

Peggy Browning Fund

Educating Law Students on the Rights and Needs of Workers

Meet Our 2020 Fellows

Before stay-at-home orders were issued due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Peggy Browning Fund awarded summer fellowships to 90 talented law students – our largest number ever. Subsequently we worked with our participating mentor organizations to ensure the fellowships would continue. Since then even greater forces have come into play. We condemn the long line of murders in the Black and Brown communities by law enforcement throughout the country. These terrible and senseless murders and the history of institutional racism can no longer continue. We applaud our many fellows and alumni who have protested in the streets. We stand in solidarity with them and with all who fight systemic racism and seek justice for the countless men and women of color who have died at the hands of injustice.

The damage to the lives of working families is monumental, and the relief required to offer hope for the future will require incredible dedication, talent and, yes, lawyers committed to the lives of workers. This year's bright, progressive Peggy Browning Fellows give hope to all of us and will play important roles in the future of justice for all workers.



Joseph Lurie, President & Founder

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

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Ida Abhari

JD'22

*University of Virginia
School of Law
Charlottesville, VA
Partnership for Working Families
Oakland, CA*

A child of Iranian immigrants, Ida is a first-generation law student and Southern California native. Raised in a single-parent household, she grew up valuing the importance of education and its role in increasing economic mobility and social status. Her mother's experience as a self-employed contract worker during the Great Recession piqued her initial interest in labor rights. Ida's upbringing has motivated her interest in international migration and its relationship to human and economic rights. Before law school, Ida taught English as a Fulbright Fellow in Baku, Azerbaijan and worked at a consultancy in Erbil, Iraqi Kurdistan. Her family is what inspires her to work hard for a more just world for all.



Joseph Adamiak

JD'21

*University of Nevada
Las Vegas School of Law
Las Vegas, NV
Arriba Las Vegas Workers Center
Las Vegas, NV*

Through conversations with his father, a long-time Teamster shop steward, and his own experiences as a Teamster, Joey developed an interest in advocating for workers' rights. In law school, as a research assistant for Ruben J. Garcia, a Labor and Employment Law professor and PBF Advisory Board member, Joey studied labor law, international labor law and the nexus between immigration and labor. This relationship led him to Arriba Las Vegas Worker's Center where he voluntarily conducted surveys and intakes for day laborers with issues of wage theft and unsafe working conditions. Joey also drafted legal letters and notices to employers and is currently executive editor of *Nevada Law Journal* and a board member of the Workplace Law Club.

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Alberto Aguirre *JD'21*

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

Alberto has worked on a factory floor, an oil rig, and in a high school. For him, the struggle for labor rights is a deeply personal one, amounting to a culmination of personal and intergenerational experiences. Alberto interned at a Farmworkers Center on the border between the US and Mexico. There, he learned the nuances of the struggle for workers' rights and about the fundamentally exploitive system that necessitates that exploitation. Alberto founded the local Young Democratic Socialists of America chapter during his undergrad years and joined unionizing efforts in Ciudad Jaurez, Mexico. Alberto is a current co-chair of the Labor Coalition student group and is currently conducting research on international corporations' violations of human rights in Latin America with a focus on labor abuses in Columbia.



Kathy Amiliategui *JD'22*

*University of California,
Los Angeles
Los Angeles, CA
Gilbert and Sackman
Los Angeles, CA*

Prior to law school, Kathy gained experience as a community and labor organizer in both Los Angeles and New York. She was first exposed to the labor movement through an internship at the Garment Worker Center in Los Angeles. There, she learned how to organize workers while conducting ethnographic research as part of her senior thesis. Following her undergraduate years, Kathy was a workplace justice organizer for Make the Road New York. There, she organized Amazon warehouse workers on-the-ground and was part of the Neighbors Against Amazon campaign, fighting to prevent Amazon from receiving millions in tax subsidies to build their second headquarters in New York. A child of immigrant parents, Kathy is interested in the role lawyers can play in building worker power and holding employers and corporations accountable.



Elsa Lopez Alvarez *JD'22*

*University of Idaho College of Law
Moscow, ID
Washington Lawyers' Committee
for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs
Washington, DC*

Before law school, Elsa worked full time as a Court Clerk for the Travis County Justice of the Peace in Austin, Texas. She also did seasonal work for the Internal Revenue Service as a Data Transcriber and a Tax Examiner. In her spare time, she volunteered for the Worker's Defense Project, leading "Know Your Rights" classes and assisting in recovering unpaid wages for construction workers who often worked in unsafe conditions and suffered workplace injuries. Elsa advocated for her parents, who are migrant farm workers, served as a translator and helped them fill out forms. Her father was a member of the United Farm Worker's Labor Union, which has inspired her to advocate for equal rights for the marginalized members of our society with the least resources.



Rebecca Andruzzi *JD'21*

*Chicago-Kent College of Law
Chicago, IL
National Legal Advocacy Network
Chicago, IL*

Raised by a union family, Rebecca's eagerness to promote a fair workplace was sparked during her many years working in a restaurant, serving alongside a diverse workforce. She developed relationships with her coworkers, many of whom also came from hardworking backgrounds, and felt the urge to pursue a career in which she could instill social justice into a piece of their lives – the workplace. Since then, Rebecca has immersed herself in the world of labor and employment law; she is a member of the Labor and Employment Law Society as well as the Employee Rights and Employment Policy Journal, and she helped defend workers' rights in the Plaintiffs Employment Law Clinic at her school.

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Erin Austin

JD'22

*Washington University
School of Law
St. Louis, MO*
**United Steelworkers (USW)
Pittsburgh, PA**

Erin took a labor law course that inspired her to go to law school while a graduate student in the University of Massachusetts Amherst's Labor Center. During her master's, she completed research projects through partnerships with the Teamsters and the International Labor Rights Forum, organized for UFCW Local 1459, and worked for the Massachusetts AFL-CIO as a research assistant. At that time, Erin was a member of GEO/UAW 2322, the union for graduate employees at UMass. Immediately before law school, she was an AmeriCorps member at the Massachusetts Fair Housing Center, where she advocated for Section 8 recipients, families with children, and people with disabilities who face discrimination by landlords. Her legal interests all stem from a desire to mitigate the effects and stifle the causes of income inequality.



Mackenzie Bouverat *JD'22*

*Harvard Law School
Cambridge, MA*
**Laborers' Int'l Union of North
America (LiUNA)
Washington, DC**

For Mackenzie, pursuing a career advancing economic justice always felt like an inevitability. As a first-generation student from a family of factory workers, her post-secondary education gravitated naturally to questions of political economy, wealth distribution, and workers' empowerment. A Southern Ontario native, Mackenzie spent her college summers working on Ford Motor Company's automobile assembly line, where her first-hand exposure to unionism deepened her commitment to solidarity and workplace organizing. She went on to pursue a master's degree in philosophy at the University of Toronto while continuing to help disempowered people through community organizing and outreach. Mackenzie enrolled in law school to learn to effectively channel her dedication to economic justice into a meaningful change for working-class people.



Zachary Boult

JD'22

*Harvard Law School
Cambridge, MA*
**Chicago News Guild
Chicago, IL**

A Louisiana native, Zachary developed an interest in labor and employment law from his work in criminal justice reform. Through his experiences at the Innocence Project of Texas at UT Dallas and the Justice Policy Institute in Washington, DC, Zachary learned how important well-compensated and dignified work is for reintegration of formerly incarcerated people and for crime prevention. In law school, Zachary has volunteered and organized for the Harvard Graduate Students Union and for the law school's dining and catering workers' hours and safety. As a former editor-in-chief of his undergraduate editorial, Zachary is excited to advocate for media workers' rights this summer.



Joshua Britt

JD'22

*Yale Law School
New Haven, CT*
**United Steelworkers (USW)
Pittsburgh, PA**

Josh first became interested in the labor movement and workers' rights as an undergraduate observing the union-led fight for better educational conditions at his university. After graduating, he served in the United States Marine Corps, working in the telecommunications and military justice fields. There, Josh gained an increased appreciation for the inherent power imbalance in the employment relationship and the difficulty workers face when advocating for themselves without the support of a union. Josh now hopes to be a union-side labor lawyer. In law school, he is involved in the Law and Political Economy Student Group and the *Yale Journal on Regulation*.

