

Stanford Law School

2L Public Interest Mentors

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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.



Michael Abrams

Michael grew up in New Jersey and attended Brandeis University, studying History and minoring in Legal Studies and Social Justice & Social Policy. He spent a college summer providing constituent services in his Congressman's district office and studied abroad for a semester during his junior year in The Hague, the Netherlands, where he studied international law, interned for Amnesty International, and travelled extensively through Europe. Michael spent three years working for the Schuster Institute for Investigative Journalism at Brandeis, as an undergraduate and then after graduation, assisting attorneys with wrongful conviction cases and investigating corruption in the Massachusetts state government. He spent his 1L summer providing legal aid at Michigan Legal Services in Detroit, performing legal research on impact litigation cases related to water rights in Michigan cities and working in a court clinic that provides same-day representation to individuals facing eviction. He hopes to work on environmental justice issues following graduation. At Stanford, Michael is a co-organizer for the National Lawyers Guild chapter and Critical Law Society, is a project team leader for the Environmental Law Pro Bono, and a managing editor for the Stanford Journal of International Law. He likes to run, hike, cook, and explore new places with friends.



Margot Adams

Margot was born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky. She graduated from Swarthmore College in 2010 with a degree in psychology, then worked in direct clinical mental healthcare and health research and policy. In 2016, she earned her MS in social policy from the University of Pennsylvania, focusing on the cause and effects of federal mandatory minimum sentencing policies. At Stanford, Margot is a member of the International Refugee Assistance Project and the Black Law Students Association, and worked on the Stanford Law and Policy Review. She also conducts research in national security and voting for Professors Shirin Sinnar and Nate Persily. Margot spent her 1L summer with

the Liberty and National Security Program at the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law. She hopes to pursue a career in civil rights impact litigation.



Jacob Addelson

Jacob grew up outside of Boston. He graduated from Williams College, with a degree in Classics and History, and the University of Cambridge where his graduate work focused on the history of colonial American political thought. At Stanford, he has pursued his interests at the intersection of racial justice, urban policy, and economic equality as a coordinator of the Housing Pro Bono, on the board of the American Constitution Society, co-president of the SLS Dems, an editor of the Environmental Law Journal, and by helping put on the 2017 Shaking the Foundations Conference. Jacob will join the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic in the Spring. After working the previous five summers at a boys' camp in Maine, he finally got a real internship and spent his 1L Summer working at the New York City Law Department.



Cynthia Amezcua

The daughter of Mexican immigrants, Cynthia grew up in Rosemead, California in an ethnic enclave. Despite her love for Los Angeles, Cynthia accepted the Posse Full-Tuition Scholarship to Grinnell College in Iowa, where she majored in Philosophy. At Grinnell, Cynthia wrote the initiative to change the consent policy to affirmative consent and led the implementation efforts after it successfully passed. Following graduation, Cynthia served as an Executive Fellow in the Executive Office of then Attorney General Kamala D. Harris, where she worked until law school. For Cynthia, a law degree is a means to protect vulnerable, underserved, and criminalized communities so she spends her time accordingly. At SLS, she co-founded and co-chairs First Generation Professionals and serves as the Community Chair for Stanford Latino Law Students Association (SLLSA). She also volunteers at the San Bruno Jail with SPARC and at the Immigrant Rights' Clinic as an interpreter. This upcoming year Cynthia will co-coordinate

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the Race and Criminal Justice Reading Group. Cynthia spent her first summer interning at the Center for Death Penalty Litigation in Durham, North Carolina. Outside of law school, Cynthia co-hosts Cerebronas with Yvette Borja (JD '18), a podcast centering WOC perspectives and voices on current events, the law, and a variety of topics.



Avi Bakshani

Avi was born in Los Angeles in 1988. He moved to Cleveland when he was 8 and graduated high school in 2006. Avi attended the United States Military Academy at West Point, and graduated in 2011 with a B.S. in Sociology. After

graduation, Avi served in the United States Army, being stationed in Oklahoma, Texas, and Germany, with a deployment to Panjwai, Afghanistan. For his first year summer, Avi worked as a policy fellow for the governor campaigns in both New Jersey and Colorado. In addition to politics and election law, Avi is also interested in youth education advocacy and reform, and will be participating in the Youth Education Law Project clinic in the spring. In his free time Avi enjoys reading, traveling, and snowboarding.



James Baltzer

James grew up in Seattle. He attended the University of Chicago, where he studied philosophy. After graduation, he worked for two years at plaintiff's firm Korein Tillery, primarily on cases arising from the collapse of the mortgage-backed securities market.

At Stanford, he has been active with the Social Security Disability Project, and he will join the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic in the fall. This summer, James interned with Disability Rights California in Oakland, working on issues around disability discrimination and unnecessary institutionalization. He enjoys intense conversations about legal philosophy, usually with his cat.



Zach Bleckner

Zach was born and raised in New York City. He attended Brown University, where he majored in Comparative Literature, volunteered as an interpreter at Rhode Island Hospital, and put on lots of plays with his friends. After graduating, he taught high school Spanish and then worked as a policy intern at the Americas Society.

Before law school, he lived in Brazil, where he taught English at the Federal University of Pará, researched policy efforts to combat illegal deforestation in the Amazon, and studied political theater as an international resident at the Center for Theater of the Oppressed. At Stanford, Zach participated in the Three Strikes Project, the Immigration

Pro Bono, and StreetLaw. He is helping to organize Shaking the Foundations 2017 and is also involved Stanford International Human Rights Law Association and First Person. Zach spent the summer after 1L working for Senator Dianne Feinstein's staff on the Senate Judiciary Committee in Washington, D.C. He is looking forward to joining the International Human Rights Clinic in the winter. Outside of law school, Zach enjoys seeing wildlife, going to museums, dancing, and cooking delicious meals only to eat them.



