

Stanford Law School

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Each year, the Levin Center at Stanford Law School recruits second-year public interest students to mentor first-year students to help ease the transition to law school and provide personalized advice and support. First-year students can choose to join specific practice area groups (e.g., criminal prosecution, international human rights, or environmental law) or a general public interest group for students with niche interests not covered by existing groups (e.g., animal law) or students who have not yet narrowed their interests.



Laura Bixby

Laura is from Phoenix, Arizona. She attended Amherst College, where she received a BA in Studio Art (specifically, film photography) and studied abroad in Morocco. After college, she attempted to pursue an artistic career in both Phoenix and Chicago, working at Whole Foods and a law firm in the meantime. At Stanford, she is the Co-President of StreetLaw (through which Stanford students teach legal concepts at a juvenile detention center) as well as the Co-Founder of the unofficial Fancy Beer Club. This past summer, she interned at the Federal Defender's office in Phoenix, Arizona, working both with the Capital Habeas Unit and the traditional trial side. She will be participating in the Three Strikes Project in the Fall. This winter, she will be enrolling in the Community Law Clinic. She plans to clerk after graduation and then work as a public defender.



Christina Black

Christina was born and raised in Northville, MI. She left suburbia for the city in 2006, graduating in 2010 from the University of Chicago. She studied History and Philosophy of Science and minored in Human Rights. Christina then spent a year in Washington, D.C., working at EMILY's List as well as a PR and lobbying firm. At Stanford, she is the co-chair of Law Students for Reproductive Justice and the mentoring co-chair of Women of Stanford Law. She spent her 1L summer at Bay Area Legal Aid, helping San Franciscans on welfare overcome the legal barriers preventing them from working. She is interested in women's rights, particularly in the areas of employment discrimination and violence against women. In her spare time, she reads a lot of blogs and watches a lot of TV.



Atenas Burrola

Atenas is from Santa Fe, NM. She studied at the University of Pennsylvania, majoring in History and Political Science with a minor in Latin American and Latino Studies. After graduating in 2010, she went back to beautiful New Mexico for a year, working as a waitress and taking advantage of some free time to travel to Brazil, Egypt and Israel. Having wanted to be a lawyer since she was 7 years old, Atenas has since refined

that idea to being a lawyer to help those in need, particularly immigrant communities. At Stanford, she has participated in the Naturalization and Language Bank Pro Bonos; is on the board of the Stanford Latino Law Student Association; is in the Law and Immigration group, and enjoys avoiding the library. She has performed Pro Bono work at the Legal Aid Society of San Diego and Community Legal Services of East Palo Alto. Atenas spent her 1L summer working at Justiça Global, a human rights NGO in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where she worked on cases being brought before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. Atenas is excited to be in the International Human Rights and Conflict Resolution Clinic this winter.



John Butler

John is from Essex County, NJ. He has an M.Sc. from the London School of Economics in Comparative Politics where he focused on conflict studies and political violence. Before law school he worked in organizational development for Big Brothers Big Sisters in Newark, NJ, on Kirsten Gillibrand's Senate campaign and also doing development work in Kenya and Tanzania and disaster relief work in Haiti. During his 1L summer, John worked for the Public International Law & Policy Group, in Washington, D.C. advising clients in the Middle East and North Africa on constitutional reform. At Stanford he is the Notes Editor for the Stanford Journal of International Law, a member of the Iraqi Legal Education Initiative and a board member of the Stanford Latino Law Student's Association. John graduated from Brown in 2007.



Benjamin Chagnon

Ben is from southern Massachusetts. He graduated from Brown University in 2010 with degrees in Economics and Political Science. Ben then spent one year at a consulting firm, ZS Associates, working with pharmaceutical companies on sales force and marketing issues. At SLS, he is a member of the Stanford Law and Policy Review and is the chief coordinator for the Tax Pro Bono Project. He spent his 1L summer at the California Attorney General's Office in the Health, Education, and Welfare Section. Ben is looking forward to participating in the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic this coming

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Briane Cornish

Briane Cornish was born in San Jose, CA. Her family relocated to Brooklyn, NY when she was 15 where she attended high school. After graduating from Tufts University, she spearheaded a Youth-Police relations and anti-racism facilitative dialogue as an Americorps member working under the auspices of the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA). While later working for a Women-owned translations company in Brooklyn, Briane matriculated at Stanford Law School. During her first year, Briane provided support and participated in the Law School Musical, the SPILF auction, edited for the Documentary Project and served as a mentor for a recently incarcerated new business entrepreneur through Project Remade. Briane spent her first summer as an Intern for the Department of Justice-Criminal Division, Office of Policy and Legislation. Briane looks forward to her 2L year where she is one of the Co-Presidents of the Criminal Law Society.



