

Equal Justice Works 2012 Leadership Development Training Alumni, Staff, and Speaker Biographies

Alumni Coaches

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Laila Hlass is a Clinical Teaching Fellow at Georgetown University Law Center, Center for Applied Legal Studies, where she teaches and supervises students serving asylum seekers in removal proceedings. Previously, she served as a Staff Attorney in the Immigration Clinic at Loyola University New Orleans, College of Law, where she advocates for particularly vulnerable immigrations in the Deep South, including survivors of violence, children, and detainees, and as a 2010 Equal Justice America Fellowship to represent low-income immigrants at the Loyola Law Clinic. Before joining Loyola, she was a Staff Attorney/Chadbourn & Parke Fellow at The Door Legal Services, where she provided holistic, legal services to immigrant youth in the New York City metropolitan area. Hlass currently serves on the board of the ACLU of Louisiana. She received her J.D. from Columbia Law School, and her B.A. from Rice University.

Elly Kugler joined OneJustice / Inner City Law Center (ICLC) in 2010 as an Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Legal Fellow. She represents low-income and homeless veterans who have been wrongly denied VA disability benefits. Kugler collaborates with other organizations to eliminate barriers to housing, healthcare, and benefits for homeless veterans. She assists veterans residing in shelters to expunge their criminal records, clear warrants and reduce fines and fees to reduce barriers to employment. Previously, Kugler clerked for the National Employment Law Project and for the immigration firm Van der Hout, Brigagliano & Nightingale. She also worked as an extern at the UCLA Labor Center, as a research assistant to Professors Gary Blasi and Ingrid Eagly, a volunteer with A New Way of Life and with the Central American Resource Center, and as a worker advocate at La Raza Centro Legal in San Francisco; Assistant Director at City at Peace in Washington, DC; a grantwriter for Tenants and Workers United in Virginia; and a worker organizer with the New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice. Kugler received her J.D. from UCLA School of Law and the Epstein Program in Public Interest Law and Policy and her B.A. cum laude from the University of Maryland.

Reilly Morse, a third generation Gulfport, Mississippi attorney, is policy director and co-director of the housing and community development campaign at the Mississippi Center for Justice. He joined the Center as the first 2006 Katrina Equal Justice Works Fellow - after Katrina destroyed his practice. Previously, Morse maintained a solo and public interest practice for nine years, including six years as a municipal prosecutor and judge, and practiced insurance and commercial litigation. He received the 2010 legal award from the Mississippi Conference NAACP and the 2006 Edwin D. Wolf public interest lawyer award from the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. In *Mississippi NAACP v. HUD*, Morse negotiated a three-way settlement with HUD, the State of Mississippi, and housing advocates to create a \$132 million plan to perform disaster housing repairs for thousands of households across 9 counties. He has testified on disaster recovery and fair housing before six Congressional committees and speaks and writes on environmental justice. He is author of "Come On In This House: Advancing Social Equity in Post Katrina Mississippi," a chapter in the book, *Resilience and Opportunity: Lessons from the U.S. Gulf Coast after Katrina and Rita*, Brookings Institution Press, August 2011. Morse is a cofounder of the Steps Coalition and serves on the boards of Hope Community Development Agency and Moore Community House. He is a magna cum laude graduate of Millsaps College and received his law degree from University of Mississippi Law School.

Joy Moses is a Senior Policy Analyst with the Poverty and Prosperity program at the Center for American Progress (CAP). She produces reports and analyses focused on alleviating, preventing, and ending poverty. Her work has covered a broad spectrum of issues including federal safety net programs, access to justice, and tax credits for poor and low income families. Prior to joining CAP, Moses was a children and youth staff attorney at the National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty. The majority of her practice focused on education and other public service needs of homeless students and their families. Moses began her career in 2001 as an Equal Justice Works fellow at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund where she worked on policy and litigation activities related to K-12 education and access to the courts for civil rights plaintiffs. She currently serves on the board of the Washington Council of Lawyers, an organization promoting pro bono and public interest advocacy as a means of ensuring equal justice for low-income residents of the District of Columbia. She received her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center and a B.A. from Stanford University.