Autumn Bordner

Autumn grew up in "the D.C. area." She graduated from Columbia University in 2014, with degrees in Environmental Science, Statistics, and Sustainable Development. At Columbia, Autumn co-founded the K1

Project, a research institute focused on issues around nuclear technologies. After college, Autumn worked as an environmental consultant, performing statistical analysis and modeling to support the EPA. At the same time, Autumn continued working with K1, researching the lingering effects of U.S. nuclear testing in the Marshall Islands. Autumn is also a founding member of the CTBTO Youth Group. In this capacity, she is working to achieve entry into force of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty. At Stanford, Autumn is president of the Environmental Law Society and Technology Chair of SLA. She is a member editor of Stanford Law Review and the Environmental Law Journal, and is involved with the Animal Legal Defense Fund Pro Bono. Autumn enjoyed TAing at the law school last Spring, and is looking forward to TAing again in the Fall. She spent her summer working for the DOJ's Environmental Enforcement section. She also *finally* visited the Wizarding World of Harry Potter this summer! Relatedly, Autumn is a HUUUGE Harry Potter fan! If you get her started on Harry Potter, it'll seem like she was force-fed a babbling beverage. Tragically, Autumn was rejected by the Stanford University Quidditch team last year. Perhaps, if enough ILs are interested, we can start a SLS Quidditch team!!



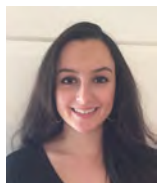
Beth Braiterman

Beth grew up in New York City and graduated from Harvard University in 2013 with a degree in History and Literature. While in college, she was an editor for The Harvard Crimson, and she volunteered with the Mission Hill After School and Mentorship programs. Before deciding to go out West for law school, she spent three years in Washington, D.C. working in healthcare consulting and policy research. At Stanford, Beth is a Policy & Politics Co-Chair for the American Constitution Society, a member editor of Stanford Law Review, and a board member of the

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Jewish Law Students Association. This past summer, Beth interned in the criminal division at the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Southern District of New York. As she enters her 2L year, she is looking forward to getting involved with the Housing Pro Bono and participating in the Immigrants' Rights Clinic in the Spring. She enjoys cooking, hiking the Dish, and exploring San Francisco.



Anjali Branz

Anjali grew up in Mill Valley, CA and graduated from Tufts University in 2013 with a degree in Sociology and Psychology. In college, she focused her time outside the classroom on implementing community projects in Boston related to prison reentry and juvenile diversion. After graduating, Anjali moved to her family's hometown, Mumbai, India, and worked for a sex worker health and advocacy organization there. She then returned to the US and worked for the Prison Law Office as a litigation assistant, helping to improve conditions of confinement in California prisons and jails. At Stanford, Anjali co-founded and leads the Stanford Prisoner Advocacy and Resources Coalition (SPARC) and the Prisoner Legal Services pro bono at the SF jail. She is also on the boards of the Women of Color Collective and the Criminal Law Society and helps organize Shaking the Foundations 2017. She spent her 1L summer at Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem and looks forward to participating in the Three Strikes Project and the Criminal Defense Clinic this year.



Thomas Butterfoss

Thomas grew up in St. Paul, Minnesota and graduated from the University of Chicago in 2012. He then worked for four years as a policy analyst at the Manhattan District Attorney's Office - it was just like Law and Order, except with more spreadsheets and grant applications (dun-dun!). At SLS, Thomas is a member of SLA and the Record Clearance Project pro bono. He did an alternative spring break at Centro Legal de la Raza in Oakland and spent his 1L summer at Bay Area Legal Aid (also in Oakland) helping clients apply for social security disability benefits. Outside of school, he enjoys podcasts, hiking, and exploring the bay area.



Sophia Cai

Sophia grew up in Portland, Oregon, and Shanghai, China, and studied neuroscience at Amherst College. Before law school, she lived in Washington, D.C., working in science communications and dabbling in improv. At Stanford, she volunteers with the Immigration Pro

Bono and the Stanford Prisoner Advocacy and Resources Coalition. Sophia is a Member Editor of Stanford Law Review, Online Editor of the Stanford Technology Law Review, and a board member of the Asian & Pacific Islander Law Students Association and the Women of Color Collective. Sophia spent her 1L summer working in environmental enforcement at DOJ's Environment & Natural Resources Division, and she looks forward to participating in the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic this spring. In her free time, she enjoys playing pick-up sports, watching Stanford athletes be much better at sports, and having board game nights.



Katherine Carey

Katherine was born and raised in Sacramento and graduated from Occidental in 2013 with a BA in Diplomacy and World Affairs. Before starting law school, she worked in the anti-human trafficking field: first with clients at a small shelter in Sacramento, then in Washington, DC, at Polaris (best known for running the national US anti-trafficking hotline) and Free the Slaves (which does overseas, community-based interventions). She also volunteered as a tour guide at the National Zoo while living in DC. At SLS, Katherine is the co-founder and Programming Chair of Stanford Law Students against Gendered Violence (SLS GiVe), the Co-President of Women of Stanford Law, a Programming Co-Chair for the Shaking the Foundations Conference, and a member of the Sexual Assault and Relationship Abuse Advisory Board for Stanford University. She looks forward to participating in the Criminal Prosecution Clinic in winter. She spent her 1L summer doing criminal appeals at the California Attorney General's Office in San Francisco, and hopes to eventually become a prosecutor. Outside of school, Katherine enjoys watching Game of Thrones, crafting, hiking, and baking.



