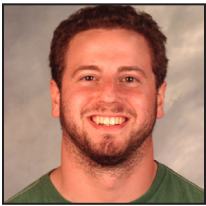




Stanford Law School Public Interest Program Fellows

Each year, Stanford Law School awards Public Interest Fellowships to those who have a history of public service, provide leadership within the law school, and are committed to careers as lawyers in the public service. Fellows serve a variety of roles within the law school – they mentor first-year students, provide policy direction for the Center and the law school, have direct access to the law school administration regarding myriad issues related to public interest, and engage in direct programming with the assistance of the Center director and staff.

The Fellows also serve an advisory body to the Center's Director and staff, and are expected to: promote public interest/public sector work at the Law School, provide ongoing assistance during the academic year to Center staff on public interest programming and events for the Law School community, serve as mentors to incoming first-year students, give input to the administration and faculty on internal law school policies that impact public interest and public service, pursue a curriculum that includes a significant component of public interest law courses, spend summers working full-time for at least ten weeks in public interest/service law, and make his or her career primarily in public service.

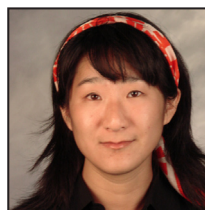


Jordan Blumenthal graduated from Brown University in 2004 with a degree in Biomedical Ethics. After college he returned home to the Chicago area, and taught English and Creative Writing for two years at the Chicagoland Jewish High School. At SLS, Jordan has been involved with StreetLaw, Shaking the Foundations, the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, and Biolaw. After serving as Curriculum Co-Chair of StreetLaw last year, he is now the organization's Co-President. During both semesters of his 2L year, he was a student in the Criminal Defense Clinic, arguing for reduced sentences for clients sentenced to life in prison under California's Three Strikes Law. Jordan spent his first summer at the Center on Wrongful Convictions at Northwestern University School of Law's Bluhm Legal Clinic. This last summer he worked for the Public Defender Service of the District of Columbia, serving as a law clerk for two attorneys in the Juvenile Trial Division. After graduation, he hopes to work in the criminal defense or juvenile justice fields, either as a public defender or in some related capacity. Apart from the law, his primary interest has long been creative writing – he has participated in writing workshops in creative nonfiction and poetry at Brown, Stanford, and elsewhere, and plans to continue writing throughout his future career.



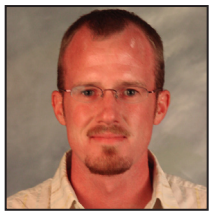
Larisa Bowman graduated from Brown University in 2003 with a degree in International Relations. She then worked at an anti-hunger non-profit organization, FoodChange, in New York City, NY, for two years before accepting

a fellowship with the Congressional Hunger Center in Washington, D.C. As a Bill Emerson National Hunger Fellow, Larisa spent six months engaged in grassroots advocacy with Utahns Against Hunger in Salt Lake City, UT, and six months writing policy reports with the Food Research and Action Center in D.C. At Stanford, Larisa has continued her anti-poverty work. Now an advanced student in the Stanford Community Law Clinic, she has handled landlord-tenant, wage-and-hour, and criminal record expungement cases. She has also volunteered for various pro bono projects, co-chaired "Shaking the Foundations: The West Coast Conference on Progressive Lawyering," and is a member of the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties and the Stanford Law Review. During her first summer, Larisa defended low-income tenants' rights at the WilmerHale Legal Services Center in Jamaica Plain, MA, and during her second summer, she explored the world of impact litigation at the ACLU of Massachusetts in Boston, MA. While passionate about a career in public interest law, Larisa's first love is classical ballet, which she has been dancing since age three.



Eunice Hyunhye Cho graduated from Yale University in 2000, where she majored in American Studies and Ethnicity, Race, and Migration Studies. Before coming to law school, Eunice worked in the immigrant rights movement for several years, and was the Education Director for the National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (Oakland, CA). She also co-coordinated a grassroots U.S. migrant rights delegation to the UN World Conference Against Racism (2001, Durban, South Africa.)

