

2015 Fellows

More than 300 Stanford students engaged in immersive service opportunities around the world during the summer of 2015. Click to see [a map](#) illustrating where all of our fellows are.

The students listed below are supported by the Haas Center for Public Service's Undergraduate Fellowships Program.

African Service Fellowship

a joint program with the Center for African Studies supporting students' work on social and economic issues in Africa

- **Claudia Brunner, '17 (Mechanical Engineering); Bottomup, Capetown, South Africa**
Claudia worked with Bottomup and assisted the Parkwood Primary School in determining the best way to utilize its existing computer room by integrating computers into the school's curriculum and ensuring that the facilities meet the teacher's needs.
- **Helen Gambah, '17 (Human Biology); Kaeme Organization, Accra, Ghana**
Helen worked with the organization Kaeme and partnered with the Ghanaian Department of Social Welfare to profile orphans.
- **Carolyn Oliver, '17 (Human Biology); TeachAIDS, Palo Alto, California**
Carolyn helped with the development of a new version of TeachAIDS' HIV education software.
- **Brandon Schow, '15 (Geophysics); International Justice Mission, Gulu, Uganda**
Brandon partnered with International Justice Mission (IJM) to work against property grabbing in Uganda.
- **Mina Shah, '16 (Comparative Literature); West Africa AIDS Foundation, Accra, Ghana**
Mina conducted interviews to help the West Africa AIDS Foundation improve quality-of-care for their clinics and developing lesson plans for different sections of books that deal with issues of health and marginalized populations.
- **Nora Tan, '17 (Biology); Ifakara Health Institute, Morogoro, Tanzania**
Nora worked on creating and implementing a community health education project that will provide screening for basic resource needs for clients (such as health care access, hunger and public benefits).
- **Stacey Wong, '15 (Public Policy); Ubongo Kids, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**
Stacey worked with Ubongo Kids, an organization that produces math and science edutainment material to improve access to education, and worked on developing the organization's distribution and corporate strategy.

Made possible by the David Abernethy NGO Internship Fund, the African Service Fellowship Fund, and the Tom Lockard and Alix Marduel International Public Service Fellowship for Undergraduates Fund.

Community Arts Fellowship

offers opportunities to work with arts organizations whose education and community priorities align with the goals of Stanford's Institute for Diversity in the Arts: to engage students and the community with issues of culture, identity and diversity through the lens of the arts

- **Lauren Dyer, '16 (Political Science); Mural Music & Arts Project (MMAP), East Palo Alto, California**
Lauren served as a Program Associate and her responsibilities includes engaging with and providing guidance for the youth attending the organization's program, designing lesson plans, connecting with partner organizations, and organizing MMAP's Program Matrix.
- **Malcolm Lizzappi, '17 (Comparative Literature); Black Lives Matter Productions, Oakland, California**
Malcolm collaborated on a Black Lives Matter documentary, and hopes to learn critical depictions of race, gender, class, and identity through film and sound.

Made possible by the Institute for Diversity in the Arts and the Philip and Jennifer Arnold Satre Fund.

Corporate Social Responsibility Fellowship

offers opportunities to work with a mentor in a corporate affairs, global affairs, community relations or CSR department at a corporate headquarters or in a corporate foundation

- **Kendall Beckett, '16 (Economics); Apple, Cupertino, California**
Kendall worked in Apple's Supplier Responsibility program focusing on upholding labor standards and human rights in their global supply chain.
- **Parabal Singh, '15 (Economics and International Relations); Wockhardt Foundation, Mumbai, India**
Parabal sought to better understand the motivations and constraints of corporations engaged in development and social impact activities and focused on Wockhardt Foundation's e-learning and mobile applications projects.

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Daher Memorial Fellowship

encourages students to develop projects that explore the intersections of business or economics and public service

- **Anjali Kumar, '15 (Public Policy); Bhutan Centre for Media and Democracy, Thimpu, Bhutan**
Anjali worked with youth who produce media through BCMD's Media Lab to help them monetize their creative talents and services and ran a weekly business workshop catering to any youth interested in starting their own enterprise.

Made possible by the Andrew Daher Fellowship Program Fund.

Education and Youth Development Fellowship

supports summer enrichment programs addressing academic and social needs of local underserved middle and high school youth

The following fellows worked with the East Palo Alto Stanford Academy (EPASA) program:

- Maria Barba, '17 (Undeclared)
- Benjamin deMayo, '18 (Undeclared)
- Clayton Evans, '15 (Mechanical Engineering)
- Emma Hartung, '17 (African & African American Studies)
- Joseph Lee, '17 (Symbolic Systems)
- Aisha Sharif, '18 (Undeclared)
- Camy Seitz-Cherner, '15 (Human Biology)
- Co Tran, '17 (Undeclared)

The following fellows worked with our Education and Youth Development Fellowship Signature Partners:

- Alec Hogan, '16 (African & African American Studies); Academic Tutoring and Leadership at Sequoia; Redwood City, California
- Adorie Howard, '17 (Undeclared); Mural Music & Arts Project, East Palo Alto, California
- Lauren Joseph, '17 (Undeclared); Foundation for a College Education, East Palo Alto, California

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Haas Summer Fellowship

provides students with support to develop and implement innovative, collaborative service projects that address community needs

- **Maheetha Bharadwaj, '16 (Biology); Udhavum Karangal Chennai, India**
Maheetha worked with her partner organization to build a health literacy program by translating and producing health videos that will be shown to patients in the waiting room of the health clinic.
- **Vivian Ho, '17 (Human Biology); Project Vietnam Foundation, Vietnam**
Vivian laid the groundwork for catalyzing emergency medical services in rural areas outside of Ho Chi Minh City by developing programs that train responders in basic life support skills.
- **Charlie Jiang, '16 (Engineering Physics); City Museum, Kathmandu, Nepal**
Working from Stanford, Charlie helped create an online "storymap" to help track cultural resources for tourism in an effort to contribute to the post-earthquake recovery efforts.
- **John Kamalu, '18 (Computer Science); Girls Code Camp, Hyderabad, India**
John started a program called Girls Code Camp in Hyderabad, India with two fellow Stanford

students, including **Aashna Shroff**. John partnered with CHIREC and other schools in Hyderabad to create and teach computer programming workshops for high school girls.

