juvenile justice system.

Margot Mendelson is a member of the Yale Law School class of 2009. She graduated *magna cum laude* with highest honors from Harvard College in 2003. Before law school, she was a community organizer in northern Guatemala, and then a legal assistant for defense against deportation cases in San Francisco. As a Liman Fellow, Margot will work with the University of Arizona in Tucson and the Migration Policy Institute in Washington, D.C. to research and analyze the implications of mandatory electronic employment verification systems ("E-Verify") for immigrants and low-income workers. E-Verify is a federal government database intended to enable employers to verify employees' work eligibility based on immigration status. The program is increasingly implemented on a mandatory basis and has been misused as a tool for racial profiling and limiting collective organizing. Margot will seek to address the impact of the program through field work in Arizona and then present her findings, recommendations, and outreach strategies to advocates and affected communities.

Kirill Penteshin is a member of the Yale Law School Class of 2009. He graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Maryland in 2006. With his Liman Fellowship year, Kirill will work at UNITE HERE Local 11 in Los Angeles, California, where he will assist the union in organizing low-income hotel workers, a workforce largely comprised of immigrant women. His project seeks to improve wages and workplace standards and to help employees achieve voice, representation, and bargaining rights at Los Angeles hotels.

Benjamin Plener is a member of the Yale Law School class of 2009. He graduated with High Distinction from the University of Toronto in 2004 and then studied International Development as a Commonwealth Scholar at the London School of Economics. As a Liman Fellow, Benjamin will work with the Special Litigation Department at the Orleans Public Defenders and join a

group of public defenders and stakeholders seeking to reform New Orleans' system for the pretrial detention of indigent criminal defendants. Currently, poor individuals are often subjected to prolonged pretrial detention on a weak evidentiary basis because they cannot afford the cash bonds set by local magistrates.

Vasudha Talla graduated *magna cum laude* from New York University in 2004 and will graduate from Yale Law School in 2009. As a Liman Fellow, she will work with Sanctuary for Families in New York to assist detained immigrant women to obtain forms of legal relief under federal provisions specifically intended for victims of gender-based violence. Vasudha will represent detained immigrants in their removal proceedings, create materials for use by pro se immigrants and other lawyers, and provide technical assistance to other attorneys.

Heyman Federal Public Service Fellows

Kumar Garg is a 2008 graduate of the Yale Law School. He is currently the Supervising Fellow and Clinical Lecturer for the Education Adequacy Project at Yale Law School. Kumar graduated *summa cum laude* with high honors from Dartmouth College in 2003, with a B.A. in Government. Before law school, Kumar worked as a campaign staffer in both federal and state politics. For the past four years, he has worked on education issues extensively as part of the first-ever clinic-supervised school finance litigation. For his fellowship project, Kumar will split his time between the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and the Department of Education, focusing on the role of education technology in the President's education reform agenda. He will work collaboratively with senior staffs of both agencies, fostering interagency cooperation on resolving the array of legal, technical, and political challenges that have stymied educational technology reform.

Jessica Gordon is a member of the Yale Law School class of 2009. She graduated *magna cum laude* with an A.B. in History and Science from Harvard College in 2003 and then spent two years as a community health worker with the Peace Corps in Madagascar. As a Heyman Fellow, Jessica will serve as special assistant to David McIntosh, the Environmental Protection Agency's Senior Counsel for Climate Legislation. Mr. McIntosh is the EPA Administrator's top advisor on climate legislation and the agency's liaison with Congress as it develops a cap-and-trade program for greenhouse gas emissions. Jessica will provide research, analysis, briefing, and other assistance to Mr. McIntosh in each aspect of his work.

Stephanie Hays is a member of the Yale Law School class of 2009. She graduated with Highest Honors from the University of Texas Honors Program in 2003 and then studied literature at the University of California, Berkeley, where she received an M.A. As a Heyman Fellow, Stephanie will work as a special assistant in the Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training (OPDAT) in the Department of Justice. She will assist OPDAT in creating the Civilian Response Corps—a group of civilian experts ready to rapidly deploy in support of reconstruction and stabilization efforts. OPDAT represents the Justice Department in this interagency effort and is focused on rebuilding or strengthening criminal justice systems and implementing general rule of law reforms.

