

# Levin Center for Public Service and Public Interest Law

## 2009-2010 Public Interest Fellows



Davida Brook

Davida is originally from Los Angeles, CA, and a 2006 Columbia University graduate, with a degree in Urban Studies. After college, she spent a year working for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee in Washington, D.C. Davida is originally from Los Angeles, CA, and a 2006 Columbia University graduate, with a degree in Urban Studies. After college, she spent a year working for the American Israel Public Affairs Committee in Washington, D.C. where she established and managed a flagship program to engage student leaders at historically Black, Hispanic associations and Christian colleges and universities in pro-Israel political activism. At SLS, Davida has been involved with the Stanford Law and Policy Review, the American Constitution Society, the Social Security Disability Program, and Building a Better Legal Profession (BBLP). Since becoming President of BBLP in the winter of her 1L year, BBLP has successfully incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit in the State of California, formed chapters at the nation's top 20 law schools, and published its first book, BBLP's Guide to Law Firms. During her 2L year, Davida was a student in the International Human Rights Clinic, arguing for due process rights for persons detained at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan. Davida spent her 1L summer at the Impact Fund in Berkeley, CA. She returned to Los Angeles after her 2L year where she split her summer between Sidley Austin LLP and the ACLU of Southern California's immigration and national security project. Following graduation, Davida hopes to pursue a career in government or public interest litigation.



Tiffany Cartwright

Tiffany grew up in Silverdale, WA and graduated from Stanford University in 2007, where she majored in Political Science. In college, Tiffany pursued a wide range of public interest activities, including interning for U.S. Senator Patty Murray, studying public health in South Africa, and organizing progressive religious congregations for social change in the Bay Area. Since coming to law school, Tiffany has focused mostly on criminal law, spending her 1L summer at the Seattle Federal Public Defender and her 2L summer at the Department of Justice Public Integrity Section in Washington, D.C., prosecuting government corruption. During school, Tiffany has been a student leader of the Domestic Violence pro bono program, a board member of Stanford's ACS chapter, and is an editor-in-chief of the Stanford Law and Policy Review. She has also been a student in the Criminal Defense and Supreme Court Litigation clinics. In her free time, she enjoys baking, watching sports and being outdoors. She looks forward to returning to the Pacific Northwest after graduation.



Mary Eileen Cunniff

Mary Eileen is from Chicago, IL and one of five children. She attended Georgetown University and earned her B.A. in Government and Sociology in 2005. During college, Mary Eileen worked for organizations focusing on housing and gentrification, immigration, and workers' rights. Before coming to law school, Mary Eileen served as an Urban Youth & Families volunteer with the United States Peace Corps in Guayaquil, Ecuador. In Guayaquil, Mary Eileen worked with local NGOs on designing and implementing youth programming for child and adolescent workers. She also worked on gender issues, forming women's groups and coordinating a scholarship program and leadership conference for high school girls. During her 1L summer, Mary Eileen worked at the Federal Defender Program in Chicago. Mary Eileen split her 2L summer between a law firm in Washington, D.C., and the Judiciary Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law under Senator Richard J. Durbin. During her 2L year, Mary Eileen participated in the International Human Rights Clinic in Windhoek, Namibia, where she worked on HIV/AIDS discrimination cases for the AIDS Law Unit of the Legal Assistance Centre of Namibia. Mary Eileen has also served as co-president of Women of Stanford Law and StreetLaw.



Rodkangyil Orion Danjuma

Orion graduated from Yale University in 2000, receiving a B.A. in English and expects his JD from Stanford Law School in 2010. At Stanford, Orion is a Symposium Editor on the Stanford Law Review. As a 2L he was Co-President of the Black Law Students Association, Finance Co-Chair for the Shaking the Foundations Conference, and Student Co-Chair of the Academic Committee for new faculty appointments. Orion spent his 1L summer in the Democracy Program at the Brennan Center for Justice in New York City. During his second summer, Orion worked for three offices: Davis, Polk & Wardwell in New York, the Legal Adviser to the State Department, and the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division through the SLIP program. Prior to law school Orion worked in the Rockefeller Foundation's global public health department. At Rockefeller he helped coordinate grants to public-private partnerships that develop new vaccines and technologies for diseases of the poor. He also worked with East African grantees focused on improved disease surveillance and prevention.



