

# Peggy Browning Fund

*Educating Law Students on the Rights and Needs of Workers*

## Meet Our New Fellows

With your support, we have placed 87 law students in paid Summer Fellowships this year. As you look through this brochure you will be impressed by the talents of our Fellows.

They are gifted. Even the most gifted need the opportunity to prove their worth.

You have given them that chance.

Your loyalty and support has opened the doors for these law students to fight for the rights of those oppressed and in need. For the Fellows, it's an experience which inspires them to be lawyers for workplace justice. And the impact: more than 70% of our former Fellows are presently working for economic and social justice.



Joseph Lurie  
President and Founder

Each listing includes the student's graduation year, law school and fellowship location.

## 2019 Peggy Browning Summer Fellows



**Swaaliha  
Abdul-Rahman** *JD'20*

*University of California,  
Hastings College of the Law  
San Francisco, CA*  
Neyhart, Anderson, Flynn  
& Grosboll  
San Francisco, CA

Growing up in San Francisco in the early 2000s as a Muslim American from a working-class immigrant family, Swaaliha learned of the importance of standing in solidarity with marginalized persons. Her childhood and interest in social dynamics led her to pursue a degree in world history and minor in gender studies. In 2015, Swaaliha participated in the Bay Area Solidarity Summer, a 5-day summer retreat program that seeks to empower South Asian youth with the tools needed to recognize and fight against social injustices. At UC Hastings, she participated in clinics, such as Workers' Rights and Homeless Legal Services and was a law clerk for One Justice, all providing more accessible legal services. Swaaliha is currently a part of the Social Justice Lawyering Concentration.



**Noreen Ahmed** *JD'20*

*Rutgers Law School  
Camden, NJ*  
National Employment Law Project  
New York, NY

As a first-generation college student from a union-member family, Noreen honed her skills through the help of mentors and diverse student organizations that cultivated spaces for dialogue on issues faced by people from marginalized communities. Focusing on Labor Studies and Employment Relations during her undergraduate years reinforced her belief that direct involvement in dismantling racial, economic, and social oppression is key to creating systemic change. In law school Noreen interned at the New Jersey Attorney General's office, became associate editor for the *Race and The Law Review Journal*, served on the executive boards of various organizations, and worked with survivors of abuse at shelters. Noreen aims to use her education and experiences to advocate for and empower disadvantaged workers.

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**Consuelo Amezcua JD'20**

*University of the Pacific,  
McGeorge School of Law  
Sacramento, CA*  
National Domestic Workers  
Alliance  
Oakland, CA

Consuelo was taught the importance of working to support herself and family, from her own family of immigrants and farmworkers. Before law school, she worked at Citizenship Legal Services in Napa, CA experiencing the issues grape pickers encounter, and assisting immigrants to understand their rights and process their immigration applications. She also presented in Know Your Rights forums for immigrant workers at wineries and warehouses. These experiences motivated her to apply to law school. During her 1L summer, Consuelo attended an arbitration hearing concerning a unionized employee alleging wrongful termination. She completed an Employment Law and Statutes and Regulation course and a Labor Law course during her second year. Consuelo is currently vice president of the Latinx Law Student Association; secretary of the McGeorge International Law Society; and student representative for the American Bar.



**Zachary Angulo JD'21**

*University of California  
Berkeley School of Law  
Berkeley, CA*  
United Auto Workers (UAW)  
Detroit, MI

Zachary is a product of the graduate worker movement. After the NLRB's Columbia decision, he co-founded Northwestern University Graduate Workers with his student employee colleagues. This endeavor inspired him to pursue a career in labor law and to advocate for knowledge worker unionization. Today, Zachary serves as speakers editor at the *Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law*, and he leads the Berkeley Law and Organizing Collective. Zachary also continues his graduate worker advocacy as campus chair of Contract Enforcement for UAW Local 2865, the largest academic student employee union in the United States. One day, he hopes to assist workers in the Bay Area and his hometown of Phoenix, Arizona.



**Sarah Anderson JD'21**

*Vanderbilt University Law School  
Nashville, TN*  
United Food & Commercial  
Workers Int'l Union (UFCW)  
Washington, DC

Sarah's undergraduate degree in environmental studies and political science led to her passion for labor and environmental justice. As a college student, she was a leader in the Progressive Student Alliance, a student-labor solidarity organization. There she worked on the campaign in support of her school's adjunct faculty as they formed a union and negotiated their first contract. Sarah was the president of the Progressive Student Alliance during its second successful international solidarity campaign to remove sweatshop apparel from the campus bookstore. She was also involved in Huskies Organizing with Labor (HOWL), a coalition in support of the campus dining staff union. Sarah believes that the workplace is the frontline for a host of social justice issues.



**Juan Barragán-Rangel JD'20**

*Stanford Law School  
Stanford, CA*  
California Teachers Association  
(CTA)  
Burlingame, CA

As a child, Juan's family left their small farmstead in rural Mexico to find work in North Georgia's carpet industry. In college, he co-published research analyzing the effects of perceived discrimination on mental health and led local advocacy efforts for education and immigration reform in Georgia. After graduation, Juan taught elementary school as a member of the San Antonio Alliance of Teachers & Support Personnel. There, he came to understand the adverse effects of poor labor practices on student outcomes. The experience motivated him to pursue his dual interest in education and workers' rights. As a law student, he is co-president of the First-Generation & Low-Income Group and a student advocate for the Youth & Education Law Project. Last summer, Juan traveled across rural Georgia with the Farmworker Rights Division of the Georgia Legal Services Project.

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**Devon Blevins JD'20**

*University of Washington  
School of Law  
Seattle, WA*  
Fair Work Center  
Seattle, WA

As the daughter of a proud union member, Devon's passion for workers' rights advocacy began early. She saw how union representation benefits workers and their families, and witnessed the struggles of low-wage workers through her own work experiences. Before law school, Devon earned a Master of Public Administration degree from Penn State University and worked for SEIU 775 Benefits Group on a Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service grant designed to promote labor-management collaboration. There, she made strides in securing safety benefits for Home Care Aides in Washington State. In law school, Devon was elected president of the Labor and Employment Law Association and worked for the Unemployment Law Project. Devon currently serves as a member of the *Washington Journal of Environmental Law and Policy*, researching the impact of climate change on the most vulnerable workers.



**Zachary Brooks JD'20**

*Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law  
New York, NY*  
Major League Baseball Players  
Association (MLBPA)  
New York, NY

Zachary's interest in labor law was sparked by the story of the 1964 NBA All Star game. The league's best players refused to participate in the game unless the team owners agreed to recognize the players' union and acknowledge their demands for better treatment. Hearing that story made Zachary realize three things: how influential workers can be; how necessary it is for workers to recognize their influence; and the importance of using that influence to ensure that employers treat workers properly. Currently, Zach is a law clerk at the union-side firm of Cohen, Weiss and Simon and has researched a variety of issues including collective bargaining, internal union elections and ERISA withdrawal liability. He is furthering his contributions to the labor movement this summer and is grateful for the opportunity.



**Elizabeth Brown JD'21**

*University of California  
Los Angeles School of Law  
Los Angeles, CA*  
Partnership for Working Families  
Oakland, CA

Elizabeth (Rosie) has been working in the labor movement since high school providing data entry at a worker center in her home state of Maryland, organizing hotel workers and handling electoral work with unions. The two years prior to law school, she helped lay the foundation for a digital network of nannies, housecleaners, and home care workers as digital organizer for the National Domestic Workers Alliance. She was a 2018 Peggy Browning Fellow at the Wage Justice Center in Los Angeles. Rosie is particularly interested in the future of work in the age of Big Data.



