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HUMANITY IN ACTION INTERNATIONAL STAFF

Judith S. Goldstein
Founder and Executive Director

Judith S. Goldstein founded Humanity in Action in 1997 and has served as its Executive Director ever since. Under Judith’s leadership, Humanity in Action has organized educational programs on international affairs, diversity and human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, France, Germany, Poland, the Netherlands and the United States. She received her PhD in history from Columbia University and was a Woodrow Wilson Scholar for her MA studies. Judith has written several books and articles about European and American history, art and landscape architecture. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and several boards and advisory groups. Judith grew up in Great Neck, Long Island.

Robert “Bob” Viola
Chief Financial Officer (New York)

Bob Viola is a broadly skilled manager of financial operations, treasury and information technology and a seasoned corporate strategist. He is a proven team leader with outstanding cost control and problem solving abilities. He is a Certified Public Accountant in the State of New York and has more than 30 years experience as a senior financial executive in the consumer products industry with such companies as Elizabeth Arden, Faberge and Shiseido Cosmetics. Bob is a graduate of St. John’s University with a BA in accounting. He is married, father of four daughters and resides in East Williston, New York. Bob is an avid baseball fan (with particular emphasis on the New York Mets). He also enjoys golf and spending time with family activities.

Anthony Chase
Director of Programs (New York)

Anthony Chase serves as Director of Programs at Humanity in Action in New York City. He oversees a number of initiatives, including the Diplomacy and Diversity Fellowship, the annual New York Conference, the John Lewis Fellowship and the Philanthropy and Social Enterprise Fellowship. Previously, he worked for Bibliothèques Sans Frontières in Paris and now serves on the Board of Directors of the organization’s US branch, Libraries Without Borders. Anthony is a graduate of the University of Michigan and a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (France 2011). He grew up in Kalamazoo, Michigan.
Ryan Gayman  
Coordinator of Outreach and Admissions (New York)  

Ryan is Humanity In Action’s Coordinator of Outreach and Admissions. Ryan holds a BA in anthropology and urban studies from the University of Pittsburgh. From researching conflict between Somali Bantu and African American youth in public schools to studying ethnographically women’s rights, education and access to clean water issues in rural Tanzania, he has sought to understand lived experiences of and practical solutions to inequality. Previously, Ryan founded and directed the Office of Academic Community Engagement at the University of Pittsburgh Honors College and served in the office of Congressmember Karen Bass as a Lantos-Humanity in Action Congressional Fellow. He is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (France 2012).

Anna Nelson-Daniel  
Coordinator of Senior Fellow Programs and Development (New York)  

Anna Nelson-Daniel is Humanity in Action's Coordinator of Senior Fellow Programs and Development. Anna has worked with Tate Modern and Chelsea College of Arts as a special lecturer of postgraduate art theory. In 2014 she graduated with her master's degree in fine arts from Chelsea College of Arts in London. Anna also holds a BA in art history and visual arts with minor studies in global health, culture, and society from Emory University. Her artwork often reflects on issues of identity and place as they relate to social conflict. In addition to her art practice, Anna has helped to facilitate creative programs with organizations internationally, including PAN Intercultural Arts in London and Wola Nani in Cape Town. She is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Denmark 2013).

Veronica Agard  
Program Associate (New York)  

As Humanity in Action's Program Associate, Veronica is the main line of support for the New York office's operations, accounting, communications and other administrative tasks. She is a 2014 graduate of City College of New York (CUNY) with a BA in international studies and history. Through archival research at the Centro de Investigaciones Regionales de Mesoamerica (CIRMA), she completed her undergraduate thesis on the complex histories of sexual assault and violence against women in post-conflict Guatemala. Her writing has been featured in The Grio, For Harriet, Mic and other publications. Veronica is a co-founder of the Sister Circle
Collective, a transnational feminist grassroots organization based in New York.

**Antje Scheidler**  
International Director of European Programs and National Director (Humanity in Action Germany) (Berlin)

Antje Scheidler has been with Humanity in Action since 2002, when she became Program Director of the, then new, German program. She also oversees the European programs of Humanity in Action. Antje was born in East Germany and has lived for almost her entire life in Berlin, where she experienced the fall of the Berlin Wall as a teenager. Antje studied English and American studies and social sciences at Humboldt University Berlin and the University of Toronto and became very interested in immigration related issues and matters of social cohesion. She was a researcher at Humboldt University in the Department of Demography from 2000-2007 and an editor-in-chief of the newsletter Migration and Population from 2000-2011.

**Cynthia Bunton**  
Program Director, Lantos-Humanity in Action Congressional Fellowship (Washington, DC)

Cynthia R. Bunton is President of CRBI LCC, a global consultancy. As a Foreign Service Officer, Bunton’s responsibilities included advising on US interests and managing programs in Latin America, the Middle East, Europe, and Asia and at the United Nations. She spent four years as deputy Political counselor at The Hague with extensive dealings with the EU and International Court of Justice. Bunton also served as Asia director of the International Republican Institute. She has participated in international election observation missions in Asia and Europe, has served as Peer Reviewer for the US Institute of Peace, and served on the Boards of Chatham University and the Washington Network Group. Cynthia serves as the Lantos-Humanity in Action Congressional Fellowship Program Director.
Corinne Arnold
International Conference Coordinator (The Hague)

In 2008 Corinne Arnold became active for Humanity in Action. While living with her family in Washington DC she was responsible for the Lantos-Humanity in Action Congressional Fellowship program on Capitol Hill. Moving back to The Netherlands she remained active for Humanity in Action The Netherlands as a board member, fundraiser and Interim National Director. Currently, she is the Coordinator for the Sixth Annual International Conference in The Hague. Before Corinne moved to Washington, DC, she worked over a decade as a political advisor for several local governments. Next to her work for Humanity in Action, she writes about local democracy issues and works as an independent consultant for city councils and local governments. Corinne holds a master’s degree in political science from the University of Amsterdam.
HUMANITY IN ACTION BOSNIAN STAFF

Elma Mahmutović
National Director, Humanity in Action Bosnia and Herzegovina

Elma Mahmutović was born and raised in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. She studied English language and literature at the Faculty of Philosophy in Sarajevo. Elma spent part of her childhood as a Bosnian refugee in Germany. Due to her strong desire to see her home country successfully transition to democracy with equal rights for all citizens, Elma decided to contribute to building sustainable peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina by offering educational opportunities to new generations of young leaders, who will be the agents of change. To reach that goal, Elma has been working as National Director for Humanity in Action Bosnia and Herzegovina for the last five years. Elma has strong interest in history teaching in divided societies and trans-generational transmission of memory as an obstacle for reconciliation.

Inga Kotlo
Project Coordinator, Humanity in Action Bosnia and Herzegovina

Born and raised in Mostar, Inga obtained her BA degree in Bosnian and English language and literature at University “Džemal Bijedić” in Mostar and a MA degree in human rights and democracy in at University of Sarajevo and University of Bologna. She currently works as a Project Coordinator of Humanity in Action Bosnia and Herzegovina’s project “Encouraging Democratic Values and Active Citizenship Among Youth 2014-2015.” Prior to this, she worked as a Project Assistant and Translator for Human Rights Center in Mostar. In addition, Inga has served as a Delegate Manager for MOSTIMUN, a Coordinator for Bosnia and Herzegovina for “European Rails of Peace,” a Project Manager for the Humanity in Action Action Project “Holocaust Identification Cards Bosnia Herzegovina” and as a Coordinator for the children’s charity organisation “Gifts for All.”
Kerim Somun
Project Coordinator, Humanity in Action Bosnia and Herzegovina

Kerim Somun is the Coordinator for Humanity in Action Bosnia and Herzegovina's project "Historija, Istorija, Povijest – Lessons for Today" and Coordinator for the project, Model International Criminal Court Western Balkans. Over the past seven years, he worked for several national and international organizations such as Educational Center for Human Rights and Democracy, PEP International, Youth Advisory Panel of UNFPA, International Youth Movement, GNRC Bosnia and Herzegovina and also he was a national coordinator of many volunteer networks in Bosnia and Herzegovina. In addition to these engagements, he is actively involved as an external collaborator on the implementation of different programs and projects at several national and international organizations. His trainer skills are specifically focused on decision-making process, peace building, tolerance and youth leadership. He has participated (as an attendee, trainer and lecturer) in more then ninety different trainings, seminars, conferences and professional exchange programs, which improved and fulfill his professional and personal skills and progress, profiling him as a competent trainer and leader. Karim is one of the best students of Faculty of Public Administration of the University in Sarajevo, of which he will graduate from in 2016.
Karcheik Sims-Alvarado  
John Lewis Fellowship Program Director

Dr. Karcheik Sims-Alvarado serves as Program Director for the John Lewis Fellowship at Humanity in Action. Karcheik has devoted nearly twenty years to the scholarship and preservation of African-American history and culture. She is the CEO of Preserve Black America, LLC, a research firm dedicated to documenting the African-American odyssey in the United States and Black Atlantic World. Karcheik has worked in some of the leading museum institutions in Atlanta: National Center for Civil and Human Rights, Atlanta History Center, and Herndon Home Museum. She has also served as a history professor at Agnes Scott College, Clark Atlanta University, Morehouse College, and Georgia State University. Karcheik received a PhD in history from Georgia State University and is currently pursuing a MA degree in museum studies from Harvard University. She is also a multi-recipient of the prestigious National Endowment for Humanities Summer Institute Fellowship with the W.E.B. Du Bois Institute at Harvard University and the Georgia Historical Society.

Mia Ožegović  
Program Associate

Mia Ožegović serves as Humanity in Action’s Program Associate for the John Lewis Fellowship in Atlanta, Georgia. Previously, Mia was the senior level mathematics instructor at North Clayton High School in Atlanta, Georgia teaching AP Statistics, Math IV and Advanced Algebra. As a Teach for America corps member, Mia worked in an underprivileged area in Metro Atlanta helping close the opportunity gap between high and low income students. Prior to becoming a teacher, Mia graduated summa cum laude from Emory University with a major in international studies. During her time at Emory, Mia researched the international response to war crimes in Bosnia, interviewing survivors of the Srebrenica genocide. She continued this research in The Netherlands as a 2014 Humanity in Action Fellow. Additionally, her thesis entitled “State Compliance with the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia,” explores why states comply with international institutions and what implications this has for the future of international criminal courts and international law. A former refugee from Sarajevo, Bosnia, Mia has also worked closely with the refugee population in
Clarkston, Georgia tutoring survivors of war crimes and genocide from around the world.

**Ufuk Kâhya**  
Program Intern

Ufuk Kâhya is a Senior Fellow (Netherlands 2012) and graduated from Tilburg University with a master’s degree in public administration, with a focus on education, equality, and diversity issues in the Netherlands and abroad. He studied international relations and political science in Istanbul and simultaneously worked for the Dutch Consulate-General. During his studies, he worked as a trainer on several youth leadership programs with a focus on personal growth and conflict transformation. In 2010, he was elected as a member of the city council of ’s-Hertogenbosch. In 2014 he got elected local party leader and currently serves as delegation leader in City Council. Ufuk is also a board member of several NGOs. He has worked for the Ministry of Internal Affairs on political participation of youngsters and as a policy strategist for the municipality of Utrecht. He was a 2013 Lantos-Humanity in Action Congressional Fellow, working for Rep. Alcee Hastings. Ufuk currently holds the position of Managing Senior Trainer for United World Colleges, The Netherlands. He is responsible for the management and development of the trainers-team and the programs.

**Raphael Schoeberlein**  
Program Intern

A Colorado native, Raphael has spent the past three years living outside of the United States: first in Vienna, Austria and most recently in Bogota, Colombia. Raphael is now returning to the United States for his senior year of high school. While living in Bogota, Raphael participated in the Colegio Nueva Granada Model United Nations program. He participated in models both in Colombia, and at the Harvard HACIA Democracy XXI in Cancun, Mexico. Model United Nations was an amazing experience and Raphael has won multiple awards including Best Delegation as the delegation of Austria, in the experimental EFAC committee. Raphael’s love of drama has been shown through his participation in the improve club, as well as leading roles in Grease, The Music Man, and The Tempest. Raphael is very excited about the Humanity in Action program and looks forward to getting to know the fellows.
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Ayah Abo-Basha
Washington University in St. Louis

Ayah Abo-Basha graduated summa cum laude from Washington University in St. Louis with a degree in anthropology and political science. Her previous research on Egyptian diaspora engagement as well as Muslims for Ferguson focused on the ways in which transnational identities shape transnational social movements. She is a Phi Beta Kappa scholar, a Gephardt Institute for Public Service Civic Scholar and a Gephardt Social Change Grant alumna. As a student, she co-founded a cultural advocacy group called WashU Foreign Policy Engagement. She also worked abroad in Cairo where she established a schoolroom at the Children’s Cancer Hospital of Egypt. Upon returning to the US, she joined Ashoka Innovators for the Public in Washington D.C. to strengthen diaspora connections between public health activists in the Middle East and the US. She currently mentors a group of Oklahoma Students in Solidarity, which she co-founded in her home state with other student activists.

Victoria Allen
University of Louisville

Born and raised in rural southern Kentucky, Victoria Allen is a rising senior at the University of Louisville with a double major in history and political science with a minor in women’s studies. As the incoming Student Body President at U of L, Victoria is passionate about enhancing the student experience for all students, and advocating for underrepresented student populations. She has interned with the Library of Congress, a women’s nonprofit that seeks to elect women to Democratic office Emerge Kentucky, a top five law firm in Kentucky and is a National Campaign Ambassador for Harvard’s Institute of Politics. In her spare time, Victoria engages in oral and local history projects, focusing on the rural communities in the Upper South. After U of L, Victoria plans to pursue a joint JD/MA in legal and constitutional history, and to practice trial law in the Southeast.
Lauren Anderson
University of Georgia

Lauren Anderson graduated from the University of Georgia in 2013 with a Bachelor of Arts in international affairs and a minor in human geography. As an undergraduate, her interests in human rights and social justice led her to conduct field research pertaining to the long-term implications of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission in South Africa. At the University of Georgia, Lauren was also a Public Service and Outreach Scholar at the Carl Vinson Institute of Government International Center, an Associate Editor for the Georgia Political Review and the Social Sciences Editor of the Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities Journal. Since graduation, she has been working in the office of a state representative in Georgia, where she currently serves as Chief of Staff. This fall, Lauren will pursue a PhD in sociology at the University of California, Irvine concentrating in race/ethnicity, social movements, and policy framing and narrative studies.

Tasniem Anwar
University of Amsterdam

Born in a bi-cultural family, Tasniem sees herself as both Dutch and Egyptian. She has finished her bachelor studies in interdisciplinary social science and continued with a master's in conflict resolution and governance. She has founded a student platform at her university that strives for a better understanding of diversity and an inclusive environment for all students. During her studies, she completed an internship in Palestine and has participated in a research exchange with Moroccan students in Rabat. In the future, she would like to continue working with diversity issues and human rights issues in the Middle-East.

Summer Awad
University of Tennessee - Knoxville

Summer is a rising senior at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville and is majoring in social justice activism through the performing and written arts. As co-chair of Sexual Empowerment and Awareness at Tennessee (SEAT), Summer plays an active role in organizing the annual Sex Week at UT, which provides comprehensive sexuality education to members of her university community. In addition to sexuality and gender issues, Summer is also passionate about ending the occupation of Palestine, her father’s birthplace. Summer has conducted interviews with Palestinian refugees in Jordan and is in the process of writing and producing a play on the
topic. In her spare time, Summer enjoys writing, dancing, and playing with her cat, Sappho.

Marko Barišić  
University of Zadar

Marko is a graduated archaeologist who was born in Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina. Even though he officially finished archaeology, his interests are wider than that specific field. His interests include anthropology, sociology, psychology, philosophy, religious studies and music. Furthermore, epistemology and theory of science are subjects that fascinate him very much at the moment since he can find usefulness of this knowledge. In addition, he is very active both as a solitary activist and as a part of many activist groups and organizations. Through numerous projects, he has been working on various social issues ranging from ecology to human rights. Even though he enjoys activism and academia respectively, he thinks that the combination of both is a perfect match for him and the role of his work in this world.

Jenna Baron  
University of Pittsburgh

Originally from Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, Jenna Baron graduated with a bachelor’s degree in anthropology from the University of Pittsburgh in 2013. During her four years as an undergraduate, Jenna was involved in a student organization that provided after-school tutoring to Somali Bantu refugees in Pittsburgh. Her work with immigrant youth as an undergraduate inspired her to create and direct a summer camp for refugee youth in Pittsburgh that she continues to support today. After graduating in 2013, Jenna lived in Nairobi, Kenya as a Fulbright Research Scholar where she interviewed disability rights activists. As a result, Jenna has curated a photo exhibit to showcase their profiles. Currently, Jenna is a fellow with Pittsburgh Urban Leadership Service Experience and works for the United Way of Allegheny County on the Be There Campaign, which seeks to combat chronic absenteeism in public schools.

