

Peggy Browning Fund

Educating Law Students on the Rights and Needs of Workers

Meet the Peggy Browning Class of 2013 Fellows!

With your help, we have been able to place 66* law students in fellowships this year. These short biographies give you an idea of who they are, and we are proud to introduce them to you. You will see noted above each bio the graduation year and law school, plus the mentor organization where they will work this summer.

You'll be impressed with their backgrounds, accomplishments and dedication. While this group is diverse, there is a recurring theme of family members who are/were union members. All are passionate about the labor movement.

Presently, over 150 of our alumni are working within the labor community. Your generosity helped to make this possible. Thank you for helping us to keep Peggy's passion for workers' rights alive and well!

*as of April 8, 2013

Sincerely,



Joseph Lurie, President



Kelvin Adefehinti JD'14

*Catholic University of America
Columbus School of Law
International Brotherhood of
Teamsters (IBT), Washington, DC*

Unions have played a huge part in Kelvin's life. As a former high school Special Ed and Algebra teacher, he was a member of the American Federation of Teachers where he called on his state's legislative members and attended union events. Kelvin was also a UPS package handler and a member of the IBT. There, he represented union members in their grievance procedures.



Kristian Alfonso JD'15

*American University
Washington College of Law
Laborer's International Union of
America (LIUNA), Washington, DC*

After studying the Hispanic immigrant population as an undergraduate, and currently a member of the Business Law Society, Kristian graduated from the University of Richmond with a double major in International Studies and Spanish. She became interested in labor law due to her parents who are both long-time members of UFCW and HPAAE, a healthcare professionals union.



Shauna Agan JD'14

*American University
Washington College of Law
American Federation of Teachers (AFT),
Washington, DC*

Shauna first became interested in labor issues watching her dad work his way up through the Plasters and Cement Masons Union to become Business Manager. More than 26 members of her close-knit family are union members! In addition to her JD, Shauna is also working towards her Masters in Public Policy. Shauna has held internships with U.S. Senator Tom Harkin, the Democratic National Committee, the AFT Human Rights and Community Relations Department, and the Senate HELP Committee investigating labor practices.



Michelle Angeles JD'14

*University of California,
Hastings College of Law
CLEAN Carwash Campaign,
Los Angeles, CA*

Currently a law clerk for Centro Legal de la Raza in Oakland, CA, Michelle is working on wage and hour issues and providing legal services to low-wage workers in the East Bay community. She is enrolled in a law course that not only serves as an introduction to substantive labor and employment law issues, but also provides students with the terminology and tools to provide legal services to low-wage and immigrant workers in both English and Spanish.

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Greg Baltz *JD'15*

Harvard Law School
Make The Road New York, NY

After graduating from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, Greg worked at the Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice, fighting eviction cases for Latino immigrant clients and helping domestic violence survivors obtain relief in family court. Following his time in East Los Angeles, he moved into and managed Annunciation House, a shelter for undocumented immigrants and asylum seekers in El Paso, TX.



Michaela Brennan *JD'14*

University of Maryland School of Law
NLRB Region 5, Baltimore, MD

Working with her father, currently president of the Frederick County Teachers Association, strengthened Michaela's appreciation for the work of unions. She completed internships last year with the American Federation of Government Employees (AFGE) in the General Counsel's office and with Community Law in Action, a legal advocacy non-profit in Baltimore. This semester, she is an intern in AFGE's Women's and Fair Practices Department.



Cameron Bell *JD'15*

Loyola Law School
SEIU, United Long Term Care Workers, Los Angeles, CA

During her undergraduate years, Cameron interned with Human Rights First, working with asylum-seekers and volunteered with HIPS, a harm reduction organization serving male, female, and transgender sex workers. She became interested in labor issues during a course on domestic labor, focusing on the experiences of in-home caregivers. After college, she volunteered as a sexual assault response advocate and at the Monarch School, a school for homeless youth in San Diego. Cameron is interested in how the different facets of a person's identity, race, gender and sexuality affect access to employment, healthcare, and other services.



