

THE LO ALUMNI REPORT

Alumni Spotlight

*Annys Bai, Class of 2013
Raising the Bar as a Fulbright Scholar*



Annys Bai recently graduated from Mount Holyoke College and just moved to Taiwan as a Fulbright Scholar. LO had the opportunity to interview her over the summer as she volunteered with Ms. Cooper and the College Access Team. Here's what we learned:

LO: *What inspired you to apply for the Fulbright?*

AB: While a student at LO, I was definitely taught that education would be the key to success, but as I approached my final year of college and as I reflected on my experiences, I also realized that education, and a quality education at that, is not available to all.

I chose to apply to and accept the Fulbright Scholarship offer because I knew how important it was for me to become a resource for the community I'll be serving in Taiwan who would otherwise not have access to such education and information.

LO: *What do you hope your students will gain from your instruction (aside from learning English)?*

AB: I'm determined to have them know that I am in their corner, and that I am their cheerleader. I think for me, LO was my first cheerleader. Before LO, I was told that I couldn't do it, that I wasn't allowed and that I wouldn't excel. Fortunately, I entered LO and gained a support system that believed in my potential. They encouraged me and helped me develop skills that gave me the confidence to start college prepared to do the academic work, and to take advantage of so many amazing opportunities that were available. As I start teaching in Taiwan, I want to make sure my students know their worth and know they can achieve anything if they put their minds and hard work into it. So basically, I want to take a little slice of LO and what I learned while here and bring it with me to Taiwan to share with my students.

LO: *So after your year in Taiwan, what comes next?*

AB: I think I want to pursue my Masters in Education Policy. I'm passionate about this work and I want to make sure I can continue to make an impact.

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Legal Outreach is proud to have not just one Fulbright Scholar but three! Taniqua Huguley '11 and Tenzin Choden '12 are also recipients of the Fulbright Scholarship this year.

Alumni Updates

1993

Constance Brown-Bellamy is now owner of her own corporate relations consulting company, Brown Bell Consulting, LLC. She was also named Chair of Mental Health News and Education, Inc.

Pictured **Maria Hipps** with her daughter Nia. This past summer, Nia took part in the Columbia Law and Justice Institute.



1994

Maria Santana-Guadalupe was elected to the LO Board of Directors.

1997

Marlene Parron Bingaman has left the city and is now in Santa Fe, NM with a beautiful daughter who is turning 3 soon.

1998

Susan Tran is now GAP China Senior Marketing Manager.

1999

Zakiyyah Alston is part of the honor society in her Syracuse graduate program.

Nekia Seymour is an Associate Producer in Original Programming and Dev. at Tru TV (Turner) after working at Sirius XM for 7 years.

2002

Alana Anderson just received her Ph.D in Higher Ed from Boston College.

2003

Caroline K Ng was accepted at SAIC for a Master's in Arts Admin & Policy with a Dean's Scholarship.

2004

Tasmere Gathers launched a Digital Marketing Firm (DM Firm, LLC). Her first client, Kimberly Davis, has a #1 song on the dance charts (My Fire).

2005

Krystal Gittens earned her Masters in Urban Planning and was promoted to Materials Management Supervisor in the Material Department of MTA.

Akel Williams is the Operations Coordinator for Success Academy Charter School.

2006

Aissatou Barry is the recipient of The President's Volunteer Service Award for 2016.

2007

Akilah Browne is working hard at Fordham Law making Dean's List. She was named a Ruth Whitehead Whaley Scholar and Mark W. Kenny Memorial Scholar.

Carolina Ramirez is now the Chief Program Officer at Teach for Ghana.

Lusdymer Pichardo is back in Brooklyn as a 3rd grade teacher for Brooklyn Prospect Charter School.

2008

Stephan Jean-Louis received his Masters in Student Affairs, and was hired by Washington State University as Student Conduct Officer.

Yasmin Nunez recently started a new position at KIPP charter schools as a Dean of Students at College Prep High School.



Joan Leslie is a published author! Check out her book *My Blackness Rhymes with Joy*.

2009

Pictured **Ying Yi Zhang** during her White Coat Ceremony at Stony Brook School of Medicine. Ying is also celebrating her new marriage and the adoption of a cute doggy.