**Amanda Brunt JD'20**

*Penn State Law  
University Park, PA*  
United Auto Workers (UAW)  
Detroit, MI

Upon entering law school, Amanda was passionate about pursuing civil rights and public interest law. However, her interest in labor and employment law developed after completing a Title VII research assignment involving pregnancy discrimination in the workplace during her 1L year. After discovering her passion for pursuing a career in labor and employment law, Amanda focused her work as an associate editor on the *Arbitration Law Review* on employment law issues surrounding arbitrating employees' federal statutory rights, and spent the summer after her 1L year clerking for the Division of Judges at the NLRB in Washington, DC.

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**Terry Buck** *JD'21*  
*New York University School of Law*  
*New York, NY*  
*United Steelworkers (USW)*  
*Pittsburgh, PA*

Terry cut his teeth as a rank-and-file organizer at Skyhorse Publishing, leading a campaign to unionize with UAW Local 2110. Although the campaign ended in a harsh defeat, Terry gained valuable insights into the challenges of white collar unionization as well as a fierce commitment to worker justice. In college and after, he was active in tenant organizing, international solidarity work, and various community organizing projects. He also interned with the International Labor Rights Forum. Terry is currently a member of the Democratic Socialists of America, an organizer with Law Students for Economic Justice, and a litigation director for the Unemployment Action Center.



**Elyssa Carr** *JD'21*  
*St. John's University School of Law*  
*Queens, NY*  
*New York State United Teachers*  
*(NYSUT)*  
*New York, NY*

Prior to entering law school, Elyssa graduated from Columbia University with her Master's degree in Sociology. Since receiving her degree, she worked as an adjunct professor where she taught classes on inequality, social change and various other sociological concepts. During her time as a professor, Elyssa was a member of NYSUT and personally experienced the ways that unions can empower workers. Seeing the role that unions play in protecting workers' rights, Elyssa's interest in the labor movement grew. She hopes to become a part of the labor community of individuals passionate about working for workers' rights.



**Kyle Campbell** *JD'20*  
*University of Alabama School of Law*  
*Tuscaloosa, AL*  
*Bush Gottlieb*  
*Glendale, CA*

Kyle was first exposed to the labor movement through his involvement in the College Democrats of America. However, it was the tenacity of the labor organizers he met while working on a local minimum wage campaign that drew him into the fight for workers' rights beyond the political arena. Kyle spent a summer as an organizer and union scholar with AFSCME Council 13 and knew that he would dedicate his life to the labor movement. In law school, Kyle was elected president of the Labor and Employment Law Society and spent his first summer serving indigent clients in the Florida panhandle through Equal Justice Works' Rural Summer Legal Corps. He later worked as a full-time extern in AFSCME's General Counsel's office in Washington, D.C., where he learned invaluable skills and strengthened his commitment to the movement.



**Nicholas Chan** *JD'22*  
*University of Pittsburgh*  
*School of Law*  
*Pittsburgh, PA*  
*Justice at Work*  
*Pittsburgh, PA*

A Houston native, Nick was raised by immigrant parents from Hong Kong, China. His parents came to the U.S. without a formal education, with limited English abilities, and primarily worked in the Chinatown restaurant and textiles industries. Due to his upbringing in Texas, Nick has developed his interests in the areas of racial justice, gender equity, and global LGBTQ protections for immigrant populations. After undergrad, Nick worked for a Chinese telecommunications company catering to Asian immigrant populations in the U.S. In law school, he serves as a liaison to the National LGBT Bar Association for Pitt Law's OutLaw student organization.

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**Laura Vivaldo Cholula** *JD'21*  
*Northern Illinois University*  
*College of Law*  
*DeKalb, IL*  
*New Orleans Workers' Center*  
*for Racial Justice*  
*New Orleans, LA*

As part of an immigrant family, Laura learned how important an education is to access social and economic mobility. She developed an interest in workers' rights to ensure the dignity and respect of all working-class people and worked relentlessly to attain a college degree while taking on leadership roles to advocate for immigrants and undocumented students. Laura joined a statewide effort to pass legislation that would allow undocumented students access to state financial aid. She has participated in and led efforts to create institutional change for underrepresented students on her campus. In law school, Laura is a member of the Latinx Law Student Association and the Black Law Student Association.



**Haris Cogo** *JD'20*  
*University of Michigan Law School*  
*Ann Arbor, MI*  
*United Auto Workers (UAW)*  
*Detroit, MI*

Haris was born in Detroit into a Bosnian immigrant family and community that largely worked in factories and other working-class jobs. From a young age, he was exposed to the importance of workers' rights and the need to organize, especially for immigrants. Haris is acutely aware of the employment challenges and disadvantages faced by immigrants and their children. Through his studies and activities, he became aware of the problems and disadvantages that affect all workers. These experiences inspired him to enter the legal field and help fight for the rights of all workers. Last summer, Haris interned at the Sugar Law Center, drafting legal documents and assisting clients with unemployment insurance claims. On campus, he is currently the labor director and a managing director for the Michigan Immigrant and Labor Law Association.



**Kristen Connors** *JD'21*  
*Case Western Reserve University*  
*School of Law*  
*Cleveland, OH*  
*United Electrical, Radio & Machine*  
*Workers of America (UE)*  
*Pittsburgh, PA*

Prior to law school, Kristen worked at a unionized co-op grocery store in Burlington, Vermont where she served as a steward in UE Local 203 for four years. From that experience Kristen realized that she wanted to become a lawyer to be able to support and advocate for her co-workers. She also spent three years educating Vermonters about the Fair Trade Movement and attended the World Social Forum in 2016. There she helped the Fair Trade Federation, World Fair Trade Organization, and other organizations dedicated to workers' rights, organize panel discussions and workshops for 15,000 attendees. In law school, Kristen is a member of the Student Public Interest Law Fund, and the Yemen Accountability Project.



**Sayra Contreras** *JD'21*  
*The John Marshall Law School*  
*Chicago, IL*  
*Farmworker & Landscaper*  
*Advocacy Project*  
*Chicago, IL*

Sayra is a bilingual, first-generation college student who was born in Morelia, Michoacán, México. While an undergrad, she had a rewarding experience as an intern at the Office of General Counsel for Northern Illinois University. There, Sayra actively participated in various projects and was committed to acquiring new legal skills. Upon graduation, she worked at the DeKalb County Courthouse as a member of the Treatment Court providing guidance and legal resources to individuals in need. Sayra credits her educational success to her Mexican immigrant parents who inspire her to work hard and taught her the importance of determination.

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**Maria DiGeorge** JD'21

*Temple University  
Beasley School of Law  
Philadelphia, PA  
United Steelworkers  
Pittsburgh, PA*

Maria has been concerned about economic inequality since she was a teenager volunteering at homeless shelters in Philadelphia. In college, those concerns became a commitment to changing economic policies by supporting the labor movement. She organized her university bookstore to support a unionized factory in the Dominican Republic by replacing sweatshop-made apparel with union-made apparel. Maria has also worked on campaigns for state, federal, and international pro-worker political candidates. She served in the Pennsylvania Department of State as Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs, working on election reform. Prior to law school, Maria studied the effects of unionization on economic inequality at The London School of Economics. Maria was a 1L representative on the Workers' Rights Committee of the National Lawyers Guild chapter.



**Anthony Ealy, Jr.** JD'20

*University of Missouri  
School of Law  
Columbia, MO  
Int'l Union of Painter & Allied  
Trades (IUPAT)  
Hanover, MD*

Anthony experienced the employment world through his father, the current president of the Grandview Branch of the National Association of Letter Carriers. While interning for the Minority Floor Leader in the Missouri State Capitol, Anthony was involved in the fight against Right-to-Work legislation. He worked on Capitol Hill as a Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Emerging Leader which provided travel to Turkey and the opportunity to visit a Syrian Refugee Camp. In law school, Anthony has worked for the Family Managed Care Division at Legal Western Aid and has studied Comparative Law in South Africa and Australia. Currently, he works in the Entrepreneurial Legal-Clinic, is an associate member of the *Journal of Dispute Resolution*, is a Board member of the National Black Law Students Association and a regional director of alumni affairs for Mid-West BLSA 2018-19.