Zoe Paolantonio served as the Equal Justice Works Fellow at the Northeastern University Domestic Violence Institute (DVI) from 2009-2011. The DVI is a community based effort to place lawyers and law students around the Boston where victims of domestic violence first turn for help. Through her project, Paolantonio built the DVI's first full time legal practice in the Emergency Department of Boston Medical Center and provided a range of crisis intervention and legal services to victims seeking assistance at the hospital including restraining order advocacy and family, criminal, public benefits and public housing law. She is currently serving as a Staff Attorney at Whitman Walker Health's Max Robinson Center, in Washington, DC, where she practices public benefits and health law for the low income LGBT community and people living with HIV and AIDS.

Laurie Parise is Founder and Executive Director of Youth Represent, an innovative model for juvenile justice in New York City. The mission of the organization is to improve the lives of young people by offering comprehensive quality juvenile criminal and civil reentry legal representation, as well as policy advocacy. In 2006, she was awarded an Echoing Green fellowship to create Youth Represent. In 2008, Youth Represent received a Union Square Award in recognition of the organization's grass roots activism. In 2010, Parise was selected by NY One as "NY'er of the Week" for her work with at risk youth. She is a graduate of Columbia University and Brooklyn Law School where she earned an Edward V. Sparer Public Interest Fellowship Award. Nominated by Equal Justice Works, she was the first recipient of the Lexis /Nexis Marindale Hubbell Legal Fellowship. As a 2004 Equal Justice Works Fellow, Parise created and implemented a youth reentry project at the Legal Action Center.

Lauren Peach, a 2010 Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Legal Fellow, is a Staff Attorney and Helpline Coordinator for the Senior Citizens Law Project of Vermont Legal Aid, in Burlington, VT. She previously served as the coordinating attorney of the Veterans Project at the Northwest Justice Project in Seattle, WA. Peach created this project from the ground up, providing outreach to veteran organizations and their service providers, including trainings and legal clinics; taking individual client cases and referring cases to partner organizations and pro bono attorneys; working with law students to support their development and increase project capacity; and technical support to NJP advocates on veterans legal issues. In 2012, she coordinated an AmeriCorps Service Project, hosting six visiting Equal Justice Works AmeriCorps Fellows and serving 50 veterans in three days. She wrote the "Representing WA Veterans" Manual as a guide on legal issues and cultural competency for legal aid attorneys. Before law school, she was a HIV/AIDS Peace Corps Volunteer in Namibia.

Laura F. Redman is a Staff Attorney at the National Center for Law and Economic Justice (NCLEJ), where she litigates federal and state class action cases seeking systemic reform in the public benefits system. Redman also performs research projects for Matrix Chambers (the UK's leading civil and human rights barrister chambers) on the use of domestic and European law and international human rights instruments in a variety of areas. As a 2006 Equal Justice Works Fellow, Redman established NCLEJ's Access to Medicaid Project, which focused on pursuing impact litigation seeking systemic change in the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance programs throughout the country. She also clerked in the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, Staff Attorneys' Office. She served on the Board of Trustees at the Albert Kennedy Trust, a UK-based non-profit that provides supportive services to lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth who would otherwise be homeless or living in a hostile environment. Redman is currently a member of the New York City Bar Association Sex and the Law Committee and is a former member of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Rights Committee. She graduated from Northeastern University School of Law; has an M.A. in Gender Studies from Birkbeck College, University of London; and is a graduate of American University.

Maureen van Stone, a 2008 Equal Justice Works Fellow, is an attorney with Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service and the director of Project HEAL (Health, Education, Advocacy and Law) at Kennedy Krieger Institute (KKI). She represents low-income patients and families at

KKI in matters related to the delivery of special education and related services in the public school system, as well as family law, public benefits, and housing. VanStone is also the Associate Director of the Maryland Center for Developmental Disabilities at KKI. Prior to law school, she worked as a clinician on the Neurobehavioral Unit in the Department of Behavioral Psychology at KKI for six years. VanStone earned a bachelor's degree in psychology at the University of Southern California, a master's degree in developmental psychology at The Johns Hopkins University, and a Juris Doctor at Whittier Law School, with a concentration on children's legal issues.