She is the editor and co-author of *BRIDGE: Building a Race and Immigration Dialogue in the Global Economy*, which was awarded the 2004 Gustavus Myers Outstanding Book Award. She sits on the national steering collective of Incite! Women of Color Against Violence, the board of Colectivo Flatlander, and the Korean American Coalition to End Domestic Abuse; and has served on the boards of the Committee for Women, Population, and the Environment and the U.S. Human Rights Network. In past summers she has worked at the ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project, the Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project, and the National Immigration Law Center. She is currently externing at the Center for Gender and Refugee Studies. She grew up in Tempe, AZ, and is a Co-Editor-in-Chief for the *Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties*, and an Articles Editor for the *Stanford Law Review*. She is also a 2007 Recipient of the Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans.



Joe Gorman was born and raised in Boise, Idaho. After receiving his bachelor's degree in Philosophy and French from Tulane University, Joe spent three years teaching fourth and fifth grade on the Navajo Nation in northwest New Mexico, where he received a master's degree in Education from the University of New Mexico. At Stanford, Joe has been active in the Environmental Law Society and Streetlaw, a pro-bono educational program for incarcerated youth at the San Mateo County Youth Services Center. Pursuing his interest in tackling the energy and climate crisis, Joe spent one summer as an intern for the Center for Biological Diversity and one summer at the office of the California Attorney General. Joe would rather spend time outdoors than study, but finds time to do both and also enjoys gardening, homebrewing, and bread making.

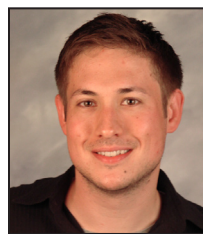


Menaka Kalaskar grew up in Logan, Utah. Her parents immigrated from Pune, India, about ten years before she was born. Menaka received her bachelor's degree in political science and women's studies from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2005. After college, Menaka lived in Pune for a year, traveling with friends and family members, and getting to know her extended family. During her 1L summer, Menaka split her time between the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime in Vienna, and the U.S. Attorney's Office in San Francisco, where she maintained her own caseload and argued a sentencing hearing in federal court. Menaka split her 2L summer as well, working first at a law firm in Washington, and then interning with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, where she learned about Texas family law and the unique legal challenges facing immigrant women in guardianship cases. At school, Menaka has participated for two semesters in the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic, where she works on a variety of sentencing and post-conviction matters on behalf of indigent defendants. She is also an Executive Editor of the *Stanford Law Review*, a research and teaching assistant

for Professor Barbara Babcock, and a WSL mentor. Menaka plans to clerk after graduation and then pursue a career in government or public service. She also hopes to weave in human rights legal work in India. In her spare time, Menaka is learning Hindi, making plans to buy a bike very soon (she swears), dreaming about spending time with her adorable niece, and generally hanging out with friends.



Megan Karsh obtained her B.A. in Art History and Sociology from Oberlin College in 2002. A native of Illinois, she returned to Chicago as the Development and Program Specialist for Court Appointed Special Advocates, where she was also an advocate for abused and neglected children involved in the Child Protection Division of the Juvenile Court. She then moved to Nkokonjeru, Uganda to become a Development and Program consultant for Juna Amagara, an organization for children orphaned and afflicted by HIV/AIDS. While at Stanford, she spent her 1L summer working for the Santa Clara County Public Defender's Special Trials Unit doing death penalty defense. During her 2L year, she participated in the International Human Rights Clinic in Windhoek, Namibia, where she worked for the AIDS Law Unit of the Legal Assistance Centre (LAC). She stayed on with the LAC through her 2L summer, working on projects ranging from assisting with litigation on behalf of women forcefully sterilized due to their HIV status to writing a training manual to be used to educate prisoners about HIV and human rights. At the end of the summer, she attended the International AIDS Conference in Mexico City as a delegate for AIDS-Free World. She will be participating in the Advanced IHR Clinic this fall.



Geoffrey King is originally from Vallejo, CA. After attending a local community college, Geoff transferred to UC Berkeley, from which he received his bachelor's degree in Mass Communications. While at Berkeley, Geoff headed the campus chapter of the Berkeley ACLU and worked as a teaching assistant for a class on the First Amendment and the press. It was also at Berkeley that Geoff started a photography project documenting political protest that is now in its fifth year. Between Berkeley and Stanford, Geoff worked in British politics, traveled to Bosnia to document the ongoing search for missing persons in the context of the tenth anniversary of the Srebrenica massacre, worked at a First Amendment law firm in Berkeley, and headed a successful effort to put impeachment initiatives on the San Francisco and Berkeley ballots. At Stanford, Geoff is a Student Fellow with the Center for Internet and Society. He has also played an active role in the law school chapters of the American Constitution Society and the National Security Law Society and has worked on the *Stanford Journal of International Law* and the *Stanford Law and Policy Review*, for which he was a Managing Symposium Editor. Geoff spent his first summer working for the Senate Subcommittee on the Constitution under Senator Russ

