

MEET THE 2016/2017 UofMOSAIC FELLOWS @ MCGILL UNIVERSITY



Helen Ogundeji

fluid | satisfying | thrilling

My name is Helen Ogundeji and I am from Toronto, Ontario but currently live in Montreal, Quebec. As a 4th year student at **McGill University**, I study Sociology and minor in Philosophy and Social Studies of Medicine. I consider myself a reality television virtuoso but also can't imagine rejecting a good political drama (I am re-watching *The West Wing* for the third time). I have also developed a pronounced interest not only in health policy but social and environmental determinants of health as well. Eventually, I would love to work in a field related to bioethics and hope that this Fellowship will play a role in allowing me to pursue this goal more seriously. I hope to engage students at McGill in honest conversations pertaining to mental health, fostering space for folks to share alternative medicines ideas and creating safe and accessible room for dialogue.



Mayumi Sato

development | international | NGOs

I am an incoming 4th year student at **McGill University**, studying Honours Geography with minors in Arabic Language and East Asian Literature and Language. Originally from Japan, I grew up in several cities in East Asia and North America. My studies and extra-curricular activities have peaked my interest in development geography, civil society, and conflict resolution, so I am excited to have been selected as a part of this year's UofMosaic Fellowship cohort. With the guidance of UofMosaic mentors and peer fellows across Canadian universities, I hope that this Fellowship will enable me to learn more about diaspora communities and destigmatize campus efforts to encourage student dialogue surrounding conflict. With this experience, I hope that I can continue to grow closer towards my ambition of working for a NGO for post-conflict resolution and humanitarian relief in an international setting.



Keira Kang

human rights | education | gender equality

Hi everyone! My name is Keira and I am a 2nd year student at **McGill University**. I am currently studying international development and my minors are French and social entrepreneurship. Due to my background as an international student from South Korea, I have developed strong interests regarding education, gender equality and human rights through my personal experiences, challenges and lessons over the years. As a firm believer of the importance of undertaking issues through a local lens, I have worked with multiple NGOs to initiate smaller developments on a local scale in order to improve the vulnerable lives of children in developing countries through education and self-sustainable skill training. Through this Fellowship Program, I look forward to connecting with a diverse group of students who come with unique perspectives in combating global issues, and thus solving the multifaceted question of development and global poverty together. As driven, enthusiastic leaders, I believe that we will be able to leverage our outstanding resources to actualize our vision and passion for justice and peace.



Serisha Iyar

social justice | politics | law

Serisha is a 4th year student at **McGill University** completing her Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Political Science and a minor in World Religions. Academically, her interests surround Canadian law and politics as they relate to the areas of immigration, cultural diversity and representation, religious freedom, and constitutional reform. She is passionate about matters related to the Indian diaspora in South Africa such as, the generational effects of Apartheid, anti-black racism, systematic inequality, and internalized racism. This Fellowship offers her the opportunity to further explore these areas and enhance efforts regarding female empowerment, gender equality, and intersectional feminism. She is heavily involved on-campus holding positions on various executive teams and committees, is currently Co-President of McGill Women in Leadership Students' Association, and volunteers for the International Buddy Program. Outside of her academic environment she is also a staff contributor for Brown Girl Magazine.