

# MEET THE FELLOWS



**Advancing diverse young leaders to strengthen communities, nonprofits and civic participation.**



## **Class of 2008/2009**

### **Alyssa Chen**

Math Fellow

Alyssa Chen, was born in Mendon, Vermont. She graduated from Bowdoin College with a double major in math and psychology. At Bowdoin she was a volunteer tutor and mentor. She also worked in the math and psychology department as a tutor and teaching assistant. Her senior year of college she started a dialogue project, called the Undiscussed, to surface identity conflicts at Bowdoin. As a math fellow, Alyssa hopes to find ways to make math relevant and interesting to students. She also will be continually pondering the question, what is the purpose of math education and what curriculum follows from that purpose?

### **Andrea Fullington**

Literacy and Literature Fellow

Andrea Fullington, was born and raised in numerous areas of Southern California. During her time in college she developed a love for youth work while studying abroad and being involved in several

educational non-profits. In 2007 she graduated from USC with a degree in Sociology and African-American studies. As the Literacy and Literature fellow she hopes to continue learning interdisciplinary ways that English can be taught while exploring ways that ERS curriculum and community can be incorporated into the lives of California public school students.

### **Berta Guillen**

Societies and Culture Fellow

Berta Guillen, the Societies and Culture Fellow, was born and raised in San Francisco, California. While attending Skyline Community College she developed her love of learning and a firm desire to become a teacher and was awarded the Karl S. Pister Leadership Award, granting her a \$20,000 scholarship to attend the University of California at Santa Cruz. Exploring the fields of Sociology and Latino and Latin American Studies, she also embarked on study abroad to Delhi, India. Berta spent several years as a Union Representative with SEIU Local 87, also a receptionist for a

downtown SF law firm. At ERS, she hopes to learn as much as she can about the methods of teaching implementation, hoping to create a network with which to share ideas and knowledge. Most of all, she wants to have a great time and grow as an educator!

### **Beth Jackson**

Outdoor Education Fellow

Beth Jackson grew up in Bloomington, Indiana and is serving as the Outdoor Education Fellow this year. She attended Earlham College, where she earned her BA in Art (with an emphasis on Metalsmithing). She also received minors in Art History and Outdoor Education. Since college she has worked leading wilderness trips with the Sargent Center for Outdoor Education, Outward Bound, and the Eagle Rock School. She has taught Outdoor and Environmental Education in California and Indiana. By spending a year at Eagle Rock she hopes to explore how a wilderness experience can be transitioned to and integrated into the classroom.



## **Carter Cox**

Professional Development Center  
Carter Cox is originally from Columbus, Ohio. He received his B.A. in Theatre from Hamilton College in Clinton, NY in 2003 and his M.A. in Education from Prescott College in Prescott, AZ in 2008. Carter has taught theatre full-time at the middle and high school levels and has taught theatre workshops to primary grade levels through the college level. Carter has also taught outdoor education and team building for a youth development center in New Hampshire. As the Professional Development Fellow, Carter is excited about engaging visiting educators in discussion regarding school reform in the United States today.

## **Christi Kramer**

Curriculum Fellow  
Christi *Kramer* has spent the majority of her life in northern Maryland. She graduated from the University of Mary Washington, with a degree in Creative Nonfiction Writing. Christi discovered a passion for experiential education while facilitating at Genesee Valley Outdoor Learning Center, where she was the Associate Director. As the Curriculum Fellow, Christi is excited to support both students and staff, and to be a part of the curriculum revision process. Christi hopes to acquire more experience in the non-profit world, nurturing a goal of one day operating an outdoor educational center of her own.

## **Henry Schrader**

Human Performance Center Fellow  
Henry Schrader, this year's Human Performance fellow, comes to ERS after graduating from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, with a degree in English Communications. With a Strong interest in Education and working with adolescents, Henry has been enjoying his first few months in the Human Performance Center; conducting morning exercise along

with aiding in a variety of classes. Henry is the son of two educators and has one brother, Jake living in Fitchburg Massachusetts. Henry hopes to use his experience at Eagle Rock to further his personal growth in education and eventually wants to be a full time teacher or youth worker.

## **Katie Leonard**

Visual Arts Fellow  
Katie *Leonard* was born in Cleveland, Ohio and grew up in Michigan. She graduated from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago with a BFA. Katie focused on ceramics and painting and volunteered with Chicago's youth. This led her to join the Peace Corps in 2005, where she taught art at a school for the deaf in Ghana. After returning to America, she moved to Seattle and served as an AmeriCorps member at Tyee Educational Complex in Seatac, WA. As the Visual Arts Fellow, Katie hopes to gain valuable teaching experience, learn creative ways to integrate art into other subject areas, and share her love of art with the ERS community.

## **Libby Cole**

Health Wellness and Counseling  
Libby *Cole* grew up outside Boston, Massachusetts and graduated from the University of Vermont with a BS in Social Work and received her Ed. M. in Risk and Prevention from Harvard University. Libby has managed cultural exchange and study abroad programs for a private international education company in Cambridge, Mass. Libby worked as a Counselor at The English High School, our nation's oldest public high school. Libby is passionate about people and learning. At ERS, She hopes to build strong supportive relationships with staff and students and learn from all the brilliant people around her.

## **Liz Berliant**

Music Fellow

Liz Berliant was born and raised in the suburbs of Chicago. In the spring of 2005, Liz graduated with a BA in Music from the University of California in Santa Cruz. Most recently, she completed the Masters of Music Education and Certification program at VanderCook College of Music in Chicago. Liz is traditionally a trumpet player, but is working to expand her musical confidence in singing, violin, and guitar. As the music fellow, Liz hopes to bring out the musician in every student.

## **Mike Dunn**

Service Learning Fellow  
Michael *Dunn* is most recently from Detroit, Michigan. He graduated from Michigan State University with a B.A. in History and a minor in Religious Studies and is pursuing a M.A. in History and a M.A.T. in Secondary Social Studies Education at Wayne State University. He has worked for various non-profits including Camp Sancta Maria, and Summer in the City, a volunteer program in Detroit. At Eagle Rock, he hopes to gain a more broad understanding of the cross-curricular incorporation of Service-Learning. While not teaching, you can find Mike singing, playing guitar, creating websites and taking pictures.

## **Ryan Morra**

Science Fellow  
Ryan *Morra* is a recent transplant from Asheville, North Carolina, where he completed his B.S. in Biology and Environmental Studies from Warren Wilson College. Ryan has been a Corps Member and Team Leader for AmeriCorps\*NCCC, and a former employee of the playground-building non-profit KaBOOM! Ryan first *learned* about Eagle Rock during an across-the-country bicycle trip called Bike & Build. When not being a Science Fellow, Ryan can be found on his bicycles (road and mountain), being overly theatrical, or reading a (hopefully) good book.



