

JustLead Washington Welcomes the Fellows of the 2019 Leadership Academy

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(Seattle, Washington) JustLead Washington has announced its 2019 Leadership Academy Fellows. The new Fellows join a growing alumni network of 144 community leaders working to advance equity and justice in Washington State.

Since 2013 the Leadership Academy has provided Fellows with an intensive, nine-month learning experience designed to foster adaptive leadership skills, encourage cross-organizational collaboration, and build equity within our legal system and our communities. This year's Fellows include attorneys and leaders working within the civil, criminal, and juvenile justice systems as well as advocates, organizers, and leaders from community-based organizations across the state. And for the first time, several Fellows are attending in teams from their respective organizations or coalitions.

"Our Fellows work tirelessly within and alongside communities that are targeted and othered by harmful policies and practices every day," notes JustLead Executive Director Jennifer Werdell. "We are grateful to be able to offer the Leadership Academy as a space for reflection, motivation, inspiration, and collaboration that can fuel their critical work."

2019 Leadership Academy Fellows include:

Danielle Alvarado, Fair Work Center
Devitta Briscoe, Community Justice Project at the Public Defender Association
Meredith O. Bruch, Northwest Justice Project
Elvia Bueno, Columbia Legal Services
Jaime Cuevas Jr., Stokes Lawrence
Felice Davis, Metropolitan Development Council
Alycia Delmore, Perkins Coie, LLP
Alison Eisinger, Seattle/King County Coalition on Homelessness
Natalia Fior, Legal Foundation of Washington
Alex Galarza, Northwest Justice Project
Amber Greaves, Northwest Justice Project
Amy Huang, Seattle Department of Neighborhoods
Genesis James, Northwest Justice Project
Claudia Colindres Johnson, LawHelp Interactive
Megan Gale Johnston, Resolution Washington
Martina Kartman, Community Justice Project at the Public Defender Association
Jacob Kuykendall, King County Bar Association
Christa Lenssen, Thurston County Volunteer Legal Services



Kerem Levitas, Seattle Office of Labor Standards
Andrea Lino, Northwest Immigrant Rights Project
Cina Littlebird, Northwest Justice Project
Lisa Nowlin, ACLU of Washington
Daniel Parker, Benefits Law Center
Jennifer Pence, City of Spokane Public Defender's office
Dainen Penta, Center for Justice
Aiden Sanders, Spokane County United Way
Sara Sluszka, Washington Defender Association
Kerry Summers, Northwest Justice Project
Ximena Velázquez-Arenas, Attorney General's Office
Amy Vigorita, Northwest Justice Project
Sarah Villegas, King County Bar Association
Dora "Duaa-Rahemaah" Williams, Peace and Justice Action League
Antasia Williams, The REACH Center
Alma Zuniga, Northwest Justice Project
Camerina Zorrozuva, Center for Justice

JustLead's Director of Equity & Community Partnership, Omid Bagheri, will also join the Fellowship cohort.

The Leadership Academy program was initially launched as an initiative of the [Washington State Access to Justice Board](#) and is offered on an annual basis thanks to the support of a team of public and private funding partners. JustLead Washington formed in 2017 to house the Leadership Academy and offer related leadership and equity-related training and support to advocates and organizations whose work intersects with the law and justice systems in Washington State.

Leadership Academy Fellows participate in three in-person retreats in Seattle and one in Spokane, as well as online coursework throughout the year. The Academy's core curriculum was initially developed in partnership with the [Shriver Center on Poverty Law](#) and is grounded in the experience, practice, and values of Washington's equity and justice community.

Profiles of the 2019 Leadership Academy Fellows will be available online by mid-September. For more information, please contact Tara Dowd, JustLead Washington Deputy Director, tarad@justleadwa.org, or visit www.justleadwa.org.