

# The Foundation's 2025 Fellowship Class

## Celebrating 25 Years of Advancing Justice



# Welcome

To the Class of 2025, Fellowship Alumni, and Friends of the Foundation,

**In this, our Silver Anniversary Year, we have the pleasure of introducing you to the spectacular 33 Fellows in the Class of 2025. Six Sustained Impact Fellows and 22 Public Policy Fellows are in this summer's program. In addition, five are Justice Jump Start Fellows who just graduated and are headed to public interest and government service careers after their bar exams. They bring the total number of Fellows to 419.**

This is a very committed class with a broad range of experiences and interests. To highlight a few:

- A saxophone player in a punk rock band;
- A solo and concert violinist;
- A biochemist who has co-authored published articles in her field;
- An affordable housing financial underwriter;
- A college basketball player whose team went to the NCAA semifinals;
- A global citizen who left Syria for Saudi Arabia before coming to the U.S. and is now a naturalized citizen;
- A fishing enthusiast, who is learning Spanish so he can fish in Argentina;
- Two who enlisted in the U.S. military when they were teenagers; and
- Several whose ties are prompting post-law school returns to serve in their home towns.

We could go on, but, instead, invite you to be uplifted by each Fellow in the following pages. What jumps out is their commitment to public service. It is the bedrock of their professional interests, life experiences, and law school education.

One Fellow's application quoted an idiom, which expresses admiration for someone who "**sculpts stone with her bare hands**". This, she said, "**commends those who reach the further extent to achieve their goals**".

These passages parallel the exhortation by the late John Lewis that we embrace and pass on as an inspiration to our Fellowship Classes: In crafting your career, "**[a]nswer the highest calling of your hearts**".

We are proud of this Class and are confident that they will answer that calling, and become law and policy leaders in a variety of ways.

Thank you for your interest, participation and support. We applaud our Board and Advisory Committee, our many mentors, our law school and sustained impact partners, the leadership, lawyers and staff of Squire Patton Boggs LLP, the Deans' Circle, and other friends.

We invite our Foundation Friends and Alumni to make a Silver Anniversary contribution, so that "Together, We Can Do Even More". Please use the DONATE link, or follow the guidance at the end of this brochure.

With appreciation,



**John Oberdorfer**  
Foundation President

**Rodney E. Slater**  
Board Chairman

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# 2025 Fellowship at a Glance

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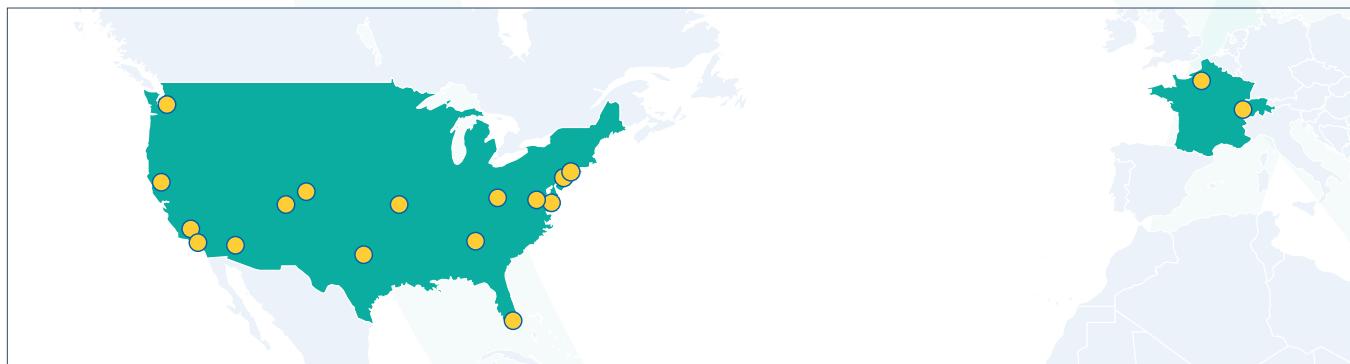
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## Where Our Fellows are Serving



**Cincinnati, OH | Dallas, TX | Denver, CO | Durango, CO | Geneva, Switzerland | Kansas City, MO | Los Angeles, CA**

**Miami, FL | New York, NY | Paris, France | Philadelphia, PA | Phoenix, AZ | Riverdale, GA | San Diego, CA**

**San Francisco, CA | Seattle, WA | Trenton, NJ | Washington DC |**

# Fellowship Class of 2025

## Sustained Impact Fellows



### Hannah Knight

Sustained Impact Human Rights Fellow

**Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University**

Human Rights Watch

In armed conflicts around the globe, warring parties are increasingly using starvation as a weapon of war. Hannah is bringing her expertise and commitment to advancing human rights to Human Rights Watch's efforts to document and advocate for an end to this tactic.

