

# *On the Path*

## to Civic Leadership



Princeton Project 55 Fellowship Directory  
2017-18





The Princeton Project 55 Fellowships program connects talented Princeton graduates with some of the most effective and innovative public interest organizations around the United States. Our Fellows spend a year working in substantive, paid positions and join a lifelong community of more than 1,700 Princeton alumni who have launched their postgraduate lives through Project 55 since the program's inaugural cohort in 1990.

What makes a Project 55 Fellowship unique is our holistic approach to personal and professional development. Fellows engage in learning opportunities through three intentional aspects of the Fellowship program: a professional placement, an alumni mentor, and educational seminars.

This formative, immersive experience instills in each Fellow a greater awareness of critical social issues, a deeper understanding of their capacity to bring about change, and a lifelong commitment to civic engagement. Fellows are able to affect social change by contributing to an organizational mission that is personally and professionally meaningful. *On the Path* serves as Princeton AlumniCorps' directory, sharing details about each Project 55 Fellow participating in this year's program.

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The Project 55 Fellowship Program is made possible by the more than 200 volunteers, 600 donors, and 40 nonprofit partner organizations throughout the United States. The 2017-18 Program Leaders for the Project 55 Fellowship Program are Rebecca Deaton '91 and Olympia Moy '05. There are **47 Fellows** participating in the Project 55 Fellowship Program during the 2017-18 program year.

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# Bay Area (San Francisco and Oakland)

This year, four Fellows will be working at three different partner organizations in the Bay Area. Organizations include: UCSF, Aspire Public Schools, and Greater Oakland Public Schools. Area Committee chairs for the 2017-18 program year are Julie Rubinger '09, Tiffany Lee '11, and Michele Fort '10.

## Nick Dreher '17, UCSF



Nick Dreher is from northern California, where he lived in a small city right on the edge of the Sacramento Valley. He has five sisters, all still living nearby, and is excited to be returning home through Project 55. He was premed at Princeton and particularly passionate about issues of healthcare access. As a result, he concentrated in the Woodrow Wilson school and focused on health policy, also getting involved with the Center for Health and Wellbeing as a Global Health Scholar. He worked with the low-income mentorship program SIFP, Princeton Disability Awareness, and several other service groups on campus as well. In his free time, Nick enjoyed playing Rugby and serving as the overly-enthusiastic IM chair of TI.

## Hannah Kraus '17, Aspire Public Schools



Hannah Kraus is from Middlebury, Vermont. At Princeton, she majored at the Woodrow Wilson School, with policy interests spanning a variety of subjects including immigration and asylum, environment, education, and health policy. Throughout her time at Princeton, she has been involved in several environment-related student groups, including managing the Princeton Garden Project and serving as GreenLeader coordinator. She also sings in the Princeton University Chapel Choir, plays on the Women's Club Soccer team, and is an OA leader. Hannah is excited to move out to Oakland next year and work as a talent and strategy analyst at Aspire!

## Kristina Phillpotts-Brown '17, Greater Oakland Public Schools



Kristina Phillpotts-Brown was born and raised in Kingston, Jamaica. At Princeton she majored in English, but has always had a passion for increasing access to education. For the past three years, Kristina has interned at an Independent Educational Consulting company in Jamaica, helping students to write essays for their college applications. During her fellowship at GO Public Schools, she hopes to learn more about issues that public schools face so that she can play a role in creating solutions.

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# Bay Area (San Francisco and Oakland)

Andrew Schilling '17, UCSF



Andy Schilling is from San Mateo, California, a small city with a view of the San Francisco skyline. His parents, a scientist and an elementary school teacher, gave him an appreciation for education at an early age. His experience as a neuroscience major at Princeton deepened his commitment to scientific discovery and information dissemination. As a cofounder of the Princeton Neuroscience Network, an undergraduate group that makes the current topics of neuroscience research accessible to the general public, he worked to educate the surrounding community on the brain. He also was the teaching assistant for Princeton's only course on marine biology, taught in Bermuda. There, he discovered a passion for teaching and all things oceanic. He hopes to attend medical school after spending a year developing his skillset as a researcher at UCSF. Andy is thrilled to return to the Bay Area, where he plans to hike and photograph the surrounding forests, mountains, and beaches in his spare time.



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# Boston

This year, six Fellows will be working at three different partner organizations in Boston. Organizations include: OpenBiome, Massachusetts General Hospital, and Community Group. Area Committee chairs for the 2017-18 program year are Sarah Barbrow '05, Heather Barnard Gruber '96 and Hardy Watts '96

## Audrey Abend '17, OpenBiome



Audrey Abend is from Manhattan, New York. The hardships her parents faced largely impacted the type of person she aspires to be today; her parents both immigrated to the United States from Ukraine as young adults - furthermore, her mother finished her college degree, dental school, and oral and maxillofacial residency all while raising her. This also exposed her to the environment of the medical field at an early age. Thus, Audrey has always been interested in biology and medicine - she majored in Molecular Biology and was pre-med at Princeton. She balanced her time between working on her thesis research in lab and competing as a varsity athlete on the Women's Fencing team. At OpenBiome, she hopes to continue to explore the bridge between clinical research and medical care, before applying to medical school.