Dafni Basta  
University of Athens

Born and raised in Athens, Greece, Daphne is a MSc student in international medicine and health crisis management. She holds a BA degree in social anthropology and a MA degree in migration and ethnic studies. Over the course of her studies, she developed a solid understanding of and a strong interest in human rights in general and issues related to migration
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particular. The internships she undertook in a variety of international organizations enriched her humanitarian related perspectives in both academic and professional ways: at the European Parliament in the Gender Equality and Women’s Rights Committee, in Amnesty International and in UNCHR. She also worked as a researcher for the ‘Citizen's Beyond Walls’ project, in the SCI Hellas, on the rise of xenophobic trends and civil society’s initiatives. Her goal for the future is to form a career within the Human Right sector and work with marginalized populations such as immigrants.

Devon Crawford
Morehouse College

Born in Birmingham, Alabama, Devon has enjoyed many opportunities to develop as a ministerial leader by providing public leadership in the cases of Troy Davis, Trayvon Martin and Michael Brown in the Atlanta University Center. Devon has served as president of the Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel Assistants Program, vice president of the Alpha Rho chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., a Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Intern and the 2015 Martin Luther King Jr. Scholar. As a young globetrotter, Devon has traveled as a peace ambassador to Tokyo, Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan to commemorate the nuclear attacks of World War II and an Oprah Winfrey South Africa and Zimbabwe Leadership Fellow. After graduating from Morehouse College, Devon will attend the University of Chicago Divinity School to pursue a master's of divinity degree and later begin PhD work in philosophical theology.

Sagiv Galai
Bard College

Sagiv was born and raised in Israel and moved to Queens, New York at the age of twelve. Sagiv’s studies have focused on the ability of activists and lawyers to influence state policies. While he has mostly focused on the manifestations of state violence and military actions, and the balance of human rights and state security, he has maintained an interest in the trafficking of migrants across the Mediterranean and Sinai desert, public health, incarceration in America and labor rights. He has done some work with Amnesty International as an intern for the campaign to close Guantanamo Bay, and has worked as a translator for an Israeli human rights organization dedicated to helping African refugees. His undergraduate thesis is concerned with the history of torture and interrogations in Israel.
Jamal Grant
University of Massachusetts Lowell

Jamal Grant was born and raised in Boston, Massachusetts and is a graduating senior in mechanical engineering at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. In his first few years at his university, he became aware of the immensely evident achievement gap between majority and minority groups, particularly in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields. Motivated to learn about the causes and potential solutions for such a widespread problem, Jamal has sought discussions and advice from various sources including Massachusetts Appeals Court Justices, advisors from former President Bill Clinton's administration, Boston City Mayor's Office officials and district public school superintendents. He is currently the chapter president of the National Society of Black Engineers and a member of the REDSTEM network, which works to implement STEM programs in inner-city schools. After graduation, Jamal plans to use his experiences to implement a creative solution to the STEM achievement gap in the United States.

Lamija Grbic
Emory University

Lamija Grbic was born in Munich, Germany after her parents emigrated from Bosnia and Herzegovina. Her family later immigrated to the United States and settled in Boise, Idaho. Lamija is currently attending Emory University, where she is pursuing degrees in sociology and philosophy. She is a tutor at the Emory Writing Center and a member of Freedom at Emory, a coalition dedicated to making university admissions and financial aid policies more equitable for undocumented students.

Gwen Gruner-Widding
University of Copenhagen

Gwen is an organizer, activist, feminist and a law student. Raised in Denmark by an American mother, Gwen has been given two perspectives. She grew up well taken care of in a welfare state. However, she always knew that, for better or worse, it was not set in stone that our society would be organized the way it was. This has been her motivation for engaging in many projects. She has been working with student organizations in Colombia, been an EU-lobbyist for student right in Brussels and has worked as a student organizer in vocational schools. She has also traveled in Iran, Australia and South-East Asia. Currently, she is in the final phase of a year-long organizing effort bringing together
students working on over eighteen educational reform projects to change UCPH.

**Olivia Hoeft**  
Stanford University

Olivia Hoeft grew up on her tribe's reservation in Oneida, Wisconsin. She left for her sophomore year of high school at a boarding school, St. George’s School in Newport, Rhode Island. She spent her junior year in Zaragoza, Spain where she lived with a host family and studied through School Year Abroad (SYA). Olivia is currently a senior at Stanford University, where she spent a quarter studying in Paris and is involved in a number of communities on campus. She currently works as a Diversity Outreach Associate for Stanford’s Office of Undergraduate Admission and as a liaison for the Native American community on campus. She is also the current Miss Oneida for 2014-2015, through which she acts as a public figure when she returns to the Oneida reservation and neighboring communities. Olivia graduates in the spring and will begin working at Google in September as a Recruiting Coordinator.

**Catherina Juel**  
University of Copenhagen

Born and raised in the city of Copenhagen, Denmark, Catherina Juel is a master student at the University of Copenhagen. She will obtain a master's degree in clinical psychology. With an A-graded bachelor thesis addressing self-stigmatization issues among mentally ill individuals, Catherina is highly passionate about issues involving stigmatization, suppression and minorities. Her academic point of view is that of the psychology of the individual, the group and inter-relational issues. Catherina has lived and worked in India with tribal-people; through education and information trying to emphasize their human rights in a suppressive local community. She's raised funds to build a new school to the tribal people by holding lectures at Lions Club. She spent a semester abroad in Australia where she studied Group behavior change and change management. In her spare time she does students' association work at her local student's dorm.
René Kreichauf
University of Vienna

René Kreichauf is an urban researcher from Berlin, Germany. He studied urban planning and sociology at the Technical University Berlin as well as urban studies within his international master's program at Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Universität Wien, Københavns Universitet, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid and at Universidad Complutense de Madrid. As a research assistant, he has worked at several university and research institutions, such as the Department for Urban and Regional Sociology at TU Berlin and the Leibniz-Institute for Regional Development and Structural Planning. In 2011, René lived and worked in Chicago and Detroit investigating social polarization processes and urban shrinkage. His research and publication activities focus on urban transformation trends, social inequality, urban minorities and migration. René plans to pursue a PhD in political science studying the reception and integration of refugees and asylum seekers in North American cities.

Maciej Kuziemski
University of Warsaw

Born and raised on the Polish seaside, Maciej is an editor and social entrepreneur. He studied political science at the University of Warsaw and currently serves as a Board Member of Res Publica Foundation, a publisher behind three rigorous magazines of ideas. His previous professional activities include managing democracy assistance programs of the Lech Wałęsa Institute as well as speechwriting and advising to senior government officials. Maciej invented and leads a series of documentary filmmaking workshops in Burma as a way of promoting social change. After vacations, he will pursue a postgraduate degree in public policy at the University of Oxford.

Aleksandra Leniarska
University of Warsaw

Born and raised in Warsaw, Poland, Aleksandra Leniarska is an MA student at American Studies Center, where she is currently writing her MA thesis on American literature, focusing on the work of Jonathan Franzen and its correspondence with social novel. She earned her BA degree from Faculty of Modern Languages, University of Warsaw. There, her field of study was French, Spanish and English philology with the focus on modern literature, her BA project
was concerned with the theory of mythocritique and the representations of oedipal complex in French literature. Her academic interests include American literature and its attitudes to race, gender and ethnicity. She is planning to pursue a PhD in literature and sociology.

**Antonio “Tony” Lopez**  
Duke University

Born and raised in East Palo Alto, California, Antonio “Tony” Lopez is a rising senior at Duke University with a double major in literature, African-American studies and a certificate in Latino/a studies and the Global South. He is President of La Unidad Latina, Lambda Upsilon Lambda Fraternity, Inc, a historically Latino-based Greek organization dedicated to cultural empowerment, community service and academic excellence. He participates twice a week at GANO (Gente Aprendiendo Para Nuevas Oportunidades), a student-run organization offering ESL classes to Latino/a migrants in the local Durham population. As President of MGC (Multicultural Greek Council), Tony oversees 7 Greek organizations, and works with the executive board to best represent them. Tony’s honors thesis offers a tripartite analysis into the Black Power, American Indian Movement and Chicano Movements of the late 60’s and 70’s. Tony plans to pursue a PhD in literary/ethnic studies and become a teacher at both the university/high school level.

**Zvijezdana Marković**  
University of Banja Luka

Born in Travnik, at the heart of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Zvijezdana Marković is a human rights activist and social blogger, with a passion for constitutionalism and civil rights movement. During her law studies, she participated in the Erasmus exchange program at Karl Franzens University of Graz (Austria), with engagement in Debate and Moor Court clubs. For the past three years, Zvijezdana has been engaged in numerous civil society organizations in Bosnia and Herzegovina including the Fund for youth projects and Youth Press Association. She has worked on the support of youth projects from undeveloped areas of her country and on the creation of free media space for ethnically separated youth. Zvijezdana plans to pursue her legal studies in the US.
Max Mauerman  
Ohio State University

Max Mauerman is a senior at Ohio State University with a double major in political science and economics. As a member of the executive board of Collegiate Council on World Affairs, he has helped organize model United Nations conferences for inner-city high schools in Columbus as well as global conferences through the UN Foundation. He also plans the Alleviating Poverty Through Entrepreneurship Summit, one of the largest conferences for social entrepreneurship in the Midwest. He is passionate about sharing his experiences through writing. He is co-founder of the Algerian, OSU's first magazine for politics and international affairs, and has covered the UN's annual NGO conference as an official writer. His future plans lie in policy research. He wants to re-imagine urban planning through direct citizen input. He has been recognized for his research at national presentations and plans to pursue a PhD in either economics or public policy.

Heather Menefee  
Northwestern University

Heather Menefee is a researcher and writer who was raised in Maryland, Washington, DC and Milton, Georgia. She graduates from Northwestern University in June of 2015 with a degree in Native American studies. She has been engaged in indigenous and Palestinian solidarity activism on campus with the Native American and Indigenous Student Alliance, including an ongoing effort to decolonize and remediate the University's relationship to the Cheyenne and Arapaho and nearby Tribal Nations and communities. Over the past two years she has been completing a community-based research project with a Dakota Community, focused on documenting and theorizing ongoing displacement and Federal mismanagement and developing economic futures that transcend the colonial imaginary. After the Fellowship, she will likely return to Mnisota Makoce to be near her mentors and eventually work toward a PhD in critical ethnic studies.

Nusaiba Mubarak  
Georgia State University

Nusaiba Mubarak was born and raised in Panama City, FL and moved to Atlanta, GA in 2012, where she currently pursues a graduate degree in sociology at Georgia State University (GSU). She serves on the board of Independent Political Action Committee, promotes interfaith and intrafaith dialogue through the Islamic Speakers Bureau and leads a social
platform for Muslims in Atlanta, AtlantaMuslim.com. Nusaiba connects her challenges as an American Muslim to the struggle for justice in the United States, which inspires her participation in GSU's After Malcolm Research Collective, which tells the untold story of African American Muslims from 1965-1985. In May 2015, Nusaiba will partake in a GSU research project to address the effects of civil society and government policies on Syrian women. She plans to use her sociology degree and transnational feminist approach to empower US political movements of minorities and influence public policy to promote social justice.

Michael Nishimura
Vassar College

Michael Nishimura is currently a senior at Vassar College, and will graduate in the spring of 2015 with a BA in international studies. His concentrations are economics and geography. He is originally from Mississauga, Canada, but also calls Troy, OH home. He recently studied abroad in Nepal, Jordan and Chile on the IHP Human Rights program. He has a passion for human rights and has previous experience working with organizations in NYC, Community Action For Safe Apartments (CASA) and US Human Rights Network, along with other international organizations: ATMA SEVA and Trailblazer Foundation. He is writing a senior thesis about Western representations and images of Tibet throughout history, and the ways in which Tibetans resist those essentializations. He plans to eventually pursue a graduate degree in political science. He enjoys all things related to music, gastronomy poetry/spoken word, film, travel, dance and love.

Mahamed Omar
Emory University

Mahamed was born in Nairobi, Kenya, and raised in the US He is a rising senior at Emory University with a major in political science and a minor in economics. He has worked in multiple groups in Emory, holding positions such as Vice President of the Young Democrats and Publicity Chair of the Feminist-in-Action. He is a member of Freedom at Emory, which is a coalition of students, faculty, and student organizations advocating for the educational rights of undocumented youth, and Strong Returns, which works to make prison reform the Millennial generational's issue in the 2016 election. He has volunteered in New Orleans, working on multiple fronts to help rebuild the city after Hurricane Katrina and in the greater Atlanta community, tutoring youth with immigrant backgrounds. After Emory, I plan to pursue a graduate degree
in public policy and continue working for human/civil rights in my domestic sphere.

**Nikita Perumal**
Columbia University

Originally from Louisville, Kentucky, Nikita is a junior undergraduate in the Dual BA Program between Columbia University and Sciences Po. At the Euro-American campus of Sciences Po Paris in Reims, France, she received a BA in the social sciences, with specializations in law and political Science. At Columbia she is currently completing a major in human rights and a minor in sustainable development. Nikita has been active in a variety of grassroots environmental and social justice campaigns since high school and is particularly interested in the human rights implications of environmental issues like climate change. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking, writing, and exploring new cities. Nikita is decidedly undecided about her current career path - but she hopes to work to create meaningful human rights and environmental policy in some capacity.

**Bill De La Rosa**
Bowdoin College

Born in Nogales, Arizona, Bill is a sociology and Latin American studies double major planning to pursue a PhD in sociology with an emphasis on migration. A Mexican-American, first generation college student, he is the student coordinator for the Maine Volunteer Lawyers Project, a member of the national State Farm Youth Advisory Board, a Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow and a Gates Millennium Scholar. In 2014, he was the youngest of 15 US delegates selected by the Forum for Cooperation Understanding and Solidarity (FoCUS) to work alongside 15 Mexicans to draft policies and influence US-Mexico affairs. Bill is passionate about immigrant rights and has conducted grant-funded research on the effects of border security on undocumented migration and presented his findings at the Eastern Sociological Society and the Association for Borderland Studies.

**Erica Sterling**
Emory University

Erica Sterling is a senior at Emory University double majoring in history and psychology. As a staff member of Volunteer Emory, a student-run community service organization at Emory, Erica led a weekly service trip to the Genesis Shelter, a
shelter for newborn babies and their mothers. She is a Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow, Fox Center Undergraduate Humanities Honors Fellow and conducts research for the Georgia Civil Rights Cold Case Project. Her honors thesis, "A Better Chance for Brown," interrogates the role of philanthropy in the integration of private secondary education in the United States from 1963 to 1978, and the government’s abdication of responsibility in solving historical injustices. Erica’s primary passions deal with educational inequality. After taking a gap year, Erica plans to pursue a PhD in history or American studies to further her studies of educational inequality and public policy.

**Mohamed Taguine**  
Institut d'études politiques de Paris (Sciences Po Paris)

Born and raised in France by North African parents, Mohamed Taguine is currently a master of international affairs student at Sciences Po Paris. As a member of Salaam, a student association providing interfaith dialogue, Mohamed is committed to build bridges of cultural understanding. He previously interned with the United Nations and the independent media Democracy Now! in New York, where he was strongly involved in the grassroots struggles for social, economic and racial justice. In his spare time, Mohamed reads about African American history and multicultural studies. After Sciences Po, Mohamed plans to work in human rights advocacy for an international NGO.

**Sharon Villigran**  
University of California, Los Angeles

A rising senior at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Sharon Villagran is majoring in sociology, with a double minor in Latin American studies and labor and workplace studies. Pursuing a career as a researcher of international migration, Sharon is currently working on her senior thesis for a Sociology Honors Seminar. As an open-ended ethnography, she is spending time on the two busiest Metro bus lines in Los Angeles, looking to better understand how public transportation serves as a vehicle for social mobility and socialization in the lives of immigrant workers. Born and raised in South Central Los Angeles, Sharon has also volunteered extensively for organizations within her community, which together, share a commitment to diversity and community solidarity. Understanding that there are many barriers to higher education in her community, through her volunteer work, Sharon hopes to aid in dismantling these barriers for future generations.
DANISH PROGRAM STAFF

**Magnus Harrison**  
National Director, Humanity in Action Denmark

Magnus Meyer Harrison has worked as National Director of Humanity in Action Denmark since September 2012. He was a fellow on the New York program in 2008 has been both in San Francisco and Washington DC as a Lantos-Humanity in Action Congressional Fellow (2009). He holds a BA in history of economy and the organization of Europe post World War II from Copenhagen University and an MA in EU and global studies with a focus on European political economy from Roskilde University.