Abbas Ravjani is a member of the Yale Law School class of 2009. He graduated *summa cum laude* from Austin College in Sherman, Texas in 2004 with degrees in Political Science and Middle East Studies. Prior to law school, Abbas worked for the Department of the Navy as a Middle East Political-Military Analyst. As a Heyman Fellow, he will serve as Counsel to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI), chaired by Congressman Silvestre Reyes of Texas—Abbas’s home state. In this position, Abbas will work on intelligence community matters, including drafting legislation, agency oversight, and policy analysis on intelligence community management.

Robert L. Bernstein Fellows in International Human Rights

Emily Tendayi Achiume graduated from the Yale Law School in 2008 and also completed a Graduate Certificate in Development Studies. She is currently researching refugee rights law in South Africa as Fox International Fellow. She is also serving as a foreign law clerk on the South African Constitutional Court. Tendayi graduated from Yale College in 2005 with a B.A. in Ethics, Politics, and Economics. She will spend her Bernstein Fellowship year working with Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR) in Johannesburg on a report that documents the treatment of Zimbabwean refugees in South Africa. Tendayi will also be involved in the daily advocacy and legal aid work of LHR’s Refugee and Migrant Rights Project.

Stratos Pahis is a member of the Yale Law School Class of 2009. He graduated *summa cum laude* from Dartmouth College and received an M.A. in International Cooperation for Development from the Universidad Complutense in Madrid, Spain. As a Bernstein Fellow, Stratos will work for the International Commission of Jurists in Geneva, Switzerland, on their Business, Human Rights and Accountability Project. Stratos will provide research support for two policy initiatives that promote transparency and accountability in international investment and business relations. He will also assist in organizing and implementing an advocacy campaign to promote these initiatives within the international business and human rights communities.

Katherine Wiltenburg Todrys is a 2007 graduate of Yale Law School. Katherine graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard College in 2003 with an A.B. in Social Studies. Following graduation from law school, Katherine worked with the Millennium Villages Project at Columbia University on an HIV/AIDS and reproductive health patients’ rights project; she is currently a consultant working with Human Rights Watch on access to treatment for HIV-positive migrants. Katherine will spend her fellowship year working with Human Rights Watch’s Health and Human Rights program. She will research human rights violations associated with HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis transmission and treatment in prisons in southern Africa. Based on these findings, Katherine will write a report published by Human Rights Watch with recommendations to governments and international agencies and donors and will conduct related advocacy.

Robina Foundation Fellows

Sam Ferguson graduated with highest honors from UC Berkeley in 2004 and will graduate from Yale Law School in 2009. Before starting law school, Sam spent a year living in Argentina and South America; served as a teaching assistant in philosophy and linguistics at UC Berkeley; and worked at a progressive think tank called the Rockridge Institute, where he helped to co-author a book called *Thinking Points: Communicating Our American Values and Vision* by George Lakoff. Sam will spend his fellowship year in Argentina writing a book about the pursuit of justice for crimes committed by Argentina's last military dictatorship during the "Dirty War." In 2005, the Argentine Supreme Court overturned a series of amnesty laws which had shielded military officials from prosecution for the deaths of thousands of Argentine citizens in the 1970s. This unprecedented decision raises a host of difficult questions about the purposes of prosecuting crimes against humanity and whether there is a limit to "transitional justice."

Brittan Heller graduated from Yale Law School in 2009. Prior to law school, Brittan graduated with distinction from Stanford University, earning a bachelor's degree in English, undergraduate honors in Interdisciplinary Humanities, and a master's degree in English, all in 2004. With her Robina Fellowship, Brittan will work for the Office of the Prosecutor, Prosecution Division, at the International Criminal Court in The Hague. Brittan will work on the Court's first cases and will focus on prosecuting sexual violence and the use of child soldiers in the Congo.

