

# ERRIN J. VULEY

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# FELLOWS

2017 YEARBOOK

# "FIRST CLASS FEMINISTS"

AKA THE FIRST CLASS OF ERRIN J. VULEY FELLOWS



+ 3 SIGNIFICANT EVENTS WITHIN REPRODUCTIVE, GENDER, AND / OR RACIAL JUSTICE.





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# ERRIN J. VULEY



## **ABORTION ACCESS, TRANS JUSTICE, & RACIAL JUSTICE**

Errin J. Vuley was the Feminist Women's Health Center's first Community Engagement Coordinator (1997-1999); she inspired everyone she met with her passionate devotion to social justice, particularly in the areas of abortion access, trans justice, and racial justice.

After working at Feminist Women's Health Center, Errin worked for NARAL Pro-Choice Georgia then became the Executive Director for Georgians for Choice. Errin is credited with being an important part of Georgian's for Choice's transition to SPARK Reproductive Justice Now! Errin helped steer the organization to become more inclusive of queer and trans youth.

Errin's memory lives on throughout Georgia and with the Errin J. Vuley Fellows Program.

The background of the image shows a close-up of an art-making process. A hand is visible in the foreground, holding a paintbrush. The workspace is covered with a blue cloth and contains various art supplies: several paint palettes with different colors (red, yellow, blue, green), bottles of paint in various colors (red, blue, green, yellow), and brushes. A red and black striped ribbon is also visible. The overall lighting is warm and slightly dim, creating a focused and creative atmosphere.

# ABORTION ACCESS, TRANS JUSTICE, & RACIAL JUSTICE

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# ERRIN J. VULEY FELLOWS PROGRAM



The Errin J. Vuley Fellows Program seeks to honor Errin's memory through a leadership development pipeline for reproductive, gender, and racial justice. Over ten months, fellows engage in [monthly events](#), including workshops and action-based events. The fellowship offers opportunities for [social justice networking](#) by recruiting seasoned activists, community leaders, and partner social justice organizations to train and mentor fellows. The fellowship year culminates with [Launch Forward awards](#) which are modest "starter kits" for fellows with small funding or tools to complete their own social justice endeavors.



# ERRIN J. VULEY FELLOWS PROGRAM



Katie Mae Stewart (photo: on the left), Community Engagement Coordinator  
Leigh Bond (photo: on the right), Vuley Fellows Coordinator

Katie Mae Stewart trains and organizes volunteer advocates to fight to improve reproductive health, rights, and justice at Feminist Women’s Health Center. Her previous work with Guardian ad Litem and the Greensboro Housing Coalition led her to stand firmly in the fight against injustice, and through learning about the work of SisterSong and the RJ movement, she discovered the purpose she searched for. She has a BA in Sociology from Guilford College and a MPH in Community Health Education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro; yet, *life has given her the greatest lessons in the fight for justice.*

Since December 2016, Leigh Bond has served as the Vuley Fellows Coordinator at Feminist Women’s Health Center. She’s responsible for coordinating the Errin J. Vuley Fellows Program’s calendar of activities, including bringing together community partners as facilitators and creating curriculum materials. Leigh is a “double dawg”; she graduated from the University of Georgia and the University of Georgia School of Law. After interning and working for legal nonprofits, Leigh taught in Southeast DC at Academy of Hope Adult Public Charter School and Reach, Incorporated. *Leigh is committed to dual pathways that address education and justice.*



"BY WEAVING OUR  
PASSIONS AND  
PIECES OF  
OURSELVES, WE  
COULD SEE HOW  
WE COULD COME  
TOGETHER AS A  
GROUP TO  
ACCOMPLISH OUR  
GOALS."

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"I was really excited about the Errin J. Vuley Fellows Program because I'm considering running for public office...I was like, 'these are women I need to know if I'm going to do this and be committed to it.'"

After her fellowship, Candice hopes to start a career development program between Lost & Found, a local non profit focusing on homeless youth, and Morehouse School of Medicine's Alliance Group.



# CANDICE BLACKNALL



CANDICE'S  
"DEATH BY  
DELIVERY"  
SCREENING  
& PANEL  
DISCUSSION

# NZINGHA HALL



*"...THE BEAUTIFUL THING IS WE AREN'T GOING TO TACKLE EVERYTHING AT ONCE, BUT WE ARE GOING TO TAKE WHAT WE BELIEVE WE CAN GIVE TO THIS MOVEMENT."*

Nzingha Hall co-facilitated an "[Examining Oppression](#)" workshop for the fellowship program. Midway through her fellowship, Nzingha took a staff position in our clinic, getting hands on experience with educating women receiving abortion care and an opportunity to use her Mandarin speaking skills and public health background. She aims to facilitate and host "[This is Black Sex Ed](#)," a sexual health trivia event for her fellow MPH, M.D., and PhD students.



*"I WAS DOING A FUNDRAISING FELLOWSHIP AT GEORGIA WAND AND BECKY RAFTER - THE DIRECTOR WAS FRIENDS WITH [ERRIN](#) - SHE WAS LIKE, "HEY, I REALLY WANT YOU TO APPLY FOR THIS."*

"My mom got me, "Margin to Center" by bell hooks for my 16th birthday...and later working at [SisterSong](#)...I was like reproductive justice is what I want to do or at least commit part of my life to doing."

Eventually, Judith would like to start a 501(c)3 focused on hygiene products and access for low income populations.

# JUDITH JONES



"...I'm very proud to be a fellow with the Feminist Women's Health Center and whenever I get into conversations or talk to people about either contraception, sex ed or abortion rights I feel like I have a place to stand on...like this is the organization that I work with and we do great things."

Kira would like to create a publication for Atlanta based artists making issue based work.



