

Our Fellowship Class of 2023



Welcome

Dear Fellowship Class of 2023 and Friends of the Foundation,

It is our privilege and pleasure to present this outstanding Class of future leaders, to applaud each on their Fellowship, and to convey our great appreciation for their work in the public interest.

This is the Foundation's largest Fellowship Class. Its 30 Members bring the total number of Foundation Fellows to 356. Our Fellows hail from 19 US law schools and the College d'Europe.

We celebrate our Fellows' different backgrounds and life experiences – in terms of race, national origin, gender, gender preference, social and economic background, work experience, schools, degrees earned and degrees being pursued, plus military service.

We celebrate the public interest path each has chosen for the summer of 2023.

And, we celebrate that they all share a strong – and inspiring – devotion to serving and advancing the public interest and the rule of law through the practice of law and public policy.

Our Sustained Impact Fellows are devoted to racial justice (voting rights, juvenile justice reform and police-minority community relations), veterans' justice, and human rights. A significant number of our Public Policy Fellows chose a public defender's office; several are engaged with other components of the criminal justice system; many are with a federal or state government department or office; others are working on access to justice and on behalf of children. Several have Fellowships with a business policy component, and our Pulitzer Center Fellow is merging her journalism background and her law school education.

A special thanks to the Fellowship alums and current and past lawyers at Squire Patton Boggs who are serving as mentors this summer. Yours is an especially valuable – and, we are confident, rewarding – contribution to the launch of the careers of the Fellows.

We express our appreciation to our law school friends in the Deans' Circle, and to our partner organizations in the Sustained Impact Fellowship Program. We are especially appreciative of the firm's support, and of the generous contributions by so many individuals through your service as mentors, as Board members and as Advisory Committee members.

To our financial donors who set records in 2022 by your numbers and the amount of your contributions, we devote several pages in this brochure to recognizing and thanking you once again for making possible the Fellowship Class of 2023. We are grateful also to those who endowed the Joe Brand Human Rights Fellowship in his memory.

We invite you to learn more about the Foundation, to participate in our activities, or to make a contribution.

Please contact Barbara O'Melinn, Secretary to the Foundation, or either of us, to do so.



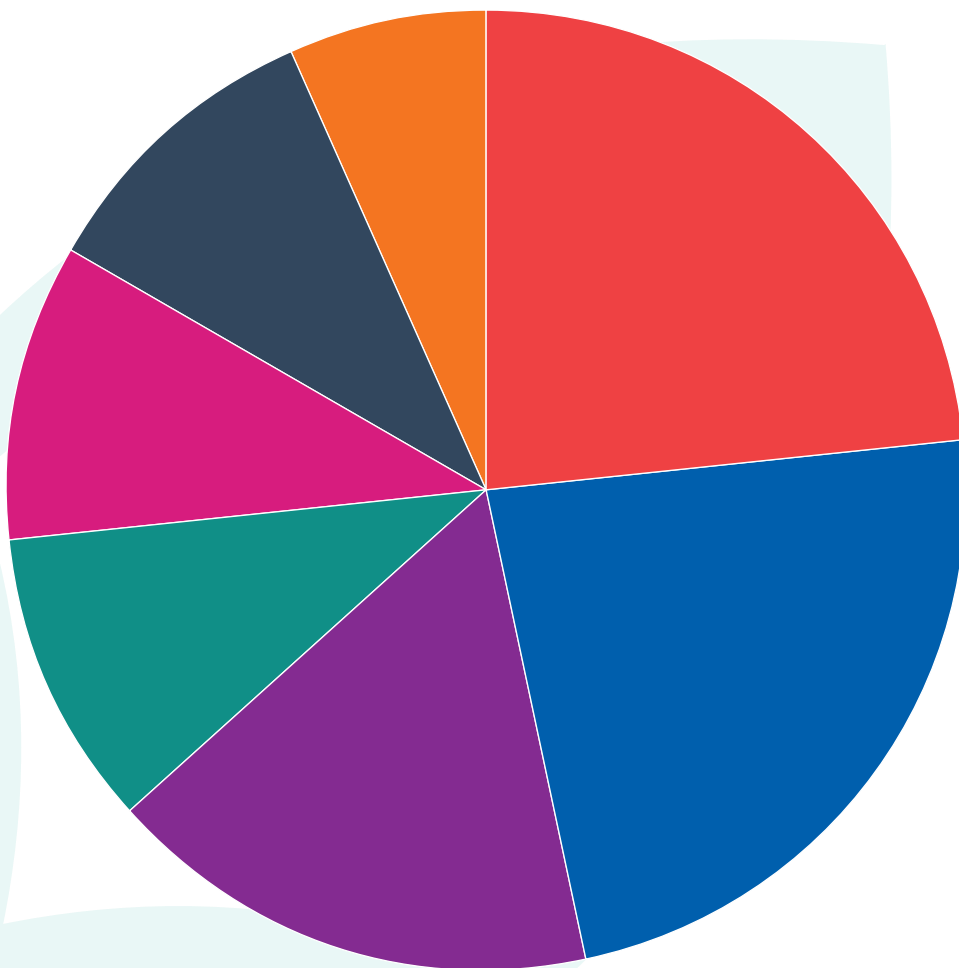
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Human Rights and Sustained Impact Fellows