Feingold (D-WI). He split his second summer with a law firm in Washington, D.C. and the ACLU of Northern California. Geoff will be a full-time extern with the Federal Public Defender's office in San Francisco this fall. Upon graduation, Geoff hopes to found a First Amendment project designed to protect online citizen-activists and amateur journalists, as well as to continue shooting and exhibiting documentary images. To that end, Geoff has plans to travel to New Orleans to document the criminal justice work of Stanford's first public interest post-graduate fellow, Thomas Nosewicz ('08), and hopes to return to Srebrenica.



Aaron Konopasky grew up in Halifax, Nova Scotia. He graduated from Dalhousie University with a bachelor's degree in philosophy, and earned his PhD in philosophy of mind & psychology from Princeton University. Aaron taught in New Orleans, but decided to go to law school after seeing the great need

for services after Hurricane Katrina. Aaron's focus is on advocacy for persons with mental disorders. He spent his first summer providing direct services to such persons at New Hampshire's Protection & Advocacy association. During his 2L summer, he learned about class action impact litigation at the Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law in Washington, D.C. During the academic year, Aaron has been involved in the Social Security Disability Project, as well as the Stanford Law & Policy Review and Biolaw Society. In addition, he has done academic work in the areas of college suicide policies, mental health courts, and quality improvement in psychotherapy. After graduation, Aaron plans to continue working for the rights of persons with mental disorders in a nonprofit or government setting. While not at work, Aaron enjoys spending time with his wife Abby and his two children Annalise and Charles.



Ling Lew has enjoyed learning more about civil rights and human rights work in law school. In the fall of 2007, Ling worked in Stanford's Immigrants' Rights Clinic, where she helped a domestic violence survivors file for lawful permanent residence status in the U.S., and put together know-your-rights

materials for communities affected by raids by immigration agents. In the spring of 2008, Ling traveled to Namibia with Stanford's International Human Rights Clinic to learn from local attorneys and magistrates about their work, and to assist with an ongoing legal technology project. She is also the student coordinator for Stanford's Social Security Disability Project, Stanford's first in-house pro bono project. During the summer of 2007, Ling worked in the consumer law section of the California Department of Justice. In the summer of 2008, she worked at Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights in San Francisco in their practice areas of race, immigration, and poverty. Before law school, Ling worked in health economics research, and also spent time in Asia, working at and learning from nonprofits that serve indigent

urban communities. She graduated from Duke University, with a degree in public policy and a minor in economics.



Yara Lomeli-Loibl graduated from Mount Holyoke College with a degree in Spanish and Psychology. After college, Yara spent a year working for AmeriCorps in Northern California, doing outreach and enrollment for free and low cost health insurance for

children. She decided to attend law school to pursue her interest in immigrants' rights. At Stanford, Yara participated in Street Law, volunteered at Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto, and participated in the Immigrants' Rights Clinic. During the summer after her first year, Yara worked in Arizona with the Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project, providing legal assistance to Central American children in immigration detention. She also interned with Texas RioGrande Legal Aid in El Paso, where she worked on bi-national issues. Having been greatly impacted by her time spent on the border in Arizona and Texas, during her 2L year Yara led a group of SLS students on a spring break pro bono service trip to the U.S.-Mexico border in Arizona, to meet with activists, attorneys, and migrants and learn first-hand about border and immigration issues. In the summer following her 2L year, Yara worked in Los Angeles with the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund. As a 3L, Yara is looking forward to an externship with the ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project, and hopes to pursue a career in immigration law and advocacy after she graduates from Stanford.



