



BIOGRAPHIES

U.S. Fellows

Jeramey Anderson
State Representative
District 110, Mississippi

Moss Point, MI, USA
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Jeramey Anderson is a Democratic member of the Mississippi House of Representatives, representing District 110. He was first elected to the chamber in a special election in 2013. At age 21, he became the youngest African American elected to a legislature in U.S. History. Representative Anderson is also the youngest elected to the Mississippi Legislature. After being re-elected by 80% of the electorate in 2015, Representative Anderson is currently serving his second term through January 2020. His Democratic colleagues have elected him to serve in the House Democratic leadership as Caucus Secretary/Treasurer. Representative Anderson is a native of Moss Point, Mississippi. He received his Associate’s degree in Criminal Justice from Pearl River Community College and his Bachelor's degree in Homeland Security from Tulane University.

Christin “Cici” Battle
Executive Director
Young People For

Washington, DC, USA
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Cici Battle is a social impact strategist, organizer, and facilitator who champions diverse voices in youth leadership and the women's movement. Fueled by a lifelong love of travel and her parents' examples of service, she has worked across the globe developing leaders from the shadows. In her current role as executive director of Young People For, Cici travels nationwide building an inclusive, strategic framework to provide resources and trainings for youth leaders. She is deeply passionate about the civil rights issues of our time, committed to fighting boldly for young people, women, and the underserved wherever she goes.



Maia Espinoza

Executive Director and Founder
Center for Latino Leadership

Seattle, WA, USA
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Maia Espinoza is Executive Director and Founder of the Center for Latino Leadership, a civic-engagement, education-oriented non-profit based in Washington State. She founded the organization to empower, inspire and equip the Latino community of Washington to engage in state and local government. Espinoza crosses party lines to bring people together for common goals. She championed a bill that incentivizes bilingual students to become teachers in their communities through student loans forgiveness. She continues to work to address disparities in education and public works, and in 2018 ran to serve as a state legislator. A small business owner, youth soccer coach, and mother of two, she received her Bachelor of Business Administration from Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma.

Cante Heart

Candidate
Rapid City Council

Rapid City, SD, USA
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Cante (pronounced: *Chan-teh*) **Heart** is a community leader running for Rapid City Council in South Dakota with elections set for early June. She has resided in Rapid City for most of her life. She is an enrolled member of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe (Sicangu Lakota) / Winnebago (Ho-Chunk) Nations. Heart will graduate from Oglala Lakota College, in December 2019. In addition to her education, Heart has pursued many avenues of community organizing and strategic planning for both businesses and nonprofits, demonstrating a track record of consistent and reliable leadership. Heart has contributed, worked, and volunteered for organizations and boards such as the Lakota People’s Law Project, Rapid City Community Conversations, Black Hills American Indian Board, Missing Murdered Indigenous Women’s March, and the He Sapa Otipi- Center for People of the Black Hills, among others.



Bee Nguyen
 State Representative
 Georgia

Atlanta, GA, USA
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Bee Nguyen currently serves as a Georgia State Representative. In 2017, she served as Chief-of-Staff for Democrat Representative Sam Park under the Gold Dome, where she drafted legislative resolutions, tracked legislation, and developed policy recommendations. In 2016, Nguyen served on the host committee for the national Facing Race conference, where she helped curate a bus tour and worked with high school teachers and undocumented students to put together a public art exhibition on Buford Highway, highlighting the importance of cultural identity. In 2015, as a fellow with the Georgia Women’s Policy Institute, Nguyen lobbied to pass the Pursuing Justice for Rape Victims Act. Since its passage, thousands of untested rape kits have been tested and DNA matches have been made. Born to Vietnamese refugee parents, Nguyen is also a member of the Atlanta Regional Commission advisory board, where she fights for quality education for all.

Mohamed Seifeldein
 City Councilmember
 Alexandria, Virginia

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Mohamed "Mo" Seifeldein was elected in 2018 to serve a three-year term on the Alexandria City Council. He is the first Sudanese immigrant in this role. Seifeldein also serves on the INOVA Alexandria Hospital Task Force, Alexandria Economic Opportunities Commission, Council of Governments Region Forward Coalition, Citizen Corps Council, Waterfront Commission, Employee Pension/Compensation Committee, and Audit Committee. Before his election, he worked as a court-appointed-attorney and volunteered with local legal aid services to help indigent clients in the community. He is a litigation attorney and was exposed to the highest level of international human rights law at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia through an externship. He holds a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology from Old Dominion University and a Juris Doctor from Florida Coastal School of Law.



