

The Arthur C. Helton Fellowship Program

Created on the recommendation of the 2003-2004 Honors Committee, the Arthur C. Helton Fellowship Program recognizes the remarkable legacy of our Society colleague by providing micro-grants in 2006 for law students and young lawyers who need modest sums to allow them to pursue human rights work and research. Fellowship funds were donated in Arthur Helton's memory by ASIL members, Arthur Helton's friends and family.

1. Anna Kerner

Anna will be sponsored by Amnesty International Australia (AIA) to work as a member of the Refugee Team helping onshore asylum seekers in Australia obtain information regarding the human rights situation in their country of origin with a specific focus on their claims. She is currently pursuing a law degree at the University of South Dakota School of Law.

2. David Kosar

David is working to complete his PhD at Masaryk University Brno in the Czech Republic. He applied to the fellowship to support his work on the Czech Asylum Case Law Site (CACLS). CACLS will collect selected decisions of the Czech courts on the website of OPU (Organization for Aid to Refugees) and provide users with a keyword index.

3. Scott Lyons

Scott graduated from American University, Washington College of Law in 2004 and currently works at the American Bar Association Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative (CEELI). His project will be undertaken through coordination with the International Senior Lawyers Project and will focus on providing international pro bono legal support in order to improve the capacity of indigenous organizations to meet the needs of the population in South Africa and Tanzania.

4. Rebecca Miller

Rebecca is pursuing a law degree at the University of Wisconsin Law School and will spend the summer working with the European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC), an international public interest law organization in Budapest, Hungary. She will primarily be involved in working with the ERRC's legal department, which seeks to engage in impact litigation on behalf of the Romani before both domestic and international courts.

5. Margaret Murray

Margaret will spend the summer working with the Refugee and Asylum Project at The World Health Organization for Human Rights USA in Washington, DC. The Refugee and Asylum Project works to protect refugees in the US from deportation to situations of torture and persecution, particularly women and children facing gender-based abuses. Margaret is pursuing a law degree at the University of Maryland School of Law.

6. Elizabeth Stubbins

Elizabeth graduated from Harvard Law School in 2005 and will spend the summer working with the Mental Disability Advocacy Center. Her project will focus on monitoring the closure of the Dzhurkovo children's social care home in Bulgaria and the transfer of former Dzhurkovo residents to other social care homes.