Cristina Ceballos

Cristina's family immigrated to the United States from Venezuela when she was a kid, and she grew up between Caracas and New York. After studying Physics & Philosophy at Yale, she fled the bitter East Coast winters and moved to sunny San Francisco. In San Francisco, she spent a year at Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, working on asylum cases and economic justice issues. After that, she spent two years doing deportation defense as a paralegal at Van Der Hout, Brigagliano & Nightingale LLP. The summer before law school, she backpacked Alaska for six weeks, where she saw moose, elk, and a mama grizzly bear with two cubs!! (Luckily, from the safety of a Denali shuttle bus.) At Stanford, Cristina is a member of the Stanford Latino Law Student Association

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(SLLSA), Students Interested in Legal Academia (SILA), Stanford Advocates for Immigrants' Rights (SAIR), and the intramural soccer team. She's doing a PhD in philosophy, so she'll be hanging around Stanford for the next decade or so, or until they kick her out. In her free time, she likes to sleep in, read Game of Thrones blogs, and partake of all the free food on campus.



Hannah Coleman

Hannah grew up in Los Angeles and graduated from Emory University in 2014. While at Emory, she majored in International Studies with a minor in Development Studies; was on the mock trial team; and volunteered with local immigrants' rights organizations. After graduating from college, Hannah worked as an assistant paralegal for two years at Fragomen, Del Rey, Bernsen & Loewy, a corporate immigration law firm in Atlanta, Georgia. While at Fragomen, Hannah helped foreign nationals throughout the employment-based green card application process. At Stanford, she is the Co-Leader for the Immigration Pro Bono, a panel host for Stanford Advocates for Immigrants' Rights (SAIR), a Co-Committee Chair for the Stanford Public Interest Law Foundation (SPILF) Auction, the Symposium Chair for the Stanford Journal of International Law (SJIL) and a member of the Stanford Latino Law Students Association (SLLSA). This past summer, Hannah worked at the National Immigration Law Center in Los Angeles, California. She will be participating in the Immigrants' Rights Clinic in the Winter.



Matt Cofer

Originally from Kansas City, Matt graduated from the University of Virginia in 2012 with a degree in Political and Social Thought. He then spent two years in Washington, D.C. working for Deloitte Consulting in their federal strategy practice. On the hunt for a drastic pay cut, Matt then moved to Florida to work as an organizer for Enroll America where he helped enroll people in health insurance made available by the Affordable Care Act. Afterward, he deferred law school for a year to teach English in Madrid, Spain. At Stanford, Matt is active in the Housing Pro Bono and the Criminal Law Society, and will participate in the Prosecution Clinic during the winter quarter. Matt's current life plan is to work as a prosecutor, on the theory that progressive, community-oriented prosecutors can drive change in the criminal justice system. He spent his first summer at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York, and hopes to spend his second summer at one of the Bay Area District Attorney's offices. Matt likes fantasy novels, hiking, and beating David Oyer at NBA 2K.



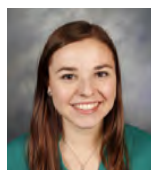
Caroline Cohn

Caroline grew up outside Boston, and she plans to return to Boston after law school to be closer to her parents and three older siblings. She earned a degree in Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) from the University of Pennsylvania, where she also minored in English and International Development. As an undergrad, she was a mentor for four years with Penn's Big-Sister-equivalent program ("PennPals"), and she volunteered with the nonprofit LIFT Philadelphia. Before coming to SLS, Caroline worked as a paralegal for two years at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Brooklyn, in their Business and Securities Fraud Unit. She intends to pursue civil rights litigation after law school, likely related to criminal justice reform. During her 1L summer, she interned at Prisoners' Legal Services in Boston. At SLS, she is co-president of the Project Clean Slate pro bono project, mentorship co-chair of Women of Stanford Law, participated in the Race & Policing and the Race & Criminal Justice reading groups, and volunteered with Arch City Defenders through Alternative Spring Break. In her free time, Caroline enjoys running, hiking, and spending time in San Francisco.



Nick Defiesta

Nick was born and raised (just) outside Seattle and graduated with a degree in Economics from Yale, where he was an editor for the Yale Daily News. Before law school Nick worked in state-level fiscal policy research and advocacy for a child welfare nonprofit in Connecticut. He is enrolled in a JD-MPA program with the Woodrow Wilson School of Public Affairs and is interested in the intersection of law and public policy. His 1L summer, Nick interned for the appellate section of the Alaska Attorney General's office, working on cases involving election law, campaign finance, child custody, tribal jurisdiction, and more. Nick is co-president of Stanford Law Association, a member editor of Stanford Law Review, co-chair of the Stanford Public Interest Law Foundation auction, membership chair of OutLaw, a member of Asian & Pacific Islanders Law Students Association and First Generation Professionals, and a Housing Pro Bono volunteer. In his free time, Nick loves camping, hiking (and misses those Alaskan mountains), freaking out about graphic novels and Marvel movies, and talking about Game of Thrones with his mom.



Emma Eastwood-Paticchio

Emma is from Ashford, Connecticut and graduated from Middlebury College in 2015 with a degree in English and American Literature and minors in Computer Science and Theatre. Before law school, she worked



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as a research analyst at the Office of the Attorney General of New York. At SLS, Emma is on the founding board of Stanford Law Students against Gendered Violence (SLS GiVe) and is the co-founder and leader of the Domestic Violence Pro Bono Project. She is also a Member Editor of the Stanford Law Review, a research assistant with the Legal Design Lab, Managing Editor of the Stanford Technology Law Review, a board member of the Stanford Public Interest Law Foundation, and an active member of Women of Stanford Law and the Housing Pro Bono Project. Emma is interested in the intersection of gender-based violence and internet privacy, as well as ways to use technology and automation to improve legal services. She spent her 1L summer at Equal Rights Advocates in San Francisco and looks forward to joining the Criminal Prosecution Clinic this winter. In her free time, Emma aspires to travel to all seven continents, find the perfect lactose-free fudge recipe, and see every Shakespeare play performed on stage.