Andrew Brooks *JD'15*

University of Wisconsin Law School
United Steelworkers, Pittsburgh, PA

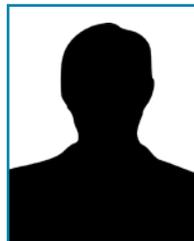
Andrew's interest in labor is rooted in his family history. His grandmother was a garment factory worker in Mississippi and his father was a Civil Rights worker. He served in the U.S. Army before attending the University of New Orleans where he was an AFL-CIO Union Summer Intern. There, he worked on the Avondale Save Our Shipyard Campaign and has remained active in New Orleans labor issues. Andrew is currently the student coordinator of the Veterans Law Center.



Kimberly Bennett *JD'14*

University of Pittsburgh School of Law
Community Justice Project,
Pittsburgh, PA

Kimberly is pursuing a joint degree for Juris Doctor and Masters in International Development, with a focus on Management of Non-Governmental Organizations, plus a Graduate Certificate in Latin American Studies. She is currently a Section Head on JURIST.org *Legal News & Research* and Coordinating Editor on *Panoramas*. In 2012, she worked as co-director of the Legal Department at La Isla Foundation in Nicaragua. There, she explored the legal rights of sugarcane workers that had fallen ill with Chronic Kidney Disease and pushed the sugarcane companies to comply with labor laws and standards. Kimberly has worked as a Consumer Health Coalition Latino Outreach Specialist, helping Spanish-speaking health service consumers navigate the health system.



Matthew Bruenig *JD'14*

Boston University School of Law
Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Washington, DC

An active shop steward, Matthew's father worked in a warehouse in Texas represented by the IBT. His mother cleaned houses and worked in low-paid retail positions. Both parental job experiences motivated him to pursue a career advocating for worker rights. Matt was a National Merit Scholar and McNair Scholar at the University of Oklahoma. There, he helped found and run a chapter of Students for a Democratic Society, where he led a campus living wage campaign. Matt has previously interned at Jobs with Justice and worked for the Machinist Union as part of the AFL-CIO Law Student Union Summer.

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D. Patrick Callahan *JD'14*

*West Virginia University College of Law
National Employment Lawyers
Association (NELA),
Washington, DC*

Patrick comes from a working class family and has had numerous jobs ranging from factory labor to fast food service. Upon graduation from James Madison University, he was selected as a Governor's Fellow in the administration of Virginia Governor Timothy M. Kaine. While working in Richmond, Patrick earned a Masters in Public Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University. He went on to law school where he became involved in the Labor Law Society and continues to work as a research assistant. In 2012, Patrick was selected to the AFL-CIO's Law Student Union Summer program placed with the United Mine Workers of America.



Iveliz Crespo *JD'14*

*Rutgers University
School of Law, Camden
Friends of Farmworkers,
Philadelphia, PA*

Growing up as a young Hispanic woman in a single-parent household, Iveliz's dedication to public service began in the city where she was born and raised: Camden, New Jersey. While at Georgian Court University, Iveliz founded the Mercy Collegiate Society and the very first LGBT student organization. In law school, she received a graduate student fellowship to work in the Children's Justice Clinic. Iveliz has been the driving force behind the revival of the Rutgers Law Employment and Labor Law Society, which has been inactive since 2009.



Javier Castro *JD'14*

*DePaul University College of Law
Chicago Newspaper Guild, Chicago, IL*

Javier received his bachelor's degree from Marquette University, in International Politics, with an emphasis on developing nations. During his undergraduate years, he interned for Congressman Dave Obey and Senator Russ Feingold. He then returned to Chicago to be a Field Organizer for Senator Feingold's reelection campaign in 2010. Javier worked side-by-side with the labor movement at Citizen Action of Wisconsin where he helped push the healthcare campaign. Javier was an extern for the Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board and is currently clerking at Robin Potter and Associates, a union-side and employee law firm.



Megan Cripps *JD'15*

*Michigan State University
College of Law
Federal Mine Safety and Health Review
Commission, Washington, DC*

Megan grew up in a family of coal miners and labor leaders. Her father works as a mine inspector for the Mine Safety and Health Administration. Her grandfather is a retired coal miner. Megan's mother, co-president of her teacher's union, was recently involved in a dispute that almost ended in a strike, furthering Megan's interest in campaigning for worker's rights. During undergraduate school, Megan was Senior Student Ambassador and Chief Justice of the All University Judicial Board.