European Fellows

Christelle Abou Chedid
Investment Analyst
Meridiam Infrastructure

Paris, France



Christelle Abou Chedid joined the Meridiam investment team in early 2016 to support, inter alia, the launching of the Meridiam Transition Fund and the development of infrastructure and energy projects across Europe. Meridiam is an infrastructure investment leader with a unique focus on inclusion both within the company and in the design of infrastructure projects. Since joining, Abou Chedid has worked on the development and bid preparation of several European projects with a particular focus on the energy sector: energy building retrofit, biogas projects, energy-decentralized projects, and cogeneration plants. She holds a double degree in Civil Engineering (Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées and Ecole Supérieure d'Ingénieurs de Beyrouth) as well as a Master's in Infrastructure Project Finance (Ecole des Ponts ParisTech). She is currently undertaking a Bachelor's in law and jointly launched "Infravenir," an association for young professionals in infrastructure.

Asier Areitio Ibarlucea
Secretary General
Young Democrats for Europe

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Asier Areitio Ibarlucea serves as Secretary General of the Young Democrats for Europe, responsible for the drafting of legal-political documents at the European level. Representing the organization at the European level, Ibarlucea offers expertise on international issues in Euzko Gaztedi-EGI, the youth branch of the Basque Nationalist Party, taking responsibility for external relations and serving as a political representative at various international events. Through the organization Alkarregaz, he also serves as student representative and delegate at the University of the Basque Country, where he represents student interests.



Aida Badeli

Political Advisor in the European Parliament and Chair
Swedish Young Greens

Stockholm, Sweden
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Aida Badeli is the first woman from an ethnic minority background to become Chair of the Young Greens (*Grön Ungdom*) in Sweden. In this role, she focuses on minority rights and developing policymaking on minority issues. In 2017, when the #MeToo movement gained momentum in Sweden, Badeli was one of the initiators of the #MeToo call on politicians, which over 1,300 Swedish politicians signed. Signees included Swedish ministers, party leaders, members of the parliament and politicians all over the country. Previously, Badeli served as a political advisor at the age of 22 in the European Parliament working on civil liberties, justice, and home affairs.

Zeynep Balci

Political Advisor for Diversity and Poverty
Flemish Socialist Party

Brussels, Belgium
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Zeynep Balci currently works at the headquarters of the sp.a, the Flemish Socialist Party, where she has been counseling the party on issues concerning diversity and poverty for four years. She is also the founder of Regenboog.Rood, the party's LGBTQ network.

She is a candidate in the Flemish Parliament elections for one.brussels – sp.a, a city project made up of independent citizens.

Merve Caglayan

Vice Councilor
City of Tampere

Tampere, Finland

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Merve Caglayan was elected Vice Councilor of the City Council in her hometown Tampere, Finland in 2017. She serves as a member of Tampere City Board's City Group Division and a member of the Executive Board at the Tampere University of Applied Sciences. She has a background in Political Science from the University of Tampere and is currently studying Computer Science. At her university, she was elected to the Executive Board of the Tampere University Student Union where she is responsible for Social Welfare Affairs. Her political focus is to make education and politics achievable for everyone, especially for young women and first and second-generation immigrants. She was also a candidate in Finland's parliamentary elections in April 2019 and has acted as the Vice President of UN-Youth of Finland in 2018, and the President of Green Youth of Tampere in 2017. Caglayan grew up in Tampere and in Istanbul, Turkey

Don Ceder

Lawyer and Council Member
Municipality of Amsterdam

Amsterdam, Netherlands

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Don Ceder is a lawyer, speaker and day chairman. He was selected by Forbes magazine for the '30 under 30 Europe' list due to his innovative efforts around debt. His contribution to strengthening the legal position of consumers delivered a nomination for Amsterdammer of the year in 2014. At the age of 25, he opened the law firm Ceder Advocatuur and focused on assisting clients who deal with unlawful costs and debts. In 2019, he was nominated for a Golden Hourglass award due to his work in this field. Ceder is currently a Municipal Councilor for the Christian Union Amsterdam. He is a member of the Supervisory Board of the Fund for Cultural Participation and Stichting Tear and a member of the Advisory Council of the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.