Mia Crager

Mia grew up in Denver, Colorado. After obtaining a B.S. in Chemistry from Yale, Mia realized that the hard sciences are not for her and went on to study Public Health in her Master's at Columbia. Before coming to Stanford, she worked at the Program for Survivors of Torture and the Colorado School of Public Health. At SLS Mia is co-president of the Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP) and the Stanford Law Immigration Initiative. Mia spent her 1L summer in Amman, Jordan working on resettlement cases of Iraqi refugees and co-authoring a chapter of IRAP's refugee law treatise about the security clearance process.



Rob De Luca

Rob grew up in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. After studying Political Science at the University of Alberta and holding assorted odd jobs, he moved south and completed a Ph.D. in Government at the University of Texas. His primary field of research was political theory. During his first year at Stanford, he was an editor and member of the Notes Committee for the Stanford Journal of International Law. He also participated in the Volunteer Attorney Program. This past summer he returned to Austin to work at Texas RioGrande Legal Aid in housing law. He is looking forward to being in the Community Law Clinic this spring.



Pete DeMarco

Pete is from Bloomsburg, PA. After graduating from Furman University in Greenville, SC, a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship took him to

the University of Ghana in Accra where he studied agricultural policy and food insecurity for a year. Stateside, he helped a friend establish In Every Story, a nonprofit temporary employment agency serving low-income workers in Charleston, SC. He also worked as a mule carriage tour guide in Charleston's historic district. At Stanford, he is a member of the Afghanistan Legal Education Project and the Environmental Law Journal, and he is co-president of the Environmental Law Society. He is pursuing a joint MS through the E-IPER program. He spent his first summer at San Francisco Baykeeper.



Rachel Easter

Rachel is from Richmond, Virginia. She attended University of Virginia where she studied history and anthropology and was involved in the International Relations Organization. After graduating, she did a fellowship with Princeton in Asia teaching English in rural Japan. At Stanford, Rachel is on the executive boards of the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties and the Stanford International Human Rights Law Association. During her 1L summer, Rachel worked for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Government Relations Department, and in the fall she will be doing the International Human Rights clinic.



Mark Feldman

Mark grew up outside of Chicago and graduated from the University of Michigan in 2007 with a degree in Comparative Literature and a love of Latin America and Michigan football. After graduation, he served as an AmeriCorps VISTA at ACCION International, a non-profit microfinance organization based in Boston. Strangely drawn to activities with "Corps" in the title, Mark then served two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in a Berber village in Morocco. At SLS, Mark's primary interest is human rights—both domestic and international—with a focus on criminal defense, prisoner's rights and immigration. Mark is Co-President of the Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project, a Managing Editor of the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights & Civil Liberties, and a member of the Iraqi Legal Education Initiative and the Social Security Disability Pro Bono. This past summer, Mark worked on wrongful convictions and international death penalty litigation at Northwestern Law's Bluhm Legal Clinic in Chicago, and he can't wait to do the Criminal Defense Clinic this spring. In his spare time he enjoys playing music, baking and hiking.



Meredith Firetog

Meredith is from Brooklyn, New York, and graduated from Swarthmore College in 2010 with a B.A. in History. After college, she received a Masters in Women's Studies at the University of Oxford, where she wrote her dissertation on discursive trends in early-twentieth-century

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judicial opinions about women and protective labor legislation. At SLS, Meredith serves as the vice president of the SPILF benefit auction, academic chair of Women in Stanford Law, and a symposium editor on the Stanford Law and Policy Review. She also participates in the Volunteer Attorney Program and Domestic Violence Pro Bono. Meredith spent her 1L summer working for Columbia Law School's Human Rights Institute researching how international human rights models can be applied to domestic laws. Her passions include feminism, Bob Dylan, and single malt scotch.



