Social Justice Internship 2017 Community Partner Opportunities
Several organizations, often directed by Carleton alumni, have a proven record of offering students meaningful internships. While students are welcome to pursue internships with other organizations, a few ongoing opportunities are listed below.

Applications for these Community Partner Opportunities are due March 6th via the Tunnel if you are a first year, sophomore, or junior. Seniors should apply via the staff person listed as a contact. Selected interns will then apply by April 5th for Social Justice Internship funding or other Career Center funds.

1. Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, Twin Cities, with Debra Rodgers and Lee Blons ‘82

Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative consists of over 80 congregations across the metro area committed to ending homelessness. To reach our goal, we come together to:

• develop affordable and supportive housing,
• provide emergency shelter through our Families Moving Forward program, and
• advocate for the public policies and resources necessary to end homelessness.

Beacon congregations commit as institutions to work in a deep and meaningful way toward ending homelessness by becoming part of the collaborative. They agree to educate and mobilize members, to provide leadership, contribute financial resources, and invite other congregations into the collaborative. By working together toward a share vision and goals, congregations become stronger as institutions and have a greater community impact.

About the internship:
The internship is part of Beacon’s Congregational Organizing and Engagement Department. Working with the Congregational Organizers, the intern will help Beacon congregations affect state and/or local public policy so that there are more resources to provide housing and serve people coming out of homelessness.

You will engage congregations and their congregants in organizing and advocacy efforts to address specific issues homelessness and to build the power of Beacon and its congregational partners. You will work with one or more of our Congregational Organizers on an organizing campaign to secure approval and funding for a specific housing development in a community. This would include congregational presentations, events, and mobilizing support through postcards or letter writing campaigns.

As part of this work, the intern will attend meetings with leaders of the various congregations and related campaigns, meet with their elected leaders, and learn about how housing and services are delivered to people coming out of homelessness. You will learn about the intersection of values, faith and power in a practical and ever changing environment. For more information, please contact Carolyn Fure-Slocum (cfureslo).
2. Center for New Americans with Ben Casper ’90, Linus Chan, Deepinder Singh Mayell.

The University of Minnesota Law School recently created a clinical program, the Center for New Americans (CNA), that works collaboratively with organizations including ILCM (see below). CNA works with its partners to help expand representation to non-citizens facing removal proceedings, many detained by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), and pursues strategic federal court litigation aimed to improve laws and policy for immigrants and mitigate harsh potential policies. The Center also engages in education and outreach to immigrant and refugee communities.

Interns will work with Center faculty and staff including Ben Casper ‘90, Linus Chan, and Deepinder Singh Mayell. Interns will be responsible for supporting legal and educational outreach to the immigrant community. This will include supporting our legal team with several types of intake and follow-up for those seeking assistance. Duties may include working with on-going cases, research, policy campaigns, and day-to-day support in all types of immigration cases. Policy work may focus on shaping new immigration related laws or regulations at both the federal and state levels. Litigation support may include interviewing clients and drafting declarations, researching state and federal statutes, and compiling materials on human rights practices or other matter for use in immigration cases.

To qualify for the internships, students should ideally be able to speak Spanish or Somali and be interested in immigration law, education and policy. Flexibility and commitment to access and support for immigrants are also needed. The internships will be full time from June to August. Students will have an amazing opportunity to learn about cutting edge immigration work from individuals who are deeply committed to it, as well as the chance to contribute to implementing policies with the potential to change people’s lives. For more information, please contact Carolyn Fure-Slocum (cfureslo).

3. HealthFinders, Rice County, MN, with Charlie Mandile ’07

Since 2005, HealthFinders Collaborative (http://healthfindersmn.org/getinvolved/) has been providing a comprehensive and individualized access point to health and wellness opportunities. Our primary care services address immediate and ongoing needs, while an extensive patient advocacy program actively connects the under and uninsured with long-term resources and community programs. Depending on the intern’s interest and HealthFinders’ needs, positions include: Health and Wellness Intern, Evaluation Intern Marketing and Social Media Intern, and Patient Care Interns. For more information, please contact Phillip Lundquist (plundquist).

4. IAF Northwest - Health Equity Organizing, Seattle WA, with Joe Chrastil ’78

The IAF Northwest (http://iafnw.org/about-iaf-northwest) provides support and organizing assistance to its 9 affiliated organizations in WA, OR, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. The affiliates unite diverse groups of religious, education, health, labor and community organizations around shared values: the
inherent sacredness of all people -demanding that they be treated with dignity and respect – and the common good. Organizing practices are designed to acknowledge each person’s uniqueness, break down biases and stereotypes, invest in leadership capacity and create relational trust that leads to action addressing the systemic causes of injustice.