Janet Checkley *JD'14*

*University of Pittsburgh School of Law
United Steelworkers, Pittsburgh, PA*

Janet is a Pittsburgh native, and has spent most of her life soaking up the city's rich labor history. She attended college at the University of Pittsburgh, where she majored in Urban Studies, hoping to address urban poverty issues and human rights. After graduation, she found herself working as a low-wage employee in the service industry to get by. It was then that she quickly became interested in workers' rights and decided to go to law school. She is currently a law clerk at the United Steelworkers.



Julie Dabrowski *JD'14*

*American University Washington
College of Law
Mehri & Skalet PLLC,
Washington, DC*

As an undergraduate intern at the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Julie became interested in workers' rights. Her legal experience includes work in employment and wage discrimination law, and a judicial internship with the Honorable Judith N. Macaluso on the District of Columbia Superior Court. In law school, she is on the editorial board of the school's law review and will work in the Disability Rights Law Clinic. For the past two years, she has volunteered in the Action for Human Rights Alternative Winter Break, as part of the effort to rebuild New Orleans. Julie is also involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters of the National Capital Area, and is the proud "big sister" of a twelve year-old girl.

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Kallie Dale Ramos JD'15

*University of Texas at Austin
School of Law*
American Federation of Government
Employees (AFGE), Washington, DC

Kallie has worked since she was sixteen holding multiple jobs in the service industry, tutoring students in grades K-3 and coaching High School Debate. During her undergraduate years, Kallie completed internships with U. S. Senator Max Baucus, at the Gazewood, Weiner Law Office and Fairbanks Memorial Hospital. She served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in El Salvador for 2 years.



Bryan Dooley JD'14

University of Minnesota Law School
Communications Workers of America
(CWA), Washington DC

Bryan worked as a reporter at the Idaho Press-Tribune, a daily newspaper in Nampa, Idaho before law school. During his time at the newspaper he covered the local government beat, issues related to migrant workers and the limiting of collective bargaining rights of state teachers' unions. Last summer, Bryan worked as a judicial extern for the Honorable Janet Poston of Minnesota's Fourth Judicial District.



Alexandra Dellarco JD'14

University of Minnesota Law School
Federal Mine Safety & Health Review
Commission, Washington, DC

Serving as a staff editor on the *ABA Journal for Labor and Employment Law*, Alexandra is examining the legal issues surrounding mandatory seasonal influenza vaccination policies for healthcare personnel in acute care hospitals. Prior to law school she worked in labor relations for both union and management organizations. Her specific interests are in labor relations, especially concerning progressive discipline, and wrongful termination.



Mauricio Drummond, Jr. JD'14

*Catholic University of America
Columbus Law School*
Federal Labor Relations Authority
(FLRA), Washington, DC

Born on Williams Air Force Base in Chandler, Arizona, Mauricio spent the majority of his formative years in the Washington, DC Metropolitan Area. Prior to law school, Mauricio worked as a Business Tax Auditor in the Maryland State Comptroller's Office and as a legislative intern in the U.S. Senate. He has sought out opportunities to serve the public as a volunteer tax preparer with the DC Earned Income Tax Credit Campaign, and to secure workplace justice through an internship at the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's Hearings Unit in Baltimore, MD.



Antonia Domingo JD'15

Harvard Law School
Greater Boston Legal Services,
Boston, MA

Prior to law school, Antonia interned for UNITE HERE! in Chicago to recruit Spanish-speaking hotel employees and was a field organizer for the Indiana Democratic Party, during the 2008 presidential campaign. She has also worked as a case manager at Goodwill Industries of Central Texas, helping ex-offenders and immigrant clients develop job-searching techniques. Antonia participates in the Organizing Low-Wage Workers Reading Group and the Immigration Project at Harvard. She has a master's degree in anthropology and development from the London School of Economics.



Marie Duarte JD'14

Northeastern University School of Law
Murphy Anderson PLLC,
Washington, DC

During her first two years of law school, Marie worked on an environmental justice project, to provide legal remedies for illegal sanitary sewer overflows in low-income communities along the Mystic River in Massachusetts. She also led a team of 12 students to promote access to justice for people with diminished mental capacity in New York City Housing Courts. She has had internships with the Office of Legal Counsel for the Cambridge Public Schools, and the Legal Department for SEIU. Currently, Marie is the co-chair for a student organization that raises funds to support Northeastern students in public interest internships.