- **Katie Kirsch, '16 (Product Design Engineering); Girls Driving for a Difference, United States**
Katie co-founded “Girls Driving for a Difference,” an organization and mobile design studio team of Stanford women dedicated to using design to empowering young girls to become social changemakers. Katie drove across the country in an RV, visiting dozens of communities, and coaching design thinking + leadership workshops to empower over 2,000 middle school girls to create their own social impact as community leaders.
- **Vy Le, '16 (Anthropology); Smile Group, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam**
Vy worked with Smile Group, a nonprofit community center supporting children and families affected by HIV/AIDS, to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS related issues through the creation of outreach campaigns and summer programming.
- **Isabella Leon Calle, '18 (Undeclared); Midcoast Hunger Prevention Program, Brunswick, Maine**
Isabella developed a partnership between a food pantry and a free clinic in her hometown to design and implement a small scale educational learning plan teaching children about health and nutrition at the lunch site, and also worked to raise awareness about governmental and local aid programs for families of all income levels.
- **Evelyn Li, '18 (Civil Engineering); IBEKA, Indonesia**
Evelyn implemented a remote monitoring system to measure the power generated by micro-hydro plants that IBEKA has built in Indonesia.
- **Steven Rathje, '18 (Theatre and Psychology); Portland Shakespeare Project, Portland, Oregon**
Steve helped to create a festival of new works to support emerging playwrights.
- **Aashna Shroff, '17 (Computer Science); Girls Code Camp, Hyderabad, India**
Aashna started a program called Girls Code Camp in Hyderabad, India with two fellow Stanford students, including **John Kamalu**. Aashna partnered with CHIREC and other schools in Hyderabad to create and teach computer programming workshops for high school girls.

Made possible by the Donald Kennedy Fellowship, the William & Reva Tooley Public Service Summer Fellowship, and the Alex Tung Memorial Fellowship.

Haas Summer Round II Fellowship

provides graduating seniors and co-terms with support to develop and implement innovative, collaborative service projects that address community needs

- **Anna Casalme, '15 (Human Biology); Changing Faces, London, United Kingdom**
Anna worked with Changing Faces, the largest and most comprehensive organization supporting people with disfigurement, to develop classroom teaching guides for *Wonder*, a children’s novel by RJ Palacio, which features a child protagonist with a medical facial deformity.

- **Sophia Christel, '15 (Earth Systems); Open Space, Parks and Golf Division, City of Palo Alto's Community Services Department, Palo Alto, California**
Sophia designed and produced new interpretive signage for the Palo Alto Baylands Nature Preserve, which addresses aspects of salt marsh ecology, bird identification, and local landmarks.
- **Allison Nguyen, '15 (Human Biology); Innvision Shelter Network, Menlo Park, California**
Allison built environments at Innvision's shelters to promote health and wellbeing for clients by providing them with the education and the support that they need to make healthy choices.
- **Nika Soon-Shiong, '15 (International Relationship); Baylor International Pediatric AIDS Initiative's Teen Club, Gaborone, Botswana**
Nika conducted a photovoice project and will be providing young adults with digital cameras and asking them to capture their experiences searching for jobs.
- **Chelsey Sveinsson, '15 (Communication); The Bronx Defenders, New York, NY**
Chelsey facilitated community organizing around public housing issues by providing support and developing training sessions for community leaders.
- **Andrea Villarraga Delgado, '15 (Human Biology); CENIT, Quito, Ecuador**
Andrea created and implemented a comprehensive sexual health education curriculum at CENIT's small all-girls high school.

Made possible by the Donald Kennedy Fellowship.

Halper International Summer Fellowship

supports students pursuing international service opportunities

- **Eric Fabre, '16 (International Relations); WhizzKids United, Africaid Trust, Durban, South Africa**
Eric worked with WhizzKids, an organization that combines soccer and HIV/AIDS education to promote positive conversations around HIV/AIDS. He evaluated the On the Ball Life Skills program, which goes to schools in the KwaZulu Natal region to further the reach of the WhizzKids programs.
- **Cara Reichard, '15 (Political Science); Yangon School of Political Science, Yangon, Myanmar**
Cara worked with the Yangon School of Political Science in Burma during the country's election cycle, and used the opportunity to allow her to explore many of the things that she has studied at Stanford in a real world context.
- **Dafna Szafer, '15 (Product Design Engineering); ReMaterials, Ahmedabad, India**
Dafna worked with ReMaterials, a social enterprise based in India whose mission is to supply affordable roofing solutions for urban villages and slums, and helped to improve the engineering and design of the organization's current roofing system, ModRoof, and assisted with day-to-day activities like strength testing, waterproofing, and creation of marketing materials.
- **Zhi Ping (Zippy) Teo, '18 (Undeclared); UN Women/FES/ASEAN Secretariat, various locations in Southeast Asia**

Zippy worked on a regional-level research project commissioned by the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Secretariat to conduct an impact assessment of the implementation of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) on the female workforce.

Made possible by the Halper Summer Fellows Fund.

