

# Creating Futures

University of Colorado *at Boulder*



## Jonathon Boyd Chase Human Rights Fellowship

*In 1988, colleagues, friends and students of Skip Chase established the Jonathon Boyd Chase Human Rights Fellowship at the University of Colorado Law School. The fellowship is available to University of Colorado Law School students who have exhibited promise in their academic work and a commitment to the ideals for which Skip Chase stood. Recipients must have a demonstrated interest in human rights and in curing social injustice through the law. The fellowship has been awarded to nearly 50 students since its inception.*

*Featured below are a few of our recent recipients.*

### 2008 Recipient



#### **Geoffrey Cook** Connecticut Office of the Public Defender

After his first year of law school, Geoffrey Cook was offered a summer internship at the State of Connecticut Office of the Public Defender. It was an opportunity to work “in the trenches” of our criminal justice system and provided him with an invaluable perspective for his criminal courses the following year. The Skip Chase award presented the opportunity to work on cases he wouldn’t have been able to otherwise. Geoffrey learned about the trust and emotional barriers that an interpreter brings to the attorney-client relationship. Geoffrey considers the fellowship an essential part of his law school education, which inspired him to pursue his career in criminal justice. He currently works in federal law enforcement, where he leverages the Spanish language experience from his fellowship.

### 2009 Recipient



#### **Sarah French** Immigrant Legal Center of Boulder County

Sarah worked as an intern at the Immigrant Legal Center of Boulder County. Her work centered on three themes central to human rights: legal justice, education, and discrimination. On the micro level she worked for legal justice for individual clients who otherwise could not afford competent legal services. On the macro level she worked toward educational justice by helping her supervising attorney organize a group of undocumented students to speak publicly about the barriers they have personally faced when trying to attain higher education and the merits of the DREAM Act, a piece of legislation that would help each one of them attend college. She also performed research on the pretext stops of Hispanic and Latino persons in Boulder County foster care.

*2009 Recipient*



**Ashley Turner Harrington**  
Immigrant Legal Center of Boulder County

Ashley worked as an intern at the Immigrant Legal Center of Boulder County. In this internship, Ashley provided direct legal representation to low-income immigrants on various types of cases. Under the supervision of attorneys at the Center, Ashley represented clients in the affirmative application process with United States Citizenship and Immigration Services, and in removal proceedings with the Executive Office for Immigration Review. Additionally, Ashley represented battered immigrant women in the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) process. VAWA offers a pathway to legal permanent residence, and citizenship free from any reliance on an abusive spouse.

*The fellowships provide subsistence-level compensation to a law student who wants to do unpaid public service work for a summer, giving students the satisfaction of assisting people truly in need of legal services, perhaps inspiring a career.*

*2010 Recipient*



**Rachel Marx**  
Rocky Mountain  
Children's Law Center

Rachel will be an unpaid legal intern with the Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center. The RMCLC is dedicated to providing quality legal advocacy for abused and neglected children across Colorado. She will have the opportunity to work on dependency and neglect cases, delinquency cases, and protection-order cases. Primarily, Rachel will be working on an education-related research project geared toward providing the Law Center's staff attorneys with information with which they may better advocate for the educational needs of their child clients in foster care.

*2010 Recipient*



**Bridget Newman**  
Office of Civil Rights, U.S.  
Department of Education

Bridget will be an unpaid legal intern with the U.S. Department for Education's Office for Civil Rights. Bridget will have the opportunity to work on a compliance review of an elementary and secondary education school district to ensure that female students have an equal opportunity to participate in math, science, and technology courses, and gender issues in the areas of athletics and sexual harassment. This work positively impacts the lives of girls and women by ensuring that they have equal access to education. Bridget is particularly interested in how female students of color are affected by various educational policies and how the Office for Civil Rights ensures that female students of color have equal educational opportunities.

*Thank you for supporting the Jonathon Boyd Chase Human Rights Fellowship fund and helping to make these incredible experiences possible.*



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