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Kathleen Baireuther

Creative Connections International Exchanges Fellow

B.A., Political and Social Thought; Spanish; minor: Latin American Studies
University of Virginia
Hometown: Lancaster, PA

Kathleen graduated from the University of Virginia with high distinction in 2006 where she studied Political and Social Thought, Spanish, and Latin American Studies. She spent the summers of 2004 and 2005 in Ecuador working with NGOs on outreach initiatives and conducting interviews in Amazonian villages. An active member of the University Guide Service and Resident Staff, Kathleen also managed the Alternative Spring Break at U.Va. and led service trips to the Dominican Republic (2004) and Ecuador (2006). In 2005, she created a service learning program for 21 participants of Alternative Spring Break trips. Her thesis, “*Service Learning in Higher Education: Re-Directing the Debate,*” reflects her academic growth as a result of this experience as well as her interest in holistic approaches to education as a means for generating a more engaged citizenry.



Ayana Boswell

B.A., Sociology, minor: Spanish
Spelman College
Hometown: Wilmington, DE

A passionate commitment to community empowerment led Ayana to American University’s Transforming Communities Internship Program where she analyzed social policy initiatives and facilitated HIV/AIDS counseling sessions for women ex-offenders at OurPlaceDC. Her interest in alleviating the consequences of gender and racial inequality prompted Ayana’s study of patriarchal gender constructs, cultural beliefs, and the AIDS epidemic among black women which was cited as “Best Senior Thesis” in her department. In 2005, Ayana traveled to South Africa as part of the International Human Rights Exchange program and examined the legal discourse and practice of human rights as a catalyst for social change.



Abby Cook-Mack

B.A., History
Yale University
Hometown: New York, NY

Abby’s commitment to social and economic justice was influenced by her upbringing in New York City, where she attended public schools and was exposed to the city’s ethnic, racial and economic diversity. As a history major at Yale, she wrote her thesis about Lincoln Square’s redevelopment, focusing on conflicts between residents and developers and their different visions for the future of New York City. While at Yale, Abby worked in New Haven’s public schools as a mentor with Women and Youth Supporting Each Other, a program that works with female students to examine a range of issues, including race, sex, justice and body image. She also spent semesters studying abroad in Bolivia and Spain. In 2003, Abby joined the staff of State Senate Deputy Minority Leader Eric Schneiderman. Working as community liaison and then as Special Assistant to the Senator, she campaigned to expand access to emergency contraception, raise the state minimum wage, and ensure fair funding for New York City’s schools.





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Elliot Epstein

B.A., Psychology
Brown University
Hometown: Chicago, IL

Born and raised in Chicago, IL, Elliot graduated Magna Cum Laude from Brown University where he earned a degree in psychology. While at Brown, Elliot was a Residential Counselor, a Peer Career Counselor, and a tour guide. Elliot also facilitated a confidential support group and volunteered at a local suicide hotline. Outside of Providence, Elliot has interned at the Ounce of Prevention Fund, a Head Start organization Chicago, and at the LGBT Community Center in New York City. In his junior year, Elliot received a Royce Fellowship grant to do consulting work for Rhode Island's Department of Children, Youth, & Families on how to improve their practices for investigating allegations of child abuse. In his spare time, Elliot enjoys playing tennis, reading, and travel—most recently to Costa Rica, where he lead a service-learning trip for high school students in the summer of 2006.



Miranda Galindo

B.A., Public Policy and American Institutions
Brown University
Hometown: Arcata, CA

Miranda credits her parents with inspiring her lifelong commitment to social justice, the prioritization of living an examined life and being a powerful voice for the underserved continues to inform her decision making to this day. As a Public Policy and International Affairs Fellow at UC Berkeley Miranda built upon these principals by developing a dedication to serving underrepresented communities through public policy. Miranda feels privileged to have worked closely with immigrants in California, abused girls in India, oppressed indigenous communities in Chiapas, and incarcerated juveniles in Rhode Island, because she wants to effect institutional change as someone with an in-depth understanding of the communities she struggles for.



Evan George

B.A., English; minor American Studies
Hobart College
Hometown: Brooklyn, NY

At Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Evan found a passion for language and how people understand their communities during his experience working at The Finger Lakes Times. Evan then lived in Belfast, Northern Ireland where he worked with a cross-community organization. His experience at Camp Dudley led him to work in education and from 2002 - 2004 Evan was an English, Writing Workshop and Public Speaking teacher at The Winchendon School. In 2005, Evan moved back to New York City to work at WISE-Working In Support of Education, Inc., an educational not-for-profit for social entrepreneurship and financial literacy program.





