Previous Ford Fellows

2014-15

Holly Fetter, ’14 (B.A. Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity; M.A. Sociology)

- Fellowship Placement: Ford Foundation
- Fellowship Mentor: Jee Kim, Program Officer, US Civic & Political Participation
- Hometown: Santa Barbara, CA
- Interests: racial and economic justice

Nate Garcia, ’14 (Economics)

- Fellowship Placement: MacArthur Foundation
- Fellowship Mentor: Laurie Garduque, Director, Justice Reform
- Hometown: Denver, CO
- Interests: poverty alleviation, racial equity, education

Alex Martinez, ’14 (Human Biology)

- Fellowship Placement: Rockefeller Foundation
- Fellowship Mentor: Fred Boltz, Managing Director, Ecosystems
- Hometown: Great Falls, MT
- Interest: global sustainable development

2013–14

Keith Calix, ’13 (International Relations)

- Fellowship Placement: Annie E. Casey Foundation
- Fellowship Mentor: Mike Laracy, Director of Policy Reform and Advocacy
- Hometown: Queens, NY
- Service interest: higher education access, college readiness, youth development, urban inequality
• Stanford experience: COSPE International Analyst (Florence, Italy); Extra-Mural Education Project Researcher (Cape Town, South Africa); Community-Based Partnership Research; Center for African Studies Fellowship; Teaching Assistant at Stanford Education Program for Gifted Youth; Residential Assistant
• Other service experience: Education Programs Fellow, Coalition for Queens
• Fellowship goal: To develop a more holistic understanding of philanthropy’s impact on increasing higher education access in New York City, identify major trends in philanthropic giving to public high school reform, and further develop the necessary tools and knowledge to become an effective education practitioner and agent of change.
• Post Fellowship plans: To work in the public sector by pursuing a law or related degree with a focus in education or human rights.

Amy Chen, ’13 (Human Biology)

• Fellowship Placement: Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation
• Fellowship Mentor: Christy Remey Chin, Managing Director
• Hometown: Cerritos, CA
• Service interest: social impact, measurement and evaluation
• Stanford experience: Haas Summer Fellow at SIRUM (Supporting Initiatives to Redistribute Unused Medication), Haas Public Service Leadership Program, Chappell Lougee Scholar, Co-president at Alpha Kappa Psi, Consultant for Stanford Healthcare Consulting Group, Consultant for Stanford Consulting, International Fellow for Stanford in Government in Taiwan, Assistant Teacher at Bing Nursery School
• Other service experience: Intern at U.S. Department of Education (Office of Early Learning), Global Health Intern at Asian Liver Center, Consultant for Pan American Health Organization (PAHO)
• Fellowship goal: to make sustainable impact through the strategic use of measurement and evaluation
• Post-Fellowship plans: to pursue business school; to explore impact investing and social entrepreneurship

Imani Franklin, ’13 (International Relations)

• Fellowship Placement: The Ford Foundation
• Fellowship Mentor: Margaret Hempel, Director SRHR
• Hometown: Atlanta, GA
• Service interests: women’s empowerment, global development, U.S.-Middle East relations
• Stanford experience: co-president of Black Student Union, Residential Assistant in Ujamaa, Center for Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law honors student, American Middle Eastern Network for Dialogue at Stanford (AMENDS) director of delegate relations, Model United Nations team, LGBT Center Safe and Open Spaces at Stanford (SOSAS) coordinator, ASSU Diversity Cabinet, Bing Overseas Studies Programs in Beijing, China and Santiago, Chile
• Other service experience: Project Dosti volunteer teacher in India, Alternative Spring Break on teen reproductive health, volunteer assistant in Beijing with A Bridge for Children (ABC) serving migrant and orphaned youth, part-time volunteer in Jordan teaching Somali and Sudanese refugee children through Jesuit Refugee Services
• Fellowship goals: To understand the role American philanthropy plays in supporting women’s rights and poverty alleviation in the developing world, to gain insight on how
internationally-focused foundations build relationships with the communities they serve to ensure that their work is genuinely producing positive impact