## Cassandra Crifase '17, Massachusetts General Hospital



Cassie Crifase is from small-town Illinois and the daughter of a neonatal nurse who inspired her to pursue a career in medicine. At Princeton, she concentrated in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, focusing on policy informing global health and access to healthcare. Resultantly, she has pursued research in public health, epidemiology, drug development, as well as health policy. She is ecstatic to join the Emergency Medicine Network at Massachusetts General Hospital as a Project 55 Fellow, continuing this work and becoming actively engaged in clinical research efforts. In the future, she intends to pursue a medical education focusing on reproductive and child health in underprivileged areas. She enjoys trivia, crosswords, travel, and photography. And, as a former gymnast, she also enjoys yoga and strength training as well as watching and coaching gymnastics.

## Kelly Hatfield '17, Community Group



Kelly Hatfield is from St. Louis, Missouri, and has been interested in pursuing a career in social work( with a focus on families and children) since high school; in particular, she is interested in finding ways to combine social work with her interest in creative writing. At Princeton, she was an English major and was a part of the SHARE Peer program and The Princeton Progressives. She spent one summer working at a nonprofit, whose mission was to end youth homelessness, and another farming, writing about the experience, and learning about agricultural practices. In all of these different capacities, she learned an incredible amount from the communities of which she was privileged to be a part, and she is excited to join the Community Group at Prospect Lower School for this reason -- for the combination of its incredible community, and for the opportunity to learn more about education and its interaction with other systems.

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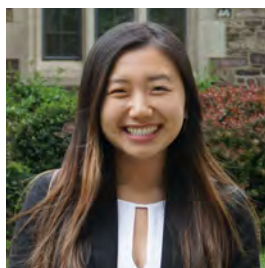
# Boston

## Daniel Rounds '17, [Community Group](#)



Daniel Rounds is from Tinton Falls, New Jersey, but currently lives in Media, Pennsylvania. He is the son of an Army officer and moved eight times during his childhood, living on military bases both domestically and internationally (with the international base being located in Seoul, South Korea). At Princeton, he majored in Spanish and Portuguese and minored in Latino Studies. Daniel has volunteered extensively with local underrepresented middle school students by tutoring with Community House After School Academy and served as the Co-Chair of the Community House Executive Board for two years. His academic interests have led to internships with Ronald McDonald House Charities in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and an HIV/AIDS clinic in Guatemala City. He looks forward to continuing the work of educational equity as a fellow at the Community Day Charter Public School, where he hopes to learn more about educational achievement gaps and the challenges facing immigrants. Daniel is also a musician, playing both saxophone and piano, and a die-hard Minnesota Vikings fan.

## Monica Seng '17, [OpenBiome](#)



Monica Seng was born and raised in the desert paradise of Tucson, AZ. She is the eldest of two daughters of Cambodian immigrants. She majored in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology while earning a certificate in Global Health and Health Policy. In conjunction with the EEB department, she participated in a study-abroad program in Bermuda and spent a summer in Kenya collecting data to reconstruct the social networks of Grevy's and Plains zebras. At Princeton, she served as a Peer Health Adviser, volunteered in the NICU department at the UMCPP hospital, worked as an Employer Relations Assistant for Career Services, and as the Associate Director of the Formal Services Agency. In her free time, Monica enjoys reading fiction, learning the art of yoga, trying exotic foods, and taking care of animals. She is excited about moving to Boston and working with the team at OpenBiome!



## Kelsey Loman '17, [Massachusetts General Hospital](#)

Kelsey Lowman grew up in Littlestown, Pennsylvania. Having graduated from Princeton with a major in Psychology and a minor in Spanish, she will now spend two years working as a clinical research coordinator at Massachusetts General Hospital in the Center for Addiction Medicine. She is excited to be involved with various projects that investigate tobacco and marijuana use among populations with severe mental illness.

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# Chicago

This year, seven Fellows will be working at seven different partner organizations in Chicago. Organizations include: Carole Robertson Center for Learning, Center for Economic Progress, Chicago Volunteer Legal Services, Illinois State Board of Education, New Markets Support, North Lawndale Employment Network, and Sinai Community Institute. Area Committee chairs for the 2017-18 program year are Kirsten Hull '99 and Virginia Midkiff '14.

## Andrew Hahm '17, [Carole Robertson Center for Learning](#)



Andrew Hahm is an Illinois native who grew up in Ramsey, New Jersey. His interest in community development initially stemmed from high school work as a political organizer. At Princeton, he was a concentrator in the Department of Mathematics, where he became interested in academic research in logic and social philosophy. Through advocacy work to create robust ethnic studies programs, he also became invested in the issue of equitable access to academic opportunities. Andrew is excited to be a fellow with the Carole Robertson Center for Learning, where he hopes to learn more about how community-based organizations meet the needs of their communities and about the unique needs that early childhood organizations address. He hopes the lessons he learns inform a community-oriented approach to research and pedagogy in an academic career, as well.

## Zena Kesselman '17, [Illinois State Board of Education](#)



Zena Kesselman is from Los Angeles, California. At Princeton, she majored in History and minored in Applications of Computer Programming. She spent her spare time in the basement of Bloomberg Hall, working as an on-air DJ and station management at WPRB Princeton, and in the kitchen of 2D, Princeton's vegetarian co-op. She is very excited to be working at the Illinois State Board of Education next year, where she learn more about education policy and governmental decision-making.