Raquel Correa Garcia

Senior Officer in Transformation and Excellence
Grupo Ilunion

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Raquel Correa Garcia holds a degree in Pedagogy from the Complutense University of Madrid as well as a Master’s degree in Innovation Management from the International University of La Rioja and a Master’s degree in Training Management from INUEDE. At the Universia Foundation, an institution inside Santander Bank, she has worked for three years for the inclusion of people with disabilities. She currently works for Grupo Ilunion as a Senior Officer in Transformation and Excellence. She has participated in the Young Civic Leaders program organized by Tatiana Pérez de Guzmán el Bueno Foundation and the Harvard Kennedy School in Spain. Raquel has a visual disability and has experience as a leisure time monitor, planning and organizing activities for people with visual impairment. She is closely connected to the defense of the rights of people with disabilities. She is the Secretary of Organization for Juventudes de UP, an association of over 1,500 young blind people.

Caroline Culliere

Incubator Director
Amiens Cluster

Paris, France



Caroline Culliere currently serves as Incubator Director at the Amiens Cluster. She is an experienced Managing Director and Project Manager with a proven track record in both for-profit and non-profit organization management industries. She specializes in topics related to Entrepreneurship, Business Strategy, Negotiation, Mediation, Crisis Management, Public Speaking and Middle Eastern affairs. Furthermore, she is a diplomat member of the Jewish Diplomatic Corps. Caroline graduated from the ESSEC Business School from Tel Aviv University and has lived in six countries.

Mariam Dawood

Councillor
Newham Council

Newham, UK

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In 2018, **Mariam Dawood** of the Labour party was elected the youngest Newham councilor at 21 years old. She is a political representative and activist with experience in local, national and European elections. She is skilled in governance, policy and community engagement. She is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in International Relations from the London School of Economics and prior received her Bachelor's in Politics from King's College London.

Michaela (Micky) Fuhrmann

Head of the Political Department
Central Council of Jews in Germany

Berlin, Germany



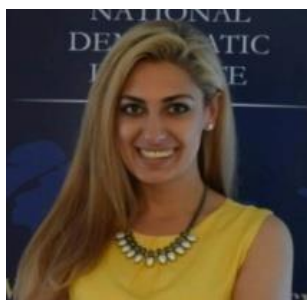
Micky Fuhrmann has been serving in Berlin as Head of the Political Department of the Central Council of Jews in Germany (CC), the political umbrella organization of the altogether 106 Jewish Communities in Germany, since 2014. From 2010 to 2014, she was the personal advisor to the former CC-President in Frankfurt am Main. Born in Cologne, Fuhrmann was active in the Jewish community of her hometown and volunteered in different positions, inter alia as the head of the Jewish Student Organization. She holds a Master's degree in Political Science, English and Spanish from Cologne University. She is a Senior Fellow of Humanity in Action, an alumna of the Young Jewish Diplomatic Leadership Program of the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs and a member of the World Jewish Congress Jewish Diplomatic Corps.

Mimoza Gavrani

Project Manager
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Prishtina, Kosovo

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Mimoza Gavrani is from Prishtina, Kosovo and is a fellow at the Central European University (CEU) in Budapest, Hungary. She also holds a BA in Psychology from Prishtina. She has 12 years of experience in civil society activism, and is engaged in government-initiated policies on the integration of minority communities in Kosovo, especially supporting youth and women's contributions in decision-making processes. She also created and launched her own TV program called "Mimoza" in 2017. Broadcasted weekly on Kosovo-RTK national television,

her program presents the idea of applying media as a tool for raising awareness on social impact topics in Kosovo. This is a unique, minority woman led program initiated, launched and managed in the Balkan region.

Anass Hanafi

Law Student
Università degli Studi di Torino, Law Department

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Anass Hanafi currently serves as President of the University Party and is a member of the Italian Democratic Party. He is also co-founder and Vice President of NILI (Italian Inclusion Leaders Network), a non-profit inspired by TILN and originated with a GMF Alumni Leadership Action Project grant. NILI's goal is to enhance leadership among minorities by uniting citizens of different backgrounds to produce new values in the community. He is a law student at the University of Turin and has served as an elected student representative.

Born in Torino of Moroccan background, Hanafi lobbies for causes such as creating bridges between different social spheres. He served as a consultant to the Radicalization Awareness Network under the European Commission. He is also Founder of two University initiatives, Campus 4.0 and OIPI, both which focus on understanding the relationship between technology and law in different states.

