

2021 NEWSLETTER

WELCOME Post-Graduate Fellow Joana Peraza Lizarraga



Joana Peraza Lizarraga will spend her fellowship year working at California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation (CRLAF) representing DACA-age youth. She will be based out of CRLAF's Sacramento office but will work with individuals from across the Central Valley.

The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program provides some protection for young immigrants who arrived in the United States as children. Joana will serve and be responsive to the legal needs of DACA-age youth and provide her clients stability in their immigration status by seeking stronger forms of immigration relief in addition to petitioning for DACA. Joana will provide individual consultations and direct representation, community education and outreach, and DACA application workshops. If any additional forms of immigration relief become available to this population during Joana's fellowship term, she will also lead CRLAF's efforts to assist eligible people.

Joana is a 2021 graduate of University of California, Davis School of Law. During her time in law school, she interned with CRLAF and the Nevada Supreme Court, and was a student counselor at the UC Davis Immigration Law Clinic. She was a co-chair for La Raza Law Students Association (now Latinx Law Students Association). Before law school, she interned at the Nevada State Legislature, U.S. Senator for Nevada Catherine Cortez Masto's office, and volunteered at Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada in their immigration department. Joana received her undergraduate degree from University of Nevada, Reno, majoring in International Affairs. Joana is a DREAMer herself, coming to the United States at the age of 14. Growing up in Northern Nevada, where the Latino population was small and access to resources was limited, instilled a desire in Joana to help others succeed, prevent family separation, and become an advocate for her community.

Update from 2020 Fellow Chloe Cotton:

Chloe had a busy and successful year working at the Native American Rights Fund to create a program to help Alaska Natives and Native Americans participate in redistricting processes, while responding to the challenges and opportunities created by the COVID-19 pandemic. Her work included creating a redistricting guide for use by Native Alaskan communities, analyzing proposed maps and drafting testimony, and work on litigation to enforce the voting rights of indigenous people. Chloe will be spending the next year clerking for the Alaska Supreme Court. Congratulations to Chloe, and we look forward to her continued work!

New Broussard Phoenix Fellows Arrive at Berkeley Law

BLF is proud to announce this year's Broussard Phoenix Fellows, who entered Berkeley Law this fall with the Class of 2024. Because there were so many outstanding candidates, this year we welcome four new fellows! BLF's Broussard Phoenix Fellowship provides tuition support to outstanding students of Color who are committed to social justice work.



Dr. Kendra Cleveland holds a B.S. in psychology from Florida State University and an M.A. and Ph.D. in developmental psychology from the University of California, Irvine. After graduating, she accepted a Postdoctoral appointment at Vanderbilt University, and served as a Research Scientist at UCLA. As an incoming member of the Berkeley Law community, she seeks to continue centering the voices of parents and families, promoting social justice, and engaging legal audiences to improve transparency and overall fairness in dependency court practices.





Langston Glaude graduated from Brown University with a Bachelor's degree in Africana Studies, particularly focusing on issues of race, urban space, and American policing. After Brown, Langston went on to work as a paralegal at Neufeld Scheck & Brustin, LLP, a civil rights law firm specializing in wrongful conviction litigation across the U.S., and the San Francisco Public Defender's Office. As he enters Berkeley Law, Langston looks forward to continuing his work around mass incarceration, racial justice, and police violence.

KD Harbeck was born in Hunan Province, China and grew up in Boston, MA. His Honors thesis at New York University focused on minority undergraduates' identity formation through connection to ethnic food and how food could provide belonging, connection, dignity, and dialogue. KD has been awarded a Fulbright in Hong Kong, was an inaugural fellow for the Alfred Landecker Fellowship, and looks forward to starting law school at Berkeley Law. He intends to be an international human rights advocate.





Angelica Rodriguez is the proud daughter of two Mexican immigrant farmworkers. Picking grapes alongside her family since the age of nine motivated her to break her family's generational cycle of farm labor and pursue higher education in order to address the exploitation and socioeconomic oppression that farmworkers face. In 2019, she graduated from UC Berkeley with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science with honors. As an incoming law student, Angelica is passionate about serving marginalized Latinx communities, and she hopes to uplift her communities as a public interest attorney in the near future.