

Stanford Law School

Public Interest Fellows 2016 - 2017

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.



Katie Bies

Katie is from Wayzata, Minnesota and attended the University of Michigan where she studied Communication Studies and minored in French. After graduating in 2012, she worked as a Kindergarten teacher in Brownsville,

Brooklyn, with Teach for America. During her 1L summer, Katie interned with the Legal Aid Society's Criminal Defense Practice in Manhattan and split her 2L summer between Covington & Burling and Strumwasser & Woocher, a private-public interest firm. At Stanford, Katie serves on the Articles Committee of the Stanford Law Review, was a semifinalist in the Kirkwood Moot Court competition, and served on the board of the Women's Law Society. She also participated in the Three Strikes Project and the Criminal Defense Clinic her 2L year. After graduation, Katie will clerk on the Eighth Circuit.

She spent her 2L winter as a full-time student in the Community Law Clinic, where she fell in love with direct legal services work. She was an advanced CLC student her 2L spring, and plans to continue her advanced clinical work throughout her 3L year. After graduation, Lisa will clerk on the Ninth Circuit.



Jane Cho

Jane was born in Korea and grew up in Davis, California. She studied Sociology and Korean Language at the University of California, Berkeley. After working for a social policy research firm in Oakland, California,

she came to Stanford Law to pursue a public interest career. She spent her 1L summer advocating for tenants rights at Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto and her 2L summer at the Palo Alto City Attorney's Office. In her 2L year, she had a blast at Community Law Clinic in East Palo Alto. At SLS, she has been involved with the BioLaw and Health Policy Society, Christian Legal Fellowship, and the Legal Design Institute. After graduation, she intends to work in either a nonprofit or government setting to further access to affordable housing and health care.



Lisa Bixby

Lisa is from Phoenix, Arizona and graduated from Arizona State University in 2012. During college, she worked at a no-kill animal shelter and interned at the Arizona legislature. Between college and

law school, she served as a legislative assistant at the Arizona legislature and as a fundraising coordinator for an NGO in Melbourne, Australia. At SLS, Lisa has been involved with the American Constitution Society, StreetLaw, CRCL, Kirkwood Moot Court, and the ACS and Race & Criminal Justice reading groups; she also volunteered at the Orleans Public Defenders over spring break. She spent her 1L summer at the Santa Clara County Counsel in the Impact Litigation and Social Justice Section, and her 2L summer at Altshuler Berzon, a private public interest firm in San Francisco.



Abbee Cox

Hailing from the thriving metropolis of Lawton, OK, Abbee majored in psychology at Columbia University, where she explored criminal justice policy research and direct services reentry work, in between study abroad adventures spanning four continents. At SLS, Abbee has served on the boards of the Stanford Journal of Criminal Law and Policy, Women of Stanford Law, American Constitution Society, Criminal Law Society, and the 2015 Shaking the Foundations Progressive

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Lawyering Conference. In her free time (ha!) you can find her planning events (read: placing excessive food orders) as a CA for the off-campus graduate housing program, or earnestly debating student scholarship on the Notes Committee of the Stanford Law Review. Abbee has also participated in the Stanford Criminal Defense Clinic and conducted research on the access to justice issues faced by Bay Area vets as the recipient of the 2016 Stanford Law Veterans Fund Fellowship. Abbee spent her 1L summer as a Ford Foundation Fellow at the ACLU Capital Punishment Project in Durham, NC, and her 2L summer as a Justice John Paul Stevens Public Interest Fellow at the Orleans Public Defenders in New Orleans, LA. After graduation, Abbee will complete back-to-back clerkships on the Fourth Circuit and the Northern District of California, after which she plans to make her way back down to the South to serve as a public defender.

philosophy and politics. Before law school, she worked as a paralegal at a small public interest firm in Vermont. At Stanford, she participated in the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic as a 2L and will return this fall as an advanced student. She also served as the Co-President of the Stanford International Human Rights Law Association, Executive Board Member of the Law Students for Reproductive Justice and Policy Director for the Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project. She spent her 1L summer as a Ford Fellow at Women's Link Worldwide, a women's rights litigation nonprofit in Madrid, Spain, and her 2L summer at the ACLU National office in New York in the Reproductive Freedom Project. She is interested in impact litigation, civil rights, women's rights, and human rights. After graduation, she will clerk in the First Circuit in Boston and the Northern District of California in San Francisco.