Nadeem Javaid

Mayor's Senior Adviser, Community Relations
Mayor of London

London, UK

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Nadeem Javaid is a Senior Adviser to the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, focusing on social integration and communities. He plays a key role in ensuring that the Mayor is kept informed of Londoners' concerns, whilst helping to devise and implement London's social integration strategy. From City Hall, Javaid works closely with voluntary organizations and community groups, supporting them to improve Londoners' lives. He also works to bring together London's diverse communities. Passionate about the empowering young people, Javaid is also

the co-cofounder of the charity Patchwork Foundation, which equips young people from under-represented communities with the skills and experience needed to play an active role in democracy and civil society. He has run over 50 workshops across the UK on civic participation and campaigning, helping and encouraging more than 500 young people to make a positive contribution to their own society.

Olha Konsevych

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Olha Konsevych received her Ph.D. in Social Communication from the Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University in 2016, specializing in Ukraine-Poland relations. She has also studied in Germany (Berlin School of Journalism) and Estonia (University of Tartu). Konsevych has worked with NGOs in Poland (Common Europe Foundation), Moldova, and Russia (Eurasia Foundation) as a media expert on democratic changes in Ukraine and Post-Soviet states.

Jelena Lončar
Assistant Professor
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Jelena Lončar is an assistant professor at the University of Belgrade's Department of Political Science. She holds a Ph.D. in Politics from the University of York, UK. Her research interests include political representation, ethnic politics, quotas, and civil society. In recent years, her research has focused on the performance of minority representation and the performativity of the representative claims about and for minority groups. In addition to academic research, she is strongly dedicated to educating future leaders and advocating inclusive policies.

Domna Michailidou
Advisor to Party Leader
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Domna Michailidou, Ph.D. is a Greek economist working on financial crises, public finances and economic development. She has a strong interest in economic inclusion. She is currently Reforms Adviser to the Leader of the Major Opposition Party, New Democracy, in Greece, advising the party leader on financial markets, structural reforms and macroeconomic growth. Michailidou is also Adjunct Lecturer in the Centre of Development Studies at the University of Cambridge. She has worked for the OECD in Paris and Athens as an economist. Her latest book, "The Inexorable Evolution of Financialisation: Financial Crises in Emerging Markets," was published by Palgrave MacMillan. She holds a Ph.D. in Financial and Development Economics from the University of Cambridge.



Salome Mukhuradze
Senior Program Officer
Eastern European Centre for Multiparty Democracy

Tbilisi, Georgia



Salome Mukhuradze is Senior Program Officer at the Eastern European Centre for Multiparty Democracy (EECMD) and has over 10 years of experience in support of democracy, political parties, policy development, and gender equality. Salome earned LL.B. and LL.M. in Public International Law from Tbilisi State University and holds an MA in Intercultural Conflict Management from Alice Salomon University of Applied Sciences of Berlin. Since the final year of her bachelor studies, Salome has been employed by various state agencies, local NGOs, and international organizations. Additionally, Salome has worked as a trainer and invited lecturer of public international law and law of international organizations.

Seda Papoyan
Managing Director
Girls in Tech Armenia

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Seda Papoyan is Founder and Director of the Girls in Tech Armenia chapter, responsible for overall management and general programming of activities, as well as all partnership and development opportunities. Girls in Tech is a global non-profit that works to engage, educate, and empower women in the tech industry by providing them with a platform for growth. Papoyan has a background in art history and cultural management with about 10+ years of experience as a journalist working for the RFE/RL branch in Armenia, as well as in the education and CSO sectors. She is interested in media and technological innovations that can be used for change. Papoyan is a social activist promoting women rights, supporting and empowering mothers as full members of society. With a strong interest in social entrepreneurship, in 2014 she founded a user-centric flexi childcare service in Yerevan, TaTa.



Jovana Radosavljević
 Executive Director and Co-founder
 New Social Initiative

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Jovana Radosavljević is Co-founder and Executive Director of New Social Initiative, a civil society organization with the vision of de-radicalized public discourse as a basis for understanding interests, fears and needs of communities, based in North Mitrovica. She is a member of the Preparatory Team for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC), which is preparing the technical and legal infrastructure for the TRC in Kosovo. She has worked as a consultant for the World Bank Kosovo Office, Royal Norwegian Embassy in Pristina, and Swisspeace, providing analysis of Belgrade-Pristina relations and Kosovo Serb political life. She has participated in EU election observation missions. Radosavljević is an alumnus of the USAID’s Transformational Leadership Scholarship and Partnership Program and holds a Master’s in International Studies from Joseph Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver.