- Post Fellowship plans: To work with an organization abroad to see what U.S. international development and human rights work looks like on the receiving end, then to pursue a Masters in International Public Policy

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2012–13

Jaclyn Le ’12 (Political Science; Minor in Education)

- Fellowship Placement: The Boston Foundation
- Fellowship Mentor: Elizabeth Pauley, Program Director
- Hometown: Irving, TX
- Service interest: education equity policy, public interest law, and urban inequality
- Stanford experience: Branner Hall Public Service Focus Assistant, DreamCatchers, Stanford Phoenix Scholars, Haas Center student intern, Public Service Leadership Program (PSLP), Public Service Scholars Program (PSSP), Public Interest Law Fellowship, Community Service Work Study
- Other service experience: Earning by Learning, Family Gateway, and Legal Aid of Northwest Texas in Dallas, TX
- Fellowship goal: to deepen my understanding of philanthropy’s impact on education policy, identify major trends in philanthropic giving to K-12 education reform, and to develop skills and knowledge necessary to be an effective change maker in education
- Post Fellowship plans: to continue exploring the intersections between education, policy, and the law by pursuing a legal education or graduate degree in education

Jenny Rempel ’12 (Earth Systems; Minor in Human Biology)

- Fellowship Placement: Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation (New York)
- Fellowship Mentor: Kolu Zigbi, Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Program Officer
- Hometown: Fresno, CA
- Service interests: sustainable food systems, conservation in rural and urban contexts, food justice as a community development tool, economic empowerment, and reductions in health disparities
- Stanford experience: Stanford Farm Project, Bill Lane Center for the American West, Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve docent, Students for a Sustainable Stanford, Environmental Faculty Dinner Series, Stanford Dining Composting Program, Stanford Outdoor Outreach Program, and The Stanford Daily
- Other service experience: Team teacher for the Eastside Science Education Program
- Fellowship goal: To gain a birds-eye view of food and farming in civil society; to understand the role of philanthropy in the environmental movement; and to learn about innovative, interdisciplinary solutions that unite non-profit, for-profit and governmental entities for positive change
- Post fellowship plans: Pursue a career to improve humans’ relationship with nature
• Quote about service commitment: As the Lorax once said in Dr. Seuss’ famous children’s book, “Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not.”

Isabelle Wijangco ‘12 (Human Biology)

• Fellowship Placement: United Nations Foundation (New York)
• Fellowship Mentor: Susan Myers, Vice President for UN Relations
• Hometown: Phoenix, Arizona
• Service interests: global health, human rights, diplomacy, women’s empowerment, and educational equity
• Stanford experience: Center for Innovation in Global Health (CIGH) and Freeman Spogli Institute Center for Democracy, Development, and Rule of Law (CDDRL) research assistant; Junior Class President; Sophomore Class President; Right to Education for All Children (REACH) President; CIGH teaching assistant; Senior Gift co-chair; Office of Development student speaker; Bing Stanford in Washington Program; Bing Overseas Studies Program in Oxford; Haas Center Public Service Leadership Program; Stanford Ballroom Dance Team; and Frosh Council
• Other service experience: Intern, Office of the Surgeon General; designing initiatives to increase volunteerism among American high school students; and math tutor
• Fellowship goal: To better understand the role of private philanthropy in the expanding landscape of actors in global public health, particularly its intersection with public policy
• Post fellowship plans: Pursue graduate studies towards a global public health/public policy career
• Quote about service commitment: My intention is to live a life that instills hope, promotes love, and empowers others. By helping to build equal opportunities for health, I hope to help people participate more fully in society.