## Michael Manning '17, [New Markets Support](#)



Michael Manning is from Cincinnati, Ohio. Growing up, Michael became fascinated with how cities grow and change over time by witnessing developments happening in his own community. At Princeton, he majored in Music and minored in Urban Studies and Vocal Performance. Michael has researched urban development in American cities from a theoretical and analytical perspective, but he is excited to get on the ground and join the field of development. He will work as a fellow at the New Markets Support Company, where he hopes to help small businesses gain access to credit and other financial products to help them flourish in local communities. Michael is also a dedicated musician and performs regularly as a choral singer and operatic countertenor.



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# Chicago

## Adjoa Mante '17, Sinai Community Institute



Adjoa Mante was raised in Villanova, Pennsylvania. She is the daughter of Ghanaian immigrants and has one younger sister. At Princeton, she was able to combine her interests in public health, the African diaspora and the intricacies of language through a major in the department of Spanish and Portuguese. Adjoa has been able to study and research in both Havana and Bogotá through the support of University programs in Latin American Studies and Global Health. These experiences, in addition to domestic coursework and internships, have sparked Adjoa's passion for addressing the social determinants of health. She is excited to move to Chicago and learn more about the challenges of urban health through her work with the Sinai Community Institute. Adjoa also loves learning new forms of dance, and has been involved in both bhangra and salsa groups.

## Nora Niazian '17, Center for Economic Progress



Nora Niazian is from Los Angeles, California. At Princeton, she concentrated in Politics and received certificates in American Studies and Values & Public Life. Her personal and academic interests culminated in a senior thesis that addressed genocide denial laws and free speech rights in Europe. Nora taught at local New Jersey prisons and was very involved in the low-income, first-generation student community at Princeton. She is excited to continue her commitment to service and her advocacy on issues that impact low-income communities in her role as Policy and Advocacy Coordinator at the Center for Economic Progress.

## Briana Payton '17, North Lawndale Employment Network



Briana Payton is from Detroit, Michigan and excited to be returning to the midwest! During her time at Princeton, she majored in Sociology and earned certificates in African American Studies, American Studies, and Spanish Language and Culture. She was involved in leadership with the Black Student Union, Princeton Faith and Action, and the Princeton University Gospel Ensemble. Some of her favorite civic engagement experiences have included a PICS internship in Chicago, leading alternative Break service trips to NYC, and a Community Based-Learning experiences in Trenton and Princeton. Briana aspires to make social change through creative leadership and critical analysis-and hopes to merge applied social change work with socially engaged scholarship in her future career.

## Marlyse Vieira '17, Chicago Volunteer Legal Services



Marlyse Vieira is from Dripping Springs, Texas, a small town outside of Austin. At Princeton, she majored in Politics with a certificate in Spanish. She hopes to attend law school in the future and pursue a career in public interest law, so she is very excited about the opportunity to work with the Chicago Volunteer Legal Services.

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# New Jersey

This year, three Fellows will be working at four different partner organizations in New Jersey and Philadelphia. Organizations include: International Schools Services, Princeton Alumni Corps, Princeton Internships in Public Service, and New Community Corporation. Area Committee chairs for the 2017-18 program year are Tom Magnus '77 and Marsha Rosenthal '76.

## Justine Hamilton '17, PICS



Justine Hamilton is from Rockville Centre, New York. She hopes to have a career in medicine and public health. At Princeton, she majored in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and minored in Global Health Policy. Justine has been a member of global health groups on campus, including Princeton's Unite For Sight Global Health Society and Partners in Health Engage. She has also worked as a Research Intern at Cohen Children's Medical Center, and as an intern for Montefiore Medical Center's Network Performance Group through Princeton Internships in Civic Service (PICS). She is excited to join PICS as a Project 55 fellow and connect other dedicated students to impactful non-profit organizations. She looks forward to assisting in expanding the program and helping other students explore potential careers in public service.

## Sahand Keshavarz Rahbar '17, Princeton Alumni Corps



Sahand Keshavarz Rahbar is from Boise, Idaho. He was born in Iran and raised in Idaho, an arrangement that has invested him with an appreciation for migration, intercultural understanding, and potatoes. A history major, he has been deeply involved in the work of the Religious Life Council and the Writing Center at Princeton. Through these endeavors, he has volunteered as a tutor at two New Jersey detention centers, has served as a language teacher and translator at a refugee camp in Greece, and has mobilized interfaith coalitions on campus to address issues related to incarceration and immigration. He is eager to continue developing his knowledge of the intersection between immigration, public awareness, and legal advocacy as a fellow at AlumniCorps in Princeton, NJ. In his free time, Sahand enjoys learning new languages and encouraging his friends to read George Eliot's MIDDLEMARCH.

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# New Jersey

## Trust Kupupika '17, [International Schools Services](#)



Trust Kupupika is originally from Jamaica, Queens, New York. At Princeton, she majored in Anthropology and minored in African Studies and African American Studies. Trust is passionate about music, literature and cooking. She anticipates working at ISS as the Communication, Marketing and Outreach fellow will be an enriching and unforgettable experience and is excited to start this summer. She hopes to learn more about the dynamics of international schools as well as the impact of education in different cultural spaces. During her time at Princeton, Trust has been the leader of various cultural groups, such as the Black Student Union, and has volunteered her time to committees on campus that helped improve the quality of life for students within marginalized communities.