Matiangai Sirleaf received her J.D. from Yale Law School in 2008. She graduated from New York University with a B.A. in Political Science. In 2004, Matiangai was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to Ghana, where she received her master's degree in International Affairs from the University of Ghana Legon Centre for International Affairs. As a Bernstein Fellow working with the International Center for Transitional Justice in Cape Town, South Africa, Matiangai conducts assessment missions of transitional justice experiences in West Africa, focusing on truth telling, prosecutions, and reparations. Matiangai will spend her Robina Fellowship year clerking for the Honorable Justice Sandile Ngcobo on the Constitutional Court of South Africa in Johannesburg.

San Francisco Affirmative Litigation Project Fellowship

Jill Habig graduated *summa cum laude* from Georgetown University in 2006 and is a member of the Yale Law School class of 2009. As a Cover Fellow for the San Francisco Affirmative Litigation Project, Jill will oversee a unique partnership between Yale Law School and the San Francisco City Attorney's Office in which law students work with deputy city attorneys to bring innovative public interest lawsuits on behalf of California residents. These civil law enforcement actions regularly involve topics of national significance, including issues of financial credit and the working poor; health care; women's reproductive rights; global warming and the environment; and marriage equality. Jill will co-teach a law school seminar on local government law with Professor Heather Gerken.

Supreme Court Clinic Fellow

Scott Shuchart is a 2003 graduate of Yale Law School. He also holds a B.A. *magna cum laude* from Harvard College and a B.Phil from the University of Oxford. Scott served as law clerk to the Honorable Marsha S. Berzon of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. He held the Altshuler Berzon fellowship at the Natural Resources Defense Council from 2004-2006, where he litigated the restoration of California's San Joaquin River, and was an associate at Boies, Schiller & Flexner LLP. As a continuing Supreme Court Clinical Fellow, Scott coordinates the instructional curriculum in the Law School's Supreme Court Advocacy Clinic and works with each student team litigating cases before the Court. In the 2008-2009 Term, the Clinic won three cases before the Court and participated in numerous other cases as counsel to amici or at the certiorari stage. Scott also teaches in the Prison Legal Services and Complex Federal Litigation clinics in the Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization.

YLS Fellow at the Permanent Court of Arbitration

Garth Schofield is a member of the Yale Law School class of 2009 and a joint degree with The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, where he has focused on international law and conflict management. Garth graduated *magna cum laude* from Williams College in 2001 and was a Fulbright Fellow at the Moscow State Institute for International Relations. Before law school, Garth worked coordinating democracy promotion efforts and support for local NGOs in Russia and Ukraine on behalf of the National Endowment for Democracy and the National Democratic Institute. At the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague, Garth will serve as staff counsel to the Court, assisting the work of arbitral panels convened under the Court's auspices and facilitating diplomatic relations with states party to the Court.

YLS Public Interest Fellows

Emma Alpert graduated with High Honors from Wesleyan University in 2004 and is a member of the Yale Law School class of 2009. Prior to law school, Emma worked as a voter registration organizer, a civil rights paralegal, and a researcher at the Vera Institute of Justice, where she studied the experiences of HIV-positive foster children in New York City who had participated in clinical drug trials. During her fellowship year, Emma will work with the Brooklyn Family Defense Project to provide direct representation in child welfare cases to parents who are homeless or in housing crisis. She will also study the impact of housing instability on parents within the child welfare system and advocate for policy change within New York City's Children's Services and Department of Homeless Services to provide meaningful housing assistance and to support, rather than separate, families in need.

Prithika Balakrishnan graduated *summa cum laude* from Stanford University in 1998 and is a member of the Yale Law School class of 2009. Before law school, she was a Peace Corps volunteer in Honduras, and then a field organizer for UNITE HERE Local 2 in San Francisco, where she focused on the economic justice issues facing low-wage immigrant workers. During her fellowship year, Prithika will work at the San Francisco Public Defender's Office. She will

provide direct representation to non-citizen criminal defendants and develop training, educational, and advocacy materials to increase understanding of the negative immigration consequences of criminal convictions.

