

MEET THE 2016/2017 UofMOSAIC FELLOWS @ RYERSON UNIVERSITY



Rina Afendi

inspire | social | change

I am in my 4th year at **Ryerson University**. Currently I am majoring in Global Studies and double minoring in Politics and Sociology. I have volunteered at workshops and organizations such as 'Mist' and 'Being Me' women's conference, that revolves around the work and growth of students, as well as empowering Muslim women by addressing Islamophobia and the lack of academic recognition. At Ryerson University I have involved myself in the Annual Fund department to raise money for scholarships and bursaries, and I currently work as a shift supervisor there. I am very passionate about providing students with equal opportunity of education and addressing barriers to positive and supportive educational experiences, such as social class differences, racial inequality, religious out casting, etc.



Uewool Lauren Kim

(post)colonialism | diaspora | minority rights

My name is Lauren, I am a 4th year student pursuing a major in Politics and Governance and a minor in Psychology at **Ryerson University**. I have work experiences in both commercial and nonprofit sectors of Canada and South Korea, including internships completed at the offices of two members of National Assembly of the Republic of Korea and Seoul Art Space Yeonhui Residence for Writers. My major interests are colonialism and post-colonialism; immigration and refugee issues; and minority rights. Through this Fellowship experience, I hope to find opportunities to associate with students of diverse backgrounds that acknowledge the importance of cultural diversity, and learn of different perspectives on international politics and how we can achieve peaceful settlements on controversial issues as global citizens. I hope that we can create a safe and welcoming space for discussion and learning on campus with our initiatives.



Amanda Macdonald

passion | history | knowledge

I am in my 4th and final year of the History program at **Ryerson University**. My academic focus is on World War II and international relations. In the future I plan to study the effects of violence and genocide on society. I am passionate about history and global issues. In my spare time I enjoy writing and photography. This year I am one of the leaders of the International Issues Discussion Series at Ryerson, and also work as an English Language Support Facilitator. Through the Fellowship I hope to gain the knowledge and tools needed to promote conflict resolution.



Hayley Hanks

sustainability | inclusivity | culture

I am currently in my 3rd year at **Ryerson University's** School of Journalism, and minor in environment and urban sustainability. I am interested in community development through coordinated, grassroots initiatives working with a focus on youth, junior youth and children. I also love learning about sustainable initiatives and projects, especially in urban environments like Toronto, where I live. Staying educated and informed on news at the international, national and community level is important to me, as it helps me to read my social reality and further understand the forces that operate within it. I am particularly looking forward to exploring different ways to promote open and fruitful spaces for discussion with my peers as a service to my campus through this Fellowship.