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# New York

This year, twenty-one Fellows will be working at fifteen different partner organizations in New York City. Organizations include: All In Together, Association to Benefit Children, Brooklyn Defender Services, Burke Foundation, City Year, Coalition for Hispanic Family Services, Housing Development Fund, New Alternatives for Children, New York Academy of Medicine, New York Center for Child Development, New York District Attorney's Office, Reach Out and Read, Readworks, Rockefeller Foundation, and Vital HealthCare Capital.



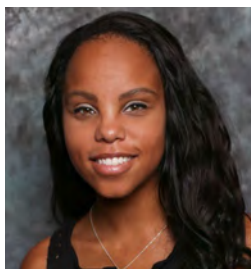
Akua Achampong '17, [New Community Corporation](#)

Akua Achampong is a Civil Environmental Engineering major, in the Engineering and the Liberal Arts track from Detroit, Michigan. On campus, she has led and participated in the Princeton Association of Black Women, National Society of Black Engineers, and Princeton Faith and Action. Akua is passionate in learning about the role that various agencies have in empowering urban communities. After graduation, Akua is excited to work for New Community Corporation, where she is confident she will be able to learn more about the best practices of community service.



Vivien Bazarko '17, [Reach Out and Read](#)

Vivien Bazarko grew up in New Jersey and is the oldest of three siblings. At Princeton she studied Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and conducted thesis research on the evolution of sociality in neotropical bees. In addition to studying science, Vivien spent her time on campus writing and performing comedy with Quipfire!, All-Nighter, and the Princeton Triangle Club. She is passionate about working with children and plans to pursue a career in family medicine and early childhood development. Vivien is thrilled to join Reach Out and Read in its efforts to fight income inequality by giving all children the ability to thrive in school.



Janine Cadet '17, [Coalition for Hispanic Family Services](#)

Janine Cadet is from Newark, New Jersey. Experiencing her first out of seven medical mission trips at the age of twelve, she has always been interested in merging medicine with public and global health fields. At Princeton, she majored in the Woodrow Wilson of Public and International Affairs school. She has volunteered with various mentorship programs on campus and was a performer for the Princeton Highsteppers (Princeton's only step team). She is excited to work as a Fellow at New Alternatives for Children, where she hopes to gain knowledge about the foster care and adoption system of New York and learn more about working with medically fragile and disabled children.



Julie Chen '17 [Brooklyn Defender Services](#)

Julie Chen is from San Jose, California. At Princeton, she majored in Philosophy with a minor in Statistics and Machine Learning, and served as President of Students for Prison Education and Reform. As a Paralegal in the Family Defense Practice of Brooklyn Defender Services, Julie is excited to expand and apply her knowledge of alternatives to punitive systems. On the side, she enjoys writing and talking about Asian American issues and cultural criticism.

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# New York

## Eleanor DeGarmo '17, [New York Academy of Medicine](#)



Ellie DeGarmo is from Baltimore, Maryland. Growing up in New York City until age nine, and then relocating to Baltimore sparked Ellie's interest in the stark inequality that is present in many United States cities. Through majoring in the Woodrow Wilson School and pursuing a certificate in Global Health and Health Policy, Ellie has developed a passion for public health and health policy as means for addressing inequality that manifests in health disparities. She has spent her past two summers engaging in HIV/AIDS research, and wrote her thesis on the intersection of this community and the effects of recent health care reform. She is excited about the opportunity to expand her knowledge of and gain experience in public health as a part of the New York Academy of Medicine's Prevention and Community Development Team. Ellie is also an All-American lacrosse goalie for Princeton's varsity lacrosse team and in her free time, she enjoys backpacking - most recently hiking 170 miles of California's John Muir Trail, finishing on the summit of Mount Whitney, the highest point in the continental United States.

## Evan Delgado '17, [Burke Foundation](#)



Evan Delgado is from Arcadia, California. His labor attorney mother and sociologist father raised him to be cognizant of the many social ills that exist in our society, and to seek out a career that would allow him to help mitigate them. At Princeton he majored in Sociology and focused on issues of socioeconomic inequality and municipal governance through his independent work. He is excited to join everyone at the Burke Foundation and support their efforts in the area of early childhood development and fighting the causes and effects of toxic stress. Evan enjoys drawing, hiking, and movies.

## Veronica Edwards '17, [Readworks](#)



Veronica Edwards was born and raised in Los Angeles, California and has a younger brother. She majored in Sociology at Princeton, where her thesis work focused on the organizational legitimacy of certain mental health nonprofits located in New York City. Her work in the mental health field on and off campus has inspired her to continue working in the public sector. During her time at Princeton, Veronica was a very active dancer. She served as artistic director of BodyHype Dance Company and as assistant artistic director of Princeton University Ballet. She is excited to join the Readworks team next year.

## Danielle Howell '17, [Coalition for Hispanic Family Services](#)



Danielle Howell is from Brooklyn, New York. She is the child of Caribbean immigrants and has always been especially interested in the ways literature, the arts, and healthcare intersect. At Princeton, she majored in Comparative Literature, specializing in the Spanish and Portuguese languages, with gender studies as her chosen textual discipline. She minored in Translation and Intercultural Communication at Princeton, and was also on the premedical track. During her time at Princeton, Danielle volunteered as an EMT with the Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad and spent her summers working to improve healthcare disparities in Mexico and Peru. She enjoyed her experience working as an arts teacher in Port Elizabeth, South Africa and being a dancer and choreographer for the Black Arts Dance company at Princeton, so she is very excited to continue similar work as a fellow at the Coalition for Hispanic Family Services. She hopes her time as a fellow will help her learn more about how she can better support at risk youth in her community and make a positive impact as a doctor someday.