Julia Forgie

Julia grew up in Santa Barbara, CA, and graduated from Harvard University in 2007 with a degree in Environmental Science and Public Policy. After college, she moved to San Francisco to join ICF International as an

environmental consultant, where she performed climate policy analyses for federal and state government agencies. While at ICF, she spent the better part of a year in Paris, studying culinary arts, eating macarons, and learning French. Julia began law school as a JD/PhD student in environmental policy at Duke, but her California roots and a particular interest in Stanford's Center on Food Security and the Environment drew her back to the west coast. At Stanford, Julia is treasurer of the Environmental Law Society, a member editor of the Stanford Law Review, involved in the Environmental Law Journal, and participating in the Environmental Law Clinic this fall. She is also hoping to pursue a joint degree in the E-IPER program. Julia spent her 1L summer at Earthjustice Northeast working on industrial agriculture. In her spare time, she loves excuses to host dinner parties, and to be outside running, hiking, and playing tennis.



Sabrina Forte

Sabrina hails from Stockton, California and returned to California for law school after several years on the east coast. She studied History and Literature at Harvard, where she tutored refugee and immigrant teenagers throughout the Greater

Boston area and worked closely with the campus student-led non-profit community. After graduating in 2008, Sabrina taught third and fourth grade at Edward W. Brooke Charter School in Boston through an alternative-route program. At SLS, she has continued to pursue her passion for youth, education policy, and civil rights through involvement in Stanford Street Law, Stanford Public Interest Law Foundation, the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights & Civil Liberties, and Youth and Education Advocates at Stanford. She is pursuing a joint degree with Stanford's School of Education and spent the summer interning at Legal Advocates for Children and Youth in San Jose and participating in the Education Pioneers fellowship program. In her free time, Sabrina enjoys running, reading, and wine-tasting, all of which are exponentially better when done outside under the California sun.



Sherri Hansen

Sherri is originally from Salinas, CA. She attended Stanford University as an undergraduate, where she majored in Political Science and spent time in Sierra Leone researching the use of child soldiers as a rebel recruitment strategy. After

graduating in 2007, Sherri attended Oxford University, where she began a Masters program in Development Studies. When she returned to the US, Sherri worked as a Research Assistant for the Hewlett Foundation's Global Development Program, where she focused on promoting transparency and accountability in sub-Saharan African countries. At Stanford Law, Sherri is involved with the Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project, the Stanford Law and Policy Review, the American Constitution Society, and the new Immigration Pro Bono. She spent her 1L summer at the San Francisco City Attorney's Office and is looking forward to participating in the Immigration Clinic this spring.



Sean Harb

Sean grew up in San Diego, California. He attended UC Berkeley, majoring in History and minoring in Public Policy. Upon graduation, he joined Teach For America in Washington, D.C. and taught middle school science. At Stanford,

Sean is a member of the Volunteer Attorney Program, which assists low-income clients in attaining legal representation. This summer he interned at the San Francisco City Attorney's Office, and he is looking forward to participating in the Community Law Clinic this spring.



Maureen Howard

Maureen grew up in Rochester, NY. During college at the University of Notre Dame, she majored in Political Science and International Peace Studies, studied abroad in London, and worked in Uganda on children's rights issues.

After graduating, she worked at Citizens for Global Solutions and the Federal Trade Commission in D.C. At Stanford, Maureen volunteers with StreetLaw and the Domestic Violence Pro Bono Project, and helps out with Women of Stanford Law, Student Law Association, and Environmental Law Journal. She spent her first summer at Bay Area Legal Aid and is looking forward to working with Stanford's Youth and Education Law Project in Winter Quarter 2013.



Sam Jacobson

Sam grew up in New York City. He graduated from the University of Chicago in 2005, where he studied the humanities. After college he worked as a junior high school teacher and as a paramedic in the Bronx, NY, and then as an infantry officer in

the Marine Corps, serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. At SLS, Sam is a member of the Afghan Legal Education Project, president of

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the veterans organization, and an assistant managing editor on the Stanford Law & Policy Review. He is looking forward to participating in the Criminal Defense Clinic in Winter 2013, and continues to work part-time for the Marine Corps in Washington, D.C.