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Simon Cao

JD'22

*Penn State Law
University Park, PA
American Federation of State,
County Municipal Employees
Union (AFSCME)
Washington, DC*

Simon took his experiences growing up in a union household to earning his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in sociology. Prior to law school, Simon worked for the Albuquerque Teachers Federation as a staff representative. In that role, Simon advocated for members through grievance handling, grievance hearings, arbitration, contract enforcement, as a negotiating team member, and through organizing. He won over \$1.2 million in back-pay and benefits for members and wrote negotiated contractual language still in force in Albuquerque. He also helped members enforce their rights under FMLA, ADA, and civil rights statutes. Simon plans on continuing his passion of empowering workers by becoming a labor lawyer and working for a union.



Autumn Clarke

JD'21

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

Autumn's interest in workers' rights and employment law peaked after she took an employment and labor law class during her second year of law school. In prior work experiences, Autumn gained first-hand knowledge about the issues federal workers experienced in the workplace regarding discrimination, changes in human resource policies, and poor management. This experience demonstrated how vulnerable workers can be and how legal advocates are often the only champion these employees have when issues arise. Autumn is excited to expand her experience in employment and workers' rights matters as a Peggy Browning Fellow this summer.



Elisa Cibils

JD'22

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

Growing up an Argentinian immigrant in the U.S.-Mexico border region ignited Elisa's passion for serving underrepresented communities through a career in public interest law. Before law school, she worked as a Department of Justice accredited representative, preparing humanitarian-based visa applications in Los Angeles. Elisa was also dedicated to serving her office's employee union, learning about the impact of labor law in the workplace and the importance of continued collaboration between employees and their employer to ensure the protection of workers' rights. She volunteered with Voz Workers' Rights Education Project in Portland, OR, collaborating with their dispatch and wage theft teams. Elisa is excited to learn more about becoming an effective advocate for workers' and immigrants' rights during her Summer Fellowship.



Jesus Cruz

JD'21

*Emory University School of Law
Atlanta, GA
Raise the Floor Alliance
Chicago, IL*

Originally from Cuba, Jesus immigrated to South Florida at the age of 15. His experiences while growing up as the son of an immigrant single mother made him aware of the influence communities have in the lives of blue-collar workers. He was then motivated to volunteer for several organizations for which he was recognized with the Presidential Service Award during his sophomore year. During that time, Jesus also worked at several companies in entry level positions, which further informed him about the economic struggles of employees at similar situated positions. Through this study of poverty and social inequality, Jesus became interested in attending law school where he became increasingly interested in solutions that not only provide a remedy but that can also proactively work toward an improvement in blue-collar workers' economic lives through a holistic approach.

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Jeremy DaCruz *JD'22*

*Boston University School of Law
Boston, MA*
**Service Employees International
Union (SEIU)**

In the wake of the 2008 financial crash, Jeremy developed an interest in workers' rights and social justice more broadly through the Occupy Movement. In college, he attended rallies and tried to understand how economic inequality had become so extreme; he concluded that the neo-liberal attack on the labor movement was a major cause. That awareness led Jeremy to spend two years in Nicaragua working with people with disabilities, learn more about the macroeconomic causes of economic inequality, and volunteer with the UAW to help organize graduate workers. Those experiences deepened Jeremy's commitment to the labor movement. He concluded that the best way to fight for workers' rights and reduce economic inequality is to pursue union-side labor law. Jeremy hopes to stay in the Northeast and work as a labor lawyer.



James DeBoer *JD'21*

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

Over the course of eight years as a community organizer and minister prior to law school, James came to understand how unfair employment conditions often undermine workers' dignity and destabilize communities. In partnership with impacted parishioners and other ministers, he explored the challenges caused by inconsistent shift schedules at large retail establishments. Organizing with Latinx immigrants spotlighted the exploitative practices of anonymous middlemen and name-brand enterprises alike. Workers received too small a share of corporate earnings and had too little a voice in workplace management. In law school, James has represented an unemployment benefits claimant, co-founded a coalition of unions and students, and helped enforce New York State's Labor Law with the office of the Attorney General. This summer James looks forward to learning more about the labor movement.



Julie Daw *JD'21*

*University of Pittsburgh
School of Law
Pittsburgh, PA*
**American Federation of Labor
& Congress of Industrial
Organizations (AFL-CIO)
Washington, DC**

With a background in international affairs, Julie worked in international development for several years before law school. This experience helped her to better understand the need for international solidarity, and led her to pursue a law degree. In her 1L summer, Julie interned with Community Justice Project, where she helped represent workers experiencing wage theft. As a 2L, Julie worked with the United Steelworkers at the union's headquarters. She is a research editor at the *University of Pittsburgh Law Review*, focusing on pregnancy discrimination, and a Pitt Graduate Student Organizing Committee member. Julie grew up in a union family, with her mother teaching for nearly 40 years as an AFT member. In the future, she hopes to use her law degree to support workers across international borders.



Maria DiGeorge *JD'21*

*Temple University School of Law
Philadelphia, PA*
**International Labor Rights Forum
Washington, DC**

Before going to law school to pursue a career in labor law, Maria worked on various political campaigns in the U.S. and Scotland. She also served as Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs for the Pennsylvania Department of State. She earned her master's degree from the London School of Economics, where she studied international inequality. Maria was a Peggy Browning Fellow with United Steelworkers in 2019 and currently serves as co-chair of the Workers' Rights Committee of Temple's National Lawyers Guild chapter. She is active in the Sheller Center for Social Justice, where she represents low-wage workers and advocates for policy change in Philadelphia.

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Mary Kate Dugan JD'22

*Indiana University
Maurer School of Law
Bloomington, IN
Joel F. Dillard, P.A.
Jackson, MS*

Mary Kate is an activist, organizer, and law student from Indianapolis, IN. Motivated by her own work experiences and those of her loved ones, she aspires to use her law degree to advocate for working people who have been disrespected or mistreated by their employer. While working in restaurants, Mary Kate began organizing with the labor movement to combat Right to Work legislation in Indiana. Later, she served as executive director of Central Indiana Jobs with Justice, where she led the coalition in fighting for higher wages and better working conditions for low wage workers. More recently, Mary Kate worked in nonprofit administration, where she has continued to advocate for workers by spearheading efforts to change racist policies and discriminatory hiring procedures.



Virginia Fergusson JD'22

*Georgetown University Law Center
Washington, DC
American Federation of State,
County, Municipal Employees
(AFSCME) Washington, DC*

Virginia received her B.A. in English from Kenyon College and was a member of the NCAA women's soccer team for all four years. Prior to law school, Virginia worked as a litigation paralegal for the union-side law firm Bredhoff & Kaiser, where she was also a member of OPEIU Local 2. Through her work at Bredhoff, Virginia was exposed to the many ways unions protect the interests and rights of workers, inspiring her interest in labor and employment law. She is currently serving on the executive board of the Labor & Employment Law Society. Virginia is originally from the DC area, and was raised by long-time employees of the Environmental Protection Agency.



Jonah Feitelson JD'22

*University of Michigan
Law School
Ann Arbor, MI
New York State United Teachers
(NYSUT) Latham, NY*

Jonah began working in the labor movement as an organizer for UNITE HERE Local 25 in Washington, DC. For four years, he fought alongside hotel workers in some of the largest hotels in DC for fair contracts and representation at work. Through this work, he gained a passion for workers' rights and an understanding of the inherent inequalities in our economic system. This inspired him to attend the University of Michigan School of Law where he has continued to work in labor as a board member of the Michigan Immigration and Labor Law Association and as an organizer with the Graduate Employees Organization. Jonah hopes to work toward a legal career supporting unions and workers in the fight for economic justice.