Jason Despain

Jason is a fifth-generation Wyomingite and calls Casper, Wyoming home. He studied economics at Brigham Young University and was honored as a Harry S. Truman Scholar. During school, he served a two-year mission

for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Moscow, Russia and Almaty, Kazakhstan. After graduation, Jason worked as a Truman-Albright Research Fellow in the Administration for Children and Families. At Stanford, Jason has participated in the J. Reuben Clark Law Society, the Naturalization Pro Bono Project, the Stanford Law & Policy Review, and the Religious Liberty Clinic. Jason spent his 1L summer working for Professor George Fisher on a history of drug and alcohol policy, and he split his 2L summer between Latham & Watkins and the DOJ Tax Division. Jason will clerk in the District of Arizona after graduation. He enjoys volunteering at church, chatting with his eleven nieces and nephews, and playing his mother in tennis (he wins) and Scrabble (she wins).



Zoe Friedland

Zoe is from West Palm Beach, Florida. She graduated from Dartmouth College in 2012 with a degree in history and public policy. After college she was a paralegal at a civil rights law firm in Washington, DC.

At Stanford, Zoe was the submissions editor of the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights & Civil Liberties. She is also the Treasurer of the Stanford Public Interest Law Foundation and a writing tutor for the Hume Writing Center. Zoe spent 1L summer at the Department of Justice's Office for Access to Justice and 2L summer at the ACLU of Northern California. She also externed 2L fall with Senator Dianne Feinstein's judiciary committee staff in Washington, DC and will participate in the Supreme Court Litigation clinic 3L fall. After law school, Zoe will spend two years clerking in DC. She likes to cook and tap dance.



Sophie Hart

Sophie grew up in Cave Creek, Arizona and received her bachelor's degree from the University of Washington in Seattle. While in college, Sophie taught gardening in a state prison through the Sustainability in Prisons Project, volunteered with



Kate Fetrow

Kate grew up outside St. Paul, Minnesota. She graduated from Bates College in 2013, where she studied

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a radio program airing stories from incarcerated authors, and researched prisoner reentry programs while studying abroad in Italy. At Stanford, Sophie has served on the board of the Women of Stanford Law and the Shaking the Foundations Progressive Lawyering Conference. She is also a member of the Stanford Law Review and participates in the Race and Criminal Justice reading group. Sophie spent her 1L summer at the Texas Fair Defense Project in Austin, investigating debtors' prisons and unjust bail practices. She spent her 2L summer at the Prison Law Office in Berkeley, where she worked on cases involving prisoners' access to medical care, mental health care, and disability accommodations. She participated in the Criminal Defense Clinic her 2L spring and is looking forward to returning to the Clinic this fall. After graduation, Sophie will clerk for one year on the Ninth Circuit. She hopes to land in a public defenders' office or prisoners' rights organization after that.



Annick Jordan

Annick is from Los Angeles, CA. She graduated from Wellesley College in 2011 where she studied Peace and Justice Studies with a focus on Human Rights and Latin America. While in college she spent one summer in Nicaragua, a semester in Chile and another summer in Argentina. After graduation, she moved to New York City where she spent 3 years working as a Paralegal before coming to SLS. Annick plans to pursue a career as a public defender. She spent her 1L summer at the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem and her 2L summer at Orleans Public Defenders. At SLS some of the most formative experiences she has had have been with the Immigration Pro Bono Project, the Criminal Defense Clinic and the Three Strikes Project. This year, she will participate in the International Human Rights and Conflict Resolution Clinic. Outside of SLS, Annick is an intern for Impact Justice in Oakland, where she supports Nicole Pittman and her work as the Director of the Center on Youth Registration Reform.



An-Li Herring

An-Li is from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. During law school, she has volunteered for the Small Business Program at Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto and the Sustainable Economies Law Center in Oakland.

At Stanford, she has served as Policy Co-Chair for the American Constitution Society and participated in Moot Court and the Organizations and Transactions Clinic. An-Li spent her 1L summer at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Pittsburgh and her 2L summer at the San Francisco District Attorney's Office. In the fall, An-Li will complete an externship with NPR Legal Affairs Correspondent Nina Totenberg in Washington D.C. Between college and law school, An-Li worked as a research analyst for the Center for Effective Philanthropy in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where she administered the YouthTruth Survey to over 100,000 public school students nationwide to learn about their experiences at school. An-Li graduated from the University of Michigan in 2011 as a Public Policy major and Economics minor.



