SEGAL FELLOWS: Citizen Leaders in Action

The Eli J. Segal Citizen Leadership Program began in 2007 in Eli’s legacy, now at 79 Segal Fellows spanning 17 states, 3 continents and ranging in ages from 20-40, they are making an impact in all sectors and fields. Read below to get a snapshot of some of their incredible stories and hopes for their future citizen leadership.

STEPHANIE JOHNSON
2011 BRANDEIS UNDERGRADUATE FELLOW

Stephanie completed her Segal citizen leader summer internship at the US Department of Housing and Urban Development where she developed her vision of being a change agent in the housing and community development sector. She went on to be assistant to Segal Founder and then-DC Mayor Vincent C. Gray’s Chief of Staff, Chris Murphy.

“In the fall, I will start law school at Boston College Law, with a full tuition public service scholarship. I hope to combine this with a joint JD/Master's in Urban Planning and Environmental Studies at Tufts University to continue on my path to becoming a housing developer with a focus on service oriented mixed income housing developments. Being a part of the Segal Network has allowed me to cultivate a strong network that I can call on for support and guidance while also creating a space for me to partner with like-minded individuals.”

JESSIE ZIMMERER
2011 BRANDEIS MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY FELLOW

“As a Legislative Director for a state senator, I get the opportunity to think about how we fund domestic violence and sexual assault programs in this state’s services for survivors, how do we make sure that reproductive healthcare is accessible for people, affordable but also in their reach. How do we make sure the criminal justice system isn’t unnecessarily punitive? How do we make sure that people who are caught up in the criminal justice system are able to make different choices in their lives going forward? I hope that my work helps to build on the momentum that other people have been doing for years, and that people that come after me are going to continue to build to help make sure that people have access to the resources that they need.”

DAMOND FORD
2011 CITY YEAR FELLOW

“I have been greatly inspired by the Segal Network. At the first Segal Retreat I attended, the Fellows inspired me to think differently. Rhonda Shackleford-Ulmer (2008 AmeriCorps Alums Fellow) inspired me to take my passion and make sure it’s in every part of my life; and Lila Givens (2010 City Year Fellow) continues to inspire me to think bigger than right now and right around me.”
"OUR FELLOWS AND I ARE STANDING ON THE SHOULDERS OF GIANTS LIKE ELI AND THE PEOPLE WHO BELIEVED IN HIM TO CREATE THIS PROGRAM. WE WILL CONTINUE THE LEGACY TO DEVELOP THE NEXT GENERATION OF CITIZEN LEADERS AS SEGAL FELLOWS AND BEYOND TO CREATE A BETTER WORLD WHILE CREATING EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES TO THRIVE."

Tam Emerson
2008 CITY YEAR SEGAL FELLOW AND CURRENT SEGAL PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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**JULIE PROULX LIVINGSTONE**

2007 CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE FELLOW

In her current work at the HYM Investment Group, LLC, she is focused on strengthening Boston by transforming remnants of blighted urban renewal projects into vibrant places to grow thriving neighborhoods.

Julie is one of the four Segal Fellows serving on the Program's Advisory Board. She is also a Fellow Buddy to a new 2015 Brandeis Fellow. She has participated in numerous Segal efforts throughout her time as a Fellow and exemplifies the reciprocal nature of the Segal Program.

"Infused with the values of Eli Segal around citizen leadership and with my passion, I continue to rely on my experiences as an Eli Segal Fellow at CNCS and foster my professional development through the Eli J. Segal Citizen Leadership Program."

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**JENN RECINOS**

2013 BRANDEIS UNDERGRADUATE FELLOW

As a daughter of immigrants from Guatemala, Jenn is a first generation college graduate who recently completed a year of service as a College Advisor at Brown University in the AmeriCorps College Advising Corps. Now, Jenn is working as the Admission Assistant at Massachusetts College of Art and Design. She explains, “I am at a level of Segal Fellow where I am in a position to be on the other side and help someone else and hopefully mentor someone … and provide an internship, and give back to the Program more than I am taking.”

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**JOHNNY ENTERLINE**

2006 CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE FELLOW

“Being an Eli Segal Fellow enabled me to think more broadly about making positive impacts in communities, large and small, even as I learned that being an effective leader is about leveraging opportunities to give as many people as possible an opportunity to take initiatives and run with them; removing obstacles to group success; and keeping an eye on the mission, not just the next step.”

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**TONI S. BURKE**

2009 MANAGEMENT FELLOW AND FORMER SEGAL PROGRAM DIRECTOR

“Of all the ways I have benefited from the Segal Program, the most vital has been the continuous ripple effect I have felt over the course of my career. It was the connections I made with Segal Fellows and Segal mentors that propelled me to do great work in underprivileged schools in the Silicon Valley - an area that currently claims one of the highest income gaps in the country.”

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**79 SEGAL FELLOWS**

21% SEGAL FELLOWS ARE IN SCHOOL

17% ARE WORKING IN GOVERNMENT/POLITICS

37% ARE WORKING AT NONPROFITS

18% ARE WORKING FOR BUSINESS AND OTHER FOR-PROFIT ENTITIES

49% SEGAL FELLOWS HAVE SERVED WITH AMERICORPS