Daniela Florido JD'22

*Temple University School of Law
Philadelphia, PA
Philadelphia Legal Assistance,
Pennsylvania Farmworker Project
Philadelphia, PA*

Daniela was born in Cali, Columbia and grew up in the U.S. which taught her the importance of fighting for what you believe in and using your abilities to help pave the way for others. Her purpose is not just to become a lawyer but to use her abilities and talents to help others. Daniela focuses on being an example to her Latino community, showing that they too can excel in life and that education opens the doors to unimaginable opportunities. She believes that studying law is not about saving the world, but is about giving of yourself so that the rights and liberties of others are not taken from them. For Daniela, being a lawyer is about integrity, knowing that not every battle can be won, yet fighting zealously and advocating for those who have entrusted their lives and livelihood to you.

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Amy Frieder *JD'22*

*Harvard Law School
Cambridge, MA*
**National Federation of Federal
Employees (NFFE)**
Washington, DC

Born and raised in the Washington, DC area, Amy has always been interested in public interest and social change. However, it was during her undergraduate studies in Industrial and Labor Relations that she developed a deeper appreciation for economic justice and the labor movement as an integral part of social justice. During college, she was involved in the student labor movement and interned at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Amy also served in the Air Force, and she is excited to return to the Washington, DC area this summer to help advance federal employees' rights and workplace democracy.



Hugo Garcia *JD'22*

*Loyola Law School
Los Angeles, CA*
**United Food and Commercial
Workers (UFCW)**
Washington, DC

Hugo was born and raised in Los Angeles and has organized communities around economic and social justice issues. Previously, he was the political coordinator for the Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance, where he provided project management support on the countywide wage enforcement program, civic engagement activities, and local and statewide partnerships. In the 2016 election cycle, Hugo led the organization's efforts in passing the citywide measure to increase affordable housing, quality jobs, and to defeat a ban on housing development that would have severely impacted housing and homelessness. He organized campaigns with the national AFL-CIO and worked closely under the labor staff in the U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor & Pensions where he collaborated on the Workplace Action for a Growing Economy (WAGE) Act.



Elissa Furlong *JD'21*

*Mississippi College School of Law
Jackson, MS*
**International Union of Painters &
Allied Trades (IUPAT)**
Hanover, MD

Elissa Furlong is a rising 3L at her school. She is passionate about social justice, feminism, and workers' rights, and loves traveling and writing. Prior to starting law school, she interned at the International Labor Organization in Switzerland, taught various subjects at a refugee school in South Africa, taught English in Thailand and Colombia, and helped organize peer tutoring and girls' leadership programs in Ghana. She hopes to work in the area of employment law and policy.



Mary Gardner *JD'22*

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

Prior to law school, Mary lobbied for a nonprofit in DC that represents the Latinx workforce and small business community. She graduated *summa cum laude* from George Washington University with a degree in International Affairs, concentration in Latin America. Mary currently serves as vice president of the Student Senate at Columbia Law. Her decision to become a worker advocate was motivated, in part, by her years of experience working in the service industry throughout high school and college. She believes that every person is entitled to dignity at work and a sustainable livelihood. Mary is from Chattanooga, TN. Her dream is to enact policy changes that support low-income workers in the southeast.

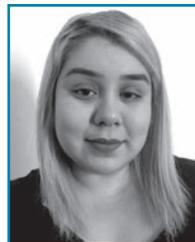
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Karanjot Gill *JD'21*

*University of California,
Los Angeles School of Law
Los Angeles, CA
Rothner, Segall & Greenstone
Los Angeles, CA*

As a daughter of immigrants, Karanjot has always been passionate about fighting for the rights of underrepresented communities. In college, at the University of Washington, her choice to take a class about Labor & Capitalism encouraged Karanjot to become a workers' rights advocate with United Students Against Sweatshops. For two years she worked in solidarity with her fellow members and local unions on campaigns against several actors, including Nike and the University of Washington. As she entered law school, these experiences have continued to fuel her passion for workers' rights. Last summer, Karanjot was an intern at Legal Voice, where she assisted on an amicus brief filed in support of UNITE HERE, and looks forward to advocating for union rights this summer in Los Angeles.



Karina Giron-Munoz *JD'22*

*UIC John Marshall Law School
Chicago, IL
Farmworker & Landscaper
Advocacy Project
Chicago, IL*

Karina grew up in an immigrant household in Madera, CA where she witnessed her close and extended family struggle to feel safe or educated enough to secure even basic rights in the workplace while working as farmworkers. This experience was her first insight into the particular struggles of the working-class. During college, Karina worked for a law firm that provides criminal defense for indigent defendants, which further supported the premise that those who are especially vulnerable in society need strong advocates. Karina has an interest in labor rights and criminal law and hopes to use her legal education to provide this advocacy and to help those in particularly disadvantaged positions.



M. Tyler Gillett *JD'22*

*University of Pittsburgh
School of Law
Pittsburgh, PA
Women's Law Project
Pittsburgh, PA*

Originally from Albuquerque, NM, Tyler holds advanced degrees in religious studies from the University of Kansas and Claremont Graduate University. He has always been moved by the importance placed on striving for social justice that is found in the major Western monotheisms. After moving to Pittsburgh he met lawyers and advocates working for equal rights in the workplace for women and the LGBT community. These friends convinced him to go back to school, get a law degree, and join in the fight. Tyler is one of the founders of Friends of Aseema, a non-profit organization dedicated to aiding a Mumbai-based charitable trust that provides education for children from marginalized communities. He also serves as an assistant editor with JURIST, a web-based legal news and research service.



Arturo Gómez *JD'21*

*Southwestern Law School
Los Angeles, CA
Wage Justice Center
Los Angeles, CA*

Arturo applied for this fellowship because of his commitment to class struggle. As an undergrad at University of California, Riverside, he helped workers build student support in their campaigns for a better contract. Arturo also spent this time commuting from Riverside to Los Angeles to participate in his neighborhood council, where they fought to stem the gentrification tide in Elysian Valley, just north of downtown Los Angeles. Arturo looks forward to helping attorneys enforce administrative rulings so that workers receive the payment they deserve. Arturo believes that every person is entitled to decent treatment, and he would like to help mitigate violations to basic human decency.

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Bianca Gutierrez *JD'21*

*Penn State Law
University Park, PA
Justice at Work
Pittsburgh, PA*

The daughter of Cuban refugees, Bianca was inspired early on to advocate for Latinx communities for employment, immigration and women's issues. She is drawn to the emotional and legal challenges that come with public interest work in these practice areas. Prior to law school, Bianca studied at Florida International University in Miami, FL and realized the significant impact of direct service in her role in the Annual Giving office. There she managed a fundraising campaign for first-generation scholarships. Bianca has experience interning at the Civil Legal Representation Project, formerly known as Centre Safe Women's Resource Center, and working as a clinical student at the Center for Immigration Rights' Clinic at her school.



Jonathan Erik Haines *JD'22*

*University of Minnesota
Law School
Minneapolis, MN
IUE-CWA
Dayton, OH*

Jon Erik became interested in labor law as a field manager with Working America, the community affiliate of the AFL-CIO where he managed teams on union organizing campaigns in Des Moines, Philadelphia and Tallahassee. On those campaigns, he saw firsthand the impact strong unions and labor laws have on workers' lives. He continued his work empowering communities to advocate for economic justice as a community organizer at Massachusetts Senior Action Council. The daily inspiration and frustration of organizing work pushed him to attend law school. He hopes to use the skills gained through law school to continue to build power in working class communities as a labor lawyer.



Jessica Gutierrez *JD'21*

*Lewis & Clark Law School
Portland, OR
Northwest Workers' Justice
Project
Portland, OR*

Jessica was raised by immigrant parents in Dallas, TX. As a young child, she witnessed the social injustices suffered by her parents and the community. Before law school, she worked for a non-profit, Mosaic Family Services, that served domestic violence and human trafficking survivors. Her passion for immigrant rights led her to attend law school. Workers' rights became an important part of that passion when Jessica learned about the connection between immigrant rights and workers' rights. After graduation, she hopes to continue advocating for workers' rights.