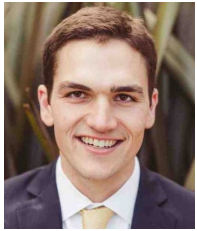
Hannah Kieschnick

Hannah grew up in Palo Alto and graduated from Yale in 2011 with a degree in History with a focus on transitional justice. During college, she interned at the Brennan Center for Justice and Media Matters for America and volunteered with a prisoner reentry organization. After college, she worked at a civil rights law firm, Relman, Dane & Colfax, in DC for two years before deferring a third year to backpack around the world and volunteer in a women's prison in Guatemala. At Stanford, Hannah has been involved with the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights & Civil Liberties, the American Constitution Society, and the Stanford Law Review. During her 2L year, Hannah participated in the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic as a full-time and then advanced student. She spent her 1L summer at the Southern Center for Human Rights in Atlanta, GA and her 2L summer at a private public interest firm, Altshuler Berzon, in San Francisco. After law school, Hannah will clerk on the Ninth Circuit and the D.C. District Court, and then figure out how to be an adult.

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In her free time, she likes to venture outside for trail runs, farmers' markets, and ice cream.



Adam Lewis

Adam grew up in the Bay Area (in a little town in West Marin called Nicasio). He graduated from Haverford College in 2010 with a degree in Political Science and Religion. After college, he taught for a year at a high school in Alexandria, VA, then transitioned into international policy work—first, at a national security think tank and then at Human Rights Watch in the counterterrorism program. In his final year before law school, he worked at a venture philanthropy fund in Boston doing research on non-profit investment opportunities in criminal justice. At Stanford, Adam has served as Co-President of the Criminal Law Society and the Older and Wiser Law Students (OWLS). He has taught for StreetLaw and Project ReMADE and also serves as a Court Appointed Friend and Advocate for justice-involved youth in Santa Clara County through Fresh Lifelines for Youth (FLY). Adam worked in the General Crimes/Misdemeanor Unit at the U.S. Attorney's Office in San Francisco during his 1L summer. He worked at the Community Law Clinic during spring of his 2L year (and will continue as an advanced student this year). And, he split his 2L summer between Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll, PLLC (a private public-interest firm in Washington, DC) and the Social Justice & Impact Litigation Unit at the Santa Clara County Counsel's Office. After graduation, Adam will be clerking in the Northern District of California and is not yet sure what he'll be doing after that. In his free time, you'll likely find Adam hanging with his 8 month old daughter Bizzy—hiking the dish or looking for raccoons and bobcats at the Palo Alto Junior Museum & Zoo—or watching British murder mysteries with his wife, Lauren, and his cats (Hercules and Spanky).



Ann Linder

Ann is from Overland Park, Kansas. She graduated from Davidson College in 2013 as a classics major before completing a Masters degree in Animals and Public Policy at Tuft's Veterinary School in Grafton,

Massachusetts. On campus, she is co-president of the Stanford Student Animal Legal Defense Fund. She spent her 1L summer at IFAW, the International Fund for Animal Welfare, in Cape Cod, Massachusetts. During her second summer, she worked in the Investigations Department of the Oregon Humane Society working on neglect and abuse cases. She loves pasta and her dog.



Sean McGuire

After graduating from the University of Southern California in 2013 with a degree in international relations and economics, Sean worked as a research assistant and data analyst on an immigration detention study at USC's Gould School of Law—sparking his interests in mass incarceration, criminal justice, immigration, and civil rights. At Stanford, Sean has served as the submissions editor for the Stanford Journal of Criminal Law and Policy and as a board member for the Criminal Law Society and the Social Security Disability Pro Bono Project. He is an enthusiastic apologist for the Religious Liberty Clinic, through which he represented nonmajority faith traditions in discrimination cases last quarter. He spent his first summer with the public defender in Portland, Oregon, and the next with the ACLU of Southern California in L.A. This year, he is looking forward to externing for the San Francisco Public Defender, participating in moot court, and remaining involved with the Religious Liberty Clinic. After clerking on the Southern District of Texas, Sean plans to pursue either public defense or civil rights litigation. His hobbies include hiking, scuba diving, volunteering as a marine mammal rescuer, and misunderstanding James Joyce.