**Anne-Mai Flyvholm**  
Program Intern

Anne-Mai Flyvholm is finishing a BA in religious studies from Copenhagen University with elective studies in minority studies focusing on religious minorities in Denmark. In the fall, she will continue her studies at Copenhagen University studying sociology of religion. Anne-Mai has previously been a volunteer in the MENA group in Red Cross Youth where she took part in creating information events. In her free time she is volunteering as a swimming instructor in Amager Healthy Girls, an all-women’s club. She is currently working as an intern in Humanity in Action Denmark, where she is co-planning the program for the Copenhagen Fellowship 2015.

**Steffen Harms**  
Program Intern

Steffen Harms holds a BA in religious studies (2011) and a BA in rhetoric (2013) from Copenhagen University and focused on religious rhetoric and reconciliation in Afghanistan. After his studies, he joined the Danish Defence and achieved the rank of Sergeant before he became a whistleblower and exposed sexual abuse of Danish recruits. Currently, he is pursuing a master’s in history and cultural encounter at Roskilde University and is especially interested in women and gender issues. Steffen has been involved in numerous projects as a volunteer concerning integration and youth education for The Red Cross and KAB. He is an intern at Humanity in Action Denmark where his is co-planning the Copenhagen Fellowship 2015.
Benjamin “Ben” Adams
Program Intern

An Austin local, Ben Adams is majoring in economics at the University of Texas at Austin. During his studies, he has taken a particular interest in income inequality and the changing structure of the healthcare marketplace. At UT, Ben has taken on the role of research assistant, studying the changing nature of economic remuneration for Central Texas' Americana musicians. As Director of Community Outreach for Get Covered at UT Austin, he has worked diligently to direct low-income Texans to the new healthcare exchange. Similarly, Ben has engaged extensively in the Texas legislature as a citizen lobbyist, working in tandem with both local and national organizations to protect the rights of Texas women. Further, Ben is currently working on a social entrepreneurship project, highlighting the discrimination that LGBT Texans face in the workplace. His initiative is designed to bring this issue into the public space through a series of bus advertisements. He is a 2014 Humanity in Action Fellow (French program).
Marie-Sophie Ahlefeldt  
School of Oriental and African Studies

Marie-Sophie was born and raised in Denmark. After receiving a scholarship to study at United World College, she moved to Wales, and graduated in 2012. During her gap year she worked for an NGO in Peru teaching women to knit. She then enrolled at School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London to earn a BA in social anthropology, and her interest lies in migration studies and Chinese culture. In September 2015 she is going to southern China for a year to study Chinese language and exploring migration from Southeast Asia in the province of Yunnan. Outside of her studies, Marie-Sophie is the Vice-President of Danish Students Abroad, an organisation trying to improve the conditions for Danish students studying abroad by providing guidance and representation. Marie-Sophie is also involved in the SOAS Detainee Society, which visits detainees in the UK Immigration Removal Centre.

Kari Barclay  
Duke University

As a Duke University junior majoring in theatre and political science, Kari works at the intersection of the arts and social justice. He has directed over twelve theatre productions at the amateur and professional level, including an original piece co-created with refugee youth, a play about town-gown relations in Duke and Durham and a collection of true stories on the intersection of black and LGBTQ identities. Kari also directs the Me Too Monologues, a documentary theatre project that explores how racial, ethnic and other personal identities impact university students’ lives. The success of the Me Too Monologues program at Duke has allowed Kari to expand the program, which now reaches seven universities and colleges across the United States. Upon graduation, Kari plans to enter a career in public policy or the non-profit sector where he can use the arts to enrich communities’ civic lives.

Samir Beharić  
University of Sarajevo

Born and raised in the city of Jajce, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Samir Beharić is currently a Journalism student at the University of Sarajevo’s Faculty of Political Science. He also spent an academic year abroad at the Free University of Berlin and another exchange semester at the University
“Ondokuz Mayıs” in Samsun, Turkey. Since his high school days, he has been active in civil society, especially on projects dealing with youth and student issues. As a National Representative of Erasmus Student Network BiH, Samir advocated for several important initiatives concerning student standard at the University of Sarajevo, including successful Erasmus+ protests, after which Bosnia and Herzegovina has joined this EU education program. He has attended numerous international conferences and study sessions on human and minority rights, media freedom and fighting hate speech.

**Duygu Cakir**  
University of Southern Denmark

Born in Denmark and raised by parents of Turkish origin, Duygu is working on her master’s in Middle Eastern studies at the University of Southern Denmark. She holds a BA in international business communication with a major in American studies at Copenhagen Business School. In 2014, she spent a semester abroad in Istanbul interning at an English-Turkish newspaper. In her free time, she likes to spend her time through volunteer opportunities that focus on integrating immigrants into Denmark and to demolishing stereotypes of ethnic minorities. She volunteered in different integration projects, all aiming at bringing people together rather than separating them. Duygu’s multicultural background has assisted her understanding of the similarities and differences between Western and Middle Eastern politics and cultures and her historical awareness of these regions allows her to connect with the conflicts they face.

**Sarah Dillard**  
Macalester College

Sarah Dillard graduates from Macalester College in May with dual bachelors degrees in international studies and geography. Throughout her time in college, Sarah’s undergraduate studies in Arabic have led her to study in Amman, Jordan and Manah, Oman. In the past, she has worked as a Camp Counselor for Seeds of Peace, a cross-conflict dialogue NGO, and has been involved in several organizations related to the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. She is currently an intern for Mizna, an Arab American arts and culture organization that publishes the only literary journal devoted to Arab-American writing. In addition, Sarah has been involved in choirs and a cappella groups for most of her life and is interested in work related to healing and community-building through music. She hopes to work as a
journalist and human rights specialist in the Middle East. Sarah was born and raised in Bellingham, WA.

**Imani Franklin**  
Stanford University

Imani Franklin graduated from Stanford University in 2013 with a bachelor’s in international relations and a minor in Arabic. During college, Imani studied abroad in China, Jordan, and Chile, and taught social justice history in southern India. As the co-president of Stanford’s Black Student Union, a member of the student government Diversity Cabinet and a staff member with the LGBT Community Center, Imani has worked to build meaningful dialogue between identity-based communities on Stanford’s campus. After graduating, Imani worked as a Gender, Sexuality, and Reproductive Justice Research Fellow with the Ford Foundation. Most recently, she has served as the Program Coordinator of Think Unlimited in Amman, Jordan, activating college students to become innovative social change-makers in their communities. Through her career, Imani aims to leverage the combined power of grassroots organizing and foreign policy to advance human rights and development in the Middle East and Northern Africa. She was born and raised in Atlanta, GA.

**Natasha Frazier**  
Pepperdine University

Born in Anchorage, Alaska, Natasha grew up on the Cattaraugus Indian Reservation in upstate New York, in Salt Lake City, Utah and in South Dakota before settling in the DC Metropolitan area. She is currently a rising senior at Pepperdine University majoring in sociology and minoring in women’s studies. Natasha spent her sophomore year abroad studying in Buenos Aires, Argentina. On campus Natasha is an Associate Editor of Pepperdine’s undergraduate research journal, Global Tides. She is also a Junior Class Senator on the Student Government Association and a member of Pepperdine’s Social Action and Justice Colloquium. She enjoys regular lunches with Spanish-speaking custodial staff and has spent considerable time exploring the racial politics of art and media. A member of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Natasha is particularly interested in themes of neo-colonialism and cites multiple feminist theories as influential. She is a recipient of the Posse Scholarship. Natasha hopes to
pursue graduate studies in gender studies or environmental policy.

**Sarah Freeman-Woolpert**  
The George Washington University  

Originally from Pembroke, New Hampshire, Sarah Freeman-Woolpert studied international affairs and conflict resolution at The George Washington University in Washington, DC. She has studied abroad in Strasbourg, France and Kigali, Rwanda. Her travels have also led her to study post-conflict resolution in Palestine, Northern Ireland and Bosnia and Herzegovina. While at George Washington University, Sarah started a student organization to support the work of 2012 CNN Hero Pushpa Basnet, who started a residential home in Nepal for children of incarcerated parents. Sarah also served as a sister of Delta Phi Epsilon Foreign Service Sorority and wrote an honors thesis on the effects of divided ethnonational identity on collective youth civic engagement in Bosnia and Herzegovina. She hopes to pursue a PhD in conflict resolution and anthropology and support efforts that mitigate the impact of contemporary global conflicts on the lives of children around the world.

**Eva Goldfinger**  
Copenhagen University  

Eva Goldfinger is currently completing her master’s in psychology at Copenhagen University. During her studies she has been involved in a number of projects with the Red Cross Youth. Eva has volunteered at a youth-club for young patients at a hospital, managed a chat-counselling, and co-founded a project which supports homeless youth. She has also conducted workshops aimed at reducing bullying in Danish elementary schools and has taught conflict resolution and mediation techniques to youth in socially disadvantaged areas of Copenhagen. Based on this experience, Eva has co-founded a consultancy firm specialising in capacity building for organisations and NGO’s using voluntary labour. Eva is also currently interning with an NGO which offers psychological counselling, free of charge, for people with psychiatric diagnoses and their relatives.

**Tirzah Højgaard Jensen**  
University of Aarhus  

Tirzah Højgaard Jensen is a master’s student of comparative literature at University of Aarhus with a special interest in post-structuralism, post-colonialism and feminist theory.
2013, she co-founded a students’ association of gender studies, the Kønsanalytisk Forum, with the aim of providing a platform for researchers to share their knowledge and for students to gain insight into this often neglected area of study. During her master’s degree, she spent a semester at KU Leuven, Belgium, where she took courses on literary and gender theory and contributed to the creation of the KU Leuven Feminist Society.

**Kim Lindgaard Jørgensen**  
Aalborg University

Kim Lindgaard Jørgensen was born and raised at Funen, Denmark. He holds a BSc in public administration from Aalborg University (AAU) and will complete his master’s degree in culture, communication and globalization with a specialization in international migration and ethnic relations this summer, also from AAU. During his bachelor’s degree he spent a semester abroad at Tecnológico de Monterrey in Mexico City. He also spent a semester as an intern at the Culture House in Vollsmose, where he is currently living while writing his thesis. In his thesis, he investigates the experiences of the Turkish female marriage migrants of Vollsmose. His professional interest centres around migration and human-minority rights. After graduation, Kim plans to pursue a career as consultant for an international organization working to promote human and minority rights.

**Noemi “Mimi” Linares-Ramirez**  
Smith College

Noemi Linares-Ramirez is a 2015 graduate of Smith College majoring in sociology and Native American and global Indigenous studies. As a Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow, Noemi spent a semester abroad at Pontifica Universidade Catolica in Sao Paulo, Brazil where she researched indigenous social movements and the journey towards federal recognition. In the fall of 2015, she will begin a PhD program in sociology at the University of California, Irvine. Noemi seeks to study indigenous social movements using a global perspective that incorporates the interactions of indigenous people in the United States, Canada, Australia and the Netherlands and their interactions with the United Nations.

**Jahmel “Jah” Martin**  
Dickinson College

Jahmel “Jah” Martin is a rising senior at Dickinson College majoring in American studies. As a junior class senator and
member of the Student Senate Public Affairs Committee, Jahmel seeks to engage the college and local community in topics of ethical and social significance. Jahmel hopes that through programs such as “Confronting Islamophobia: a discussion of recent attacks and ongoing struggles,” he will encourage sustained dialogue and increased campus awareness on important contemporary issues. He has created a website to support his oral history project, which is a collection testimonials from individuals affected by the justice system. Jahmel has also spent a semester at Public Defenders’ Office through the Washington Center in Washington, DC. He is a referee for intramural sports, promotes bike culture on campus and plans to pursue a JD to become a human rights attorney. Jahmel was born and raised in New York, New York.

Jessica Christine Hansted-Martin  
University of Copenhagen

After finishing her Bachelor’s in international business in the UK, Jessica (being half German and American) decided to change her pathway due to the emerging effects of the financial crisis and to focus instead upon prospects on reducing the increasing inequality of a globalised society. By today Jessica has completed internships around poverty related issues in Europe, Asia and East Africa and is these days graduating in her master’s in African studies in Copenhagen, Denmark; her thesis focusing upon social entrepreneurship as a new model for socioeconomic development. Throughout her studies Jessica has worked as a Student Counsellor assisting students in personal and study related issues. In her free time Jessica works as the Project Manager of a volunteer-based organisation Kono, focusing upon women empowerment in cooperation with Danida in Sierra Leone. With the rising social movements globally Jessica strives for social justice towards a more equal and human world.

Molly Matney  
College of the Ozarks

Molly Matney is a first-semester senior double majoring in English and history at College of the Ozarks. On campus, Molly works for the College’s Executive Vice President, assisting with her school’s Patriotic Education Travel Program. This program provides opportunities for college-age students to travel with veterans of American conflicts as they return to the locations where they served. The program seeks to grow students’ understanding of patriotism and sacrifice. In the fall of 2014, Molly was a selected participant in the college’s
inaugural Patriotic Education trip to Vietnam. In the summer of 2014, she was also selected by her college to serve as a cultural representative to their sister university in Liaoyang, China. It was here that she discovered a passion for international studies. After graduation, Molly plans to attend graduate school and pursue a career working with international relations.

Firas Nasr
Middlebury College

Firas is a senior at Middlebury College in Vermont, where he studies human rights. Originally from Fairfax, Virginia, Firas was born and raised within the cross-section of Lebanese culture and American society. At Middlebury, Firas is the co-coordinator of the Service Cluster Board, an umbrella organization that manages and supervises seventeen service organizations on campus. He is also the co-chair of the Volunteer Service Organization, which works to set-up service opportunities for students and promote engagement with the Middlebury community. Firas has also spent a semester at Columbia University studying human rights. His research interests range from examining the relationship between trafficked persons and law enforcement in New York City to investigating the intersectionality of psychology and human rights, specifically how certain psychological theories can inform human rights promotion. In his spare time, Firas enjoys practicing and teaching self-defense and Reiki, meditation, celebrating life and drinking tea.

Maida Omerće hajić
University of Sarajevo

Maida graduated from University of Sarajevo Faculty of Law in 2011 and is currently completing her LLM thesis at the Department of Legal History and Comparative Law. Since 2012, she has been a junior associate at a law firm, primarily working on property law and contracts. She has presented papers at several international conferences on the constitutional framework of Bosnia and Herzegovina, which is the main focus of her research. While studying for her bachelor's degree, Maida contributed to a publication of war crimes jurisprudence for the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Actively involved as a lecturer and research mentor in several informal education projects, Maida is currently also working as a legal trainer for Model International Criminal Court Western Balkans (MICC WeB), a regional project for high school and university students from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia.
Ena Pašalić
University of Travnik

Born and raised in Zenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Ena is in her final year of law school at International University of Travnik and is making final preparations for graduation. Ena is also an active with the Center of Legal Assistance for Women (CLAW) as an assistant providing legal counselling and advising for those in need. She has attended several conferences on Islamophobia, human rights, violence against women and several round tables about animal cruelty and shelter protections for street dogs. Ena plans to pursue a master’s in international law studies. In her free time, Ena loves to spend time with friends, play tennis and other sports activities and is an active member of animal protection associations.

Johan Petersen
University College London

Following primary and secondary schooling in his native Denmark, Johan attended United World College in Canada. Whilst in Canada, Johan got to travel to South America on several occasions, working for an NGO in Paraguay with the aim of promoting democratic rights. Johan then went to University College London, studying an interdisciplinary degree in anthropology. His thesis focused on social policy and theory in migration, exploring the case of Turkish labour migrants in Denmark. Johan will continue this work in the following academic year, when he will join the department of international development at the University of Oxford. In his spare time, Johan contributes to the Danish foreign policy magazine, RÆSON, as well as their english edition, The Question Today. Equally, he is on the executive board of the student union, Danish Students Abroad, where he focuses on political representation.

John Rooney
Allegheny College

John Rooney is a 2014 graduate of Allegheny College, majoring in political science and minoring in Black studies. While at Allegheny, John was an active member of Students for Environmental Action, a 2012-2013 Davies Community Service Leader and a 2013-2014 Student Fellow at the Center for Political Participation. John completed his senior thesis on activism and social movement theory and presented a paper entitled “Democracy: The Task Before Us in the 21st Century” at the Democracy Realized undergraduate conference. He has
also published an essay in the Allegheny Magazine entitled “Reliving Freedom’s Struggle,” which detailed Allegheny College students’ participation in the Civil Rights Movement. In his free time, John enjoys listening to and playing music, traveling, eating great food, reading, hiking and camping. Born in Red Lion, Pennsylvania, John currently resides in Austin, Texas and is tentatively planning to pursue graduate studies in either global health or urban planning.