Huffington Pride Fellowship

offered jointly with the Stanford Pride Alumni Club and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Community Resource Center (LGBT CRC); promotes activism in the queer community

- **Ali Murat Gali, '17 (Human Biology); San Francisco AIDS Foundation, San Francisco, California**
Ali worked on a project to assess the global need for PrEP and locating communities with high need in order to provide them with necessary medications, while also helping with the delivery of care at Magnet, SFAF's gay men's health clinic in the Castro.
- **Allison Martin, '17 (Undeclared); Advocates for Youth, Washington, D.C.**
Alli served as an international policy intern for Advocates for Youth and is advocating for the inclusion of young peoples, particularly young girls and LGBT peoples, in the UN's Post 2015 development goals.
- **Alex Rezai, '17 (Human Biology); Gender Spectrum, Emeryville, California**
Alex assisted Gender Spectrum with setting up their 2015 Professionals and Family Conference, which helps educate professionals in healthcare, mental health, law, and education about how social services can be more accommodating to gender-expansive youth.
- **Nadia Stoufflet, '16 (Human Biology and Feminist Gender and Sexuality Studies); San Francisco LGBT Community Center, San Francisco, California**
Nadia interned with the Economic Development Team and worked with the Transgender Economic Empowerment Initiative (TEEI) on analyzing existing policies and programs surrounding employment opportunities and barriers to attaining economic stability for transgender and gender nonconforming populations, as well as assisting with programming for Economic Justice Month in the fall.

Made possible by the Huffington Pride Fellowship Fund and Stanford Pride donors.

Koret Fellowship

enables students to design and implement summer service projects within the context of the Jewish community; offered in conjunction with the Taube Center for Jewish Studies

- **Zachary Birnholz, '18 (Undeclared); Temple Isaiah, Los Angeles, California**
Zachary worked at Temple Isaiah in Los Angeles to help continue the Temple's integration into the surrounding religious community and social justice efforts, and helped to deepen the Temple's relationship with First AME Church (a black church in Los Angeles) by coordinating a series of text study exchanges, which applied religious texts to current social justice issues such as race violence.

- **Jake Friedler, '15 (Comparative Literature); East Bay Alliance for Sustainable Economy, Oakland, California**

Jake's work at the East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy centered around immersion in community organizing, where he assisted EBASE with campaigns related to worker's rights, immigration justice, and fighting gentrification.

Made possible by the Koret Foundation and Taube Center for Jewish Studies.

Philanthropy Fellowship

offers students opportunities to work at Bay Area foundations

- **Jacob Dalder, '15 (Symbolic Systems); Fast Forward, San Francisco, California**
Jacob worked with Fast Forward, a tech non-profit accelerator, and assisted the team in the logistics of the organization's workshop series to position nine new tech non-profits for success and growth and on additional research projects.
- **Monica Dey, '15 (Human Biology); Tides Foundation, San Francisco, California**
Monica served as a Strategy Intern for the Tides Foundation, and gained in-depth knowledge about the ways in which foundations can support grassroots efforts for social justice and development around the world.
- **Magali Duque, '15 (History); Silicon Valley Community Foundation, Mountain View, California**
Magali worked with the Silicon Valley Community Fund's Corporate Social Responsibility team and learned more about how philanthropy can leave a lasting impact on both donors and the communities the foundation serves.
- **Roselyn Miller, '16 (Anthropology); Grove Foundation, Los Altos, California**
Roselyn interned with the Grove Foundation and focused on projects related to safety nets for local communities, affordable housing, and immigration services.
- **Charlotte Sagan, '15 (Human Biology); Skoll Foundation, Palo Alto, California**
In her fellowship, Charlotte worked to understand the selection process for the social entrepreneurs who receive Skoll funding, and collaborated on a project that explores the benefits beyond the dollar that Skoll grantees receive (such as mentorship and networking).
- **Ashley Semanskee, '15 (Human Biology); Omidyar Network, Redwood City, California**
Ashley worked with Omidyar Network's US Financial Inclusion team to expand access to financial services for the more than half of American families that are currently under-served by the US financial services market.
- **Andie Taylor, '15 (Human Biology); Silicon Valley Community Foundation, Mountain View, California**
Andie worked within the Corporate Responsibility department at the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, and explored how corporations can engage with the community in a socially responsible, strategic and impactful way.

Made possible by Susan Ford Dorsey's Sand Hill Foundation and Philanthropic Ventures Foundation and the Silicon Valley Community Foundation.

Public Interest Law Fellowship

offers students the opportunity to explore public interest law

- **Jaclyn Feenstra, '17 (International Relations); California Rural Legal Assistance, Marysville, California**
Jaclyn learned about and assisted in righting housing, labor, and immigration issues in a rural settings through her work with California Rural Legal Assistance.
- **Sophia Laurenzi, '17 (Psychology); The Mental Health Project of the Urban Justice Center, New York, New York**
At The Mental Health Project, a subset of the Urban Justice Center, Sophia joined a team of lawyers, social workers, and advocates who work with low-income, mentally ill New Yorkers. Sophia learned about how existing policy can be made the most of in areas like disability rights and criminal justice, as well as the way MHP and others are trying to chance policy.
- **Soo Ji Lee, '16 (History); Brooklyn Defender Services, Brooklyn, New York**
Soo Ji assisted investigators at the Brooklyn Defender Services, who locate, interview and take detailed statements from witnesses, run background checks on witnesses and police officers, canvass for and review video surveillance footage, draft and serve subpoenas, photograph and diagram crime scenes, and transcribe audio recordings.

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Roland Longevity Fellowship

supports students who provide service to the elderly and/or conduct research on issues of aging

- **Derek Lee, '17 (Human Biology); National Institute on Aging, Washington, D.C.**
Derek was a Science Communication Intern in the Office of Communications and Public Liaison for the National Institute On Aging, a part of the National Institutes of Health, where he worked with scientific information and translating a lot of information on aging into digital publications for the general public.
- **Lillian Vu, '16 (International Relations); Asian Americans for Community Involvement, San Jose, California**
Lillian worked with the Asian Americans for Community Involvement's Senior Wellness program, to better understand the inter-generational and intercultural differences in the community.