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# New York



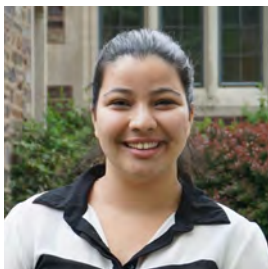
Minji Kim '17, [Association to Benefit Children](#)

Born in Seoul, South Korea, Minji Kim grew up with a deep interest in human rights, North Korean defector resettlement, and the ethics of public policy. In Princeton, she majored in Sociology and was an active member of Black Arts Dance Company, Blasé, and Triple 8. Minji has done extensive volunteer, fundraising, and advocacy work to support refugees, defectors, or children from low-income households. She is excited to join the Project 55 Fellowship community and serve the disadvantaged children and families of New York by working with Association to Benefit Children.



Juliana Lopez '17, [Coalition for Hispanic Family Services](#)

A Miami native and the daughter of Cuban immigrants, Juliana (Julie) López grew up alongside a vibrant and visible Latin American hub. From an early age, she witnessed first-hand the socioeconomic inequalities and educational disparities that afflicted her community and became committed to efforts that would bring about its empowerment. Throughout high school and college, she has been involved with mentorship and tutoring programs at public, underfunded schools with largely minority and immigrant students. At Princeton, she majored in Spanish and Portuguese and minored in Latin American Studies. Julie has studied abroad in Buenos Aires and La Habana and interned in Madrid at the Spanish National Research Council. Last summer, she interned at the New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG), with the Immigration Protection Unit. Ultimately, Julie plans to attend law school and specialize in immigration or international law. She hopes to pursue her interest and passion for social justice and community outreach as a fellow at Coalition for Hispanic Family Services.



Monica Magalhaes '17, [Vital HealthCare Capital](#)

Monica Magalhaes is from Newark, New Jersey. At Princeton, she majored in Psychology and minored in Global Health and Health Policy as well as Gender and Sexuality Studies. She has always had a particular interest in the humanization of health care, especially in terms of caring for vulnerable populations. During her time at Princeton, Monica volunteered with several international organizations exploring different health care delivery systems. She is excited to continue pursuing this interest as a fellow at Vital Healthcare Capital, where she hopes to learn more about the financial and development aspects of providing quality healthcare.



John Marsh '17, [New York District Attorney's Office](#)

Jack Marsh is from Princeton, New Jersey. He has a strong interest in criminal justice, and has volunteered with the Petey Greene Program as a tutor, Centurion as a Caseworker, and most recently, Incarcerated Voices as a Writing Editor. At Princeton, he majored in Philosophy with a focus on normative ethics. He is excited to work and gain exposure to the public sector as a fellow at the New York District Attorney's Office.

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# New York

## Colleen O’Gorman ’17, [All In Together](#)



Colleen O’Gorman is from San Antonio, Texas. At Princeton, she majored in Politics with certificates in Values & Public Life and Gender & Sexuality Studies. She is passionate about gender equality and ending sexual violence. Colleen has worked extensively to address interpersonal violence, both at Princeton and at the national policy level. She is excited to work towards addressing the gender gap in politics and civic engagement as the Community Manager at All In Together. After completing her P55 Fellowship, Colleen hopes to attend law school.

## Ashley Richards ’17 , [New York District Attorney’s Office](#)



Ashley Richards has lived in Brooklyn, NY and Greenwich, CT, before coming to Princeton to pursue a variety of academic interests. While at Princeton, she chose to combine her interests in literature and economics by majoring in English and minoring in Finance. Ashley is excited to continue to pursue elements of both fields while working as a paralegal in the Major Economic Crimes Bureau of the New York District Attorney’s Office. She is hoping to learn more about the role of the judicial system in promoting social good, particularly through the public sector. During her time at Princeton, Ashley also played on the varsity squash team and joined the Student Athlete Wellness Leadership program to provide support for her team members. She has always loved theater and has performed in several plays and acting projects.

## Piyapat Sinsub ’17, [Housing Development Fund](#)



Poupae Sinsub is from Bangkok, Thailand. At Princeton, she majored in Economics and minored in Chinese Language and Culture. Poupae has been particularly interested in economic development, psychology of genders, Buddhism, and Chinese language. Poupae has served as a peer tutor in Economics at McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning, a Peer Academic Advisor, and the President of Thai Students Association during her time at Princeton. Poupae hopes to apply her academic knowledge for the social good and is excited to work as a fellow at the Housing Development Fund at Stamford, Connecticut in July 2017.