Katie McKeon

Katie was born and raised in Orange County, CA, and graduated from Stanford University in 2012 with a B.A. in History. During college, she interned with the Lawyers' Committee on Civil Rights in D.C. and the National Labor Relations Board. She was also a Research Assistant for the Levin Center during her senior year. After graduation, she moved to Washington, D.C. to work as a paralegal at a private

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public interest firm. During her two years there, she worked on international human rights cases, mainly dealing with human trafficking. She spent her 1L summer at Public Advocates in San Francisco, where she worked on housing related issues in the Bay Area. Her 2L summer was spent at Relman, Dane & Colfax, a civil rights law firm in Washington, D.C., where she worked on more housing issues and employment issues. During her time at SLS, Katie has served as an Executive Board Member for SLLSA, the Vice President in charge of Student Initiative Grants for SPILE, and a coordinator for the Housing Pro Bono Project. She also participated in the Community Law Clinic and completed an externship at the Employment Law Center in SF during the spring of her 2L year. After graduation, Katie hopes to end up a nonprofit or public interest organization where she can work with clients and advocate for them on a variety of social justice issues.



Zehava Robbins

Zehava grew up in Austin, Texas, and then for some reason decided she wanted to experience Boston winter at Tufts University. After she graduated in 2011 with a degree in psychology and Latin, she moved a little farther south

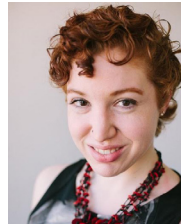
to work in DC for three years at the American Society for Microbiology in the Journals department. At Stanford, Zehava has served as co-Editor-in-Chief and Symposium Chair of the Stanford Journal for Criminal Law and Policy and Community Co-Chair of SLA, among other (mostly criminal-law-oriented) things. She participated in Three Strikes Project in the winter and the Religious Liberty Clinic in the spring and hopes to continue with both during her 3L year. She spent her 1L summer at the Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project in DC and her 2L summer at the Public Defender Service in DC (ask her about how great the Parole Division is!).



Mary Rock

Mary is from Michigan and graduated from the University of Michigan in 2011. Prior to law school, Mary worked at the National Environmental Law Center, an environmental litigation non-profit,

where her work on Clean Air Act cases motivated her to go to law school. She spent her 1L summer as an intern with California Rural Legal Assistance in Salinas working on safe drinking water issues and farmworkers' labor and employment cases. For her 2L summer, Mary interned with the Department of Labor's Office of the Solicitor. At Stanford, Mary has been involved with Shaking the Foundations, the Social Security Disability Pro Bono Project, the Workers' Rights Pro Bono, the Environmental Law Clinic, the Environmental Law Journal, and the Three Strikes Project. After graduation, Mary will clerk in the Southern District of Texas and the Ninth Circuit.



Amy Tannenbaum

Amy is from Kirksville, MO and upstate New York. She attended Hamilton College, where she studied comparative literature with a focus on French and performance art. After graduating, Amy worked

for four years in D.C. on workplace and education justice at the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and the National Women's Law Center. At Stanford, she has worked on the Housing Pro Bono and founded the Workers' Rights Pro Bono. She is the co-founder of the SLS National Lawyers Guild, and is also involved with the Stanford Critical Law Society, BLSA, OutLaw, and a student/faculty committee on race and the curriculum. She spent her 1L summer at the National Employment Law Project in Oakland, CA, working on fair-chance hiring policies for individuals with conviction records, and at Young Workers United. As a 2L, she worked with the Stanford Community Law Clinic and clerked at the Legal Aid Society-Employment Law Center. She is currently undertaking an interview-based research project focused on gentrification in Oakland. After graduation, she will clerk in the Central District of California before pursuing a career in racial and economic justice, focusing on the intersection of housing and workers' rights. She is an avid runner and baker, a devotee of Octavia Butler, and firmly believes in arts-based activism and centering community organizers and leaders in social justice movements.

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Lauren Tarpey

Lauren is from Greensboro, North Carolina. She attended the University of Chicago, where she majored in Public Policy and Environmental Studies. After graduating in 2012, she worked as a legal assistant for two years at a complex civil litigation firm in Chicago. During her 1L summer, Lauren interned with the Sierra Club Environmental Law Program in San Francisco. She spent her 2L summer at Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger, a San Francisco law firm specializing in government, land use, renewable energy, and environmental law. At Stanford, Lauren is pursuing a joint J.D.-M.S. in Environment and Resources through the EIPER program. Lauren has been involved with the Environmental Law Journal, the Environmental Law Society, the Environmental Law Pro Bono Project, and Shaking the Foundations. After graduation, Lauren will clerk in the District of Colorado.



Deena Tumeh

Deena is from Atlanta, GA and attended Yale University where she majored in American Studies. After graduating in 2013, she analyzed migration policy at the Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She spent her 1L summer at the ACLU of Southern California Immigrants' Rights and National Security department and her 2L summer at Bredhoff & Kaiser, a union-side firm in Washington, D.C. At SLS, she has been involved with the Community Law Clinic, International Refugee Assistance Project and Human Rights Center. As a 3L, she will participate in the Immigrants' Rights Clinic. In her free time, Deena likes to spend time outside and sing.



