

Stanford Law School

Public Interest Fellows

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Each year, Stanford Law School names as Public Interest Fellows third-year students who have a history of public service, provide leadership within the law school, and are committed to beginning their 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 Levin Center staff.



Kristen Bell

Kristen grew up in Massachusetts and went to Stanford for her undergraduate degree. After working for a year in D.C., she earned a Ph.D. in philosophy at UNC-Chapel

Hill and wrote her dissertation on mercy and criminal justice. At SLS, Kristen participated in the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic, the Criminal Law Society, the Domestic Violence pro bono project, the Stanford Law and Policy Review, clemency work, and advocacy surrounding CA's ballot initiative on the death penalty. A recipient of the John Paul Stevens Public Interest scholarship, Kristen worked at the Center for Death Penalty Litigation during her 1L summer and at the Southern Center for Human Rights during her 2L summer. Kristen taught philosophy at a juvenile detention center while working on her Ph.D. and now teaches at San Quentin with fellow SLS students as part of the Prison University Project. Kristen plans to continue teaching philosophy in prison while developing a career in capital litigation and sentencing reform. She has been grateful for excellent mentorship and advice from past PI Fellows and is happy to talk about public interest work (or anything else!). A former gymnast, Kristen is on the Stanford Triathlon team and is currently in the process of becoming a US Citizen (she's a Canuck). She is usually seen with a hat on her head.



Peter Broderick

Peter grew up in Cannon Beach, a small town on the Oregon coast and spent his junior year of high school abroad in Bombay, India, as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student.

He attended the University of Oregon, graduating summa cum laude with degrees in Political Science and French. After college, he explored diverse pursuits, including writing fiction, teaching test-preparation, farming organic lettuce, and working with at-risk youth in Portland, Oregon.

During the summer after his first year of law school, Peter worked in the Natural Resources Section of the Oregon State Department of Justice. He spent his second summer at the law firm Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger in San Francisco, a private public-interest firm representing non-profit, tribal, and public agency clients on a variety of environmental and land use issues. At Stanford, Peter has been involved in the Timor Leste Legal Education Project, the Stanford StreetLaw Pro Bono Project, the Stanford Law and Policy Review, and the Environmental Law Society. He also participated in the Environmental Law Clinic, where he worked on litigation to protect wild salmon habitat in Northern California. Peter enjoys wilderness backpacking, good fiction, and an occasional homebrew, and talks about his home state to anyone who will listen. Since his early years, he has spent a portion of every summer in Nushagak, Alaska, fishing commercially for salmon with his family, and can pick a sockeye out of a gillnet in under two seconds with his eyes closed. He hopes to pursue a career in environmental law.



Ben Brysacz

Ben grew up in Tucson, Arizona where he attended University High School (home of the fightin' Penguins). After eighteen years of sun and warmth, he decided

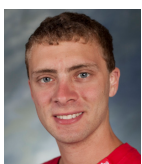
to enroll at Lewis & Clark College in rainy Portland, Oregon, graduating magna cum laude in political science in 2009. While at Lewis & Clark, he became certified as a Wilderness First Responder, and led backpacking, snow-shoeing, and kayaking trips for the school's College Outdoors program. After college, Ben worked various jobs in Washington, DC including as a legislative aide to a Democratic Member of Congress from Arizona. At Stanford, Ben divides his time between classes, the Environmental Law Clinic, law review, the Naturalization Pro Bono Project, and coordinating outings for the

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Environmental Law Society. He spent his first summer in the criminal division of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Phoenix working on white collar crime and violent crime from Indian Country. During his 2L summer, he split his time between Jenner & Block in Washington, DC and the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) in Boulder, Colorado. After graduation Ben hopes to pursue a career in environmental law or criminal prosecution. In his free time, Ben enjoys eating green chiles, riding his bicycle, and sending text messages to his roommate.