Nicole Daro

Nicole graduated from U.C. Santa Cruz with a double major in History and Women's Studies. As an undergrad, Nicole traveled to Nepal, to study indigenous forest conservation practices research women's property rights. After graduating, Nicole worked in the book publishing industry in New York, and was engaged in community organizing for workers' rights. In 2001, she left her editing job to

work full-time in the labor movement. She was a field researcher for the national AFL-CIO, working on campaigns to organize airport workers, construction workers, industrial laundry workers, and farm workers. Nicole then became the research director for a coalition of grocery workers' unions in the Bay Area, where she was involved in contract negotiations covering 30,000 workers in Northern California. Nicole also worked for the carpenters' union before starting law school. Nicole plans to practice labor and employment law, and has a particular interest in international workers' rights. Additionally, having been a full-time working mom to two children, Sadie and Manny, she is interested in work/life balance issues, and gender equity in the workplace. At law school, Nicole has participated in the Stanford Community Law Clinic, as well as several pro bono programs and student organizations. Nicole is Managing Editor for Finance for the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, and is a John Paul Stevens Public Interest Fellow. During her law school summers, Nicole worked at a union-side labor law firm, and at the Legal Aid Society—Employment Law Center.



Katrina  
Eiland

Katrina is from San Ramon, CA. She graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles in 2003 with majors in Political Science and International Development Studies and a minor in Spanish Literature. After college, Katrina spent four years doing labor, immigration, and political work in California. At SLS, she has continued her commitment to public interest work both on and off campus. Katrina is the Co-President of the Stanford Public Interest Law Foundation and was a 2008 Board Member of Shaking the Foundations. She also served as a volunteer and then Student Coordinator for the law school's Immigration Pro Bono program and completed a 120 hour fellowship through Equal Justice America at Community Legal Services in East Palo Alto. After her first year of law school, Katrina interned at Public Advocates in San Francisco, a non-profit civil rights impact litigation firm, in the organization's affordable housing program. During her second year at Stanford, Katrina was a member of the Immigrant Rights Clinic and represented a client in removal proceedings. Continuing her interest in immigration law, Katrina worked for the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project in Seattle/Tacoma, Washington, after her second year, where she performed legal orientation presentations and intake interviews for detained immigrants, and conducted legal research and wrote pro se motions. She also represented a detainee seeking asylum in the United States.



Jessica  
Feinstein

Jessica's third year of law school marks her twentieth year living in her hometown of Palo Alto, CA. In between high school and law school, Jessica escaped to Yale, where she received a BA in Humanities. She then received a Masters in History of Art and Visual Culture from Oxford. Having always been interested in criminal minds, Jessica wrote her college senior thesis on Nabokov's *Lolita*, and at Oxford studied the darker proclivities of obsessive (art) collectors. An internship with the Suffolk

County District Attorney's Office in Boston convinced Jessica to go to law school. During her 1L summer, she worked for the DOJ's Organized Crime & Racketeering Section. During her 2L year, Jessica defended an indigent man serving life through the Defense Clinic. She then moved on to war criminals, externing with the Charles Taylor Defense Team at the Special Court for Sierra Leone. She also spent the first half of her 2L summer at Williams & Connolly in Washington, D.C. and is currently writing the policies and procedures manual for the new Community Justice Center in San Francisco's Tenderloin neighborhood. At Stanford, Jessica's involved with the Criminal Law Society and the Social Security Disabilities Project.