Kevin Jason

Kevin Jason was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY. He is a graduate of Columbia University, where he majored in Economics and Political Science. At SLS, Kevin participates in the Lifer Parole Pro Bono Project and Stanford's Public Interest

Law Foundation. He is a candidate for the joint Juris Doctor/Masters of Arts in Public Policy degree and will be serving as the Assistant Managing Editor of the Stanford Law and Policy Review this year. He interned at the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York in his 1L summer and hopes to work in crime policy after graduation.



Chantal Johnson

Chantal grew up in Missouri and Florida. She graduated from New College of Florida, where she majored in British and American Literature. Chantal spent the next three years studying American poetry at NYU, where she left with a

Master's in English and a love-hate relationship with literary criticism. She then spent two years working in supportive housing, and this experience helped her to discover her vocational calling: legal advocacy for low-income mentally ill individuals. At SLS, Chantal is President of the Stanford Association of Law Students for Disability Rights and an Activism Chair in Law Students for Reproductive Justice. She also participated in the pro bono service trip to the New Orleans Public Defender in the spring. Chantal is always willing to talk about mental health law, homelessness, feminism and gender, and stand-up comedy.



Chris Jones

Chris is originally from Denver, CO. He graduated from the University of Southern California in 2008, with a B.A. in International Relations. After college, he worked on national security policy at the Center for Strategic &

International Studies. Chris spent his 1L summer working for the Chief Counsel to the Office of Foreign Assets Control at the Treasury Department. At SLS, he will participate in the Afghanistan Legal Education Project, the Environmental Law Clinic, and Street Law this year. Outside of school, Chris looks forward to watching Matt Barkley and Peyton Manning return their teams to what they once were.



Leah Judge

Leah was born and raised in San José, CA, graduating from Claremont McKenna College in 2007 with a degree in International Relations.

Before starting law school, Leah taught Kindergarten in Honduras and spent several years in Washington, D.C., where she worked at a national nonprofit that builds playgrounds with low-income communities. At SLS, Leah is the co-chair of Law Students for Reproductive Justice, a development editor for the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, and a volunteer with the Housing Pro Bono Project. Among many other things, Leah is interested in Labor Law, serving as a research assistant for Prof. Bill Gould, and Consumer Protection. She spent her 1L summer at the Federal Trade Commission and is excited to participate in the Immigrants' Rights Clinic and Moot Court as a 2L.



Kyle Walker Kahan

Kyle was born and raised in Houston, TX before venturing off to the wilderness of Texas A&M to study economics. While an undergraduate, he routinely volunteered and aided victim's rights groups and interned with the Harris County

District Attorney's Office. During his first year at Stanford, he served as an editor for the Stanford Journal of Law, Business, and Finance, a member of the Stanford Latino Law Students Association, and as a writer/actor in the Stanford Law School musical. Despite the California sun relaxing him considerably, Kyle spent his 1L summer with the Department of Justice's Capital Case Unit, researching and writing on constitutional and criminal procedure issues involving federal death penalty cases. He hopes to be able to use his experience to enter the criminal prosecution field, perhaps back in his homestate.



Nisha Kashyap

Nisha grew up in the Bay Area and graduated summa cum laude from UCLA in Geography and Religious Studies. As an undergraduate, she taught at a low-income high school and tutored incarcerated juveniles at a probation facility. She

was inspired by her students to pursue a career in providing legal services for youth from low-income backgrounds or with special educational needs. At Stanford, Nisha is an executive board member and teacher for Street Law and a co-director of the Youth and Education Advocates. She is also a member of the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties and served as the Local Businesses and Catering Committee co-chair for the SPILF auction. Nisha spent her 1L summer at Bay Area Legal Aid in Oakland, CA with the Youth Justice Project where she assisted in public benefits and education cases for low-income children and their families. In her spare time, Nisha enjoys running, hiking, and Law and Order marathons.