Meredith Gusky

Joe Brand Human Rights Fellow
Human Rights First, New York City
The George Washington University Law School

Meredith Gusky, the inaugural Joe Brand Human Rights Fellow, is very committed to a career in human rights law. She is a *summa cum laude* graduate of the University of Oregon, and is at the top of her class as she pursues her law degree plus a master's in international affairs at The George Washington University. She will serve her Fellowship with Human Rights First, where she was a 2022 summer legal accountability intern, preparing and reviewing recommendations for human rights sanctions and helping create a system for detailing gaps in the application of U.S. human rights sanctions. Meredith previously interned with the Department of Justice, where she assisted investigations and prosecutions against human rights violators and other international criminals in U.S. courts, and with the Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti. This summer Meredith will work with the legal director of Human Rights First to expand its impact litigation initiative.



Reem Mohamed

Human Rights Fellow
Human Rights Watch, Washington, D.C.
Ohio State University Moritz College of Law

Reem Mohamed will be doing her Human Rights Fellowship with Human Rights Watch. She will be working on data privacy rights of refugees around the world, especially political dissidents, for the director of the HRW Crisis and Conflict Division. Reem was a student at the University of Jordan and graduated from The George Washington University (*magna cum laude*). Reem brings a personal connection to this Fellowship from her life in Egypt during the military coup in 2013, and appreciation of Human Rights Watch's work to expose the abuses of the then-new military government. As an intern for the Division of Human Rights at the Office of the Attorney General of Virginia, Reem gained human rights legal work experience. Before law school she did research at the National Institutes of Mental Health.



Ernesto Castillo

Sustained Impact Racial Justice Fellow
LMU Loyola Law School
Lone Star Justice Alliance, Dallas, TX

Ernesto Castillo, a graduate of California State University, will work for the Lone Star Justice Alliance on juvenile justice in minority communities in Texas. Ernesto "has an outstanding record of commitment to policy and political initiatives among Latino communities." He is the first Foundation Fellow to hold public office at the time of his Fellowship. As an Inglewood Unified School Board Member and City Library Board Commissioner, Ernesto has a history of leadership and a desire to make an impact representing marginalized communities. After graduating with a Political Science and Chicano/a studies degree, Ernesto began advocating for under-waged healthcare workers to partake in educational opportunities at their worksites. At Lone Star, Ernesto will develop briefs for trial and appellate litigation, and training materials to contest the bias toward treating juveniles charged with crimes as adults and the collateral consequences in the Texas criminal court systems. He looks "forward to the amazing work Lone Star does."



Morgan Flitt

Sustained Impact Racial Justice Fellow
Georgetown University Law School
Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law Voting Rights Project, Washington, DC

Morgan Flitt, Georgetown University Law Center, will be working on the voting rights project of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights under Law. She previously served as a consultant with the Student Leadership Network in New York, focusing on increasing access to education for underserved communities, including college access and success programs and girls' and gender-expansive youth education. A *summa cum laude* graduate from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Morgan started volunteering as a racial justice facilitator beginning in high school, and hopes that this Fellowship will play a critical role in furthering her career goal of being a civil rights litigator with a focus on systemic solutions to civil rights violations.