**Emily Dowdle** JD'20

*Washington University in St. Louis  
School of Law  
St. Louis, MO  
Joel F. Dillard, PA  
Jackson, MS*

As a native of Kansas City and former graduate student lecturer, retail sales associate, childcare provider, and fireworks factory worker, Emily's work experiences influenced her decision to attend law school and pursue labor law as a career. Last summer she worked as a Peggy Browning Fellow at the United Steelworkers. Returning for her second summer, Emily is pleased to be advocating for the rights of Mississippi workers.



**Matthew Erle** JD'20

*University of California  
Los Angeles School of Law  
Los Angeles, CA  
Engineers & Scientists of  
California Local 20 IFPTE  
Oakland, CA*

Prior to law school, Matt worked at an organization that promotes the rights of transnational migrant workers and immigrants through legal action and policy advocacy. During his 1L summer, Matt assisted immigrant workers with their wage theft and immigration-based retaliation cases at Bet Tzedek Legal Services in Los Angeles. Last semester, he worked with organizers and members of a neighborhood-based worker center on a campaign to organize a workplace and recover stolen wages. Matt is also a co-executive director of UCLA's El Centro Legal, which runs 15 volunteer legal clinics for law students, and a co-chair of the Labor and Employment Law Association.

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**Dominique Fenton** JD'21

*University of Virginia School of Law  
Charlottesville, VA  
Equal Justice Center  
Austin, TX*

Dominique served as the Youth and Family Court judge in Oglala Sioux Tribal Court in Pine Ridge, SD, before entering law school. Prior to his appointment to the bench, Dominique worked as a legal advocate in Tribal Court and as a court-appointed defense investigator in federal criminal cases on Indian reservations throughout the region. Dominique first moved to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation to teach high school English, after having spent several years as an investigator at The Bronx Defenders.



**Summer Flowers** JD'21

*The George Washington University  
Law School  
Washington, DC  
American Federation of Teachers  
(AFT)  
Ann Arbor, MI*

After college, Summer spent three years teaching at a charter school in Cleveland, Ohio. While there, she experienced the vulnerability of teachers working under an at-will contract without union protection or a collective bargaining agreement. She was inspired to help organize a union at her school and witnessed the strength of workers standing in solidarity together and voting for their right to bargain on equal footing with their employer. Through this experience, Summer developed a passion for workers' rights and labor law. She is still in a classroom, though this one teaches how to better advocate for workers.



**Patrick Foote** JD'20

*Chicago-Kent College of Law  
Chicago, IL  
Communications Workers of  
America (CWA)  
Washington, DC*

Patrick's passion for the labor movement developed during his undergrad years in central Florida. As membership coordinator of the Student-Labor Action Project, he led student solidarity mobilizations for embattled workers at Verizon and Walmart. After earning his bachelor's degree in political science, he worked as an organizer with Central Florida Jobs with Justice, then as a journalist for the People's World, the successor to the Daily Worker. There, he led in organizing the first editorial staff union in the publication's 94-year history. Patrick has previously earned two Peggy Browning Fellowships. His 1L summer was spent with National Federation of Federal Employees, and his 2L school year was working with the Chicago News Guild. He hopes to use his legal education to fight against workplace injustice and build working class power.



**Gabe Frumkin** JD'20

*Boston College Law School  
Newton, MA  
Service Employees Int'l Union  
(SEIU)  
Washington, DC*

Gabe first became active in the labor movement in high school when he participated in disbursing informational flyers outside hotels and volunteered with the state AFL-CIO. During college, he continued to immerse himself in the movement and interned with an SEIU local in Boston, MA. After graduating, Gabe worked as an organizer with AFSCME in higher education and health care before serving on political campaigns, including those of U.S. Senators Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey. Immediately prior to law school, Gabe worked at an environmental organization in Washington, DC. In 2018, he was a Peggy Browning Fellow at Barnard Iglitzin and Lavitt in Seattle, WA. He also received a Michael Weiner Scholarship for Labor Studies from the Major League Baseball Players Association (MLBPA).

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**Patrick Gallagher** JD'20

*Brooklyn Law School  
Brooklyn, NY  
Levy Ratner, PC  
New York, NY*

Joining the labor movement as graduate student at Columbia and NYU, Patrick finished his PhD and worked on the UAW campaign to win a contract for graduate employees at NYU. Once the contract took effect, he went to work on enforcing it at Local 2110. He also contributed to negotiation, grievance handling, and organizing for other Local 2110 shops, including the ACLU, Barnard College, the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung, the Village Voice, and more. In law school, Patrick has worked at Municipal Employees Legal Services at District Council 37; the Law Office of Christopher Q. Davis; Cohen, Weiss, and Simon LLP; and advocates for unemployment insurance claimants for the Unemployment Action Center. Patrick and his wife also run The Farm Reading Series, NYC's destination for the newest and best satirical and/or critical writing in any genre.



**Flor Garay** JD'20

*University of the District of Columbia  
David A. Clarke School of Law  
Washington, DC  
American Federation of State,  
County, Municipal Employees Union  
(AFSCME)  
Washington, DC*

A 2018 Peggy Browning Fellow at UFCW and a 2017 Peggy Browning Fellow at Make the Road New York, Flor is an advocate for workers' rights in Western Maryland. She is the organizer of a monthly workers' rights clinic in Frederick, MD serving low-wage immigrant workers. Flor is also the founding-member of the RISE Coalition of Western Maryland where she educates, empowers, and mobilizes the immigrant community to stand up against racist local policies such as 287g – the program allowing ICE to deputize local or state law-enforcement agencies to enforce federal immigration laws. Flor serves as the Community Outreach Chair for Latinx Law Student Association where she connects law students to movement lawyers. She hopes that this summer she will join other like-minded labor law attorneys and law students in the greater fight for workplace justice.



**Lizdebeth Carrasco Gallardo** JD'20

*The University of New Mexico  
School of Law  
Albuquerque, NM  
New Mexico Center on Law  
and Poverty  
Albuquerque, NM*

Lizdebeth is originally from Nuevo Casas Grandes, Chihuahua, Mexico. Before law school, she worked as a Department of Justice accredited representative with the New Mexico Immigrant Law Center, providing immigration legal assistance to indigent immigrant clients, working under the supervision of a licensed attorney. Lizdebeth also has a community organizing background. As an immigrant, she has seen the disparities affecting her community, including wage theft, and this has motivated her to learn more about workers' rights and work towards combating wage theft in her community. Lizdebeth is president of the Immigration Law Student Association and vice president of the Mexican American Law Student Association.



**George Garcia** JD'20

*The George Washington University  
Law School  
Washington, DC  
Int'l Brotherhood of Teamsters  
(IBT)  
Washington, DC*

George is from Tucson, AZ and a third-year evening law student. He is firmly guided by his belief, instilled in him by his mother, that every person is deserving of respect and of being treated with decency. George decided to attend law school and work toward building a more just society. He credits his accomplishments to the people who guide and support him. In recognizing the value of labor and of every person, George intends to help reshape and improve labor law. He genuinely enjoys learning (including law school), has proudly been an organizer and served as a legal-intern to Chairman Ring of the NLRB.