**Annette Stubkjær**  
Malmö University

Annette was born and raised in Denmark. She finished her BA in peace and conflict studies at Malmö University in June 2014 and is going for a master’s in global development at Copenhagen University beginning this summer. As a Board Member in RIKO (the Danish Council of International Conflict Resolution) and chair of the student association Consilium, Annette seeks to inform the Danish population about non-violent solutions to international conflicts. During Annette’s undergraduate studies, she spent one semester in Australia and worked for a NGO in Belfast, Northern Ireland. In Belfast, Annette interviewed 36 former political prisoners, from both sides of the conflict, about their motivation for joining paramilitary groups and their journey towards using non-violent methods today. The interviews resulted in a book, which has been published in Northern Ireland. Since August 2014, Annette has developed a company with two partners aiming at strengthening the work of volunteers in Denmark.

**Kalena Thomhave**  
Louisiana State University

Kalena Thomhave graduated in 2014 from Louisiana State University with dual degrees in political science and English. As a Louisiana Service and Leadership scholar within the LSU Honors College, Kalena became interested in poverty alleviation through the intersection of policy and grassroots work. Also during her time at LSU, she led the International Relations Club and co-directed a college immersion program for students from under-resourced high schools. Her research focuses on welfare policies, and her honors thesis investigated social capital and the social mobility of post-TANF Louisiana women. She currently serves as an AmeriCorps VISTA member in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. As a Corps member, she works on economic development issues through the program “Bank On Baton Rouge,” which seeks to increase access to banks and credit unions for low-income people. After her VISTA year, Kalena will participate in the Emerson National
Hunger Fellows Program and then plans to pursue a joint master's of social work and public policy.

**Christina Thomsen**  
Aalborg University

Raised in the western part of Denmark, Christina Thomsen holds a bachelor's degree in social anthropology from Aarhus University and is currently pursuing a master's degree in development and international relations at Aalborg University. She also spent a semester abroad studying international relations and European studies at Metropolitan University in Prague. An overriding theme in her work is to promote dialogue, especially focused on various cultural, ethnic and religious groups and minorities. This is relates to her current job at Danmission, where she takes part in projects aimed at engaging youth in constructive dialogue, both abroad and in Denmark. Being dedicated to addressing social issues, Christina has lived in Honduras, Hong Kong, India and the United States, working on community projects of a broad range. In her spare time, she is involved in a number of volunteer projects, among others a network supporting young single mothers in Aarhus.
**DUTCH PROGRAM STAFF**

**Inger Schaap**  
National Director, Humanity in Action The Netherlands

Inger Schaap is National Director of Humanity in Action Netherlands. She studied history and Holocaust and genocide studies at the University of Amsterdam. After graduating she worked as educator at the Anne Frank House, did research at VU University and several project as freelance researcher and writer. Inger Schaap published a book on the Silbertanne Aktion and is currently researching civilian aid to the prisoners of the concentration camp Vught. She frequently interviews guests at the Historisch Cafe.

**Christel Groot**  
Program Director, Humanity in Action The Netherlands

Christel Groot has been the program director of Humanity in Action in The Netherlands since 2008. Christel studied cultural anthropology. Before Humanity in Action, she worked with asylum seekers for the Dutch Refugee Council and with migrant organizations on behalf of the Amsterdam Centre for Foreigners. She also organized multicultural festivals and worked in the field of ecotourism. She is particularly interested in diversity issues and LGBT(QI...) rights and likes watching documentaries and art house movies. Christel is also a singer and makes melancholy music with a friend- who plays better guitar than she does- under the name Groot en Jong.

**Gladys Akom Ankobrey**  
Program Intern

Gladys Akom Ankobrey started working as an intern at Humanity in Action after she graduated in September 2014 from the University of Amsterdam with a BA in cultural anthropology. She has contributed to many social initiatives in the past year and is a board member of student platform Amsterdam United. Amsterdam United has organized several public seminars and other activities concerning diversity, critically interrogating the University of Amsterdam’s diversity policy, institutional and everyday racism, as well as gender issues. Besides her interest in human rights and diversity, her work experience as a research assistant at the University of Amsterdam further fuelled a passion for visual anthropology and the African Diaspora. Gladys will start a master’s program
in migration and diaspora studies in September at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London.

Saim Saeed
Program Intern

Saim grew up in Pakistan and went to high school in India, experiencing nationalist tensions between both countries. He graduated from Bard College, New York, where he studied philosophy and political Science. After graduation in 2013, Saim moved back to Pakistan where he worked as a journalist at an English language newspaper based in his home town, Karachi. Now, he’s a freelancer and contributes to a range of publications, including the New York Times, Haaretz, Al Jazeera America, Quartz, and The Diplomat. He’s looking start a master’s in public policy in the fall. He is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (German Program, 2014).
Luke Allen  
Macalester College

Born in Iowa City, Luke graduated from Macalester College in 2014 with a degree in international studies and political science. Luke’s primary interests lie at the intersection of human rights and human development issues. This led him to spend a semester abroad in Senegal, where he studied international development and interned with a local development NGO. As a peer tutor at Macalester, Luke worked with the college’s writing center to train and mentor new tutors and provide better services to the college’s diverse student body. He has also worked closely with immigrant and refugee communities in Minnesota and Iowa. Most recently, Luke has worked as a law clerk for an immigration law firm in Minnesota to meet the legal needs of the immigrant community in the Twin Cities.

Lejla Bećar  
University of Sarajevo

Lejla Bećar, an MA candidate at the University of Sarajevo Faculty of Philosophy, was born and raised in Visoko. A student of archaeology, she has spent several semesters abroad in Ljubljana and Skopje. Her major is in Islamic archaeology focusing on discussing Eurocentristic views of medieval history. Lejla is a cultural heritage activist, currently working for the archaeological association Panteon. She actively took part in multiple events organized by CHwB, HWB, UNESCO in Bosnia and Herzegovina as well as abroad. Basketball is one of her passions and since she stopped actively playing she is involved in the work of XXL Basket - a basketball school for children and youth. Lejla is also cooperating with the Post-Conflict Research Centre, working as their trained correspondent from Visoko. Her articles are mostly related to culture and human rights issues. After obtaining MA degree she plans to pursue a PhD in cultural heritage management and conservation.

Anna “Anne” van den Bergh  
Amsterdam University College

Currently in her final year at Amsterdam University College as a psychology and anthropology major, Anne finds herself fascinated by the workings of the human mind on a daily basis. To release whatever creative tension ensues from these academic considerations, Anne has participated in several
creative writing programs at Oxford University as well as other institutions. The semester she spent at the African Studies faculty of McGill University in Montreal, Canada left her determined to study the manifestations of Africanist thinking in Western popular rhetoric, which resulted in a thesis on representations of Africa in contemporary Dutch children's literature. As a life-long vegetarian and confirmed feminist, Anne tries to be conscious of her actions in relation to those who surround her at all times. In the future, Anne aspires to work as a screenwriter, and to capture in word and image the experiences of those living at the margins of our society.

**Raphael Boon**  
Leiden Universiteit

Born and bred in Leiden, The Netherlands, Raphael Boon is currently doing two bachelor degrees at Leiden Universiteit, to wit: law and international studies. He has also obtained a first-year diploma in Criminology. Working as a Pekoenja-Advisor for (the now defunct) Youth Fund Pekoenja, Raphael has been able to visit and counsel many socially significant projects throughout the Netherlands. Moreover, he has worked as a coach for socio-economically disadvantaged children at the WeekendKlas and he has volunteered at an asylum center for De Vrolijkheid. Raphael is passionate about Southeast Asia, which does not restrain him from learning Spanish and developing an interest in Latin America as well. For his graduate studies, he plans to take a master in public international law, after which he will consider further projects to pursue.

**Julia van Boven**  
Utrecht University

Julia was born in Amsterdam and raised in Middelburg. After high school, she immediately left her small town in the Southwest of the Netherlands to return to Amsterdam to study philosophy. After three years, Julia decided to finish her bachelor’s degree in Berlin, a city she loves. During her master’s in applied ethics at Utrecht University, her interest in politics increased. She had the chance to finish her studies with an internship at a lobbying office in The Hague, the political capital of the Netherlands. There she contributed to projects aiming to improve the protection of human rights in the Netherlands. One of them is the national campaign against racism called “Onderhuids.” In her spare time, Julia loves to travel, read philosophy and go out.
Danijel Cakaric  
University of Mostar

Danijel was born and raised in Travnik, located in central Bosnia and Herzegovina, and is currently working as a history teacher in Catholic School Center “Petar Barbaric” in Travnik. He graduated with degrees in History and English Language and Literature at University of Mostar in February of 2014. Danijel worked as a trainee in the European Parliament in Luxembourg for six months and for another two months at the European Parliament in Brussels. His interests include international politics, development, and education. After completing his studies, he plans to apply for a PhD in comparative politics or international relations.

Ashley Chin  
Leiden Universiteit College Den Haag

Ashley (Yin Lee) Chin was born and raised in Rotterdam, and is now a current student at the Leiden Universiteit Den Haag. She’s majoring in global justice, with a minor in world politics. In 2014, she co-founded a university level non-profit organisation called LUC Humanity. LUC Humanity is an organisation specifically geared towards refugee-help, by raising awareness and organising fundraising events that address the underlying issues of their situations. In her spare time, Ashley is continuously engaged in projects that address a wide range of human rights and social issues through the performing arts. Recently, Ashley worked on a dance piece that addressed the history of blackface as well as a theatre play, written by Eve Ensler, called ‘The Vagina Monologues’. After LUC, Ashley plans to pursue an LLM in international law with a specialisation in international human rights law.

Ivo Dimitrov  
University College Utrecht

Bulgarian of origin, but raised in the Netherlands and Spain, Ivo is currently completing his undergraduate degree at University College Utrecht. There he combines the disciplines of politics, economics and law to study geopolitical conflicts, natural resources and security issues with a focus on the Eurasian region. As part of his degree, Ivo completed an exchange semester at Sciences Po Paris, did a summer project investigating urbanization in China and researched EU’s energy security at the Clingendael Institute. Outside of class, he was the Editor-in-Chief of his university’s student newspaper and is active in various student governance organizations. As a perpetual foreigner himself, he is also
interested in identity formation and the marginalization of minority groups in different societies. Before Humanity in Action, he explored these topics through his social work with Enactus and in writing about Eastern Europe and Russia in different academic and non-academic publications.

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Leiden Universiteit

Born and raised in Eindhoven, Sümayye is a research master student of modern Middle Eastern studies at Leiden Universiteit. Mainly interested in migration and refugee issues, she has focused on these issues throughout her bachelor anthropology at Utrecht University as well. For her bachelor’s thesis, she conducted fieldwork in Istanbul to study Turkish-Dutch migrants’ notions of home and belonging. For her internship at the Central Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers (COA), she studied how resettled refugees have been able to integrate into Dutch society both socially and economically. After her master’s degree is fulfilled, Sümayye plans to pursue a PhD in anthropology and study the position of Syrian refugees in Turkey.

Parisa Elah-Madadzadeh
Leiden Universiteit

Born in Tehran, raised in Haarlem and educated in Leiden, Parisa is a tax law student at Leiden Universiteit with a background in pharmaceutical sciences. Because of her passion for the law, people and society she decided to change direction in 2008. She’s engaged with the topic diversity in several different manners. She has been working for the diversity department of Leiden Universiteit for seven years. Her goal is to create an inclusive environment where all students feel welcome. Recently she started a project named “I, Too, Am Leiden” to raise more awareness. With her own diversity agency Aidyn she advises organizations on how to set up or develop their diversity policy. As a motivational speaker she wants to inspire, mobilize and bring people together. A different side of her is that she loves working with numbers. Currently she works at Abel Advisory in Amsterdam for a transfer pricing boutique.

Luna Goldberg
Hampshire College

Luna Goldberg is a graduating senior at Hampshire College, with a concentration in visual art, social psychology and museum studies. She has studied the politics of museum
spaces and the ways in which culture is represented in arts institutions. Luna has worked at the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, the Norton Museum of Art and the Museum at Eldridge Street. Her thesis focuses on New York’s Lower East Side and the way in which its history has been rewritten over time to meet the needs of those in the local community. In the fall of 2015, Luna will travel to Israel on a Fulbright research grant to continue her work on the intersection of art and social justice. Her research will investigate the effects of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict on the work of contemporary visual artists in the region and their ability to offer insight on the social value of art. Luna is originally from Miami, Florida.

Esmeralda “Momo” Herrera  
Reed College

A first generation American born and raised in South Bronx, New York, Esmeralda Herrera is a recent graduate of Reed College with a bachelor’s in linguistics and a strong command of the Chinese language. Esmeralda currently works as a Student Support Specialist, helping at-risk youth find different successful life options. She believes in justice, equity, respect, community and hope. She believes that the exchange of ideas helps connect communities, which promotes growth and learning and disrupts the cycle of generational poverty nationwide and worldwide. She feels that this approach helps organize communities for collective action, resulting in social change and wellness. In her spare time, Esmeralda conducts HIV testing at Cascade Aids, a non-profit clinic that helps support and empower people living with or affected by HIV. Esmeralda also currently lives with Adsideo Church, a Christian community.

Emily Lawson  
Macalester College

Emily Lawson holds a bachelor’s degree in anthropology, African studies and community and global health from Macalester College. Growing up in central Indiana, Emily observed ways that written law marginalized members of her community. As such, she honors lived experiences as powerful narratives to inform social policy and has conducted research that promotes this belief in the academic sphere. Most recently, she assessed the social networks that young, Zulu single-mothers in a Durban, South Africa township use to access health information. Her research also explored how these social networks impacted their health care decisions. In the US, Emily has evaluated the effectiveness of a community health program designed to connect frequent emergency
department users with primary care physicians for preventive care. Currently, she works with women in recovery from substance abuse and their children, at a residential treatment center. She plans to pursue a graduate degree in anthropology and behavioral health, focusing on women and children.

Laurens Meijer
University of Amsterdam

Born and raised in the Netherlands, Laurens Meijer is an undergraduate student in art history and law at the University of Amsterdam. He spent a year abroad at the University of Bergen (Norway) focusing his studies on human rights and constitutional law and politics. He has been involved with teaching Dutch at the Dutch Refugee Council and participated in the student group Broodnodig delivering food to the We Are Here-group in Amsterdam. He will take up a master’s in administrative and asylum law in Amsterdam next fall, motivated to legally assist migrants in the future.

Donna Middelkoop
University of Amsterdam

Donna Middelkoop is a future planet studies student at the University of Amsterdam. She studies future environmental problems from an interdisciplinary perspective (combining natural and social sciences) while majoring in international relations. She aims to study the interrelated concepts of climate change, migration and conflict during her master's. During her studies she has done several research internships and was an official delegate of the Zeytun Academic Exchange program with Ecole de Gouvernance et d’Economie in Rabat, Morocco. After having studied a semester at Sciences Po in Paris, Donna is currently interning at Free Press Unlimited, an Amsterdam based NGO that supports freedom of speech in authoritarian and conflict countries. She has been working on programs in the Middle East and Southern Africa. Moreover, she has been volunteering in the detention centre at Schiphol International Airport for over a year where she gives both legal and social aid to asylum seekers.

Lulete Mola
University of Minnesota

Lulete Mola graduated summa cum laude from The University of Minnesota in 2014 with a bachelor's in political science and a minor in family violence prevention. Born in Ethiopia and raised in Minnesota, Lulete is passionate about intersectional
social justice concerning the rights and leadership of women of color, ethical immigration and the Black Lives Matter movement in the US. This passion directly contributes to her work as a women’s political training organizer with VoteRunLead and her research, advocacy and grant-making fellowship with the Women’s Foundation of Minnesota. Lulete is also the Founder of SHE, a young women’s leadership program in select Minnesota high schools. She has designed and conducted qualitative research on East African immigrant professional development and civic engagement in Minnesota. Lulete is a recipient of the Scholarly Excellence in Equity and Diversity award at the University of Minnesota and is working to become a strong advocate of women globally.

**Willem Röell**
Universiteit Leiden

Willem was born in Amsterdam, raised in Haarlem and studied financial law and Latin American studies in Leiden. He also spent a semester abroad at the National University of La Plata, Argentina. Willem has been a full-time board member of his student association for a year as CFO, were set up a sustainability platform with the most important stakeholders, in order to jointly engage in projects. He has worked as a reporter in Brazil, and as an intern at law firms in both New York and Amsterdam. He currently runs his own company, speaks on a regular basis at Bitcoin conferences, and is active in organisations of festivities for the occasion of the Bicentennial Diplomatic Relationship between the Netherlands and the Holy See. In the near future, Willem hopes to work for a progressive international organisation, NGO or company focused on tackling tomorrow’s global issues.