Made possible by the Miriam Aaron Roland Fellowship Fund Focusing on the Elderly.



Schneider Fellows

provides Stanford students with opportunities to work at leading U.S. non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in the sustainable energy field.

[Audubon](#)

- Alan Propp, '16 (Human Biology)
- Kenneth Qin, M.S. '16 (Biology; Statistics)

[Green Empowerment](#)

- Nick Adam, M.S. '18 (Civil and Environmental Engineering)
- Sneha Ayyagari, '17 (Civil and Environmental Engineering, Environmental Systems Engineering)

[Natural Resources Defense Council](#)

- Vincent Pierre Berges, M.S. '15 (Civil and Environmental Engineering)
- Paricha Duangtaweesub, M.S. '15 (Chemical Engineering)
- Rachel Fakhry, M.S. '14 (Management Science and Engineering)
- Noah Garcia, M.A. '15 (Public Policy)
- Mengyao Yuan, Ph.D. '17 (Energy Resources Engineering)

[Rocky Mountain Institute](#)

- Sherri Billimoria, M.S. '16 (Civil and Environmental Engineering; Earth Sciences)
- Charlie Johnson, '15 (Engineering Physics)

[Union of Concerned Scientists](#)

- Tori Greenen, '15 (Energy Resources Engineering)

[United Nations Foundation](#)

- Ashley Hammerbacher, B.S./M.S. '17 (Bioengineering; Environmental Science)
- Busiswa Vilakazi, '15 (Energy Resources Engineering)

[U.S. Green Building Council](#)

- Evan Bowe chop, B.S./M.S. '15 (Earth Systems)
- Amy King, '16 (Earth Systems)

[World Resources Institute](#)

- Hisako Takahashi, LL.M. '15 (Environmental Law and Policy)
- Robert Young, '18 (Electrical Engineering)

Spirituality, Service and Social Change Fellowship

a joint program with the Office of Religious Life that integrates spiritual exploration with service to communities in the Bay Area

- Arnelle Ansong, '18 (Symbolic Systems); Wishbone, San Francisco, California
Arnelle worked with Wishbone, a nonprofit that works to raise awareness and ultimately eliminate the opportunity gap faced by high school children pursuing their passions outside of the traditional classroom. Arnelle worked with the financial, student operations, and program operations sides of Wishbone.
- Jenai Longstaff, '18 (Earth Systems); Phat Beets Produce, Oakland, California
Jenai worked with Phat Beets Produce on food justice and community resilience initiatives in Oakland.
- Erica McDowell, '16 (Physics); GLIDE, San Francisco, California
Erica worked with GLIDE Memorial Church's Emerging Leaders Internship Program. GLIDE is a radically inclusive church and non-profit in San Francisco that operates large-scale social service programs to break cycles of poverty and marginalization.
- Mia Ritter-Whittle, '18 (Native American Studies and Psychology); Native Mentorship in Public Health, Pathways to American Indian and Alaska Native Wellness, San Jose, California
Mia served as a health mentor for youth in San Jose, most of whom identify as Native. Mia hoped that she facilitated conversations that empower and strengthen the will of the mentees by providing spaces that are affirming, encourage cultural celebration, uninhibited self-expression, and continuous learning to help students define their own personal forms of success and defy those false standards set before them.
- Kirsten Willer, '17 (International Relations); International Rescue Committee, San Jose, California
Kirsten worked as a resettlement intern with the International Rescue Committee in San Jose, and helped refugees resettle and adjust to life within the Bay Area.

Made possible by the H. Michael Stevens Fellowship Fund, the Franklin Fund, and the Office of Religious Life.

Strauss Scholarship

supports juniors in student-generated projects which foster leadership skills to encourage optimism and an enduring interest in public service

- **Tanvi Jayaraman, '16 (Human Biology); The Stand Up (SU) Coalition at Stanford, Stanford, California**

Tanvi worked with Stanford's Title IX Office to create a peer-education student coalition for a group of students who will take on campus-wide sexual assault upstander mentorship roles. The students will be trained in a variety of sexual assault topics, and will hold office hours, conduct workshops, and enact presentations, overall encouraging conversation and awareness about sexual assault in the communities around them.

Made possible by the Donald A. Strauss Foundation.

TomKat Ranch Sustainable Agriculture Internship

offered in conjunction with the Stanford Educational Farm Program and TomKat Ranch, supports a student intern to serve full-time for 10 weeks at TomKat Ranch in Pescadero, California

- **Jake Tommerdahl, '15 (Environmental Engineering Masters)**

For Jake, the internship at TomKat Ranch served as an opportunity for him to take part in full scale sustainable agriculture innovation, and learned about each piece of the LeftCoast Grassfed operation, from cattle management to marketing to the science behind the ranch's ecological restoration techniques.

Made possible by the TomKat Ranch Educational Foundation.

Urban Summer Fellowship

offered jointly with the Program on Urban Studies, provides internships with organizations addressing issues affecting urban life

- **Idris Ahmed, '16 (Science, Technology, and Society); Price Philanthropies, San Diego, California**

Idris worked on issues of urban development and worked closely with different community organizations to learn about what programs are effective and how to reach the people who need help the most.

- **Alfred Delena, '16 (Human Biology); Native Mentorship in Public Health, Pathways to American Indian and Alaska Native Wellness, San Jose, California**

Alfred worked on a project that focuses on healthy lifestyle promotion among American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) adolescents in urban San Jose, and acted as a near-peer mentor to AI/AN adolescents and worked with other interns to develop an intervention that will then be administered to AI/AN adolescents.