Manav Bhatnagar is a member of the Yale Law School class of 2009. He graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard College in 2006 with an A.B. in Government and South Asian Studies. During his fellowship year, Manav will work for Senator Russ Feingold as a Special Assistant for Foreign Affairs and Defense. With responsibilities for the Senator's work on the Foreign Relations and Judiciary Committees, he will substantively focus on issues related to nuclear proliferation, counterterrorism strategies, and foreign policy towards Near East and South Asia.

Elbridge ("Bridge") Colby is a member of the Yale Law School class of 2009. He graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard College in 2002. Before coming to Yale, Bridge served as Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence; as a staff member on the President's Weapons of Mass Destruction Commission; and with the State Department. He has also worked as an expert advisor to the Congressional Commission on the Strategic Posture of the United States and as an adjunct staff member at the RAND Corporation and has published on defense and foreign policy issues in a variety of journals and newspapers. For his fellowship, Bridge will work in the Office of the Secretary of Defense on the Nuclear Posture Review, a top-to-bottom review of U.S. nuclear policy.

Kristen Eichensehr is a 2008 graduate of Yale Law School and is currently clerking for the Honorable Merrick B. Garland on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. Kristen graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard University with an A.B. in Government and a language citation in French. She also holds an M.Phil. in International Relations from the University of Cambridge. During her fellowship year, Kristen will work as a Special Assistant to Harold Koh, the Legal Adviser to the U.S. Department of State. Kristen's work will involve treaty ratification and compliance, domestic litigation involving foreign affairs, and a variety of other public international law issues.

John Mangin graduated from Yale Law School in 2008. As an undergraduate, he attended Deep Springs College and Yale College, graduating from Yale in 2001. Before attending law school, John worked for two years at the D.C. think tank, New America Foundation, working on issues such as health care, tax policy, and education finance. As a fellow, John will continue his work at the Center for Urban Pedagogy (CUP), a small Brooklyn-based nonprofit that produces exhibitions, videos, publications, and other teaching tools about law, policy, and politics that help people understand and participate in the cities in which they live. Among other duties, John will manage CUP's Envisioning Development Toolkit, a series of books and interactive workshops on land-use decision-making in New York, and its Making Policy Public program, a publication series that uses graphic and information design to decode complex legal and policy issues.

Patricia Moon is a member of the Yale Law School class of 2009 and graduated *magna cum laude* from Yale College in 2005. Prior to law school, she served as a fellow for an international NGO promoting reform of the criminal justice system in China. Patricia will spend her YLS Public Interest Fellowship year working at The Bronx Defenders, where she will initiate the Family and Criminal Court Integration Project. She will engage in integrative lawyering by advocating for clients with concurrent cases in Family and Criminal Court and with cases in the Integrated Domestic Violence Court. Alongside her direct representation work, she will produce training materials for other advocates and develop strategies for reform with community stakeholders.

Robin Rotman is a member of the Yale Law School class of 2009. A native of Chicago, Robin graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, where she received a B.S. in Geology. Robin then studied at the University of Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar, where she completed a master's degree in Water Science, Policy and Management. In her fellowship year, Robin will work as Special Assistant to Mark Templeton, the Director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. She will devote her efforts to energy and environmental policy, focusing on energy and water-use efficiency, "green jobs" creation, and building partnerships with industry to improve pollution prevention.

YLS International Court of Justice Internship/Clerkship

Andreas Th. Müller is a member of the Yale Law School LL.M. class of 2009. In 2003, he graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Innsbruck, Austria, with master's degrees in law and in philosophy. From 1999 through 2000, he studied public international law and European law at the Université Robert Schuman in Strasbourg, France. From 2003 through 2005, he worked with a non-governmental organization in Jerusalem on issues of international human rights law and international humanitarian law. As of 2005, he has held a position as Research Fellow and Lecturer at the Department of European Law and Public International Law of the University of Innsbruck, Austria. For his fellowship year, he will be clerking at the International Court of Justice in The Hague.