Daniel Cassman

Danny was born in the Bay Area and has lived there all his life. He graduated from Stanford University, where he studied political science and computer science. His studies focused on international security, and he wrote a thesis on the persistence and recurrence of intrastate armed conflict. He managed to combine his interests in security policy and technology by developing a web application for a professor's research project that illustrates and analyzes relationships among terrorist organizations. After finishing college, Danny started at Stanford Law School, where he's worked on global development in Timor-Leste and human rights law in and Cambodia. He also runs the Stanford Law Review's online publication and did pro bono work in juvenile detention facilities through the Streetlaw program. Danny spent his first summer doing public land use and government contracts work for the National Park Service in Yosemite, and split his second summer between Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle in New York and Earthjustice in Juneau, Alaska. In his spare time, Danny enjoys indie rock music, fantasy novels, backpacking and mountaineering, photography, and web design.



Sarah Cunningham

Sarah grew up in Los Angeles, California. She graduated from Washington University in St. Louis, where she studied history and political science. The following year, she participated in the Coro Fellows Program in Public Affairs, where she completed various projects in the government, business, non-profit, labor, and electoral politics sectors. During one of her placements she worked with a number of non-profits in East St. Louis and helped them better coordinate their provision of assistance to the community. In the summer after her first year at Stanford, Sarah returned to Los Angeles to work at Bet Tzedek Legal

Services. There, she worked with the housing and impact litigation units. During her second year at Stanford, Sarah was a student in the Community Law Clinic in the fall and then continued as an advanced student in the winter and spring. After her second year, she worked first at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher's Los Angeles office and then returned to Bet Tzedek for the second part of the summer. During her third year, she plans to continue her work at the Stanford Community Law Clinic and serve as the Notes Editor for the Stanford Law and Policy Review.



Marisa Diaz

Marisa was born and raised in Berkeley, California. She graduated from Pomona College in 2006, where she studied sociology and Spanish literature. After graduating, she moved to Guanajuato, México to work with Centro Las Libres, a women's rights organization. She then returned to the Bay Area and worked as a paralegal at Rosen, Bien & Galvan, LLP. After a couple of years Marisa again ventured abroad, this time to complete a Fulbright research grant in Madrid, Spain. In Madrid, Marisa researched the experiences of Colombian domestic workers and the intersection of employment and immigration laws. Marisa eventually returned to the Bay Area and worked for La Cocina, a nonprofit in San Francisco. At SLS Marisa has participated in and led the Naturalization Pro Bono, was an Associate and Senior Editor of the Stanford Law & Policy Review, a board member of the Stanford Latino Law Students Association, and is on the Board of Directors of Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto. Marisa worked at the Center for Justice and International Law in Buenos Aires her 1L summer and at the Legal Aid Society-Employment Law Center her 2L summer. Marisa also participated in the Immigrants' Rights Clinic and will be externing during her 3L year with the ACLU's Immigrants' Rights Project.



Samuel Dolinger

Sam Dolinger grew up near Philadelphia, PA. He graduated in 2008 from Boston College, where he studied classics and French. Before law school, Sam spent two years as a paralegal at the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, working on white collar and organized crime cases. After his first summer at SLS, Sam interned at the Public Integrity Section of the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, DC. During his second year, he worked on a §

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1983 case and a case interpreting the federal Torture Victim Protection Act with the Stanford Supreme Court Litigation Clinic. Sam split his second summer between a New York law firm and the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice in New York.



Jane Farrington

Jane Farrington will graduate in spring 2013 with a joint JD from Stanford Law School and MPA from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School. After graduation, she will be clerking for Judge Ellis on the Eastern District of Virginia and Judge McKeown on the Ninth Circuit. During her summers, Jane has worked at the State Department Office of the Legal Adviser, the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, Debevoise & Plimpton, and Hogan Lovells. At Stanford, Jane is a Senior Editor on the Stanford Law Review and the Director of Curriculum of the Afghanistan Legal Education Project, which publishes legal textbooks on the laws of Afghanistan. Prior to graduate school, Jane studied journalism as a Rotary Scholar in Morocco and interned at the U.S. Embassy Rabat. Jane graduated from Emory University in 2007 with a BA in Interdisciplinary Studies and minors in Arabic and French. Jane grew up in Walla Walla, Washington.