In 2009, the IAF Northwest began working with students in the health sciences schools at the University of Washington (UW) to build an organization that would provide a vehicle for them to learn about and apply IAF community organizing practices to address the social determinates of health. Health Equity Circle (HEC) now has over 500 members at UW and chapters in Spokane and Portland. Together, HEC and the Sound and Spokane Alliances developed a class on "Health Equity and Community Organizing" that is offered for credit at the UW and on the WSU Spokane campus. Through HEC or their local Alliance, the students have carried out successful campaigns to protect funding for medical interpreters, expand free clinic care, increase services to the homeless and reduce immigrant detention.

Recently, the IAF Northwest expanded its health equity organizing initiative into work with residency programs and community clinics, beginning with the Swedish Family Medicine Residency Program at Cherry Hill. At Swedish, residents receive 4 hours of training per month equipping them to apply relational community organizing practices to engage their patients and build “power with” them to identify and address the barriers they experience in realizing positive health comes. Those clinics - Cherry Hill, Seattle Indian Health Board, Sea Mar and Carolyn Downs - all serve very diverse populations, including the most at-risk populations in the region.

Interns will learn and practice the basics of IAF organizing; building "power with"; doing relational meetings; conducting power analyses; running effective campaigns, etc. They will assist in the direct work of organizing patients in low-income community clinics as well as in larger research and communications projects. For more information, please contact Carolyn Fure-Slocum (cfureslo).

5. Immigration Law Center of MN, with John Keller P’13 and Sheila Stuhlman

There are exciting opportunities to build greater inclusion and equity in immigration law and policy in Minnesota, working both with individuals and organizations at local and national levels. The Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota is the State’s largest provider of free legal services for diverse immigrant and refugee communities.

Interns will report to John Keller P’13 and Sheila Stuhlman at the ILCM and will be responsible for supporting legal and educational outreach to the immigrant community. This will include supporting our legal team with several types of intake and follow-up for those seeking assistance. Duties may include working with on-going cases, research, policy campaigns, and day-to-day support in all types of immigration cases. Interested interns will also work on the Minnesota Children & Family Immigration Court Project, which provides free legal screenings to unaccompanied minors and families, predominantly Central American refugees, who have been placed in expedited removal proceedings at
the Minnesota Immigration Court. These screenings identify potential relief, and evaluate if there are free full-representation legal services available for the respondent.

To qualify for the internships, students should ideally be able to speak Spanish, Somali or Hmong and be interested in immigration law, education and policy. Flexibility and commitment to access and support for immigrants are also needed. The internships will be full time from June to August. Students will have an amazing opportunity to learn about cutting edge immigration work from individuals who are deeply committed to it and work directly with client to improve their immigration status. For more information, please contact Carolyn Fure-Slocum (cfureslo).

6. ISAIAH Faith-based Community Organizing, Greater MN, with Alexa Horwart

ISAIAH is a faith-based organization committed to being a vehicle for congregations and people of faith to work collectively for racial and economic justice in Minnesota. ISAIAH is grounded in using the principles and practices of community-based organizing to achieve its mission; the primary strategy of ISAIAH is to develop the capacity and leadership of grassroots people of faith and religious leaders to be agents of change in their communities and in Minnesota.

Greater MN Economic Justice Internship
ISAIAH’s work around economic and racial justice has emerged over the past few years as central to the organization. ISAIAH has been very involved in the campaigns to raise the minimum wage, maintain funding for public health care programs, fighting for immigrants without documentation to be able to access a driver’s license, and working for equal access to renewable energy. At the same time, ISAIAH has begun building a strong network of churches in Greater MN. The intern will work with the lead Greater MN Organizer to develop a process for rural leaders to connect their life experience and stories to statewide campaigns for economic justice.

This work will likely include:

- Work with grassroots leaders in 3 congregations to hold house meetings and small group meetings around people’s experience of immigration and our economy.
- Work with Greater MN Organizer to develop a leader-led analysis process to learn from small group meetings and develop both a report and a story-collection process.
- Connect report and stories to statewide campaigns around economic justice, immigrant rights, and renewable energy.

The full time intern will work over a 10 week period with mentorship from a senior organizer. The intern must have access to a car. Ability to speak Spanish is a plus but not required. For more information, please contact Carolyn Fure-Slocum (cfureslo).
7. The Pine Ridge Indian Reservation with Peter Hill '00 and Matthew Rama

The Pine Ridge Reservation (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pine_Ridge_Indian_Reservation) is one of the largest reservations in North America. It encompasses 3,500 square miles of rolling prairie, pine hills, and badlands, and is larger than Rhode Island and Delaware combined. Many volunteer opportunities exist in the many reservation communities, particularly during the summer. Shannon County, which makes up the majority of reservation land, is the poorest county in the United States, and there are many reservation-based advocacy organizations and non-profits making a positive difference in the communities.