**Jennine Sawwan**
Tufts University

Born and raised in New York City, Jennine has always been surrounded by differences, ranging from ethnicity to religion to socioeconomic background. She carries that respect and love for difference wherever she goes, whether it is at Tufts University or in Paris, where she studied for a year. Jennine is a triple major in international relations, women’s studies and peace and justice studies. She integrates her passion for conflict resolution and women’s rights by studying gender-based violence within the context of war, along with sexual violence in war. Outside of her academic interests, Jennine enjoys cooking, martial arts and mastering French cheese etiquette.
Giselle Schellekens
Radboud University

Giselle Schellekens was born in Botswana, and raised in several other African countries before she moved to The Netherlands. Having attaining her bachelor's degree in applied psychology, Giselle is set to finish her master’s in communication and influence in 2015. She has been politically active in the Dutch Social Democratic Party (PVDA) and serves as a member on the city council of Nijmegen. As an avid campaigner against inequality, she has founded several non-profit initiatives and is actively engaged as a volunteer with local initiatives. Inspired by her African childhood, Giselle aims for an impactful career which involves the fields of sustainability, corporate social responsibility and fair trade.

Bram Schultinge
University of Groningen

Bram Schultinge is 32 going on 33, is a law student and working as a freelance project manager for the European Institute for Democratic Participation (EIDP). The EIDP is an NGO working to promote democracy, fostering civil society and fighting prejudice, intolerance, discrimination and human rights violations in Eastern Europe. He has led several projects on social inclusion and has been observing elections in Russia, Georgia, Armenia, Ukraine and Moldova. At the local level, he is active for the Social Liberal Party focusing on issues of diversity and social participation. The fact that he is 32 and still studying may raise some eyebrows, but since he is blind he is following a somehow adjusted path. Moreover, he is quite attached to everything that he is allowed to do to achieve his dreams or to be able to enable the dreams of others.

Angglelia “Angel” Sutjipto
CUNY Baccalaureate for Unique and Interdisciplinary Studies

Angglelia “Angel” Sutjipto is an undocumented (unapologetic and unafraid) immigrant, born and raised in Jakarta, Indonesia. For the past ten years, however, she has called New York City her second home. In 2013, she graduated from the CUNY Baccalaureate in Unique and Interdisciplinary Studies with a concentration in genocide studies. Her interest in genocide prevention led her to work as the Projects Coordinator at the Cardozo Law Institute in Holocaust and Human Rights, a leading global center dedicated to strengthening laws, norms and institutions to end mass atrocities and promote global and human security. During her
free time, she organizes with various grassroots organizations to advance migrant rights. She is currently the communications coordinator of RAISE (Revolutionizing Asian American Immigrant Stories on the East Coast), an undocumented pan-Asian youth-led group. Broadly, her interests include genocide and mass atrocity prevention, postcolonial literature, photography and organizing for social justice.

Demarttice “Martti” Tunstall
Columbia University in the City of New York

Demarttice Tunstall is a senior at Columbia University majoring in linguistics and ethnicity and race studies. In 2014 he spent a summer abroad studying Mandarin at Peking University in Beijing. In 2015 he spent Spring Break abroad examining the contemporary theoretical frameworks of the intersections of Montreal’s unique brand of interculturalism at McGill University. As social programmer of the undergraduate New Student Orientation Program’s planning committee, Demarttice organized events and helped manage the program’s social media outlets. As a member of the Marketing Committee of Afropolitan, an annual African socio-cultural showcase, he coordinated the first annual African dinner. In his spare time, Demarttice contributes to Stressbusters, an on-campus health and wellness service, where he promotes positive stress-coping mechanisms. After graduation, Demarttice plans to pursue a master’s in urban studies and examine ways to address community needs and social justice at the subnational level in developing countries. He was born and raised in Mobile, Alabama.

Audrey-Marie Winn
University of Pittsburgh

Audrey Winn is a senior at the University of Pittsburgh with a triple major in Chinese, non-fiction writing and philosophy with a certificate in Asian studies. She is passionate about workers’ rights and has organized workers both domestically and internationally. Her research projects have looked at the unconscionability doctrine, corporate espionage, migrant labor policies and the impact of outsourcing on low-income communities. In her spare time, Audrey enjoys working on initiatives that address educational inequality, hanging out with her ridiculously smart roommates and sister, being in awe of her former ACLU co-workers and thinking of puns that will inevitably not be that funny. She is incredibly grateful to Pitt for all the support that it has given her and will be for the
rest of her life. After graduation, Audrey will attend law school to pursue her passion for labor rights.

Mohammad Zia  
University of Maryland

Born in Saudi Arabia to parents of Afghan and Pakistani descent, Mohammad was raised in the United States and graduated from the University of Maryland. Mohammad is a recipient of the Harry S. Truman Scholarship and has volunteered with marginalized youth in Tanzania, Morocco, Uganda, Senegal and Jordan. Mohammad is currently studying Arabic as a Boren Scholar in Jordan and volunteering with Syrian youth in the Zaatri Refugee Camp. Mohammad is passionate about economic empowerment and he plans to pursue a career in public policy and international human rights. Mohammad speaks French, Arabic and Urdu and he has interned with the US State Department and the World Bank. Mohammad is a huge fan of chocolate covered almonds and loves to hike.
Kaoutar Abousmir  
National Director, Humanity in Action France

European public administration professional with 5 years experience providing political advice and briefings with policy expertise on better regulation and governance, Kaoutar Abousmir first came to the European Parliament as Pat Cox-Humanity in Action Fellow. She was selected in 2009 for the Humanity in Action Fellowship in Paris. Now running Humanity in Action in France, Kaoutar provides key support to all aspects of the work of the organisation. She gained prior experience working in North Africa, notably working for the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Martine Alonso Marquis  
Program Coordinator, Humanity in Action France

Martine Alonso Marquis is Program Director of the Pat Cox-Humanity in Action Fellowship in the European Parliament, Program Coordinator at Humanity in Action France and a teacher of International Relations at Sciences Po Paris. Until July 2014, she was a political advisor on foreign affairs to a Member of the European Parliament. She has gained extensive work experience with Oxfam in Berlin, the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in The Hague, and the Humanitarian Law Center in Belgrade and Pristina. Martine has organised many educational workshops and trainings with the South Eastern Europe Initiative of the French-German Youth Office, mostly focused on interculturality, human rights and post-conflict reconciliation. She studied social sciences in Berlin, conflict studies and international relations in Paris, where she also obtained her PhD in political science.

Nouf el Bouz eboudja  
Program Interpreter

Nouf el is a North African writer and activist. He has been the representative of the International City of Refuge Network Writers and a member of PEN Denmark. He collaborates with universities, organisations, schools and artists in different projects related to human rights, freedom of conscience and expression, interculturality and cosmopolitanism. A polyglot, Nouf el writes and publishes books and articles in various languages including French, English and Kabyle.
Ediobong “Edi” Ebiefung
Program Intern

Edi was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee and graduated from the University of Tennessee where he studied political science and global studies. As a regular participant of Model United Nations during his university days, Edi retains an interest in global affairs and continues to conduct research on various topics in international relations. Edi was a 2014 Humanity in Action Fellow in Amsterdam. This year, as a Pat Cox Fellow, he worked in the European Parliament for Norica Nicolai, a Romanian MEP from the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe.
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Maria Adamopoulou
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Maria Adamopoulou graduated from Aristotle University of Thessaloniki in 2014 with a degree in History. Her main fields of interest are immigration, human rights, Holocaust and genocide studies and gender studies. Maria’s passion is travelling and volunteering, so she spent her summers participating in international workcamps and student exchanges (NGO Elix, FIBA championship, etc.). She spent a semester in Lille, France, through the Erasmus exchange gaining an insight in feminism and the tradition of Annales in history. In June 2014, she participated at the Harvard’s Summer Internship in Nafplion and visited Boston and Washington, DC. She recently discovered ISHA and she participated in two seminars about the transnational perspective in history and completed an internship in the Historical Archive of Greek Refugees. Currently, Maria is taking a gap year and is applying for a master’s degree abroad.

Mohamed-Thamer “Tham” Alloui
Griffith College, Ireland

Tham graduated from The Griffith College Dublin in 2014 with a degree in marketing, where he worked on social entrepreneurship and eco-businesses for the Irish market while focusing on how to implement social awareness in business projects. After working in customer relations for a service provider, he decided to redirect its professional project in behalf of education for the younger population to promote sustainable values. Tham strongly believes that culture is the key of mutual understanding, this is why he worked to develop the knowledge of youth through group practice at the Aix en Provence Public Library (2014).

Sadhi Batra
University of Alabama at Birmingham

Sadhi Batra is an incoming medical student. During her undergraduate studies at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Sadhi majored in neuroscience and philosophy while simultaneously pursuing a fast-track master’s in public health. As a member of the University of Alabama at Birmingham’s Science and Technology Honors Program, Sadhi also conducted an interdisciplinary research project that combined neurology and philosophy. When not
immersed in her books, Sadhvi could be found actively promoting the need for sexual health education in the Deep South through her grassroots organization, Advocates Today, Doctors Tomorrow. She has also served as an E3! Ambassador for The White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Sadhvi enjoys writing and spending time with friends and family. After medical school, she plans on pursuing a career in academic medicine where she will research health disparities and social determinants of health.

**Leslie Bruce**  
Vanderbilt University

Born and raised in Kansas City, Missouri, Leslie Bruce is a rising senior at Vanderbilt University majoring in political science. On campus, Leslie is the co-chair of the Vanderbilt Speakers Committee and a member of the club equestrian team. She is a research assistant in the History Department where she studies the social implications of bioenhancement and the core features of human personhood. Her passion for human rights was sparked in a course on World War II, where she examined the ways in which collective memory shapes national identity. During the summer of 2014, she interned in the White House Office of Communications, an experience that increased her awareness of the critical role rhetoric plays in framing public policy debates. Following graduation, she plans to attend law school and pursue a career as an international human rights lawyer specializing in transitional justice. Leslie enjoys reading dystopian novels, trying new cuisine and throwing impromptu dance parties.

**Nicole Chi**  
Amherst College

A Taiwanese-American and recent graduate of Amherst College, Nicole Chi has always sought to balance her love for creative expression and her tendency towards the analytical. She majored in economics and political science with a focus on international development and wrote a thesis on the Trans-Pacific Partnership and its implications for US-China competition in the Asia-Pacific. In her spare time, she was the editor-in-chief of the art and literary magazine, a managing editor of the newspaper and a member of two singing groups. Over the past few summers, she worked for a consulting project on the gender policies of a UNDP program, a nonprofit research and consulting firm in Boston, a large national bank in China and a summer school for fourth graders in Taiwan. She hopes to one day be at the forefront of developing
innovative and sustainable solutions to challenging global problems in addition to becoming a novelist.

**Anna-Sylvia “Sylvanna” Delapaschou**
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Five years after obtaining her high school diploma from the American College of Thessaloniki, Anna-Sylvia “Sylvanna” Delapaschou graduated from Aristotle University with a law degree in 2012. During her undergraduate studies she was interested in the field of comparative law, she, therefore, continued her studies by attending the postgraduate program in the Faculty of Law at the same university, which she completed with distinction in 2015. In the framework of her master she focused on the principle of non-discrimination in the European legal order, as well as on human rights issues within the European Union. Her dissertation was based on the idea of diversity and the phenomenon of multiple discrimination in Europe, while she actively participated in several European human rights’ mock courts, especially at Free University of Berlin, where she spent six months as an Erasmus student. She has worked for two years as a trainee lawyer in the Administrative Court of Appeal in Thessaloniki and in a law office with a wide range of activities, where she gained valuable knowledge and experience. She currently works in a law firm based in Thessaloniki as a human rights lawyer.

**Kadijatou “Kadija” Diallo**
Temple University

Born in Guinea, raised in Senegal and New York and currently living in Philadelphia, “Kadija” considers herself a citizen of the world rather than any one country. She graduated magna cum laude from Temple University with a bachelor’s degree in political science, concentrating in international relations. She has worked with numerous organizations to advocate for a variety of issues including the improvement of judiciaries and gender equality and global peace. Her true love lies in researching human rights prosecutions, especially the role that transitional justice plays in protecting human rights and stabilizing post-conflict societies. Kadija intends to pursue a JD with the goal of working with the International Criminal Court. She enjoys writing poetry and short stories, exploring new restaurants with her friends and watching SpongeBob SquarePants. More than anything, she dreams of climbing mountains and getting lost in the Mongolian landscape.
Lola Girard  
UPEC  

Lola Girard just graduated from Sheffield Hallam University with an LLB and from Paris 12 with a master 1. Her coursework allowed her to alternate between studying in England and studying in France. From now on, she will study human rights, humanitarian law and international development through her master 2 in Paris or Aix en Provence, and wishes to focus on women’s rights. Lola spent her summers travelling and working as a linguistic trip organizer in England, as a secretary in a bank and she has just completed a legal internship in a French feminist organisation. Last summer, she spent a month travelling in Sri Lanka and volunteering with a local NGO taking care of injured elephants.

Lola Godeau  
University College London (UCL)  

Lola Godeau is a final year anthropology student at the University College London. After having done research at a hip-hop company based in Grenoble, her dissertation focused on how dance can be understood as socially beneficial. She is particularly interested in how vulnerable groups can use art as a means of integration in society. Her interest for human rights sparked on a trip to North Korea in the summer of 2013, where she was able to observe the extent to which the regime was embedded in individuals’ day-to-day experiences. This led her to question how citizens interact with their state and their judicial system. Born in Paris, she has been living in London for the past three years.

Honorine Goueth  
Sorbonne University  

Born in France but originally from Cameroon, Honorine defended her first MA thesis on the history of the European strategy towards Latin America since the 90s and won the highest honors. Honorine currently works at Sorbonne University as an International Relations Officer, a work-study program she has participated in since last September. Prior to that, she carried out research on Franco-Bolivian relations in the 19th century under the supervision of the Bolivian Ambassador to France and recently interned within the Ambassador’s Office at the US Embassy in Paris. She also joined the International Relations Office of Pierre and Marie Curie University as a student mobility assistant. In the future, Honorine hopes to serve Cameroon while representing a face of diversity in France.
**Willems Guiraboye**  
Institut d'études politiques de Paris (Sciences Po Paris)

Willems Guiraboye is currently an undergraduate student at Sciences Po Paris. Willems has been admitted to Sciences Po through a special procedure, “Convention d'Education Prioritaire,” which aims to open the school to students coming from a poor or middle class social background. Interested by Euro-Asian economic, social and diplomatic relations, he has decided to go study on a regional campus in the city of Le Havre, specialized in Asian related studies. In 2013, Willems went to several high schools in Haute-Normandie during five months to help the students through the CEP procedure. Thus, Willems has studied 19th and 20th Century economic history, international public law and japanese. In the upcoming year, he will spend one year in Tokyo, Japan for a university programme and is planning on applying to a business master’s degree.

**Elise Haumont**  
Institut d'études politiques de Paris (Sciences Po Paris)

Elise Haumont will graduate from Sciences Po Paris in June with a master’s in international public management. She specialized in European and migration studies. She interned for four months in the Office for Familial Immigration in the French Ministry of Interior where she worked on jurisprudence. Before, she worked at the French Court for the Right of Asylum where she wrote a report on extreme left in Turkey. From 2012 to 2013, Elise lived ten months in Istanbul. She studied political science and international relations at Boğaziçi University through the Erasmus program. Elise is currently a volunteer teacher in French as a foreign language to adult migrants. She currently considers working in the social and solidarity-based economy.

**Maria Hernandez**  
Willamette University

Maria Hernandez was born and spent the first half of her life in Guanajuato, Mexico. She is a Ford Family Foundation Scholar and recent graduate from Willamette University in Salem, Oregon. Maria received her bachelor’s in political science and triple-minored in Latin American Studies, American ethnic studies and sociology. She is a member of Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noroeste and CAUSA, organizations that advocate for statewide policies that positively impact Oregon’s Latino immigrant communities. Maria advises at-risk high school students about college through the Upward
Bound program, of which she is a graduate. Maria advocates for the needs of young people through serving with the Youth Development Council at the Oregon Department of Education. She wants to pursue a Juris Doctor in immigration law and work to ensure higher participation of minorities and women in political leadership positions. In her spare time, she runs and draws and enjoys spending time with family.

**Aditya Karhade**  
Vanderbilt University

Aditya studied biomedical engineering and neuroscience at Vanderbilt University. During his undergraduate studies, Aditya conducted nanotechnology research for low-resource settings. In the Nashville community, he pursued opportunities with Project CURE and the Vanderbilt Institute for Global Health. On campus, he founded a performing arts group called the BhangraDores as well as served as president of the Multicultural Leadership Council and co-chair of Alternative Spring Break. In his junior year, Aditya received an interfaith fellowship to Israel and later conducted biochemistry research at Universität Leipzig as a Max Kade Foundation Fellow. Aditya is interested in health care inequalities, entrepreneurship, activism and public policy. In August, he will start his first year at Harvard Medical School. He is originally from Nashik, India and moved to the United States at the age of nine.