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I am deeply passionate about pursuing international humanitarian law, I believe that my compassion and determination to advance justice and human welfare are aligned with the Human Rights Watch mission and work. This summer Fellowship is a dream career opportunity."

**Will Gronefeld**

Joe Brand Human Rights Fellow

**University of Cincinnati College of Law**

Human Rights First

Will is this year's Joe Brand Human Rights Fellow. Building on his past work with the Ohio Innocence Project and the Latino Ministry Center, Will is providing legal support for Human Rights First's efforts in the US and abroad to promote respect for human rights and the rule of law through domestic litigation and policy initiatives.

**Emani Cannady**

Sustained Impact Civil Rights Fellow

**Howard University School of Law**

Lawyers' Committee on Civil Rights Under Law

Emani is a civil rights advocate pursuing her passion for justice and public service. She is gaining practical experience in community-driven legal work by supporting the Lawyers Committee's mission to assure that all students receive equal educational opportunities.

**Halie Hicks**

Sustained Impact Veterans Justice Fellow

**University of California College of the Law, San Francisco**

Swords to Plowshares

Halie enlisted in the National Guard when she was 17, and her service with the Guard continues as a human resources officer. She is working this summer to ensure that veterans and service members alike, regardless of their sexual identity or service status, have access to the benefits they're entitled to.

**Emily Nguyen**

Sustained Impact Veterans Justice Fellow

**Georgetown University Law Center**

Swords to Plowshares

Emily grew up in rural Texas and Oklahoma, and enlisted in the Air Force at the age of 19. She is advocating for veterans' justice, leveraging her first-hand experience with the US Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) and legal training to support veterans in accessing benefits and correcting discharge records.

**Karthi Srikanth**

Sustained Impact Juvenile Justice Fellow

**Case Western Reserve University School of Law**

Lone Star Justice Alliance

Karthi is focused on criminal defense and juvenile justice, working to build a more restorative justice system, particularly for children.

## Public Policy Fellows



### **Luca Magnier** Public Policy Fellow

**Le College d'Europe**

Bpifrance

We are pleased to welcome Luca and the resumption of our Fellowship program at the esteemed public policy institute, Le College d'Europe.

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Within Bpifrance, I am specifically working in the export credit and insurance division. This division plays a crucial role in facilitating international trade by providing financial guarantees and insurance to French companies seeking to expand abroad, particularly in markets where private insurers may be reluctant to operate."

**Kofi Agyepong**

University of Cincinnati College of Law  
Ohio Innocence Project

Kofi is returning to the Innocence Project, building on his prior work, examining legal barriers to post-conviction relief in Ohio, particularly the procedural rules that prevent new evidence from being heard in court.

**Adam Barone**

The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law  
Philadelphia District Attorney's Office

Adam is on the frontlines of a district attorney's office that's leading the way in criminal justice. He is gaining hands-on experience trying cases under supervision in the municipal and family units, receiving extensive training in trial advocacy and prosecutorial discretion and "learning to be an ethical prosecutor."

**Ethan Brown**

University of Arkansas School of Law  
Midwest Innocence Project

Looking forward to a career in public criminal defense, Ethan is focused on identifying new evidence and arguments for proving innocence, gaining hands-on experience with legal research and advocacy related to wrongful convictions.

**Eddie Daubel**

Catholic University Columbus School of Law  
The Center for Water Security and Cooperation

Eddie is working with the co-founders of The Center for Water Security and Cooperation, supporting water security initiatives and building regional collaboration within the Mississippi River Watershed, as well as promoting the Local and Tribal Leaders Agreement for the river.

**Alex Georgiadis**

American University Washington College of Law  
Children's Law Center

Alex is applying her history of working with children and youth to her Fellowship, which includes policy research and advocacy related to child welfare, education, housing and behavioral health. She will also be analyzing legislation before the DC City Council related to program implementation for children and families.

**Berto Jimenez Jr.**

Howard University School of Law  
NJ OAG – Office of Justice Data

Berto brings his strong background in data analysis to the New Jersey Attorney General's Office. He is working on data transparency, civil rights enforcement and policing accountability, contributing to the Attorney General's initiatives on racial disparity audits and public records compliance.

**Jack Kapps**

Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University  
Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest

A violinist, Jack aspires to become a legal advocate for Arizona's environment and natural resources. He is supporting the Arizona Center for Law in the Public Interest's mission of "pursuing cases with enduring social, public health and environmental impacts statewide."