Abayomi Jones

Sustained Impact Veterans Justice Fellow
Georgia State University College of Law
Swords to Plowshares, San Francisco, CA

Abayomi Jones is a law student at the College of Law at Georgia State University. She is a graduate of Spelman College, a trained physician and a veteran with the United States Coast Guard. After completing medical school at Howard University, she served as a primary care physician serving active duty military members in the Coast Guard, as well as veterans. Abayomi's pursuit of service to the veterans community brought her to law school after a 15-year career in medicine. She plans to use her law degree to make a greater impact on veterans' services through policy and regulatory work. Abayomi will work with our partner organization, Swords to Plowshares, a San Francisco Bay Area non-profit organization that has helped veterans since 1974, and is dedicated to supporting nearly 3,000 homeless, low-income and at-risk veterans every year. Her combined medical and legal career will enable Abayomi to provide an invaluable range of services to these veterans.



Sarah Jana

Sustained Impact Racial Justice Fellow
University of Cincinnati College of Law
Citizens Complaint Authority, Cincinnati, OH

Sarah Jana believes this Fellowship will give her the opportunity to build the relationship between Cincinnati's citizens and its police force. Sarah attends the University of Cincinnati College of Law. A *magna cum laude* graduate of The Ohio State University, with a master's degree from Lesley University, Sarah taught at a public elementary school in southeast Washington, DC, and was a liaison between families and the police force. Prior to law school, she worked for a civil rights law firm that represented victims of police misconduct. Sarah has also worked during law school at UC Law's Legal Access Clinic, where she provides legal assistance to low-income clients. Her ultimate goal is to be a public interest lawyer in Ohio.

Public Policy Fellows



Elizabeth Westbrook
LMU Loyola Law School
LA District Attorney's office

Elizabeth "Liz" Westbrook is a Presidential Scholar at LMU Loyola Law School, having graduated *summa cum laude* from Loyola Marymount University. She is active in many law school organizations, speaks Mandarin, and externed with the Department of Defense Near East South Asia Center for Strategic Studies. She worked last summer for the Metropolitan Crime Unit of the LA City Attorney's Office, and this summer is working at the LA District Attorney's Office in a criminal trial unit. She understands what being a prosecutor entails, with "a progressive vision of what it can become." Her aim is to bring to the Office "a mentality of fairness and restorative justice."



Rebecca Landau
Yale Law School
United States House of Representatives Office of the Legislative Counsel (HOLC)

Rebecca Landau, Yale Law School and a *summa cum laude* graduate of the University of South Carolina, will be spending her Fellowship at the U.S. House of Representatives Office of Legislative Counsel, with the goal of specializing in environmental bills and policies. Rebecca comes from a rural community in South Carolina where environmental issues like unclean drinking water and back-to-back historic floods have caused lasting harm to families and communities. She plans to use her summer in Congress to hone her ability to support marginalized communities facing environmental-justice issues through legislation and policy change. In doing this work, Rebecca will be building upon several years of drafting and analyzing legislation in the South Carolina State Legislature. In addition to her legal pursuits, Rebecca earned a Master's of Fine Arts and taught English at the University of South Carolina.



Olivia Zukowski
University of Miami School of Law
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Miami, Florida

Olivia Zukowski, a Miami Law Public Interest Scholar and a 2025 J.D. candidate, describes herself as having "public service motivation". Academically and activity-wise she is performing at the highest levels. Olivia has a Bachelor of Arts in Ecosystems Science and Policy and Political Science and a Master's degree in Public Administration, a 4.0 in both from the University of Miami. During her Fellowship she will work for the EEOC's Enforcement Unit. She interned as a 1L with the Center for Ethics and Public Service in Coral Gables, creating interactive presentations and workshops in healthcare, workplace safety and housing. She also helped implement action plans from the Health Foundation of South Florida's Black Health Summit. She has interned for the Human Impacts Institute in Brooklyn, NY, on three successful funding proposals focused on environmental education and stewardship through the arts and social justice.



