Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellowships

Robert Braun, a member of the Yale Law School class of 2011, will spend his fellowship year at Southeast Louisiana Legal Services where he will represent low-income renters. Robby’s project addresses how federal protections protect residents of public housing from wrongful evictions and what kinds of affirmative avenues for redress exist if landlords illegally target particular populations for eviction. Before coming to Yale Law School, Robby graduated summa cum laude from Princeton University and served as a Lecturer at the China Foreign Affairs University in Beijing.

Isabel Bussarakum will work with The Defender Association in Seattle, Washington to provide legal services to people participating in a pilot drug diversion program that permits low-level drug offenders to receive treatment and services in lieu of criminal charges and possible prison sentences. Isabel’s work will be to explore how to correct errors in the criminal records of participants and whether some are eligible for social welfare and other benefits programs. A member of the Yale Law School class of 2011, Isabel graduated summa cum laude from Columbia University, and worked at a nonprofit civil rights organization, Equal Rights Center, a Washington, D.C.-based civil rights organization that counters discrimination on the basis of race, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.

Elizabeth Compa will join the Southern Center for Human Rights to work on the effects of for-profit companies on Georgia’s criminal justice and prison systems. Elizabeth will investigate how funds are allocated, the profits garnered, and the incentives created when probation is supervised by private sector companies and what kinds of interventions could ameliorate the provision of services. Elizabeth—a member of the Yale Law School class of 2011—graduated magna cum laude from New York University. Prior to law school, she was a Curatorial Assistant at the Museum of the City of New York.

Daniel Mullkoff will spend his fellowship year at the New York Civil Liberties Union, where he will work on understanding the impact of the New York Police Department’s “stop-and-frisk” practices. Dan will provide direct representation for individuals alleging police misconduct as well as research on reform of the underlying practices, such as how the Citizens Complaint Review Board could be an effective tool for oversight. Dan, a 2010 graduate of Yale Law School, clerked for the Honorable Keith P. Ellison of the Southern District of Texas immediately after graduation. Dan graduated with high distinction from the University of Michigan. He then worked on a farm in Costa Rica and in Portland, Oregon at AFS Intercultural Programs, an organization that provides opportunities for young people to live abroad as volunteers.

Diala Shamas will join Creating Law Enforcement Accountability and Responsibility (CLEAR), a project based at CUNY School of Law. Diala will serve members of Arab, Muslim, Middle Eastern, and South Asian communities as they interact with law enforcement. Diala will develop educational programs, investigate and document experiences of individuals, and represent individuals alleging mistreatment. A graduate of Yale College and Yale Law School (YLS ’11), Diala worked prior to law school with B’Tselem, an Israeli human rights organization.

Emily Washington, a member of the class of 2011, will work at Louisiana Capital Assistance Center to address how scientific evidence is used in criminal proceedings in Louisiana. Emily will investigate the current methods used by state forensic laboratories, challenge the misuse of forensic evidence at capital trials, and cooperate with scientists and lawyers to develop standards for reform. Emily earned an A.B. in Biology and International Relations from Brown University and worked as an environmental analyst on government projects for two years prior to law school.

Seth Wayne will be at the Orleans Public Defenders (OPD), which is establishing a mental health unit. Seth will represent people with mental health and developmental problems who are facing criminal
charges or who are incarcerated. In addition to providing legal services for individuals in competency hearings—which decide whether a person is capable of standing trial for crimes—Seth will explore the conditions of confinement and treatment of those detained. A member of the Yale Law School class of 2011, Seth is a native of Toronto, Canada and graduated with high distinction from the University of Toronto.

**Gruber Fellowship in Global Justice and Women’s Rights**

After graduating in 2010 from Yale Law School, Caroline Gross clerked for the Honorable Stanley Marcus of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. She graduated *summa cum laude* from Harvard University in 2005, with an A.B. in History and Science. During her fellowship year, Caroline will work for the *International Association of Women Judges* on combating “sextortion,” or the abuse of power through sexual exploitation, in Tanzania. Working with Tanzanian judges and NGOs, she will develop materials for practitioners, victims, and government officials on the application of Tanzanian and international anti-corruption laws to the problem of sexual exploitation. She will also prepare a report on barriers to the implementation of these laws.