George Warner

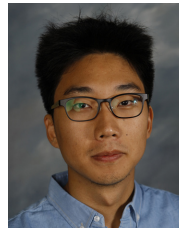
George grew up outside of Boston and graduated from Brown University in 2011. Before law school, George lived in Brooklyn and worked as a journalist and as a paralegal, both at a boutique litigation firm and at a foreclosure prevention clinic. George plans on

pursuing a career that focuses on addressing economic justice issues. During his 1L summer, he worked at New Economy Project, a New York City non-profit that assists low-income city residents facing debt collection and works with community groups to advocate on behalf of low-income New Yorkers. During his 2L winter, he worked for Altshuler Berzon part-time, and during his 2L summer, he worked at Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady. At Stanford, he is involved in the Social Security Disability Project, among other groups. He also participated in the International Human Rights and Conflict Resolution Clinic during his 2L spring. He will be clerking for the Northern District of California in San Francisco and the Ninth Circuit in Los Angeles after graduation.



Michelle Wu

Michelle is from Orangeburg, NY, and graduated from Princeton University in 2011 with a degree in ecology and evolutionary biology. After college, she worked at the Association to Benefit Children and at the Natural Resources Defense Council. At Stanford, she has been involved with the Environmental Law Journal, Shaking the Foundations, APILSA, the Environmental and Immigration Pro Bono projects, and the Environmental Law Clinic. Michelle is also pursuing a joint MS in Environment and Resources through the E-IPER program. She spent her 1L summer at the California Attorney General in Oakland, and her 2L summer at Earthjustice in New York. After graduation, she will clerk for the 2nd Circuit.



James Yoon

James was born in Korea and raised in Atlanta on a healthy diet of southern cuisine. He graduated from Harvard in 2012 with a degree in psychology and health policy. In college, he was the play-by-play and color commentator for the Harvard Basketball team. After graduation, James designed the health insurance exchange for Hawai'i and Vermont, translating the Affordable Care Act and other healthcare regulations into software code. At

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SLS, James was Co-President of the Stanford Law Association and editor on the Stanford Technology Law Review. He is a true believer of the Stanford Community Law Clinic, where he handles cases related to wage theft, criminal record expungement, and disability benefits. Professionally, James is interested in cybersecurity and how the criminal justice system responds to new technologies. He spent his 1L summer at the Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section of the DOJ, assisting on hacking and digital piracy prosecutions. During his 2L summer, he split his summer with Covington & Burling and the Criminal Appellate section at DOJ. He will clerk in the Northern District of Texas after graduation. In his spare time, James enjoys coming-of-age novels, soccer, Pixar movies, and breakfast tacos.



Lauren Zack

Lauren grew up in Phoenix, Arizona and graduated from Arizona State University in 2014. After earning her degrees in Creative Writing and Psychology, she came straight through to Stanford Law School.

She spent her 1L summer at the Planned Parenthood Federation of America in New York and split her 2L summer between the New York Civil Liberties Union and the Orleans Public Defenders office. At SLS, Lauren has been involved with the Stanford Law Review, the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, OutLaw, and the Social Security Disability pro bono project. Her favorite SLS experience has been as a full-time and then advanced student in the Community Law Clinic, which she enthusiastically recommends to everyone! After law school, Lauren is excited to clerk for the Ninth Circuit and the District of Nevada. She plans to pursue a public interest career in a nonprofit setting.



Diane Yu

Diana Yu is a Philly native who grew up moving all around the East Coast. Her itchy feet led her to go to college at the London School of Economics, and then eventually here to California for law school.

She is passionate about criminal justice and indigent defense. She plans to be a public defender after graduation. She spent her 1L summer as a law clerk at the Public Defender Service of DC, where she helped with research and writing on both juvenile and adult cases. She spent her 2L summer as a Certified Intern with the Colorado State Public Defender, where she carried her own caseload of around 70 misdemeanor cases, represented clients almost every day in court, and did motions hearings and multiple jury trials (she will be very, almost excessively, happy to talk about how amazing this was). While at Stanford, Diana has participated in the Criminal Defense Clinic and has served as a board member of the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties. Last year, she was co-President of the Criminal Law Society, an executive boardmember of Law Students for Reproductive Rights and a boardmember of the Women of Color Collective. Diana plans to spend fall quarter of her 3L year externing at Equal Justice Under Law. She is very excited to meet the new 1Ls in the winter!