Sadaf Hasan *JD'22*

*City University of New York
School of Law
New York, NY
TakeRoot Justice
New York, NY*

Sadaf's passion for workers' rights is connected to her own story of growing up in a working-class immigrant neighborhood in Brooklyn, NY. Before law school, she worked as a Fulbright Scholar in Jordan, documenting the labor rights violations of migrant domestic workers. She also spent time in Bangladesh with BRAC, supporting efforts to reintegrate returnee migrant workers. Inspired by the resilient women she met, she joined Global Fund for Women where she worked on the philanthropic side to amplify funding and attention to global feminist movements through creative storytelling campaigns. More recently, during her 1L winter break, Sadaf did a clerkship with the Mississippi Worker's Center for Human Rights. Sadaf is excited to deepen her interest in the movement this summer by working closely with grassroots organizers and worker centers.

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Stephen Hatton JD'21

*University of Washington
School of Law
Seattle, WA*
Teamsters Local No. 117
Seattle, WA

Stephen is returning as a second-year Peggy Browning Fellow. Last year, he served the United Steelworkers in Pittsburgh. Stephen recognizes that he likely wouldn't be where he is today without the labor unions. As a native Montanan, he grew up in a blue-collar town run by its oil refinery. His mom worked at the oil refinery, and his dad was a police officer in a small town. After graduating from the University of Montana, he served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Thailand, and then as an Americorps volunteer in Bellingham, WA before attending law school. Since he has seen firsthand how labor is central to the dignity and fulfillment of many different groups of people in America and abroad, his sights are set to change in this space.



Annie Holden JD'21

*University of Washington
School of Law
Seattle, WA*
Teamsters Local No. 117
Seattle, WA

Annie came to law school via the Seattle nonprofit world. After seeing so many people struggle to earn a living wage in a city that was supposedly prospering, Annie decided to pursue a law degree. During their time at their school, they have engaged in a variety of activities in support of workers. As an intern at the Washington State Attorney General's Office, they researched ways in which antitrust statutes can be interpreted on behalf of employees. As a volunteer at the Unemployment Law Project, they built legal cases for workers who believed they were wrongfully terminated. As vice president of the Students of Labor and Employment Justice club, they helped bring Labor Law back into the curriculum.



Hailey Hillsman JD'22

*Cleveland-Marshall College of Law
Cleveland, OH*
SMART Transportation Division
North Olmsted, OH

As the daughter of educators, Hailey grew up with a bird's eye view of social and economic issues that are prevalent in society. Before attending law school, she spent six years teaching secondary science in disadvantaged communities in Georgia. That experience revealed the disparities that exist between employers and employees not only in the education field, but in most fields of employment. Hailey chose to pursue a law degree to become an advocate for those who are marginalized, especially in the workplace. At her law school, Hailey is a Dean's Leadership Fellow, and she hopes to use her legal education along with the leadership skills she is learning to create more equitable workplace environments for employees. Hailey is also a staff writer for the school newspaper, *The Gavel*, and serves as a board member for Ms. JD, a national organization dedicated to the success of women in law.



Darius Holliday JD'21

*Southern University Law Center
Baton Rouge, LA*
United Electrical, Radio and
Machine Workers of America
(UA) Pittsburgh, PA

Raised in Jacksonville, FL, Darius has always been passionate about advocating for disadvantaged communities. Prior to law school, Darius served in City Year, where he provided academic support and mentorship to 10th grade students throughout the school year. Darius quickly discovered how workers within our education system feel overwhelmed, which ultimately affects students. His experience led him to understand the importance of not only protecting workers' rights, but also ensuring that each workplace is safe & fair. Currently, Darius is editor-in-chief for his school's *Journal of Race, Gender, and Poverty*. He is also a fellow for the Marshall Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project. After graduating from law school, Darius hopes to work with national or local unions to influence education policy.

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Emma Hyndman JD'22

*University of California,
Hastings College of the Law
San Francisco, CA*
**Legal Aid at Work
San Francisco, CA**

Emma believes that employers have a responsibility to their workers to enable them to work with dignity and feel empowered to demand accountability. As an undergraduate at Santa Clara University, she fought many of the institutional obstacles and bureaucratic dysfunction that prevent survivors of sexual assault from obtaining justice. She was honored with the Audre Lorde Social Justice Award recognizing her efforts. During her master's program at the University of the Basque Country, Emma studied states' responses to sexual violence. After returning to San Francisco, Emma joined The Women's Building, leading youth in a 40-hour activist training to address violence within their communities. In law school, Emma volunteered with Legal Aid at Work's Wage Claim Clinic and is eager to join their Wage Protection team this summer.



Ana Jimenez JD'22

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

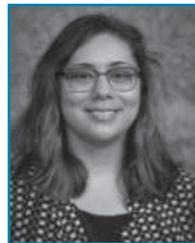
A first-generation law student born in Guanajuato, MX, Ana grew up in an immigrant family of manual laborers. This sparked her passion for workers' rights. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Human Resources from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. After completing her degree, Ana worked in Human Resources supporting employees in the manufacturing facilities before being promoted to the corporate office. There Ana learned how to support a larger segment of the workforce, which encouraged her to pursue a legal degree in Employment and Labor Law. Ana hopes to use her legal education to advocate on behalf of marginalized communities and correct injustices that continue to occur in the workplace.



Keegan James JD'22

*University of California,
Davis School of Law
Davis, CA*
**Farmworker Justice
Washington, DC**

Keegan grew up in Cincinnati, OH and studied political science. Prior to law school, he worked with various organizations advocating for migrant laborers. He took this passion abroad as he conducted comparative research on migrant worker rights in Nepal, Jordan, and Chile. Through this work, Keegan wanted to improve his advocacy by attending law school. He is passionate about the ways policy and law interact to address inequality and human rights. In law school, Keegan is active through the *Journal of International Law and Policy* and the *Social Justice Law Review*. He is excited to gain more experience in labor law this summer in order to continue working on incorporating immigration, inequality, and social justice.



Susan Kania JD'21

*University of Wisconsin Law School
Madison, WI*
**American Federation of Teachers
(AFT) Washington, DC**

Growing up in Wisconsin, with a public-school teacher for a father, Susan learned firsthand how devastating anti-union legislation could be on struggling workforces. In high school, she attended several anti-Act 10 protests, fueling a life-long interest in workers' rights advocacy. Before law school, Susan was a member of the Student Labor Action Coalition and fought against unsafe working conditions in factories that produced Bucky Badgerwear. She also completed a service term with AmeriCorps' National Civilian Community Corps. There she mucked and gutted homes in Brazoria County, TX following Hurricane Harvey, did maintenance work at a summer camp, and built new gardens for an urban farm. Susan currently serves as secretary of the Labor and Employment Law Student Association and works as a research fellow for the Department of Labor Education.

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Thomas Kaplan *JD'22*

*University of Washington
School of Law
Seattle, WA*
**Barnard, Iglitzin & Lavitt LLP
Seattle, WA**

Thomas first encountered the power of organized labor in his work with the farmworker union, Familias Unidas por la Justicia. He was active in the union's four-year organizing drive which involved workplace action, democratic organizing and an uncompromising commitment to class struggle. This resulted in fundamental changes in the farmer-farmworker relationship along Western Washington's main agricultural corridor. Thomas prepared union rosters and evidence for trial and he interacted with union staff and striking workers on a daily basis to support and grow the union's membership. The successful campaign to win an unprecedented union contract for berry-pickers in northwest Washington changed the course of Thomas' education and career path. He is now pursuing a JD to build a career with the potential to improve the lives of working people across America.



Andrew Keefe *JD'22*

*Harvard Law School
Cambridge, MA*
**Greater Boston Legal Services
Boston, MA**

As a JD/PhD student in Sociology & Social Policy, Andrew studies, among other things, the formation of political coalitions in Boston's labor movement. In 2019, he was a staff organizer for the Harvard Graduate Students Union – United Auto Workers. Andrew helped mobilize a majority of his peers to strike and demand a labor contract with protections against discrimination and harassment, fair pay and comprehensive health care. Prior to graduate school, Andrew served as a Madeline Albright Fellow at the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, researching barriers to social services faced by low-income immigrant families. In college, he studied Linguistics and Media & Cultural Studies while working part-time as an organizer and ESL teacher with Latin American and East African immigrant communities.