Sam Gerleman

Sam was born in Des Moines, IA and went to the University of Iowa for her undergraduate degree, where she majored in Philosophy, Sociology, and Ethics and Public Policy.

Her upbringing in a low-income family with extensive mental and physical health issues propelled Sam to work towards a more equitable society and address issues related to income, gender, and disability inequality. After completing her Bachelor's degree, Sam came straight to Stanford. Here, she is the Co-President of the Stanford Association of Law Students for Disability Rights, the Outreach Vice President for Stanford Law Students for Reproductive Justice, Academic Chair for First Generation Professionals, Board Member for the Social Security Disability Project, a Public Interest Mentor, and a member of Women of Stanford Law. This past summer, she was a legal intern at the Center on Reproductive Rights and Justice at Berkeley Law. Outside of the legal world, she enjoys exploring the Bay Area, hiking, and playing with her cat Benji.



Peter Gilchrist

Peter grew up in Washington D.C., and graduated from Wesleyan University in 2010 with a degree in Letters. After graduating, Peter spent a year teaching middle school science at a small charter

school in Central Falls Rhode Island before joining the program management team of the College Advising Corps at Brown University, which is an AmeriCorps program that places college advisers in high schools with traditionally low college matriculation rates. Most recently before law school, Peter worked with a Boston-based consulting firm that specializes in advising school districts on resource

allocation and strategic planning. Peter came to Stanford with an interest in education policy, but has also focused on environmental law and policy, and is a Co-Coordinator for the Environmental Law Pro Bono. During his 1L summer, Peter interned at the Youth Law Center in San Francisco. In his spare time, Peter enjoys cooking, and eats far more ice cream than he cares to admit.



Rachel Green

Rachel was raised in Memphis, TN. She graduated from Indiana University in 2015 as an Economics and Sociology Major. She then completed her MA in Conflict Transformation & Social Justice

at Queen's University in Belfast, Northern Ireland as a George J. Mitchell Scholar. While in Northern Ireland, Rachel studied the prevalence of in-group domestic violence during paramilitary conflict. She also spent a lot of time traveling across Europe (Iceland and Rome tie as favorites). At SLS she is on the founding board of Stanford Law Students against Gendered Violence (SLS GiVe), on the board of Stanford Law Women in Politics (WIP) and of Stanford Law Reproductive Justice (SLRJ), is the Title IX & Sexual Assault Lead for Stanford University's student government executive board (Associated Students of Stanford University/ASSU), and is a Member Editor of the Stanford Law Review and the Executive Editor of Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties. This summer, she worked in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia in their Economics Crimes Unit. She will be participating in the International Human Rights Clinic in the Winter. In her free time she likes to lift, train for a triathlon maybe one day she will sign up for, and sail.



Katie Guthrie

Katie is a born and bred New Yorker who spent most of her time growing up in NYC wishing she were living in California instead. After graduating from Amherst College with a degree in political science, she joined the

NBCUniversal Page Program. Katie then quickly moved to MSNBC, where she worked on the weekend morning shows "Up with Chris Hayes" and "Melissa Harris-Perry." In 2013, she helped launch "All In with Chris Hayes," an Emmy Award winning and Peabody nominated primetime news broadcast. Most recently before law school, Katie produced news segments and edited video/sound for "All In." She arrived at Stanford with an interest in criminal justice reform and civil rights litigation. This past summer she worked at the Civil Division of the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Southern District of New York. She is co-leader of the Paul Lomio Veterans Legal Assistance Program, academic committee co-chair for SLA, and a member of Women of Stanford Law and Stanford Latino Law Students Association.

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Emily Hawley

Emily grew up in Oregon and attended Santa Clara University where she pushed the limits for time actually spent on campus, after a year at the University of Jordan and a semester interning in D.C.. After graduating

in 2013, she returned to Jordan for three years, first on a Fulbright research grant and then as the lead Syria policy researcher for a small Jordanian think tank, the West Asia-North Africa (WANA) Institute. The summer before law school, Emily left WANA to work at a coding bootcamp for refugees in Amman - and can never complain about how long her days/weeks are again. At SLS, Emily is co-president of IRAP and on the board for the Stanford International Human Rights Law Association (SIHRLA). She split her 1L summer between two internships, spending eight weeks in London at Reprieve working on MENA-region death penalty casework and seven weeks doing fieldwork in Greece for the refugee legal aid organization Advocates Abroad. She is joining the International Human Rights Clinic this Spring. During the school year, Emily escapes SLS at the yoga studio - where she "volunteers" in exchange for unlimited free classes and relies on car-owning friends for much-needed adventures outdoors.



Emily Hayes

Emily grew up in (and is obsessed with) Bend, Oregon. She attended Pomona College in Claremont, California and majored in Public Policy Analysis with a concentration in Politics. An undergraduate

internship at a health care clinic for uninsured or safety-net insured kids and an independent research grant on implementation of parts of the ACA inspired her to pursue health policy work, which led her to the Urban Institute Health Policy Center in Washington, D.C. for two years after graduating. While in D.C., she also worked as a Girls on the Run coach with a team of fourth and fifth grade girls. Since coming to Stanford, Emily has been involved in the Housing Pro Bono and the Health Policy and Biolaw Society, helped organize the Stanford Public Interest Law Foundation Auction, is VP of Programming for If/When/How (formerly Law Students for Reproductive Justice), and is Co-president of Stanford Women in Politics. During her 1L spring break, she was lucky enough to go with a group of SLS students to work at the Orleans Public Defenders in New Orleans, Louisiana. She spent her 1L summer working at the National Health Law Program in Los Angeles. In Spring 2018 she will be in the Youth and Education Law Project (YELP) clinic.