**Odysseas Konstantinakos**  
Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences

Odysseas Konstantinakos is a student at Panteion University (Athens) and he is about to obtain his bachelor’s in political science and history. Odysseas is currently writing his thesis in political economy and at the same time he working as an intern at the Nicos Poulantzas Institute. He is also volunteering with the Hellenic League for Human Rights, an Athens-based NGO, and is actively involved in human rights issues in Greece. He spent the last year in Rome and Siena as part of the Erasmus exchange program. Odysseas participates in the GoldenDawnWatch initiative which monitors the neo-Nazi political party, Golden Dawn.

**Timothy Loh**  
Georgetown University

Hailing from sunny Singapore, Timothy Loh is a student in the Accelerated Program at Georgetown University where he concurrently pursues a bachelor of science in foreign service
and a master of arts in Arab studies. His undergraduate major is in culture and politics with a focus on sociolinguistics in the Middle Eastern and North African region. In his master’s program, Timothy centers his studies on deafness and disability in the Arab world. As a 2014 Lisa J. Raines Fellow, he traveled to Jordan to conduct anthropological research on deaf education, Jordanian Sign Language, and inter-religious relations. As a Doyle Engaging Difference Program Undergraduate Fellow and a research assistant for Dr. Yvonne Haddad from the Center for Muslim-Christian Understanding, Timothy is also interested in Islamophobia and the interplay between disability and religion. Timothy hopes to return to the Middle East and Northern Africa region in the future to work with deaf populations and to conduct further research.

Katherine Mateo  
University of Pennsylvania

Katherine Mateo is a Benjamin Franklin Scholar of the University of Pennsylvania where she is completing an honors degree in political science. During undergrad, she spent a semester in Washington, DC working in the US Mission to the United Nations at the State Department. In this role, she conducted legislative research and investigated the global crackdown on civil society. Katherine is the Founder and Program Director of Global Youth United, a Philadelphia-based nonprofit that teaches youth the entrepreneurial skills necessary to create change. Students of the GYU Curriculum have organized around budgetary issues in public education through legislative lobbying, independent research and by leveraging the power of media. Other students have worked to expand housing options for homeless US veterans. At Penn, Katherine advocated with university administrators for increased faculty diversity and the creation of resources for first-generation/low income students. Katherine plans to attend law school and pursue her passions in public and social entrepreneurship.

Iris Miské  
University Paris-Diderot Paris 7

Iris Miské is graduating with a bachelor’s degree in history from Paris 7-Diderot University. She focused on history of Sub-Saharan Africa from the Dark Ages to Present, transatlantic migrations, slavery and of the Muslim world in the Dark Ages. Iris has directed two movies so far, one fiction and one documentary, about street art in Istanbul and is currently finishing a detective novel. She is involved in
feminist actions and online project about the history of French colonization.

**Sophia Philip**  
Hampshire College

Sophia Philip is a native New Yorker and recent graduate from Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts where she majored in ethnography, cultural studies and the arts. Sophia has studied in Paris at Sciences Po and in Ghana at an intensive music and dance graduate program. Outside of her academic career she has worked on various educational initiatives in New York City, facilitated anti-racism and leadership training with Urban Bush Women Summer Leadership Institute and organized TEDx conferences and music festivals. Sophia has a passion for painting, drawing and Brazilian and West African dance. Through her various passions, she strives to find interdisciplinary approaches to bridging communities and catalyzing empowerment and development.

**Alice Riché**  
Institut d'études politiques de Paris (Sciences Po Paris)

Alice Riché obtained her master’s in international development in 2015 and her bachelor’s in political science in 2013 from Sciences Po Paris. She spent a semester in Rome working at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN and learning Italian (2014). Alice was a program coordinator at Global Potential (GP), an NGO that empowers youth in different countries and she led workshops for a year in La Courneuve on socio-political questions and facilitated GP’s summer program in Senegal (2014). She lived for a year in Buenos Aires, studying international relations, doing microcredit work with women and backpacking in South America for three months (2012-2013).

**Amer Taleb**  
University of Arizona

The son of Mexican and Lebanese immigrants, Amer Taleb graduates in May 2015 from the University of Arizona, where he studies journalism. Amer is passionate about teaching and hopes to spend his career increasing access to education in developing countries to help people out of the circumstances his parents were once in. Amer has interned for CNN, Scripps Howard, a New York Times bureau and has freelanced for AP, The Huffington Post and The Nation. He covered President Obama’s second inauguration and was one of the youngest
journalists to report on the landmark DOMA and Prop. 8 oral arguments from inside the Supreme Court. He recently lived with former Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo as a participant-observer at Obasanjo’s home in Nigeria. After the fellowship, Amer will be a Fulbright Scholar in Turkey and will continue his work toward co-authoring a book on political architects of contemporary Nigeria.

Imane Tammar
Institut d'études politiques de Paris (Sciences Po Paris) Paris

Imane Tammar graduated in 2015 from Sciences Po Paris with a master’s in political science, previously from Université Paris X Nanterre with a bachelor’s in philosophy. During her studies, Imane focused on economic development, humanitarian action and international relations in the Middle East and Northern Africa, and Sub-Saharan Africa. In 2013, Imane served as the president of a youth-led organization promoting democracy and human rights in Morocco, her home country. Imane recently completed an internship where she worked for a maternal health NGO in Paris (2014), conducting thematic research on gender-based violence in refugee camps and assisting in project management and reporting. Imane is particularly interested in the situation of refugees in Europe as well as in migration dynamics across the Mediterranean Sea.
GERMAN PROGRAM STAFF

Luisa Maria Schweizer  
Program Director, Humanity in Action Germany

Born and raised in the Black Forest, Luisa studied Anthropology and New German Literature at Albert-Ludwigs-University in Freiburg i Br. and at Humboldt University in Berlin, where she focused on protest and social movements as well as on migration in the context of European integration. Luisa has been with Humanity in Action since January 2015, when she became Program Director of the Berlin office. Previously, she worked as a Social Campaigner & PR Officer for www.meshcollective.de, a political media initiative founded by the Robert Bosch Foundation. Since 2010 Luisa has been the chairwoman of European Alternatives Berlin e.V., she’s also a member of the Board of Trustees at European Alternatives (www.euroalter.com). Besides that she spends her free time in handstand optimizing her yoga practice, enjoys Italian cooking and wine, dancing and music.

Johannes Lukas Gartner  
Program Coordinator, Humanity in Action Germany

Johannes Lukas Gartner serves as Program Coordinator at Humanity in Action Germany and works as a freelancer in public sector strategy consulting. Previously, he worked at a variety of places ranging from the Centro Nacional de Comunicación Social, a press freedom and civil society communications NGO in Mexico City, to Lilofee, an independent children's toy store in Berlin-Kreuzberg. He completed internships and research visits at places including the United Nations Development Programme in Panama City, the European Union Fundamental Rights Agency in Vienna and multinational law firms in Istanbul and London. Johannes is a law graduate of King’s College London as well as Humboldt University Berlin and an international relations graduate of the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. Currently residing in Berlin, Johannes was born and raised in Austria. He is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Diplomacy and Diversity 2014).

Beverly Li  
Program Intern

Beverly Li was born and raised in San Francisco, CA. She graduated from Whitman College in Walla Walla, WA in 2014 with Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology, with a focus on intergroup relations. She has participated in research projects
at Whitman and Stanford University. As a Multicultural Recruitment Intern at the Office of Admission at Whitman, Beverly was passionate about providing access to quality education to students from underrepresented backgrounds, organizing over 150 fly outs for prospective students. She served as a student representative for the Board of Trustee’s Diversity Committee, and assisted in helping hire Whitman’s first Associate Dean for Intercultural Affairs and Chief Diversity Officer. She was a Lantos-Humanity in Action Congressional Fellow in the Spring of 2015, working for Congresswoman Anna G. Eshoo (CA-18th). Beverly is a 2014 Humanity in Action Fellow (German Program).
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**Alexandra Amanatidou**  
Aristoteles University of Thessaloniki

Born in Frankfurt and raised in Thessaloniki, Greece, Alexandra Amanatidou is a student of journalism and mass communication in Aristoteles University of Thessaloniki. She spent a year in Hamburg as an Erasmus student and is currently living in Athens working for a private company. She has done a lot of volunteer work in various organisations, mostly involving environmental issues. She has also been a volunteer in cultural and art festivals. Alexandra’s future plans include a master in political science or international relations. In the future, she seeks to pursue a PhD in peace and conflict studies.

**Jerrel Baker**  
Morehouse College

Originally from Detroit, Jerrel Baker now lives in Atlanta, GA where he is a graduating senior at Morehouse College majoring in political science, minoring in economics and French. A Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellow with the US Department of State, Jerrel is interested in post-conflict reconstruction with a concentration in economic and political development. He is particularly interested in improving telecommunications infrastructure in African developing countries. After conducting research on the digital divide as a public affairs intern at AT&T, Jerrel has sought ways to help connect marginalized groups to the internet. As a Community Development Coordinator, Jerrel has spearheaded a number of development projects concerning public housing, small business and public safety in Atlanta. He has traveled to Belize, Haiti and South Africa to gain international development experience. After completing his degree at Morehouse, Jerrel will pursue a joint master's degree in international affairs and public administration before joining the US Foreign Service.

**Jelena Barac**  
Freie Universität Berlin

Born and raised in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Jelena Barac is currently completing her master's in English studies at Freie University in Berlin. During high school, she took part in many workshops that aimed to promote peace and conflict resolution in her home city of Mostar, including Youth in Action, Youth Leadership Program and Bridging Boundaries...
International. After high school, she obtained a bachelor of arts in literature and performing arts at University College Utrecht in Holland and a bachelor of arts in humanities with a focus on arts and social thought at Bard College Berlin. During her exchange year in Brazil she became interested in identity and nationality formation. Her bachelor’s thesis analysed nationality in Brazilian contemporary literature inspired by research on the role that national formation had in shaping Brazilian protests in 2013. In the future, Jelena wishes to pursue a PhD in a Lusophone nation.

**Elma Čavčić**  
University of Sarajevo

Elma Čavčić is a Sarajevo-born human rights activist and political scientist with a MA degree in international relations and diplomacy. A follower of feminist scholarship, Elma is also an alumna of NGO Balkans Let’s Get Up! and the International MitOst Network. As a student assistant, she pursued a short-term career as a faculty member in the political sciences department at her university. So far, Elma has been participating in many regional and international projects concerning topics such as discrimination, minority rights and gender-based violence. Elma is a rising academic researcher and essayist, covering stories of post-conflict society such as obtaining stable peace, transitional justice, peace building and reconciliation. In her spare time she likes to question various identities such as religious, cultural, national and ethnic ones and conduct different identity analyses. As a winner of the Turkish Institute for Science and Technologies grant for the most successful international students, she plans to pursue a PhD in conflict management.

**Anna Cieślak**  
University of Warsaw

Born and raised in Silesia, mining area of Poland, Anna left for Warsaw where she has graduated from the University of Warsaw. She has two master's degrees – one in Journalism and Social Communications and the second one in Documentaries. During her Bachelor, Anna has already started working for one of the biggest polish newspapers „Polska The Times”, where she was a journalist responsible for all kinds of articles about national politics. Meanwhile she was developing her biggest area of interest – the history of World War II, Holocaust and causes and consequences of human rights violations. She dedicated all her diploma theses to these issues. Being deeply interested in the condition of human rights around the world and believing in the power of
education about history of it, Anna has decided to stop working as a regular journalist and she moved to Berlin to work for human rights organizations.

Huy “Daniel” Dao  
Stanford University

As an undergraduate at Stanford University, Huy “Daniel” Dao discovered his passion for exploring the world. He has spent two semesters learning Chinese, first at Beijing University and later at Fu Dan University in Shanghai. He has also lived in Germany for a year where he conducted an independent research project that explored the history of Berlin’s Vietnamese population. Through interviews with former Vietnamese refugees and their interns, he analyzed issues of national identity and produced a research essay that was later published in a German book project. During his travels, Huy discovered an equally captivating passion for language learning, which he will pursue this fall in the department of Educational Linguistics at the University of Pennsylvania. His research interests involve multilingualism and second language acquisition. While at the University of Pennsylvania, Huy will investigate how languages interact in multilingual individuals as well as how languages can be built upon one another in the acquisition process.

Christina Dexel  
Freie Universität Berlin

Born in Bonn, Christina Dexel spent most of her childhood in Guatemala, Turkey and Thailand before returning to Germany to finish high school and enter university. She is now graduating with a bachelor’s degree in political science at the Free University of Berlin and will continue her academic career with a master in international relations or a similar field. Her interest in the enhancement of human rights and possibilities of social intervention has expressed itself through her work in a variety of social organizations abroad, such as Peru, India, Ecuador, as well as within Germany. This work has ranged from the protection of children’s rights to the inclusion of people with disabilities and the fight against racism within the German society. Besides her studies, Christina continues to be active in anti-racism work in Berlin, organizing educational workshops for high school students and supporting a new support initiative for refugees in Germany.
Alen Duspara  
University of Sarajevo

Alen was born and raised in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina where he finished my primary and secondary school. His education in criminal investigation was in a totally different area than his secondary school formation as a food technician. During his studies, he took part in the Erasmus Programme at the law faculty in Brno, Czech Republic. He has volunteered in a few organisations that work with people with intellectual disabilities and environmental protection. Beyond his studies, he was also a representative of his university’s class where he organized visits with different institutions. Alen was also an organizer of a protest for Erasmus+ in Sarajevo in an effort to hold the Bosnian government accountable to an agreement. Alan has participated in many seminars related to human rights throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Kosovo and the US. Besides formal and non-formal education, he is truly interested in travelling, having previously hitchhiked in Africa, Europe, the US and Asia, political sciences, sociology, international law, human and animal rights and philosophy.

Lejla Hodžić  
American University in BiH

Lejla was born and raised in small town in central Bosnia. In 2013, she moved to Sarajevo to study international law at American University. She has previous experience in team work, especially with Red Cross volunteers. In 2012, having previously won first place at the Red Cross seminar, Lejla participated in the Global Youth Conference in Vienna, where she worked online with volunteers from Denmark and the UK to prepare a project for the conference. In January 2015, she visited Tokyo, where she received a special award from the Japan Foreign Trade Council for an essay she had written on the Japanese economy and resources. Upon graduation, Lejla aspires to work with children living in poverty and people whose rights were endangered. Until then, she wishes to work on personal and professional growth through different activities and experiences.

Louisa Klaßen  
University College Maastricht

Louisa was born in Washington, DC, and raised in Bulgaria, Italy, France and Germany. Before she started her liberal arts and science bachelor in Maastricht, Louisa spent half a year at a school in Mongolia with the volunteering service “kulturweit” in association with the German UNESCO Commission. Her
interest in intercultural education has been intensified through a traineeship for seminar trainers with the German UNESCO Commission. During her studies, she mainly focused on sociology and cultural studies. Issues concerning race, class and gender have been at heart of her bachelor’s education. Currently Louisa is working for the education sector at the University Library Maastricht and is following different workshops and trainings concerning anti-racism and critical whiteness in German youth culture. She just finished her thesis about hip hop and pedagogy and for the near future. Louisa wants to continue her educational work and pursue a master’s in sociology at Goldsmith College London.

**Jordan Konell**  
Yale University

Jordan Konell is a recent graduate of Yale University where he double majored in African-American studies and political science with a focus on race relations and public policy in cities. A proud native of Philadelphia, Jordan wrote his senior essays on Black-Jewish relations in Philadelphia during the civil rights movement as well as on the politicization of civilian oversight over police. He is the former Coordinator of Community Health Educators, which provides health education to New Haven schools. He has spent his summers as a community organizer working on education reform policy in Washington, DC and as a legal fellow at a civil rights law firm. As a 2015 Rhodes Scholar, Jordan will pursue an MSc in criminal justice at the University of Oxford next year. He enjoys sneakers, long walks on the beach and coffee.

**Fernanda Lai**  
Williams College

Fernanda is a rising junior at Williams College majoring in English and history. Growing up in Hong Kong and Sydney, she cultivated an interest in the interaction between nationality and personal identity. She developed this interest further by volunteering at Help for Domestic Helpers, an NGO in Hong Kong that assists and empowers the domestic migrant community. Her experiences in Hong Kong strengthened her interest in understanding how language, narrative and literature are used to negotiate societal conflict. Through her work as co-president of the Debating Union and a member of the Lecture Committee, Fernanda seeks to relate academic solutions to everyday problems. Following her time at Williams, Fernanda hopes to pursue a PhD in English where
she will study the formation of national literatures in response to imperial breakdown.

**Eirini Glynou Lefaki**  
University of Kent

Eirini was born and raised in Andros island, in Greece. While she was a BA student at the University of Western Macedonia, she became engaged with issues of discrimination. She participated in the organisation of an anti-racist organisation that held many activities within the university. In 2012, she moved to UK to study international relations at the University of Kent and she became interested in the theorising of resistance. During her studies abroad, she became aware of the homelessness issue in the city where she lived. She then decided to become a volunteer at a local charity bookshop that supports homeless people, as well as people with housing problems. For her second master's, she wrote her thesis on the role of collective memory in the Greek crisis. Eirini is also very much interested in the rise of the far-right and populism in Europe.