- **Connie Huynh, '15 (Public Policy); National City City Manager's Office, San Diego, California**
Connie shadowed the only female city manager in all the cities in the fifth most populous county in America - San Diego and worked on cost benefit reports on current municipal projects, conducting outreach into the community, and drafting policy recommendations.
- **Nicole Jackson, '17 (Urban Studies); Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Health Reform, Washington, D.C.**
Nicole saw first-hand how the federal government implements President Obama's Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and is eager to learn how the US government continues to strive toward improving the delivery of medical advancements and developing a quality, coordinated healthcare system.
- **Jack Lundquist, '17 (Civil Engineering); City of Oakland, Oakland, California**
Jack worked on the City of Oakland's Resilience Initiative on a program to retrofit Soft-Story Apartment buildings, which is an important project to help the City improve its structural resilience.
- **Wendy Sov, '15 (Public Policy); Los Angeles City Controller's Office, Los Angeles, California**
Wendy interned in the Office of Los Angeles City Controller Ron Galperin, the chief accountant and auditor for the City of Los Angeles and worked with Controller's Executive Team to conduct research analysis and assisting with special projects to increase government efficiency.
- **Emily Strickler, '16 (Human Biology); Medicaid District Office, Las Vegas, Nevada**
During her internship with the Las Vegas District Medicaid Office, Emily sampled an overview of Medicaid state-plan services offered to all Medicaid recipients, such as programs for integrating recipients back into the community from long-term care facilities, and shadowed Health Care Coordinators as they work in these various programs and with providers in order to see how exactly the Medicaid program interacts with program beneficiaries.

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Stanford in Government (SIG) Fellows and Stipends

provides undergraduates meaningful exposure to government and public policy through intensive summer internships

SIG Fellowships

The fellowship placement descriptions can be found on [SIG's website here](#).

SIG International Fellows

- **Anna Blue, '16 (International Relations); United Nations High Commission on Refugees – Innovation Section, Geneva, Switzerland**
Anna has a passion for helping refugees. She worked on revolutionizing the efficiency and problem-solving techniques of international organizations during her fellowship.

- **Monica Chan, '17 (Mechanical Engineering); United Nations High Commission on Refugees – Shelter and Settlement Section, Geneva, Switzerland**
Monica merged her passions in engineering, international relations and public service while interning at the Shelter and Settlement Section of the UNHCR to contribute to humanitarian aid at a global scale.
- **Andrew Mather, '16 (Symbolic Systems); United Nations High Commission on Refugees - Regional Office, Amman, Jordan**
Andrew worked with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on data analysis projects in Amman, Jordan and learned about the various issues facing refugees from the current Syrian and Iraqi crises.
- **Hannah Meropol, '16 (Political Science); Brookings Doha Center, Doha, Qatar**
Hannah engaged in the academic pursuits of the Brookings Doha Center and learned a lot about the intersection of academia and policy.
- **Sricharana Muppidi, '17 (Economics); Reserve Bank of India, Mumbai, India**
Sri worked on a self-designed research project at the Reserve Bank of India, and she is especially interested in financial literacy, financial inclusion, and remittances.
- **Leslie Nguyen-Okwu, '15 (International Relations); Internews, Bangkok, Thailand**
Leslie assisted the Regional Office for Internews in Asia with country assessments of the media landscape and the current state of freedom of expression and freedom of information in the region. She also provided support in reviewing and analyzing project data, preparing and editing reports, drafting technical proposals and concept papers, attending events, and conducting research such as literature reviews, stakeholder interviews, donor mapping, and social network analysis.
- **Lucienne Oyer, '18 (Undeclared); Internews, Yangon, Myanmar**
Lucienne worked at an innovation lab that seeks to harness technology to bring positive social change to Myanmar and learned about using technology for good and working in a country in transition.
- **Claire Thompson, '16 (Earth Systems); World Wildlife Fund, Belize**
Claire completed a research fellowship with WWF and the Belize Banana Growers' Association, and is working with these organizations on risk analysis and developed an early warning disease model for banana plantations.
- **Giselle Tran, '17 (Economics); Ministry of Finance and Economic Empowerment, Port Louis, Mauritius**
Giselle worked on policy issues surrounding healthcare, renewable energy, information technology, and social entrepreneurship.

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SIG DC/National Fellows

- **Raga Ayyagari '17 (Environmental Systems Engineering); Military Division of Tropical Medicine, Washington D.C. and Peru**
Through her fellowship, Raga explored issues of global health and tropical medicine through three lenses: policy, science, and research. She worked on an independent research project throughout the summer, and this work is informed by her interactions with policymakers working on national and international policy in DC, a seminar course on tropical medicine and disease in Bethesda, MD, and field research in Peru.
- **Adriana Baird '15 (International Relations); New York City Economic Development Corporation, New York, New York**
Adriana worked at the New York City Economic Development Corporation, and learned about and contributing to the NYCEDC's programs that incorporate the work of organizations in both the public and private sectors.
- **Nicolette Brannan '18 (Undeclared); Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, Arlington, Virginia**
Colette worked on the more technical aspects of nuclear waste policy, and hopes to synthesize both her love of science and her interest in government through this fellowship.
- **Alexandra Gray '16 (Political Science); Internews, Washington, D.C.**
Alexandra learned more about different regions in the world as well as develop her professional skills and hone her interests through her fellowship with Internews.
- **Tyler Karahalios '16 (International Relations); National Endowment for Democracy, Washington, D.C.**
Tyler worked at the National Endowment for Democracy, where she aided in cataloging the organization's efforts and impact in Liberia since the pre-transition period.
- **Erica Knox '16 (Earth Systems); National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Washington, D.C.**
Erica worked in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of the Assistant Secretary for Conservation and Management on NOAA's newest priority: resilient communities. She learned more about the challenges and solutions of translating environmental information collected by NOAA into communications that are actionable for communities across the U.S.
- **Meg Lentz '16 (Political Science); Project On Government Oversight (POGO), Washington, D.C.**
Through her fellowship, Meg about the inner workings of government business and decision-making, and is applying her critical thinking and investigative skills to advocate for greater accountability and transparency in Washington.