Savannah Haynes

Savannah is a Bay Area native who graduated from Stanford University with degrees in Sociology and International Relations. Before law school, she lived in Washington, D.C., where she was part of Google's in-house legal

team. At SLS, Savannah is Co-President of the Black Law Students Association, a Member Editor of the Stanford Law Review, and a Submissions Chair of the Stanford Journal on International Law. She is also active in the International Refugee Assistance Project and the International Human Rights Law Association. She is thrilled to be participating in the International Human Rights Clinic this winter. Savannah spent her 1L summer in Cape Town, South Africa, fighting gender and sexuality discrimination with the Legal Resources Centre. If you haven't guessed yet, she plans to pursue a career in international human rights. When not in the library, Savannah enjoys experimenting in the kitchen, meeting new cats, and being outside.



Erika Hoglund

Erika grew up locally here in Palo Alto, but went to the east coast for college to play soccer at Princeton. At Princeton, she majored in anthropology and earned a certificate in Spanish language and culture.

After graduating in 2014, she spent a year teaching social studies classes in China and traveling around Southeast Asia, before coming home and deciding to apply to law school. Before starting Stanford, she spent a couple of months working for #cut50, Van Jones' initiative to reduce the number of incarcerated individuals in the US by 50%. At Stanford, she co-chaired the 2017 Stanford Public Interest Law Foundation (SPILF) Bid for Justice Annual Auction, and participated in the Immigration and StreetLaw Pro bono projects. This upcoming year, she looks forward to serving as Vice-President of the 2018 SPILF Auction and on the International Law Society Executive Board, as well as participating in the Immigration Law Clinic. During her 1L summer, she worked at the Miguel Agustín Pro Juárez Human Rights Center in Mexico City, assisting the international team on cases involving human rights violations before the Inter-American Court and Commission of Human Rights. Outside of school, Erika enjoys playing soccer, running, eating good food, and enjoying the Bay Area sunshine.



David Huang

David grew up in a number of places but considers Delaware as his adopted home state. He studied Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University and graduated in 2014. He then spent two years

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prior to coming to law school serving as a Commissioner for the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service in Washington, D.C., mediating labor, employment, and international disputes for the federal government. At SLS, David is a part of the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, APILSA, Social Security Disability Project Pro Bono, Streetlaw Pro Bono. In his 1L summer, David interned for the Kansas Federal Defenders Office and returned to his old job in the government. David is looking forward to participating in the Immigrants' Rights Clinic this coming year. In his free time, David enjoys hiking, swimming, and hanging out with the amazing folks at SLS.



Eugénie Iseman

Eugénie was born and raised in New York City, and graduated from Yale in 2014 with a degree in History. After college, she worked in the Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Bellevue Hospital in New York, where she became interested in the intersection of law, psychology, and social services. She also co-founded a non-profit aimed at providing supportive services to child refugees resettled in the U.S. At Stanford, Eugénie is co-president of both the StreetLaw Pro Bono Project and the Criminal Law Society, is helping to organize the 2017 Shaking the Foundations Conference, and is involved with the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties. She is also very excited to participate in the Criminal Defense Clinic in the fall. Eugénie spent her 1L summer interning for the Exoneration Initiative, a non-profit in New York that focuses on wrongful convictions that lack DNA evidence. In her free time, Eugénie loves watching movies, hanging out with friends, playing with her dog, and trying to be outdoorsy (it's not easy when you're from NYC...).



Julia Ishiyama

Julia is a Palo Alto native who graduated from Stanford in 2013 with a degree in American Studies. She does leave California occasionally, though. Before law school, she spent a year in Bozeman, Montana doing environmental legal research for Trout Unlimited. After that, she moved to Washington, DC, where she worked on a television series about landmark Supreme Court cases at C-SPAN and wrote speeches at West Wing Writers. At Stanford, she is the president of Stanford Lawyering for Reproductive Justice and mentorship co-chair of the Women of Stanford Law. She is also involved with the Social Security Disability Pro Bono Project, the Stanford Law and Policy Review, and the Asian Pacific Islander Law Students Association. Julia spent her 1L summer at the ACLU's Reproductive Freedom Project in New York. In the coming year, she looks forward to working on the Shaking the Foundations conference and participating in

the Environmental Law Clinic. Ask her about community gardens, fun hikes, and other hidden gems out here in suburbia.



Meghan Koushik

Meghan grew up moving between California and India, where her family still lives. She takes great pride in her spice tolerance. She graduated from Brown University in 2013 with a double major in International Relations and Middle Eastern Studies. After graduation, she moved to Turkey for a year as a Fulbright scholar, where she conducted research on the lack of legal protections for LGBT-identified asylum seekers and taught English. After that, she spent two years as a research associate at the Brennan Center for Justice in New York, working in the Liberty and National Security program. Her research at Brennan focused on the civil liberties implications of counter-terrorism programs. At SLS, Meghan serves as co-President of the Women of Stanford Law, Policy Director for the International Refugee Assistance Project, APILSA Admissions and Recruitment Chair, and is on the board of the Stanford Women of Color Collective. She is also a Member Editor on the Stanford Law Review and Articles Editor for the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights & Civil Liberties, and will be participating in the International Human Rights Clinic in the spring. Meghan spent her 1L summer at the ACLU of California, working on the Tech and Civil Liberties project and learning a lot about creepy surveillance technology. In her free time, Meghan can be found re-creating Smitten Kitchen recipes, reading on the beach, or playing with someone's dog.