**Scarlet Kim** will spend her fellowship year at the *New York Civil Liberties Union* where she will work on a project addressing the use of prolonged solitary confinement in New York state prisons. Scarlet will document conditions of confinement at several New York supermax prisons, and conduct legal research exploring methods of incorporating international human rights law into a New York state constitutional challenge to prolonged solitary confinement. A member of the Yale Law School class of 2011, Scarlet graduated from Yale College, where she studied history and international studies. Scarlet has studied in China on a Fulbright Fellowship and worked as a research associate at the Council on Foreign Relations.

**Heyman Federal Public Service Fellowships**

Lindsey Luebchow is a member of the Yale Law School class of 2011. She graduated *summa cum laude* from Duke University in 2006. Her commitment to education advocacy is longstanding. Prior to attending law school, she worked as an education policy analyst with the Education Policy Program of the New America Foundation. During her three years of law school, she has consistently worked on issues of education advocacy and school reform. As a Heyman Fellow, she will work in two offices of the U.S. Department of Education: the Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development under Assistant Secretary Carmel Martin, and the Office of Civil Rights, under Assistant Secretary Russlynn Ali. In her position, Luebchow will be responsible for analyzing and supporting the Department of Education’s efforts to integrate policy development and civil rights priorities in order to improve the quality of educational opportunities available to minority children.

**Arthur Plews** is a member of the Yale Law School class of 2011. He graduated *magna cum laude* from Princeton University with a degree from the Wilson School for Public and International Affairs. He will spend his Heyman year in the Washington, D.C. office of Susan Rice, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. He will put his previous experiences and expertise in human rights, international public health, and African affairs to work as a member of Ambassador Rice’s policy and speechwriting staff.

**Bernstein Fellowships in International Human Rights**

Erin Evers is a member of the Yale Law School class of 2011. She will work with the Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP) in Egypt and Syria, where she will combine direct legal advocacy, legal research and fact-finding to assist IRAP’s campaign for a category enabling women at risk to be eligible for expedited resettlement to the United States. She will provide direct assistance to survivors of torture and other violence in order to help them gain access to legal and psychological services; research and
compile a “Refugee Assistance Handbook” for use by practitioners, teachers and students; and provide direct representation for refugees’ resettlement cases as part of IRAP’s ongoing work.

Lauren Oleykowski is a member of the Yale Law School class of 2011. She graduated from Rutgers University with a B.A. in Economics and Political Science. Lauren is Co-Founder and Director of the Global Partnerships for Activism & Cross-Cultural Training, a nonprofit organization that encourages democratic participation among youth. At Yale Law School, Lauren participated in the Yale Human Rights and Development Law Journal and acted as Vice President for the Women and Youth Supporting Each Other Student Support Group. She also participated in the Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic and the Africa Law and Policy Association. Lauren will spend her Bernstein Fellowship year working with Project Concern International (PCI) on an Integrated Community Based Child Protection in Port au Prince, Haiti, conducting research into child protection programs that integrate community based knowledge and action.

Stephen Poellot is a member of the Yale Law School class of 2011. He is a graduate of Columbia University, where he graduated cum laude in Cultural Anthropology and received a Heinemann Prize in African Studies. Prior to law school Steve spent the summer working with Iraqi refugees at the Center for Migration and Refugee Studies, American University of Cairo, Egypt. During his time at Yale Law School, Steve pursued interests in law, development, and human rights in the Middle East, participating in the Lowenstein Clinic’s National Litigation Project Clinic and serving as an articles editor of the Yale Human Rights and Development Law Journal. Steve also became one of the founding members of the Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP), which has now become a full scale legal advocacy organization based at the Urban Justice Center in New York. Steve will spend his Bernstein Fellowship year working at the Resettlement Legal Aid Project of St. Andrew’s Refugee Services, an NGO based in Egypt providing direct legal assistance to refugees seeking resettlement and establishing the groundwork for systemic reforms to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) refugee adjudication process.