Kelly Lowenberg grew up in Houston, TX, attended Pomona College, and worked in a neuroscience lab for two years at Princeton University. At law school, she is an elected student liaison to the Clinical Committee, as well as co-president of BioLaw and Health Policy Society, and a former member of the

Housing Pro Bono Program and the Domestic Violence Pro Bono Program. As a student in the Community Law Clinic, she spent two semesters defending tenants' and workers' rights. This semester, she will be taking part in the International Human Rights Clinic, where she will represent individuals who have been detained by the U.S. in prison facilities abroad. She split her first law school summer between two domestic violence non-profits. At the first non-profit in San Jose, she designed a course to train pro per litigants to represent themselves in restraining order hearings. At the second non-profit in D.C., she taught a batterer's intervention program for teens and researched how states could better address teen dating violence through statutory reform. This past summer at Public Advocates in San Francisco, she helped attorneys prepare for a large class action concerning transportation equity. Kelly's primary interest, however, is how advances in bioscience affect civil rights, civil liberties, and consumer protection. Last year, she completed a research project for the ACLU Science, Technology, and Liberty Project in NYC

regarding admissibility of fMRI evidence. She plans to continue writing about this topic and related issues.



Emily Maglio is from Stony Brook, NY, and earned her B.A. from Williams College in 2004. She majored in political science, concentrating in political theory. After college, she worked in D.C. at a plaintiffs' law firm specializing in employment discrimination. Emily is interested in women's rights, racial justice, and general civil rights litigation. She spent her summers at the ACLU's Reproductive Freedom Project, the Legal Aid Society – Employment Law Center's Gender Equity Project, and Strumwasser & Woocher LLP, a private public interest law firm. Emily will be externing in the fall at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights in San Francisco. At Stanford, Emily has been involved in the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Law Students for Reproductive Justice, WSL, SLLSA, the Stanford Law Review, and Stanford's Criminal Defense Clinic.



Michael Montaño was born and raised on the South side of San Antonio, Texas. There, Michael was exposed to insistent violence and insistent poverty, but also to the fruits of faith and hard work. With his mother and father civil servants, his grandfather a disabled veteran, and his grandmother a full-time Church volunteer, Michael found early inspiration to public service and began volunteering at health fairs as a grade-schooler. As an undergraduate, he organized for environmental justice and, later, the Democratic Party. He also served as a human rights observer abroad. After graduation, Michael served as a New Voices Fellow doing economic development work among the poor and undocumented. At Stanford, Michael co-founded and hosts the American Constitution Society's national podcast, Summary Judgments, and organized students to launch a comprehensive election law initiative, the Voting Rights Project at Stanford Law School. He has also sought to bring a little technological modernity to the Stanford Law Review. In his summers, Michael has worked at a law firm and the Natural Resources Defense Council as well as consulted on renewable energy financing for the North American Development Bank. He is currently taking the semester off to work on Senator Barack Obama's presidential campaign. Michael graduated from Yale in 2003 with a degree in philosophy. His senior thesis applied egalitarian theories of justice to the problem of transnational migration. In law school, Michael has become increasingly interested in the proper role of executive power in the American republic, terrorism and antiterrorism, and democracy and the rule of law. His other, wide-ranging delights include statutory interpretation, ethics, localism, the philosophical foundations of property, indigenous rights, and clean energy. In his spare time, Michael enjoys film, makes music, and craves good cheese enchiladas.



Jess Oats graduated from Harvard University and then worked for four years before law school as a death penalty investigator at the Southern Center for Human Rights in Atlanta, Georgia. There, she worked primarily for indigent death row inmates in Alabama. In law school, Jess has represented low-income clients in eviction defense, criminal record expungement, and wage-and-hour claims in the Community Law Clinic, volunteered with the National Center for Lesbian Rights, and served as president of the Criminal Law Society. During her 1L summer, she worked for ten weeks at Legal Services for Children, working on school expulsion cases, legal guardianship cases, and foster youth cases for children in the San Francisco Bay Area. Jess then returned to the Southern Center for Human Rights for four weeks. This past summer, Jess interned at the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem where she assisted attorneys in public defense. Jess intends to continue her work as an advocate for criminal and social justice after law school.