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**Sandy Garcia** JD'20

*University of California  
Davis School of Law  
Davis, CA  
Wage Justice Center  
Los Angeles, CA*

Sandy's passion for advancing workers' rights stems from growing up in a working class household and witnessing her parents' employment struggles. In law school, she volunteered as a student counselor for her school's Workers' Rights Clinic. There, she was able to assist low-income workers facing workplace violations. Last summer, Sandy was selected as a Rural Legal Corps Fellow where she had the opportunity to assist justice-involved adults facing barriers to employment at the Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles County. Sandy was an intern at her school's Department of Fair Employment and Housing (DFEH) Employment Clinic and plans to continue advocating for workers' rights and workplace fairness after graduation in her hometown of Los Angeles.



**Mia Gettenberg** JD'21

*Harvard Law School  
Cambridge, MA  
Mehri & Skallet PLLC  
Washington, DC*

Raised in South Florida, Mia knew she wanted to one day attend law school. A high school program solidified this goal when she attempted to give a mock oral argument for the first time. Mia studied philosophy and criminology during her undergrad years. In law school, she has served as a 1L representative for HLS Lambda and helped plan and promote activist, social, and professional events for the LGBTQ+ community and allies. She has also worked as a research assistant for the Legal Services Center in Jamaica Plain, MA. Her current passions include learning more about employment and labor law, educational policy, and civil rights. Mia hopes to gain a deeper understanding of public interest law this summer, so that she can work toward advancing social and economic justice in her current and future legal work.



**Alaina Gilchrist** JD'20

*Northeastern University  
School of Law  
Boston, MA  
AFL-CIO  
Washington, DC*

The daughter of a union janitor, Alaina began her organizing career at the Mahoning Valley Organizing Collaborative (MVOC) in Youngstown, OH. At MVOC, she engaged in grassroots and top-roots organizing to address issues related to vacant properties that were left behind from the collapse of the steel industry. Alaina started working for organized labor when the MVOC partnered with SEIU on their Fight for a Fair Economy campaign. Most recently, she served as a field representative for SEIU 32BJ where she organized workers around contract campaigns and represented them at the bargaining table. Last summer, Alaina was a Peggy Browning Fellow at Gilbert & Sackman, and she completed an externship this winter on the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.



**Luciano Ramirez Guerra** JD'21

*University of Nebraska  
College of Law  
Lincoln, NE  
CASA  
Hyattsville, MD*

Luciano credits his experiences growing up in central Nebraska for his passion for social and economic justice. The son of immigrant meat packers, he developed a firm interest in workers' rights after listening to his parents and their co-workers discuss their unfair working conditions. As an undergrad, Luciano became founder and president of his university's chapter of the Young Democratic Socialists of America. He decided to attend law school to become an effective advocate for workers, labor unions, and the poor. Outside of the classroom, Luciano works with the Democratic Socialists of America, his local tenant solidarity organization, and with Feed the People - an organization devoted towards providing free groceries to people in need.

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**Gabriel Gutierrez** JD'21

*City University of New York  
School of Law  
Long Island City, NY  
Community Legal Services  
Philadelphia, PA*

Before starting law school, Gabriel was heavily involved with playing and putting on shows in the DIY music scene in Montreal. After graduating university, he worked at a community legal aid clinic in Montreal helping low-income, immigrant workers obtain government benefits and deal with housing issues. After moving back to his hometown of Los Angeles, he spent time at the Koreatown Immigrant Worker's Alliance coordinating a food pantry for community members. He is currently involved with the Housing Rights Project and Labor Coalition at his law school.



**Stephen Hatton** JD'21

*University of Washington  
School of Law  
Seattle, WA  
United Steelworkers (USW)  
Pittsburgh, PA*

As a former laborer from a union family, Stephen recognizes that he likely wouldn't be where he is today without the work of labor unions. A native Montanan, he grew up in a blue-collar town seemingly run by its oil refinery. He served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Thailand, and then as an Americorps volunteer in Bellingham, Washington before attending law school. Stephen believes that union-side labor law offers him an opportunity to continue to serve others and to give back to families experiencing similar issues.



**Sean Hansen** JD'21

*Northeastern University  
School of Law  
Boston, MA  
Int'l Labor Rights Forum  
Washington, DC*

Sean Hansen was raised in a progressive family who taught him the value of hard work, the importance of community and the perseverance to organize for change. As an undergrad, Sean co-founded Huskies Organizing With Labor to support workers' rights on campus by helping to organize dining hall workers and adjunct faculty. He also helped lead a successful campaign to force Northeastern to cut its contract with Adidas over labor rights violations in Indonesia. Sean has worked extensively on initiatives to support peace, justice and reconciliation in Ireland and Israel/Palestine. Before law school, Sean worked for three years at Roca, Inc., an organization dedicated to ending the cycle of mass incarceration with high risk youth in Lynn, MA. Sean is currently an organizer with the Graduate Employees of Northeastern University-UAW and is active in his school's National Lawyers Guild chapter.



**Kevin Hendley** JD'20

*University of Maryland  
School of Law  
Baltimore, MD  
O'Donoghue & O'Donoghue LLP  
Washington, DC*

Before attending law school, Kevin graduated with a degree in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering and worked as a drilling fluids engineer on oil drilling rigs operating in the Alaskan Arctic. During his time in oil and gas, the price of oil crashed and Kevin saw how the inherent inequality of the employment relationship can make even the most skilled workers powerless to resist corporate demands. This sparked an interest in workers' rights and the labor movement, which Kevin has worked towards since starting law school.

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**Mahroh Jahangiri** JD'21

*Harvard Law School  
Cambridge, MA  
Equal Justice Center  
Austin, TX*

Mahroh is a community organizer who believes in building a world where black and brown women and our communities are able to live free of violence. She is an editor at Feministing.com, where she writes about the ways militarization, racism, and sexual violence impact communities of color transnationally. Prior to law school, Mahroh was the executive director of Know Your IX, a national survivor- and youth-led organization empowering students to end gender violence, and a junior fellow at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. She is the proud daughter of Muslim immigrants.



**Charlotte Kamai** JD'21

*University of California,  
Berkeley School of Law  
Berkeley, CA  
Legal Aid at Work  
San Francisco, CA*

Charlotte grew up in the Bay Area and has worked with different disadvantaged communities throughout Northern California, the northeastern United States, and Morocco. Before law school, she worked in the private sector and saw how differently discrimination can manifest across workplaces, especially against women and families. This experience inspired her interest in civil rights and employment law, particularly the role of power dynamics and advocacy for low income workers. In law school, Charlotte volunteers at Centro Legal de la Raza in their workers' rights clinic, and she is an associate editor of the *Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law*.



**Jonathan Jung** JD'20

*Southwestern Law School  
Los Angeles, CA  
Laborers' Int'l Union of North  
America (LIUNA!)  
Washington, DC*

Before law school, Jonathan's grandmother explained to him how working for a union made a significant impact on their family: she made a living wage, earned health and retirement benefits, and put her children through college. Learning that history, Jonathan decided to dedicate his efforts to serve workers so that others could enjoy similar opportunities. During his 1L summer, he was a legal extern at SEIU Local 721. There, he served as first-chair in arbitration regarding a grievance against an adverse disciplinary action and negotiated a settlement on behalf of a member. Currently, Jonathan is a Writing Fellow for his school's writing center.



**Amanda Klitzke** JD'20

*University of Colorado Law School  
Boulder, CO  
Int'l Union of Electronic Workers  
(IUE-CWA)  
Dayton, OH*

Amanda is the daughter of an Air Force veteran, an experience that showed her the value of shared purpose. Last summer, she interned with the legal department at a plastics manufacturer with a unionized workforce. It was there that Amanda gained a sense of what is at stake for the rank-and-file union members and a belief that labor law should remedy the imbalance of power between employer and employee. Amanda's long-term goal is to restructure the system so that it is more supportive and responsive to the needs of working people. She understands that unions are about more than wages and looks forward to a summer of worker-driven pursuits.