Chelsea Purvis is a member of the Yale Law School class of 2011. She graduated from Yale College with a B.A. in History and attended the University of Oxford as a recipient of a Rhodes scholarship, where she earned an M.Phil. in Economic and Social History. At Yale Law School, Chelsea served as a Student Director of the Allard K. Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic; the Immigration Legal Services Clinic; and the Temporary Restraining Order Project, where she assisted applicants who had requested temporary restraining orders. She also helped lead a reading group on domestic violence and the law. Chelsea will spend her Bernstein Fellowship year working at INTERIGHTS, the International Centre for the Legal Protection of Human Rights, in London, United Kingdom. At INTERIGHTS, Chelsea will work with the head of the Equality Africa unit, supporting litigation on gender-based violence. Throughout her fellowship, Chelsea will be regularly supporting African attorneys working on gender-based violence and other women’s rights issues. She will engage in research, writing, and attorney support for the rights of the disabled and the rights of sexual minorities in Africa.

Robina Foundation Fellowships

Amanda Aikman is a member of the Yale Law School class of 2008. She graduated from Stanford University in History, with a secondary major in Feminist Studies. Prior to law school, Amanda worked at two different anti-human-trafficking organizations, one in Washington and one in Moscow. While in law school, Amanda worked with the Human Trafficking Litigation Project and the Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic. Since graduating from law school, Amanda has been working as a criminal prosecutor, including seven months spent prosecuting domestic violence cases in D.C. Superior Court during a rotation with the Sex Offense/Domestic Violence Unit of the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia. She has also served in the Fraud Section. Amanda is spending her Robina Fellowship year working at the International Labor Organization in Geneva in the Special Action
Program to Combat Forced Labor unit (SAP-FL), undertaking two primary projects: one on protecting victims of domestic servitude; and another consisting of a two-part comparative law project focusing on forced labor remedies.

Michelle Argueta is a member of the Yale Law School Class of 2011. She graduated from the American University’s School of International Service with a B.A., in U.S. Foreign Policy and Asian Studies. At Yale Law School, Michelle participated in the Allard K. Lowenstein Human Rights Project, the Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project, and the Legal Services for Immigrant Communities Clinic. She also participated in the International Criminal Court Moot Competition, where she crafted legal arguments outlining personal jurisdiction and individual criminal responsibility of a hypothetical case, applying ICC and ad hoc tribunals’ jurisprudence. Michelle spent both her Law School summers working at International Criminal Tribunals. In 2010, she was a legal intern at the Special Court for Sierra Leone and in 2011 she worked at the Legal Sub-Unit of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda’s Appeals Chamber. As a Robina Fellow, Michelle will spend six months at the Appeals Chamber for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and six months at the Office of the Prosecutor for the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia.

Clark Gard is a member of the class of 2009. As a Robina Fellow, he is spending six months clerking in the office of the Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court of South Africa. After law school, Clark worked as a capital-markets lawyer in London. He received a B.A. in Economics and Art History from Columbia University, in 2003. Clark also has an M.A. in Middle East Studies from the American University in Cairo, where he was an International Graduate Fellow from 2004 to 2006 and a teaching assistant in international human rights law. While in Cairo, Clark also participated in a research clinic focused on Islamic and humanitarian law with the Harvard Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research. Clark has worked in Afghanistan with the Afghan Independent Human Rights Commission and the International Center for Transitional Justice in New York, focusing on the Iraqi High Tribunal and the prosecution of former regime officials for genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes. At Yale, Clark served as a first-year editor of the Yale Journal of International Law, as a Student Director of the Middle East Legal Forum, as a student organizer of the Middle East Legal Studies Seminar, as a Teaching Fellow for the Yale College course, International Human Rights Law, and as a Student Director of the Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic.

