Fellow Name: Wynter-Haley Scott

**PIFP Partner Organization:** The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Colorado

**Please give a brief description of what you do for your organization:**
As a summer fellow of the ACLU, I work in the outreach, public policy, and legal departments. I have had the opportunity to coordinate with staff to work on projects like the Denver PrideFest and mass incarceration in the Coloradan prisons and jails. A large part of my job is also summarizing all of the intake requests that come to the ACLU, some from prisoners and others from community members who feel their civil liberties were violated. The fellowship isn’t restricted to the ACLU’s field office, either. On many weekends, I get to recruit volunteers and donors at events throughout Colorado. Meeting such interesting people who work to make the ACLU efficient and proactive makes the work I do here very meaningful and memorable.

**What’s the most interesting thing you’ve learned in your fellowship so far?**
The most important thing I have learned about the fellowship is, surprisingly, what the ACLU does. Many people think the ACLU is all for defending liberals from getting their constitutional rights violated, but that’s not nearly true. Just as often as the ACLU pursues cases and presents legislation for the people who “don’t want religion to protrude their way of life,” the ACLU represents others who want the protection to express their religion freely. The ACLU isn’t affiliated with any political party or representative. Yes, even conservatives work for the ACLU, and that’s something that I never knew before interacting with the organization.

**Why did you want to become a PIFP Fellow?**
I’ve always pretty much known what I wanted, and the idea of “non-profit work” had never been it. I kept justifying my urge to be an attorney with the excuse of wanting to help people, but non-profits are the real people who help others. I applied to become a PIFP Fellow with the intention that while working with a non-
profit I might actually learn what it means and how it feels to help people, and possibly learn something about myself along the way.

**What activities outside of your work do you enjoy?**
Denver is such a thriving city. Every week there is something new to do. Most weekends in the summer, I work on a grassroots political campaign for Hillary Clinton. When I have free-time, I enjoy catching up on rest via sleep and Netflix or studying for the Law School Admissions Test.

**What is something most people would be surprised to know about you?**
When I was a toddler the only thing I would eat is spaghetti. Now, my palate has expanded a bit, but not much.