Matthew Ferraro

Matt was born and raised in New York City and holds undergraduate and master's degrees in history from Yale University and the University of Cambridge, respectively. At Stanford, he has been involved in the Stanford Law Review, the Stanford Law and Policy Review, the Bhutan Law and Policy Project, Building a Better Legal Profession, and the Stanford National Security and the Law Society. Previously, he was co-president of the Stanford Law Association. During his 1L summer, he externed for a U.S. District Judge in the Southern District of New York and split his 2L summer between Wilmer, Cutler, Pickering, Hale & Dorr and the State Department's Office of the Legal Adviser, both in Washington, DC. Between college and law school, he worked for several years in national security affairs for the U.S. Government. His hobbies include shopping for pocket squares, eating breakfast cereal after dark, and peppering casual conversations with Simpsons references. After law school, he will move to Las Vegas, which surprises him as much as you.



Benjamin Good

Ben grew up in Marin County, California. He graduated from Princeton University in 2005, where he majored in German literature. After college, he spent a year in Berlin, Germany, as a Fulbright research fellow. He then moved to Chiapas, Mexico, where he taught English for a spell before returning to the Bay Area to work in the technology industry. At SLS, Ben has served as a Development Editor on the Law Review and as Senior Student Notes Editor on the Stanford Journal of International Law. He has also worked as a research assistant to Professor Deborah Hensler. During his 1L summer, he interned in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California in San Diego. He split his second summer between Quinn Emanuel Urquhart & Sullivan in San Francisco and the DOJ Antitrust Division in Washington, D.C. During his 2L year, Ben participated in the Immigrants' Rights Clinic, and he will be externing at the ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project in San Francisco during his 3L year.



Nayna Gupta

Raised in Northern Virginia, Nayna graduated from Northwestern University in 2007, where she studied Middle Eastern history and politics. In college Nayna found her passion for civil rights work and public service while running community mentoring and development programs for a low-income neighborhood in Chicago. After graduating, Nayna spent two years working as a paralegal at a civil rights law firm in Washington D.C. and another year working on an education microfinance project in Lima, Peru. At Stanford, Nayna served as co-president of the SLS student government and contributes to the "Project Re-Made" pro bono project. At SLS she has also represented a client facing deportation in San Francisco Immigration Court as part of the Immigrants' Rights Clinic; conducted quantitative research regarding housing options for ex-offenders under California's prison realignment; and she has conducted legal research for a professor writing a poverty law casebook. Nayna spent her 1L summer as a law clerk at Public Advocates and will spend her 2L summer as a law clerk first at Jenner & Block in Washington D.C. and then at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. At LDF she will work in the political participation and economic justice practice groups. In her spare time Nayna loves to listen to her growing collection of R&B and

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soul records on her vintage record player-- vinyl is about as hipster as she gets!



Will Havemann

Will grew up in Brussels and in Washington, DC. He graduated from Amherst College in 2007, where he majored in history and theater & dance. After college he worked for three years in New York City, first as a folder of shirts (and pants!) at a big retail chain, then as a deputy press secretary for Joel Klein, who was then Mayor Bloomberg's public schools chancellor. During his time working for the New York public school system he was responsible for communicating with the press about many of Chancellor Klein's signature education reforms, including his efforts to close large failing high schools and open smaller new schools in their place, and his work to introduce technology into underserved classrooms. At Stanford, Will has served as co-president of the American Constitution Society, co-president of the Kirkwood Moot Court Competition, and as an editor of the Stanford Law Review. He is a member of the Afghanistan Legal Education Project, an SLS organization that writes textbooks for law students in Kabul. During his 2L spring he participated in the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic, and will be following up on that work by spending half of his 2L summer interning for the Civil Appellate Staff of the DoJ.



Chris Hu

Chris grew up in San Diego, CA. He graduated from Brown University in 2006, where he studied political science and literary theory. After college, he worked in academic publishing in Philadelphia and in the development office of a museum in Honolulu. Following his first year, he received a Peggy Browning Fund fellowship to work at Gilbert & Sackman, a union-side labor law firm in Los Angeles whose clients include many of the less glamorous film industry unions. In the spring of 2012, he participated in Stanford's Supreme Court Litigation Clinic. This past summer, he worked at the San Francisco office of Phillips & Cohen, a private public interest firm which represents employee whistleblowers in False Claims Act litigation. He hopes to work at a private public interest firm after graduation and a clerkship. Outside of class, Chris keeps busy as President of the *Stanford Law Review*.