Brian  
Goldman

Brian is originally from San Francisco. He graduated from Yale in 2005, with degrees in political science and international studies, was the head of the student-run center for public service and social justice. After college, Brian worked for McKinsey & Company in New York, advising private sector, non-profit, and government clients on business strategy. At Stanford, he has been active in the American Constitution Society, an organizer of Shaking the Foundations, and an editor of the Stanford Law Review and Stanford Law & Policy Review. He was a student in both the Immigrants' Rights Clinic and the Supreme Court Litigation Clinic. Brian spent his 1L summer at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., in New York, working on housing and employment discrimination cases in the economic justice group, and two voting rights cases before the Supreme Court. His 2L summer he worked at Altshuler Berzon LLP, a union-side labor and constitutional litigation firm. Following graduation, Brian will clerk for Judge Stephen Reinhardt on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, before pursuing a career in government or public interest litigation. Outside of school, he can most likely be found hiking or relaxing with his wife (co-fellow Zoe Palitz) and their puppy, Leila.



Jacob Heller

Jacob spent the summer after his first year at the Public Citizen Litigation Group, and last summer interned at the White House Counsel's Office. He serves as the President of the Stanford Law Review, and previously served as Managing Editor of the Stanford Law & Policy Review. Jacob graduated from Pitzer College in 2007, with a double-major in Economics and Politics. While at Pitzer, he founded a non-profit that provided laptops and computer training for students who do not have computers in their homes. His scholarly interests include government and constitutional litigation, anti-corruption policies, technology law and policy, and empirical studies of law and policy. His personal interests include debate, computer programming, and hiking. Jacob grew up in Cupertino and Sunnyvale, California.



Alvarado  
Huerta

Alvaro was born and raised in East Los Angeles, CA. His parents are from Jalisco, Mexico. He received a bachelor's of science in Molecular Biophysics & Biochemistry, and Political Science from Yale. Prior to law school, Alvaro worked as the Director of Communications, Education & Advocacy for the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles, organizing immigrant communities and pushed for legislative reform of the nation's broken immigration system. At SLS, Alvaro has served

as a teacher for StreetLaw, a committee chair for the Stanford Public Interest Law Foundation Gala, a volunteer for both Shaking the Foundations and the Immigration pro bono project, and Managing Editor of Submissions for the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties. He was also an Equal Justice America Fellow during his 1L year, and participated in the Immigrants' Rights Clinic during his second year. During his 1L summer, Alvaro worked at Migrants Rights International in their Buenos Aires, Argentina office. During his 2L summer, he worked at a law firm and volunteered in the Adult Detention Project of the National Immigrant Justice Center in Chicago, IL. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for Community Legal Services of East Palo Alto.



Rachel  
Marshall

Rachel grew up in Chicago, IL and graduated from Brown University in 2004 with a degree in history and political science. Before law school, Rachel spent three years teaching U.S. History at a public high school in the South Bronx, which she began through Teach for America. Rachel's teaching experience led her to law school out of a desire to promote social justice and to advocate for communities like the ones in which she taught. Rachel is passionate about public interest work. During her time at

Stanford, she has been a leader in the public interest community as a member of the Board of the Stanford Public Interest Law Foundation (SPILF), and last year served on the Board of Shaking the Foundations, volunteered as a StreetLaw Teacher and in the Housing Pro Bono program. Rachel was last year's Stanford Law Association Co-President and is a member of the Stanford Law Review. Rachel spent her 2L year working in the Stanford Community Law Clinic in East Palo Alto, where she represented clients in housing, employment, and criminal expungement matters. This winter, she will be in the Stanford Criminal Defense Clinic. Rachel is especially committed to criminal justice reform, and spent her 1L summer investigating Alabama prison conditions and working on a death penalty case at the Southern Center for Human Rights. Her 2L summer, Rachel split between the civil rights division of the ACLU Washington Legislative Office and the Trial Division of the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia. Rachel is thrilled to be a Public Interest Fellow and is eager to get to know the incoming class of 2012. She hopes to be a mentor to other public interest students so that we can all work together to cultivate an even stronger public interest community at Stanford.