Steve Virgil is the Director of the Community Law and Business Clinic, and an Associate Clinical Professor of Law at Wake Forest University School of Law. He has practiced law for nearly 20 years with an emphasis on community economic development and the nonprofit sector. Virgil's clients include nonprofit organizations of all sizes and scope, and he maintains an active pro bono public interest litigation practice. He also serves as the founding Director of the Institute for Public Engagement at Wake Forest University; a university-wide institute that promotes community based participatory research and engaged teaching across Wake Forest University. Previously, Virgil taught at another law school for several years and practiced law in Cleveland, Ohio and Omaha, Nebraska. He clerked for the Honorable George W. White, Chief Judge, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio, is a former legal aid lawyer, an 2001 Equal Justice Fellow and a recipient of the Joseph Branch teaching award.

Amy Vruno, a 2002 Equal Justice Works Fellow, is the Lead Organizer/ Executive Director with the Washington Interfaith Network (WIN), an affiliate of the Industrial Areas Foundation. WIN is the largest citywide, multiracial, multifaith, non-partisan citizens power organization in the District of Columbia with 55 member congregations, unions, and community based non-profits. At WIN, she has trained thousands of leaders in the tools for effective democratic action and has lead campaigns that have resulted in millions of dollars in renovation, permanent supportive housing, the allocation of the only piece of public land downtown dedicated to become a model project for supportive housing in the view of the U.S. Capitol building, among other victories. WIN is currently working on campaigns to mobilize tens of thousands of voters in DC around an agenda of affordable housing, ending chronic and youth homelessness in DC, to create a pipeline of green jobs, and numerous other community lead initiatives. Before WIN, Vruno was an Equal Justice Works Fellow/ Attorney at the Employment Justice Center, where she represented individual clients, crafted policy proposals and legislation, and organized clients around a campaign that achieved payment of \$3 million in back medical bills and legislation to reform the public sector workers compensation program. She has a J.D. from Columbia Law School, and summa cum laude B.A. from the University of Minnesota.

Morgan Williams is a 2008 Equal Justice Works Fellow and New Orleans native. He is the Director of Enforcement and Investigations with the National Fair Housing Alliance, where he coordinates a national civil rights docket and provides technical assistance to local and regional fair housing offices across the country. Previously, Williams served as General Counsel at the Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center, working with low-income, disabled New Orleans residents to access housing. He received the Effective Leadership Fellowship from the

Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy at Duke University and the Rockefeller Foundation Redevelopment Fellowship from the Center for Urban Redevelopment Excellence at the University of Pennsylvania, and he serves on the adjunct faculty of Loyola Law School in New Orleans and American University Washington College of Law. Williams graduated with a B.A. in Environmental Studies at Oberlin College, and with a J.D., magna cum laude, from Tulane Law School.

Julia R. Wilson is a 1999 Equal Justice Works Fellow and currently serves as the Executive Director of OneJustice and the Legal Aid Association of California (LAAC). As Executive Director of the sister organizations, she is responsible for leading statewide advocacy efforts on behalf of the legal services and pro bono delivery systems, undertaking multiple statewide strategic planning initiatives, and serving as the legal services community's liaison to key access to justice partners. Wilson is active in numerous national and statewide collaborations relevant to OneJustice and LAAC's work. She was named one of the 2012 Top 100 Lawyers in California by the Daily Journal for her leadership at OneJustice and received a 2010 CLAY (California Lawyer of the Year) Award from California Lawyer magazine for her work at LAAC on the successful passage of AB 590 (Feuer), which created the Shriver Civil Counsel Act to increase representation for low-income Californians in civil matters affecting basic life necessities.

Staff Biographies

With nearly 30 years of experience in public interest law, **David Stern** has helped develop Equal Justice Works into the nation's leading organization in creating public interest law opportunities. Originally joining the organization to launch the now tremendously successful Equal Justice Works Fellowship program, Stern has served as Executive Director for the past 17 years and quadrupled the size and impact of Equal Justice Works. With an unwavering dedication to public interest law, he has continued to be an inspiration to each fellow that embarks on the journey of serving the underprivileged and continues to push the legal world to lend a hand to those who are casualties of an unjust legal system.