**Claire Luzia Leifert**  
Freie Universität Berlin, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Universität Potsdam

Claire Luzia Leifert is a graduate student in the joint MA in international relations at Free University, Humboldt University Berlin and University of Potsdam. Before coming to Berlin, she studied European studies in Maastricht and Montréal. She is passionate about social justice and the relationship between knowledge and power in global politics. Next to her studies, she worked as a project manager at Heinrich Böll Foundation, where she organized conferences in the fields of social and health policy as well as education and research policy. She is also a freelance trainer of political education always eager to try innovative educational formats and has facilitated workshops and seminars in Germany, the Netherlands, Poland, Albania and Canada. In her free time, she is a student representative, a contributor and peer reviewer for the IRReflect - Student Journal of International Relations and is involved in all kinds of initiatives that try to create a better world.
Miriam Mack
University of Augsburg

Last year, Miriam finished her first state exam in primary school education (major subject: German as a foreign language) in Augsburg, after studying social work focusing on migration studies in Munich. She also completed an extracurricular semester in peace and conflict studies in India, hosted by the University of Oslo. During her studies, she initiated integrative educational and leisure programs for children from an asylum seekers’ shelter and projects supporting language development for students with migration background. Thereby, she is driven to improve access to education for the socially deprived. This commitment took her to work in the educational sector in Uganda, Peru and India for a total of over two years. After finishing the upcoming two-year traineeship as a teacher, she will pursue an interdisciplinary master’s degree in the field of public policy to sustainably mediate the gap between policy makers and activists on the ground.

Paulina Milewska
University of Warsaw

Born in Pultusk and raised in Warsaw, Paulina Milewska is a fifth year student of law at University of Warsaw. She spent a semester at University of Padova as an exchange student, expanding her knowledge about migration issues. Paulina cooperated with Horizont-Against the Death Penalty, which is a group affiliated with Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights. She also completed their programme on retributive justice, which concluded with a series of workshops that she presented to technical schools in Warsaw. As a student of law, Paulina has completed various internships at institutions such as Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights and K&L Gates Warsaw. She is a co-author of the students’ open letter in defense of LGBT people’s rights to Parliament Deputy Krystyna Pawłowicz. Currently, Paulina is writing her master’s thesis about the similarities and differences between animal and human rights.

Nefeli Myrodia
Athens School of Fine Arts

Born in Athens, Nefeli Myrodia is a Greek artist currently doing her master’s in digital arts at Athens School of Fine Arts. She started her studies in international and European economics in Athens and Lisbon and continued with a master’s in international political economy. In 2012, she worked as an
intern at the office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) where she organised a pro-bono mass media campaign for the Support of Syria Emergency Crisis. She has been working professionally in the theatre as an assistant director and she has written and directed 4 short-films over the past year. Her goal is to promote human rights through different forms of art and her next plan is the completion of a short documentary concerning the living and working conditions of the immigrants in Athens city centre.

Judith Scheer
Europa-Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder)

Born and raised in Germany Scheer, Judith graduated from European University Viadrina with a master’s degree in sociocultural studies in 2015. During her studies, she focused on social power relations such as gender and racism. For her thesis, she analysed the representation of migration in the German Historical Museum and in how far the non-belonging of migrants to the German identity is reproduced. Judith holds a BA in European studies from Maastricht University and is active in educational work. She works as a guide of political history tours in the Black Box Cold War, run by the Berliner Forum fuer Geschichte und Gegenwart e.V. Judith is a volunteer at ICJA Freiwilligenaustausch weltweit e.V. and conducts workshops in the field of intercultural exchange. She is also involved in a publication on the critical use of donations from the political North to the political South. Judith lives in Berlin and is looking for a job.

Iuliia Skok
National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy

Iuliia Skok was born in the south of Ukraine and raised in the center of the country. Iuliia received a bachelor’s (cum laude) in linguistics and now she is a master’s student of German and European studies at the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, which is conducted in cooperation with Friedrich Schiller University Jena. Iuliia volunteered in Poland and was a fellow of the summer school “Language and Culture” at Bremen University. She is also a fellow of Zavtra.ua, the largest private Ukrainian scholarship program. She has worked for Kiev Dialogue, a German-Ukrainian NGO, which deals with the development of civil society in Ukraine. Iuliia is sure that civil society is one of the best mechanisms for solving human rights problems. In the future, she wants to work in the public sector and advance European values of equality through education in Ukraine.
Oleksandra “Sasha” Smyrnova
University of Arkansas, SILC

Oleksandra Smyrnova was born in Kyiv, the capital city of Ukraine, in times of radical change in the USSR. She went to primary school when she was six, and was the youngest among her classmates. Nevertheless, she became a part of her school’s parliament and her school’s newspaper edition. At fourteen Oleksandra entered Pedagogical College, which later was promoted to a city university. She started working as an English teacher at her school when she was eighteen. She has spent the past eight years teaching and half of that time has been dedicated to youth work. After pursuing her bachelor, Sasha went for her master’s degree and later continued her professional development at University of Arkansas. Since 2013, she has been taking part in various non-formal trainings both as attendee and staff member. In her free time, Oleksandra travels a lot and studies Arabic and German languages.
Monika Mazur-Rafał
National Director, President of the Managing Board, Humanity in Action Poland

W. Churchill once said that attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference. Having witnessed systemic changes in Poland, Monika became fascinated by the politics and studied international relations with a focus on German studies and European integration. As her interests were broad, she graduated with two master's diplomas from the Warsaw University and Warsaw School of Economics/Sciences Politiques Paris. Later on, Monika took part in international exchanges, first at Free University Berlin and then at Humboldt University Berlin doing an internship at the German Bundestag. Since she wanted to find ways of utilizing this knowledge into practice, she started working at the think tank Center for International Relations, and after that in the International Organization for Migration, where she was a researcher of migration policy issues. In 2005, Monika established Humanity in Action in Poland and at the moment she is its President and Director. Apart from her human rights engagement at HIA Poland, Monika is a PhD student at Collegium Civitas, where her thesis is devoted to the Europeanization of Polish migration policy. In her very limited spare time, she enjoys reading, diving and snowboarding. Monika is a passionate dancer.

Magdalena “Magda” Szarota
Board Member and Communications Director, Humanity in Action Poland

Magdalena likes creating something out of nothing. Co-founder and member of the Management Board of the Association of Disabled Women ONE.pl, the first organization in Poland to deal with the issue of double discrimination grounds of gender and disability. Co-creator of the first edition of the Ashoka Foundation Academy of Innovators for the Public in Nepal. She lived and worked in Asia, USA and Europe. Interdisciplinary and intercultural activities are her passion, especially when they offer an opportunity to combine activism, art and science. Hence her involvement in Humanity in Action. Since 2006, when she co-created this organisation in Poland with Monika; she has served as a member of the Management Board and Communications and PR Director. She initiates and contributes to educational and activist projects as part of the foundation. A supporter of the work of
activists as part of Humanity in Action, she has many years of experience as a trainer and tutor both in Poland and abroad. She is an author of various publications on human rights and a certified trainer of Polish Humanitarian Action, a graduate of the Ashoka Foundation Academy of Innovators for the Public and an activist involved with the Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights. Magdalena is also a dual PhD candidate at the Lancaster University in the UK and at the Graduate School for Social Research, the Polish Academy of Sciences. Currently she is on a scholarship at Yale University. Recipient of scholarships from: the Kościuszko Foundation, the Ministry of Science and Higher Education, the University of Warsaw, the American Embassy in Poland and the Ashoka Foundation. She is a winner of the of the Servas International prize for young activists. Magdalena is also an avid skier, juggler, poet & visual artist who loves the wilderness.

**Przemyslaw “Przemek” Iwanek**
Social Media Director and Project Manager, Humanity in Action Poland

Przemek comes from the small town of Lubartow, located in eastern Poland. He is particularly interested in politics, media, as well as the history of Holocaust, World War II, Polish-Jewish relations and their links to contemporary human rights issues and education. He earned a MA degree in political science at UMCS Lublin in 2009, holds an additional MA in sociology public policy and administration at Warsaw’s Collegium Civitas in 2013 and also studied at Tübingen University in Germany for one semester. Przemek’s Humanity in Action story started in 2007 in Warsaw, where he completed the Humanity in Action Fellowship Program. A few months later, he became a Lantos-Humanity in Action Congressional Fellow, where he worked on the Eastern European portfolio of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. Later on, he worked at the Polish Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, European Meeting Center-Nowy Staw Foundation in Lublin, History Meeting House in Warsaw and at the European Magazine Media Association/Future Media Lab in Brussels. In 2013, he joined the Humanity in Action Poland staff. Additionally, he also works part-time for the European Council on Foreign Relations on communications work.

**Magdalena “Magda” Chrzczonowicz**
Project Coordinator, Humanity in Action Poland

Magda was born in Warsaw, where she graduated from University of Warsaw with a MA degree in applied social
Jarmiła Rybicka
Program Intern

Born and raised in Gdańsk, the cradle of Solidarity movement, Jarmiła has lived and learned valuable experiences in India, Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, Vietnam, Thailand, China and the Philippines over the course of the past year. Since then, she has been engaged in social activism and human rights, including the international "No Hate" campaign, which promotes human equality through education, advocacy and social media. She recently organised "International Roma Community Day", a series of debates on refugees in Warsaw in addition to presenting a petition to the Polish Prime Minister and President on preventing violence in Ukraine. Jarmiła is also a co-author of Alternative Warsaw Guidebook, a publication for participants of the International March for Climate and Social Justice. She was an active participant in events organised by Institute of Global Responsibility, Polish Green Network, Warsaw Food Cooperative and the Annual Food Cooperatives Convention. Apart from that, Jarmiła is working on her master’s on the War in Syria at sociology department at University of Warsaw. Her research on social scientists involved in wars has been presented at two research conferences; Young Sociology Congress and Critical Sociology Conference at Jagiellonian University. In 2014, she studied human rights and war at University of Utrecht. During her time in Amsterdam, she worked with Plastic Soup Foundation a NGO dealing with problem of plastic waste in oceans. Since her return to Poland, she has led a project on learning assistance for underprivileged Roma children from Warsaw’s Praga district.
Ashley Blackwell
University of Virginia

Ashley Blackwell is a senior at the University of Virginia studying urban and environmental planning. While attending the University of Virginia, Ashley has developed programs and initiatives to address gaps in the support structure for low-income college students. Her efforts have led to the development of a university mentorship network and a scholarship to support students seeking unpaid internship opportunities. She has also campaigned for the restoration of University of Virginia’s full grant-aid financial aid policy. Ashley is an advocate for historically marginalized populations in Charlottesville, Virginia. Her engagement in the Charlottesville community focuses on addressing barriers to employment, advocating for affordable housing and identifying gaps in the continuum of care for people who are homeless. She has mentored at-risk youth and researched equitable and sustainable community redevelopment of low-income neighborhoods. Ashley’s ultimate goal is to develop an innovative community model that holistically addresses the disenfranchisement of historically marginalized populations and provides pathways for residents to live a quality life above the poverty line.

Oleksii Bondarev
Taras Shevchenko Kyiv National University

Oleksii Bondarev was born in Zaporizhzhia, Ukraine and moved to Kyiv to begin his degree in Taras Shevchenko Kyiv National University at the Faculty of Law. During his studies, Oleksii worked in a consulting company as an assistant to a lawyer and at the Kyiv City State Administration as a specialist of the Head Department for Economics and Investments. In 2010, Oleksii started his career in the Office of the Ukrainian Parliament Commissioner for Human Rights and currently serves as the Deputy Head of International Obligations Unit. His professional duties include cooperation with relevant international organizations and institutions as well as NHRIs, project coordination, drafting amendments to current legislation and drafting policies aimed at implementation of international human rights standards in Ukraine.
Camille Erickson
Macalester College

Camille Erickson graduated from Macalester College in May 2014, majoring in art history and international studies. While attending Macalester she coordinated the sexual health education program. Through the program she led initiatives to combat sexual violence and provide more inclusive sexual health resources to all students. Her research explores global feminist and LGBTQ contemporary art that initiates dialogues about community formation, political engagement, and restorative justice. Originally from Chicago, Camille now lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota where she works as a writer and advocate in the arts. She currently serves as the Co-Director of the Minneapolis Art Lending Library (MALL), a nonprofit organization that seeks to build ongoing support for practicing artists and share the joy of art with all members of the community, regardless of financial standing through the free lending of artwork.

Nina Gabrys
Jagiellonian University

Born in Cracow, Nina is a rising senior at Jagiellonian University with a major in anthropological history. Nina's work focuses on gender studies and historical consciousness and collective memory. This year she has been conducting her senior research project concerning AIDS/HIV related stigma and discrimination in Poland from 1986 to 1996. She was a Public Relations manager of the student government Committee on Culture and a Vice President of Academic Activities at the European Law Students Association. She participated in scholarship programme within the Polish National Cultural Centre. In addition to her studies, Nina works as a journalist for Queer.pl, a Polish LGBT-interest magazine and also serves as Secretary of the Board at the Queer Culture Center, where she seeks to create the new projects focused on the story of others and particularly the ones that didn't get a chance to speak in the past. In the future she hopes to pursue a MA in international affairs. She enjoys cappuccino, old movies and literature.

Anna Maria Guadarrama
Utah State University

Anna Maria Guadarrama is a 2013 graduate of Utah State University. She recently interned for the White House Domestic Policy Council. Prior to this, she completed a Fulbright Scholarship in Mexico as an English Teaching
Assistant. Anna Maria has also interned for Congresswoman Judy Chu and participated in the Junior Summer Institute Fellowship at Princeton University. Anna Maria enjoys dance, exercise, art and spending time with family.

**Madeline Hung**  
Harvard College

Madeline Hung is a rising senior at Harvard College. Within her social studies major, Madeline focuses her work on the intersections of global justice and international law. In the year ahead, she will write a senior thesis that explores the role of international economic law in human rights implementation. For her thesis she will approach the subject as an intersection of social and political theory in practice. In addition to her studies, Madeline volunteers as a Team Coordinator for Health Leads USA at Codman Square Health Center, a non-profit organization that connects underserved patients to community resources such as housing and food assistance. She is also Vice President of The Seneca, Inc., a women’s advocacy non-profit organization on Harvard’s campus. Originally from San Francisco, Madeline enjoys cooking, traveling, dancing and playing tennis in her spare time.

**Anna “Anula” Jochym**  
Uniwersytet Warszawski

Born and raised in Warsaw, Poland, Anna “Anula” Jochym is a graduate of Warsaw University with a BA in social and cultural animation. As a student, she practised her skills as a cultural animator in the Association of Creative Initiatives through projects emphasizing activation of people who have retired. After graduation, Anula decided to broaden her horizons by undertaking a two-year long journey around Europe, the Middle East, Asia and Oceania visiting such countries as Turkey, Iran, India, Indonesia, Burma, Thailand and Australia. Upon her return to Poland, she enrolled in the MA program in ethnology and cultural anthropology at Warsaw University, where she plans to focus on gender equality and gender differences in her future thesis. After her master’s defense, Anula intends to continue her university education in postgraduate programs that focus on sexual education and gender studies.
Surya Karki
College of the Atlantic

Born and raised in Madi Mulkharka to a single mother, Surya is a rising senior at the College of the Atlantic. His academics focus on economic development and sustainable business. Apart from dedicating his time to finishing his education in Maine, he has co-founded several organizations that include Maya Universe Academy, Diyalo Foundation Inc. and United World Schools Nepal. Currently, he is working to bring Diyalo Foundation Inc. into full operation while also overseeing United World Schools works in Nepal. Beginning this year, Surya will work with teammates from Diyalo Foundation Inc. and United World Schools Nepal to establish fifteen community schools in Sankhuwasabha District. These schools will provide more than 3000 underprivileged children with quality education. After College of the Atlantic, Surya hopes to pursue graduate studies in public administration and international development.

Nora Lassahn
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

Nora Lassahn just handed in her master's thesis in European literatures and studied in Berlin and Verona. Interested in the intersection of culture and politics, she worked as a print and radio journalist and as a student assistant for public relations for the Bündnis für Demokratie und Toleranz - a government alliance that strives to empower the civil society. She interned at the International Literature Festival in Berlin, at the German Parliament and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Malaysia. In her free time, Nora volunteers for Amnesty International.

Maja Lepieszka
Warsaw University

Born and raised in Warsaw, Maja is alumnus of Warsaw University where she obtained a master’s degree in international relations with specialization in security and strategic studies. She also spent a semester abroad at Charles University in Prague. After graduation, Maja started to work at the Information and Tracing Service of the Polish Red Cross where, inter alia, she traces refugees who stay in the territory of Poland. Last year she volunteered in Red Cross Centre for Asylum Seekers in Nonceveux, Belgium. Presently, she is a co-leader in project “Combat Against Hate Speech Through European Perspective” supported by the Europe for Citizens program. The project aims to raise awareness of the problem
of hate speech in Europe, promote the fight against it and aims to improve and strengthen European cooperation in support of human rights.