Sarah O'Farrell's legal passions are, while multiple, all centered around a few related threads: societal vulnerability, poverty, and agriculture. She graduated from Whitman College in 2002 with a degree in philosophy, providing inspirational fodder for her current devotion to efforts in furtherance of access to justice. (She is still searching for that "perfect cube" Aristotle famously equated to justice, but is persuaded it might actually turn out to be a "perfect seedling" instead!) Her love of farms and agricultural ethics began with her tiny farm upbringing on Whidbey Island, in Washington State, and continued to germinate during extended travels in rural France and Ireland during the years between college and law school. Sarah is now Senior Managing Editor of the Stanford Journal of Animal Law & Policy, she participated in two semesters of the Environmental Law Clinic, she worked with the Volunteer Attorney Program, and she organized Seeds of Justice, a Shaking the Foundations Panel that addressed food safety, international rural land tenure rights, and farm animal welfare. She spent her 1L summer at Columbia Legal Services, a poverty law center in Seattle, and her 2L summer in the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office in San Francisco. During her 3L year, she will extern part-time in Bay Area Legal Aid's Housing and Public Benefits Units while also co-organizing Stanford Law School's very first Animal Law Symposium. She also plans to become involved with the Elder Law Pro Bono Project. Before law school, Sarah spent some time as a Spanish/French teacher/translator, and some time with the Institute for Children's Environmental Health, advocating for reductions of the environmental toxins that lead to childhood disease and disabilities. In her free time, Sarah practices the lost art of handwritten letter-writing, pets her kitty, sings folk songs, and creates celtic-inspired art quilts, a few of which were exhibited last year in Stanford's Crown Law Library as the inaugural exhibit of the library's Student Artist Series.



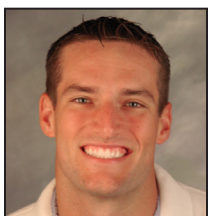
David B. Owens hails from the great State of Washington and grew up in the Seattle area. After attending the University of Washington, studying Philosophy and Political Science, he spent two years teaching sixth grade in southeast Los Angeles (Lynnwood) through Teach For America, while completing an M.A. in

Elementary Education from Loyola Marymount University. At Stanford, David is a J.D. /M.A. (Philosophy) and interested in civil rights and civil liberties litigation (emphasizing educational equality, racial justice, and structural reform), environmental law, professional responsibility, and critical legal theory. During his 1L summer, David worked for Judge Alex Kozinski on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, and split his 2L summer between Shute, Mihaly, and Weinberger, an SF environmental public interest law firm, and the ACLU of Washington Foundation (in Seattle), doing civil liberties impact litigation, i.e., fighting “The Man.” At SLS he has been involved in Street Law and COACH; was Co-President of the Black Law Students Association; is the Senior Articles Editor for the Stanford Law Review; a Research Assistant to Norman Spaulding; and a student in the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic. Outside of law school, David enjoys surfing up and down the California coast, skateboarding, riding bicycles, playing racquetball, tossing Frisbees, going to Punk/Rock N’ Roll concerts, and exploring the intricacies of cooking a Vegan cuisine.



Jacek Pruski is a proud product of the University of Iowa, where he studied politics and environmental policy, learned to throw a Frisbee, and worked on a number of community-based projects. Among these was The 10,000 Hours Show, a now-national

project that engages young people in their communities and celebrates each year with a free rock concert just for volunteers. In his years between college and law school, he worked as a community organizer and political consultant, mostly in the Twin Cities, and also helped grow The 10,000 Hours Show across Iowa. At Stanford, he was worked on energy and climate issues at the Natural Resources Defense Council, local government and land use law at Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger, and most recently, voting rights and campaign finance reform litigation and policy at the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU Law.



Kevin Rooney graduated from Cornell University in 2004 with a degree in history and a Law & Psychology Concentration. He then stayed in Ithaca and received a Master’s in Public Administration with a concentration in Social Policy from the Cornell Institute

for Public Affairs in 2006. While completing his M.P.A., Kevin spent six months in Washington, D.C., taking classes and researching educational policy issues for the American

Federation of Teachers. Returning to his home state of California to come to Stanford, Kevin has gotten involved with several student organizations over the past two years. Last year, he served as a co-director of Cultivating Opportunity and Access for College Hopefuls (COACH), where he worked to partner SLS student mentors with students at East Palo Alto Academy High School. Kevin has also been active in the Criminal Law Society and as a volunteer teacher in SLS’s StreetLaw program and will serve as Co-Editor-in-Chief of the Stanford Law & Policy Review. During his 1L summer, Kevin worked as a summer associate at WilmerHale’s Palo Alto office. This past summer, he worked as a volunteer law clerk at the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Northern District of California in San Francisco, where, among other things, he had the opportunity to examine an officer in a federal misdemeanor drug possession trial. Kevin hopes to become a prosecutor himself very soon and is looking forward to further work in the field this semester in the Santa Clara County District Attorney’s Office through Professor George Fisher’s Prosecution Clinic. When not knee-deep in law books, Kevin spends as much time as possible with his amazing wife, Kate, their dog, Winston, and his awesome family.



