

## **Partnerships for Climate Justice in the Bay Area (PCJ in the Bay) Summer 2021 Fellows**

### **Cade Cannedy**

#### **California Environmental Justice Alliance**

Cade Cannedy is graduating from the Stanford Communication Department's Journalism Master's program and holds a Bachelor's in Political Science. He will be joining the California Environmental Justice Alliance this summer where he hopes to use his skills in effective scientific communication and research to advance environmental, social, and economic justice. He hopes to draw on his background growing up in a low-income, rural community to ground his work and advocacy. He has written an undergraduate honors thesis on regulatory capture and the effects of air quality in disadvantaged communities and a Master's thesis on the future of air quality regulatory bodies in California.

### **Srećko Ćurković**

#### **San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District (OneShoreline)**

Srećko Ćurković is a first-year MS student in the Sustainable Design and Construction Program within the Civil and Environmental Engineering Department at Stanford University. His focus is on Sustainable Urban Systems and Energy, and aims to pursue a PhD in the same department focusing on sustainability and energy efficiency in buildings. Srećko is interested in addressing climate change using data and analytical tools, building upon his recent involvement with the Stanford Future Bay Initiative, with the goal of creating sustainable and resilient communities. This summer, he will be working on flood risk and sea level rise monitoring and prevention projects in San Mateo County, including the Colma Creek Restoration and Adaptation Project in South San Francisco and a Flood Early Warning System across the County.

### **Taylor Malina**

#### **Climate Resilient Communities**

Taylor Malina is a first year undergraduate from Skokie, Illinois who will be working with the Climate Resilient Communities organization through their Amplifying Youth Voices and Accessing Renewable Energy program. Her work will focus on creating a student-led speaker symposium on environmental justice and climate change advocacy and awareness. Her interests focus on the intersectionality of identity and mental health, as well as environmental policy and environmental racism. Her current research focuses on the discrepancies in the legislation vs in practice regarding mining on tribal lands, and she plans to expand her project next year to create a speaker series featuring experts in environmental justice and mining professions. As the social chair of the

American Indian Science and Education Society (AISES), she plans to create and publicize this event at Stanford to spread awareness of the issue campus wide, and to promote further advocacy from the student body.

### **Cher Nomura**

#### **North Fair Oaks Community Alliance (NFOCA)**

Cher Nomura is a third-year undergraduate student and a B.S. candidate in the Earth Systems program, with a focus on land systems. Her interest in climate and environmental science lies within her passion and determination to engage and work with Indigenous and other marginalized communities, as these are the communities most impacted by the negative ramifications of climate change. She looks to serve and learn from communities through hands-on work and research pertaining to environmental governance and land management as well as environmental justice efforts. In the past she has conducted research and volunteer work for her local community in American Samoa, online community learning, service-learning with the Rosalie Rendu community in EPA, Indigenous impact assessment research for the Karuk Tribe in Northern California and will soon be working with the North Fair Oaks community this summer. She will be contributing to NFOCA's projects on climate readiness, as well as the organization's communications and community engagement efforts.

### **Valeria Rincon**

#### **Climate Resilient Communities and Stanford Future Bay Initiative**

Valeria Rincon is from the metro-Atlanta area and a 2021 graduate of Stanford University where she most recently received her Master of Science in Sustainability Science and Practice after receiving her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. Her interests lie primarily in climate and environmental justice, resilience building, community engagement, and helping members of low-income communities' access clean energy sources. During her Master's program, Valeria did her practicum with Climate Resilient Communities where she assisted the founder and director Violet Saena in the rebranding strategy of the organization's Resilient Homes program. Throughout the spring, she also worked with Stanford's Future Bay Initiative on their Bay Communities Climate Research project helping run think-aloud sessions, gain feedback, and develop important materials and survey questions for the team to use in the 4-year longitudinal study. This summer she looks forward to continuing her work with both organizations, and working remotely from Boulder, Colorado.

### **Tina Truong**

#### **Valley Verde**

Tina Truong is a rising sophomore and B.S. candidate in Human Biology at Stanford University. This summer, she will be working with Valley Verde through the PCJ in the

Bay Summer Fellowship. Valley Verde is an organization that works to promote food justice and Tina will be engaging in their work to build community resilience through urban gardening. Climate change and food access were issues Tina became interested in when looking at factors contributing to health disparities. Furthermore, her experience working with the City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, as well as with Second Harvest of Silicon Valley, furthered her passion for environmental and food justice work. Through this fellowship, Tina hopes to create lasting impacts in the food environment of underserved communities and advance towards addressing health disparities.

**Leehi Yona**

**California Environmental Justice Alliance**

Leehi Yona, born in Israel and raised in Montreal, Quebec, is pursuing a PhD in environment and resources at Stanford School of Earth, Energy and Environmental Sciences, and a JD at Stanford Law School, as a Knight-Hennessy Scholar. As an undergraduate, Leehi co-founded her college's fossil fuel divestment campaign, a group which organized the largest climate rally in New Hampshire history. As the author of over 100 opinion pieces on climate change, she has been featured in outlets such as Science, USA Today, Time, The Nation, Montreal Gazette, and The Guardian. Leehi will be working with CEJA on environmental justice issues related to California's greenhouse gas emissions inventory.