Jake Klonoski

An early riser, Jake Klonoski grew up delivering The Register-Guard in Eugene, Oregon at 4 a.m. along with his dad and brother, Nick. He left Oregon with great reluctance to attend Georgetown University and to see the rest of the world. While at the Hilltop, he encountered many strange and wonderful things -- work on Capitol Hill (an example of the former) and his future wife, Katie (an example of the latter). After graduating, Jake enjoyed four blissful, post-academic hours of freedom before being commissioned into the US Navy. Having earned a degree in International Politics, the Navy naturally decided to train him as a nuclear engineer and assign him the the good submarine USS GEORGIA. After duty preparing for a nuclear apocolypse as well as disassembling and partially reassembling the submarine's reactor (it got difficult near the end - what to do with all the leftover pieces?), Jake moved on to duty overseas in Italy (+), Kosovo (-), Afghanistan (+) and off the coast of Somalia (-). While at SLS, Jake joined the Afghan Legal Education Project, co-founded the Stanford Law Veterans Organization, worked in the Enviromental Law Clinic and Social Security Disability Pro Bono, and serves as co-president of the American Constitution Society. He also helped make a whole new person, Madeleine Klonoski, born May 27, 2012 -- Jake maintains Maddy is his finest work at SLS, though much of the credit (at least 60%) belongs to his wife. Jake spent 1L summer fighting for justice at California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc., and 2L summer fighting bad guys at the US Attorney's Office in Sacramento. Jake looks forward to returning to Oregon, having verifying first-hand that it is, in fact, the best place in the world. Once in Oregon, Jake hopes to do Good Things using the law. In his free time, Jake sends insightful emails to the law school community, responds to international crises, and wanders the halls of SLS amazed by all the brilliant people in one place.



Aimee Krause

Aimee Krause grew up in rural upstate New York. In the winter of 2009, she graduated from the Industrial Labor Relations School at Cornell University. She spent her time before law school completing research on the use of statistics in employment discrimination cases litigated in the United States and abroad. At SLS, Aimee participated in the Immigrants' Rights Clinic, and has been co-chair of

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Law Students for Reproductive Justice, vice president of mentoring for the Women of Stanford Law, co-organizer of the Domestic Violence Pro Bono project, and networking and mentoring chair for Shaking the Foundations. She served on the board of the Stanford Law and Policy Review for two years, currently as articles selection editor for the 2013 volume on the topic of “Roe v. Wade at Forty.” Aimee spent her 1L summer at Legal Voice, a women’s rights nonprofit in Seattle, and split her 2L summer between a New York law firm and the ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project. In her free time, Aimee enjoys long-distance running, baking vegan-friendly treats, and watching horror films.



Adrian LeCesne

Born in Chicago Illinois, and growing up in the surrounding sprawl, Adrian has had a lifelong interest in improving public transportation infrastructure, controlling land use, enhancing ecosystem resilience, and advocating for environmental justice. Adrian studied Anthropology and East Asian Studies at Yale University, followed by a year at Renmin University of China on a Chinese Cultural Scholarship from the government of the People’s Republic of China. He also interned with Himalayan Consensus, a Beijing Bases sustainable development NGO for half a year in 2010, researching the effects of climate change on minority communities in China and organizing sustainable businesses. His pro-bono experience at Stanford includes working with the Tax Pro Bono, Iraqi Refugee Assistance Program, and writing a chapter on land use for the first legal textbook for the Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan through the Stanford Law School Bhutan Law and Policy Project. In the summer of 2011, he interned for the National Park Service in Yosemite National Park, and 2012 is working with the Infrastructure practice group at Nossaman LLP in Los Angeles, and the California Attorney General’s Office, Natural Resource Division, also in Los Angeles. He is pursuing a joint JD-MS degree through the Stanford’s Emmett Interdisciplinary Program in Environment and Resources (E-IPER), with a specialization in creating a sustainable built environment. His dream is that over the next 30 years, every major American city installs a subway system that actually reduces the amount of automobile traffic and urban sprawl. He aspires to have a pet chicken.



