

MIW Fall 2021 Cohort Internships and Bios



Adam Gilmour
Jubilee Housing

Adam Gilmour is a junior at the University of Michigan, triple-majoring in International Studies, History, and Russian area studies. Informed by his experiences growing up in Flint—where socio-economic and racial inequities are on clear display—he is pursuing a life of service through local government and community organization work. Adam is a deliberate worker, dedicated to using his skills as a writer along with his experience with information analysis acquired through both coursework and interning with the City of Detroit. He values personal growth through an open-minded life approach, as evidenced by membership in the experiential sharing based Global Scholars Program at the University of Michigan.



Vyom (Vivi) Iyer
Women's Congressional Policy Institute

Vyom Iyer (she/her) is studying Political Science and Cognitive Science, and her interests in housing and healthcare inequities inform her plans to attend law school. She is actively involved in College Democrats; Michigan Sahana, a classical Indian music and dance organization; Michigan Wolveraas, a competitive Indian folk dance team; and Kappa Alpha Pi, a co-ed pre-law fraternity on campus. Vyom is primarily interested in pursuing healthcare or housing law and is driven by the conviction that necessary resources should be equitably available and effective. Vyom also practices and choreographs Bharatanatyam, a classical Indian dance form.



Rachel Lobel
Partnership for Public Service

Rachel Lobel is a senior at the University of Michigan studying Political Science and History. She is interested in a wide array of subjects, including law, policy development, international relations, and sustainability. Rachel plans to take a gap year after undergraduate studies to work in D.C. and travel before law school. Her first major internship was with New York State Senator Kaminsky, where she experienced the close interactions of local government and community members. She learned that she truly loves helping people and hopes to do so on whichever path she chooses to follow. Rachel's personal interests include tennis, traveling, and baking.



Leyelle Mosallam
Arab America Foundation

Leyelle Mosallam is currently a Junior studying Political Science. She is originally from Dearborn, Michigan; however, before starting university Leyelle lived in the Middle East for 10 years, where she spent 2 years in Saudi Arabia and 8 years in Qatar. Because of her experience abroad, she is always eager to seek new experiences in order to broaden her perspective and knowledge about the world. Leyelle hopes to attend law school with a concentration in international law in order to build bridges and to prevent various human rights violations. Not only does she want to continue immersing herself into different cultures, but she would like to provide aid and implement related policies in order to improve lives around the world.



Aya Salim

NASA Office of International and Interagency Relations and Jubilee USA Network

Aya Salim is a neuroscience and political science student at the University of Michigan. On campus, she's involved with Michigan Model Congress, Girl Up Michigan, The Michigan Daily, Phonica, and the Akil lab. Aya is passionate about social justice and projects aimed toward social good and empathy. She is dedicated to gender equality and hopes to run for office, as she believes in improving society through the government. Aya is also interested in the intersection between law and psychology, as comprehending human behavior is essential in reforming institutions and supporting individuals. She aims to be a future leader that actively prioritizes the well-being of others.



Parker Short
Office of Senator Jon Ossoff

Samuel Parker Short was born and raised in Dunwoody, Georgia, and is now a political science student at the University of Michigan. His foray into politics began when he launched a high school Democrats club. His leadership of the club, engagement with various speakers, and campaign collaboration, led to his election as Chairman of the High School Democrats of Georgia. His continued involvement in the Georgia and Dekalb Democratic party led to his election as a delegate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention for the 6th district. He is passionate about labor unions and consumer protection issues and hopes to become a labor lawyer. Samuel's father passed away when he was very young, and his father's labor union, the set designers guild, provided crucial financial protections for his family that allowed him to be here today.



Noah Williams
U.S. Global Leadership Coalition

Noah Williams, University of Michigan junior and a public health researcher, believes American health systems can better serve the public. He began taking an interest in public health during the early months of the Covid-19 pandemic which inspired his decision to study the subject. Noah is an intern at the University of Michigan's Health Management and Policy Governance lab and through this work, he has contributed to scientific understanding of the pandemic and federal relief efforts. He hopes to see a future with greater access, equity, and accountability in the healthcare system.