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Rebecca Eisenbrey JD'15

*University of Michigan School of Law
Community Legal Services,
Philadelphia, PA*

While at Yale University, Rebecca interned in Senator Ted Kennedy's Labor Policy Office supporting staff in the fight to raise the federal minimum wage and enact pension reform legislation. She volunteered with the Connecticut Center for a New Economy and with National Student Partnerships, helping low income and unemployed residents prepare their resumes, apply for jobs and find housing. Rebecca worked at the Yale Responsible Endowment Project to pressure the university's investment office to divest from a private equity firm accused of mistreating workers and blocking efforts at unionization.



Joshua Freeman JD'14

*New York Law School
Workers Defense League,
New York, NY*

As a Resident Assistant in college, Joshua was in charge of more than 100 students. His interest in labor law began during his first year at law school when he joined the Unemployment Action Center. Josh is currently the Justice Action Center's Carbonell Fellow in law school and Vice President of the school's chapter of the Unemployment Action Center. His two previous internships have been with the Nassau and Kings County District Attorney's offices.



Cody Ellis JD'14

*University of Washington School of Law
National Labor Relations Board
(NLRB) Division of Judges,
San Francisco, CA*

Cody grew up in a family comprised of numerous members of the Int'l Longshore and Warehouse Union, and is a third-generation longshoreman at the Port of Tacoma. As an undergraduate, Cody was a scholarship football player and 4-time 1st Team All-Star Academic PAC-12 selection. In law school, Cody is conducting research for a student comment for the *Pacific Rim Law and Policy Journal*. He is also an extern for the Honorable Joel Penoyar at Washington State Court of Appeals Division 2.



Michelle Gonzalez JD'14

*Fordham University School of Law
National Employment Law Project
(NELP), Seattle, WA*

During her undergraduate years, Michelle worked as an Immigration Intern helping foreign-national employees secure work visas, and interned at Make the Road New York, working on housing and environmental justice initiatives in Brooklyn. After graduating, she became the Executive Assistant to the President at LatinoJustice PRLDEF, a national civil rights organization for Latinos. Michelle has participated in human rights fact-finding missions to Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic, and interned at the Human Rights Court of Ghana where she researched human trafficking cases. Currently, Michelle is interning at the National Lawyers Guild, is Co-President of Fordham's Latin American Law Students Association and is an Advocate with the Unemployment Action Center.



Will Emmons JD'14

*University of Kentucky College of Law
United Electrical Radio & Machine
Workers of America, Pittsburgh, PA*

Will began his volunteer work in support of workers, labor and community coalitions for social justice, while building community support for Providence janitors at the Brown Student Labor Alliance and Rhode Island Jobs with Justice. Upon graduation, he worked in progressive politics in New England. In 2012, he was a law clerk with the Appalachian Citizens Law Center focusing on disabled miners' black lung claims. He is also active with his school's chapter of United Students Against Sweatshops and Kentucky Jobs with Justice.



Francisco Guzman JD'14

*Indiana University
School of Law, Bloomington
AFL-CIO, Washington, DC*

Francisco participated in a fellowship in Public Affairs at the Coro New York Leadership Center, working with SEIU 32BJ where he did political organizing for the 2008 presidential election. He also worked with LIUNA as part of that fellowship, conducting research focused on new construction projects in the Bronx to help identify new organizing opportunities. In 2012, Francisco worked at the NLRB Region 29 office in Brooklyn. He was inspired to advocate for workers' rights by his father, who recently worked to unionize his moving company.

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Henry Ha *JD'14*

*University of Minnesota Law School
Kennedy, Jennik & Murray,
New York, NY*

Vice-president of his law school's labor and employment student organization, Henry is a staffer on the *ABA Journal of Labor and Employment*, and a student attorney in the Workers' Rights Clinic. His passion comes from his observations of his parents who both benefitted from their unions – his father at UNITE HERE! Local 6 and his mother at the American Postal Workers Union. Henry worked at a small firm in Minneapolis, on New York City Council, and interned at the Minneapolis and Washington, DC. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.