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Michael D. Klinger

Zimbabwe AIDS Project Fellow
B.A., English
Cornell University
Hometown: Morristown, NJ

Michael graduated cum laude from Cornell University in May of 2006, having supplemented his English studies with concentrations of Law and Society, Postmodern Literature, and Narrative Writing. Prior to studying at Cornell, Michael sat on the Board of Trustees for the United Way of Morris County, where he coordinated a data-collection project aimed at measuring the success of local substance-abuse programs receiving United Way funding. While at Cornell, he taught English Composition and Creative Writing to inmates at Auburn Penitentiary as a volunteer with Cornell's Educational Outreach Program. Michael has been named a Cornell Tradition Fellow in recognition of his academic performance, campus leadership, and community involvement. His current interests involve nonprofit administration, and exploring alternatives to incarceration for drug offenders. An aspiring novelist and avid fencer, Michael was a member of the Cornell Men's Fencing national championship team of 2004, and captained the team to a second-place finish in 2006.



Tiffany Lu

Moody's Investors Service Fellow
B.A., History of Science and Medicine
Yale University
Hometown: Fountain Valley, California

Tiffany graduated with distinction from Yale College in May 2006. While at Yale, she coordinated student outreach for Multicultural Recruitment, co-led a mentorship program for Chinese adopted youths, and served on the Minority Advisory Council to the President. In addition, she studied HIV transmission among sex workers as a Yale-China Fellow at the Hong Kong Department of Health, and documented oral histories of HIV/AIDS patients as an Amy Rossborough Fellow at Leeway, Inc. Her interest in public health policy culminated in her thesis titled, "Sharing History: The Origins of Needle Exchange in 20th Century America." Born in Kaohsiung, Taiwan, Tiffany immigrated to Southern California at age ten. Her bi-cultural identity has shaped her passion for meeting diverse needs in the community, which she hopes to carry out as an aspiring physician.



Emily Campbell Perry

B.A., Psychology, Spanish
Williams College
Hometown: Washington D.C.

Emily, a Washington, DC native, believes in community involvement. In college, she served leadership roles in community service and peer-mentoring, and worked as an Emergency Medical Technician and as a caseworker. Emily received a B.A. from Williams College, where she was a Research Assistant, Psychology Scholar, and a double-major in her two passions: Psychology and Spanish. Time in Spain and India, interning for the Red Cross and the Bill & Melinda Gates' Foundation, respectively, has inspired her to pursue a career in Health. Before Coro, Emily worked for non-profit *HelpArgentina* in Buenos Aires, where she added maté and soccer to previous interests-- cooking, running, and yoga.





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Gabe Scheck

B.A., Political Science
Brown University
M.S., Teaching of Social Studies
Columbia University
Hometown: Brooklyn, NY

Gabe has fought for educational equity in public schools as an award-winning middle school teacher in New York City and Oakland, California. He has prepared many novice educators to excel in the classroom as a staff member of Teach for America, a Master Teacher with Summerbridge San Francisco, and an instructor with Alliant International University. Gabe graduated with honors in Political Science from Brown University where he was a research assistant, writing tutor and active participant in many community outreach organizations. As a Coro Fellow, he hopes to find new solutions to the prevalent inequalities that exist in many American communities.



Maxeme Tuchman

Anna Klein Neuman Fellow
B.A., Political Science and International Studies
New College of Florida
Hometown: Miami, FL

Born and raised in Miami, Florida, Maxeme graduated from the state's honors college, with a degree in Political Science and International Studies. She served as President of the Student Government in 2003 and sat on the college's Board of Trustees. Her thesis, titled, "Education as a Tool for Social Justice," was what prompted her to join Teach For America as a High School Government/ Economics teacher in Liberty City. Since the age of fourteen, Maxeme has been involved in several political campaigns and served in organizations for the rights of women and minorities. At 23, Maxeme started Chica Mala Productions to support her work as a photojournalist. After serving as a Fellow, Maxeme will enroll at New York Law School to pursue a JD/MBA.



Romeo N. Ymalay III

B.A., Political Science
Boston College
Hometown: New York, NY

Romeo is a recent graduate of Boston College where he became interested in race relations and international affairs. He collaborated with students and professionals to form dialogues on race relations and identity issues while serving as Chair and National Director of District One of the Filipino Intercollegiate Networking Dialogue, Inc., as President of the Philippine Society of Boston College, and as a student coordinator of the Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Committee at Boston College. In 2005, the Office of the Dean for Student Development at Boston College awarded Romeo a certificate in recognition for his dedicated leadership and service to the Boston College community. Romeo also attended the London School of Economics and Political Science in England studying international law. He interned for the 2005 election campaign of NY City Council Member Daniel Garodnick, and for U.S. Senator John Kerry.