Ruth Levine

Ruth grew up in southwestern Connecticut, and though she is still uncertain of the politically correct way to identify that location, will admit to having attended high school in Greenwich. Ruth graduated from Stanford in 2008 with a degree in Economics, and then left California for a two-year stint in DC. During those years she did economic policy research (assistance) at the Brookings Institution where she focused on tax, federal budget and retirement policy. Her first summer in law school, Ruth worked at the East Bay Community Law Center in Berkeley, in the Clean Slate practice. Clean Slate does criminal expungement, including dismissals and felony reductions for prior convictions, as well as advocacy for occupational licensing, certificates of rehabilitation and early terminations of probation. While in law school, Ruth has done the Community Law Clinic in East Palo Alto, the Housing Pro Bono, worked as a mentor for project ReMADE (Re-entry: Making a Difference Through Entrepreneurship), hosted a panel at Shaking the Foundations progressive lawyering conference, and participated in ACS. During her 2L summer, Ruth was at the Federal Trade Commission Bureau of Consumer Protection in Washington, DC. Ruth spends her free time cycling, cooking, gardening, and attempting to adventure in northern California.



Jay Minga

Jay grew up outside Chicago where he attended public school and worked as a church organist before attending Harvard for undergrad. Jay graduated magna cum laude in the Study of Religion with a second major in college a cappella. Jay won a fellowship to research religious pluralism in Spain and Morocco, growing interested in poverty relief in Fez and winning a second fellowship to study Arabic in Cairo. While there, Jay studied legal translation and researched Islamic finance. Jay went on to translate court documents and constitutional publications in Baghdad before returning to Chicago to teach and apply to law school. At Stanford Jay has been involved in public interest work through the Stanford Public Interest Law Foundation, the Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project, the Afghanistan Legal Education Project, the Tax Pro Bono Project, the Business Colloquium on Human Rights, and a Kenyan poverty relief project through the Design School. Jay spent his 1L summer in Haifa, Israel as a comparative

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legal research intern preparing for Israeli Supreme Court litigation at Adalah. Over his 2L summer Jay returned to Cairo as a research assistant at the Egyptian Initiative for Personal Rights after summering at Weil, Gotshal & Manges in New York. Jay plans to clerk on the Tenth Circuit after graduation.



Kevin O'Herin

Kevin grew up in Russia, Germany, Finland, Australia and California, but calls La Mirada, CA home. In 2009, he graduated from Harvard with a degree in Hispanic Studies, married his college sweetheart, and moved to Taiwan to learn Mandarin for a year. During his college summers in Peru and Costa Rica, he developed an interest in using law to prevent people from taking advantage of the poor, and he applied to SLS knowing he wanted to do public interest law but uncertain of what that would mean. At Stanford, Kevin has been a leader in the Christian Legal Fellowship and the Guardianship Pro Bono Project, and also participated in the Community Law Clinic and the Housing Pro Bono Project. Although he enjoys direct services work, Kevin has found his passion in criminal law. He spent his 1L summer at the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office and his 2L summer at the Criminal Division of the US Attorney's Office in San Jose. He hopes to pursue a career as a prosecutor, and is honored to serve as a Public Interest Fellow.



Nick Parker

Nick grew up in New York City, but he is an adopted Californian who currently lives in San Francisco. Nick is a 2008 graduate of Stanford University, where he was a history major and editor-in-chief of The Stanford Daily. After college, Nick did opposition research (i.e. digging up dirt on politicians) for a year in Washington, D.C. and for another year in San Francisco. Upon returning to Stanford for law school, Nick has been active in the environmental community, serving as a board member of the Stanford Environmental Law Journal as well as spending a quarter in the Environmental Law Clinic. He is also an Articles Editor on the Stanford Law Review. He will participate in the Kirkwood Moot Court Competition this fall and has served as a research assistant to Professor Buzz Thompson. Nick spent his 1L summer at the Sacramento field office of the U.S. Department of Justice's Environment & Natural Resources Division; he split his 2L summer, spending

the first half at WilmerHale in Washington, D.C. and the second half at the Council on Environmental Quality, also in D.C.



