



## Fellows in Public Affairs Program

# MEET THE 2023-24 COHORT

We are excited to introduce the Fellows in Public Affairs 2024 cohort! During their nine months as Coro Fellows, they will examine some of the institutions of New York that influence public affairs -- government, business, labor, media, political campaigns, and community organizations.



### **Abby Furman (She/Her)**

**WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY '23 | DURHAM, NC**

As an undergraduate, Abby pursued her interests in progressive politics and policy by interning for Congressman David Price (D-NC), Justice Cheri Beasley's campaign for the U.S. Senate, the North Carolina Democratic Coordinated Campaign, and the Hunt Institute – an education advocacy organization. She worked closely with Wake Forest's Office of Civic and Community Engagement in several capacities, which led to her recognition as a Civic Scholar upon graduation. Abby was also an undergraduate research assistant for Wake Forest's law school and politics department. She spent one semester and one summer interning full-time in D.C. and another semester studying abroad in Copenhagen, Denmark. Abby was a Stamps Scholar at Wake Forest, earning a B.A. in politics and international affairs with a minor in journalism. Abby is an avid reader and lover of the outdoors. She plans to pursue a career as a public interest lawyer.



### **Annelise Bowser (She/Her)**

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES '23 | SANTA CRUZ, CA**

Annelise graduated summa cum laude from UCLA with a B.A. in Public Affairs and a minor in Global Studies. During college, she pursued her passion for educational equity as a leader of She's the First at UCLA, a club dedicated to expanding access to education and advancing women's leadership. Annelise translated her dedication to community building into working with the Fulbright Enrichment Program of Southern California in partnership with UCLA's International Institute, where she worked to increase Fulbright scholars' connection to Los Angeles's rich culture and history. Annelise also interned in Congressman Jimmy Panetta's D.C. office, where her legislative research focused on health equity, education, and environmental issues. These experiences cemented her goal of working at the intersection of law, policy, and advocacy in order to dismantle systemic inequalities. Annelise enjoys reading, playing the guitar and piano, and spending time outdoors with her friends and family.



## Bonnie Chen (She/Her) [in](#)

**BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY '23 | BROOKLYN, NY**

Bonnie is a recent graduate of Brandeis University with a B.A. in Sociology and Media, Culture and Communication with a minor in AAPI Studies. Straddling the weight of racialized and gendered violence in her hometown and its beautiful histories of diasporic foodways, interracial solidarity, and artistic expression, the multiplicities of NYC are central to her identity. Her love for community brings her to The W.O.W. Project, where she led programming focused on protecting Manhattan's Chinatown from gentrification and displacement. In addition, Bonnie has advocated for ethnic studies and building AAPI curriculum by designing inclusive courses across the nation. With an interest in storytelling, Bonnie has supported numerous startups and nonprofits in designing their communication and social media strategies. She is passionate about education policy, grassroots organizing, migration studies, and the intersection of art and social justice.



## Caitlin Han (She/Her) [in](#)

**WILLIAMS COLLEGE '23 | VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Caitlin is a recent graduate from Williams College, where she studied Economics and Neuroscience – two disciplines that integrate her interests in health and public policy. Through her experiences in management consulting with pro-bono student organizations and as an intern at EY-Parthenon, she has worked with stakeholders across both the public and private sector to generate solutions to pressing questions. Her interest in business arose with an ideation project, where she successfully pitched a product to address racial health disparities by connecting volunteer drivers with underserved patients in rural areas. Caitlin is passionate about leveraging social entrepreneurship as a tool for positive change and applying her business acumen towards enacting the kinds of policy that have fundamentally altered her own life. In her free time, Caitlin can be found curating playlists or exploring museums and the outdoors.



## Chandler Nutall (She/Her) [in](#)

**SPELMAN COLLEGE '23 | WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

Chandler graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in English from Spelman College. She was named Co-Valedictorian with a 4.0 GPA. At Spelman, Chandler was President of the Student Government Association, fostering collaboration between the College's key stakeholders to support its functioning. She was also a Social Justice Fellow focused on promoting civic engagement throughout the campus. In 2021, Chandler was honored by the White House Initiative on HBCUs, and in 2022, became an Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellow through Yale Law School. She is interested in grant management and philanthropic strategy in support of projects uplifting marginalized communities. Through Coro, she hopes to gain exposure to diverse careers in public service and skills that will support her aspirations for law school. Chandler is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Society and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



## Lubna Azmi (She/Her) [in](#)

**JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY '23 | MANASSAS, VA**

Growing up in an underserved community, Lubna is passionate about social justice for marginalized people, especially youth, and has been a community leader and organizer since her early teenage years. Galvanized by her experiences, she majored in Sociology and International Studies, with minors in Islamic Studies and Film/Media studies, in hopes to deepen her knowledge about our country's social issues through policy, research, and storytelling. In 2020, at the start of the pandemic, Lubna co-founded Prince William County Mutual Aid (PWCMA), a local organization committed to supporting community members with their financial and in-kind needs, as well as advocating for racial justice. PWCMA has raised over \$15,000 for community members and has made policy for marginalized youth a high-priority issue. Lubna's curiosity spills into her personal life as well. She is an explorer at heart and loves to hike, travel, watch movies, and spend time with her loved ones.



## Peter Heckendorn (He/Him) [in](#)

**POMONA COLLEGE '22 | ANCHORAGE, AK**

Peter is a graduate of Pomona College where he captained the soccer team and studied math and mathematical pedagogy. He has had various teaching and coaching jobs. Additionally, he has spent four campaign cycles in Alaska working on local and statewide races. He has worked for several non-profits including One Fair Wage and The Council for Tech and Society. He enjoys team sports, singing and performance, and he hopes to explore and innovate on conventional approaches to rural campaigning and base-building.



## Rosana Duarte (She/Her) [in](#)

**SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY '23 | NEW HAVEN, CT**

Rosana graduated from Southern Connecticut State University with a B.S. in Political Science and minors in Journalism and Environmental Studies. As a junior in college, she interned with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) in the office of Senator Blumenthal (D-CT). The experience increased her interest in environmental protection policy and foreign affairs. Additionally, her interactions with fellow CHCI interns, helped Rosana learn how policy impacts the Latino population and honed her skills as an advocate for her community. During her senior year, Rosana conducted a quantitative analysis of the effects of foreign aid on state fragility for her thesis, gaining valuable insights into the impact of international development and economic policies on developing nations. In her free time, Rosana enjoys reading fiction novels, exploring the outdoors, and hiking in the mountains.



## Simon Hanan (He/Him) [in](#)

**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND '23 | GLEN RIDGE, NJ**

Simon graduated in May 2023 from the University of Maryland with Phi Beta Kappa Honors, holding a degree in US History. His exceptional writing and research skills propelled him to delve into historical contexts with a particular emphasis on constitutional law and economics. In addition to his academic achievements, Simon actively contributes to his family's thriving apiary business, fostering a profound appreciation for sustainability and the environment. He interned at the Democratic Lieutenant Governors Association, where he demonstrated his communication prowess by launching and curating their bi-weekly newsletter. Beyond his professional pursuits, Simon's passion for environmental activism drives him to advocate for eco-conscious practices, while his love for automotive mechanics provides a hands-on outlet for his curiosity and problem-solving abilities. Through his academic pursuits and multifaceted passions, Simon strives to make a positive impact on the environment and community, blending history, business, and practical skills to create a sustainable future.