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# New York

## Hannah Srajer '17, [Association to Benefit Children](#)



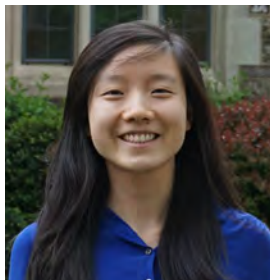
Hannah Srajer is from Oak Park, Illinois. At Princeton, she majored in History and minored in Creative Writing, studying the relationship between education, race, class, and incarceration. During the last four years, Hannah has worked with underserved students involved in the criminal justice system, and believes that alternative, creative education programming can dismantle the school-to-prison pipeline. She has taught poetry classes at prisons through the Prison Elective Project, co-led a Breakout Trip investigating the achievement gap in Alabama, and was a Guggenheim Foundation Fellow in Criminal Justice at the Center for Alternative Sentencing and Employment Services. Hannah is also a proud member of the spoken word poetry group, Ellipses, and a member of the Religious Life Council. She brings her commitment to educational justice to the Association to Benefit Children, and is excited to learn more about early education and improving education access for all.

## Jenna Spitzer '17, [City Year](#)



Jenna Spitzer grew up in New York City, and after spending a gap year researching women's health in Varanasi, India, helping organize sports camps for refugee girls in Amman, Jordan, and working for the New York affiliate of the U.S. Green Building Council in NYC, she joined the Princeton University Class of 2017. At Princeton, Jenna explored her interests in morality, social and environmental justice by majoring in Philosophy and minoring in Environmental Studies, Humanistic Studies, and Values and Public Life. While at Princeton, Jenna also lead the daily meditation group, a weekly discussion group on human values and current affairs, and co-taught a Philosophy course in nearby correctional facilities. She is excited to use her appreciation for learning and philosophical exploration to encourage students to realize their own academic and personal potential while working as a fellow through City Year NYC. In this capacity, Jenna hopes to learn more about public education and the ways in which society can enable its citizens to acquire the relevant knowledge and skills to live healthy and happy lives.

## Alice Tao '17, [New York Center For Child Development](#)



Alice Tao has lived in Chengdu and Jinhua, China; Memphis, TN; Houston, TX; and Sioux Falls, SD. She majored in Neuroscience with a certificate in Cognitive Science at Princeton, but she is also very interested in linguistics, visual arts, and chemistry. On campus, Alice conducted neuroscience research investigating the role of the cerebellum in neural circuit development, and she particularly enjoyed interacting with children either through education outreach with Princeton University Chemistry Outreach Program or hanging out with her buddies through Best Buddies. She is excited to work as part of the incredible team at New York Center for Child Development to address critical issues in child development by engaging parents and the community.

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# New York

## Durva Trivedi '17, [Rockefeller Foundation](#)



Durva Trivedi was born in India and grew up in Naperville, Illinois. At Princeton, she majored in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs with a certificate in South Asian Studies. She also danced, wrote news for the Prince, was an RCA, and was involved with Princeton Hindu Satsangam. She is passionate about service, storytelling, and social justice. Durva is excited to have the opportunity to work at the Rockefeller Foundation during her fellowship year.

## Hannah Vester '17, [New York District Attorney's Office](#)



Hannah Vester was born in Germany and grew up in Boston, Massachusetts. Before coming to Princeton, she spent a year in Varanasi, India as part of Princeton's Bridge Year Program. At Princeton, she majored in Politics with minors in Political Economy and History & the Practice of Diplomacy. She also enjoyed volunteering with Petey Greene, a tutoring program for incarcerated individuals. She is excited to experience a new facet of the criminal justice system at the Manhattan District Attorney's Office and hopes to learn more about the legal system and

## Gelilah Yohannes '17, [New York Academy of Medicine](#)



Gelilah Yohannes is from Omaha, NE. At Princeton, she graduated with a B.A. in Molecular Biology and hopes to pursue a career in medicine. She has a special interest in age-related diseases and conducted her senior thesis independent work investigating caloric restriction as an intervention for aging. During her four years, she volunteered with the Ascend Hospice program, which opened her eyes to the importance of end-of-life care. She is very excited to work with New York Academy of Medicine's Age-Friendly initiative and to help ameliorate the isolation of seniors in NYC. Apart from academics, Gelilah also helped in founding Princeton Ethiopian and Eritrean Students Association (PEESA) and served extensively as a leader in faith groups, Princeton Faith in Action and Worship House, as a vocalist and pianist.

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# Washington, DC

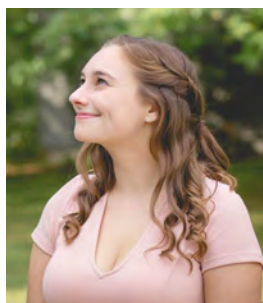
This year, six Fellows will be working at five different partner organizations in Washington, DC. Organizations include: Aeras, CityBridge Foundation, College Summit, Humanity United, and Partners for the Common Good. Area Committee Chairs are Tom Graham '55 and Amber Petty '14.

## Salwa Ahmad '17, Aeras



Salwa Ahmad is from Dale City, Virginia, and is one of five children. As an undergraduate at Princeton, Salwa majored in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, and pursued certificates in Global Health and Health Policy as well as Near Eastern Studies. Through her independent work, Salwa was able to intertwine her interests by investigating the health barriers Syrian refugee women faced in Jordan. During her time at Princeton, she engaged with the campus community by serving on the Student Health Advisory Board, representing the Global Health Program, and working in the Office of Religious Life. Salwa cares deeply about global and public health, human rights, public service, nonprofit work, and community engagement. She is ready to venture into the global health field and looks forward to working at Aeras during her fellowship year.