Sara  
Mayeux

Sara grew up in Atlanta, GA, and graduated in 2005 from Princeton University with an A.B. degree in history. After 18 years in the South and six in the Northeast, she found her way to California, where she much prefers the weather and where she is currently pursuing both a JD and a Ph.D. in American history at Stanford. Her research interests include the history of criminal law and procedure, cultural representations of criminal law, and the intersection of race, poverty, crime, and the law. This past

summer, Sara was a law clerk at the Federal Public Defender in the San Francisco office; the previous summer she interned at the San Francisco City & County Public Defender. At SLS, Sara has been involved with the Criminal Law Society and Shaking the Foundations, worked as a research assistant for the Stanford Criminal Justice Center, and served as a Women of Stanford Law mentor. Sara hopes to work after law school either as a criminal defense attorney or a law school professor, or, even better, to find some way to do both. Sara is a great fan of literature, music, film, and the visual arts. Before law school she worked in the arts in New York City and at SLS she helped to found the Stanford Arts & Literature Law Society, which organizes field trips to museums and galleries, and brings art law related speakers to campus.



Maggie  
McKinley

Maggie graduated in 2005 from UCLA with a degree in Linguistic Anthropology. While there, Maggie worked as the Manager of Research at the UCLA Ethnography of Autism Project studying communicative practices of children with high-functioning autism in fully-inclusive classrooms. After graduation she worked at the UCLA Center on the Everyday Lives of Families. Her interest in the confluence of law and social science research was piqued by working on a joint project with the Workplace

Flexibility team at the Georgetown Law Center and through an internship at the Legal Aid Foundation as a General Relief Advocate on Skid Row. While at SLS, Maggie has focused on issues of equality and access through an interest in civil rights litigation, economic injustice through an interest in tax policy, and on indigenous rights and Federal Indian Law. She spent her first summer as a research assistant for Professor Lessig. After her 2L year, Maggie served as a summer clerk at the Native American Rights Fund Supreme Court Project. At SLS, she has served as the Managing Editor of the Stanford Journal of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, Co-President of the Native American Law Students Association, and Law Students for Reproductive Justice, and will be a research assistant to Professor Barbara Babcock on the Women's Legal History Project.



Ellen  
Medlin

Ellen is a 2005 Brown University graduate with a B.A. in International Relations/Global Environment. After college she worked as a paralegal in Washington, D.C., first in Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman's Affordable Housing/Community Development group, and then at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. Ellen's commitment to environmental policy and community development deepened at SLS, where she has worked in the Environ-

mental Law Clinic and served as Co-President of the Environmental Law Society and Co-Editor-in-Chief of the Environmental Law Journal. She is also pursuing an M.S. in Stanford's Emmett Interdisciplinary Program in Environment and Resources, which she will earn jointly with her law degree. Her master's work applies land use and environmental law to climate change issues. Ellen spent her first law school summer at the Southern Environmental Law Center in her native North Carolina, and divided her second between Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger, a boutique public interest environmental law firm in San Francisco, and the clean tech group at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati in Palo Alto. If Ellen isn't working, she's to be found outside, running, hiking, or on her bicycle.



Michelle Parris

Michelle grew up in New York City and graduated from Princeton University with a degree in history. She counts among her great inspirations her parents, who have worked for the City of New York since she was born. Before attending law school, Michelle worked as a Latin America Fellow at the Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress in San Jose, Costa Rica. There Michelle assisted in all bilingual communications needs, conducted research on Latin American immigration to the

United States, prepared a successful proposal submitted to the United Nations Development Program to reevaluate the Esquipulas Peace Accords, and organized an event at the United Nations around the issue. During her first year of law school, Michelle participated in StreetLaw and the Housing Pro Bono Program, and received an Equal Justice America fellowship to work with clients on a variety of community-based housing issues. Michelle was introduced to holistic advocacy when she worked for the Bronx Defenders during her first summer, doing indigent criminal defense and housing work. Invigorated by the experience, she stayed involved in the Housing Pro Bono program during her second year, and participated in the Immigrants' Rights Clinic for two semesters. During her 2L summer, Michelle did immigration detention work at the Legal Aid Society of New York's Immigration Law Unit and indigent criminal defense at the Orleans Public Defenders in New Orleans, LA. She plans to continue her commitment to public service by staying engaged in direct services work and holistic advocacy for people whose lives have been affected by the criminal justice system.