**Brook Langmaid**

University of Denver Sturm College of Law  
International Rescue Committee

Brook is assisting asylum seekers and survivors of torture, providing legal aid, researching asylum law and supporting policy initiatives, while gaining practical experience at a leading humanitarian organization.

**Minah Malik**

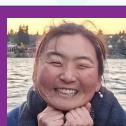
University of Miami School of Law  
Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem, Immigration Defense Team

Minah is combining direct legal representation on immigration issues with policy advocacy. She is providing legal advice to noncitizens facing deportation, while tackling policy issues at the intersection of the criminal and immigration systems to support immigrant rights.

**Cecil McIntyre**

Georgia State University College of Law  
Water.org

Cecil is supporting Water.org's mission to provide sustainable access to clean water by working on international compliance projects, collaborating with country offices to ensure proper registration and certification in each location.

**Cecilia Mercer**

Case Western Reserve University School of Law  
Northwest Immigration Rights Project

Having worked in several sustainability and human rights roles, Cecilia now is taking on the field of immigration law. She is working with the Violence Against Women's Act unit, assisting low-income immigrant survivors of domestic violence.

**Kaley Pillinger**

Yale Law School  
New York State Division of Homes and Community Renewal

Kaley is building on her extensive business experience in running and underwriting public housing to develop fair housing initiatives, financing strategies and innovative affordable housing programs, while gaining hands-on experience as a housing policy legal advocate.



## Grant Maclaurin

Public Policy Fellow

**SMU Dedman School of Law**

US Attorney's Office District of Columbia

Grant is interning in the front office of the Office of the US Attorney for the District of Columbia.

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I see this Fellowship as a launchpad for a long-term career in public service. This Fellowship offers a unique opportunity to engage in both public policy and legal practice, providing the kind of hands-on experience essential for shaping impactful, informed change.”



## Siona Sharma

Public Policy Fellow

**Georgetown University Law Center**

One Health High-Level Expert Panel (OHHLEP)

Building on years of work in the global health arena, Siona is doing her Fellowship in Geneva at the One Health High Level Expert Panel, which serves the World Health Organization and other global health organizations.

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Health threats do not respect jurisdictional lines. I plan to bring a legal toolkit to the public policy space. Many of my colleagues in global health policy approached law as a constraint rather than a tool for innovation. Yet, law has the capacity to expand the field's reach."

**Pete Rayhill**

University of Denver Sturm College of Law  
Earth Law Center

As an enthusiast of fishing and other outdoor activities, Pete is working with the Earth Law Center in Durango on federal, state and tribal environmental laws affecting key watersheds in Colorado.

**Jasmin Roley**

University of California College of the Law, San Francisco  
AIDS Legal Referral Panel

Jasmin is supporting people with HIV/AIDS in the Bay Area, serving as a main point of contact for clients. Previously a special education resource specialist and teacher of the year in her school, she aims to strengthen her legal research and advocacy skills, especially in the legislative context.

**Sofia Rosen**

Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University  
Los Angeles Office of the Alternate Public Defender

Sofia is working for the Los Angeles County Alternative Public Defender. Upon graduation next year, she wants to work for the public defender's office in her hometown of Los Angeles.

**Daniel Trautfield**

Loyola Law School  
Federal Public Defender's Office, Los Angeles

Before law school, Daniel worked for several years on criminal justice reform. He now works with a capital habeas corpus unit, advocating for those sentenced to extreme penalties. In this first opportunity to work on litigation, Daniel is doing legal research, drafting petitions and using his data analysis skills to advocate for justice.

**Reem Turk**

George Washington University Law School  
World Bank

Her experience as a global citizen motivates Reem to work at the World Bank, and to be part of its commitment to support populations in developing countries. Her Fellowship enables her to return to the Bank's institutional administration practice group to promote accountability, and a fair and functioning system.

**Anna Turrietta**

Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law  
Securities and Exchange Commission

Anna is working with Securities and Exchange Commissioner Hester Peirce on financial services innovations, particularly regulatory issues pertaining to cryptocurrency.