Lea Lach *JD'14*

*University of Pittsburgh School of Law
United Steelworkers, Pittsburgh, PA*

Lea grew up in the Steel City and members of her family were union members. Her father, grandfather, aunt and uncle were union members. Lea was an intern in the office of Rep. Dan Frankel and for the Honorable Robert Corville in the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas. She honed her research skills as an intern for the ADA Coordinator in Pittsburgh's Department of City Planning. As a full-time research assistant for Pitt Law Professor Deborah L. Brake in 2012, she studied workplace discrimination and retaliation against pregnant women.



Scott Hubay *JD'14*

*Capital University Law School
IBT, Washington, DC*

After earning his undergraduate degree at the Ohio State University, Scott served on various federal and statewide progressive campaigns. His experience in political races culminated with a role as Finance Director for We Are Ohio, a successful labor coalition set up to defeat Senate Bill 5. Before that race, he was a member of the finance departments for the Ohio House Democratic Caucus and Mary Jo Kilroy's successful campaign for Ohio's 15th Congressional District.



Nolan Lafler *JD'14*

*American University Washington
College of Law
AFSCME, Washington, DC*

During his undergraduate years at SUNY Albany, Nolan participated in the Washington Semester Program on Capitol Hill and spent much of his senior year working in the Political Action Department of the Civil Service Employees Association, AFSCME's largest affiliate in New York. In 2012, he worked as a law clerk in the Solicitor's Office at the U.S. Department of Labor, and is currently a member of the *American University International Law Review*.



Sean Jorgensen *JD'14*

*Pennsylvania State University
Dickinson School of Law
AFSCME, Washington, DC*

Sean's first exposure to the labor movement came shortly after he graduated from high school in Boise, Idaho, and took a job doing low-voltage electrical work. Having been raised in a conservative, anti-union family, he was hesitant to become a union member. His mind changed after experiencing worker exploitation first-hand, leading him to join IBEW Local 291. He remained a member until taking a leave of absence to do volunteer work in the Czech Republic.



Tracy Le Duff *JD'15*

*Southern University Law School
Los Angeles Black Worker Center
Project, Los Angeles, CA*

A non-traditional student, Tracy has fifteen years of experience in human resource management. Prior to law school, she worked in the casino industry as a HR Director. Her initial roles in Unemployment Compensation and Employee Relations introduced her to the rights of workers and further developed her interest in the legal aspects of wage and hour violations, employment discrimination and harassment. She currently volunteers as a part-time law clerk for Southeast Louisiana Legal Services.

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Alex Leenson JD'15

*University of San Francisco
School of Law*
**UNITE HERE! Local 2,
San Francisco, CA**

Alex was introduced to the labor movement through his study of sociology with a focus on labor and employment at UC Davis. He then accepted a summer internship through the UC Berkeley Labor Center working with the California Nurses' Association/National Nurses United, where he was subsequently hired as a national organizer in Chicago. Alex returned to the Bay Area to work with La Peña Cultural Community Center and for the National Union of Healthcare Workers.



Christopher Lewis JD'14

William and Mary Law School
CWA, Washington, DC

Chris grew up in a union family. His father was a 30-year member and shop steward with the IBT Local 804 in Long Island City, New York. As an undergraduate at Vassar College, Chris was a member of a student group that worked to raise awareness of and show solidarity with workers in a contract dispute with the school administration. Chris has previously served as a legal intern with NARAL Pro-Choice Virginia helping to combat violations of reproductive rights by the state government.



Shelby Leighton JD'14

Georgetown University Law Center
Levy Ratner, PC, New York, NY

Shelby grew up in a family with a strong commitment to labor unions and workers' rights having attended labor protests before she could walk. She is a Global Law Scholar and a Solicitation Editor of the *Georgetown Journal of International Law*. Shelby is currently an intern at the International Center for Not-For-Profit Law, where she works on freedom of association and assembly in the Middle East. She previously interned at the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, conducting comparative law research on civil rights and labor and employment law issues.