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**Deanna Krokos** JD'21

*Harvard Law School  
Cambridge, MA*  
National Employment Law  
Project (NELP)  
Washington, DC



**Jenny Lam** JD'20

*Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law  
New York, NY*  
Workers Defense League  
New York, NY

Growing up in a working-class community on the west side of Cleveland, Deanna went to law school to pursue her passion for economic justice. Studying political science and ethics in college, she became interested in the effects of income inequality on political power in the post-recession economy. Between undergrad and law school, Deanna spent her nights waiting tables and tending bar, and her days as a policy researcher at Policy Matters Ohio. Her work focused on the potential of a progressive tax, wage, transportation and health policy to combat inequality at the state level. She is excited to spend this summer working to secure the rights of working people in a changing economic landscape.

As a bisexual woman raised by conservative Chinese immigrants in a Long Island suburban town, Jenny theorized the challenges she faced navigating between the competing norms imposed by both her family and American society. In the year between undergrad and law school, Jenny balanced working as a retail footwear associate and reading radical literature regarding the impact of capitalism, racism, and imperialism on vulnerable communities. In law school, as a student advocate for the Unemployment Action Center, she represented workers claiming unemployment insurance benefits. Jenny is currently writing her Note on the labor conditions in Bangladesh's garment factories, proposing a model of community unionism as an alternative to failed corporate social responsibility programs, temporary agreements, and underfunded government-run initiatives.



**Jay Kucia** JD'20

*University of Mississippi  
School of Law  
Oxford, MS*  
Joel F. Dillard, PA  
Jackson, MS



**Amanda Leonard** JD'20

*Duquesne University School of Law  
Pittsburgh, PA*  
Service Employees Int'l Union  
(SEIU)  
Washington, DC

As an undergrad, Jay majored in political science. While in college, Jay served as a freshman mentor, a constitutional development teaching assistant, a service club officer, a student senator, and a resident assistant. In law school, Jay is the founder and president of the Mississippi Labor and Employment Society, a civil rights research assistant, and a member of the Public Interest Law Foundation. He has also worked as a law clerk at Morgan & Morgan in Jackson, where he assisted the firm in cases under the Family and Medical Leave Act and the Fair Labor Standards Act. After graduation, Jay hopes to use the law to continue his advocacy for working-class Americans.

Amanda grew up in a blue-collar family with many union supporters. After college, she worked for four years as a paralegal at two different law firms. Her most memorable role was as a workers' compensation paralegal where she was able to communicate with injured workers and advocate for their legal rights and medical benefits. After an internship in private equity in Germany last summer, Amanda has re-focused on labor and employment law. She is the president of the Labor & Employment Law Society on campus, was a law clerk at the United Steelworkers during the spring semester and is excited to continue working for unions and workers' rights this summer.

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**Nneka Maceo** JD'20

*The Catholic University of America  
Columbus School of Law  
Washington, DC*  
Int'l Brotherhood of Teamsters  
(IBT)  
Washington, DC

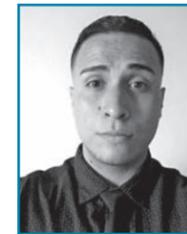
Nneka worked as a campaign organizer during the 2016 presidential election and later as a deputy campaign manager for a mayoral candidate in Cleveland, OH. During her political advocacy, she worked with SEIU Local 1199 on their "Fight for \$15" campaign, geared towards raising the minimum wage for service employees in the fast food industry. As a 2L, Nneka is pursuing her JD with a certificate in Law & Public Policy. She has served as a judicial intern for the Honorable Judge Broderick of the District of Columbia Superior Court and as a law clerk in the Alexandria Public Defender Office. Recently, she worked as a law clerk with UFCW, where she assisted attorneys addressing important workers right issues. Nneka is looking forward to a post law school career as a labor attorney.



**Viridiana Chabolla Mendoza** JD'20

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

Born in Mexico and raised in East Los Angeles, Viridiana is part of a large, immigrant working class family who work in manufacturing and industrial factories and in the service industry. Prior to law school, Viridiana worked at Public Counsel, a public interest law office, in the impact litigation project. There she identified and recruited community stakeholders to participate and support civil rights litigation through community organizing. Last summer, she was an intern at the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund in Los Angeles where she researched several legal issues including class certification, employment and labor disputes and discrimination in public schools.



**Alejandro Macias-Urias** JD'21

*Southern University Law Center  
Baton Rouge, LA*  
Justice at Work  
Philadelphia, PA

Alejandro grew up in Albuquerque, New Mexico and studied economics and Spanish. Prior to law school, he was an Equal Justice Works paralegal at the New Mexico Immigrant Law Center where he worked to increase access to legal services for immigrant students in the city of Albuquerque. Born to immigrant parents, Alejandro witnessed the difficulty immigrants face in obtaining legal status and workplace discrimination. For the past three years Alejandro has helped immigrant clients apply for immigration status, filed petitions in immigration court for bond re-determination, partnered with organizations to advocate for worker rights, and helped DACA recipients renew their work authorization. Alejandro is interested in immigration law, labor law, criminal law, and in finding ways to tackle immigrant issues holistically.



**MaryGrace Menner** JD'21

*Northeastern University  
School of Law  
Boston, MA*  
Greater Boston Legal Services  
Boston, MA

MaryGrace became interested in workers' rights after living in Immokalee, a small farmworker town in Florida. In Immokalee, she worked in the Immigration Department of Legal Aid, where she witnessed the need for a multi-faceted approach to migrant workers' rights. She continued her work at Metrowest Worker Center - Casa del Trabajador in Framingham, Massachusetts. At Casa, MaryGrace advocated for a largely undocumented base of workers in low-wage, high-risk jobs like roofing and siding. She is interested in the ways labor and employment law can be used to advocate for effective social change and justice for marginalized communities.

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**Maura Moosnick** JD'21

*Fordham University School of Law  
New York, NY*  
Gladstein, Reif & Meginniss LLP  
New York, NY

Maura was born and raised in New York City where her mother was a union member for over 25 years. During her undergraduate studies in Industrial and Labor Relations, she focused her coursework on labor history, collective bargaining, and the current state of social and economic inequality. After college, Maura worked for two years as a paralegal at a union-side labor law firm specializing in building trade unions. Now she looks forward to using her law degree to strengthen and advance workers' rights and workplace democracy.



**James O'Duden** JD'20

*American University  
Washington College of Law  
Washington, DC*  
National Federation of Federal  
Employees (NFFE)  
Washington, DC

Growing up in a union-friendly household, James had always considered labor law as a potential area of study. After taking a class on employment and labor law the first semester of his second year, he grew interested and decided to pursue it further. That next semester, James worked for the Appellate and Supreme Court Litigation Branch of the National Labor Relations Board. He assisted briefing attorneys with legal research and writing in preparation to defend the Board's decisions before the federal courts of appeals. This summer, James is excited to take his interest in labor law to the union side. He hopes to explore and work to resolve many of the issues faced by federal employees in this challenging year.



**Leontine Morgan-Poitier** JD'20

*Southern University Law Center  
Baton Rouge, LA*  
Washington Lawyers' Committee  
for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs  
Washington, DC

From witnessing discrimination against immigrant day laborers in Miami, to working as a server for \$2.15 an hour plus tips, to being told that she could not cross-train into another career-field because she was a woman, to a brief run-in with the law which gave her a first-hand account of the racial disparities within the criminal justice system, life experience has brought Leontine to the labor movement. Prior to law school, she interned under her state senator during the 2015 Florida Legislative Session, earned two degrees from the University of Central Florida, and served in the United States Air Force. Over the course of her second-year of law school, Leontine worked as a law clerk and junior investigator for the East Baton Rouge Office of the Public Defender.