Miranda Katz *JD'22*

*New York University
School of Law
New York, NY*
**National Employment Law Project
New York, NY**

Miranda's interest in labor law grew out of her work as a journalist at *Wired*, where she reported on the gig economy, the rise of automation, and workplace surveillance. She became fascinated by the changing nature of work, and the ways in which the law fails to protect workers who do not fall into traditionally defined categories. Her decision to attend law school grew out of a desire to not only write about the future of work, but to play a more active role in shaping it. In law school, Miranda is a student advocate with the Uncontested Divorce Project and the HIV Law Society, as well as a board representative for If/When/How: Lawyering for Reproductive Justice.



Huda Khwaja *JD'21*

*Northeastern University
School of Law
Boston, MA*
**Segal Roitman LLP
Boston, MA**

Huda was homeschooled for most of her life and graduated early as a result. At Agnes Scott College, she majored in History and Human Rights, focusing on social movements and Muslim minorities in the West. She worked in organizing immigrants/refugees, economic justice, and uplifting students of color and religious minorities on campuses. Huda has been a volunteer with the Muslim American Society, an organization focused on empowering and developing American Muslim youth. She also participates in the US Council of Muslim Organizations as a lobbyist on Capitol Hill. Huda's interest in labor and employment started with a dedication to civil and human rights. She previously interned at Council for American-Islamic Relations - Massachusetts (CAIR-MA) working with the legal team on civil rights and liberties of Muslim residents in Massachusetts.

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Demi Kim

JD'22

*University of Virginia
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Charlottesville, VA
Community Legal Services, Inc.
Philadelphia, PA*

Demi's interest in workers' rights started with taking Chicano studies classes in college. Her growing interest led to conducting her own research about the workplace experiences of Latino workers in Korean-owned businesses. While interviewing workers, she realized the complexities of workplace dynamics in Koreatown, where Latino and Korean employees work side by side. Demi also interned at the Koreatown Immigrant Workers Alliance (KIWA), a multi-ethnic organization that represented both Korean and Latino workers. There, she assisted with filing wage theft claims while community organizing around various issues. After college, Demi worked in Korea as an English teacher. In law school, she is part of the Law and Public Service Program and the Virginia Employment and Labor Law Association.



Liora Klepper

JD'21

*Northeastern University
School of Law
Boston, MA
Segal Roitman, LLP
Boston, MA*

Liora completed her undergraduate degree in sociology, focusing primarily on social and economic inequality. After her first year of law school, she worked as a student attorney at Northeast Legal Aid in Lynn, MA, where she represented low-income individuals and families in housing court evictions. Through that work she developed an understanding of the nexus between housing insecurity and employment issues. That, combined with nine years of experience in low-wage food service jobs, led her to commit to pursuing a career advocating for the rights of workers. She is an active member of the Northeastern Employment and Labor Law Association and she conducts research on employment law issues for a local nonprofit. She was a full-time judicial intern for a federal judge in Massachusetts.



Luke Klein

JD'21

*St. Louis University School of Law
St. Louis, MO
Hammond & Shinnery, PC
St. Louis, MO*

Having pursued Video Game Development in his undergraduate studies, Luke knew something was wrong with the modern workforce when one of his professors insisted he and his classmates get used to pulling all-nighters to prepare for the actuality of work in the video game industry. This, coupled with a decade of food service experience, inspired Luke to go to law school to be an advocate for workplace justice. Luke serves as president of the SLU OUTLaws; chair of the SBA Diversity Committee; and a staff editor on the *ABA Journal of Labor and Employment Law*. Luke hopes to spend the rest of his career fighting bosses.



Lauren Lang

JD'22

*Georgetown University Law Center
Washington, DC
International Association of
Sheet Metal, Air, Rail and
Transportation Workers (SMART)
Washington, DC*

Originally from Cleveland and the granddaughter of a proud union patternmaker, Lauren's passion for workers' rights advocacy originated from hearing her grandfather's praise about the benefits of union representation: the improved working conditions, retirement benefits and living wage which helped him put his children and grandchildren through college. His passion inspired Lauren to study Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations. Lauren worked as a teaching assistant for labor and employment law which sparked her interest in pursuing labor law. Prior to attending law school, Lauren worked in the private sector focusing on human resources technology. In law school, she volunteers with the Washington Lawyers' Committee Workers' Rights Clinic.

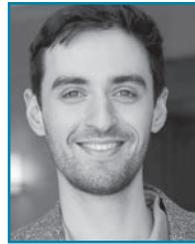
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Rubayet Lasker *JD'22*

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

Rubayet's passion for justice is strongly informed by her identity as a first generation Bangladeshi American. Throughout her childhood, her parents and grandparents would tell stories of their experiences living through the 1971 Bangladeshi Liberation War. Later in college, Rubayet learned that the Liberation War was also one of the worst instances of mass genocide in history. Over time, she realized that her people were still recovering from its bloody history, and that the Bengali diaspora constituted the poorest working class populations around the world. As such, Rubayet is drawn to work centered around empowering the Bengali community and increasing its visibility.



Jonathan Levitan *JD'22*

*Harvard Law School
Cambridge, MA*
American Federation of State,
County and Municipal Employees
(AFSCME)
Washington, DC

Born and raised in the Philadelphia area, Jon became passionate about the labor movement and pursuing economic justice for working people. During his undergraduate years, he studied Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell. During his first year in law school, he helped organize law students to participate in the Harvard Graduate Students Union (UAW Local 5118) strike in December. He also works with the People's Parity Project and is a research assistant for the Labor and Worklife Program. Jon is looking forward to a career as a union-side labor lawyer, and is excited to learn more about the field and to advocate on behalf of working people this summer.



Abby Lawlor *JD'22*

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

Abby came to law school after nearly a decade in the labor movement as a rank-and-file organizer and strategic researcher for UNITE HERE. She has twice organized her own workplace and seen the tremendous challenges that workers must overcome to form unions and build power. In 2016, Abby led a first-of-its-kind campaign to enact sexual harassment protections for hotel workers in Seattle. She studied labor law to learn how to craft legal strategies to protect worker organizing and enhance the effectiveness of worker-led campaigns. Abby currently serves as the community coordinator for the *Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law*, a volunteer with the Berkeley Law and Organizing Collective, and a proud member of UAW Local 2865. She is also a research assistant at the Berkeley Labor Center.



**Michele
Lucas-Narcisse** *JD'21*

*Wayne State University Law School
Detroit, MI*
United Auto Workers (UAW)
Detroit, MI

Michele was raised in Metro Detroit and experienced her parents' union involvement. As a first-year law student, Michele cultivated an interest in public service law and later pursued an internship with the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) Office in Detroit. After her experience and growth at the NLRB, Michele pursued a legal internship with DTE Energy in their Labor and Employment group. In law school, Michele currently serves as treasurer for the Women's Law Caucus, secretary for Wayne's chapter of If/When/How and is an active member of the Black Law Student Association. In the future, Michele hopes to use her law degree and passion to continue supporting workers' rights.

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Kareenna Martin *JD'21*

*New York University
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New York, NY
Major League Baseball Players
Association (MLBPA)
New York, NY*

As the daughter of two public school teachers and union representatives, Kareenna's desire was fueled to become a labor lawyer. In law school, she is an advocate in the year-long Civil Litigation Employment Law Clinic, a student administrator at CLARO (a consumer debt clinic), and an online editor of the *New York University Law Review*. She has also served as a research assistant and a teaching assistant for NYU's introductory lawyering course, and spent the summer after her 1L year at NYLAG's Federal Pro Se Clinic working on employment and housing cases. Before law school, she worked at a food pantry in New York City and at an education nonprofit. She is eager to dive into collective bargaining and learn more about the legal side of labor (and baseball).