- **Brett Parker '17 (Philosophy and Political Science); National Labor Relations Board, Washington, D.C.**
Brett developed expertise in labor law and would like to have a strong understanding of how disputes are settled under the National Labor Relations Act, and what the rights of unions are. He also helped research legal decisions that could have a substantial impact on peoples' lives.
- **Magellan Pfluke '16 (History); Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.**
Magellan's fellowship involved researching and synthesizing the contents of the Liljenquist Family Collection of the Civil War Photographs, as well as finding new ways of employing the collection and the Library's other resources as tools for American schoolteachers.
- **Gerardo Rendon Gonzalez '17 (Undeclared); Inter-American Investment Corporation, Washington, D.C.**
Gerardo worked with the Development Effectiveness Team at the Inter-American Investment Corporation, which invests in small and medium-sized enterprises in Latin America. Gerardo learned more about emerging markets in Latin America, furthering his understanding of the entrepreneurial ecosystem in the region and applying his academic knowledge and skills from previous work experiences in ways that create positive social impact.
- **Rachel Samuels '17 (International Relations); Office of Congressman Matt Cartwright, D-PA, Washington, D.C**
Rachel supported the Legislative Director in building and reviewing legislation, writing memos, and completing logistical tasks to help the Congressman's office run smoothly.
- **Oscar Sarabia Roman '17 (Public policy); Office of Congressman Xavier Becerra, D-CA, Washington, D.C.**
Oscar assisted the legislative and press staff with researching and analyzing issues for hearings, speeches, and talking points among other responsibilities.
- **Sophie Shank '16 (Economics); Millennium Challenge Corporation, Washington, D.C.**
Sophie worked for the Millennium Challenge Corporation as an intern in the Economic Analysis Division hopes to develop a deeper understanding of the ethics of foreign aid, cross cultural communication in working toward this goal, effective models for participatory aid, and how to predict and measure the impacts of a project.
- **Eve Simister '16 (History); Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, Washington, D.C.**
Eve gained museum experience and learn about what goes on behind the scenes of a major cultural institution, and hopes to promote social justice by restoring the place of previously silenced people in museums and memorials.
- **Zachary Sorenson '16 (Computer Science); Sunlight Foundation, Washington, D.C.**
As a computer science student interested in government and policymaking, Zachary spent the summer working at the Sunlight Foundation, an organization that advocates increased transparency in government using cutting-edge data tools and technology.

- **Zainab Taymuree '16 (African and African American Studies); Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, Washington, D.C.**
Through her research project on black civil war soldiers with the Smithsonian's National Museum for African American History and Culture, Zainab aimed to both improve her dexterity with primary sources, transforming those sources into a compelling narrative for a public audience, and also to learn the silenced story of Americans of color struggling to hold the American national narrative of 'freedom' and 'democracy' accountable to its distant ideals.
- **Claudia Wharton '16 (History); Center for Legislative Archives, Washington, D.C.**
Claudia researched documents from and preparing an exhibit about the first Congress for the Center for Legislative Archives.
- **Jimmy Zhang '18 (Undeclared); Chicago Park District, Chicago, Illinois**
Jimmy worked to help the Chicago Park District to develop a sustainable model for allocating funds and setting goals for various parks, and hopes to gain valuable skills in economics and data analysis and develop a better understanding of how local governments operate.

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SIG State/Local Fellows

- **Troy Barnhart '17 (Earth Systems); Delta Stewardship Council, Sacramento, California**
Troy worked at the Delta Stewardship Council, which is the state body charged with overseeing the California Delta region and achieving two coequal goals: a reliable state water supply and protection, restoration, and enhancement of the Delta ecosystem. Troy worked with the project engineer for water transfers, and hopes to gain a better perspective on the processes and general atmosphere of water policymaking in California, as well as experience in contributing to the management of an immensely important water project.
- **Britiny Cook '16 (Sociology); StudentsFirst, Sacramento, California**
Britiny worked as a policy intern at StudentsFirst and learned a great deal about the drafting and implementation of student-centered education policy.
- **Julia Daniel '17 (Human Biology); County of Marin Department of Health and Human Services, Marin County, California**
Julia worked at the Marin County Department of Health and Human Services on analyzing and implementing the Subsidized Employment Program to provide public-sector jobs for the unemployed. She gained a detailed understanding of how policies are adapted and implemented at a local level and applied what she has learned in her classes to real-world problems in her own home county.

- **Corey Garcia '16 (Public Policy and Economics); California Department of Education, Sacramento, California**
Corey conducted cost-benefit analysis of education policy bills proposed in the state legislature, and is pursuing an independent project using the department's databases to see how the state of CA defines a failing school.
- **Pedro Hernandez-Bachen '17 (International Relations); San Jose City Auditor's Office, San Jose, California**
Pedro worked with the San Jose City Auditor's office on an audit of one of the city services or programs up for review. He contributed to better understanding and improving crucial public services provided by the city, and in doing so gained insight into the mechanisms of local government and its power to improve communities.
- **Ava Lindstrom '15 (French); California Governor's Office of Planning & Research, Sacramento, California**
Ava helped with land-use planning efforts and hopes to learn how agencies use scientific and social scientific research for public benefit and more about the specific environmental challenges California planners face.
- **Andrea Martinez '16 (Earth Systems); Environmental Defense Fund, San Francisco, California**
Andrea worked at EDF on different environmental policy and research initiatives, and gained an understanding of how the non-profit sector works and interacts with the policy realm.
- **Andrew Ntim '18 (Public Policy); California Department of Finance, Sacramento, California**
Andrew worked under California Department of Finance Director Michael Cohen in Sacramento, carrying out a self-directed project regarding state finance policy. Andrew had the opportunity to experience state policy from the inside and make meaningful connections with people doing incredible things in the California state policy world.
- **Calum You '17 (Earth Systems and Economics); California Governor's Office of Planning and Research, Sacramento, California**
Calum worked at the California Governor's Office of Planning and Research on environmental policy issues. The OPR administers important environmental legislation such as the California Environmental Quality Act, as well as providing research backing for other policy initiatives.