**Elliot Mamet**  
Colorado College

Elliot is a graduating senior at Colorado College, majoring in political science with a minor in social and political philosophy. A Boettcher Scholar and a Rhodes Scholarship finalist, he spent his junior year as a general course student at the London School of Economics. At Colorado College, Elliot studies the history of political thought and is writing his senior thesis on Hannah Arendt's rethinking of politics. Elliot is also particularly interested in incarceration and the modern prison. He founded the Colorado College Prison Project, a student group that works to raise critical awareness of mass incarceration. He has also interned at the ACLU of Colorado and the ACLU National Prison Project. Elliot currently serves on the board of the ACLU of Southern Colorado and serves as student trustee at Colorado College. He is a keen clarinetist and a proud native of Denver, Colorado.

**Magdalena “Magda” Miskowicz**  
University of Warsaw, Adam Mickiewicz University

Magdalena Miśkowicz, born in Wolsztyn and graduated from Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań and University of Warsaw with master's degrees in international relations and Iberian philology. In addition, she spent one year in the Erasmus Program in Spain where she studied communication studies. At university, she volunteered in many cultural projects and international events, such as United Nations Climate Change Conferences and in European Union during the Polish presidency. As a participant of Association of Young Journalists “Polis” workshops, Magda collaborated in the creation of blogs and a newspaper for the Film Festival in Warsaw. She also worked with Polish Radio News Agency as an information journalist. She is interested in immigration (master's degree thesis), multiculturalism and integration of elderly people in societies. Magdalena speaks Polish, English, Spanish and Portuguese, enjoys listening to Polish Radio 3, choral singing, non-fiction literature, self-organized trips, cooking and spending time with family.

**Aleksandra Mosiolek**  
Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun

Aleksandra is a graduate of the Institute of Philosophy and
Institute of Sociology at the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Torun, Poland, and is currently is a PhD candidate. She also studied at the Charles University in Prague and has been involved in activities for human and women’s rights. From 2007 to 2011, she was associated with Polish Humanitarian Action (PAH), where worked as a trainer in humanitarian and development education and organized of events and did fundraising. In 2010, she underwent the training “No One Is Born with Prejudice” and became an anti-discrimination and gender trainer. Since 2011, she has been associated with the postgraduate gender studies program, where she teaches and is responsible for organizing events and promotion. In 2014, she co-organized the Pomerania Congress of Women - 25 Years of Freedom. Since 2011, Aleksandra works for the Centre of Contemporary Art in Torun and currently serves as a Chief Specialist in Public Relations and Project Coordinator.

**Karolina “Karo” Osiak**  
University of Warsaw

Karolina is a Polish psychology graduate who is addicted to people and travelling, and her orientation towards people shows through her studies and volunteering. She is a Project Coordinator at Positive Impact Center, an NGO, and has also volunteered for various programs including with AIESEC. Besides trying to make a social impact, Karolina spends her time actively looking for self-growth opportunities through studying for a semester in Valencia, doing an internship in Belgium and by volunteering in Taiwan and Mauritius. Currently she lives in Holland, working at Thermaflex, a company Forbes named among the “Top 14 Best For The Environment” list. In near future, she plans to establish her own NGO that would aim to empower youth, travel through Mexico and start her second master’s in European public affairs.

**Vu “Thuy Anh” Phan**  
Newcastle University, UK

Vu Thuy Anh is a Vietnamese person from Ukraine, who has recently graduated from Newcastle University with a major in media and cultural studies. Through her personal experiences, she has become interested in questions of identity and the way they can be explored at the intersection of transnationalism, social activism and communication. During her undergraduate years, Thuy Anh worked for two years in a student-led nonprofit organization, AIESEC, as a member of the talent management department and as a Local Committee President. She also visited Brazil for a month, where she was
volunteering, travelling and asking directions from people without knowing Portuguese. This fall she will be continuing with her studies and developing her research interests by pursuing master’s in media and communications. In the future, Thuy Anh hopes to combine her academic interests with creative practical communications to create a fun-driven positive impact. In her free time, she loves exploring the city with a camera, travelling, and reading. Thuy Anh also loves to make spontaneous decisions and she hopes that she will be able to wake up in the morning, buy a ticket to another corner of the world and start a new journey right away!

Hanna Pienczykowska
University of Warsaw

Hanna was raised as a member of Polish majority society. At university, she studied applied linguistics with German as the leading language, which caused her interests to shift to German society and how it has coped with minorities and deals with histories of the National Socialist Party and German Democratic Republic. Over the past year, Hanna has been a Fellow in the German Civic Education Programme for Activists at the Anne Frank Zentrum in Berlin. In Warsaw, she works for two organizations; the Global Entrepreneurship Week Foundation and Stowarzyszenie BETA Polska, which is an organiser of Model European Union Warsaw. In the future Hanna hopes to work with projects that focus on democracy and European education as their pertain to majority-minority relations in the civic education field. A member of the Young Diplomats’ Club, she is also interested in the development of public and corporate support for NGOs in Poland.

John Esteban Rodriguez
University of Georgia

A first-generation Colombian immigrant, John Esteban Rodriguez is a senior at the University of Georgia, where he is also pursuing a master’s degree in English. As a Colombian-American queer person, John Esteban is interested in how different facets of identity (e.g. diaspora, sexuality, class, language, etc.) interact with each other to contribute to the emergence of unique subjectivities and solidarities. His interests in the Middle East led to a year abroad in Amman, Jordan, where he interned and studied the legal obstacles faced by Syrian refugee integration. Through a think tank on campus, he has tackled the gendered and socioeconomic disparities of food insecurity in Athens, Georgia and Northeastern Brazil. He is fluent in Spanish and French and conversational in Arabic and Portuguese. He enjoys taking
contemporary dance classes, swinging in his orange hammock and exploring new gastronomies. John Esteban hopes to study continental philosophy in Europe prior to pursuing a PhD in critical theory.

**Martin Schinagl**
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Born in Leipzig when it was still in the German Democratic Republic, Martin first moved to Potsdam to study human geography and sociology and then, after a one year stay in Grenoble, France, went to live and study in Berlin. He holds now a master’s degree in European ethnology, having concluded his thesis on online dating from a cultural anthropology point of view. He is mostly concerned about urban conflicts and developments, relationships, post-modernity, racism, digitality and capitalism. He now critically follows the participatory planning processes in Berlin for his own interests but also in his capacity as intern at the Institute for Regional Planning.

**Katarzyna “Kasia” Siemasz**
Jagiellonian University in Krakow

Katarzyna Siemasz graduated from the Jagiellonian University in Krakow and the University of Vienna with a dual master's degree in European studies. She previously earned her bachelor's in Swedish language and literature. Her academic interests include gender studies, feminist theory and discourse analysis. Outside of her university life, she co-led the Polish feminist website Codziennik Feministyczny, which reported on feminist issues within Poland and Europe to a rapidly growing audience. Active in various youth organizations throughout her studies, she was recently elected as a Board Member of the Polish Council of Youth Organizations. She was also involved in a collaborative project with youth councils from Germany and Israel that focused on Holocaust remembrance and non-formal education on the context of the 70th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz. She was awarded an International Parliamentary Scholarship by the German Bundestag, working as a researcher for a Member of Parliament.

**Marta Siwka**
University of Warsaw

When people ask her how she sees her career in five years from now, Marta always answers that she sees herself as a happy woman, happier than before. Born in Warsaw, she is
fond of its urban atmosphere, similar to the one of cities like Berlin or London. She is a student of applied linguistics at the University of Warsaw. Engaged in various voluntary activities, Marta worked with Vital Voices Chapter Poland, US Department of State and at the Solidarity with Belarus Information Office. She has volunteered in Crimea during a summer camp for children in addition to her work on the issues of hate speech during an International Youth Camp Dialogue held in June 2014 in Kaluga, Russia. As for her interests, she loves music and feels relaxed when baking. When she says holidays, she means active holidays. Marta believes that the more she gives, the more she gets.

**Robert “Rob” Tessier**  
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Robert “Rob” Tessier is a rising senior at the University of Pittsburgh, majoring in neuroscience and sociology with a minor in chemistry. He has completed research fellowships with the Conte Center for the Neuroscience of Mental Disorders and the Honors College Brackenridge program. Robert researches memory and motivation with Dr. Mary Torregrossa in Pitt’s Psychiatry department and is currently working on completing his senior thesis. Outside of academia, Robert is the vice president the University’s chapter of the Delta Chi Fraternity. He is also the president of Pitt’s Medlife chapter, an internationally based non-profit organization focused on poverty and health care outreach in developing countries. After graduation Robert plans to obtain a dual MD-MPH. He is originally from New Jersey.

**Anna Wojcik**  
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Born in Wroclaw and based in Warsaw, Poland, Anna holds bachelor’s degrees in philosophy and cultural studies and a master’s in law from the University of Warsaw. She spent a semester abroad studying philosophy at University of Paris IV - Sorbonne. In her master thesis, she investigated the scope of the freedom of artistic expression in Poland after 1989. Anna is an assistant editor at Visegrad Insight, a magazine on Central European politics, business and communities, and is editor at the opinion quarterly Res Publica Nowa. She covers social, cultural and economic transformations of Central and Eastern Europe with focus on educational and innovation policies. She is also a team member of New Europe 100, a list of leaders of innovation from Central and Eastern Europe and has been named a Leader of Tomorrow at the 44th St. Gallen Symposium. In September, Anna will pursue a master’s in
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Aleksandra Zagłoba is a law student in her final year at University of Łódź, Poland where she is writing her master’s thesis on mobbing at the department of international criminal law. During her studies, she focused on criminal law and labour law and is particularly interested in constitutional law, human rights, arbitration and mediation. Aleksandra is an active member of the European Law Student Association (ELSA) at University of Łódź. In 2012, she took a part in the Erasmus program to study international relations at Panteion University in Athens. Previously, Aleksandra worked for a legal aid clinic and law firms and did an internship at the Ombudsman Office. She has served as an Ambassador of Polish Ombudsman at University of Łódź since 2013 and plans to begin PhD studies in the near future. In her private life, Aleksandra, has two great passions: sports, especially tennis and jogging and books.

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Born and raised in Odessa, Ukraine, Oleksandra recently moved to Poland to gain a master's degree in law. During her scholarships, including the Polish government scholarship from 2008-2014 and the Erasmus LLP scholarship from 2012-2013, at Jagiellonian University and University Montesquieu Bordeaux IV, she gained a strong foundation in legal concepts and analysis. Recently, she has spent a year doing challenging work in the human rights section of the legal clinic of the Jagiellonian University. Oleksandra's academic interests include international public and private law and human rights. She has developed an interdisciplinary research project, supported by the Ministry of Higher Education and Research and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of France, which based at the legal affairs department of University Montpellier III and through work experience in IBM Krakow. Having Russian as a mother tongue, she is bilingual in Ukrainian and Polish and has professional working proficiency in English and French.
DIPLOMACY AND DIVERSITY PROGRAM STAFF

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Antje Scheidler has been with Humanity in Action since 2002, when she became Program Director of the, then new, German program. She also oversees the European programs of Humanity in Action. Antje was born in East Germany and has lived for almost her entire life in Berlin, where she experienced the fall of the Berlin Wall as a teenager. Antje studied English and American studies and social sciences at Humboldt University Berlin and the University of Toronto and became very interested in immigration related issues and matters of social cohesion. She was a researcher at Humboldt University in the Department of Demography from 2000-2007 and an editor-in-chief of the newsletter Migration and Population from 2000-2011.

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Madeleine Joss is a Program Coordinator at Humanity in Action, based in Paris, France. She was a parliamentary assistant at the French National Assembly, working with local associations and on local development. Previously, she was a Program Officer at the City Hall of Paris working on public health. Her research interests include feminism, intersectionality and cultural diversity. She graduated from Pantheon Sorbonne University in economic and social development including public affairs in Ottawa University. Madeleine also runs an association which aims at giving a voice to residents of diverse and mixed-income neighborhoods and is working on a film about youth social
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examination of the green card lottery that blends immigration and international relations history. She has received several grants and fellowships to support her work. Prior to graduate school, Carly worked at the non-profit organization Human Rights First, where she focused on US interrogation and detention policy as well as refugee and asylum issues. She earned her BA in modern European history from Columbia University in 2004. She grew up in Washington, DC’s Maryland suburbs, spent about a decade in New York City and has now made Philadelphia home.

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David Bargueño is a Foreign Service Officer with the US Department of State currently serving as Vice Consul at the Consulate General of São Paulo, Brazil. He previously worked as a Presidential Management Fellow in the US Secretary of State’s Office of Global Food Security, where his portfolio focused on US strategic partnerships with Brazil, India, and South Africa. His doctoral research at King’s College, London focuses on development diplomacy in these three countries. David earned his MA from the Council on African Studies at Yale University and BA from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University. He grew up in the United States and Spain.

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David Esarey received his master’s in international human rights from the Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver, as well as a graduate certificate in international law and human rights from the Sturm College of Law. During his graduate studies he was the Project Manager for the Human Trafficking Center in Denver, where he oversaw their global index assessing human trafficking around the world. His primary research interests include genocide and issues pertaining to the rights and treatment of the Roma, stemming from the time he spent working in a Roma community in Romania. David was raised in Bloomington, Indiana.

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Fabrice Guerrier is the youngest member on the board of directors for Coming to the Table, an organization that works across the United States to address the legacies of slavery.
Fabrice is a MA candidate in conflict transformation at Eastern Mennonite University. Previously, he founded and directed the Leehg Institute for Foreign Policy for four years. He has research experience working with Fambul Tok International in postwar communities in Sierra Leone. Fabrice has interned in the Front Office Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor at the US Department of State. He received his bachelor of science in international affairs and a leadership studies certificate from Florida State University. Fabrice was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. He speaks French and Kreyol.

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Lauren Reese is a student at American University's School of International Service pursuing a MA in global governance, politics and security. She also coordinates the MA program in ethics, peace and global affairs. Previously, Lauren worked as a Government Relations Analyst for an international defense firm. In 2010, she received the Boren Scholarship to study Hindi and conduct research in India. Lauren now serves on the Board of Directors of the Boren Forum, a non-profit organization that supports the professional development of Boren award recipients. She also has a background in and passion for diversity education. Lauren received her BA in sociology and justice and peace studies from Georgetown University. She was raised in Raleigh, North Carolina, and is an avid yogi.

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Martha Böhrt is a graduate student at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at The University of Texas at Austin. As the Diversity Fellow in the Lower Rio Grande Water Quality Initiative, she supports Mexican and American officials
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Nadiya Kostyuk is currently a doctoral student in the political science/public policy joint program at the University of Michigan. Prior to her studies, she worked as a Program Coordinator for the EastWest Institute’s Worldwide Cybersecurity Initiative, where she currently serves as a Fellow. Her field experiences in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Estonia, Ukraine, Russia, Serbia and the Czech Republic provided her with a better understanding of each country’s unique political climate and ultimately helped Nadiya discover her research passion: relationship of cybercrime to international security, interdependence and cooperation and state sovereignty. Nadiya holds her master of science in global affairs from New York University and her bachelor’s from John Jay College (CUNY) where she was a McNair Scholar and Vera Fellow. She grew up in Berezne, Ukraine.

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Neil Oculi is a PhD student in geography at the University of Connecticut (UConn). He received his MA in international studies at UnConn and his undergraduate degree in human ecology at College of the Atlantic. Previously, Neil studied farm management and rural development at the United World College in Venezuela. He has also conducted research in Mexico and Tanzania. For the past five years, Neil has been part of Saint Lucia’s delegation at the United Nation Framework Convention on Climate Change. His areas of interest include adaptation, finance, and loss and damages as they relate to Small Island Developing States. He was born
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Pelin Ekmen is a PhD student at the School of Law at King’s College London. A scholar to the German National Academic Foundation, Pelin graduated with distinction in German law, English law and international law and subsequently travelled to Iraq in preparation for her doctoral thesis. As an undergraduate student, a placement with the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia
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Robert Alvarez is a dual-degree candidate at the University of Arizona pursuing a master of public administration (MPA) and an MA in Latin American studies. His thesis research examines the impact of the 2014 Brazil World Cup on sex trafficking in Northeastern Brazil. Previously, Robert served three years in the United States Peace Corps as a Youth and Community Development Specialist in El Salvador. During his service, Robert developed projects focused on disaster relief coordination, HIV/AIDS education, leadership and recreational programs for at-risk youth. He then spent three years working at a San Diego community mental health clinic with immigrant and refugee families as well as with low-income students through a local program to increase educational attainment. Robert earned his BA in psychology from Northern Arizona University. He was born and raised in Southern California.

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