James Mason *JD'21*

*Southern University Law Center
Baton Rouge, LA
Los Angeles Black Worker Center
Los Angeles, CA*

James is a third-year evening student from Arcadia, LA. He decided to attend law school to use his writing and oratory skills to help people from underrepresented groups. James has always been passionate about social and economic equality for African Americans. Since the start of law school, he had a strong interest in employment law. With his scientific background, James has a focus in the protection of employee patents and trade secrets. As a law student, he is a teaching assistant for the Board of Student Advisors, interned for the Urban League of Louisiana, and clerked for a local law firm. James has worked for Louisiana's Community & Technical Colleges System while in law school and contributed in establishing S.T.E.M and other career technical education programs to strengthen Louisiana's workforce.



Wendy Martinez Hurtado *JD'22*

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

As an undocumented Mexican woman who grew up minutes away from the Northwest Detention Center, Wendy is devoted to giving back, fighting and taking risks for the immigrant community. As a daughter of immigrant and low-wage working parents, Wendy is deeply familiar with the workplace challenges and injustices faced by immigrant workers as a result of language barriers, fear of being fired because of citizenship status, or not understanding their workplace rights. As a law student, Wendy hopes to continue exploring immigrant and worker rights. She served as the 1L Labor and Employment Law Association representative and as the WA State DACA program manager working with thousands of undocumented youth and their families through community education workshops.



Shelby McCarty *JD'22*

*Rutgers Law School
Camden, NJ
Sheet Metal Workers
Local Union No. 19
Philadelphia, PA*

Growing up with a union representative father, labor rights was discussed frequently at home. While law school was always the goal, it was taking classes for her Human Resource Management major that helped her realize she could pursue this same subject matter on a higher level. Additionally, while working numerous customer service jobs throughout the years, she knew that labor law was crucial to bettering the lives of workers everywhere. Shelby served as the 1L representative for the Rutgers Employment and Labor Law Association where she organized events on campus with local attorneys in the area to help educate other students in this field of work. She is excited to have the opportunity to pursue her career interests while working with a union this summer.

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MaryGrace Menner

JD'21

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Boston, MA
Migrant Justice
Burlington, VT*

MaryGrace lived in Immokalee, a small farmworker town in Florida. There, she worked in the immigration department of Legal Aid, where she witnessed the need for a multi-faceted approach to migrant workers' rights. She then became involved with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers. MaryGrace's work was advocating alongside a largely undocumented base of workers in low-wage, high-risk jobs like roofing and siding. Last year, she was a PBF Summer Fellow in the Employment Unit at Greater Boston Legal Services and has also interned for a Justice for the District of Massachusetts. MaryGrace is interested in the ways labor and employment law can be used to advocate for effective social change and justice for marginalized communities.



Shelby Miller

JD'21

*University of Toledo
College of Law
Toledo, OH
Sugar Law Center
Detroit, MI*

Shelby was born and raised in Monroe, MI, and earned her Bachelor's degree in psychology, *cum laude*, from the University of Toledo in 2015. She is currently an associate member on Board 51 for her school's Law Review and a Moot Court competitor for the her school's Labor and Employment Law team.



Michael Migiel-Schwartz

JD'22

*Harvard Law School
Cambridge, MA
Gladstein, Reif & Meginniss, LLP
New York, NY*

Originally from Ithaca, NY, Michael graduated from Wesleyan University in 2014 and began working at the Change to Win Labor Federation, where he contributed strategic research to union organizing campaigns, including the SEIU's Fight for \$15 campaign. Inspired by the bravery of fast food workers going on strike for a \$15 minimum wage and the right to form a union, Michael became increasingly interested in how legal strategy can support social movements and specifically workers in their struggles to build power in their workplaces and in the broader economy. Michael is committed to returning to the labor movement and is excited to continue supporting workers and unions.



Maura Moosnick

JD'21

*Fordham University School of Law
New York, NY
Make The Road New Jersey
Elizabeth, NJ*

Raised in New York City, where her mother was a union member for over 25 years, Maura was inspired to fight for social and economic justice. After receiving her college degree in Industrial and Labor Relations, she worked for two years as a paralegal at a labor law firm representing trade union pension funds. In law school, Maura is vice president of the Fordham Workers' Rights Advocates and is a member of the *Fordham Urban Law Journal*. She was a 2019 Peggy Browning Fellow at Gladstein, Reif, and Meginniss in New York City. Now a rising third-year law student, she looks forward to continuing to learn from union attorneys and union members in order to use her law degree to strengthen workers' rights and advance workplace democracy.

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Claudia Morera *JD'21*

*Northeastern University
School of Law
Boston, MA
Justice At Work
Boston, MA*

Claudia moved to Boston, MA at the age of twelve from Caracas, VE. In college she studied international relations and French literature. After college, Claudia was active in Latino community organizing for the democratic party during the 2016 Presidential race. She then joined the Voto Latino team as their national organizing manager and worked to promote latinx youth political and community engagement. Organizing in communities such as Denver, Las Vegas, and Fresno exposed Claudia to the different challenges faced by immigrant communities across this country. This further instilled in her a passion for advocating for marginalized immigrant communities. She hopes to continue to uplift marginalized communities by providing them with the resources and rights in which they are entitled in order to be successful in the workforce.



Ella Nalepka *JD'22*

*City University of New York
School of Law
New York, NY
CASA
Hyattsville, MD*

After receiving her Bachelor's degree in Middle East Studies, Ella moved overseas for the next five years to pursue her passion of learning languages and to teach EFL. During this time, she realized she enjoyed working directly with people and returned home to pursue a career in public interest law. Since returning to New York, she has been involved in CUNY's Labor Coalition, canvassing and phone banking for a presidential candidate's campaign, and volunteering as a legal observer with the National Lawyers Guild. Ella is interested in learning more about immigration law and the fight for workers' and tenants' rights. She's also excited for the opportunity to work with an organization that fights for grassroots change through legal services, community organizing, policy, and education.



Ryan Morrison *JD'21*

*Penn State Law
University Park, PA
National Legal Advocacy Network
Chicago, IL*

Ryan is from a line of union steelworkers and teachers and has continued his work as a hotel bellhop and driver since his days as a Penn State undergraduate. After his 1L year, he returned to his home jurisdiction of Prince George's County, MD in service of indigent juvenile defendants through Maryland's Office of the Public Defender. Ryan's passion for the labor movement is rooted in this background. He is driven by his interests in queer liberation and postcolonial literature, by gratitude for our heroic queer and labor movement forebears, and by the belief that the call to Solidarity Forever means that our march towards a just society – and, in many cases, our survival – is predicated on standing for and with one another.



Ayesha Nizhoni *JD'22*

*Wake Forest University
School of Law
Winston-Salem, NC
National Employment Law Project
Washington, DC*

As the daughter of a union member, Ayesha has spent her entire life with workers' rights in the forefront of her mind. Working at 15, her eyes were opened to the everyday struggles that affect marginalized and often voiceless working people. However, it was her work in the food service and cruise line industries that brought a new understanding of exploitative employment practices. Before law school, Ayesha pursued graduate studies in the Film MFA program at Ohio University. There, she was among the first members of the Graduate Students Employment Organization, founded to ensure a living wage and benefits for graduate students who could not unionize. As a screenwriter, she committed herself to interviewing and writing about women of color whose untold narratives often intersected with her own.

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Ashleen O'Brien *JD'21*

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

Ashleen hopes to use her legal training to support the organizing of low wage workers who are at the forefront of movements for radical social change. Prior to law school, she spent two years working at Northwest Immigrant Rights Project, an immigrant legal advocacy organization based in Seattle. She also worked as a server at a small restaurant, where she organized with coworkers to challenge the employer's minimum wage violations. Both of these work experiences demonstrated the ways people of color, immigrants, and women face disproportionate barriers to accessing safe and respectful workplaces. Ashleen then spent her first law school summer as a Laurel Rubin Farmworker Justice Intern at Columbia Legal Services. She also engages in community organizing around issues of prison abolition and anti-imperialism.