Corinne Keel

Corinne grew up in Louisville, KY. After high school she moved to Washington, D.C. to serve in AmeriCorps NCCC, a full-time team-based national service program. After a year

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of traveling and serving with NCCC, she returned to her home state to study political science at the University of Kentucky. She graduated in 2009 and immediately returned to Washington where she worked for two years on staff at AmeriCorps NCCC's headquarters office at the Corporation for National and Community Service. At Stanford Corinne volunteers with the Housing Pro Bono Project and serves on the boards of the Stanford Public Interest Law Foundation and the Criminal Law Society. She spent her 1L summer in her hometown clerking at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of Kentucky.



Marisa Landin

Marisa Landin grew up in Glendale, CA. She studied at Yale University where she received a B.A. in Political Science. After college, Marisa traveled to Russia where she lived for a year ballroom dancing and teaching English.

Upon returning to the United States, she worked as a paralegal providing immigration legal services to victims of violent crime and detained juveniles. This past summer she interned at the San Francisco Public Defender's Office. At SLS, Marisa is the policy director for the Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project, and team leader for the Guardianship pro bono program. Additionally, this coming year she will help start the Parallel Justice Project (Victims' Rights pro bono). Marisa is interested in the convergence of immigration, criminal and human rights law. She is looking forward to participating in the International Human Rights and Conflict Resolution Clinic this Winter quarter.



Katherine Lin

Katherine is from Chicago, IL and graduated from Northwestern University in 2011 with a B.A. in Political Science and Philosophy. Before law school, Katherine worked at the American Civil Liberties Union in Chicago and the Cook

County State Prosecutor's Office. At SLS, Katherine is involved with the Volunteer Attorney Program and Stanford Law and Policy Review. She is also on the boards of the Asian Pacific Islanders Law Students Association (APILSA) and the Women of Stanford Law (WSL). This summer, Katherine interned in the criminal division of the United States Attorney's Office in the Southern District of New York where she worked on Securities Litigation. She is excited to get involved with the Criminal Law Clinic this upcoming Winter Quarter. Finally, no matter how busy law school gets, Katherine always makes time for pop culture and the Chicago Bulls. She is open to chatting about public interest, law school, and where the best boba drinks are in the area.



Rebecca Maurer

Rebecca Maurer is originally from Cleveland, Ohio. She went to the University of Chicago and worked for the Barack Obama campaign in 2008. She lived in South Africa while completing

the research for her B.A. thesis and graduated with honors in Comparative Race and Ethnic Studies. She is (for right now) interested in issues of access to justice, landlord-tenant law, foreclosure law, and other aspects of civil direct services. This past summer she interned at the New York Legal Assistance Group working in their impact litigation department. Next year she will be co-coordinating the Housing Pro Bono and will be on the board of Building a Better Legal Profession. In her spare time she likes to run and likes to write. She's hoping to explore much more of California and the Bay Area in the upcoming year.



Mark Middaugh

Mark Middaugh was born and raised in Seattle, Washington. In 2002 he headed East to Duke University, where he ran track and earned degrees in Public Policy in History. After graduation, he spent five years working in

politics, doing field organizing for a political campaign and spending four years as a policy advisor to a member of Congress in Washington DC. While working on Capitol Hill, Mark earned his Master's Degree in Strategic Security Studies from the National Defense University. Mark worked the summer of 2012 at the San Francisco Public Defender's Office, and aspires to a career that involves trial and appellate work on behalf of those accused of crimes.



Lila Miller

A California girl through and through, Lila grew up in the East Bay and studied at UCLA, where she earned a B.A. in Communication Studies. During her time as a Bruin, Lila served as a coxswain on the men's rowing team, an

experience that reminded her of the importance of advocacy and collaboration in all contexts. After graduating with honors in 2010, Lila worked at a plaintiff's side employment discrimination law firm and then at an art law non-profit organization. At SLS, Lila has developed an affinity for joining student organizations that can be referred to by acronym. She is the Public Interest Liaison for the Student Law Association, the Features Editor for the Stanford Law & Policy Review, the Policy Committee Co-Chair for the American Constitution Society, and an educator for Street Law. Lila is interested in the interaction between civil procedure and civil rights litigation and in education law. Indeed, Lila is excited to be joining the Youth and Education Law Project in Winter 2013. She spent her 1L summer in Washington D.C., working for the Senate Judiciary Committee's Sub-Committee on Immigration. In her spare time, Lila enjoys running, brunch, speaking french, crossword puzzles, and art museums.