Natalie Saba grew up in Atlanta, Georgia, and graduated from Northwestern University with a degree in history. After graduation she worked as a paralegal for the Legal Assistance Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago, where she advocated for public benefits

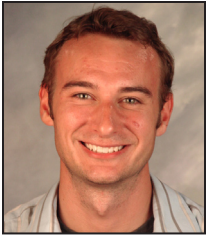
and disability rights. Natalie spent her 1L summer in South Africa at the Gender, Health and Justice Unit of the University of Cape Town. During her second summer, she worked at the National Center for Youth Law, an Oakland-based non-profit. Natalie also externed with the ACLU’s death penalty project during her second year of law school. At Stanford, Natalie participated in the Criminal Defense Clinic and is an editor of the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties.



Lauren Schulmann is a third year law student who has focused on criminal law, civil rights, and civil liberties issues during her time at Stanford. She has been involved with the Criminal Law Society, the Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Society, and the Civil Rights &

Civil Liberties Journal. She has also been a clinical student at the Community Law Clinic, a teacher for StreetLaw, and worked for the Bay Area Legal Aid Domestic Violence Clinic. Lauren spent her first summer of law school interning at the San Francisco Office of the Public Defender and her second summer working for the Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of California. Lauren earned her B.A. from Tufts University where she majored in International Relations with a concentration in Global Conflict, Cooperation, and Justice. After Tufts, she spent a year and a half working as a paralegal for Lieff, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein, LLP, a plaintiff side law firm. When not at law school, Lauren enjoys spending time outdoors, gardening, cooking, reading,

writing short stories and poems, and karaoke.



Scott Shackelford is a Hoosier, born and raised. He attended Indiana University, majoring in economics and political science, and was awarded a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship to study towards a Masters in International Relations at the University of Cambridge.

At Cambridge, he was involved with Rotary International and was a member of the Darwin College rowing team before coming to SLS. During law school, Scott has been active in the Volunteer Attorney Program, Street Law, the Stanford Elder Law Pro Bono Project, the Stanford Journal of International Law, and the Environmental Law Clinic. During his 1L summer, he traveled to India on a National Security Education Program (NSEP) Boren Fellowship to work for the UN Development Program Access to Justice Initiative, as well as interning at the San Mateo Legal Aid Society, and the Office of General Counsel at NASA Ames. After his 2L year, Scott worked in the Community Services Department of Hogan & Hartson, and for Freedom Now, a non-profit, non-partisan organization that works to free prisoners of conscience worldwide through legal, political, and public relations advocacy efforts. Liking school a little too much, after graduation Scott is planning on finishing his PhD in International Relations at Cambridge before either looking for a job at the State Department or throwing in his lot for a posting in legal academia. For fun, he enjoys running and tennis, plays jazz trumpet, and freelances magazine articles on physics and astronomy.



Vishnu Sridharan is lucky to have grown up with the loving support of parents who instilled in him the value of putting others before himself and, more importantly, who lived lives that embodied it. After studying philosophy at Columbia College, he joined the Peace

Corps in El Salvador as a Municipal Development volunteer. The goals of his program were to help the mayor's office promote good governance and administrative transparency as well as to train local Salvadorans to effectively advocate for their own interests. Ever since he left Central America and started law school, Vishnu has become increasingly interested in the intersection of economic, political, and legal developments in China. He spent his first law school summer at TAOS, a corporate social responsibility/ labor rights NGO in Shenzhen, his second summer at Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) Legal Advisory Service in Beijing, and the fall of his third year at the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative in Beijing. At SLS, Vishnu was also heavily involved in the Law School Musical and is proud to be one of the founding members of what is arguably SLS' foremost Acappella group, the Acappellants. After graduation, Vishnu hopes to work either in China or the U.S. on issues related to how the law can be a tool for countries to escape poverty and citizens oppression.