Nadia Lambek is a member of the Yale Law School class of 2010. She attended Brown University, where she concentrated in International Development Studies and Political Theory and she studied abroad in Dakar, Senegal. After graduating, Nadia moved to Nairobi, Kenya, where she worked with a local NGO engaged in housing rights advocacy and organizing within these settlements. At Yale Law School, Nadia was a Student Director for the Lowenstein Human Rights Project and the Editor in Chief of the Yale Human Rights and Development Law Journal. She was also involved with the Yale Information Society Project. Nadia was a member of the Legal Services for Immigrant Communities Clinic. Nadia worked in Bangalore, India at the Alternative Law Forum, a social justice legal center involved in litigation, direct services, lobbying and research in India and on intellectual property policy reforms to help developing countries. Nadia also worked at the Ontario Human Rights Legal Support Center in Canada, where she aided individuals who had been the victims of discrimination. After graduating from law school, Nadia clerked at the Ontario Court of Appeal. She will spend her Robina Fellowship year working as an assistant to U.N. Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food. In that capacity, Nadia will address individual violations of the right to food through allegation letters, and tackle systemic problems by organizing an access to food consultation in eastern and southern Africa. The projects share an emphasis on addressing the marginalization of those communities most often affected by broken food systems, on adopting the principles of food sovereignty, and on collaborating with local activists and food producers to build national and international strategies.
Elizabeth Nielsen, a member of the J.D. class of 2011, is working in the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. She will assist trial attorneys with litigation-related tasks, such as preparing chief and cross examinations, proofing witnesses, drafting motions and briefs, and preparing evidence. She will also perform research on comparative and international criminal law issues. At Yale Law School, Elizabeth was a member of the International Criminal Court Moot Court Competition Team, which competed successfully in The Hague. She was Co-Director of the Project Assisting the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia and worked as a summer legal associate at the Documentation Center of Cambodia in Phnom Penh. As a member of the Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project, she traveled to Jordan and Syria to train Jordanian law students working with Iraqi refugees. She also completed prosecution internships at the Department of Justice Counterterrorism Section in Washington, D.C., the Office of the U.S. Attorney in Bridgeport, Connecticut, and the Office of the State’s Attorney in New Haven. Prior to starting her Robina Fellowship, she was a legal intern in Wilmer Hale's International Arbitration Group in London and a Howard M. Holtzmann fellow in international arbitration and dispute resolution.

Catherine Rivkin is a member of the class of 2011. She is spending her Robina Fellowship year in The Hague, clerking for Judge Theodor Meron in the Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia. Katie graduated from Yale College with a B.A., in History. After college, she received an M.Phil. in Modern European History from the University of Oxford. At Yale Law School, Katie participated in the Lowenstein Clinic National Litigation Project, was an Editor of the Yale Journal of International Law, acted as the Co-Chair of the Yale Forum on International Law, and was a finalist in the 2010 International Criminal Court Moot Competition. In 2007, Katie worked in the Terrorism/Counterterrorism Division of Human Rights Watch, where she researched civilian casualties from terrorist attacks in the Southern Philippines and investigated extraordinary-rendition practices and detainees’ rights. In the summer of 2009, Katie worked in London, first with the General Counsel of the London 2012 Olympic Organizing Committee and then with the International Bar Association’s Human Rights Institute, where she focused on issues of judicial independence and access to justice in Palestine, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and South Africa.

San Francisco Affirmative Litigation Project Fellowship

Theresa J. Lee is a member of the Yale Law School class of 2011. She was editor of the Yale Law Journal and policy editor of the Yale Law & Policy Review. She also holds an M.A. in Historical Studies from New School for Social Research and a B.A. in Communication and Media Studies from Fordham University.

YLS Fellowship at the Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague, The Netherlands

Kathleen Claussen is assistant legal counsel at the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague. Prior to beginning her PCA fellowship, Kathleen was a clerk to Judge David F. Hamilton of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit and Brandon Research Fellow at the University of Cambridge's Lauterpacht Centre for International Law. She is a member of the Yale Law School Class of 2010.

YLS Information Society Project

Anjali Dalal, a member of the Yale Law School class of 2010, is an Information Society Project Fellow for the 2011-2012 academic year. She graduated magna cum laude with a B.A. in philosophy and a B.S. in economics from the University of Pennsylvania. Throughout her three years at law school, Anjali focused on a number of digital civil liberties and access to knowledge issues. As a Heyman Fellow, Anjali served as Special Assistant to Aneesh Chopra, Chief Technology Officer of the United States of America, spearheading the implementation of the soon-to-be-released National Broadband Plan.
YS International Court of Justice Internship / Clerkship

Jay Butler, a member of the Yale Law School class of 2011, will serve as a law clerk at the International Court of Justice in The Hague. Jay will work for the President of the Court, H.E. Judge Hisashi Owada. Before matriculating at Yale, Jay graduated magna cum laude with highest honors in History from Harvard College and completed a degree in Jurisprudence at Oxford University as a Rhodes Scholar.