Katrina Liu JD'14

*Temple University Beasley
School of Law*
**U.S. Department of Labor, Office of
the Solicitor, Philadelphia, PA**

After completing her undergraduate studies at the University of Pennsylvania, Katrina worked in the sales division of General Mills. She then volunteered to teach in Ghana where she learned the importance of fair labor laws first hand. On her return to the U.S., Katrina became a dual degree candidate at Temple Beasley School of Law and the Fox School of Business. She held internships with the Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations, Community Legal Services of Philadelphia, and the Temple Small Business Development Center. She also served as a staff editor for the *Temple Political & Civil Rights Law Review*, which will soon publish her student comment on employment protection for ex-offenders.



Geoffrey Leonard JD'15

Georgetown University Law Center
**DC Employment Justice Center,
Washington, DC**

Prior to law school, Geoff served as an AmeriCorps VISTA worker, doing community outreach in New Orleans, and as a Legal Advocate at the Urban Justice Center in New York. While initially exposed to labor rights issues as a volunteer at CASA de Maryland, he really became passionate about the labor movement when he and his fellow co-workers at the Urban Justice Center organized a successful campaign to unionize under the National Organization of Legal Service Workers, UAW Local 2320.



Bryan Lopez JD'15

*University of California Berkeley
School of Law*
**New Orleans Workers' Center for
Racial Justice, New Orleans, LA**

Born to refugees of the Salvadoran Civil War, Bryan was spurred into social justice during the 2006 immigration reform marches. After witnessing his own parents' unfair exploitation from their employers, Bryan became interested in workers' rights. While an undergrad, he was mentored by the late John Delloro, former National President of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance and became involved in the labor movement through the CLEAN Car Wash Campaign. Prior to law school, Bryan worked with Bet Tzedek Legal Services, the Center for Human Rights and Constitutional Law and the Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice. Since entering law school, he has been active in the *Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law*, Centro Legal de la Raza's Workers' Rights and Tenants' Rights Project and the Legal Aid Society-Employment Law Center's Workers' Rights Disability Law Clinic.

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Francisco Lopez, Jr. JD'15

*Catholic University of America
Columbus School of Law
LIUNA, Washington, DC*

Francisco started working early in life in construction. At the age of 10, he was a laborer working every summer and becoming a bricklayer until he turned 18. Francisco's interest in workers' issues grew out of those pre-teen and teen-age years working with various immigrant laborers and skilled workers. Prior to law school, Francisco worked as an immigration paralegal at a small law firm. He is a volunteer with the Capitol Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition, the Central American Resource Center and Hogar Immigrant Services in the DC Metropolitan Area.



Megann McManus JD'14

*Rutgers University
School of Law, Newark
Meyer, Suozzi, English & Klein PC*

A native of Southern Arkansas with a passion for the Theatre Arts, Megann has a desire to work for social justice. During her undergraduate years, she moved to NYC and landed an internship in the Organizing Department of Actors' Equity Association. Over the next 7 years, Megann worked in various departments and was ultimately named the Director of Staff Development. She interned at the NLRB Region 2 and currently is interning for in-house counsel at IATSE.



Gideon Martin JD'14

*Brooklyn Law School
Major League Baseball Players
Association, New York, NY*

At law school, Gideon is a Notes and Comments Editor for the *Journal of Law and Policy*. He was awarded an Edward V. Sparer Public Interest Fellowship that led him to an internship at the Center for Popular Democracy, a non-profit which promotes legislation for paid sick leave and wage theft prevention. Gideon also devoted a semester to the Employment Law Clinic, representing clients seeking to appeal unemployment insurance determinations. Currently Gideon is an intern with the Honorable Cheryl Pollak of the Eastern District of New York.



Bryce Mesa JD'14

*Villanova University School of Law
NLRB Contempt, Litigation and
Compliance Branch, Washington, DC*

Bryce comes from a working-class background where he and his family - including parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents - are longtime union members and advocates of workers' rights. Before attending law school, Bryce worked in hotel management and later as an employment counselor for the State of Utah's Department of Workforce Services. While in hotel management, he witnessed unfair labor practices first hand. Later, while working for the State of Utah, he worked collaboratively with the Utah Labor Commission and the EEOC to report employer misconduct.



