

**Arthur C. Helton Fellowship  
2019 Program Fellows**



**Abby Keegan Buttle** is currently an LLM Candidate at Harvard Law School. She also holds an LLB from the London School of Economics and a BCL from the University of Oxford, where her thesis “Deprivation of Liberty, Mental Capacity and Vulnerability: Reconceiving the Subject at the Heart of the Safeguards” was awarded Distinction. Previously, she has worked for numerous human rights non-profits in the UK, including Amnesty International and the Prisoners’ Advice Service. With the support of the Helton Fellowship, she will be travelling to Grahamstown, South Africa to intern at the Legal Resources Centre, the largest public interest law clinic in the country. She hopes to gain a first-hand insight into litigating in a jurisdiction with strong constitutional protections for socio-economic rights. She will also be conducting research on the implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in conjunction with faculty at Rhodes University Law Faculty.

**Katie Cohen** currently a first-year JD student at Vanderbilt Law School. She received her undergraduate degree *cum laude* from Dartmouth College in 2016 with a major in Linguistics modified in Russian. Prior to law school, she served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ukraine, where she conducted and promoted English-language education in a rural public school. The Helton Fellowship will allow her to work at Global Rights Compliance (GRC), an international legal organization based in The Hague. She will split her time there between two projects. First, she will work at GRC’s office at The Hague on a project aiming to increase international legal prevention and accountability for crimes of forced mass starvation. Katie will then return to Kyiv, Ukraine, to assist GRC’s advising services on international human rights and criminal law issues arising from Russia’s annexation of Crimea and occupation of the Donbas region in 2014.



**Hayley Evans** is a third-year law student at Harvard Law School, Class of 2019. She has worked on issues relating to human rights, international humanitarian law, and national security in various settings including the Harvard International Human Rights Clinic, the Coalition for the ICC, Rights Watch (UK), and the Harvard Program on International Law and Armed Conflict. She studied international law at the Graduate Institute in Geneva in the fall of 2018, and has authored a forthcoming publication in the Harvard Human Rights Journal entitled, “Genocide and Severe Past Persecution: Child Survivors of Genocide as *Per Se* Refugees.” As a Helton Fellow, Evans will return to working with Rights Watch (UK) to address the impact of counterterrorism and preventing/counteracting violent

extremism laws, policies, and practices on women’s human rights. In addition to conducting primary research with Rights Watch (UK) about the effects these measures have on women, Evans will analyze national and regional laws, policies, and evidence through a human rights legal framework and develop recommendations that advocate for high-level legal and policy reform.

**Aasavri Rai** is a final year B.A. LL.B. student at National Law University, Delhi. She is interested in refugee law and human rights. She has interned with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, New Delhi where she researched on the reasons and trends of the voluntary departure of Afghan nationals from India. During her internship with the Secretariat of the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organisation, she undertook a study of the exclusion clause in the Refugee Convention. Aasavri's latest assignment involves an analysis of India's refugee policies post-partition, as a part of her internship with the Brookings Institute India Centre. In the absence of a national asylum law, the study of these policies assumes significance. As a Helton Fellow, Aasavri will continue this project with Brookings India and specifically analyse the policies adopted by India towards Rohingya refugees. Through field visits to Bangladesh and Myanmar, she will also assess how these policies have been perceived by the neighboring states.



**Radhika Saxena** is a current LLM at University of Pennsylvania Law School. She holds a LL.B. and a B.A. in English (Hons.) from the University of Delhi, India. Radhika has previously worked at the Supreme Court of India with Senior Advocate Ms. Indira Jaising, where she represented clients primarily on issues of violence against women and sex discrimination. She has also advised organizations on sexual harassment policies and worked on criminal law reform in India. While at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, Radhika serves as a student convener for Critical Global Conversations on issues of gender equality, and as an Assistant Editor for the Global Affairs Blog. She will be graduating with a Gender, Sexuality and Women's Studies Certificate and hopes to use the international law framework to secure women's rights. As a Helton Fellow, Radhika will work with Women Enabled International (WEI) to ensure greater protection of and respect for the sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) of women and girls with disabilities around the world. Her research will analyze laws, policies, and jurisprudence on legal capacity, surgical sterilization, growth attenuation therapy, and informed consent across a range of countries, which will help strengthen and inform WEI's advocacy with international and regional human rights mechanisms to promote an interpretation of international human rights law through a feminist intersectional approach.