

**Partnerships for Climate Justice in the Bay Area (PCJ in the Bay)
Summer 2022 Fellows**

Eliza Moreno

[Belle Haven Action](#)

Eliza Moreno is graduating from Stanford with a Latin American Studies Master's with a specialization on the Environment, Ecology & Sustainability and holds a Bachelor's in Gender, Sexuality and Feminist Studies from Duke University. This summer, she will be joining Belle Haven Action where she will apply research skills to build awareness of racial and social-economic disparities and environmental injustices. Her Master's capstone project interrogates climate justice, specifically how women in Los Angeles and Mexico City experience climate embodiment and make sense of their precarity through environmental activism.

Michelle Ng

[Climate Resilient Communities](#)

Michelle Ng is a first-year PhD student in Communication and a dual MS student in Environment and Resources. Her research focuses on (1) how environmental disruptions affect individuals' well-being and development and (2) the communication infrastructure necessary for enabling more equitable climate adaptation. This summer, Michelle will be supporting Climate Resilient Communities to produce a community engagement guide for community-based climate adaptation. Before coming to Stanford, she received her BA in Visual and Environmental Studies and Computer Science from Harvard University and spent three years working with the International Water Management Institute, based in Sri Lanka.

Zunarah Ahmad

[Climate Resilient Communities](#)

Zunarah Ahmad is a junior majoring in Earth Systems with a focus on sustainable food and agriculture. She will be joining Climate Resilient Communities this summer and is looking forward to working with local marginalized communities to support them through environmental education. This program is especially meaningful to Zunarah as she is from Richmond, California, and Punjab, Pakistan, two places that face significant environmental justice issues and are greatly impacted by climate change. She hopes to learn skills through this program that she can bring back to her own community one day.

Bryana Gastelum

[Communities for a Better Environment](#)

Bryana Gastelum is a rising 3rd year pursuing a B.S. in environmental systems engineering. They will partner with CBE, an organization based in their hometown, working to advance the Just Transition campaign through community-based research and youth-led organizing. Bryana has worked with Groundwork Richmond and has served on the Richmond-San Pablo AB617 Steering Committee. She is currently a Stanford Students for Environmental and Racial Justice member and an international project intern with Engineers for a Sustainable World. Bryana is invested in the struggle for environmental justice in the Richmond and San Pablo communities and is excited to collaborate with CBE this summer.

Veronica Ayala

[Communities for a Better Environment](#)

Veronica Ayala is graduating from Stanford with a Bachelor in Science, Technology, and Society. She is also minoring in Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity. She is a first generation and low income student (FLI) student from Southeast Los Angeles. She will be joining Communities for a Better Environment this summer where she will conduct research to understand and support a Just Transition in Richmond, California. She hopes to utilize her experiences growing up in the environmental justice community of Southeast Los Angeles during the fellowship. Veronica was a member of Communities for a Better Environment Youth for Environmental Justice program in Southeast Los Angeles and is delighted to be involved with them once more.

Bless Romo

[North Fair Oaks Community Alliance](#)

Bless Romo is a fourth year undergraduate from Watsonville, CA pursuing a B.S. and M.S. in Earth Systems. Growing up in both the Central Valley and Central Coast of California, she has seen how climate change and sustainability issues manifest throughout different parts of California. Her personal experiences with these issues have greatly shaped her interest in environmental science and sustainability. Since conducting community-engaged research with Climate Ready North Fair Oaks in a Stanford class, she has become interested in fostering climate action and resilience at the community-level. She is excited to work with North Fair Oaks Community Alliance during the summer of 2022 to help with the creation of a Block Action Team and pilot communication strategies to engage North Fair Oaks residents with climate adaptation.

Elisabeth Boles

[San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District \(OneShoreline\)](#)

Elisa Boles is a PhD student in Environmental Engineering, with a focus in coastal fluid dynamics. While her PhD research is centered around improving methods for monitoring coral reef ecosystems in the small island nation of Palau, she is looking forward to working on issues around coastal climate resiliency closer to home. She will be working with the agency OneShoreline this fall to improve models of local flooding from compounding effects of ocean

waves, sea level rise and storms. As a Bay Area native, she is passionate about reducing inequality and ensuring sustainable communities around the Bay. She hopes to engage with diverse stakeholders in addition to scientists to identify opportunities for enhancing climate justice in planning around future flood risks.

June Choi

[San Mateo County Flood and Sea Level Rise Resiliency District \(OneShoreline\)](#)

June Choi is a first-year PhD student in Earth System Science, researching the distributional welfare impacts of extreme climate events. Previously at Climate Policy Initiative, she contributed to projects focused on mobilizing climate finance across a range of financial mechanisms, including green bonds, loans, and insurance. She also contributed to the development of Climate Resilience Principles for green bonds to accelerate investment in resilient infrastructure. June holds an MA in International Relations from Johns Hopkins SAIS and BA in Sociology from Amherst College. This summer, June will be working with OneShoreline to investigate different options for community based flood insurance in San Mateo County.

Vel Senthil

[Thrive Alliance](#)

Vel Senthil is a first-year undergraduate from India. This summer, he will be working with Thrive Alliance, an organization connecting various nonprofits across San Mateo County. Vel will be assisting in preparations for their Environmental Justice summit, where organizations will collaborate to address equity in the environmental space. His interest and support for environmental justice is driven by his own experiences while in India, where he grew up in a low-income and rural community. His work will focus on attending planning committee meetings, establishing and maintaining communication with sponsors and participants, and providing logistical support for the summit. Through this fellowship, he is excited to learn from Thrive and make an impact on the communities around him.