# KIRA KIKLA



KIRA'S IMPROMPTU  
PUPPET SHOW  
DURING  
"UNCONVENTIONAL  
ACTIVISM"  
WORKSHOP



# MAKEDA LEWIS



*"...THERE ARE SOME THINGS THAT I KNOW  
IN TERMS OF REPRODUCTIVE AND SOCIAL  
JUSTICE FROM LIVING LIFE."*

"I've been interested in trying to more concretely **connect the artist and activist communities**, specifically young art in Atlanta, like young musicians and artists and artists of color more with activism...." Makeda contributed her previously published artwork to the fellowship program's fall workshop, "**Reproductive Rights**". She plans to combine what she's learned as a fellow with a new art medium.

*"I'VE ALWAYS FELT VERY STRONGLY ABOUT  
MAKING SURE THAT WE WRITE HISTORY ABOUT  
OURSELVES."*

"My particular interest has been feminist history, looking at the history of the health center, the history of volunteers, and the history of patients, people who access the clinic, and the people who work at the clinic." Libby has volunteered at Feminist Women's Health Center as a clinic escort and contributed time as a civic engagement intern. Libby wants to work on projects that *strike a balance between "direct RJ action" and the study of history.*

# LIBBY MANDARINO





"I actually started an organization...that advocates for survivors of sexual violence. I learned very quickly that organizing and **being an advocate** in a leadership position is not easy and no one really tells you how to do that." Kristen's work after her fellowship will focus on concrete ways to continue organizing around sexual violence.



# KRISTEN OYLER

KRISTEN CO-  
PRESENTING  
AT THE  
WOMEN &  
GIRLS IN  
GEORGIA  
CONFERENCE



# LIZ RARY



*THE ACTIVIST COMMUNITY HERE IS REALLY AMAZING, AND EVERYBODY'S DOING SUCH GREAT THINGS, AND I WAS LIKE, 'I WANT TO BE A PART OF THAT.'*"

"I'm hoping to take a political spin after I graduate. I've been gearing all of my stuff towards legal research into [rape law in the state of Georgia](#) because there's not that much, but it's still so limiting. Rape in the state of Georgia must be a certain way -- it must be a penis entering a vagina -- so I'm hoping that I can submit policy proposals..." Liz also plans to use her Launch Forward award to support, "Burden of Truth," her informative podcast on Georgia's rape laws.



*"MY MOM HAS ALWAYS BEEN A MAJOR FEMINIST, SO SINCE I WAS REALLY LITTLE, SHE WAS ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE..."*

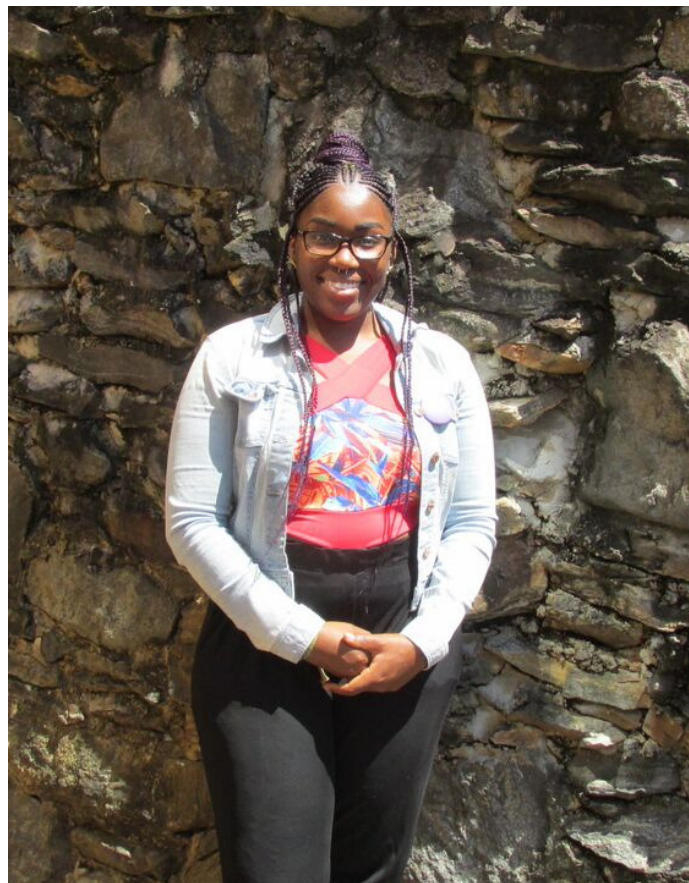
Gracie's Launch Forward award will support a fun and informative, music-filled event. "A lot of people I know are interested in social justice but they don't really know how to go about getting involved." *Punk for Social Justice* would be an event where bands play, some people speak between sets, and we'll have tables with pamphlets."

# GRACIE RODRIGUEZ





Marieh recently contributed to a research report released by the [Housing Justice League](#). After her fellowship, Marieh plans to use her Launch Forward award to help her create a podcast with "guests that are Black women who are integral in the housing justice movement."



# MARIEH SCALES

MARIEH  
BRAINSTORMING  
WITH OTHER  
FELLOWS AT THE  
SUMMER "PROJECT  
SOCIAL".





# RACHEL SHAPIRO



*"GETTING TO KNOW THE OTHER FELLOWS HAS  
BEEN REALLY FUN AND HAS DEFINITELY  
EXPANDED MY COMMUNITY ORGANIZING WORK."*

"A lot of my work is on sexual/reproductive health and maternal/child health, especially [access to safe abortion care globally](#), which is how I got connected to this fellowship." Rachel volunteered with Feminist Women's Health Center before becoming a Fellow. Rachel plans to use her Launch Forward award towards a picture book for young children focusing on consent, gender identity, and/or reproductive health,



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