After graduating from Union College, Stern entered Georgetown University Law School, where he was immediately drawn to public interest law. After receiving his law degree, he clerked for two federal judges in Baltimore, Maryland before working at a public interest law firm where he learned first-hand the importance of equal justice. Realizing public interest law was his calling, Stern joined Equal Justice Works, then known as the National Association for Public Interest Law (NAPIL), to establish a postgraduate fellowship program. Under his leadership, the organization has grown to include several diverse initiatives, including the Equal Justice Works and AmeriCorps fellowship programs, which currently have almost 140 active fellows serving in 26 states as well as the District of Columbia; Summer Corps, which allows law students to experience the benefits of performing public interest law over summer break; the Public Defender Corps, a partnership with Southern Public Defender Training Center to elevate the quality of the public defender system; and expanding Equal Justice Works' resources to include

student debt relief advice, a guide to law schools and public interest programs, and tools to promote public interest law opportunities on campuses across the country.

Isaac Bowers is a Senior Program Manager in the Communications and Outreach Unit, responsible for the organization's educational debt relief initiatives. An expert on educational debt relief, Isaac writes a weekly blog for U.S. News, conducts monthly webinars for a wide range of audiences, advises employers, law schools and professional organizations, and works with Congress and the Department of Education on Federal legislation and regulations. Prior to joining Equal Justice Works, he was a Fellow at Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger LLP in San Francisco, where he represented citizen groups and local agencies in environmental litigation and land use and planning issues. Isaac received his J.D. from New York University School of Law. You may reach him by calling 202-466-3686 x105 or by e-mail at ibowers@equaljusticeworks.org.

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Sally Carlson is the Director of Communications and Outreach, overseeing communications, law school relations and educational debt and outreach programs. Previously, she was the Director of Communications for Kidsave International, a non-profit organization dedicated to finding permanent families for older orphans and children living in foster care. Before relocating to Washington, Carlson lived in Massachusetts where she ran her own consulting company for 15 years, providing marketing communications expertise to a diverse client list that included Massachusetts General Hospital, Old Mother Hubbard Dog Food, the Essex National Heritage Commission/National Park Service and the Addison Gallery of American Art at Phillips Academy - Andover. Carlson received her B.A. in Communication Studies from the University of Massachusetts - Amherst. You may reach her by calling 202-466-3686 x102 or by e-mail at scarlson@equaljusticeworks.org.

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Susan K. Gurley is the Deputy Director, and a senior executive with expertise in nonprofit management and turnaround, international development, and legal education. She has a reputation for anticipating market shifts, redefining corporate strategies and leading organizations to becoming stronger, more profitable and sustainable businesses. During her career, Gurley has testified before Congress, launched several new programs, grew international trade and membership organizations, and opened new overseas offices. She has held leadership positions in several prominent organizations, including: Senior Alliance Advisor and Senior Legal Reform Advisor for the United States Agency for International Development, Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer for the Association of Corporate Travel Executives, Assistant Dean of International and Graduate Programs and Adjunct Faculty Member at the Georgetown University Law Center. Gurley earned a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law and speaks French, Hungarian and German. You may reach her by calling 202-466-3686 x119 or by e-mail at sgurley@equaljusticeworks.org.

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Sterling Morriss is a Fellowship Sponsor Relations Specialist. She recently graduated from Georgetown University Law Center, where her passion for nonprofit management and fundraising was forged through volunteer work with an annual fundraising event benefiting the Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless. While in law school, she spent three semesters as a law clerk at the Department of Commerce's Office of General Counsel, researching the constitutionality of Decennial Census methods and crafting Departmental policy on the effect of green technology on comparative international economies. Prior to law school, Morriss held various positions with other foundations and nonprofits, primarily with a focus on the arts. She graduated summa cum laude from Southern Methodist University with a Degree in Art History in her native city of Dallas, Texas. You may reach her by calling 202-466-3686 x101 or by e-mail at smorriss@equaljusticeworks.org.