**Elizabeth Olsen** JD'20

*Brooklyn Law School  
Brooklyn, NY*  
Cohen, Weiss & Simon LLP  
New York, NY

Elizabeth is originally from Washington State and received her B.A. in English and sociology. Upon graduation, she moved to New York City where she received her M.A. in Higher and Postsecondary Education. After graduating, she worked in student affairs at a university in Maine where she joined a union and saw the critical work that unions do. Elizabeth wanted to continue the fight for workers' rights by attending law school and to dedicate her career to the labor movement. In law school, Elizabeth is involved in the Disability and Civil Rights Clinic, is being published in the *Journal of Law and Policy*. She traveled to Nashville last March to work with the Tennessee Fair Housing Council.

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**Grace Pezzella** JD'21

*Georgetown University Law Center  
Washington, DC*  
National Employment Lawyers  
Association (NELA)  
Washington, DC

Before law school, Grace was the finance director on a congressional campaign in Massachusetts. She had the opportunity to help draft a suite of policies focused on supporting women and people of color in the workplace. She learned from various union leaders as they organized through both strikes and lockouts. Grace wrote her undergraduate thesis on the first women to work in the backcountry for the Appalachian Mountain Club, which explored integration through perceptions of gendered labor. Grace is particularly interested in working with political figures to promote judicial nominees with a demonstrated commitment to workplace justice. She credits her parents for her sense of fairness, which they encouraged through their dedication to equal division of labor in the household.



**Hill Pickens** JD'21

*University of Chicago Law School  
Chicago, IL*  
United Food & Commercial  
Workers (UFCW)  
Washington, DC

A native of northern Florida, Hill has worked as a math teacher and deli clerk. As the former, he saw the devastating results the departure of manufacturing jobs can have on communities structured around them. As the latter, he discovered the concrete differences in pay and working conditions between unionized and non-unionized workers. Hill joined a unionization campaign in his workplace with the United Food and Commercial Workers. Inspired by this campaign, he began law school with the goal of advocating for workers and their right to unionize and fight for better pay and working conditions.



**Lindsay Poetz** JD'20

*Michigan State University  
College of Law  
East Lansing, MI*  
American Federation of Teachers  
(AFT)  
Washington, DC

During her public school teaching career, Lindsay was an active member and officer in her AFT union local. She served on the executive board, the collective bargaining team, and as a delegate at the state assembly. After pursuing a master's degree in education law, Lindsay continued her education by attending law school. She spent last summer as a judicial intern in a Michigan trial court. For the past school year, she worked as a student law clerk at the Michigan Supreme Court, with both the Friend of the Court and the Alternative Dispute Resolution divisions. This year, she received two jurisprudence awards for her performance in the child welfare clinic and for her work in labor and employment law. She is inspired to become a legal advocate for public schools and teachers.



**Thomas Pope** JD'21

*The Ohio State University  
Moritz College of Law  
Columbus, OH*  
Health Professionals & Allied  
Employees, AFT/AFL-CIO  
Emerson, NJ

Thomas worked as an organizer through the Ohio Student Association and with the Democratic Socialists of America before law school. There he helped develop community education initiatives and conducted collective bargaining trainings through various unions in Ohio. His parents were deeply involved in their respective trade unions which inspired in Thomas a confidence in collective bargaining, and an understanding of its importance for all workers. As an undergrad, he took part in student protests to improve the pay and conditions of the contracted workforce. Thomas also spent time with the Coalition of Immokalee Farmworkers, in their effort to get all of the corporations in the supply chain to join the Fair Food Program.

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**Patrick Roach** *JD'21*

*City University of New York  
School of Law  
New York, NY*  
New York State United Teachers  
(NYSUT)  
New York, NY

Patrick worked as a public school teacher for nine years in Alaska and two with the U.S. Peace Corps in China. During that time, he volunteered as his school building's representative, served on his local's executive committee and chaired the local political action committee for education. He served on the NEA-AK statewide political action committee, was spokesperson for his local's bargaining team during a school year-long negotiation with their school district, and attended three statewide delegate assemblies. Patrick participated in grievance procedures as a member advocate and testified before the Alaska state legislature regarding labor issues. Throughout his work for his union, Patrick witnessed the unending and invaluable protection and support that organized labor affords its members.



**Alex Rowell** *JD'21*

*University of Michigan Law School  
Ann Arbor, MI*  
Service Employees Int'l Union  
(SEIU)  
Washington, DC

Before law school, Alex moved from Georgia to Washington, DC to work as an economic policy analyst at the Center for American Progress. There he focused on developing policies to build worker power. Alex took his research to heart and joined with coworkers to help organize his workplace. Once their union was formed, he served on the negotiating committee that secured the staff union's first collective bargaining agreement. Alex is currently a student attorney at the Michigan Law Unemployment Insurance Clinic and member of the Michigan Immigration and Labor Law Association.



**Kimberly Rodriguez** *JD'21*

*Northeastern University  
School of Law  
Boston, MA*  
Make the Road New York  
New York, NY

Kimberly is the daughter of immigrants and grew up in Jackson Heights, Queens, NY. Prior to law school, she worked in immigration, on LGBTQ advocacy and organizing, and co-founded a non-profit that gave scholarships to undocumented students. Kimberly has also worked as a bartender, a high-end watch salesperson, in accounting at a tech startup, and on political campaigns throughout NYC. More recently, she was a legal administrative assistant at United Spinal Association, a disability rights and advocacy organization. There, she took part in organizing wheelchair users to lobby for their rights on Capitol Hill. In law school, Kimberly is active in LALSA, International Refugee Assistance Project, and National Lawyers Guild. She is interested domestic workers' rights and farmworkers' rights.



**Carley Russell** *JD'20*

*New York University School of Law  
New York, NY*  
Communication Workers of  
America (CWA)  
Washington, DC

Carley was molded by leftist political traditions. Her parents were part of the New Left generation of activists who went to work in factories with the explicit purpose of organizing across racial lines to build rank-and-file caucuses and democratize union leadership. Carley was mentored by Anne Braden, a white civil rights activist who was charged with sedition (and subsequently red-baited) for facilitating an African American couple's integration of an all-white suburb of Louisville, KY. After college, Carley spent five years organizing workers with SEIU locals in Massachusetts and Connecticut. She cut her teeth on union election campaigns in the group home industry, and then transitioned into organizing adjunct faculty at Boston-area colleges. In 2018, Carley was a Peggy Browning Fellow at SEIU.

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**Paul Samuel** *JD'20*

*The University of Texas at Austin  
School of Law  
Austin, TX*  
Raise the Floor Alliance  
Chicago, IL

Paul is passionate about employment and discrimination law as a means of providing justice in the workplace. He has worked as a clerk for a civil rights firm in Texas, the Equal Justice Center, Disability Rights Texas, Legal Aid of Northwest Texas, and the Free Representation Unit. Paul is co-founder of the Texas Employment and Labor Law Society, fundraising co-director for the 2018 Getting Radical in the South (GRITS) conference, and a staff editor for *Texas Journal of Civil Liberties and Civil Rights*. He is also a research assistant and, prior to law school, worked as a paralegal at an immigration firm in Chicago, IL.