2010

Joanne Louis is the CEO & Founder of Writing Stylist, consulting business.

Shanese Caton graduated from the Relay Graduate School of Education and is Teacher at Canarsie Ascend Lower School.

Penny Telesford received her Masters of Science in Mental Health Counseling and was awarded the Alumni Achievement Award.

Alumni Updates

Kerina Thay who is working at Credit Suisse received *Rave Bars* which recognized her partnership and accountability across the firm.

Shyenne Medina just started at CUNY School of Law.

2011

Pictured **Taniqua Huguley**

graduating with a Masters in Public Policy. In the picture, Taniqua is joined by her LO classmates Fabien, Shueanna and Jamaal along with Ms. Edwards. Taniqua is also a Fulbright Scholar.



Kwasi Nyantaki just graduated from the Columbia School of Public Health and is now an Administrative Fellow at Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals.

Simisola Ojo was accepted to Widener Law School.

2012

Jobert Sauray started full-time employment at Deloitte as a Business Analyst.

Jasmine Rasheed received an Interdisciplinary Studies Graduation Award and recently started at Notre Dame Law.

Tenzin Choden Kyisarh is a Fulbright Scholar teaching English in Thailand.

Katherine Nunez just started her second year at Columbia Law.

2013

Adam Rivera just graduated from Middlebury College.

Nicole Marin and **Manny Medina** beat their classmates to graduation finishing a year, and a

semester ahead of schedule, respectively.

Dayamara Cruz graduated from SUNY New Paltz with a spectacular record maintaining her place on the Dean's List every semester.

Evan Brown has made Honor Roll and Dean's List and will be graduating this winter.

Pictured **Jean Doris Muhuza** with VP Joe Biden. Jean just



graduated Stony Brook and recently started at Morgan Stanley.

Emony Robertson and **Alondra Muñoz** (both of whom graduated from college this year) attended the graduation of LO classmates **Gil Mejia** and **Randsel Branum** at Connecticut College in May.



2014

Jordan Knox studied abroad in Botswana, but is now back on campus and serving as president of the Minority Pre-Law Assoc. and to the Alpha Phi Alpha chapter of Georgetown.

Joshua Franklin has graduated from Morehouse College and is off to law school.

Chloe Lopez-Lee was awarded the Curtis G. Smith Award for her research in neuroscience and received the Abbey Howe Turner Fellowship.

Fabiola Moise completed a judicial internship at Bronx Family Court this summer and now has a Housing and Community Problem Solving Internship with NYC Dist. 3 this fall.

2015

Nicolas Fernandez is part of Wesleyan's Student Judicial Board, and has created a video game to teach elementary school students about the biological cell.

Don't see your updates listed here? No worries! You can still report your achievements for inclusion in our next alumni newsletter! Just complete the form found at this link!

THANK YOU!!

Legal Outreach is grateful for our alumni who continuously come back to volunteer throughout the year. We couldn't do the work we do without your constant support!



Fireside Chat Volunteers

Our most recent graduates from the classes of 2013-2016 came back to share their experiences and motivate current students to continue to work hard!

We thank you for your support, and your honesty and candidness in sharing with the current students.

Law & Justice Institute (formerly SLI) Interview Volunteers

Shout Out to our **All Star: Derek Sherrod '03** who participated in all 3 interview days this year!

Special Mention: Kelsey Rodriguez and Chaimaa Raid were the youngest alum to participate, volunteering only 6 months after graduating LO.

Thank you to our other 40 Alumni (some pictured above) who volunteered for LJI interview days.

Upcoming Events

Interview and help select the next group of Legal Outreach students! Join us for our LJI interview days:

- January 27, 2018
- March 10, 2018
- April 28, 2018

As always shifts will be in 2 parts - from 9AM - 1:30PM and from 1PM - 5:30. Lunch is provided.

To sign-up, [click here.](#)

THANK YOU!!

Legal Outreach is immensely grateful to all alumni who contributed their time and resources during the 2016-17 year!

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We've reached an all time high in Alumni giving! In 2016-17, LO Alum raised \$20,000 over the course of the academic year.