Zoe Palitz

Zoe is a Bay Area native, having grown up thirty minutes east of San Francisco. She graduated from Yale in 2005, where she majored in sociology and political science. She then moved to New York and taught sixth grade in the Bronx with Teach for America. At Stanford, Zoe has served as co-chair of Shaking the Foundations, participated in several pro bono projects, and was a two-semester student in the Education Advocacy Clinic. She spent her first

summer at the ACLU of Southern California working on prisoners' rights litigation and monitoring conditions in the Los Angeles County jails. During her 2L year, Zoe externed with the Center on Race, Poverty, & the Environment, an environmental justice organization in San Francisco. She split her second summer between Leiff, Cabraser, Heimann, & Bernstein LLP, a plaintiffs'

class action firm, and the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights in San Francisco, where she worked in the race, immigration, and education practices. Zoe loves to talk to other public interest students, so feel free to stop her in the hallway or send her an email if you want to chat.



Patricia Pei

Patricia was born in New Jersey and raised in both the United States and Hong Kong. She obtained her BA from Stanford University, and worked for a few years in finance before spending a year with a legal non-profit, working on a legislative effort to change California welfare law for children. Her work experience in law school has included summer internships with the San Francisco Public Defender and Strumwasser & Woocher, a private public interest law firm specializing in government and electoral

law. Patricia also participated in Stanford's International Human Rights Clinic in the spring of her 2L year. Max co-leads the Afghanistan Legal Education Project and served as co-president of the International Law Society. Before law school, Max conducted ten months of fieldwork on local genocide trials in Rwanda as a Fulbright Scholar and worked as a Research Associate at the Brennan Center for Justice. During law school, he has worked for U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Justice, as well as for the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee. Max externed in the Office of the President at the International Criminal Court during the Spring of 2009.



Max Rettig



Joanna Shalleck-Klein

Joanna is originally from Takoma Park, MD. She graduated from esleyan University in 2004, where she majored in the College of Letters. During her summers in college, she interned at NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund, the New York Civil Liberties Union, National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association, and Women Empowered Against Violence. After college, Joanna spent two years working for the Mental Health Project of the Urban Justice Center, where she represented low-income New Yorkers with psychiatric disabilities appealing denials of or reductions in their welfare and SSI/SSD benefits. At Stanford, she has served as Vice President of the American Constitution Society, organized a panel on the barriers to escaping poverty for Shaking the Foundations, co-founded the Voting Rights Project, been both a committee chair and Vice President of Communications for the Stanford Public Interest Law Foundation, and mentored fellow students through WSL. She has also been an editor for both the Stanford Law Review and the Stanford Law and Policy Review. Joanna is a dedicated member of the Stanford Community Law Clinic, focusing on wage-and-hour and housing cases. Joanna spent her 1L summer at the New York Civil Liberties Union, where she worked on voting rights and access to bail issues. During her 2L summer, she was a clerk at the Neighborhood Defender Service of Harlem, a public defender office.

Max co-leads the Afghanistan Legal Education Project and served as co-president of the International Law Society. Before law school, Max conducted ten months of fieldwork on local genocide trials in Rwanda as a Fulbright Scholar and worked as a Research Associate at the Brennan Center for Justice. During law school, he has worked for U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Justice, as well as for the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee. Max externed in the Office of the President at the International Criminal Court during the Spring of 2009.

Joanna is originally from Takoma Park, MD. She graduated from esleyan University in 2004, where she majored in the College of Letters. During her summers in college, she interned at NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund, the New York Civil Liberties Union, National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association, and Women Empowered Against Violence. After college, Joanna spent two years working for the Mental Health Project of the Urban Justice