2011–2012

Gea Kang ’11 (History)

• fellowship placement: Asia Foundation (San Francisco)
• fellowship mentor: Gordon Hein, Vice President, Programs
• Hometown: Palo Alto, CA
• service interests: sustainable global development; international relations and security; poverty alleviation; social entrepreneurship; women’s issues; and the media’s role in social change
• Stanford experience: Co-President of Korean Students Association; Students for Engagement & Activism in Microfinance; Stanford in Government Fellow with UNDP/GEF Yellow Sea Large Marine Ecosystem Project (Ansan, Korea); “After Dark Series” Mental Health Resources Coordinator for Asian American Activities Center; participant in Alternative Spring Break (“Asian American Issues: From Identity to Action”); Habla La Noche; The Stanford Daily; and Newsweek Korea
• other service experience: SEE College Prep summer tutor; Korean-English translation of North Korea-related policy papers
• fellowship goal: to gain a more nuanced understanding of comparative approaches to international development: how philanthropy and public policy intersect to drive change (“top-down”) versus how social entrepreneurship innovation impacts the landscape (“bottom-up”)
• post fellowship plans: pursue a legal education; work in international development policy

“Social change can seem amorphous and daunting to tackle. But it begins with just a simple question challenging the status quo: “why?” The global community is intimately intertwined, and we can leverage our wealth of perspectives to turn the “why” questions into “how to move forward” conversations. I am very excited to be part of that movement.”

Liesl Spitz ’11 (Drama and Human Biology)

• fellowship placement: Surdna Foundation (New York)
• fellowship mentor: Lynn Stern, Program Officer, Thriving Cultures
• hometown: San Francisco, CA
• service interests: Art as tool for social change, global development, womens’ health, and cultural equity
• Stanford Experience: Artistic Director, Stanford Theater Activist Mobilization Project (STAMP); Co-Director, *Bent, The Exonerated, and Out of Sight Out of Mind* (STAMP); Stage Manager, *Rent*, and Performer, *Beyond My Circle* (Drama Department); Producer, *Original Winter One Acts 2009* (Ram’s Head); Freshman RA, Larkin; Overseas Seminar in Uganda; and Bing Overseas Studies in Cape Town, South Africa
• other service experience: Mural, Music and Arts Project in East Palo Alto; Magnet Theater in Cape Town, South Africa; Easter Seals Camp Harmon, Boulder Creek
• fellowship goal: To explore the intersections of art and activism, to research theory and practice cultural organizing, and to understand the role of philanthropy in social change.
• post fellowship plans: open

“My hope is to live a life of humility and compassion – to understand my weaknesses, and to serve in spite of them.”

John Thomas ’11 (Human Biology; MS Earth Systems)

• fellowship placement: Rockefeller Foundation (New York)
• fellowship mentor: Cristina Rumbaitis del Rio, Associate Director
• hometown: Princeton, NJ
• service interest: water, sanitation, and public health; global development; environmental conservation, women’s health, and microfinance
• Stanford experience: Haas Summer Fellow at Partners In Health, FACE AIDS, Patient Advocacy, Stanford Triathlon Team, Alternative Spring Break, and Tutoring for Community
• other service experience: Research with World Wildlife Fund in Namibia, Bing Overseas Studies Program in Cape Town, South Africa
• fellowship goal: Learn about innovative, market-based solutions to global poverty, with a particular focus on water and sanitation in developing countries
• post fellowship plans: Pursue a career in strategy and management of social ventures through an MBA or get a PhD in environmental health or development economics to change the structure of global poverty

“Study in your course of life to do the greatest possible amount of good. These words have inspired me to use the privilege of a Stanford education to engage with the notion of doing good, and how to make it the greatest possible amount. For me, that is the meaning of service.”

