

CGS (formerly IIS) Alumni Activities

Rachel S., '16; Washington, DC

[World Resources Institute](#), currently doing communications for the economics center.

Mia Y., '14; Brazil/U.S.

The project entitled 'Racialeyes' is a play on words alluding to the racialization of our eyes as symbol that many times marks us, people of Asian descent, as "other". Our interactive website <https://racialeyes.wix.com/home> features audio, video and photos that we collected from our interviews with 14 Asian-Brazilians. We also published an E-book in both [English](#) and [Portuguese](#) sharing their stories, which can be found on our website.

Elizabeth B., '14; Los Angeles

School Teacher, PUC Excel Charter School, East Los Angeles

Bea S., '12; Dulcepamba Watershed, Ecuador

We are currently working on a project to support Andean farmers in their fight to protect their right to water, as it is being threatened by a major hydroelectric project. At the beginning we had no idea what we were getting ourselves into as we started this project... but through numerous adventures, long hours of work, data analysis, river measurements, surveys, community gatherings, barbecues, long discussions with community members—we have fallen in love - with the communities, with the rivers, with the generosity and kindness of countless individuals involved in this struggle, with the passion and fire for a community's fight for justice. Our desire is to simply share about a project that we have truly grown to love and admire. It is one that we believe needs to be shared; not only for the beauty, passion and courage of its people, but also to illuminate the real consequences of corporate profit disguised as clean energy development.

Laura G., '11; Dhaka, Bangladesh

DC-based Workers Rights Consortium,

Rosa I., '11;

I finished law school at Columbia in 2014, took and passed the California bar exam, and moved to Washington D.C. I've been here in DC since the fall of 2014 working at an NGO called Defenders of Wildlife as their International Policy Analyst and specializing in international wildlife trade law, wildlife trafficking and international multilateral environmental agreements.

Nicole S., '10; Community Organizer

Inland Congregations United for Change.

During September and October youth organizers with ICUC spread across the Inland Empire, in teams of 20 to 60 youth in each of 5 cities, contacting voters in support of the California State Proposition 30, which protects against multibillion dollar cuts to the state education system. During a four week period 350 ICUC spoke directly with more than 15,000 voters. In the weeks before the election, Latino youth leaders in ICUC will turn out more than 10,000 votes in support of their right to an education. This is the largest grassroots GOTV effort ever carried out in this region of California, which consists of the two largest counties in the US., and which, until now has been a stronghold of conservative White voters.

Julie C., '97; Los Angeles

Teaching history in the Los Angeles Community College district.