Fellows in Public Affairs Program

MEET THE 2027 COHORT

We are excited to introduce the Fellows in Public Affairs 2027 cohort! During their seven months as Coro Fellows, they will work across some of the sectors that influence public affairs in New York City -- government, nonprofit, and business.

Ashley Ramirez (She/Her)

WILLIAMS COLLEGE '26 | BRONX, NY

Ashley Ramirez is a recent graduate of Williams College, where she earned a B.A. in American Studies with a concentration in Law and Justice. A Bronx native and first-generation Dominican-American, Ashley is interested in how law, policy, and culture shape access to opportunity in New York City. At Williams, she served as Co-President of Sisterhood, a Black women's affinity organization, and as Social Events Coordinator for Vista, a Latinx affinity organization. Her academic and professional experiences have included research on environmental racism and the Cross Bronx Expressway, housing law, and work in legal and nonprofit settings. She is particularly interested in the intersections of law, entertainment, intellectual property, and cultural equity. During her Coro Fellowship, Ashley hopes to deepen her understanding of New York City's public affairs landscape and explore how she can help create more accessible pathways to opportunity. Outside of work, Ashley enjoys volunteering around the city, discovering new dance events, and finding ways to experience all that New York has to offer.

Aviva Wright (She/Her)

EMORY UNIVERSITY '26 | WASHINTONG, DC

Originally from Washington, D.C., Aviva Wright is a recent graduate of Emory University, where she studied Political Science and Architectural Studies, focusing on the intersection of cities, policy, and community. Her work has centered on equitable urban development, affordable housing, transportation, and sustainability. She has contributed to real estate and housing initiatives through Two Trees Management and Gragg Cardona Souadi, and she founded The Stuff of Cities, a project exploring material reuse and the built environment. At Emory, Aviva co-founded Emory Students for New Urbanism, led strategy projects through 180 Degrees Consulting, and served as president and co-captain of the women's club lacrosse team. She also completed a Community Building and Social Change Fellowship and earned an architectural design certificate from the Harvard Graduate School of Design. Aviva is passionate about connecting policy, design, data, and community knowledge to help create more inclusive, resilient, and people-centered cities.

Ben Shifrel (He/Him)

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY '25 | BROOKLYN, NY

Ben Shifrel most recently worked as an Editorial Reporting and Research Associate at National Journal in Washington, D.C., where he covered policy and Congress. His reporting took him from Capitol Hill to federal agencies, where he spoke with lawmakers and officials and wrote stories on DOGE, the legal industry, federal policy, and elections. Ben previously interned for a Congresswoman in both her district and Washington offices and for a New York State Assemblymember in Brooklyn. He graduated from Wesleyan University in 2025, where he majored in the College of Social Studies and Government and wrote his senior thesis examining media framing of the Rohingya genocide and Tigray War. After graduating, he also taught elementary school students in New York City. Originally from Brooklyn, Ben is excited to return to New York and explore public affairs in the city.

Isis Pinheiro (She/Her)

BARD COLLEGE '21 | BROOKLYN, NY

Isis Pinheiro is a writer and cultural producer from Brooklyn, NY. Her work explores how modes of communication and performance, such as language and fashion, reflect how race and gender influence identity and community building. With an interest in global exchange, she gravitates toward underground and countercultures—think streetwear and House music—that illuminate how culture is synthesized and sustained to create a freer present and future. You can find her words in publications including Byline and Hella Mutuals. Isis has also written copy and produced programming for BOMB Magazine, The Kitchen, and Team Design Studio. In addition, she is an active member of the House of Juicy Couture and the House of Balenciaga in the Kiki and Mainstream ballroom scenes. Isis holds a BA in Literature and Africana Studies and in 2021 was awarded the Thomas J. Watson Fellowship.

Jodi Robinson (She/Her)

BROWN UNIVERSITY '26 | BRONX, NY

Jodi Robinson (she/her) graduated magna cum laude from Brown University with a B.A in Public Health in May 2026. She is interested in the overlap between public health, policy, and community engagement. Jodi was able to pursue this interest during her undergraduate studies through working with Central Providence Unidos, where she helped to conduct and evaluate a series of community listening sessions about healthcare access in Rhode Island. Jodi is also deeply passionate about LGBTQ+ rights. She spent three years working as a peer counselor at Brown's LGBTQ Center, and combined her interests in public health and LGBTQ+ advocacy through an undergraduate research project about PrEP access and education amongst Rhode Island's queer youth. In her free time, Jodi enjoys reading, creative writing, and is currently learning how to knit.