Marina Ridjic
 Journalist
 Al Jazeera Balkans

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Marina Ridjic is a TV anchor, journalist, and communications expert with 10+ years of experience in reporting, interviewing, media strategies, social media promotions, crisis communication, capacity building and evaluation for a number of NGOs and private agencies. Her work comprises of 2000+ TV shows, interviews, live reports and documentary films and focuses on politics – in particular campaigns and elections, political marketing, and spin. She is actively involved in assisting public institutions in her home country (Bosnia and Herzegovina) to establish communication strategies promoting new partnerships between groups with different ethnic and religious backgrounds. Ridjic holds an M.A. from the Faculty of Political Science in Sarajevo. During 2017-2018 she spent one year at Arizona State University (Phoenix), where she researched audience development and U.S. strategies in political communication.

Olga Rujanschi
Managing Partner
Enable

Chişinău, Moldova
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Olga Rujanschi is Co-founder and Managing Partner of Enable, a consultancy in Moldova, which assists NGOs, companies and individuals with great ideas to build their projects and identify funding. Rujanschi scouts, connects, preps and empowers Moldovan change-makers to transform their ideas into deliverables with high social impact, making communities thrive. Previously, she served as an independent media development consultant. She has also worked extensively in the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, coordinating the establishment of Women MPs Dialogue Platform in her capacity as adviser and Chief of Staff to the Deputy Speaker. Advancing gender equality, good governance, media resilience and civil society are pillars in her professional activity. She holds a B.A. in International Relations, and an M.A. in Transatlantic Studies from Babes-Bolyai University in Romania.

Joseph Steimetz
Board Member
Flemish liberal youth party (JongVld)

Antwerp, Belgium



Joseph Steimetz is a board member for the Flemish Liberal Youth Party (JongVld), both on the local level (Antwerp) and on the national level. He founded the Flemish Jewish Students Association in his first year at Antwerp University. Steimetz has dedicated himself to open dialogue between different cultures and religions and has done so by going to schools to speak to thousands of children and students. He is also a part of the ASATT team (A Seat at the Table), which connects underprivileged youth from different cultural backgrounds and brings them in contact with top politicians and top CEOs both from Belgium and abroad. Last year Steimetz also co-founded a project called GABRIEL, which connects both Muslim and Jewish youth and allows them to meet and get to know one another and remove stereotypes and preconceived notions between both groups.

Aminata Touré

Member of Parliament, Spokeswoman
Green Party, Schleswig-Holstein

Kiel, Germany
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Aminata Touré is a Member of the Schleswig-Holstein Parliament in Germany. She was sworn in on June 29, 2017, becoming the first black and the youngest female Member of the Schleswig-Holstein parliament. She is also a Spokeswoman for the Green Party for refugees and equality of women and men. She was born in 1992 in Germany as the child of two refugees from Mali. Prior to coming to Parliament, she worked in the German Bundestag for two years. She has a Bachelor's degree in

Political Science and French Philology.

Johan Vasara

Mayor
Municipality of Kautokeino

Kautokeino, Norway
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Johan Vasara was elected as Mayor of the Municipality of Guovdageaidnu after winning the local elections with the Social Democratic Labor Party back in 2015. Guovdageaidnu is measured in area the biggest Municipality in Norway, perhaps most known for being a central community for the Indigenous Saami People of the Nordic countries. In his political role as Mayor, he is leading a representative body consisting of 19 elected members as well as overseeing the wide span of responsibilities concerning 5hr everyday life of municipalities. As a Saami himself, Vasara is particularly concerned with issues like the empowerment of Indigenous languages, culture and a cross border focus on

upholding and developing vital local communities in his region. Facilitating for sustainable green businesses, which can coexist with the relatively large traditional reindeer industry in the region, he considers the best ways of creating new jobs without jeopardizing existing ones or the vulnerable arctic environment and climate. As a full-time Mayor, Mr. Vasara is currently on leave from The University of Tromsø where he is studying a Master's degree in Law.