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Patricia Reilly is the Associate Director of Fellowships and Advancement for Equal Justice Works. She practiced communications law at Kirkland & Ellis and Wiley, Rein & Fielding, both in Washington, DC, for many years. Subsequently she directed the fundraising and communications operations of Norwood School in Bethesda, Maryland, where she also served as a trustee and Board Chair. While practicing law, Reilly served as an officer of the Federal Communications Bar Association, chaired the ABA's Forum on Communications Law, and was a member of the ABA House of Delegates. Reilly's previous public interest experience includes working as a summer intern for DNA-Legal Services on the Navajo Reservation in Window Rock, Arizona. She received a B.A. from Mount Holyoke College and a J.D. from Harvard Law School. You may reach her by calling 202-466-3686 x117 or via e-mail at preilly@equaljusticeworks.org.

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David Simmons is the Director of Fellowships and Advancement. He previously worked as a development director at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities and the American Constitution Society. Prior to these positions, Simmons worked at Equal Justice Works from 1998 to 2007 serving as the Chief Operating Officer and Vice President of Development. During this period, the organization grew from an annual budget of \$2.5 million to \$9.2 million. He has nearly 25 years of experience raising funds for various nonprofits in Washington, DC and political candidates. Simmons is originally from Iowa where he earned his BA in history from Briar Cliff University and currently serves on the Board of Trustees of the university. You may reach him by calling 202-466-3686 x115 or by e-mail at dsimmons@equaljusticeworks.org.

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Speaker Biographies

Joey Coleman is the founder and Chief Experience Composer at Design Symphony - a customer experience branding firm that uses marketing and design to help improve the experience customers, prospects, donors, and members have with an organization. His clients range from "kitchen table" start-ups to large, well-known entities like NASA, the Save Darfur Coalition, and Zappos.com. Coleman is a recognized expert in customer experience design, a regular speaker at national conferences, and has taught business and creativity courses at both the college and graduate school level. Recent appearances include the George Washington University Masters in Business Administration Program, the Microsoft Small and Medium Business Partner Alliance, and the M.I.T. Sloan School of Management. Coleman currently

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Caroline Herbert is the Manager of Multimedia and On-Demand Training at the Foundation Center. She is responsible for designing, implementing and delivering training programs through the Foundation Center's web site. Since joining the Foundation Center's Washington, DC office in 1998, Herbert also served as senior training coordinator and reference librarian, and technology specialist. Prior to joining the Center, she spent over five years working in nonprofit organizations as an administrative director and as a fundraiser for the Ounce of Prevention Fund in Chicago. Herbert currently serves as a member of the selection committee for The Washington Post Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Management, her fifth year volunteering in this capacity. She holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and a Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

Kim B. Patton is the Training Coordinator at the Foundation Center in Washington, DC. As Training Coordinator, she is responsible for creating, managing and delivering training programs for the Washington, DC center. Prior to joining the center in 2007, Kim worked as a non-profit director, fundraiser and grant maker for over twenty years with organizations such as Hawaii Public Television, the Council on Foundations and the National Endowment for the Arts. She has a law degree from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communications from the University of Cincinnati.

Mark Shields has more than a decade of experience within mission-driven organizations leading strategic communications, media relations, branding, social media outreach and crisis communications. He served as a leader in communications at the Human Rights Campaign, the largest national gay and transgender political organization. He has a proven ability to work with key political and opinion leaders across the political spectrum to help deliver messages and strategically reach target audiences. Shields also brings extensive background as a strategist to the Spitfire team. As a consultant for the Center for American Progress, he co-authored a chapter of Change for America: A Progressive Blueprint, which was published during the Obama administration's transition, and helped to create fundraising and planning materials for a new initiative. Shields has also developed social media strategies – including an effort for the National Park Foundation, where he was communications director, which more than doubled the

organization's Facebook audience to more than 10,000 members in less than six months. He is graduate of Marquette University with a B.A. in Broadcasting and Electronic Communications.