Peter Hill '00 has been living and working on the reservation for 15 years. He founded and administers the Lakota Immersion Daycare Program (www.lakotalearners.com). Interns with a diverse set of skills could work on some of their many projects and initiatives. A few examples: in 2015, an SJI intern helped to write grants and do program outreach/publicity. Technology skills and artistic abilities are also needed to help create Lakota online multimedia programs. An eagerness to pitch in and help where needed is the most important quality we seek in an intern. Obviously, Lakota language knowledge is not a pre-requisite, although you will likely pick up a lot while you're here!

Peter also has connections to many other programs on the reservation, and is willing to help connect potential summer volunteers with a variety of different work opportunities. These include:

Earth Tipi (www.earthpipi.org, www.facebook.com/earthpipi) - Sustainable housing, natural building, food growing, alternative energy, sustainable housing. Lots of opportunity for hands-on volunteer work! Camping amenities on site.


Thunder Valley Community Development Corp. (www.thundervalley.org, www.facebook.com/thundervalleycdc) - "Empowering Lakota youth and families to improve the health, culture and environment of our communities, through the healing and strengthening of cultural identity." Thunder Valley is in the process of launching a revolutionary planned community project to help address the lack of quality, affordable housing on the reservation.

The Heritage Center at Red Cloud Indian School (www.redcloudschool.org/page.aspx?pid=393, www.facebook.com/TheHeritageCenteratRedCloud) - One of the premiere collections of Native American art in the nation. Summer is high time for the Heritage Center, as a result of their renowned Indian Art Show. A 2015 SJI intern worked to enhance their exhibitions and helped to strengthen their digital catalogue.

Lakota Waldorf School (www.lakotawaldorfschool.org, www.facebook.com/lakota.waldorf) - "The Lakota Waldorf School strives to initiate the educational process while maintaining the Lakota language and culture. Our goal is to empower our Lakota children so they will create positive, active futures for themselves and their community." A variety of summer volunteer possibilities.
Sweet Grass Project ([www.sprc.org/grantees/oglala-sioux-tribe](http://www.sprc.org/grantees/oglala-sioux-tribe), [www.facebook.com/pages/Sweet-Grass-Project/197344923627712](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sweet-Grass-Project/197344923627712)) - The tribe’s grant-funded suicide education and prevention program. The Sweet Grass project was created in response to a rash of community suicides - particularly involving youth - during the late 2000s.

Pine Ridge Hospital - ([www.ihs.gov/aberdeen/index.cfm?module=ab_ao_hf_prsu](http://www.ihs.gov/aberdeen/index.cfm?module=ab_ao_hf_prsu)) - Those interested in going into the medical field may be able to find internship work at the reservation’s only hospital, or in one of the associated community clinics. Behavioral Health, for example, would be a good fit for someone interested in going into psychotherapy or counseling. **If you are interested in applying, please first contact Carolyn Fure-Slocum (cfureslo) for more information about this challenging and meaningful opportunity.**

8. **TakeAction Minnesota, Twin Cities, with Amanda Otero ’09 and Arique Aguilar ‘13**

TakeAction Minnesota works year round to make change that matters to Minnesotans by organizing at the grassroots, building dynamic and effective coalitions, educating voters, endorsing and electing progressive candidates, impacting state and local policy, and winning issue campaigns. Our work is focused on winning tangible victories that improve people’s lives and also on building the progressive movement to expand what is politically possible. Currently, issues we're working on include winning universal health care, removing barriers to jobs and democracy for people with criminal records, and working towards quality, sustainable jobs for all.

In the summer of 2017, TakeAction Minnesota’s organizing program will continue this work through base-building and leadership development, work on municipal elections, and laying the groundwork for the 2018 Governor’s race in Minnesota. Day-to-day work for organizing interns includes outreach and story collection with community members; developing and sharing stories to shift the public narrative about our issues; organizing meetings and house parties with leaders and potential leaders; and leadership development through individual meetings and trainings.

In all of our organizing work, we are committed to developing leaders and building capacity. We take the same approach in working with interns; we see it as a chance to help develop the skills and experience of budding organizers who will work side-by-side with us to create social change for years to come. Interns will work full-time as part of the organizing team. They will be expected to participate in relevant staff meetings and organizing team meetings, where we assess challenges and opportunities in our work and develop strategies for accomplishing goals. Interns will participate in organizing and skills trainings alongside staff, including trainings both from internal staff and from external trainers who are brought in. And like staff members, interns will have regular individual check-ins with their organizer supervisor, chosen based on their area of interest. **For more information, please contact Carolyn Fure-Slocum (cfureslo).**