Mollie Kuether

Mollie grew up in Detroit Lakes, MN. She graduated from the University of Chicago in 2013 with a degree in Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations and spent a year after graduation studying Arabic in Muscat, Oman. Before law school, she spent two years as a paralegal at The Legal Aid Society in New York City, where she worked on class action and impact litigation with the Civil Law Reform Unit. She also advocated on behalf of foster children as a Court Appointed Special Advocate with CASA of Middlesex County. During her 1L year at Stanford, Mollie participated in the Tax Pro Bono Project and spent her summer working at Sullivan & Cromwell in Palo Alto. As a 2L, she looks forward to participating in the Afghanistan Legal Education Program and the Youth and Education Law Project. She will also serve as a Managing Editor of the Stanford Journal of Law, Business and Finance and a co-coordinator of the Stanford Association of Law Students for Disability Rights.

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Andra Lim

Andra grew up in Orinda, California. In 2013, she graduated from UCLA, where she spent as much time in the student newspaper office as in her English and Political Science classes. Before law school,

Andra worked for three years as a news reporter covering local government and politics for the Austin American-Statesman, a daily newspaper in Texas. At Stanford, Andra is APILSA's academic committee chair, a StreetLaw teacher, Notes Editor of the Stanford Law and Policy Review, and a Member Editor of the Stanford Law Review. She spent the summer after her 1L year at the California Office of the Attorney General's Health, Education and Welfare Section in Sacramento. This school year, she is looking forward to participating in the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic in the fall.



Ale Lynberg

Ale grew up in the Bay Area and graduated from Stanford in 2011 with a degree in International Relations. Before law school, she worked at Google and in her most recent role there she managed programs

to ensure that the unique needs of international users in emerging markets were addressed in the product development process. While at Google, she developed an interest in technology policy and its role in promoting international human rights such as freedom of expression and privacy. At SLS, Ale is Co-President of the Stanford Law and Technology Association and is on the board of Women of Stanford Law. She also participates in the Social Security Disability and International Refugee Assistance Pro Bono Projects. Ale spent her 1L summer clerking for Chief Justice Sam Rugege of the Supreme Court of Rwanda and is looking forward to participating in the Afghanistan Legal Education Project this coming year. Outside of school, she enjoys swimming, hiking, sailing and traveling.



Biola Macaulay

Biola was born in Nigeria, but grew up in Orange County, CA. She went to Stanford for undergrad as well and studied International Relations and Economics. During college, Biola was involved in activism around Black

Lives Matter and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, as well as a Research Assistant at the Stanford Human Rights Center. Biola is a straight through, but she did internships at the Orange County Public Defender, Accountability Counsel, the World Justice Project, and the National Immigrant Women's Advocacy Project. She spent her 1L summer in the Criminal Section at DOJ Civil Rights, prosecuting police misconduct and hate crimes. At SLS, she is the VP of the Black Law Students Association, one of the Co-Leaders of

the National Lawyers Guild, on the board of the Woman of Color Collective, and a Community Associate in Munger. Biola participated in the Immigration and After Innocence pro bono projects and the Three Strikes Project during 1L, and is looking forward to the Criminal Defense clinic her 2L fall.



Hannah Matsunaga

Hannah (she/her/hers) was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawai'i and won't let anyone forget it. She graduated from Vassar College in 2016 with a degree in Political Science. At Stanford, she is co-President

of OutLaw and a member of Asian Pacific Islander Law Students Association, the Women of Color Collective, the Workers' Rights Pro Bono Project, and the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights, Civil Liberties, and Criminal Law. She spent her 1L summer at Walkup Melodia, a personal injury firm in San Francisco, where she worked on everything from mass torts to balcony collapses. Hannah is interested in civil rights litigation, Constitutional law, and being one of the good guys. She is excited to join the Supreme Court Litigation clinic in the Spring of 2018. Hannah also enjoys poetry slams, sick memes, and ranting about race, gender, and the construction of the self-as-personal-brand on Keeping Up with the Kardashians.



Claire McDonald

Claire grew up in Baltimore, Maryland. She attended Davidson College in North Carolina, where she majored in History and Spanish. After college, she taught elementary school in Prince George's

County, Maryland for three years. At SLS, Claire has been a Streetlaw teacher and is on the Stanford Prisoner Advocacy and Resources Coalition Board. Claire is also a Member Editor of Stanford Law Review and will be participating in the Defense Clinic in the fall. Claire worked this past summer in the Civil Litigation Division of the Maryland Attorney General's office. In her free time, Claire enjoys baking and being outdoors.



Monica Molina

Monica grew up close-by in Los Altos, CA and attended Columbia University. She spent two semesters interning at the Sabin Center for Climate Change Law at CLS and wrote her thesis on toxins in communities. When she

graduated, Monica accepted a position at a solar power producer in Santiago, Chile where she worked in business development. After a year in Chile, she returned to the Bay Area where she began working at NextGen Climate, a political advocacy organization that advocates for improved environmental laws and policies. At Stanford, Monica is

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pursuing a joint JD/MS in Environment and Resources through the E-IPER program. She is a board member of the Social Security Disability Pro Bono and the Stanford Latino Law Students Association. Monica participates in the Environmental Law Journal and will join the Environmental Law Clinic during the winter quarter. This summer, Monica split her summer between the Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund in San Antonio, Texas, where she worked on civil rights impact litigation, and Communities for a Better Environment in Richmond, CA, where she engaged in community lawyering for environmental justice. She loves to cook and practice yoga.



Eddie Nugent

Eddie, a fourth-generation Californian, was born and raised in Salinas. After getting a math degree at Santa Clara University, he took a couple years to do a master's in a mix of philosophy and religious studies at Boston

College, and ran back to the West Coast as soon as possible. At Stanford, Eddie is a Vice President of Student Initiatives with the Stanford Public Interest Law Foundation, a member of the Stanford Law Students Against Gendered Violence pro bono, and a Community Development Co-Chair on Stanford Law Association. During his 1L summer, he worked at Radio Free Europe, where his main project involved suing the government over documents related to a Russian oligarch who "fell and died" in D.C. Eddie hopes to pursue work in international human rights and conflict resolution, though he also has interests in AI, the open internet, and the environment. In his free time, Eddie enjoys swimming, cooking, postmodern novels, and keeping up with the latest releases in hip-hop.



