

MEMORANDUM

To: Social Security Advisory Board
Subject: New NASI Fellows
Date: June 15, 2015



Amber Davis – Summer 2015

Amber Davis is a current NASI fellow, a recipient of the Eileen Sweeney Graduate Internship in Disability Policy. She has completed her 2nd year of coursework as a doctoral student at Howard University, Social Work department. Her research interest areas include: transition-age youth with disabilities, SSI policy, wrap-around services for SSI recipients, and the intersections of race, disability, and class.

Amber received a B.S. in Family, Youth, and Community Sciences from the University of Florida. She received a Master's in Social Work from Florida State University. She has also interned as a summer fellow with Mathematica Policy Research. Amber was recently accepted as a recipient of the Disability Small Grant Program where she will examine the age-18 SSI redetermination process.

Amber will be leading the child SSI report this summer. She is excited to gain enhanced understanding of the SSI program and other Social Security programs as part of the American safety net.



Claire Jensen – Summer 2015

Claire J. is a 2015 National Academy of Social Insurance summer fellow. She is currently a master's student at Columbia University School of Social Work with concentrations in Policy Practice and Contemporary Social Issues.

She graduated from Bryn Mawr College in 2012, where she studied East Asian Studies and Sociology. After graduating, she worked as a college counselor at two international high schools in Wuxi, China for two years. This past year, as part of her studies at Columbia, Claire J. was a social work intern at a public elementary school in Chinatown, Manhattan.

Claire J. has long been passionate about social justice, and is particularly interested in examining supports for individuals with disabilities and caregivers of individuals with disabilities. She is also interested in mass incarceration and immigration in the US.