Joel Minor

Joel grew up in Lafayette, Colorado. He graduated from Colorado College with an Environmental Policy major and a Southwest Studies minor. During college, Joel honed his

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passion for natural resource and environmental justice issues in the West by interning at the Sonoran Institute, the New Mexico Environmental Law Center, and Rocky Mountain Wild. After college, Joel came straight to Stanford, where he is also pursuing a joint MS in Environment and Resources through the E-IPER program, and serves as the Law School Representative on the E-IPER Student Committee. He volunteered as an intern with the Sierra Club in San Francisco during Winter and Spring quarters of his 1L year, and worked for the Environmental Defense Fund in Boulder during his 1L summer. At SLS, Joel is Co-President of the Environmental Law Society, Co-Submissions Editor of the Environmental Law Journal, Co-Policy Director of the American Constitution Society, and Co-Programming Chair of Outlaw. He also helps out with the Housing and Animal Law Pro Bono projects, Shaking the Foundations, and the Stanford Public Interest Law Foundation Auction.



Zachery Morris

Zachery is from Guilford, CT. He graduated from Stanford in 2011 with a B.A. in philosophy. As an undergraduate he was involved with Students Taking on Poverty, conducted research on antimalarial medication, and studied jurisprudence at Oxford. At SLS, Zachery has been involved with the Stanford Law and Policy Review and the International Law Society, and has worked as a research assistant in constitutional law. Zachery spent the past summer working at Human Rights Watch in New York, and looks forward to participating in the International Human Rights and Conflict Resolution Clinic this winter.



Andrew Noll

Andrew grew up in southern Massachusetts, but college took him south to Virginia. He graduated from the College of William and Mary in 2010, where he majored in Government and minored in African Studies. While at W&M, Andrew studied abroad in Cape Town, South Africa and interned at the State Department. After college, he worked for a year as a paralegal at a small Boston-based law firm primarily in the Insurance practice serving as outside counsel for several state Commissioners of Insurance. At SLS Andrew is involved in Stanford StreetLaw and the Stanford Law & Policy review, and he's researched consumer protection law with Professor Alexander. This past summer he worked at Americans United for the Separation of Church and State in D.C. writing amicus briefs and working on First Amendment church-state litigation. He hopes to practice impact litigation at some point in his career, hopefully back on the East Coast. Outside of class, Andrew's a big fan of running, swimming, and generally enjoying the California sunshine!



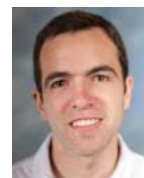
Matt Owens

Matt was born and raised in metro-Detroit. He attended the University of Michigan, where he majored in Philosophy and Political Science, and minored in Art History. After college, Matt spent three years in DC. He has worked in the State Department's anti-human trafficking office, Embassy Warsaw, the American Bar Association, and a foreign policy think tank. During his 1L summer, Matt interned in the U.S. Attorney's Office in Chicago. He is looking forward to participating in the Community Law Clinic this spring.



Hamida Owusu

Hamida is from Upstate New York and graduated from Harvard University in 2010 with a B.A. in African Studies and Government. She spent the year before law school as a Fellow with the Center for Public Interest Careers and managed a non-profit internship program focused on children and youth in New York City. She continues to explore her interests in social welfare, education, and language rights, and is currently the Academic Development Co-Chair for the Black Law Students Association, a member of the Timor-Leste Legal Education Project, Stanford Law & Policy Review, Islamic Society of Stanford, and Street Law pro bono project. She spent her 1L summer working on education advocacy and litigation at Advocates for Children of New York.