2010–2011

Angie McPhaul ’10 (Urban Studies)

• fellowship placement: The Annie E. Casey Foundation, Baltimore
• fellowship mentors: Donna Stark, Vice President, Talent Management/Leadership Development; Mike Laracy, Director of Policy Reform and Advocacy
• hometown: Redwood City, CA
• service Interests: urban inequality, education, anti-genocide
• Stanford experience: coordinator, Stanford STAND: A Student Anti-Genocide Coalition; recipient of the Urban Studies Summer Fellowship working at Peninsula Bridge Program; participant in ASB “Changemakers” and “New Orleans”; Public Service Leadership Fellow; Camp Kesem counselor; participant in Bing Overseas Studies Program in Santiago, Chile
• other service experience: volunteer with Nuestra Casa
• fellowship goal: learn how to identify and support effective change mechanisms; understand philanthropy’s involvement in urban issues; gain a better understanding of what skills and knowledge can help one more effectively work on social justice issues
• post-fellowship plan: teach elementary school with Teach for America in Washington, DC

“I am committed to strengthening our cities. I recognize that education, creating sustainable environments, and community and economic development are just some of many pieces of the puzzles that need to be addressed in our urban centers”

Taylor Ray ’10 (Psychology)

• fellowship placement: Acumen Fund, New York
• fellowship mentors: Brian Trelstad, Chief Investment Officer; Sasha Dichter, Director of Business Development
• hometown: Los Angeles
• service interests: global health, HIV/AIDS, microfinance, poverty alleviation, social innovation and entrepreneurship
• Stanford experience: honors research on charitable giving (supported by the Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society), Haas Center undergraduate fellowships participant and program assistant, Camp Kesem counselor, Sigma Nu community service chair
other service experience: involved with Support for International Change, working to alleviate the effects of HIV/AIDS in rural Tanzania
fellowship goal: to gain critical insight into the intersection of global health and microfinance or related models
post fellowship plans: to pursue work in global development both domestically and abroad, and complete a graduate degree in business, law and/or public administration

"Philanthropy embodies the intersection of two things that have always been crucial to my life: public service and innovation. I have found that philanthropy does not have the barriers and bureaucracy inherent in policy, and therefore it can be unstinted and pioneering in the use of resources to bring together solutions to the world’s most pressing problems. Philanthropy is a sector that needs passionate individuals who do not need to be given roadmaps to solutions, but rather those who are excited to immerse themselves and find comprehensive and creative ways to create positive change. I am ready for this challenge."

Joy Zhang '10 (Human Biology)

- fellowship placement: **Skoll Foundation**, Palo Alto
- fellowship mentor: Ben Binswanger, Vice President, Program and Impact
- hometown: Augusta, GA
- service interests: strategic philanthropy and social entrepreneurship, poverty, education, health
- Stanford experience: co-president of **Project Dosti**, president and founding member of Team HBV, **Stanford in Government** Fellow with the Office of Liz Kniss, participant in Bing Overseas Studies Program in Beijing
- other service experience: volunteer at Aarti Home orphanage in India, outreach intern at Asian Liver Center, partnerships director for SEE College Prep, Clinton Global Initiative University conference, San Francisco Hep B Free Speakers Bureau
- fellowship goal: to better understand effective social change and impact measurement strategies in philanthropy.
- Post Fellowship plans: pursue graduate studies

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2009–2010

Stefanie Demong (Urban Studies)

- fellowship placement: **Tipping Point Community**, San Francisco
- fellowship mentor: Daniel Lurie, CEO and Founder

Andrew Ehrich ’09 (Mathematics)

- fellowship placement: **Surdna Foundation**, New York City
- fellowship mentor: Sharon Alpert, Program Director for Environment

Lauren Finzer (Human Biology)
fellowship placement: The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, Menlo Park
fellowship mentor: Peter Belden, Program Officer in the Population Program

2008–2009

**Alyssa Battistoni** (Political Science)
- fellowship placement: Rockefeller Brothers Fund, New York
- fellowship mentors: Stephen B. Heintz, President and Benjamin Shute, Jr., Secretary and Program Director, Democratic Process

**Linh Tran** (Human Biology)
- fellowship placement: Compton Foundation, Redwood City
- fellowship mentors: Edith Eddy, Executive Director and Jennifer L. Sokolove, Senior Program Officer for the Environment