## Tess Bissell '17, College Summit



Tess Bissell is from Pittsfield, Massachusetts. At Princeton she majored in Comparative Literature with a certificate in Humanistic Studies, and spent much of her time volunteering and working as an advocate for education equity. Her work including tutoring in prisons, serving as a college counselor to low-income, first generation youth, and overseeing Princeton's broader student volunteer community as co-chair of the Pace Center's Student Volunteers Council. She is thrilled to have the opportunity to continue this work as a fellow with College Summit this year. Tess is also a classically trained ballet dancer, and has performed on campus with Expressions Dance Company and the Dance Department.



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# Washington, DC

## Richard Haynes '17, [CityBridge Foundation](#)



Furman Haynes is originally from Nashville, Tennessee. He cares deeply about public service, and is interested in the intersection between domestic politics, technology and social welfare. As a politics major at Princeton, Furman concentrated his on using social science and statistical techniques to understand the institutional capacity of the American government to improve citizens' well-being in the country. He also tutored prison-inmates in entrepreneurship skills, played rugby, and worked as a research assistant for Professor Tali Mendelberg. As a White House Intern in 2016, Furman worked on President Obama's TechHire initiative, which introduced to him a new interest in labor economics and workforce policy. Furman is excited to bring his social science background to CityBridge Education, where he hopes to learn about ways in which the public, private and non-profit sectors can work together to address serious inequities in education.

## Alexandra Mairone '17, [Humanity United](#)



Lexi Mairone is from Cape May Court House, New Jersey. At Princeton, she majored in Religion and minored in Values and Public Life. Lexi also spent a semester in Scotland at the University of St Andrews studying Theology. During her undergraduate career, her main extracurriculars were with Princeton Faith & Action and Princeton Against Sex Trafficking. She has also volunteered with Interfaith-RISE, which provides services to refugees resettled in central New Jersey. Lexi is excited to continue to engage with human rights issues during her placement with Humanity United, where she hopes to learn about strategies for peacebuilding and conflict resolution.

## Hayley Roth '17, [Partners for the Common Good](#)



Hayley Roth is from Memphis, Tennessee. At Princeton, she majored in international affairs at the Woodrow Wilson School and minored in Italian. In 2016, she spent her summer as a journalist in the migrant camps in Athens and Lesbos, Greece, where she cultivated a passion for communicating and fighting against educational and economic injustices. She is thrilled to combine her interests in human rights law and journalism as the Public Policy and Communications Associate at Partners for the Common Good. There, she hopes to have the chance to advance economic opportunity for low-income communities in America's major urban areas. In her free time, Hayley enjoys playing and composing piano pieces, hiking, writing, and painting scenes from nature and the outdoors.

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# Washington, DC

## Anna Walker '17, [Partners for the Common Good](#)



Anna Walker is a Flowery Branch, Georgia native who grew up in a diverse public school system fifty minutes outside Atlanta. At Princeton, she majored in History with a focus on Eastern Europe and nationalism in the post-Soviet world. Anna served the Princeton community by leading groups in the Community Action orientation program for two years, serving as a college counselor and mentor in the College Counseling Program and the Brooklyn College Awareness Program, and tutoring at the Princeton Public Library. Through her term as Vice President of the Cannon Dial Elm eating club, Anna organized the first Eating Club Women's Officer group to promote female leadership on campus and in the eating clubs. She has also served on the Undergraduate Women's Leadership Task Force. After a summer as a PICS intern with the U.S. Forest Service in science communications, she looks forward to using her writing, marketing, and research skills to advance Partners for the Common Good's mission of advancing economic justice and opportunity for low income communities.

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# Continuing Fellows

Project 55 Fellowships are designed to be one-year Fellowships that introduce recent Princeton graduates to the public interest sector. However, it is common for Project 55 Fellows to continue working at their partner organization beyond the fellowship year. The following 2016-17 Project 55 Fellows will participate in the 2017-18 Project 55 Fellowship program.



## Daniela Bartalini '15, [Association to Benefit Children](#)

Daniela Bartalini, was born and raised in New York with her four siblings. Before arriving at Princeton, Daniela took part in the Princeton Bridge Year Program in Varanasi, India. At Princeton, Daniela concentrated in Classics and received a Medieval Studies certificate. She was also an Residential College Advisor in Rockefeller College in her senior year after studying abroad in Rome during her junior spring semester. On campus, Daniela was involved in several service initiatives including organizing the Poverty and Peacemaking Conference. Daniela is excited to continue her Project 55 Fellowship with the Association to Benefit Children and looks forward to exploring the city some more and watching her beloved Yankees and Giants win!



## Kristen Duncan '16, [Regional Primary Care Coalition](#)

Hailing from Dacula, GA, Kristen Duncan is a southern transplant living life in Princeton, NJ. At Princeton, she concentrated in Molecular Biology with a certificate in Neuroscience. She is passionate about health and wellness, and aspires to pursue a career in medicine. Outside of the classroom, she spent most of her time on campus cheerleading (Go Tigers!), coordinating blood drives with SVC American Red Cross, and serving as a Peer Health Adviser. She loves yoga, running, baseball, and football, and cannot wait to call our nation's capital her home!