Natalie Oveysi

Natalie is a native of San Jose, California and graduated from UC Berkeley in 2015 with a degree in Sociology. As an undergraduate, she interned for a felony trial attorney at the Santa Clara County Public Defender's

Office. Before attending Stanford, she worked for a non-profit organization concerned with ethical issues in genetic and reproduction technologies. At Stanford, Natalie is a co-president of the BioLaw and Health Policy Society, a co-president of the Middle Eastern and South Asian Law Students Association, a vice president of the Stanford Law and Technology Association, and a volunteer with the Social Security and Disability Pro Bono project. She has a particular interest in practicing law in the life science area, and she will be working with the Juelsgaard Intellectual Property and Innovation Clinic this winter. Natalie spent this past summer working at the civil division of the United States Attorney's Office in San Jose. In her spare time, she enjoys drinking tea, visiting museums and gardens,

and trying to identify the killer in international murder mysteries.



Emily Pehrsson

Emily grew up in Fairfax Station, Virginia and graduated from the College of William and Mary in 2013. At W&M, Emily majored in International Relations, focusing on Russian studies, cybersecurity, and ethnic

conflict. For three years she worked as a strategy consultant with Deloitte Consulting, serving federal government and non-profit clients. At SLS, Emily is a Senior Editor of the Stanford Law & Policy Review, co-leader of the Christian Legal Fellowship, co-leader of the After Innocence pro bono project, and Academic Chair for the Criminal Law Society. As a 1L, she served as a Project ReMADE legal mentor to a formerly incarcerated individual starting his own company. This summer, Emily worked in the Cyber Crime Unit, Criminal Division of the D.C. U.S. Attorney's Office. Emily is looking forward to participating in the Criminal Defense Clinic this spring.



Yoni Pomeranz

Yoni grew up in the north suburbs of Chicago, and went to Princeton for college, where he majored in Classics. He taught high school, lived in Israel for two years, and finished a Ph.D. in Religious Studies at Yale. At Stanford,

Yoni has been involved in the Criminal Law Society and the Tax and Housing pro bonos. He spent his post-1L summer in the Criminal Appellate Division of the US Attorney's Office in San Francisco. In spite of his having attained the hoary age of thirty-two and his vaunted life experience and wisdom, he is still uncertain about his post-law school plans. He found the 2L public interest mentors in his 1L mentorship group to be incredibly helpful, and hopes to be at least one-third (and no more than seven-eighths) as helpful as they were.



John Preis

John was raised in Los Angeles by his public interest attorney father and artist mother until he left for boarding school in New Hampshire when he was 14. After high school John went on to MIT where he

played water polo while pursuing a mechanical and ocean engineering degree. While at MIT, John participated in the Navy ROTC program and upon graduation, commissioned in the United States Navy. He was assigned to Naval Reactors Headquarters in DC where he worked on the design, maintenance, and operation of nuclear reactors in aircraft carriers, submarines, and land based prototype. While in DC, John also became a Victim Advocate in the Navy

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Sexual Assault, Prevention, and Response program. John came to Stanford Law as a part of the Navy Law Education Program and will join the Navy Judge Advocate Corps upon graduation. At Stanford, John works with the International Refugee Assistance Project, he will be spending his 2L spring quarter working on the Supreme Court Clinic, and for his 1L summer, he was a Park Prosecutor at Yosemite National Park. John lives in San Bruno with his wife, Allison (a UC Hastings student), his cat Truffles, and his 1986 Ford Bronco II and its many rusty edges.



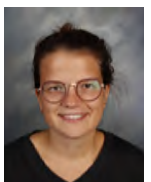
Sarah Rowan

Sarah was born and raised in Upstate New York, just outside of Albany. In 2016 she graduated from Duke University, where she studied public policy, environmental science, and economics. She came straight to law school to pursue a career in environmental law. Sarah is Community Co-Chair of the Environmental Law Society, Project Leader for the Environmental Law Pro Bono, VP of Community Development for Stanford Law Association, and Managing Editor of the Environmental Law Journal. She is also a teacher for the StreetLaw Pro Bono and an active member of Women of Stanford Law. Sarah spent her 1L summer at the California Energy Commission. She is a joint JD/MS student in Environment and Resources. She is excited to be participating in the Environmental Law Clinic next winter. While not in class, Sarah is most likely rock climbing, exploring new restaurants, or watching Friends.



Makeba Rutahindurwa

Raised in Las Vegas, NV, Makeba graduated from Tufts University in 2014 with a BA in International Relations. She then worked for a couple years in D.C. as a paralegal for the ACLU Center for Justice and then a special assistant at the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division. At Stanford, Makeba participated in the Three Strikes Project, StreetLaw, and SLS Musical. This year, she is one of the community action chairs of BLSA, a coordinator for the Housing Pro Bono, and on the board of SPILF. She is also helping to plan the 2017 Shaking the Foundations Conference. Makeba spent her 1L summer as a legal intern with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund in New York and is looking forward to participating in the International Human Rights Clinic in the winter. Outside of law school, she likes to sing (now mostly in the shower), dance, eat Hot Cheetos, and watch ridiculous amounts of Netflix.