David Orkin *JD'22*

*City University of New York
School of Law
New York, NY*
**Make the Road New York
New York, NY**

Prior to law school, David was a paralegal at an immigration law firm specializing in deportation defense and asylum in San Francisco. He first became interested in migrant justice as a student at Vassar College. His love of food, cooking, and gardening led him to work at several small farms, where he became involved in farmworker advocacy. These experiences inspired his academic studies in migration and border studies, and eventually he moved to Southern Arizona to get more involved in the border anti-militarization movement. Since then, he has worked in migrant humanitarian aid in both Arizona and Southern Mexico, the Arizona-Palestine solidarity movement, and provided support to migrants in detention centers in the U.S.



Sommer Omar *JD'21*

*Yale Law School
New Haven, CT*
**New York Hotel & Motel
Trades Council
New York, NY**

Sommer first gained an interest in defending labor after the 2016 election while working at the Center for American Progress in Washington, DC. There, she learned about right-to-work laws, the erosion of wage theft enforcement, and the cascading material and legal consequences of an increasingly fissured labor market. Shortly before law school, she was a policy fellow on an attorney general's campaign in New York where she honed her interest in how to leverage progressive legal action to strengthen the labor movement. In law school, she volunteered with UNITE HERE Local 33, where she helped facilitate a school-wide comment-writing campaign to delay the implementation of the NLRB's recently announced rule denying graduate students the right to organize as employees.



Jordan Palmer *JD'21*

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

Jordan is an activist and organizer in Los Angeles interested in prison abolition and the labor movement. She is a volunteer organizer with her school's National Lawyers Guild, a co-founder of the Survivors and Allies Support Network, a co-chair of the Labor and Economic Justice Clinic, and the Jane Kahn Prison Law Fellow for the Prison Law and Policy Program. She is the recipient of her school's Public Interest Law Program's 2019 U Serve LA Award. Last summer, Jordan learned about progressive movement lawyering as a summer law clerk for UNITE HERE Local 11. When she is not in school, Jordan is a proud volunteer organizer with Soldiers of Pole, the newly-formed strippers' union and partner of CWA launching a stripper-led labor movement.

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Samantha Perry *JD'21*

*Wayne State University Law School
Detroit, MI
United Auto Workers (UAW)
Detroit, MI*

The daughter of two public school teachers active in the Michigan Education Association and the granddaughter of a union steward, Samantha learned at a young age the important role unions play in protecting the rights of working people. This sparked her interest in pursuing a career in workers' rights law. In furthering her goals, she studied public policy at Michigan State University. Last summer, she interned at the Sugar Law Center for Economic & Social Justice, where she had the opportunity to provide legal services to low-income workers. She is excited to continue fighting for workers rights this summer as a Peggy Browning Fellow.



Hill Pickens *JD'21*

*University of Chicago
School of Law
Chicago, IL
United Mine Workers of America
(UMWA)
Triangle, VA*

A native of rural northern Florida, Hill has always been concerned with economic justice and regional disparities. After college, he worked in a non-union grocery store, where the low-pay and constant understaffing led Hill and his coworkers to contact organizers at the UFCW and to begin the work of organizing a union. Inspired by this campaign, he entered law school committed to the labor movement. Last summer he was a Peggy Browning Fellow at UFCW, where he was able to help in litigation to protect the safety standards for slaughterhouse workers and determine the legal implications of new organizing tactics to be used in an upcoming campaign. Hill works in his law school's employment law clinic and is president of its Labor and Employment Law Society.



Edward Peters *JD'21*

*Georgetown University Law Center
Washington, DC
United Food and Commercial
Workers Union (UFCW)
Washington, DC*

Ted is a native of Ann Arbor, MI and graduated from the University of Chicago with a degree in political science. Before law school, Ted worked for a nonprofit organization in Detroit that connected other nonprofits serving low-income communities with pro bono legal assistance. This gave him a deep appreciation for the importance of good legal counsel. He also worked as a stower at an Amazon Fulfillment Center, which only strengthened his belief in the need for unionization and defending the rights of workers. Ted originally became interested in labor issues through his family. His father is a labor educator and researcher and his maternal grandfather was a long-time UAW member and one of the Flint sit-down strikers of 1936-37.



Mollie Ponds *JD'22*

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

Mollie was exposed to the importance of unionizing and standing up for workers' rights as the daughter of an AFT member. She witnessed the mobilization of the members fighting for employee benefits and how the outcome directly impacted families and their needs. After graduating with her Bachelor's in Political Science, Mollie became a young leader with organizations focused on fighting to protect marginalized communities and workers. She now sits on the Executive Committee of her local NAACP chapter and is a board member of her school's local Southern Christian Leadership Conference. Mollie plans to use her law degree to advocate for civil and human rights and use her experience to impact policies and legislation.

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Kara Price *JD'21*

*Georgetown University Law Center
Washington, DC
Sherman Dunn, PC
Washington, DC*

Kara's interest in labor advocacy stems from her own experiences as a minimum-wage worker. As an undergrad, she worked her way through school while studying philosophy at NYU. This experience challenged her to think critically about the nature of labor in capitalism. In law school she began to engage with the labor and employment law community. Kara is an active member of the newly-revived Labor and Employment Law Society, a co-founder of the DC sect of the People's Parity Project and a research assistant for her school's Workers' Rights Institute. She has previously volunteered with the Model Alliance and with the Mother's Outreach Network to support the needs of vulnerable workers. Kara is excited to continue fighting to empower workers this summer.



Kayla Sanders *JD'21*

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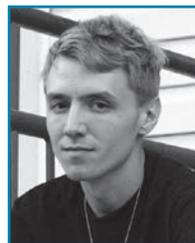
Kayla is originally from Jacksonville, FL. Before law school, she worked for the Florida Democratic Party during the 2016 Presidential election and met people from all walks of life who felt as if their issues weren't being heard. Soon after, she moved to Washington, DC in order to pursue a legal career in helping underserved communities. She has worked with administrative law judges on employment-related cases, at an employment law firm representing employees in discrimination cases, and participates in her school's legal clinic representing clients in wage theft and unemployment insurance cases. She is also one of the academic chairs for the Black Law Student Association. She is thrilled to learn more about employment policy this summer.



Cayla Rodney *JD'21*

*University of North Carolina
School of Law
Chapel Hill, NC
Levy Ratner, PC
New York, NY*

Cayla pursued her undergraduate degree in journalism as way to give others a voice and then continued onto law school because she wanted to be able to fight for those voices. The summer before law school, Cayla became interested in labor rights when she interned for Student Action with Farmworkers and South Carolina Legal Services. During this internship, Cayla visited migrant farmworker camps across South Carolina to talk to the workers about their legal rights. As Cayla began her law school career, she carried these experiences with her and has continued to dedicate herself to ensuring equal rights and justice for all. As an aspiring civil rights attorney, Cayla knows that there is no place better to start fighting for people's rights than in the workplace.



Rex Santus *JD'22*

*City University of New York
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New York, NY
New Orleans Workers' Center for
Racial Justice
New Orleans, LA*

Before law school, Rex was a reporter covering the labor movement at VICE, a Canadian-American magazine. He helped lead a card drive to unionize VICE production workers and served on the union's bargaining committee, which won a contract after a nearly two-year struggle. Rex later served on the union's labor management committee and as a Weingarten representative for colleagues during disciplinary meetings. In law school, Rex is involved with the Rank and File Action campaign, formerly \$7K or Strike, against austerity in public higher education. He is also a member of his school's Labor Coalition and volunteers as a National Lawyers Guild legal observer.

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Drew Schendt *JD'21*

*Washington University
School of Law
St. Louis, MO*
**American Federation of Teachers
Washington, DC**

Drew originally chose to attend law school to pursue a career in civil rights law. However, during law school, he developed a passion for labor and employment law and a deep interest in the history of the labor movement. Drew was the first law student to join his school's Graduate Workers Union and continues to organize in the law school. He was a founding member of his school's chapter of the People's Parity Project, and he works as a research assistant for his labor law professor.