## Holly Chavet

Public Policy Fellow

**University of Colorado Law School**

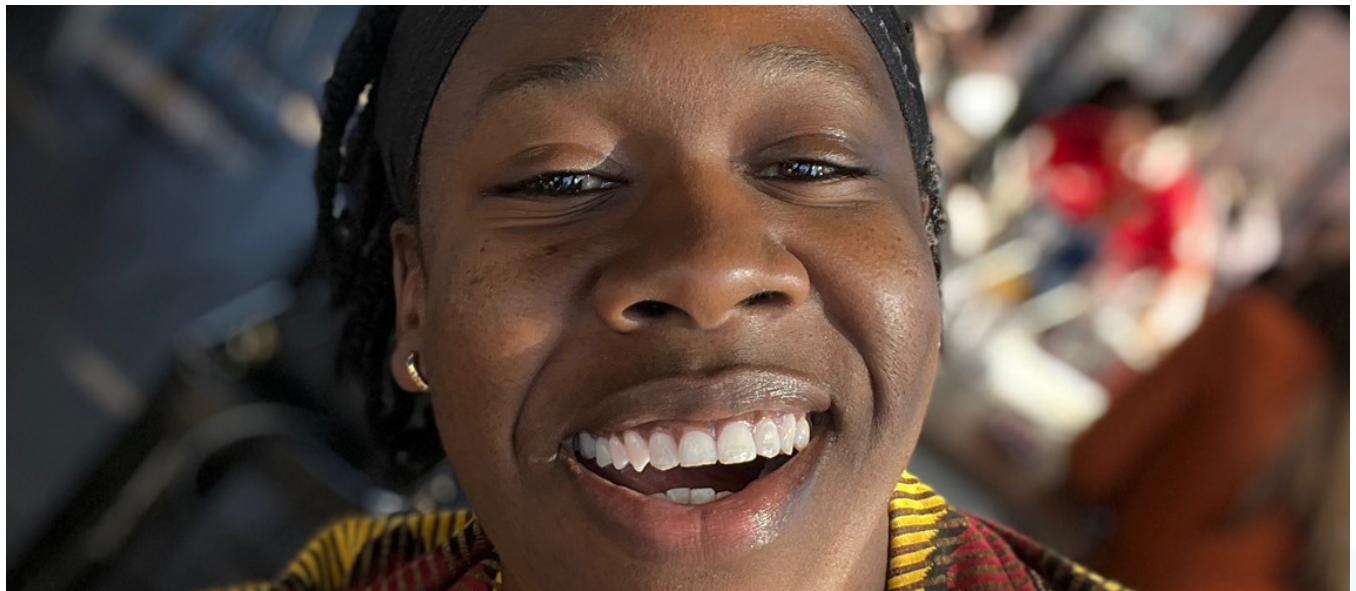
City of Denver Attorney's Office, Legislative Counsel

Holly is a first-generation lawyer, eager to engage with her mentors and Fellowship classmates. She is focusing on local government law and public policy while serving under the Legislative Counsel of the City of Denver Attorney's Office.



Mentorship is something I am very passionate about. I am highly appreciative of the work the Squire Patton Boggs Foundation does to support students working in public policy, helping each one of us become the best lawyers we can be."

## Justice Jump Start Fellows



### Afure Jemerigbe Justice Jump Start Fellow

**George Washington University Law School**  
San Diego Office of the Public Defender

A member of her college basketball team and a social worker for several years, Afure is returning to Southern California to be a public defender. As a student at the Southern University Law Center, Afure co-founded the Louisiana College Prison Project, an initiative to allow inmates to advance their education while they serve time.

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For as long as I can remember, public service has been my calling. It is not just a career I am pursuing, it is the purpose that has driven me through every challenge life has thrown my way. I've had to fight every step of the way to get to this point."



**Mariah Bowman**

University of Colorado Law School  
Colorado Office of the Attorney General

Mariah brings her distinguished academic credentials and honors, law school leadership positions and in-depth work on environmental law to the Natural Resources and Environment Section of the Office of the Attorney General, where she worked during the summer of 2024.



**Obasi Ndukwe**

Case Western Reserve University School of Law  
Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office

A lifelong resident of Cleveland, Obasi begins his public service career as a prosecutor, seeking to deliver justice in his city to victims of crime, advocate for fair outcomes and drive change within the justice system.



**Andy Paul**

Georgia State University College of Law  
Georgia Public Defender Council (GPDC) in the Clayton Judicial Circuit

Winner of the Georgia Bar's Award for Student Excellence in Access to Justice, and active in multiple trial advocacy programs, Andy begins his public service career with the Georgia Public Defender Council in Clayton County.



**Christina Velazquez**

University of Miami School of Law  
Legal Aid of Dade County

Christina brings her achievement as a top student in her law school class, plus her extensive pro bono work experience and leadership roles as she begins a long-term public interest career with the Legal Aid of Dade County Society's Family Law Unit.

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