Anne Stephens was born in Louisiana but grew up around Denver, Colorado. In 2005, she graduated from the University of Virginia with majors in Government, Foreign Affairs, and French. While at UVA, Anne focused on research at the International Criminal Court, for which she received a grant to

live and research in the Hague during the summer of 2004. Before coming to SLS, she worked for Kissinger McLarty Associates, an international consulting firm focusing on South and Central America. While at SLS, Anne has focused on issues in criminal and international law. As a research assistant for Professor Bob Weisberg and the Stanford Criminal Justice Center, she has written about recidivist violence prediction and the death penalty. She also served as Senior Articles Editor of the Stanford Journal of International Law. Much of Anne's time, however, has been devoted to the Afghanistan Legal Education Project, a student-initiated and run project to create the first modern law school in Afghanistan. As co-leader of the project, she, along with a small group of students, has authored the first legal textbook in the country on the current laws of Afghanistan. During her 3L year, she will lead a group of three students in writing the first criminal law textbook. During her 1L summer, Anne worked at the Department of Justice in the Office of International Affairs and the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia doing extradition and violent crime prosecution. She spent her 2L summer at the Department of Justice Public Integrity Section working in public corruption prosecution. During the school year, as a student in the Criminal Prosecution Clinic, Anne works at the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office. In her free time, Anne plays golf, competes in hunter-jumper equestrian shows, does yoga, and skis as much as possible.



Barbara Thomas, third-year law student and instinctive contrarian, hopes to make a career out of "afflicting the comfortable and comforting the afflicted." (She's pretty sure that the original version of that quote was about the role of journalists in society, but

believes the words work just as well for P.I. lawyers.) She hopes to do that by working either for the government (local, state, or federal) or for a small public-interest-oriented law firm after she graduates from Stanford. She's the co-founder and editor-in-chief of the Stanford Journal of Animal Law & Policy, former senior managing editor of the Journal of Civil Rights & Civil Liberties, co-president of the Marion Rice Kirkwood Moot Court Board, and pro-bono coordinator of the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund. Barbara has worked for Community Legal Services of East Palo Alto; the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Maryland; Public Advocates, Inc.; the SLS Supreme Court Litigation Clinic; and Relman & Dane, PLLC. She will clerk for Judge Paul Friedman in Washington D.C. after graduating in May 2009.



Alexa Van Brunt received a degree in Sociology at Brown University, where she served as a crisis volunteer in a domestic violence shelter, worked as a Summerbridge instructor for inner city students, and interned as a social worker for at-risk youth in Providence. While at

Brown, Alexa also studied at the University of Legon, Ghana, and resided in Lesotho, southern Africa, conducting research on the impact of the HIV/AIDS epidemic on children's educational attainment. Before law school, Alexa worked as a program planner and social worker at Bronx Community Solutions, a legal services program for misdemeanor offenders. As a Public Interest Fellow at Stanford Law School, Alexa has continued to pursue an interest in international human and civil rights. Alexa traveled to Namibia as part of Stanford's International Human Rights Clinic, and has interned at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR) in Tanzania and the Open Society Justice Initiative's Equality and Citizenship program in New York City. She has also co-chaired Shaking the Foundations, the West Coast Progressive Lawyering Conference, served as co-president for International Law Society, and co-directed the Stanford Public Interest Law Foundation auction for two years running.

Division in San Francisco. During her second summer, she worked in the Natural Resources Defense Council's Litigation Program.



Ruthie Zemel graduated from New York University, where she studied politics and economics. After college, she spent three years teaching high school math in Washington, D.C. through the Teach for America program. Ruthie hopes to work in the field of indigent criminal defense

after law school. During her IL summer, she worked on death penalty cases at the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama. Last summer, she worked at the Federal Public Defender of San Francisco and the Pennsylvania Institutional Law Project. She has also completed both the Immigrants' Rights and Supreme Court Litigation Clinics at Stanford. Outside of school, she likes to explore nearby hiking trails and is attempting to learn to cook.



Rachel Zwillinger grew up in the Bay Area and graduated from Princeton University in 2005. She received a degree in geosciences and minored in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. Following graduation, she spent a year working in

Environmental Defense's Health Program in Washington, D.C. Rachel brought her enthusiasm for environmental law and policy to Stanford Law School, where she has worked in the Environmental Law Clinic and served as President of the Environmental Law Society and Editor-in-Chief of the Environmental Law Journal. In addition to her J.D., Rachel is pursuing a joint M.S. in the Stanford Interdisciplinary Graduate Program in Environment and Resources. Her coursework focuses on the management of freshwater resources. After her first year, Rachel worked for the U.S. Department of Justice's Environment and Natural Resources