**Emily Schott** *JD'20*

*University of Iowa College of Law  
Iowa City, IA*  
Chicago News Guild  
Chicago, IL

Before law school, Emily was a community organizer in Iowa. She worked with unions to organize individual workplaces and a statewide county-level minimum wage campaign. In law school, Emily was a research assistant for the school's labor center, active in the American Constitution Society, and a student writer for the *Iowa Law Review*, Vol. 104. During her first summer as a law clerk at UNITE HERE! Local 11 in Los Angeles, Emily was able to use her Spanish-language skills extensively while interviewing hotel housekeepers about their experiences with sexual assault and harassment on the job. In law school, Emily is active in the Community Empowerment Law Project clinic and as the 2L representative on the Iowa Student Bar Association.



**Jacob Schermer** *JD'20*

*The Ohio State University  
Moritz College of Law  
Columbus, OH*  
Service Employees Int'l Union  
(SEIU)  
Washington, DC

Jacob's primary interests are election law and labor law, and he is passionate about ensuring that workers and other marginalized communities have a strong voice in the political process. He was an intern at the Federal Election Commission last summer, and the summer before at the Wisconsin Public Defender's Office. Prior to law school, Jacob studied linguistics and political science at McGill University. In law school, Jacob has been involved with the Jewish Law Students Association, the American Constitution Society, and the newly-renamed Ohio State Technology Law Journal. Jacob is honored and excited to work as a Peggy Browning Fellow this summer.



**Eliza Schultz** *JD'21*

*University of Virginia School of Law  
Charlottesville, VA*  
National Employment Law  
Project (NELP)  
Washington, DC

Eliza's commitment to workers' rights began in college when she worked with faculty to lobby the school to adopt policies that better promote work/family balance. After college, she worked as a researcher of the poverty and disability policy at the Center for American Progress. There she focused on initiatives like abolishing the sub-minimum wage for tipped and disabled workers and eliminating barriers to employment for people with criminal records. She served as the unit representative for the Center's staff union, helping implement its first collective bargaining agreement. She also helped lobby the DC government to adopt a progressive paid family and medical leave program.

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**Prince Senayah** *JD'20*

*The University of Toledo  
College of Law  
Toledo, OH  
United Auto Workers (UAW)  
Detroit, MI*

Born and raised in Ghana, Prince earned a BSc Land Economy degree from the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology before entering law school. Prince was named a Chief Justice Thomas J. Moyer Fellow in 2018 and also served as an instructor for the Law and Leadership Institute's 2018 summer session. There he taught classes aimed at preparing high school students from minority backgrounds and under-resourced schools for college education and encouraged them to pursue careers in law. Through taking labor law classes and interacting with practitioners in the field, Prince has developed a deep appreciation of how complex and consequential labor and employment related policies and disputes can be and hopes to gain as much practical insight as possible while in law school.



**Kai Shintani** *JD'20*

*Golden Gate University  
School of Law  
San Francisco, CA  
AFSCME District Council 1707  
New York, NY*

As the daughter of a building representative of the United Educators union of San Francisco, Kai grew up around labor unions. She has seen the labor movement's ability to bring about positive change. Before law school Kai followed her mother into education, working as a teacher's aide with special needs students. For her, this experience reinforced the importance of the union's role in supporting workers' rights. As a clinician in the Women's Employment Rights Clinic, Kai supported underrepresented minorities in the Bay Area experiencing employment and labor issues. Currently, Kai is the vice president of administration of the Labor & Employment Law Association.



**Lane Shadgett** *JD'21*

*Georgetown University Law Center  
Washington, DC  
AFSCME  
Washington, DC*

Before coming to DC, Lane made a living for 12 years as a screenwriter in Los Angeles, where he wrote more than 20 screenplays and teleplays, including three that were produced. He remains a dues-paying member of the Writers Guild of America West. Last fall, he organized his fellow students to re-launch the defunct Labor & Employment Law Society and volunteered with the Washington Lawyers' Committee Workers' Rights Clinic. He is currently working as a law clerk for the Senate HELP Committee. Lane is originally from Pittsburgh, PA and lives on Capitol Hill with his family.



**Mary Kate Sickel** *JD'20*

*University of Michigan Law School  
Ann Arbor, MI  
United Auto Workers (UAW)  
Detroit, MI*

Mary Kate grew up in Green Bay, Wisconsin, but spent the last fifteen years living in different cities across the country and doing various jobs to support her career as an artist. Working multiple jobs revealed the many ways in which workers are exploited, and these experiences led to her interest in labor law. Additionally, she watched former Wisconsin governor Scott Walker's Act 10 wreak havoc on her family's lives. In law school, Mary Kate has worked for the Michigan Civil Rights Litigation Clearinghouse, the Detroit Court Watching Project, and she is a board member of the Organization of Public Interest Students. During her 1L summer, Mary Kate interned with the Federal Defender Services of Wisconsin.

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**Madison Slupe** *JD'21*

*Villanova University School of Law  
Villanova, PA  
Sheet Metal Workers Union  
Local 19  
Philadelphia, PA*

As a graduate of Penn State's School of Labor and Employment Relations, Madison is a passionate advocate for economic justice. In college, she led the pro-labor student organization and was heavily involved with workers' rights campaigns on campus, including the organization of the graduate student union and fight for fair wages. Madison was inspired to pursue a legal education after spending two summers with a Teamsters local, where she discovered the restorative power of a labor attorney. In law school, Madison was the first-year representative for the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association and is involved in local politics and the labor movement.



**Connor Smith** *JD'21*

*The George Washington University  
Law School  
Washington, DC  
Int'l Association of Sheet Metal,  
Air, Rail and Transportation  
Workers  
Washington, DC*

Connor Smith is originally from Poughkeepsie, New York. As an undergraduate he worked alongside SEIU and other students in an effort to unionize university workers and kitchen staff. Connor then enlisted in the United States Army and spent five years as a Cryptological Linguist. Immediately following his service, he worked with Iron Workers Local 40 in Manhattan as an apprentice before moving on to law school. It was this work with Local 40 that inspired him to pursue a career in labor law, hoping to work with national or local unions in a variety of fields.



**Tyler Sprague** *JD'21*

*Chicago-Kent College of Law  
Chicago, IL  
Los Angeles Black Worker  
Center Project  
Los Angeles, CA*

Tyler was raised in a union home in California and knew that she wanted to become a lawyer from a young age, even though her dad, uncle, aunt, and closest family relatives were all in law enforcement. In college, Tyler was heavily involved in her community and developed a passion for mentoring young girls and at-risk youth in inner city districts. She was also selected as a People-to-People Delegate Leader, leading 40+ high school students in a community service project abroad. In law school, Tyler has worked pro bono at the Self-Help Web Center in the Cook County Circuit. She is currently a member of the Black Law Students Association, Women in Law Society, and Phi Alpha Delta International Law Fraternity.



**Megan Stater** *JD'20*

*New York University School of Law  
New York, NY  
New York Hotel & Motel Trades  
Council  
New York, NY*

While working in the restaurant and agricultural industries as a minimum-wage worker in rural Oregon, Megan's experiences led her to understand the importance of protecting workers' rights and ensuring a safe and just workplace. In law school, Megan volunteers with the REACH Clinic, providing legal services at soup kitchens and the Housing Conservation Coordinators, a community-based non-profit providing legal services to tenants and engaging in tenant and community organizing in New York City. Megan is a member of Law Students for Economic Justice and was a Peggy Browning Fellow at a union-side labor law firm last summer. She was also a legal intern at The Legal Aid Society's Employment Law Unit last fall.

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**Matthew Stolz** JD'20

*New York University School of Law  
New York, NY*  
Cohen, Weiss & Simon LLP  
New York, NY

Raised in North Carolina, Matthew worked as a cattle rancher, an alfalfa farmer, and a pastry chef in the hidden bowels of a fine dining establishment before law school. He became interested in the labor movement through studying political theory as an undergrad and through working enough blue-collar jobs to experience how degrading and isolating the wage labor system can sometimes feel. Matthew spent last summer trundling across south Georgia with a farmworker rights project, providing legal services to the state's 20,000 migrant farmworkers, and he is excited to continue fighting for labor through his Peggy Browning Fellowship.