Connie S. Quintero (“Stephany”)

University of Arkansas School of Law
Kids in Need of Defense (KIND), San Francisco, CA

Stephany Quintero is committed to a career as a public-interest lawyer in the immigration field. Her Fellowship is with the Family Separation Response Team of Kids in Need of Defense (KIND). She will focus on helping children and families separated at the border through the “Zero Tolerance Policy.” Stephany has distinguished herself at the University of Arkansas School of Law through her academic performance, and her service as the president of the Hispanic Law Student Association. She has a military background, having signed a contract with the Army when she was 18 “because my experiences as a child taught me how great this country is.” Stephany now has earned a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant. She is a 1st generation graduate from Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Arkansas, and graduated with *summa cum laude* honors and as a Distinguished Military Graduate. Her clerkship for an immigration law firm prompted her to volunteer as a student attorney at the immigration clinic at the University, and then pursue this Fellowship and internship at KIND.



Sumac Gray

The Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law
The Office of the Ohio Public Defender - Appellate Services Division

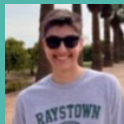
Sumac Gray is a Merit Scholar at the Moritz College of Law at The Ohio State University, and a leader there in public service activities. They serve as the 1L representative for the ACLU and as a trained legal observer for the Moritz National Lawyers Guild. As an undergraduate at Ohio State, Sumac won the Exemplary Policy Brief in Policy Analysis and Best Software Design in Programming. Sumac is eager to be a public defender, and for this Fellowship summer, is working at the Ohio Public Defender’s Office, both in an appellate capacity and on its legislative and administrative policy. They bring to their Fellowship a strong history of public service work- as administrative assistant for the Dekalb County (Georgia) Public Defender, policy analyst for a national association, and internships in Columbus on sustainable transportation, homelessness and housing policy. As president of the Buckeye Standup Comedy Club, Sumac planned and hosted the largest independent collegiate comedy show in the U.S.



Isabella Jackson

Case Western Reserve University School of Law
Federal Public Defender of Northern Ohio

Isabella Jackson is going to Case Western Reserve University School of Law to become a public defender. Through her Fellowship, she will work with the Federal Public Defender of Northern Ohio. This follows her externship in 2022 at the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas and her volunteer work for the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland. Isabella earned her Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Isabella’s master’s thesis was “The Perpetuation of Mass Incarceration.” Her hobbies include Scottish bagpiping and drumming.



Julian Puthenpurayil

Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law
Yuma County Public Defender

Julian Puthenpurayil is the first Foundation Fellow from the Sandra Day O'Connor School of Law at Arizona State University. He is pursuing a career committed to indigent defense. A graduate of Penn State University, with bachelor's and master's degrees in criminology, Julian is an O'Connor Honors Scholar and has a record of academic excellence. His Fellowship is with the Yuma County Public Defender's Office, defending indigent individuals who have been accused of a crime. Prior to law school, Julian worked as a truancy advocate and, before that, as a clinical therapist treating offenders suffering from substance abuse disorders. He interned with the State College Police Department, and during the spring of 2023 worked with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Phoenix.



Sofia Espinoza

UC Hastings College of Law
City of San Francisco's Department of Police Accountability

Sofia Espinoza, has won academic awards at UC-SF Law School and at UCLA and Loyola Marymount University, has published book and papers, made academic presentations, done extensive volunteer work, and is a leader in the Hispanic legal community. Last summer she interned at the Mexican American Legal Defense Fund. Long focused on criminal justice reform at many nonprofits, government offices and think tanks, she is doing her Fellowship with San Francisco's Department of Police Accountability. During and after earning a master's degree at UCLA, Sofia has concentrated on the problems of criminalization of women and children, alternatives to incarceration and reentry. Sofia wrote *Successful Reentry: A Holistic Guide for Cities*, a first of its kind report on successful reentry, for the City of Los Angeles, and was a White House summer intern. "As a future Latina attorney, I have a strong sense of duty to address the over incarceration of minorities in this country." Sofia is president of the Women of Color Collective, and a member of the Hispanic National Bar Association and the San Francisco La Raza Lawyers Association.



Kayla Bushey

Catholic University/Columbus School of Law
US Small Business Administration, Office of the General Counsel

Kayla Bushey is doing her Fellowship at the U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Litigation. She is an associate editor of the *Catholic University Journal of Law and Technology*, and a member of the school's Academic Excellence Program. Kayla graduated from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and studied at the University of Cordoba, Spain. With her strong interest in privacy and digital rights, Kayla has conducted preliminary assessments of educational tech companies' privacy policies. She also has served as a judicial intern and as a staff assistant for a Member of Congress, and was a project assistant with the National Endowment for Democracy. Kayla chose the SBA for her Fellowship in order to assist the nation's small businesses with readjusting their operations to overcome the remaining obstacles from the pandemic.



Jessica Fletcher

Sturm College of Law University of Denver
HUD – Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity

Jessica Fletcher is the recipient of the Robert B. Yeager Memorial Scholarship at the University of Denver’s Sturm College of Law. She graduated from the University of Arizona, and earned a Master’s Degree in international relations, and has done substantial course work towards a doctorate in political science. She has a strong interest in sports, as an athlete, a journalist, and a high school coach. She is a diversity assistant to the Law School’s Office of DEI. Her Fellowship is with the Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, where she is applying federal civil rights laws for constituents who receive federal funds. Among her many accomplishments, Jessica has climbed the Great Wall of China.



Jane Wiertel

Case Western Reserve University School of Law
Pulitzer Center for Crisis Reporting

Jane Wiertel is combining her interest in law and journalism as a joint Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting – Squire Patton Boggs Foundation Fellow. She attends Case Western University School of Law, where she serves as a law school ambassador and belongs to the Sports and Entertainment Law Society. Jane graduated from Northwestern University, *cum laude*, with a degree in journalism. She was a business development associate for *The Daily Northwestern*; a content marketing intern for Yelp, writing about small businesses; and, earlier, a journalism intern for the Center for Collaborative Investigative Journalism, researching the causes and impacts of the land sinkage of Corcoran, California. For her joint Fellowship, Jane is working on legal articles and projects with Professor Bill Freivogel of the Southern Illinois University School of Journalism, who works with the Pulitzer Center. She is proficient in Chinese.



Sarah Gaucher

The University of Texas School of Law
Federal Public Defender’s Office of the Northern District of Texas

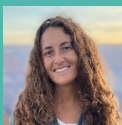
Sarah Gaucher has devoted much of her academic life and legal experience to criminal justice. She is a *summa cum laude* graduate of Texas A&M University, where her honors thesis was Third-party Victims of Injustice: Families of Incarcerated Individuals. She was the founder and president of Aggie Minority Women in Law. At The University of Texas School of Law, Sarah participates in the criminal defense clinic, is a team leader for the parole *pro bono* project, works on *The Journal for Criminal Law*, and is a member of the Texas Aggie Law Society and the Texas Law Board of Advocates. She has been a legal intern on both the prosecutor’s side and that of the public defender. Her Fellowship is with the Federal Public Defender’s Office for the Northern District of Texas. Sarah sees public defense as “intertwined with poverty, which is intertwined with education, healthcare, and other societal issues.”



Michael Karam

American University Washington College of Law
Human Rights Violator Law Division at U.S. Department of Homeland Security

Michael Karam is pursuing his law degree at American University Washington College of Law to further his career as an international human rights lawyer investigating human rights atrocities around the world. He will be doing his Fellowship as a law clerk this summer for the Human Rights Violator Law Division of the US Department of Homeland Security. Prior to law school, Michael worked in nonprofit communications which, among other publications, included pitching and drafting an op-ed to *The Boston Globe* on violations of press freedom in Ukraine. Originally from Lebanon, Michael has co-authored a book chapter on queer identities in novels written by Arab millennial authors. Michael has also volunteered with Amnesty International as a Lebanon Country Specialist.



Sierra Verano

The George Washington University Law School
California Attorney General's Land Use and Conservation Section

Sierra Verano has a strong interest in environmental law, especially the environmental and climate change issues facing California. She is interning with the California Attorney General's Land Use and Conservation Section, assisting its efforts towards promoting environmental justice, public coastal access, and natural resource conservation. Sierra graduated from the University of California at Berkeley, where she earned a Bachelor of Science and majored in conservation and resource studies. She attends The George Washington University Law School. Sierra has over four years of experience working many aspects of the public service field: as a legal assistant at the Positive Resource Center in San Francisco; a clinic advocate at Bay Area Legal Aid; an investigative intern at the Office of Public Defender in San Diego; and an energy policy intern with the Sierra Club. Sierra enjoys surfing, competing in triathlons, and reading science fiction.



Jordan Higgins

Howard University School of Law
Department of Justice International Field Office

Jordan Higgins attends Howard University School of Law, where he is parliamentarian for the Black Student Law Association. He graduated from the State University of New York at Albany *cum laude*, plus other academic honors. Jordan is doing his Fellowship with the Department of Justice's International Trade and Customs Enforcement Field Office. Being part of the Office's litigation team ties in with Jordan's prior work as a judicial intern with a New York Supreme Court judge and a felony trial paralegal in the Queens District Attorney's Office. He also has had legislative experience for a N.Y. State Assemblywoman and a U.S. Senator. Jordan enjoys weightlifting, bike riding, art and hiking.

**Frankie Collins**

Case Western Reserve University School of Law
International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)

Frankie Collins is interning in the Office of the Secretariat at the International Center for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), a branch of the World Bank. ICSID arbitrates disputes between private investors and state actors, as well as state-to-state investment disputes. This internship will further Frankie's plans for a career in international arbitration. In addition to pursuing her law degree from the Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Frankie is also a candidate in a Masters II degree in European Law and International Affairs with the Université Paris-Dauphine, Paris, France. She is scheduled to complete both programs in 2024. Frankie has participated in numerous arbitration programs over the last two years, including founding and serving as co-captain of Case Western's Foreign Direct Investment International Arbitration Moot Court Team and serving as co-captain of the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Court Team. She has won three law awards in the international arena.

**Madeline Brown**

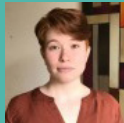
University of Cincinnati College of Law
Hamilton County (OH) Court of Domestic Relations and Family Law Clinic

Madeline Brown just completed her 1L year at the University of Cincinnati College of Law, having done her undergraduate work at the College of William and Mary, where she graduated *cum laude* with a dual degree in Finance and International Relations. Madeline is directing her Fellowship to work in her own Cincinnati community, at the Hamilton County Domestic Relations Court and Family Law Clinic, providing low-income family court litigants with information, referrals, and related services. As Madeline describes her position, she will be supporting people who are "often in particularly emotional and difficult positions, especially in matters involving domestic violence and/or child custody disputes..." At the University of Cincinnati College of Law, Madeline won a prize for the highest score in contracts, works on the Human Rights Quarterly publication, serves on the Honor Counsel, and is a member of the American Constitution Society. She intends to pursue a public interest career and to be a part of needed policy changes for domestic violence survivors and the treatment of children in domestic legal matters.

**Christopher (Chris) Rodriguez-Molina**

Catholic University/Columbus School of Law
US Senate Finance Committee

Chris Rodriguez-Molina is working with the U.S. Senate Finance Committee (SFC) on international trade issues this summer, having interned with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last year and the Department of Defense in 2021. A *cum laude* graduate of the American University School of Public Affairs with a B.A. in Political Science, Chris attends the Catholic University Columbus School of Law. He is a technology policy fellow with the Hispanic Technology and Telecommunications Partnership. For his Fellowship, Chris is helping the Finance Committee modernize the language of the African Growth and Opportunity Act, building on prior work he did in Tanzania and Togo. Chris has had several internships in the international arena, and now seeks to assist bipartisan efforts to ensure that trade policy does not exploit marginalized communities.



Jennifer (Jenn) Chalifoux-Gene
University of Colorado Law School
Colorado Access to Justice Commission

Jenn Chalifoux-Gene is a University of Colorado Law School student, doing her Fellowship as an access to justice coordinator for the Colorado Access to Justice Commission. The Commission advocates policies aimed at improving civil legal access and narrowing the justice gap for Colorado residents. The Commission selected Jenn for this highly competitive position because she “emerged as a most uniquely passionate, dedicated and bright leader among leaders in public interest law.” Jenn graduated from Davidson College, and worked last summer for the Colorado State Public Defenders Office. She has worked with several organizations on job training and workplace justice, and drafted a personal narrative on women’s reproductive rights for an amicus brief filed with the Supreme Court in the *Dobbs* case.



Rebekah Siliezar
Georgetown University Law Center
Office of General Counsel at the United States Commission on Civil Rights

Rebekah Siliezar is a 2025 J.D. candidate at the Georgetown University Law Center. She earned her B.A. in Sociology from Yale University, and a graduate certificate in Public Policy and Administration from the Northwestern University School of Professional Studies. Rebekah has studied in India, Brazil, Senegal, Argentina and Uruguay. For four years at the Northwestern University’s Institute for Policy Research, she managed a study on disparities and resilience in Black, low-income youth. She also has volunteered at the Chicago Children’s Advocacy Center to support children overcoming abuse. Rebekah is interning with the Office of General Counsel at the United States Commission on Civil Rights, assisting that Office in legal research, writing, and briefing on the nation’s most pressing civil rights issues. A long-time zealous advocate for the rights of vulnerable groups, Rebekah aspires to a career as a civil rights attorney. This Fellowship will be an important step in reaching that goal. Rebekah’s hobbies are hosting book clubs, Krav Maga, and studio cycling.



Alexis Young
Georgia State University College of Law
Georgia Innocence Project

Alexis Young’s Fellowship is with the Georgia Innocence Project in Atlanta, where she will “come closer to her longterm goal of establishing community-based legal centers.” She is working on cases to “draw innocent people closer to exoneration”, and with the Project’s policy department on changes to the criminal justice system. Alexis is pursuing both a law degree and a Master’s in Business Administration at Georgia State University College of Law. She earned her BA in Sociology and Human Rights from Columbia University, where she was the recipient of the Ralph Johnson Bunche Award for Leadership and Service. Before then Alexis served for five years as CEO of My Life Global Experience, an organization that developed an accessible curriculum geared towards 6th-12th grade students around startups, leadership skills, personal development, design thinking and entrepreneurship. She has also worked on food security, social justice campaigns, and for state government. She was nominated for her Fellowship as “a tenacious advocate who plans to use her skills and experience in service of others.”



Johanna Pang

SMU Dedman School of Law

Supreme Court of Texas Permanent Judicial Commission for Children, Youth and Families
(the “Children’s Commission”)

Johanna Pang, a 2025 J.D. candidate at the Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, is doing her Fellowship at the Supreme Court of Texas Permanent Judicial Commission for Children, Youth and Families. The Children’s Commission is a multi-disciplinary body established by the Texas Supreme Court to strengthen the child welfare system by raising public and, especially, judicial awareness through training and education. Johanna is pursuing her interest in a career in child welfare law by assisting efforts within the judicial branch to achieve child welfare system improvement and develop training to encourage data-driven decision-making. Johanna attended SMU as an undergraduate, achieving a B.A. degree, *summa cum laude* and with departmental distinction in English and Human Rights. She was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa, and was a Richter Research Fellow, a Human Rights Fellow, and a Cooper-McElvaney Peace and Justice Fellow. Johanna interned with the Meadows Foundation under the Child Welfare Department, which sparked her interest in child welfare policy. She co-founded and is the co-director of Champions Mentorship Program, where she has been heavily involved in mentoring youth in underserved areas in South Dallas.



Kaitlynn (Kaity) Tuohy

Sturm College of Law University of Denver

Social Movement Support Lab

Kaity Touhy is interning with the Social Movement Support Lab (SMSL), an affiliate of the Interdisciplinary Research Institute for Study of (In)Equality at the University of Denver. SMSL provides legal and multi-disciplinary support to racial justice grass-roots organizations, and Kaity is doing legal research and working directly with partnering organizations to brainstorm methods for achieving their goals. A graduate of the University of Vermont *cum laude*, who earned her B.A. in social work, Kaity is eager to combine her social work expertise with her law school education and become a racial justice advocate through non-litigious work. She is the recipient of a full-tuition law school scholarship for demonstrated commitment to public interest, the winner of a writing award and of the Scholastic Excellence Award. Kaity combines her passion for social justice issues with outside interests in roller derby (she is on the board of Rocky Mountain Roller Derby), crocheting, and skiing.



Zachary (Zach) Rosen

College d’Europe

U.S. Commercial Services of the U.S. Mission to the European Union

Zach Rosen is working towards his Master of Arts of Transatlantic Affairs at the College d’Europe in Bruges, in conjunction with the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Zach was a Phi Beta Kappa scholar at the University of Mary Washington, and graduated *magna cum laude*. He also studied at Freie Universität Berlin. Before beginning his current degree program, Zach gained a significant amount of legislative experience: as a legislative analyst at the American Public Transit Association, a legislative assistant to a Member of the U.S. Congress, and an intern with both a Member of the Canadian Parliament and a representative to the Ohio legislature. For his Fellowship, Zach will be working at the U.S. Commercial Services of the U.S. Mission to the European Union this fall, promoting U.S. business interests and keeping American business interests informed on EU policy.

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Marni Lennon

Assistant Dean for Public Interest and Pro Bono
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Foundation History

The Foundation was established in 2000, endowed with the firm’s awarded lawyers’ fees from the *Iron Workers pro bono* case. In that case, won by Foundation President John Oberdorfer and others, a federal court in Washington DC struck down racial barriers to union membership faced by African-American construction workers building the Washington DC Metrorail system.

2000	Foundation established in honor of Jim Patton at the time of his retirement.
2004	Foundation establishes the Public Policy Fellowship program.
2005	Foundation awards first Public Policy Fellowships to students at the Georgetown University Law Center, The George Washington University Law School, the University of Virginia School of Law and the Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law. Foundation establishes the Foundation’s Advisory Committee.
2010	First “Issues of Our Time” lecture event. Speakers have included the late James Wolfensohn, then president of The World Bank; Ambassador Frank Wisner, international affairs advisor at Squire Patton Boggs LLP; EU Ambassador to the US David O’Sullivan; and historian/author Lynne Olson.
2012	The 100th law student participates in the Public Policy Fellowship program.
2013	Public Policy Fellowship grows to 15 law schools. International Fellowship program begins with Qatar law student awarded fellowship.
2015	Foundation adds Fellowships at the law schools at Case Western Reserve University and the University of California at Hastings.
2016	Distinguished Fellows Award created. Qatar Ambassador and Fellows from Qatar honored in Washington. US Ambassador honors 2016 Qatar Fellow in Doha. Foundation hosts symposium on combating poverty.
2017	Expansion of Fellowship program to law schools at the University of Miami and The Ohio State University. 200th law student participates in Fellowship program.
2018	Formation of the Deans’ Circle. Expansion of Fellowship program to Europe at Collège d’Europe. University of Arkansas School of Law welcomed to the Fellowship program.
2019	In conjunction with Deans’ Circle, creation of the Sustained Impact Program, with three Fellows working on post-Hurricane Maria issues in Puerto Rico.
2020	Addition of Georgia State University College of Law and University of Cincinnati College of Law to the Fellowship Program and Deans’ Circle. Record class of 27 Fellows, who successfully completed remote internships during pandemic. “Issues of Our Time” discussion by Fellows on Racial Justice.
2021	First Racial Justice Sustained Impact Fellowship Program; letter from Foundation Chair and President to all Fellows on protecting the Rule of Law and advancing toward a “more perfect Union” in response to January 6 attack on Capitol; special forum among Fellows on same topic; “Issues of Our Time” program honoring Veterans.
2022	Establishment of Veterans’ Justice Fellowship as sixth Sustained Impact Fellowship. First Fellow from Warsaw campus of the College d’Europe.
2023	Creation of Joe Brand Human Rights Fellowship, addition of Human Rights Watch Fellowship and first Fellowships at Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law at Arizona State University, and Loyola Law School (Los Angeles). Record class of 30 brings total number of Fellows to 356.

Joe Brand Human Rights Fellowship

The Foundation has established the Joe Brand Human Rights Fellowship to honor Joe and pave the way for law students to follow his devotion to human rights law.

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