



"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

*Letter from Birmingham Jail, April 16, 1963*

Martin Luther King, Jr.  
Summer Internship and Fellowship Program

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## 2014 Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellowship Announced

Congratulations to **Yvelisse Pelotte**, our 2014 Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellowship recipient.

Yvelisse will join the staff of Community Legal Services in September, and is the fourteenth Fellowship placement through PLAN, Inc.'s MLK, Jr. Program.



She received her JD in May from Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law, and graduated, *Cum Laude* with a BA in Political Science in 2009 from West Chester University of Pennsylvania.

Yvelisse participated in two Martin Luther King, Jr. Summer Internships. In 2012, North Penn Legal Services hosted Yvelisse where she gained experience with many areas of the law, including landlord tenant, unemployment compensation, welfare, custody, criminal records expungement, utility law, bankruptcy and fair housing. In 2013, she honed her skills further working at Community Legal Services in the private housing unit where she handled every aspect of client representation, from initial client intake to representation of clients in Municipal Court and before the Fair Housing Commission.

As President of Temple's Black Law Student's Association (BLSA), Yvelisse won a graduation award for her leadership and contributions to the law school. She was also a member of the Temple Law School's Public Interest Honor Society. More recently, Yvelisse was awarded the Eve Biskind Klothen Pro Bono Distinction Award by the Philadelphia Bar Association.

Yvelisse enjoys writing poetry, working out and volunteering.

### *Thank You*

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## 2014 Martin Luther King, Jr. Summer Interns



From left to right: **Renu Sagreiya** 3L - Boston College of Law, **Angel Murphy** 3L - Howard University School of Law, **Wesley Speary** 3L - University of Pittsburgh School of Law, **Cana Noel** 2L - Temple University School of Law, **Krystal Aquino** 2L - Widener University School of Law, **Chukwudi Erechukwu** 3L - Temple University School of Law, **Nailah Williams** 3L - PSU Dickinson School of Law, **Mingjie Gan** 2L - PSU Dickinson School of Law, **Casey Martinez** 3L - University of Pittsburgh School of Law

Established in 1991 to promote cultural and ethnic diversity in legal services and to honor Dr. King, the MLK Program offers summer internships throughout the PA Legal Aid Network for first and second-year law students. PLAN, Inc. provides training for the interns and pays their summer stipend.

The program was enhanced in 2003 by adding a two-year Fellowship by which diverse attorneys, new to practice, are hired by a sponsoring regional or specialty program and receive loan repayment assistance. The program is an integral part of our goal to initiate new lawyers to a commitment of providing access to justice for all individuals who have nowhere else to turn. PLAN, Inc. pays 50% of the fellow's salary and benefits, and student loan assistance.

For additional information, visit the website at [www.palegalaid.net/martin-luther-king-jr-program](http://www.palegalaid.net/martin-luther-king-jr-program) or contact Cynthia Newcomer at 1-800-322-7572, ext. 216, or by email at [cnewcomer@palegalaid.net](mailto:cnewcomer@palegalaid.net).

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