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SIG County Fellows

- **Kelly Hernandez '16 (Political Science); Santa Clara County Office of Reentry Services – County Executive's Office, San Jose, California**
Kelly analyzed cost savings/impacts of various policies, supporting transition efforts, developing peer mentoring curriculum, and supporting the development of communication materials.

- **Corey Herro '17 (Undeclared); Santa Clara County Executive – Board of Supervisors, San Jose, California**
Corey worked for Santa Clara County Supervisor Dave Cortese and conducting research and press office outreach, and honed my research and communications skills as well as learn about how government operates on a local level.
- **Gabriella Johnson '17 (African & African American Studies); Santa Clara County Public Health Department, San Jose, California**
Gabriella worked on the Santa Clara County Public Health Department's Violence Prevention Programs, and learned more about public health issues and solutions in Santa Clara County, at the same time as working with the local communities, doing policy research, and learning more about the operations of public agencies.
- **Kelsey Page '18 (Undeclared); Santa Clara County Office of Women's Policy, San Jose, California**
Kelsey learned more about the reality of the challenges that women face both at home and in the workplace through research, focus groups, meetings and educational programs.
- **Thuy Vy Tran '16 (Human Biology); Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, San Jose, California**
Vy worked on researching the doctor patient relationship and how technology could be integrated artfully to enhance care. As a budding premedical student, Vy used the fellowship to enrich her growth as a future public health advocate by exposing herself to the administrative foundation that makes the medical work possible.
- **Jimmy Zhou '18 (Public Policy); Santa Clara County Office of Pretrial Services, San Jose, California**
Jimmy worked in the Office of Pretrial Services and conducted research and creating recommendations for the Santa Clara County.

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SIG Stipends

- **Michael Anderson, '16 (Science, Technology, and Society); Service 2 School, San Francisco, California**
Michael partnered with Service 2 School, an organization that aims to help guide veterans transitioning from military service to academia. Michael was tasked with continuing his mentorship and providing a scalable model for the organization to reach even more veterans.
- **Emelyn Avina, '17 (Political Science); Office of Congressman Raul Ruiz, Palm Desert, California**
Emelyn assisted in policy research and writing policy memos, and gained insight into the representational aspect of government by working in her home district.
- **Rochelle Ballantyne, '17 (Political Science); Office of the Attorney General, San Francisco, California**
Rochelle gained more first-hand experience of the politics behind the law and is interested in the work Attorney General Harris is doing on recidivism.

- **Kidi Basile, '18 (Economics); AIESEC, Yaounde, Cameroon**
Through his internship with AIESEC, the world's largest youth-led organization, Kidi worked on the development and implementation of YouthSpeak in collaboration with Cameroon's Ministry of Youth Affairs. YouthSpeak is a global youth insight survey and is on a mission to collect the opinions of at least 25,000 youth, to find solutions and policies for improving and aligning education and employment.
- **Elena Bauer, '17 (Management Science & Engineering); Inter American Dialogue, Washington, D.C.**
Elena worked for the Immigration, Remittances, and Development branch of the Inter American Dialogue and used her interest for math and statistics and her background in engineering to inform remittance data analysis and immigration patterns, and to eventually help the IIC convert to a paperless data analytic system.
- **Qitong (Tom) Cao, '18 (Computer Science and Linguistics); Center on U.S.-China Relations, Asia Society, New York, New York**
During his summer internship, Tom had the opportunity to connect with top scholars, journalists, and social entrepreneurs, who offered him valuable help not only in his future policy-related career, but also in guiding him to better contribute to keeping the online discussion vibrant. The experience will allowed him to present China to the American public and enhance mutual understanding between the two nations.
- **Abby Fanlo, '16 (Political Science); United States Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Washington, D.C.**
Abby worked on homeland security issues at the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and gained experience with the legislative process, as well as to learn more about the timely policy issues of immigration reform and violent extremism.
- **Ashley Geo '15 (Human Biology); Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (UN FAO), Rome, Italy**
Ashley interned with the Nutrition Education Team of the FAO, where she worked on a project that links agriculture with nutrition education to improve child feeding practices. Through this internship, Ashley gained a better understanding of how an international policy organization like the FAO, as a branch of the UN, shapes food access and consumption in developing countries.
- **Alexandra Gill, '18 (Political Science); Office of Senator Jeff Merkley, Washington, D.C.**
Alexandra interned with Senator Merkley's office and gained direct, first-hand experience with the legislative process on a federal level. While handling constituent correspondence and providing research support to staff, Alexandra got the amazing opportunity to not only learn how policy decisions are made but also contribute to the process.
- **Wyatt Horan, '17 (Management Science & Engineering); Bureau of Energy Resources, U.S. State Department, Washington, D.C.**
Wyatt evaluated Russian oil sanctions for the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Energy Resources.