## Dinara Gabdrakhmanova '16, [OpenBiome](#)

Dinara Gabdrakhmanova was born in Moscow, Russia, and lived there until 2004, when she, her older brother, and her parents moved to Irvine, California. Dinara majored in Spanish and Portuguese Languages and Cultures, and minored in Global Health. At Princeton, she was a Peer Health Adviser, volunteered in the ER department at the UMCPP hospital, was a member of Premeds Without Borders, and an active member and choreographer of BodyHype Dance Company and Raqs Dance Company. Aside from dancing, Dinara loves to travel and meet new people, and with the generous support of Princeton, had the opportunity to take a Princeton Spanish class for six weeks in Buenos Aires, studied abroad in Barcelona for four months, spent ten weeks interning at a global health organization in Madrid, and returned to Madrid for a week to conduct interviews for her senior thesis research. She is extremely excited to move to Boston, a city she has heard so many good things about and to learn about microbiome research and help people suffering from a recurrent C.diff infection via her work as a clinical outreach associate at OpenBiome. She also hopes she will get an opportunity to continue practicing her Spanish on the job.

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# Continuing Fellows



Colby Hyland '16, [UCSF](#)

Colby Hyland was born and raised in Leicester, Massachusetts, and has two older brothers and a younger sister. He majored in Molecular Biology at Princeton, where his thesis work involved studying the maintenance of polarity in the mammalian skin. He received a Certificate in Dance and was very active in dance at Princeton. He served as artistic director of diSiac Dance Company and was a member and choreographer of Princeton University Ballet. He plans to attend medical school in the near future and is extremely excited about working in clinical research and patient care at UCSF this coming year.



Sydney Kersten '16, [Hospital for Special Surgery](#)

Sydney Kersten grew up in Spokane, Washington and is the oldest of three sisters. She majored in English, also following the pre-health track. At Princeton she was a part of the Women's Varsity Golf Team, Athletes in Action, and volunteered with various organizations in the community. She also served as a Student Athlete Wellness Leader, acting as a liaison between her teammates and various resources on campus. She is excited to move into New York City and begin research at the Hospital for Special Surgery, and hopes to donate even more time to serving the community.



Aliisa Lee '16, [International Schools Services](#)

Aliisa Lee has always enjoyed telling stories and drawing, so majoring in English and minoring in Visual Arts at Princeton has been a beautiful extension of those passions. Next year, she is excited to take her love of youth, education, and international experience to International Schools Services. While most of Aliisa's childhood was spent growing up with her five siblings in sunny Hawaii, she finished her last two years of high school with a move to Bahrain. Her family has continued to move since her high school graduation, so her flights "home" from college have taken her mainly around Southeast Asia. In her free time, Aliisa loves to read, blog, paint digitally ([aliisalee.com](#)), and Skype with the people she loves who are scattered around the world.



Yessica Martinez '15, [Coalition for Hispanic Family Services](#)

Yessica Martinez was born in Medellin, Colombia and migrated to Queens, NY when she was 10 years old. She is a graduate from the departments of Comparative Literature and Creative Writing. Her creative thesis was a book of poems on borders and migration inspired by her experiences as an undocumented migrant and her travels along the US-Mexico border. She is currently completing a year long fellowship in Medellin where she is exploring the role of the arts in community transformations while facilitating poetry, literature and hip-hop workshops for children and youth. She is excited to begin her job as an arts and literacy teacher with the Coalition for Hispanic Family Services because it will allow her to continue developing her skills as an artist and educator. She is considering an MFA in creative writing and/or a PhD in Spanish literature.



## Virginia Midkiff '16, [National Equity Fund](#)

Virginia Midkiff grew up in the small town of Center, Texas before attending Princeton. She majored in Religion, with a special focus on Christian ethics and treatment of the mentally and physically disabled. Throughout her time at Princeton, Virginia worked with individuals with disabilities through organizations such as Best Buddies and Princeton Disabilities Awareness. She hopes to continue her work with the disabled and disability awareness in her postgraduate life. She is passionate about service, traveling, art and eating delicious food, and is very excited about all the opportunities her time in Chicago, under the National Equity Fund, will provide towards these interests.



## Cameron Ruffa '16, [District Attorney for New York](#)

Cameron Ruffa is from Darien, Connecticut. At Princeton, she majored in History and received a certificate in American Studies. For the past year, she has worked at the New York County District Attorney's Office as a Project 55 Fellow. She is passionate about the pursuit of justice and extremely excited to continue her Project 55 Fellowship for another year. In the future, she hopes to attend law school and eventually practice law.

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## 2017-18 Partner Organizations

We encourage you to learn more about the partner organizations that will be hosting Project 55 Fellows for the 2017 -18 program year.

Aeras	International Schools Services
All In Together	Mass General Hospital
Aspire Public Schools	New Alternatives for Children
Association to Benefit Children	New Community
Brooklyn Defender Services	New Markets Support Co.
Burke Foundation	New York Academy of Medicine
Carole Robertson Center for Learning	New York Center for Child Development
Center for Economic Progress	New York District Attorney
Chicago Volunteer Legal Services	North Lawndale Employment Network
CityBridge Foundation	OpenBiome
CityYear	Partners for the Common Good
Coalition for Hispanic Family Services	Princeton AlumniCorps
College Summit	Princeton University, Princeton Internships in the Civic Services
Community Group	Reach Out and Read
EmNet	Readworks
Greater Oakland Public Schools	Regional Primary Care Coalition
Hospital for Special Surgery	Rockefeller Foundation
Housing Development Fund	Sinai Community Institute
Humanity United	UCSF, Carol Franc Buck Breast Care Center
Illinois State Board of Education	Vital HealthCare Capital





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