Matt Platkin

Matt is originally from Morristown, NJ. He graduated from Stanford University in 2009, with a B.A. in Political Science and a minor in Economics. After graduating from Stanford, he worked in economic policy at The Brookings Institution, and then moved to San Antonio, TX where he managed a Stanford classmate's city council campaign. Matt spent his 1L summer in the criminal division at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York. He is very excited to be back on campus for his 2L year, and will be serving as Vice President of ACS and directing the Naturalization pro bono. Matt is also a huge Yankees fan, and looks forward to celebrating their 28th World Championship this fall.



Rob Quirk

Rob was born and raised in Hastings, NE. He earned an A.B. in Comparative Human Development at the University of Chicago ('08), where he did his final thesis on the impact of legal language on moral reasoning. After college, Rob joined Teach For America and taught Spanish at in West Philadelphia, for two years. After his TFA commitment, he continued teaching in Philly, switching to civics and history (subjects he actually knows). At SLS, Rob is a Managing Editor

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of the Stanford Law and Policy Review. He has also been involved in the Housing Pro Bono, Fresh Lifelines for Youth (FLY), and Youth and Education Advocates at Stanford (YEAS). This summer, Rob was a judicial intern for an Administrative Judge the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in New York, handling federal sector employment discrimination cases. He is looking forward to participating in the Youth and Education Law Project (YELP) clinic this spring.



Casey Raymond

Casey was born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama, and graduated from the University of Virginia in 2009, with degrees in both History and Jewish Studies. After college, he spent two years in Atlanta at the consulting firm, McKinsey & Company, working with state and federal government agencies on economic development and healthcare issues. At Stanford Law, Casey serves as the Editor of the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties and volunteers with the Stanford Social Security Pro Bono Project. During his 1L summer, he interned in the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, focusing on voting rights cases. Casey is happy to talk about civil rights, voting rights, puns, or free museums anytime.



Thomas Rubinsky

Thomas Rubinsky is from Los Angeles, CA, and graduated from Williams College in 2010 with a B.A. in History. Before law school, Thomas spent time at the Disability Rights Legal Center in Los Angeles and taught English in South Korea. At SLS, he co-chaired the Stanford Public Interest Law Foundation's annual benefit auction and is involved with the Naturalization Pro Bono Project, the Stanford Law and Policy Review, and the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties. He spent his 1L summer interning at the International Law and Policy Institute in Oslo, Norway, and has also lived, studied and volunteered in the Netherlands and Nicaragua.



Sam Saunders

Sam Saunders is from Richmond, VA and majored in civil engineering at the University of Virginia. He then moved to Nebraska and earned an M.S. and Ph.D. in environmental engineering with his research focusing on the transmission of diseases in the environment, particularly prion diseases. He came to Stanford after deciding he wanted to make a broader impact through law and policy on environmental protection and international development. At Stanford, Sam is co-submissions editor for the Stanford Environmental Law Journal and a member of the Timor-Leste Legal Education Project. He also has worked with the SPILF auction committee and the Tax Pro Bono. This past summer he interned at The Asia Foundation in San Francisco, working on law and justice projects throughout Asia.



Neil Sawhney

Neil was born and raised right across the Bay in Hayward, CA. He graduated in 2008 from Harvard University, with a B.A. in Social Studies and Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations. During college, Neil spent a summer in Cairo, Egypt, conducting research on Islamist movements and democracy. Before law school, Neil worked as a legal assistant at a large law firm and then at the ACLU Immigrants Rights' Project in San Francisco. At Stanford, Neil is a member of the Iraqi Legal Education Initiative, the Membership Chair for StanfordACS, and a participant in the Social Security Disability Pro Bono Project. This summer Neil interned at the Office of the Prosecutor at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon in the Hague, Netherlands. He is looking forward to participating in the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic in the spring, as well as performing again in the Law School Musical Band.



Jacob Shelly

Jacob was born in Denver and grew up in Maryland and Indiana. He graduated from American University in 2009, where he majored in political science and minored in philosophy and economics. At AU Jacob competed on the varsity cross country and track teams and became involved with various political organizations. He was the director of the school's Students for Barack Obama chapter during the primary season, and served as director of Washington, D.C. Students for Barack Obama during the general election. He was also president of AU's Roosevelt Institution chapter, wrote a regular column for the school newspaper, and interned on the Hill. After graduating, Jacob joined Teach for America and taught 11th grade English in the Mississippi Delta, where he coached the track team and spent many weekends fishing. After his first year of law school, he worked for the ACLU Voting Rights Project in Atlanta. He is currently enrolled in a joint-degree program with the Harvard Kennedy School.