Wendy Salkin

Wendy spent the summer after her first year of law school working for the Orleans Public Defenders and the summer after her second year of law school working as the Legal Affairs intern to the U.S. Mission to the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva. During her second year at Stanford, Wendy participated in the International Human Rights and Conflict Resolution Clinic, acted as co-Vice President of the American Constitution Society, became trained as a Legal Observer by the National Lawyers Guild and observed at the Oakland General Strike, and finally learned how to parallel park. During her third and final year at Stanford Law, Wendy is spending her time externing for the Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of California, co-organizing the Stanford Prison University Project (wherein Stanford students jointly teach a graduate-level seminar for students working toward university degrees at San Quentin State Prison), and soaking up as much California sunshine as possible. Wendy is also working on a Ph.D. in philosophy at Harvard.



Omar Shakir

Born of Iraqi descent and raised in the Bay Area, Omar completed his MA in Arab Studies from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and his BA in International Relations from Stanford. A 2007-2008 Fulbright scholar in Syria, his academic and legal work and activism has centered on issues of human rights and the law in the Middle East and in the post 9/11 context in the U.S. Omar also has studied, conducted research, and lived in Oxford and in Morocco, Syria, and Egypt and spearheaded humanitarian projects in Jordan, Syria, and the West Bank. He spent his 1L summer with the Office of the Prosecutor at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon in The Hague, two quarters in the International Human Rights and Conflict Resolution Clinic, and his 2L summer with the ACLU in New York, focusing on post 9/11 human rights and civil liberties litigation. At SLS, he has served as president of the International Law Society, co-president of the Iraqi Refugee Assistance Program, co-chair of the campus chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, founding vice president of the Stanford Association for Law in the Middle

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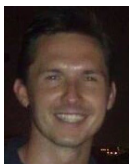
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East, and co-president of Students for Palestinian Equal Rights (a group he founded here as an undergrad in 2006). He hopes to continue working on issues of human rights and the law after graduation.



Shayla Silver-Balbus

Shayla grew up in Chicago, Illinois. She completed her B.A. at Wesleyan University, where she majored in the Science in Society Program, with concentrations in Biology and Philosophy. At Wesleyan, Shayla was involved in a number of progressive volunteer efforts, including spearheading a swing-state voter registration project and a campus-wide recycling program. After college, Shayla followed her interest in the brain and behavioral sciences, taking two research positions in cognitive neuroscience labs at Yale and Stanford Universities. After three years of research experience, Shayla left life in the lab to pursue legal work at the intersection of law and science--a better fit for her career goals and personality. Before starting law school, she worked briefly at Bay Area Legal Aid, providing free legal assistance in their Health Care Access division. At Stanford, Shayla serves as a Senior Editor on the Stanford Law and Policy Review. She has been active in the American Constitution Society, OutLaw, and the Center for Law and the Biosciences. She also participates in the Justice Bus Pro Bono Project, which provides legal assistance to rural California communities. For her 1L Summer, Shayla was Professor David Faigman's (of UC Hastings) research assistant, helping him update a treatise on the use of behavioral science expert testimony in the courtroom. During her 2L Spring Quarter, she externed at the Brennan Center for Justice in New York City, doing a wide range of non-litigation criminal justice advocacy work. For her 2L Summer, Shayla interned at the ACLU's Racial Justice Program in New York City, where she assisted litigation efforts on a number of high-impact cases related to discriminatory practices and racial disparity. Shayla looks forward to participating in the Criminal Defense Clinic her 3L year, and, in one way or another, crafting for herself a fulfilling career at the crossroads of criminal justice and the brain sciences.



