Arthur C. Helton Fellowship
2017 Program Fellows

Roi Bachmutsky is a 2017 graduate of Harvard Law School. He has worked on issues of human rights, humanitarian protection, and international criminal justice at a wide variety of organizations, including the Human Rights and Special Prosecutions Section (HRSP) at the U.S. Department of Justice, the Public International Law & Policy Group (PILPG), the Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL), and Breaking the Silence. Bachmutsky has also authored a forthcoming publication in the Virginia Journal of International Law titled, "Otherwise Occupied: The Legal Status of the Gaza Strip 50 Years After the Six Day War." As a Helton Fellow, he will work at the Commission for International Justice and Accountability (CIJA), an independent investigative body founded in 2012 in response to the war in Syria. CIJA is dedicated to collecting evidence on the perpetrators of the most serious crimes in Syria. At CIJA, Bachmutsky will conduct factual and legal analysis of documentary and testimonial evidence collected to evaluate the criminal responsibility of said perpetrators with the aim of holding them accountable in either domestic or international forums.

Ryan Corbett is a 2017 graduate of Boston University School of Law. Prior to law school, Corbett worked at the African Refugee Development Center in Tel Aviv, Israel, which sparked her interest in refugee aid work. She has interned for St. Andrew’s Refugee Legal Aid Program in Cairo, Egypt as well as for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees Caribbean Protection Unit in Washington D.C. during her summers. While in law school, Corbett founded the BU Law chapter of the International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP). As a Helton Fellow, Corbett will work with Asylum Access Malaysia in Kuala Lumpur to assist clients in the Refugee Status Determination (RSD) process. In addition, Corbett will develop Asylum Access Malaysia’s Know-Your-Options Workshops to inform refugee communities on the RSD process and build relationships with these communities.

Noor Hamadeh obtained her J.D. from The George Washington University Law School in 2017. During her time at GW, Noor focused her studies on international human rights law and refugee law. She has previously worked at the Public International Law & Policy Group (PILPG), the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights (RFKHR), and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Noor was also a student attorney at GW’s International Human Rights Clinic, where she worked on the Cyber-Violence Project. As a Helton Fellow, Noor will with PILPG in its Istanbul, Turkey office on the Syria Negotiations project. She will be providing the Syrian opposition with legal assistance in peace negotiations with the regime and other parties, working toward eventually reaching an end to the fighting in Syria. Noor will also compile information on best practices for constitution drafting for Syria, which will result in a successful post-conflict constitution for Syria that will govern a post-conflict regime.
Enbal Singer is a JD student at the University of Toronto. She plans to use her JD to advocate for the rights of asylum seekers and migrant workers and will do so this summer through the Helton Fellowship. She has worked in refugee resettlement and advocacy in Israel, the United States, and Canada. She has reported on Canadian immigration policies which contribute towards violence against migrant women for the Canadian Council for Refugees and the treatment of mental health evidence in refugee determination claims for the Canadian Association of Refugee Lawyers. Singer is passionate about tackling the injustices that occur when a worker’s rights are tied to their immigration status. Most recently, she volunteered with Advocates for Injured Workers to learn about the intersection between Ontario’s workers’ compensation scheme and temporary foreign workers program. Before starting law school, Singer worked at Kav LaOved (The Worker’s Hotline) in Tel Aviv, Israel. During that time, she successfully settled dozens of employment disputes and otherwise assisted hundreds of workers. She will be using this experience and her time at law school to address systemic problems facing asylum seekers in Israel. Singer will be facilitating workshops throughout the country, reporting on discrimination towards women and migrant workers, assisting with legal claims, and advocating against discriminatory legislation.

Junteng Zheng is a public international lawyer with an LL.B from the Renmin University of China, School of Law and a J.D. from the University of California, Davis School of Law. He is currently a legal fellow based in Washington D.C. Junteng has worked as a research assistant for the United Nations Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights, the Center for Justice and Accountability on human rights and humanitarian law litigation, and at the UCD Immigration and Refugee Law Clinic. A memo he wrote titled “‘Unless someone Hears Us ...’: a memorandum on fundamentalist and extremist violence against women” was recognized and cited in a U.N. human rights report submitted to the General Assembly in 2016. As a Helton Fellow, Zheng will work on LGBT rights, with a focus on examining forced conversion therapies. He will be traveling to different regions and interviewing individuals who have been forced to go through conversion therapies. He will produce a report documenting the practice and impact of conversion therapies, with a view to developing legal scrutiny on conversion therapies under international legal framework. The project also intends to advocate for legislative bans on conversion therapies.