**Amanda Tomack** JD'20

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

Amanda first became interested in labor and employment law prior to law school when she was a kindergarten teacher in Washington, DC public schools. During that time, she was a member of the Washington Teacher's Union and was elected to be the union representative by her fellow teachers. At the same time, Amanda's school was going through an extensive staff transition. As the union rep, Amanda ensured that teachers had the support of the union when their job was at risk. She experienced how unions equip members with the support needed to advocate for themselves in the face of adversity.



**Amy Tamayo** JD'20

*American University  
Washington College of Law  
Washington, DC*  
Farmworker Justice  
Washington, DC

As a daughter of immigrants, Amy has always been passionate about advocating for vulnerable communities. After college, she interned for a refugee integration organization in a year-long fellowship in Germany. During her time there, she learned about the complex issues of immigration and employment law. During her first summer in law school, Amy interned at the Legal Aid Justice Center, where she was exposed to wage theft and workplace mistreatment. Currently, Amy is an interpreter and translator for her school's clinical program, is a legal intern at the D.C. Superior Court and is a member of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Honor Society.



**Anna Transit** JD'21

*Wayne State University Law School  
Detroit, MI*  
Sugar Law Center  
Detroit, MI

Anna's interest in workers' rights and labor law stems from her undergraduate experiences in the workforce as well as anthropological studies focused on class issues and responses to systems of social violence. These studies have caused her to re-examine the experiences she has had as a worker and led to a strong passion for workers' rights. Anna is interested in labor law as a tool for protecting workers' interests so that they are more free to advocate for themselves and their communities in the face of increased inequality, class division, and structural violence.

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**Courtney Trombly** JD'21

*Albany Law School  
Albany, NY*  
New York State United Teachers  
(NYSUT)  
Latham, NY

Growing up in a small town in upstate New York, Courtney, the daughter of a carpenter, witnessed the struggles of blue-collar workers attempting to make a living and realized how important it is to protect their rights. As president of her undergraduate Amnesty International chapter, she began to understand how to advocate for labor rights. Through her international relations major, Courtney saw how these rights are fought for both domestically and globally. She is eager to gain experience in the legal side of the labor rights fight and hopes to one day work with international labor movements. Courtney credits her family for encouraging and inspiring her.



**Jesslyn Truesdale** JD'21

*Northern Illinois University  
College of Law  
DeKalb, IL*  
Construction and General  
Laborers' District Council  
of Chicago & Vicinity  
Burr Ridge, IL

Growing up watching her father work tirelessly and constantly be taken advantage of and abused by employers is what motivated Jesslyn to become involved in the labor movement and ultimately attend law school. As an undergrad, she studied sociology and further developed an understanding of how the labor and employment fields impact not just individuals but society. Before attending law school, Jesslyn worked as a probation officer for DeKalb County Mental Health Court. During that time, she worked as a union steward for her department's collective bargaining unit. There she assisted members with grievances and disciplinary actions and negotiated a three-year contract.



**Verónica Ucrós** JD'21

*University of Florida  
Levin College of Law  
Gainesville, FL*  
Laborers' International Union of  
North America (LiUNA)  
Washington, DC

Verónica is originally from San Juan, Puerto Rico. Her undergraduate curriculum centered on labor, employment, management, and business related courses, which solidified her interest in the labor movement and the fight for workers' rights. During her time as an undergrad, Verónica interned at a labor relations department in central Florida, worked at a human resources department of an NGO based in San Jose, Costa Rica, and hosted a radio show in Ithaca, NY. Upon graduation, and prior to enrolling in law school, Verónica worked as a business immigration paralegal in a firm based in Miami, FL, specializing in employment-based visas.



**Jacqueline Uranga** JD'21

*New York University School of Law  
New York, NY*  
Partnership for Working Families  
Oakland, CA

Raised in the Bay Area at a time when technology companies were transforming her community, Jacqueline saw workers' rights activism, in all its forms, as one of the most important ways to achieve greater equality. Jacqueline is a Root-Tilden-Kern Public Interest Scholar and has been highly involved in law school organizations, including serving in leadership roles as a litigation director for the Unemployment Action Center and a co-chair of RISE Indivisible. Prior to law school, Jacqueline worked on both internal and external organizing campaigns for SEIU and supported impact litigation as a litigation assistant for Disability Rights Advocates.

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**Adrienne Wallace** JD'21

*University of Alabama  
School of Law  
Tuscaloosa, AL  
Adelante Alabama Worker Center  
Birmingham, AL*

Adrienne is a former teacher and assistant principal that has lead school development projects in the United States and in Latin America. She's also developed social justice curricula, organized parents for school improvement and built a bail fund with young people. As a first year law student, Adrienne mentored middle school students and serves on the board of the Yellowhammer Fund. Adrienne is pursuing her degree in law so that she can support vulnerable workers, like her parents and their parents once were.



**Derrick West** JD'21

*Southern University Law School  
Baton Rouge, LA  
New Orleans Workers' Center  
for Racial Justice (NOWCRJ)  
New Orleans, LA*

Before law school, Derrick served as a Family Service Worker providing integral resources to his community through Lutheran Services of Florida Head Start. While there, he learned the importance of being an advocate for marginalized community members. As part of the Male Initiative Program at Head Start, Derrick was responsible for curating and facilitating the Men's Weekend Retreat which included several workshops designed to strengthen family and community relationships. Currently, Derrick volunteers with the SULC Pro Bono Society and aspires to open an organization in his community to teach migrant workers about employment and labor rights.



**Anne Weis** JD'20

*University of California,  
Berkeley School of Law  
Berkeley, CA  
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Oakland, CA*

As an undergraduate in Philadelphia, Anne's experience volunteering at a rape crisis center inspired her to go to law school where she could gain the tools to advocate on behalf of marginalized populations. As a law student, she has worked at Equal Rights Advocates helping low-wage workers fight discrimination in the workplace and Bay Area Legal Aid representing survivors of domestic violence who cannot afford legal representation. Her areas of interest include workplace discrimination and harassment, civil rights, and reproductive justice. Anne is an executive editor of the *California Law Review* and an incoming member of UC Berkeley's Death Penalty Clinic.



**Jonathon White** JD'20

*Southern University Law Center  
Baton Rouge, LA  
Service Employees Int'l Union  
(SEIU)  
Washington, DC*

As an undergrad, Jonathon had a strong interest in law with a particular focus for civil and worker's rights. As a member of his school's Black Student Association, he participated in forums held to discuss the poor working conditions of the staff providing sanitation and catering services for the university. In law school Jonathon is a junior editor for the Southern University Law Center's *Journal of Race, Gender, and Poverty*, a teaching assistant for the Board of Student Advisors and a Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project Fellow. Following law school, he plans on becoming a civil rights attorney with a particular interest in serving the underserved in the workplace.

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**Alexa Zogopoulos**

JD'21

*The George Washington University Law School  
Washington, DC  
Communications Workers of America (CWA)  
Washington, DC*

Alexa worked as a student labor activist on organizing campaigns for campus dining hall and custodial workers in college. Additionally, she interned at AFT as well as the NLRB. Inspired by her work with campus employees, Alexa developed an interest in labor law because she wanted to protect the collective bargaining rights that allow workers to gain benefits and opportunities that otherwise would not be available to them. This summer, Alexa hopes to apply the legal writing skills, she developed during her 1L year and conduct research on specific labor and employment laws, such as the NLRA and ERISA. After law school, she plans to serve as counsel for a national union or represent unions in collective bargaining negotiations.

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