- **Justin Hsuan, '18 (Undeclared); Office of the United States Trade Representative, Washington, D.C.**
Justin worked on Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) laws and on closing the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) agreement, and also worked with private sector outreach, which involved speaking to business leaders from Fortune 500 CEOs to small business owners and helping them understand the text of the trade agreements and how they would benefit from the agreements.
- **Amanda Jaffe, '17 (Public Policy); Bureau of European/Eurasian Affairs, U.S. State Department, Washington, D.C.**
Amanda worked on projects including researching and writing reports on European policy issues and developments, observing European policy negotiations, and editing social media, web pages, and electronic journals.
- **Alexis Kallen, '18 (Political Science); Office of Congresswoman Julia Bownley, Washington, D.C.**
Alexis wrote memos for the congresswoman before she casts her vote on important legislation, meeting with constituents, and acting as a page on the House floor.
- **Jacob Leih, '17 (International Relations); Office of California Representative Anna Eshoo, Palo Alto, California**
Jacob conducted research on bills, drafting constituent letters, and performing general office work, and learned more about what a democracy does, practically, to represent its people.
- **Carla Lewis, '17 (International Relations); Department of Corrections, East Elmhurst, New York**
Carla worked within the office of the Commissioner, directly for the Department's Chief of Staff, to help frame and evaluate options for housing and classifying special populations within the Department of Corrections. Two particular areas of focus are 1) creating a young adult model for the DOC, and 2) developing a more effective custody and care model for mentally ill inmates who are charged with infractions within DOC care, redefining what punitive and treatment-based options there are for dealing with this population.
- **Lauren Lockett, '17 (History); U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C.**
Lauren interned with the team of Department of Education's Chief of Staff, and learned more about how education policy is conceived and formulated at the highest levels.
- **Hannah Long, '16 (Political Science); Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Washington, D.C.**
Hannah worked on voting rights at the Lawyer's Committee for Civil Rights, and learned more about the legal profession. She was a part of meaningful civil rights change to make voting equal and accessible to all.
- **Zach Maurer '16 (Computer Science); Central Tibetan Administration, Department of Health, Dharamshala, India**
Zach worked at the Department of Health within the Central Tibetan Administration, an organization that is responsible for providing health services to the Tibetan population living in exile. Zach learned about the operational challenges of an independent healthcare provider in a developing context.

- **Alex Monahan, '18 (Undeclared); UNCIVICUS, New York, New York**
Alex interned at UNCIVICUS, and attended United Nations meetings and writing policy briefs.
- **Jelani Munroe, '16 (Public Policy); Embassy of Jamaica, Washington, D.C.**
Jelani's responsibilities at the Embassy of Jamaica ranged from assisting in the execution of Embassy programming to providing policy analysis on the outcomes of Jamaica's multilateral partnerships.
- **Chiamaka Ogwuegbu, '18 (Earth Systems); The Climate Institute, Washington, D.C.**
Chiamaka interned at the Climate Institute, which works to highlight international awareness around climate change and informs key decision makers, and learned the basic workings of climate policy.
- **Hyang Eun Park, '16 (Psychology); Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea to the United Nations, New York, New York**
Hyang Eun worked with the 3rd Committee-Human Rights and Social Issues team where she mainly worked with team officers on human rights and social issues, concurrently as she assisted with various Mission events at the UN.
- **Micah Patterson '16 (Engineering Agriculture for Sustainability); ETH Zurich, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich, Switzerland**
This summer, Micah is researched Swiss agricultural and healthcare policy and their implementations and seeking relationships of influence between the two. Micah gained a better understanding of whether agricultural policies can be seen as means to beneficial health outcomes and subsequent monetary savings in healthcare spending.
- **Jessica Schrantz, '17 (African and African American Studies); Equal Employment Opportunity Commission – Chicago District Office, Chicago, Illinois**
As an intern in the Legal Unit, Jessica worked with trial attorneys engaged in litigation against employers for violations of Title VII, the ADEA and the ADA, and also assisted in interviewing claimants or witnesses or help prepare them for deposition.
- **Ben Schwartz, '18 (Religious Studies); Cancer Policy Institute, Washington, D.C.**
Ben interned at the Cancer Policy Institute, thus exposing himself to the different facets of the policymaking process, particularly with regard to how medicine and legislation interact on a daily basis.
- **Laetitia Walendom '15 (Urban Studies); ArchiAfrika - Creative Forces, Accra, Ghana**
This summer, Laetitia interned with the Creative Forces branch of the ArchiAfrika architectural organization, and learned more on how decentralized policy in Accra influences the development of the urban design sphere in sustainable, locally minded parameters. Laetitia solicited ideas from the various communities so as to determine the city's design intervention needs, which included creating bus shelters and public furniture, restructuring buildings for multiple uses, and addressing waste management programs and regulation.
- **Lauren Wedekind '16 (Human Biology); World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland**
Lauren interned with the WHO Emergency Risk Management and Humanitarian Response

Department, which coordinates agencies and nongovernmental organizations that provide health relief in situations during and after conflict and/or disaster. Lauren worked with the Policy, Practice, and Evaluation Unit, and researched and documented the state of attacks on health care workers in humanitarian emergencies and assisted with the development of policies to promote the security of health care workers in humanitarian emergencies.

- **Brandon Williams, '18 (Public Policy); Office of Councilmember Michael Tubbs, Stockton, California**

Brandon worked on education and civic engagement initiatives and conducted research on how certain organization models can be replicated there in the Councilmember's office. Brandon also served as a mentor for the mentoring program for local high school students named the Summer Success Leadership Academy (SSLA) on the University of Pacific's Stockton campus.

- **Breanna Williams, '17 (Psychology); Equal Justice Society, Oakland, California**

Breanna worked with the Equal Justice Society as a Legal Research Intern, and learned about the intersection of psychology and law through research and work on the school-to-prison pipeline and other relevant issues.

- **Victor Xu, '17 (Economics); Office of Senator Joe Donnelly, Washington, D.C.**

Victor applied his academic experience toward policy research, and engaged directly with constituents in Indiana in addressing the pressing legislative issues of today.

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