Kate Marriott (She/Her)

WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY ‘25 | BROOKLYN, NY

Kate is a born-and-raised Brooklynite who cares deeply about making positive change in the city she calls home. Her professional introduction to public affairs came in the summer of 2024, when she worked as Communications Intern in the Office of the New York City Public Advocate. She graduated from Wesleyan University in 2025 with a B.A. from the College of Social Studies, where she wrote her undergraduate thesis on the U.S. government's surveillance of undocumented migrants. After graduating last spring, she moved to Sevilla, Spain to improve her Spanish language skills. During that time she worked for a number of immigration legal non-profits that provide free legal services to individuals undergoing the immigration process, and most recently interned for the Surveillance Technology Oversight Project’s Advocacy.

Lynn Larabi (She/Her)

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA ‘24 | PHILADELPHIA, PA

Lynn earned her MSc in Evidence-Based Social Intervention and Policy Evaluation from the University of Oxford as a Thouron Scholar, where her thesis examined how pandemic era State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) allocations affected mental health outcomes. She holds a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Pennsylvania, during which she interned at the White House, organized for Congressman Gabe Amo's Rhode Island special election, and founded the Little Free Pantry, providing free hygiene items to the West Philadelphia community. She then spent a year at Berger Montague as a Legal Project Analyst supporting antitrust and consumer protection cases. Lynn is passionate about strengthening the social safety net, especially in matters related to labor and the gig economy. She is also interested in housing and poverty law. In her free time, she plays music with her band, Cafe 27, travels, and goes on food crawls with friends.

Mia Xia (She/Her)

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY ‘25 | HOUSTON, TX

Mia Xia graduated cum laude from Northwestern University in 2025 with her B.S. in American Studies (Honors) and Social Policy and a minor in Data Science. At Northwestern, Mia was involved both on campus and in the wider Evanston and Chicago communities through Books & Breakfast and Supplies For Dreams, where she tutored K-8 students in before and after school programs; Associated Student Government, where she advocated for campus-wide policies and reforms as the chair of the Health & Wellness committee; the Institute for Policy Research, where she served as a research assistant; and Participatory Budgeting Evanston, where she collaborated with residents to write and pass city-wide mental health policies. She previously worked as a predoctoral research fellow at Johns Hopkins University, where she engaged in research projects concerning socioeconomic mobility, housing policy, and higher education. In her free time, Mia enjoys crocheting, pottery wheel throwing, and exploring new restaurants.

Mike Klutchko (He/Him)

BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY '25 | NEW YORK, NY

Mike Klutchko is a Kips Bay native with a background in Human Development and public service. He earned his bachelor's degree from Binghamton University and a graduate-level certificate in Human Rights. Mike has experience in the district office of New York State Senator Lea Webb and volunteering with the Southern Tier AIDS Program's food bank. He also organized musical performances at nursing homes and elementary schools in the Binghamton area. Drawing on his background in Human Development and Human Rights, Mike is interested in addressing the root causes of social problems, particularly the economic conditions and systemic inequalities that shape people's opportunities and well-being. Through Coro, he hopes to deepen his understanding of how public institutions can work together to improve the material conditions of New York City's communities. Outside of public service, Mike has worked as a line cook and caretaker, loves to barbecue, and plays bass and guitar.

Sarita Kelkar (She/Her)

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA '26 | HERNDON, VA

Sarita recently graduated from the University of Virginia, where she studied Public Policy & Leadership and Applied Statistics. In Charlottesville, Sarita realized her passion for centering community members and marginalized voices. With most of her involvements grounded in local history, her time at UVA was characterized by discovery and emerging intentionality. In her first year of college, Sarita's coursework exposed her to the university's role in enslavement, Black residents' displacement, and other injustices with ongoing consequences. She continued this education outside of the classroom as a tour guide, tutor, and research assistant – examining belonging while gaining community perspective. Her past work as a race and social equity intern with the City of Alexandria and, most recently, policy intern with the National Low Income Housing Coalition embodies her commitment to demanding institutions that truly serve and honor people. Sarita's current hobbies include learning how to rollerblade and reading graphic novels.