Adam Sieff

Adam is from Los Angeles, and he received his B.A. in political theory summa cum laude from Columbia. In college, he mentored kids in West Harlem, directed Columbia's Students for Obama chapter, and represented his peers as a delegate to the intercollegiate Ivy Council. A recovering academic, his articles and essays have been published in scholarly journals. Adam split his college summers between LA and DC, receiving fellowships to work on Capitol Hill, at a think-tank, and in the LA Mayor's Office. He came to law school to become a community advocate. At Stanford, Adam co-founded the Stanford Law Democrats and is an Articles editor with the Stanford Law & Policy Review. This summer he externed with the US Attorney's Office in LA, where he served in the Public Corruption and

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Civil Rights section. A shameless Lakers and Dodgers diehard, he pretends to have athletic prowess and regularly makes a fool of himself on the basketball court. Adam plans to practice in California, and looks forward to meeting you.

a progressive rank-and-file union, in Pittsburgh. At Stanford, he has been involved with the Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP) and the Social Security Disability Pro Bono, and he is on the editorial boards for the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights & Civil Liberties and the Stanford Journal of Complex Litigation.



Lindsey Warp

Lindsey grew up right around the corner in Menlo Park, CA. She attended Tufts University in Boston, majoring in social psychology and minoring in Italian and Communications.

After college, she moved to New York City and worked in consumer/media research for five years before returning to the Bay Area to attend SLS. Initially coming to law school to study animal law, Lindsey is a member of the Stanford Journal for Animal Law & Policy and participates in the Animal Law Pro Bono. Lindsey has also developed a strong interest in criminal law and criminal justice policy, participating in Street Law Pro Bono, the Criminal Justice Society, and taking multiple courses in criminal law. This past summer Lindsey interned at the California Appellate Project, a non-profit organization established by the State Bar of California to assist in the representation of prisoners on death row in California. Lindsey is looking forward to participating in the Community Law Clinic this coming Winter.



Jennifer Williams

Jennifer was born and raised in New York, NY. She earned her BA from Yale University in 2010, where she majored in History and Psychology. After graduation, Jennifer moved to San Francisco where she worked at the Prison Law Office.

During her 1L year, Jennifer worked as a Client Advocate for the Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP), was a board member of the Stanford International Human Rights Law Association (SIHRLA), was a member of the Stanford Journal of International Law (SJIL), and taught in a local juvenile detention facility for StreetLaw. This summer, Jennifer worked at the Center for Court Innovation in New York researching and developing diversion programs for juvenile offenders. Next year, Jennifer will be the co-President of SIHRLA and the Criminal Law Society, Conference Chair for Black Law Student Association, and plans to continue her involvement in Streetlaw and SJIL. She is also looking forward to participating in the International Human Rights and Conflict Resolution Clinic this Fall.



Alyssa Weis

Alyssa was born and raised in Dallas, TX. She studied at the University of South Carolina and graduated in 2011 with a B.A. in Journalism and Mass Communications and a minor in Dance Performance. During her time in undergrad

Alyssa focused on combining the skills of journalism with the law by interning at the Dallas Volunteer Attorney Program and Southwest Airlines' General Counsel doing public relations campaigns and feature stories for newsletters. At SLS, Alyssa has co-founded the Stanford Immigration Law student organization and the East Palo Alto Immigration Intake Pro Bono while being a member of the Stanford Documentary Film Project and choreographing for the Law School Musical. During her 1L summer Alyssa is interning as a law clerk for the United States Attorney's Office in the District of Columbia in the Felony Major Crimes division. Next year at SLS she hopes to be an active member of the Criminal Law Society's board and plans on further exploring the area of criminal justice reform and how the media and journalism can be used to further change in that area.



Eric Weitz

Eric is originally from Wisconsin, and studied History (among other things) at the University of Chicago before enrolling at Stanford. For his 1L summer, he received a Peggy Browning Fellowship at the national headquarters of the

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