What is the ERRC?

• The ERRC is a public interest law organization committed to combat anti-Roma racism, antigypsyism, and human rights abuses of Roma within much of Western and Eastern Europe through strategic litigation all over Europe, advocacy, robust communication strategies, and human rights education.

• Although the organization is located in Budapest, it handles human rights cases from all over Europe. They work in a variety of languages, but they publish their work in English.
Description of My Work

• Researched, and wrote several reports about Ukrainian school segregation, the deportation of Roma EU citizens from Copenhagen, Greek Roma Statelessness, and other human rights legal organizations, Hungarian Roma birth rates, and other human rights issues.

• Assisted supervisors in organizing, and compiling research reports used in the statement of facts in two cases sent to the European Court of Human Rights and one case sent to a governing body in Denmark.
The Office

- The office community is very tight-knit and warm

The office break room with a wall of all of the cases they are litigating, and photographs of previous ERRC clients and community members

Me at my desk
Most Rewarding Aspect of My Work

• Spending time with human rights lawyers from the US, UK, Italy, Hungary, Czech Republic and gaining more insight about what it means to be a lawyer

• Learned how to read and interpret case law and gained a basic understanding of European Human Rights Law

• Learning how lawyers approach litigation with the intention of dismantling larger systems of inequality and/or advancing the rights of their Roma Client.
Budapest is a beautiful and a lively city!
Budapest

The Budapest Eye

Me on the Chain Bridge

One of the churches in the city
My travels

• Over time in Budapest, I had the opportunity to visit **Tirana, Albania** with the ERRC to visit a local community they were representing in a case to the European Court of Human Rights about school segregation.

• Independently I travelled to **Vienna, Austria** and **Rome, Italy** while I was there over the eight weeks.
Concluding remarks

• Overall, I had a great experience in the city and at the internship placement! I truly enjoyed the opportunity to be there for eight weeks!