Julian Simcock

Julian Simcock is a joint degree student pursuing an MPP at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. During his first summer at law school, he worked with the

Center for Constitutional Rights in New York, which he maintains is made up of half litigators, half street fighters. This summer he is splitting his time between Williams & Connolly and the Legal Adviser to the State Department. He's a Co-Director of the Afghanistan Legal Education Project (ALEP), and he visited Kabul with a small group of SLS students in February of 2012. Prior to law school, Julian conducted research with the Treatment Action Campaign as a Fulbright Scholar in South Africa, and then worked in international finance. Perhaps most important of all, he is originally from New Zealand, a country of 4 million people and 40 million sheep.



Jessica Snyder

Jessica was born and raised in Portland, Oregon. She graduated in 2009 from Occidental College, where she studied Political Science, and spent her summers working for the Oregon Federal Public Defender. After college, Jessica worked as a community organizer for Stand for Children, an education advocacy non-profit. At Stanford, Jessica participated in StreetLaw, served as the Clinics Liaison on SLA, represented East Palo Alto clients in the Stanford Community Law Clinic, and is the co-editor-in-chief of the Stanford Law and Policy Review. Last year, Jessica and her partner won Best Overall Team in the Kirkwood Moot Court Competition. Jessica spent her 1L summer working for the National Center for Youth Law in their juvenile justice department, and her 2L summer working for Arnold and Porter, and then the Stanford Community Law Clinic. During her 3L year, Jessica will be externing for the San Francisco Federal Public Defender.



Jessica Spencer

Jessica grew up in the tiny farming town of Crawfordsville, Indiana. She attended Washington University in St. Louis, where she graduated with a degree in religious studies and a minor in Spanish. After the passage of Proposition 8 in California, Jessica became interested in LGBT civil rights work, and she spent the summer of her junior year interning for the Gay-Straight Alliance Network in San Francisco, where she developed a campaign model for an LGBT inclusive curriculum in high schools. Jessica came straight through from undergrad to law school, where she has been actively involved with Shaking the Foundations, the Stanford Public Interest Law Foundation, and the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties.

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She also participated in the LGBT Prison Project and spent a quarter in the Youth And Education Law Project. During her 1L summer, Jessica worked on death penalty defense cases at the Habeas Corpus Resource Center in San Francisco, and after 2L, she split her summer between Weil, Gotshal, and Manges and the Legal Aid Society of New York- Criminal Division, Special Litigation Unit. Jessica is best known at Stanford for her involvement in the SLS Musical, of which she is currently a producer, and the SLS Acappellants. She also enjoys photography, traveling, and biking when she can find the time.



Mike Stewart

Mike Stewart grew up in Doylestown, Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia. He attended Georgetown University, where he studied English and Government and wrote for the Georgetown Voice. After graduation, Mike taught sixth-grade reading and social studies at a public middle school in D.C. At Stanford, Mike is co-president of the Stanford Public Interest Law Foundation (SPILF), was a co-chair of the 2011 Shaking the Foundations conference on progressive lawyering, and is the student leader of the Voter Protection Project. He also participates in the StreetLaw pro bono project and is the Senior Development Editor of the Stanford Law Review. Mike spent his first law school summer as an intern at the San Francisco Public Defender's Office, and split his 2L summer in Washington, D.C., between Jenner & Block and the Advancement Project—a civil rights organization that strengthens community access to justice, particularly in the areas of voting rights and education. He participated in the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic during his 2L year at Stanford. In his free time, Mike enjoys playing and watching basketball, reading a good novel, and enjoying a fine cup of coffee.



Aaron Teitelbaum

Aaron grew up near Chicago, IL. He attended college at Northwestern University, where he studied trombone performance and molecular biology. For two years immediately before law school, Aaron worked as a paralegal in the Rackets Bureau of the Manhattan District Attorney's Office, assisting in the prosecution of homicides and white collar crimes. In the summer after his first year at Stanford, Aaron was a summer law clerk with the Sierra Club Environmental Law Program in Washington, DC. After his second year, he worked in Los Angeles, first in the

Litigation Department of O'Melveny & Myers, and then in the Appeals, Writs, and Trials Division of the California Department of Justice. Aaron is Co-Editor-in-Chief of the Stanford Environmental Law Journal, and a former Co-President of the Stanford Environmental Law Society, as well as a former leader of the Stanford Housing Pro Bono Project. After clerking, he plans to settle in Los Angeles. He enjoys surfing, swimming, and excessive coffee consumption.