Emma Schindler

Emma grew up in Brooklyn, New York and graduated from Yale in 2014, where she studied Humanities. Before law school,

she worked as a paralegal at the federal public defender's office in the Eastern District of New York. At SLS, she is a co-director of the Race and Criminal Justice Reading Group and the Critical Law Society. She is on the board of the Stanford Prisoner Advocacy and Resources Coalition, and volunteers with the Prisoner Legal Services Pro Bono, as well as the Social Security and Disability Project Pro Bono. She is a managing editor of the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, and is helping organize Shaking the Foundations 2017. She spent her 1L summer interning in the ACLU's Criminal Law Reform Project, and is excited to participate in the Criminal Defense Clinic this spring.



Arjun Shenoy

Born and raised in the Bay Area, Arjun graduated from Yale University in 2012 with a B.A. and M.A. in Political Science. At Yale, he was active in community service organizations, serving as curriculum director for the New Haven Urban Debate League. He was also the director of operations for Ready Set Launch, a nonprofit focused on helping underserved high school students navigate the college admissions process. After graduation, Arjun spent a year working at Deloitte Consulting in their federal strategy and operations practice. From there, he moved to the D.C. Circuit, serving as the judicial assistant to the Hon. Sri Srinivasan from 2013-2016. (He doubts he will ever find a better job.) At Stanford, Arjun participates in StreetLaw and is a member of APILSA, Stanford Law Review, and Stanford Law & Policy Review. This past summer, he was an intern at the Federal Programs Branch of the United States Department of Justice. He looks forward to participating in the Immigrants' Rights Clinic in the winter. In his spare time, Arjun enjoys watching Bay Area sports, trying to understand the NBA's Collective Bargaining Agreement, listening to classic rock, and anticipating the next season of Curb Your Enthusiasm.



Alex Treiger

Alex grew up ten minutes down the road from Stanford, in Los Altos, California. But he decided to return to Baltimore, his birthplace, for college and graduated from Johns Hopkins University in 2012. After law school, Alex joined Teach For America and spent four years teaching high school biology in New Orleans. At Stanford, he is a member editor of the Stanford Law Review and works as a research assistant; he is also involved in Project Clean Slate, the Jewish Law Students Association, and the Criminal Law Society. He spent his 1L summer at the US Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York in the Criminal Division.

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Abby Walter

Abby grew up in Delaware and graduated from Yale University in 2014, where she majored in English. Abby then taught high school literature in rural England (though most of her time was spent looking after the forty eleven-year-olds in her boarding house). After teaching, Abby spent a year in Washington, D.C. working on education policy in the U.S. Senate, focusing on access and equity issues in higher education. At Stanford, Abby is co-president of StreetLaw Pro Bono, co-president of Youth and Education Advocates (YEA), secretary of Stanford Public Interest Law Foundation (SPILF), and a board member of Jewish Law Students Association (JLSA). She is also a member of Stanford Law Review and Stanford Law and Policy Review. During her 1L summer, Abby worked on special education cases at the Children's Law Center in D.C. She is excited to continue to work on similar issues in the Youth and Education Law Project this winter and plans to pursue a dual degree with the Graduate School of Education. Outside of school, Abby enjoys volleyball, Victorian novels (alongside their film adaptations), and baking.



Nicole Welindt

Nicole grew up in the Chicagoland area before heading out to California. She graduated from Pomona College with a degree in Neuroscience in 2014. After college, she worked as a lab manager at the University of California, Davis. Nicole spent her 1L summer at Young Minds Advocacy, a nonprofit in San Francisco. At SLS, Nicole serves as an Academic Co-Chair for Women of Stanford Law, the Technical Managing Editor for the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, a Member Editor for the Stanford Law Review, and the Projects Chair for BioLaw and Health Policy Society. She looks forward to participating in the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic this fall. She welcomes 1Ls to reach out about any of the above, or with questions about her favorite hikes in the Bay, the best ingredient substitutes in vegan baking, or Netflix recommendations.



Kelsey Woodford

Kelsey grew up in Birmingham, Alabama, the misfit daughter of Yankee transplants in the Deep South. She attended Duke University for undergrad, where she designed her own course of study entitled Sex and Power: Gendered Relationships.

After graduating from Duke, she moved to South Bend, Indiana with her husband to satiate her curiosity about what it would be like to live a snow globe (also so her husband

could pursue his PhD). In South Bend, she researched behavioral ethics as the Program Manager for the Notre Dame Deloitte Center for Ethical Leadership. At SLS, Kelsey is involved with Stanford Law Students against Gendered Violence (SLS GiVe), Stanford International Human Rights Law Association, and Shaking the Foundations. She volunteers with the Stanford Prisoner Advocacy and Resources Coalition, the International Refugee Assistance Project, and the Immigration Pro Bono Project. Kelsey spent her 1L summer as a legal intern with the Federal Public Defender's Office in Birmingham, Alabama. She will participate in the Religious Liberty Clinic in the winter. She loves movies, exploring, and eating. Ask her about hiking, donuts, and how to successfully get a cat into Stanford housing.



Alyssa Wright

Alyssa spent her early childhood in Tokyo, Japan, but considers San Diego, California home. She graduated from Stanford University in 2016 and majored in Communication with minors in Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity as well as Theater and Performance Studies. In college, Alyssa taught dance classes inside Hillcrest Juvenile Hall, and knew from then on that she wanted to work within the criminal justice system. At SLS, she is on the board of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) and the Stanford Prisoner Advocacy and Resources Coalition (SPARC). She also volunteers with the Immigration Pro Bono Project and the Stanford Law Students Against Gendered Violence Pro Bono. Alyssa spent her 1L summer at the Juvenile Division of the San Diego Public Defender's Office. She also spent two weeks at the Los Angeles Federal Defender at the end of summer. Alyssa is looking forward to participating in the International Human Rights and Conflict Resolution Clinic this winter. Outside of law school, Alyssa loves baking, spinning, traveling, and dancing.