Jacqueline  
Silva Sanchez

Jacqueline grew up in Lexington, MA, and studied Psychology, Spanish, and Latin American Studies at Cornell. After graduation, she worked for a year as a legal assistant in the International Arbitration practice group at White & Case in New York City. There, she worked on several immigration-related pro bono cases. Jacqueline volunteered as a legal assistant conducting intake interviews at InMotion (Bronx, NY), a legal services provider that assists low-income women. She thus became interested in the intersection of domestic violence and immigration. Jacqueline moved to Mexico for a year to study immigration issues under a Fulbright grant, focusing on sex trafficking issues. Additionally, Jacqueline worked at an NGO on domestic violence issues affecting indigenous women. While at SLS she has participated in the Immigration pro bono, worked at Community Legal Services of East Palo Alto as an Equal Justice America Fellow, and coordinated a campus-wide relief effort for victims of floods in Tabasco, Mexico. In addition, she helped coordinate the first international spring break pro bono trip, and learned about legal issues with regards to the Mexico-US border. During her 1L summer she worked in the domestic violence unit at WilmerHale Legal Services Center of Harvard Law School in Boston, and during her 2L summer she worked in the immigration unit at Greater Boston Legal Services. 2L year Jacqueline served as the SLS student liaison to the public interest committee and also coordinated a panel for Shaking the Foundations.



Gregory  
Wannier

Greg comes from Southern California, graduating from UCLA in 2006 with a BA in Political Science, emphasis in International Relations, and a BS in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. He is a joint-JD/MS student with the Interdisciplinary Program in Environment and Resources (IPER), and his legal interests include environmental law, international law, natural resources, and clean energy, especially as they relate to climate change issues. While at Stanford, Greg has worked for the Ugandan-based NGO, Advocates Coalition for Development and Environment, and the Center for International Environmental Law, on international legal issues ranging from climate negotiations and environmental protections in trade agreements, to energy infrastructure and development. Greg has also done research under Professor Michael Wara for Stanford's Program on Environment and Sustainable Development (PESD) relating to the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM), and the legal status of environmental trust funds in the United States. He is the Editor-in-Chief of the Stanford Journal of Law, Science, & Policy and a President Emeritus of the Environmental Law Society. When he is not working, Greg enjoys playing tennis and squash, hiking (and backpacking) California's vast wilderness (especially anywhere with redwood trees!), eating pancake breakfasts, and generally being nomadic.



James  
Williams

James is from Portland, OR, where he served as the student member on the school board and organized students statewide on issues of public education funding and policy. James graduated summa cum laude from Princeton University in 2006, majoring in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public & International Affairs. While there, he led the Student Volunteers Council, Princeton's largest student organization, and received the Pyne Prize, Princeton's highest undergraduate distinction. After graduating, James spent a year in India on a fellowship, working on environmental law with an Indian Supreme Court lawyer in Delhi and a local NGO in Dahanu and Mumbai. He is co-editor of Students as Colleagues: Expanding the Circle of Service-Learning Leadership, and has worked with faculty at universities and colleges nationally on service-learning with Campus Compact. At SLS, James is very active with ACS, Housing Pro Bono, the Environmental Law Clinic, and the Stanford Law Review. James served as a student member of the SLS Public Interest Committee last year. His first summer, he worked at the San Mateo County Counsel's Office in Redwood City. Last summer, he worked at the Natural Resources Defense Council in San Francisco and at Perkins Coie LLP in Portland, Oregon. A 2005 Harry S. Truman Scholar and 2007 Soros Fellow, James is passionate about social justice, public policy, and politics, especially regarding environmental and educational issues.



Nicholas  
Xenakis

Nick graduated from Kenyon College in 2005. After college, Nick moved to Washington, D.C. where he served as Senior Editor at a political magazine. At SLS, Nick has been involved with the Criminal Law Society and the Stanford Law & Policy Review, of which he is currently serving as the Co-Editor-in-Chief. During both semesters of his 2L year, he was a student in the Criminal Defense Clinic, arguing for reduced sentences for clients sentenced to life in prison under California's Three Strikes Law. Nick spent his first summer at the Southern Center for Human Rights in Atlanta, Georgia. This last summer he worked for the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, serving as a law clerk for attorneys in both the Trial and Appellate Divisions. After graduation, he hopes to work in criminal defense, ideally as a public defender.