Madison Slupe *JD'21*

*Villanova University School of Law
Villanova, PA*
**O'Donoghue & O'Donoghue LLP
Washington, DC**

Madison's passion for economic justice has translated into an unwavering commitment to the labor movement. As an undergraduate, she led the Penn State pro-labor student organization and served as the voice of organized labor on campus. Her reverence for justice led her to law school where she is pursuing a joint degree in law and taxation with a certificate in employee benefits. Last year, Madison's commitment to the labor movement led to being awarded the 2019 Major League Baseball Players Association Michael Weiner Scholarship for Labor Studies and a Peggy Browning Fellowship with Sheet Metal Workers Local Union No. 19. She is president of her school's ACS chapter, vice-president of the Law Democrats, secretary of the Labor and Employment Law Society, and focuses her studies on issues in labor and employee benefits.



Kevin Sharp *JD'21*

*University of Iowa College of Law
Iowa City, IA*
**United Steelworkers
Pittsburgh, PA**

A Tucson native, Kevin began working with immigrant rights organizations in Southern Arizona where he promptly sensed the inimical relationship between capital and immigrant worker welfare. Kevin's work revealed how the lack of protections available to immigrant/migrant workers, coupled with the fundamentally exploitative tendencies of employers, renders them especially susceptible to dangerous work environments, wage theft, and forced labor. Recognizing that susceptibility to exploitation extends far beyond communities of immigrant/migrant workers and into virtually every workplace in the United States, Kevin came to law school to be a lawyer for workplace justice. As a law student, he has been extensively involved in the labor movement in Iowa, working as a research assistant for both the Center for Worker Justice and University of Iowa Labor Center.



Shanelle Staten *JD'23*

*Southern University Law Center
Baton Rouge, LA*
**Equal Justice Center
Austin, TX**

Prior to entering law school, Shanelle graduated from Tulane University with her Master's in Social Work. She provided therapeutic services in the New Orleans metro area and worked as a professor at her alma mater, Dillard University. During that time, Shanelle instructed classes in the Academic Center for Excellence steering and fostering the scholastic success of first-year students. Last summer, Shanelle was selected as a Rural Legal Corps Fellow assisting those experiencing life and legal challenges, by increasing access to services and expanding the outreach schedule and services at Southeast Louisiana Legal Services in Baton Rouge. She was invited to stay on board as the intake specialist and plans to serve others and assist them in reaching the best version of themselves.

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Dan Stein *JD'21*

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Dan served on Hillary Clinton's 2016 presidential campaign and in the office of U.S. Senator Kamala D. Harris before law school. He believes that unions and worker power will play an increasingly critical role in responding to the ways that technology is redefining work and undermining our social contract. Dan also believes that the voices of every community should be heard at the ballot box. He has worked to defend and expand voting rights in North Carolina and has co-led his law school's election law reading group. Dan is the proud son of a union nurse.



**Nicholas
Stonecypher** *JD'21*

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Before law school, Nicholas studied history and economics at the University of South Florida. There, he attended an Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) organizer training led by workers involved in fast food organizing. He joined on the spot and applied the tools learned to tenant organizing and helping charter the Tampa General Membership Branch of the IWW. In 2015, Nicholas began working as an instructor with Hillsborough County's CARIBE Program, teaching both ESOL and Naturalization Exam prep courses for refugees. In law school, Nicholas volunteers with Bay Area Legal Services Family Forms Clinic and continues to work with the local IWW. He is excited to work as a Peggy Browning Fellow this summer and build a legal career fighting for the working class.



Sarah 'Sayde' Stern *JD'22*

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Philadelphia, PA

Sadye decided to pursue a joint degree in law and social work to develop tools to better support people organizing to build grassroots power, win investments in life-affirming resources, and combat employer abuse and state violence. Prior to returning to school, Sadye worked as an organizer for the Hotel Trades Council in New York where she collaborated with workers, organizers, and attorneys to strengthen the union's internal organizing structure and win life-changing collective bargaining agreements for hotel and casino employees across New York and Northern New Jersey. Sadye currently serves as a Direct Service Fellow and co-director of Development with the Youth Advocacy Project where she partners with law and social work students to provide mitigation services for young people facing charges in the adult criminal legal system.



Tanner Stromsnes *JD'21*

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Tanner, the son of a union firefighter and a nurse, was born and raised in Tampa, Florida. He first became interested in pursuing law and the labor movement from his father, president, Reedy Creek Fire Fighters, IAFF Local 2117. During his last two years of college, Tanner also worked as a paralegal at a union-side labor law firm. His choice to go to law school was solidified when he worked closely with union clients and saw the positive effects that the firm had on working people's lives. Prior to law school, Tanner worked as a summer intern at the International Association of Fire Fighters and his 1L summer as a legal intern in the IAFF's legal department in Washington, DC.

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Sarper Unal

JD'21

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Born and raised in Istanbul, Turkey, Sarper became passionate about the labor movement and engaged in the efforts to fight corruption in government due to the economic inequality and the socio-political instability in the country. In college, he organized the student body as part of the Living Wage Campaign at the University of Virginia, while earning a degree in Political Philosophy, Policy, and Law. During law school, his commitment to advocating for those that are underrepresented and underserved led him to a year-long internship with the Orange County Public Defender's office. Motivated by his personal negative experience with access to justice in Turkey and energized with a commitment to progressive values, he envisions a career dedicated to serving vulnerable people and making change along the way.



Angie Weiss

JD'21

*Seattle University School of Law
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Seattle, WA*

Angie has held a passion for organizing and advocacy since she walked her first picket line at eight years old. As a fourth-generation union worker, Angie is excited to use her legal training to ensure workers are treated with fairness and dignity. In her previous roles as field organizer, lobbyist, and legislative assistant, Angie worked in coalitions with unions representing industrial workers, teachers, graduate students, and state employees. She supported their goals of safe workplaces and well-funded staffing. In law school, Angie has researched emerging legal issues for gig economy workers and worked for a labor arbitrator. Angie is vice president of the university's Labor and Employment Law Association, a member of the Law Review, and the mentorship chair for the Women's Law Caucus.



K. Jeff Wang

JD'22

*University of Michigan Law School
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Communication Workers of
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Washington, DC*

After college, Jeff worked in Chicago as a delivery driver and then as a communications intern. While dealing with low pay and frustrating work, he learned about the labor movement. Jeff found radical power in its core message—that everyone deserves a decent, dignified life, and that this can be won through solidarity, organization, and collective action. In response, he became a research intern at SEIU Local 1 and afterward as an organizing volunteer with UNITE HERE Local 1. In this latter role, he is proud to have helped members win year-round health care through a 30-hotel, city-wide strike. Now Jeff serves on the boards of the Michigan Immigration & Labor Law Association and National Lawyers Guild, and on the organizing committee of the Graduate Employees' Organization (AFT Local 3550).



Katherine West

JD'22

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Raised in Kentucky, Katherine was first exposed to the labor movement through her work with several political campaigns, as well as her personal experience in both the retail and food service industries. Katherine served as the inaugural student fellow with an immigration clinic in South Carolina and as a consultant with the National Legal Aid and Defender Association in Washington, DC. As a United States delegate to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation in Papua New Guinea, Katherine saw the impact exploited low-wage workers have on the international economy. Her undergraduate education in political science and gender studies motivated her to turn her passion for labor and employment law into a career.

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Bridget Winkler *JD'21*

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As a first-generation college student, Bridget's values, including her belief that everyone deserves the dignity of a living wage and equitable workplace, were influenced by her upbringing in a labor union family invested in the labor movement for generations. Bridget is interested in reproductive justice and workers' rights. Before law school, she worked on judicial nominations at Alliance for Justice and volunteered for the DC Abortion Fund. Bridget is president of the If/When/How: Lawyering for Reproductive Justice Chapter, where she founded The People's Judiciary, a project to activate law students around the federal judiciary. Bridget is note and comment editor for the *Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law* and Dean's Fellow for the Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Affinity Relations.

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