Lauren McGlothlin JD'14

*Boston College Law School
SEIU, Washington, DC*

Lauren has a diverse background in civil rights work from internships in Washington, DC at the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, and at a civil rights law firm. There, she helped establish a non-profit that provides low-income communities and immigrants with the knowledge necessary to protect themselves against employers and landlords. She was a community organizer with the Restaurant Opportunities Center of Michigan and interned with Fresh Corner Café in Detroit to increase access to quality fresh foods for employees at corner stores and office buildings.



James Myers JD'14

*University of Toledo College of Law
Schwartzwald, McNair & Fusco,
Cleveland, OH*

James' interest and his passion for workers' rights started before law school as the son of a union officer, in a small farming community in Ohio, and working in two different union factories to pay for his undergraduate degree. James served as an extern at the Sixth District Court of Appeals with the Honorable Stephen Yarbrough. He currently interns at the Toledo Bar Association Pro Bono legal services.

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Danielle Newsome JD'15

*Temple University Beasley
School of Law
Sheet Metal Workers' Local Union 19,
Philadelphia, PA*

Prior to entering law school, Danielle worked as an organizer for the Northeast Region Organizing Project of the American Federation of Teachers, the United Food and Commercial Workers Union, and Change to Win. As an undergraduate, Danielle interned for the Congress of South African Trade Unions where she coordinated and co-facilitated strategic corporate research training for local union staff. Currently, Danielle serves as Vice President for Membership and Recruitment for the Philadelphia chapter of the Coalition of Labor Union Women and is active in the chapter's Young Women's Committee. In 2012, she completed the Pennsylvania New Leaders Program of the Center for Progressive Leadership and has taught at the Cornell AFL-CIO Strategic Corporate Research Summer School.



Jessica Ornsby JD'14

*Georgetown University Law Center
Mehri & Skalet, PLLC,
Washington, DC*

Jessica studied Vocal Music Education as an undergraduate, developing an interest in labor and employment law. In law school she worked as a research assistant for the General Counsel of Seventh-day Adventists, where she completed research relating to labor law violations and employees' rights issues. In 2012 she interned with the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Division in Washington, DC where she was a member of the trial team in active False Claim Act violation litigation.



Patrick O'Connor JD'15

*University of Wisconsin Law School
LIUNA, Washington, DC*

Patrick says that his interest in union-side labor law stems from a combination of personal and academic experiences. He grew up in a household with two parents who belonged to unions and took great pride in union activity. Patrick's father was a social worker in vocational services and a member of AFSCME, while his mother was a postal worker with the American Postal Workers' Union.



Emily Pantoja JD'14

*American University Washington
College of Law
O'Donoghue & O'Donoghue LLP,
Washington, DC*

At the age of 6, Emily's involvement in the labor movement began by walking a picket line in St. Louis with her father. Now in law school, she has represented members of the American Federation of Government Workers (AFGE) in a variety of employment disputes and has become the Co-Managing Editor of the school's *Labor and Employment Law Forum*.



Alexis Olbrei JD'14

*California Western School of Law
New York State United Teachers
(NYSUT), New York, NY*

As the daughter of CWA and TWU members, Alexis' appreciation for the power of workers as a collective was cultivated early. After graduating from the American University of Paris, she earned a Maîtrise from L'Institut Catholique de Paris and a Master of Science in Teaching from Fordham University. Prior to law school, she worked as an educator in New York City public schools and was a proud member of the UFT and CSA. She has interned at AFSCME Local 127 and the Employee Rights Center, a San Diego non-profit focused on workplace and immigration rights.



Ana Victoria Perez JD'15

*Catholic University of America
Columbus School of Law
Working Hands Legal Clinic,
Chicago, IL*

Born in Guadalajara Jalisco, Mexico, where she lived until age 10, Ana moved with her family to El Paso, Texas. She interned at the Annette Strauss Center and the Equal Justice Center and was a substitute teacher in the Austin Independent School District. In law school, she volunteers at DACA, an immigration rights group, and Bread for the City advocacy group.

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Timothy Pierce *JD'14*

*Indiana University
School of Law, Bloomington
United Auto Workers, Detroit, MI*

Timothy grew up in a small town in a strong union family; his mother is a member of the IBT and several of his uncles are union members. As an undergrad during school breaks, he worked at a meat packing plant on the kill-room floor and as part of the clean-up crew. After recognizing the positive effects that unions have had on him and his family, he enrolled in law school. In 2012 Timothy worked as a legal intern at the St. Clair County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.