YSLS Public Interest Fellowship Program

Eric Fish is a 2011 graduate of Yale Law School. He will spend his fellowship year with Public Citizen Litigation Group in Washington, D.C., where he will work on appellate public interest litigation and on matters related to the regulatory policies of the newly-created Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. During law school Eric interned for the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice and for the public interest firm Altshuler Berzon. He also represented state and federal prisoners for the Complex Federal Litigation clinic and served as an Articles Editor on the Yale Law Journal.

Matthew Matera, a member of the class of 2011, will work with New Schools for New Orleans (NSNO) to help expand educational opportunity. Matthew will work with NSNO and its partners to help improve teacher quality in New Orleans and comply with a new Louisiana teacher-evaluation law. He will also help NSNO create new opportunities for teacher education and professional development. Prior to coming to law school, Matthew graduated from Yale College and taught in public middle schools for five years.

Erin Phillips will join the Immigration Unit at Greater Boston Legal Services to provide legal advocacy to clients applying for asylum on the basis of membership in a social group. Her project will focus on the new challenges posed by the Board of Immigration Appeals’ recently announced “social visibility” and “particularity” requirements for asylum claims based on membership in a particular social group. In addition to direct representation, she will conduct policy research to measure the impact of these requirements on asylum applications. Prior to her fellowship, Erin, a 2009 graduate of Yale Law School, was a law clerk to the Honorable Patti B. Saris of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts. Erin graduated magna cum laude from Duke University, with a degree in public policy studies and a certificate in Latin American studies.

Nicolas Riley will spend his fellowship year at the Brennan Center for Justice, where he will join the organization’s Voting Rights & Elections team. His project will focus, in particular, on preventing voter intimidation and disenfranchisement caused by citizen poll-watchers who target low-income communities and communities of color. Nic, who received his bachelor’s degree from the University of Pennsylvania, is a member of the Yale Law School Class of 2011.

Fellowships Sponsored by Other Institutions

Paul Rodriguez is currently the Law and Social Enterprise Fellow at New York University School of Law. His experience related to the field of Social Enterprise includes having served as Chair, and currently on the Advisory Committee, of the Yale Law Social Entrepreneurs, serving as Editor and Executive Editor of Production of the Yale Human Rights and Development Law Journal, and working on several economic development and social enterprise projects through internships with Endeavor, the Yale Law School Economic Development Clinic, and Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, LLP. Paul graduated in 2011 from Yale Law School and served four years as a staffer to U.S. Senator Frank R. Lautenberg, where his responsibilities included transportation and infrastructure development, labor, and homeland security. Paul’s research focuses on the history of mission-driven, for-profit enterprises in the United States, organizational theory, and legislative initiatives aimed at encouraging/regulating innovation,
Laurie Ball is a graduate of Yale Law School and Duke University, and obtained a Master’s degree from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public Affairs at Princeton University. As a Skadden Fellow and Immigration Staff Attorney at Tahirih Justice Center’s Washington, DC area office, Laurie focuses on representing survivors of domestic violence and trafficking. Prior to working with Tahirih, Laurie clerked for the Honorable M. Margaret McKeown on the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. In 2010, Laurie received the Charles S. Albom Prize for Excellence in Appellate Advocacy in Connection with a Clinic for her successful representation of a client in Yale Law School’s Immigration Clinic before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. During law and graduate school, Laurie interned for the Tahirih Justice Center, Human Rights Watch, Human Rights First, and the Office of the State War Crimes Prosecutor for Bosnia and Herzegovina. In addition, Laurie was active in both the immigration and domestic violence clinics at Yale Law School. Prior to law school, Laurie was the Research and Public Policy Manager for the Mozaik Community Development Foundation in Bosnia and Herzegovina. As an undergraduate, Laurie worked with survivors of torture through the Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition International and conducted community-based research in La Victoria, Chile, regarding community recovery from political violence. Laurie is a Massachusetts native and is fluent in Spanish and Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian.