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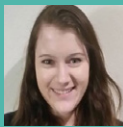
With pride and excitement, we introduce the first members of the Fellowship Class of 2024.



Christine Connolly

Joe Brand Human Rights Fellow
Human Rights First
George Washington University Law School

Christine Connolly of the George Washington University Law School (2L) is this year's Joseph L. Brand International Human Rights Fellow, working with our partner organization Human Rights First. Christine's deep experience in human rights and immigration matters includes work at Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights, the Immigrant Justice Corps, the Capital Area Immigrant Rights Coalition, and the Massachusetts Immigrant and Advocacy Coalition. A graduate of Connecticut College with a B.A. in History and a minor in Arabic Studies, Christine is pursuing her law degree "with the singular aim to become a human rights attorney."



Emily Kotulak

Public Policy Fellow
Children's Law Center in Cincinnati, Ohio
University of Cincinnati College of Law

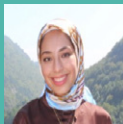
Emily Kotulak, a second year law student at the University of Cincinnati College of Law, will serve her Fellowship at the Children's Law Center in Cincinnati, Ohio, working on matters including education, juvenile justice, custody, child victim legal assistance, civil rights actions and youth re-entry civil legal services. After graduating from the University of Florida in 2017 with a B.S. in Psychology and a B.A. in Criminology and Pre-Law, Emily taught in Philadelphia as a part of AmeriCorps and served as a domestic violence relocation advocate in Florida. Last summer, Emily worked as a legal intern at the Family Law Center of the Hamilton County Domestic Relations Court.



Alexander Trimis

Sustained Impact Veterans' Justice Fellow
Swords to Plowshares, San Francisco, CA
Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law

Our Sustained Impact Veterans' Justice Fellow this summer is **Alexander Trimis**, a 1L at the Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. A veteran of the United States Marine Corps, Alexander will be working with our partner organization Swords to Plowshares, which provides legal and other assistance to homeless and disadvantaged veterans in the San Francisco Bay Area. After his military service, Alexander earned a Bachelor of Journalism in Broadcast Radio and Television from the University of Missouri – Columbia and worked at radio and television stations in Columbia.



Ayeh Abdel Rahman

Sustained Impact Racial Justice Fellow
Lone Star Justice Alliance, Dallas
Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law

Ayeh Abdel Rahman will be a Sustained Impact Racial Justice Fellow working at our partner organization Lone Star Justice Alliance in Dallas. Ayeh earned her B.S. in Global Business and International Political Economy from the University of Texas and is now a 1L at the Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law. Ayeh previously served as an intern for the Innocent Project in Richardson, Texas. Her interest in law initially was sparked when her uncle was detained without charges in Egypt during the Arab Spring, and her family persistently petitioned the Canadian government to advocate for his release.



Estefanía Hernández

Sustained Impact Racial Justice Fellow
Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
The University of Miami School of Law

A 2L at the University of Miami School of Law, **Estefanía Hernández** will serve as our Sustained Impact Racial Justice Fellow at the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, where she will work on its Voting Rights Project. Estefanía served as Student Body President at her alma mater, Wheaton College, earning a B.A. in Theology and Peace and Conflict Studies. A leader on the Law School’s Public Interest Leadership Board, Estefanía aspires to be a civil rights lawyer and a congresswoman. She is currently an intern in the Human Rights Clinic at the Law School and works with the Clinic’s partner organization, Earth Rights, International.



Antonia Adams

Sustained Impact Racial Justice Fellow
Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under the Law
George Washington University Law School

Antonia Adams is a member of the Class of 2026 at The George Washington University Law School. She graduated from the University of South Carolina and Piedmont Technical College *magna cum laude* and with other distinctions. Antonia’s leadership credentials include serving as student body president at Piedmont, as a peer leader at the University of South Carolina, and being a National Fellow at the Southern Education Foundation. She brings these credentials and extensive experience in education to her Sustained Impact Fellowship with the Education Project of the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights.



Eva Kahan

Georgetown University Law Center
Office of the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia

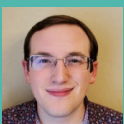
Eva Kahan will serve her Fellowship in the Office of the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, supporting criminal prosecutions in anti-corruption, anti-trafficking and national security cases. Before law school, Eva spent several years supporting US and partner government efforts in the fight against transnational criminal networks at the Center for Advanced Defense Studies (C4ADS), a small non-profit, working on matters involving Sudan, South Sudan, Kenya and Mozambique. Eva earned her B.A. at Tufts University, majoring in International Relations and History with a concentration in the Middle East, and spent a postgraduate year in Cairo, Egypt studying Arabic literature.



Jordyn Daubenmire

Case Western Reserve University School of Law
Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of Ohio

Jordyn Daubenmire will be working in the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of Ohio. As an undergraduate, Jordyn was a Criminology major at the Ohio State University, where she engaged in research on nationally recognized terrorist organizations to be used in published research papers. Jordyn spent her 1L summer in the Office of the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio, and now looks forward to working on the defense side. During law school, Jordyn has worked at Case Western’s Death Penalty Lab, and she hopes to continue her work with inmates on death row, and “to serve defendants who need help in any way I can.” is a member of the Class of 2026 at The George Washington University Law School. She graduated from the University of South Carolina and Piedmont Technical College *magna cum laude* and with other distinctions. Antonia’s leadership credentials include serving as student body president at Piedmont, as a peer leader at the University of South Carolina, and being a National Fellow at the Southern Education Foundation. She brings these credentials and extensive experience in education to her Sustained Impact Fellowship with the Education Project of the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights.



Spencer Lewis

University of Denver’s Sturm College of Law
Office of Legal Counsel for the Governor of Colorado

Spencer Lewis will be spending his summer in the Office of Legal Counsel for the Governor of Colorado, reviewing the legality of bills passed during the last legislative session and will research and contribute to crafting several policy recommendations to the Governor for the upcoming year in the fields of environmental, economic, and housing policy. Spencer earned a B.A. in History from University of Oklahoma and worked as an archaeologist, where his work included returning Native American artifacts to the tribes he worked with. In these interactions, he discovered the power of the law and policy to right historical wrongs. Spencer describes policy as a means of tapping “into the nervous system of the country.”



Lauren Owens
 Yale Law School
 Lawyers for Children

Lauren Owens will be working with Lawyers for Children in New York City this summer. Lawyers For Children empowers children in foster care, youth justice, and family court proceedings by giving them a voice in the decisions that directly impact their lives and working to minimize the trauma of being out of home. Lauren earned her B.A. in Public Policy from Duke University, and has a long history of working with disadvantaged youth. As Lauren put it, "I am passionate about children's advocacy, and I understand that the issues that impact children involve many interconnected disciplines."



Sarah Burt
 American University Washington College of Law
 Office of Health Plan Standards and Compliance Assistance within the Employment Benefits Security Administration

Sarah Burt will serve as a legal intern for the Office of Health Plan Standards and Compliance Assistance within the Employment Benefits Security Administration ("EBSA") within the Department of Labor. Sarah received her B.A. in Economics and Philosophy at St. Olaf College and a Master's of Public Policy from Georgetown University, and served in several public policy internships over the last three years. At EBSA, Sarah will assist in writing draft regulations, guidance, and other compliance materials in addition to conducting research projects. Among other things, Sarah anticipates working on ensuring compliance with the Mental Health Parity Act and reforms to the Affordable Care Act.



Izzy McCale
 Sustained Impact Human Rights Watch Fellow
 Human Rights Watch
 Ohio State University Moritz College of Law

Isabelle (Izzy) McCale is the recipient of our 2024 Sustained Impact Human Rights Watch Fellowship, working with our partner organization, Human Rights Watch (HRW). Izzy graduated with a B.A. in Political Science and Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies from the Ohio State University, and they are now completing their second year at OSU's Moritz College of Law. Having worked extensively with traumatic brain injury (TBI) patients at a private law firm, Izzy will be supporting a HRW effort to demonstrate how and why the long-term harms associated with TBIs in civilians should be taken into consideration when assessing whether the use of explosive weapons in densely populated areas will violate the laws of war regarding proportionality and weapons selection.



Alexa Finkelstein
 Prosecutor's Office for Morris County, New Jersey
 Catholic University Columbus School of Law

Alexa Finkelstein will intern this summer at the Prosecutor's Office for Morris County, New Jersey. A graduate of the University of Georgia with a B.S. in Psychology and minors in Criminology and Sociology, Alexa is the 1L representative for the Criminal Law Society, among various other activities. Alexa hails from New Jersey, and her "goal is to help victims of crime in the community I have lived in for over fifteen years." Alexa hopes to rotate through all the units of the Prosecutor's Office over the course of her internship. Having previously worked on mental health and addiction issues, one of her policy goals is to "garner an environment where citizens feel comfortable seeking treatment locally."



Cailee Grzebienik
 Legal Department of the Jeffco Public Schools
 University of Denver's Sturm College of Law

Cailee Grzebienik will serve her Fellowship in the Legal Department of the Jeffco Public Schools, the second largest school system in Colorado. A former middle school teacher, Cailee will engage in district-level policy analysis and development regarding civil rights, special education, employment issues, and student welfare as part of her role. This will include "assessing the impact of existing policies and proposing improvements to ensure they align with the district's commitment to providing a world-class education for all students."



Obrian Rosario

Public Defenders Service for the District of Columbia’s Juvenile Services Program
Howard University School of Law

A member of the inaugural cohort of Howard University’s B.A./J.D. Joint Degree program, **Obrian Rosario** will serve his Fellowship at the Juvenile Services Program of the District of Columbia Public Defenders Service. Obrian’s dedication to social justice causes dates back to high school, where he participated in civil rights litigation as a student intervenor, advocating for the rights of low-income Black and Brown youth in New York City, and worked with two organizations to fight segregation in the New York City Schools. Obrian’s goal this summer is “to gain a meaningful understanding of the juvenile justice system and wield that expertise in policymaking rooms as an advocate with a legal hat on in the future.”



Mary Elizabeth Barrow

US Navy Judge Advocate General’s Office in Bremerton, WA
University of Colorado School of Law

Mary Elizabeth Barrow will be interning with the US Navy Judge Advocate General’s Office in Bremerton, WA, which provides legal assistance, counsel and representation to members of the Navy and Marine Corps. Its clients range from active-duty service members to veterans and their families, ensuring they receive fair and just treatment under the law. Mary Elizabeth earned her Bachelor of Public Health from the Tulane University School of Public Health. Her past projects have included training a service dog to serve a disabled military veteran, and conducting research in the Choco rainforest in Ecuador to inform tropical restoration initiatives.



Anna Pollard

US Senate’s Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations
George Washington University Law School

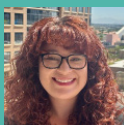
Anna Pollard will serve her Fellowship with the US Senate’s Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. She will be conducting research, drafting documents and participating in briefings. Anna graduated *summa cum laude* in 2020 from the University of Alabama with a B.A. in Political Science, minoring in Women’s Studies and Criminal Justice. Anna’s public service career goal is shown through past and present experiences; she has interned with all three branches of the federal government.



Natalie Wilson

Capital Habeas Unit of the Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Southern District of Ohio
Ohio State University Moritz College of Law

Natalie Wilson describes herself as an “aspiring public interest lawyer deeply committed to civil rights, social justice and public service.” An Academic Merit Scholarship recipient, she is actively engaged in many organizations at the law school. Natalie received her B.A. in Sociology from Wake Forest University and spent three years working in communications for Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. In addition to capital post-conviction appeals, Natalie will work for the public defender on legislative advocacy in the policy areas of clemency, capital punishment, habeas law and civil rights.



Amy Lundy

Federal Defenders of San Diego
Arizona State University Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law

Amy Lundy will pursue her goal of becoming a public defender by serving her Fellowship with the Federal Defenders of San Diego. She will focus on the interaction between the criminal legal system and the immigration system by attending court, meeting with clients charged in the Southern District of California and conducting research. In 2016 Amy received a B.S. in Justice Studies and a B.S. in Criminology and Criminal Justice. She minored in Psychology and attained a Certificate in Socio-legal Studies from Arizona State University. Amy is passionate about public policy work, having interned with the Mariposa County Public Defender’s Office in Phoenix for several months in 2023. Her honors and service engagements at law school are numerous.



Brady Miller

Civil Rights Bureau of the New York State Office of the Attorney General and Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund’s Litigation Department in Chicago
George Washington University Law School
University of Texas School of Law

Brady Miller will be splitting his Public Policy Fellowship and will work on legal and policy issues to fight against discrimination in voting, immigration and employment. A Distinguished College Scholar at the University of Texas, Brady next was an Equitable Justice Fellow at the National Urban League in New York. Previously, he worked for the Institute for Urban Policy Research and Analysis in Austin on state policies that have had unequal effects on African Americans, and in the Texas House of Representatives.



Greta Schultz

University of Miami School
ACLU of Florida

Greta will intern with ACLU of Florida with a focus on constitutional law related to voting and reproductive rights. A *cum laude* graduate of the University of Florida, Greta has been working for non-profits since she was 18, and spent the summer of 2023 as a legal intern for the Florida Justice Institute. Between 2022 and 2023, Greta volunteered for three different programs covering civil rights (also with the ACLU), child protection and advocacy, and formerly incarcerated persons. In law school, Greta serves on the Public Interest Leadership Board, including as Co-Chair of the Public Interest Network.



Alexa Cahill

Oversight and Investigations Unit of the U.S. Senate Committee on the Budget
Catholic University Columbus School of Law

Alexa Cahill has sung the Star-Spangled Banner for events, including an opening ceremony of the Massachusetts House of Representatives. She will spend her Fellowship at the Oversight and Investigations Unit, assisting in investigating whistleblower complaints of misconduct and misuse of taxpayer funds at federal departments and agencies. A graduate of Emmanuel College with a double major in Business Management and English, Alexa spent 18 months as a Lead Legislative Staffer for the Massachusetts House of Representative before attending law school. In addition to a law degree, Alexa is pursuing a Law and Public Policy Certificate. Alexa’s career goals are to serve as counsel with a committee of Congress and in the executive branch.



Lauryn Wellington

Georgia Justice Project
Georgia State University College of Law

A devoted advocate for criminal justice reform, **Lauryn Wellington** will be working on the Justice Project’s legislative and policy efforts concerning barriers to reentry to people with criminal records. A graduate of Georgia State University (GSU) with a B.A. in Journalism and a minor in Criminal Justice, Lauryn is pursuing their J.D. at GSU’s College of Law. While an undergraduate, Lauryn worked as a Communications Intern for the Georgia Innocence Project. Described by their Dean as having a contagious passion for public service, they have worked with Atlanta Legal Aid on veterans’ justice issues. One of Lauryn’s summer goals is “to alleviate the burdens of the criminal legal system for at least one person.”



Kalua Kahana

Arkansas Access to Justice Commission
University of Arkansas School of Law

Kalua will be working with the Arkansas Access to Justice Commission, a body commissioned by the Arkansas Supreme Court to recommend ways to increase effective access to the civil justice system. Prior to attending law school, Kahlua worked for three and a half years at the Peace at Home Family Shelter in Fayetteville, Arkansas, serving as a bilingual court advocate for victims of domestic violence. A graduate of Eastern Mediterranean University in North Cyprus with a B.A. in Visual Arts and Visual Communication Design, Kahlua currently is a 2026 J.D. candidate at the University of Arkansas School of Law. Kahlua’s career goal is “to serve at-risk and low-income Arkansans... addressing the fundamental gaps in justice that they are exposed to.”



James Young

Oakland City Attorney
University of California Law, San Francisco

James will conduct legal research in support of the city attorney’s work on a wide array of affirmative litigation and government advisory matters. A graduate of Occidental College with a double major in Diplomacy and World Affairs, and Spanish Studies, next fall James will serve as his law school’s Vice President of Finance for the Black Law Students Association and the Vice President of Communications for the Law and Intellectual Property Association, while also serving on the Moot Court Competition Team and as a teaching assistant for a Legal Research and Writing class.



Mackenzie Young

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission – Dallas Division
SMU Dedman School of Law

Mackenzie Young has a passion for federal court litigation, and is excited to work with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) this summer on employment discrimination matters: “I want to be able to give a voice to the silenced employees suffering discrimination in the workplace today...We have the laws designed to protect our employees – but what happens when the rubber meets the road?” A chemistry major at Southern Methodist University (B.S. 2018) who once considered a career as a doctor, Mackenzie worked as an extern to a federal judge this spring and now aspires to eventually be a federal judge herself.



Magnolia Ramirez Cabada

Office of the United States Attorney for the Central District of California
Loyola Marymount Law School

A talented musician who graduated from California State University with a Bachelor of Music – Jazz Studies, **Magnolia Ramirez Cabada** is working in the Criminal Division of the US Attorney’s Office this summer. Magnolia “aspire[s] to be an effective advocate in championing justice and the betterment of our community by seeking truth and promoting accountability.” This past semester, Magnolia worked at Loyola’s Anti-racism Center, drafting proposed legislation to provide reparations for the last survivors and descendants of the victims of the 1921 Tulsa Oklahoma massacre.



Edwin Afriyie

Pulitzer Center
Case Western Reserve University School of Law

Edwin Afriyie is a strong advocate for access to justice and is spending his summer with the Pulitzer Center applying his law school experience to journalism. He is writing articles about the challenges to access to justice for a larger number of people. Before attending law school, Edwin earned a Bachelor of Arts in Communications Studies from Lipscomb University, specializing in journalism and speech writing, and then earned a Master of Public Policy Degree from Pepperdine University. Edwin notes that without access to justice, “a sense of a fair and equitable society could be endangered where the citizenry starts thinking that our institutions for the administration of justice are there to serve the privileged few.”

Justice Jump Start Fellows



David Meredith

Case Western Reserve University School of Law, J.D. 2024
Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office

David Meredith vigorously pursued a career as a prosecutor during law school, spending the summer of 2023 as a law clerk for the Prosecutor's Office for Portage County, Ohio and then two semesters in his final year of school at the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office, which he will now be joining as a fellow and then hopefully as a line prosecutor. David says that the Justice Jump Start Fellowship "aligns with my dedication to serving my community...[w]orking in an office that empowers young lawyers to take on significant courtroom responsibilities and argue meaningful cases is exactly the environment I seek." A 2021 graduate of John Carroll University with a B.A. in political science and a minor in history, David's college experience included visiting juvenile correction facilities with the mission of connecting with residents and helping them grow as individuals by teaching them positive and helpful traits that they can utilize upon reentering society.



Alison McMahon

University of Colorado School of Law, J.D. 2024
Colorado Department of Law, Consumer Protection Division

Hailing from the small town of Fort Morgan in Eastern Colorado, **Alison McMahon** has long displayed an interest in law and government service. After earning her B.A. in journalism from the University of Colorado – Boulder, Alison spent more than four years reporting on government affairs and court proceedings, and then spent a year working at the California Office of the Attorney General and afterwards at AmeriCorps. In law school, Alison served externships and internships at the City Attorney's Office for the City and County of Denver, spent a semester interning for a state judge and then two semesters at different sections of the Colorado Department of Law. Alison's fellowship will allow her to pay bar expenses and support herself while working as a Temporary Aid in attorney general's office while awaiting her bar results. She then will serve as a department of law fellow and seek a position as an assistant attorney general. As Alison put it, "I can't wait to get to work! The Justice Jump Start Fellowship [will] allow me to do that- get to work for the people of Colorado- sooner."



Jacob Foor

University of Arkansas School of Law, J.D. 2024
Immigrant Justice Corps

Through the Immigrant Justice Corps, **Jacob Foor** received a two-year placement at the University of Arkansas Immigration Clinic. He will be serving and advocating for unaccompanied children facing removal proceedings, as well as building out a new program within the clinic. He also will be collaborating with current law students to serve clients directly and create a network of support for unaccompanied children in Northwest Arkansas. A graduate of Trinity College in San Antonio (B.A. in history and religious studies) who is starting a second career after a decade in leadership positions, Jacob tells us that, "The Justice Jump Start Fellowship's support bridges the gap between my finishing law school, passing the bar and moving into the unique opportunity at hand to serve unaccompanied children in the fall. It will enable me to transition from my current job and give my full attention to bar preparations in the short-term, releasing me to focus on my long-term goals of addressing the individual and systemic barriers to safe, accessible resettlement affecting millions of individuals."