**Sheila Bijoor** (International Relations, MS Electrical Engineering)
- fellowship placement: Grameen Foundation Technology Center, Seattle
- fellowship mentors: Peter Blandin, Senior Vice President and Executive Director and David Edelstein, Director ICT Innovation

2007–2008

**Ria Collingwood** (Cultural and Social Anthropology)
- fellowship placement: Partnership for Higher Education in Africa, New York
- fellowship mentor: Suzanne Grant Lewis, Coordinator

**Emily Gerth** (Public Policy)
- fellowship placement: Walter and Elise Haas Fund, San Francisco
- fellowship mentor: Pam David, Executive Director

**Kiah Williams** (Science, Technology, and Society; MA Sociology)
- fellowship placement: Alliance for a Healthier Generation, William J. Clinton Foundation/AHA
- fellowship mentor: Brian Herr, Executive Director
2006–2007

Adi Greif (Political Science)
- fellowship placement: United States Institute of Peace, Washington DC
- fellowship mentors: Judy Parsalou, Vice President, Grants and Fellowships Program and Abedeslam Maghraoui, Director, Muslim World Initiative

Rachel Niederman (Human Biology)
- fellowship placement: Annie E. Casey Foundation, Baltimore
- fellowship mentor: Patrick McCarthy, Vice President, System and Service Reform

Dana Schmidt (Economics)
- fellowship placement: William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
- fellowship mentor: Paul Brest, President

2005–2006

Ronak Kapadia (Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity)
- fellowship placement: Rockefeller Brothers Fund, New York
- fellowship mentors: Priscilla Lewis, Program Officer, Peace and Security Program and Ben Rodriguez-Cubenas, Program Officer, Pivotal Places

Marina Kim (International Relations)
- fellowship placement: Ashoka, Washington DC
- fellowship mentors: Bill Drayton, CEO, Chair and Founder and Sushmita Ghosh, President

Archan Pasupuleti (Human Biology)
- fellowship placement: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Princeton
- fellowship mentor: Robert Hughes, Coordinator, Special Projects

2004–2005

Catherine Barnard (Human Biology)
- fellowship placement: Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation
• fellowship mentor: Diane Rowland, Executive Director

Lillian Bowie (Urban Studies; MA Sociology)
• fellowship placement: Kimsey Foundation, Washington DC
• fellowship mentor: James Woody, Executive Director, Communities in Schools of Nation’s Capital

Britt Ehrhardt (Psychology)
• fellowship placement: Firelight Foundation
• fellowship mentor: Jennifer Astone, Executive Director

2003–2004

Afua Annor (Political Science)
• fellowship placement: Third Wave Foundation
• fellowship mentor: Jessica Holland, Executive Director

Laura Feldman (Urban Studies)
• fellowship placement: Appleseed Foundation, Washington DC
• fellowship mentor: Linda Singer, Executive Director

Leela Young (Urban Studies; MA Sociology)
• fellowship placement: The Asia Foundation, San Francisco
• fellowship mentor: Franck Wiebe, Chief Economist and Director, Economic Reform and Development

2002–2003

Yap Ling (Yeling) Tan (Economics)
• fellowship placement: The Asia Foundation, San Francisco
• fellowship mentor: Erin Weiser, Director of Economic Programs

Allison Upton (Psychology)
• fellowship placement: Chicago Community Trust, Chicago
• fellowship mentor: Sarah Solotaroff, Senior Advisor
2001–2002

**Sufia Dabadhai** (Human Biology)
- fellowship placement: Washington Grantmakers, Washington, DC
- fellowship mentor: Kae Dakin, President

**Alexis Kaminsky** (Urban Studies)
- fellowship placement: Robin Hood Foundation, New York
- fellowship mentor: Kieran McGrath, Senior Program Officer

**Patricia Soung** (Modern Thought and Literature)
- fellowship placement: Tides Foundation, San Francisco
- fellowship mentor: Carol “CJ” Callen, Senior Program Officer