Scott Sia *JD'14*

*University of California Los Angeles
School of Law
Gilbert and Sachman, Los Angeles, CA*

Scott has been involved in the labor movement as a student activist, organizer, researcher, and legal intern. As a student organizer, he worked with AFSCME Local 3299, representing the university's service and patient care workers. After graduation, Scott worked with SEIU, United Service Workers West, representing low-wage airport workers as an organizer researcher. In law school, he externed with the Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD) and Lambda Legal, two of the leading impact litigation organizations dedicated to LGBT equality. Currently, Scott's an extern with UNITE HERE! Local 11.



Isela Ramos *JD'14*

*Northeastern University School of Law
NLRB Office of Board Members,
Washington, DC*

In law school, Isela has received Honors in Labor Law and Corporations and High Honors in Evidence and served as a Teaching Assistant in Torts. As a 2012 recipient of a Peggy Browning Fellowship at the SEIU, her research on strikes was used by local unions across the country to support striking janitors in Houston. She recently completed an internship at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. Prior to law school, Isela was a Senior Organizer for SEIU in California and Texas, a Labor Policy Intern at the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, and a Legal Intake Volunteer for the DC Employment Justice Center.



Zubin Soleimany *JD'14*

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Prior to law school, Zubin worked as a substitute teacher, a taxi driver, and an adjunct lecturer at Hunter College, teaching courses on American literature, medieval literature, and expository writing. Currently co-president of Cardozo's Labor and Employment Law Society, Zubin is a member of the Organizing Committee of the New York Taxi Workers Alliance where he organizes his fellow cab drivers and is working to reform the administrative court system for taxi drivers. In 2012, he was an intern at the Worker's Rights and Benefits Unit at South Brooklyn Legal Services.



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Chris' interest in the labor movement originated from his interest in the collective bargaining agreements in professional sports. His interest grew further after interning for Sacks & Sacks, a boutique firm in New York City representing construction workers hurt on the job. Following that experience, Chris has been taking every class he can on labor and employment law. Currently, Chris interns with the Erie County Labor Relations Department in Buffalo.

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Jillian's interest in labor law stems from her experiences as a young employee in a retail store. Workers were regularly kept after scheduled hours (often working until midnight) and talks of unionization were not permitted. Jillian participated in the Unemployment Action Center and Legal Outreach, and is on the *Fordham Intellectual Property, Media and Entertainment Law Journal*. She interned at the New York State Department of Labor Office of Special Counsel, as well as the Legal Unit within the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Jillian is currently working to establish a Labor and Employment Law society at Fordham.



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Matt is very interested in labor and employment law, particularly workers' rights. His previous legal experiences include working as a legal clerk at Cleary, Josem & Trigiani, LLP, a union-side law firm in Philadelphia; volunteering at Philadelphia Legal Assistance in the Unemployment Compensation Division; and working as a summer clerk with the Franklin County Prosecutor's office in Ohio. Before law school, Matt worked with the U.S. Public Interest Research Group in Washington, DC.



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Born and raised in Berlin, Germany, Gabriele's household was committed to the German Catholic Worker Movement. In her young adult years, she focused on German-Jewish reconciliation, learned Hebrew, lived on a Kibbutz and, after completing a master's degree in political science at the Free University in Berlin, worked for the German Konrad-Adenauer-Foundation in Israel. After moving to the U.S., Gabriele started her family, worked and volunteered for various human rights organizations and identified labor and employment law as the focus for her contribution to social justice. Gabriele is fulfilling a life-long dream by attending law school. She's currently an intake volunteer for the Employment Justice Center.



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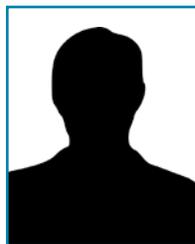
With a family history in law, public service and with unions, Abigail was destined to work for social justice. Her grandmother, a retired Appellate Court judge, has served as an inspiration, having spent many years working in the public interest field in DC. Her mother is a member of the National Education Association. Prior to law school, Abigail was a student intern for a Superior Court judge in California and worked as a Project Assistant in the Intellectual Property Litigation group of a DC law firm.



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