Meredith Wall

Meredith was born and raised close to Chicago, IL. She earned her B.A. in 2009 from Yale University, where she studied Political Science with an interdisciplinary concentration in health politics and policy. Between undergrad and law school, Meredith spent a year as an assistant English teacher at a public high school in Lille, France. She spent the summer after her first year of law school in the Criminal Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office in San Jose. Meredith split her second summer between the Chicago office of Jenner & Block and the Criminal Appeals Division of the Cook County State's Attorney's Office. At SLS, she has served as one of the student coordinators for the Volunteer Attorney Program at Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto, and as co-president of the Criminal Law Society. She looks forward to participating in the Criminal Prosecution Clinic this winter.



David Weiskopf

Dave is originally from St. Louis, MO. He graduated from St. John's College in Santa Fe, NM, where he studied great books and watched sunsets, mainly. After working for a construction company, earning an MA from Catholic University in Philosophy, and teaching for a few years, he worked as a legal assistant in US DOJ's Disability Rights Section before coming to law school. He has served as a Research Assistant at the Center for Ocean Solutions since the middle of his 1L year and spent untold hours in the Environmental Law Clinic, authoring an amicus brief on behalf of scientists for an ongoing case in the Ninth Circuit. He has also worked in the Environment, Land, and Natural Resources Section of the California Attorney General's Office, at the Trust for Public Land, and as a term clerk for the private public interest law firm Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger, doing environmental law and local government

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work. He is currently serving as President of the Stanford Environmental Law Journal. Dave is a joint degree student in E-IPER, working on an MS in Environment and Resources, with a focus on Climate Change and the Built Environment. In addition to being obsessed with all things environment and land use, Dave is active in the American Constitution Society and the Stanford Energy and Energy Law Clubs. After graduation, he plans to stay in the Bay Area and work on issues related to urban land use and livable cities for persons of all income levels. He enjoys poking around in tidepools, a well-crafted cup of coffee, and wandering around cities.

Francisco, helping to launch the firm's advocacy efforts around California's oversight of private postsecondary (for-profit) schools. Throughout his time in law school, he has worked as a consultant for various private foundations, on initiatives that seek to increase college success among underrepresented groups. Around campus, Charlie has worked with the Community Legal Services center in East Palo Alto, the Tax Pro Bono project, Youth & Education Advocates at Stanford, and the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties. An avid traveler, Charlie has visited 5 continents and about 40 countries.



Alex Westerfield

Alex grew up on a horse farm in southern Ohio and graduated from Syracuse in 2007, where he majored in philosophy. After stints in Paris (Kentucky), Paris (France), and Washington (D.C.), he ended up here, where he works with the Housing and Animal Welfare pro bono projects. During his first summer, he worked in Oslo, Norway writing a treaty to combat the use of tax havens; during his second summer, he worked with the California Department of Justice in Oakland doing environmental-type writs and appeals. This fall, he's working with the San Francisco City Attorney's Office doing affirmative litigation. His leisurely pursuits include biking in the hills, baking all manner of tarts, watching Cary Grant movies, and tending to his garden.



Charlie Willson

Charlie is originally from Atlanta, and is a 2004 graduate of the University of Georgia. He lived in Washington, D.C., for six years before law school. From 2006-2010, he worked at the U.S. Government Accountability Office – Congress's "watchdog" agency – researching a range of educational and social policy topics. In addition to high-profile work on college loan oversight, Charlie contributed to other high-impact reports, concerning such topics as the Stimulus bill, residential treatment centers for youth, and school food safety. From 2004-2006, Charlie worked at the Internet Education Foundation, which brings tech industry leaders to Capitol Hill. Charlie is deeply interested in the future of American higher education, and is pursuing a joint degree in the Stanford University School of Education. Since his first summer of law school, Charlie has worked with Public Advocates Inc., a non-profit law firm in San