

## FUNDING FOR PRE-PROFESSIONAL SUMMER EXPERIENCES 2016 STUDENTS' SUMMARIES

### Abington Foundation Cleveland Internships Fund

#### **Nils Gudbranson, 2017**

Neuroscience

Lab of Dr. Chaitali Ghosh at Cleveland Clinic – Cleveland, OH

Dr. Chaitali Ghosh is a well-respected researcher on drug-resistant epilepsy at the Cleveland Clinic. She has published both papers on her own research and review articles of current research in her field. Nils worked under her guidance on understanding the mechanisms and molecules involved in apoptosis in human drug-resistant epilepsy. As one of three interns in Dr. Chaitali's lab, he had the opportunity to conduct his own experiments and he hopes to use the techniques he learned in his future education and career.

#### **Brian Hemmert, 2016**

Environmental Studies

Cleveland Kraut – Cleveland, OH

Working at Cleveland Kraut, a local sauerkraut company, Brian learned about the specialty food industry, specifically understanding trends and demoing strategies, running adwords campaigns, and learning how to target distributors to work with individual stores. He attended demos and meetings in both Cleveland and Chicago and was able to network with food industry experts and entrepreneurs, which he found incredibly helpful. Brian enjoyed gaining knowledge about Cleveland food scene and was thrilled to learn about the details of larger marketing projects.

#### **Jones Pitsker, 2018**

Religion

Morgan Art of Papermaking – Cleveland, OH

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#### **Vikram Shankar, 2017**

Musical Studies

TrustNavigator Management Services LLC – Cleveland, OH

TrustNavigator Management Services LLC is a Cleveland-based organization that works with college students, providing them with tools to launch their professional lives including supplemental enrichment classes, resources for professional development, and networking opportunities with Human Resources personnel in their fields of interest. Vikram was a sales and marketing intern and worked with the organization's Chief Executive Ambassador and other staff. Vikram assisted with sponsorship and outreach projects, communicating with both regional firms and national/international corporations. In addition, he worked with the marketing team at TrustNavigator to develop their strategic initiatives targeting college students, alumni, and corporations. He enjoyed developing his

marketing, sales, and entrepreneurship skills, which will serve him in his own professional path as a freelance composer for film, a profession that requires the musician to have mastery of entrepreneurial skills to flourish.

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**Sophia Bass, 2019**

Musical Studies

Palomar Film Music – Pauma Valley, CA

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**Maya Berkley, 2018**

Undecided

Our Family Coalition – San Francisco, CA

Maya's time with Our Family Coalition (OFC) was an invaluable experience. I feel as though my time with them has been productive and helpful for both the organization and me. She worked closely with The FAIR Education act, a revision to California's History Social-Science Framework for schools. This revision will provide guidelines for schools to include fair and accurate representations of LGBTQ people and people with disabilities in the classroom. Recently, she joined OFC's policy team in Sacramento and was able to testify before the California State Board of Education in support of the Framework, and was present for the groundbreaking passing of the Framework.

**Sammie Jo Concilio, 2019**

Comparative American Studies and Visual Arts

Two internships

Trans-Pecos – Queens, NY

Trans-Pecos is a music venue and community arts center in Ridgewood, Queens. When not hosting concerts, Pecos opens its doors to local non-profits to utilize the space. One of Pecos' most robust community programs is "Representing NYC," a program that connects musicians working in undercapitalized settings (prisons, underfunded public schools, community centers, etc.) with musicians, producers, and agents recognized by the mainstream music industry. During her internship period, Sammie managed the day-to-day use of the space by various non-profits and advancing Representing NYC by maintaining their social media and online presence. Sammie also worked to develop Representing NYC's weekly radio program on 8-Ball Radio by reaching out to local musicians to appear as guests and write grants to support this work. Finally, Sammie worked with the Greater Ridgewood Youth Council to plan a day-long showcase of local teenage art, music, and various talent.

El Museo del Barrio

New York, NY

El Museo del Barrio was founded 45 years ago as an educational laboratory, a platform for artists, and a space for crafting a political identity. As a Public Programs Intern, Sammie supported current summer programs and assisted with the preparation for fall programming. Sammie researched and developed materials for their year-long teen program, assisting in the creation of professional development programs for educators, and helped facilitate adult programs. Sammie had the opportunity to communicate with artists and community members, in addition to providing administrative and organizational assistance. Sammie was able to assist with Uptown Bounce, El Museo's series of weekly free evening celebrations that feature hip-hop performances, chalk workshops, live art, and dancing.

### **Jordan DeAngelo, 2019**

History and East Asian Studies

Intern at Supervisor Mark Farrell's Office – San Francisco, California

As an intern at Supervisor Mark Farrell's Office, Jordan kept track of legislation, answered constituent calls and resolved any issues they had. Additionally, Jordan conducted research on new initiatives introduced by the supervisor, including an initiative aimed at tackling substance abuse. Jordan enjoyed working in the supervisor's office, because it gave them the opportunity to learn about the inner workings of city government, gaining a better understanding of how public policy is made. Furthermore, through their work in the office, they were given the chance to sharpen research skills they gained from taking history classes at Oberlin. Finally, this internship provided insight on what a career in politics may look like, and opened Jordan's eyes to a possible career in political research.

### **Jacob Efthimiou, 2017**

Conservatory – Performance

Escuela Juvenil de Música – Panama City, Panama

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### **Rayna Holmes, 2018**

Performing Arts Management

Lower Manhattan Cultural Council - New York, NY

The Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC) is a non-profit arts organization based in Lower Manhattan. LMCC empowers artists by providing them with networks, resources, and support through various residency programs, grant awards, and professional development opportunities. Their mission is to create a fertile and nurturing environment for artists and arts groups, enlivening public spaces with free programs in the visual, performing, and new media arts, and to provide leadership in cultural planning and advocacy. As an intern, Rayna Holmes worked in the Institutional Advancement (IA) department doing Special Events and Development work. Specifically, Rayna managed volunteer scheduling for LMCC's public events and aided in production, preparation for the annual Manhattan Community Arts Breakfast. Additionally, she contributed to the IA team by retroactively updating development donation records and researching for the contact database after LMCC's recent annual gala. Through this internship, she was able to

strengthen her organizational skills and comfortability with systems used to track patron data, as well as general organizational impact.

### **Gloria Lewis, 2018**

Africana Studies

Starfish International – Banjul, Gambia

At Starfish International, Gloria worked as a Classroom Instructor, teaching basic math and public development courses. The basic math course focused on the essential mathematical principles necessary to price and sell items for a small business.

The Personal Development course focused on issues surrounding Black women of the Diaspora. Throughout the course, original works were collected locally, including poems, short stories, and articles concerning African pride. This internship opportunity related to Gloria's academic and professional goals, given that the education and health of people of the African Diaspora were of interest. As such, Gloria is considering a career as an educator or physician.

### **Miriam Liske-Doorandish, 2018**

Conservatory – Performance

Centre D'Arts Orford - Orford, (Quebec) Canada

Orford Music is a performing arts center that seeks to provide mentorship and performance experience to classical musicians through an intensive summer program. Cultivating close working relationships between students and professionals, Orford gives young musicians a focused, challenging environment of masterclasses, lessons, and concerts within the broader community. At Orford, Miriam studied with two cello professors, and participated in daily masterclasses and technique classes, working with peers, and performing. This immersion in multiple areas of musicianship exposed Miriam to new methods of analysis and creativity, in addition to opportunities for collaboration and peer-learning. Through Orford's intensive mentorship she formed a greater foundation in both practice and performance; building on this she hopes to incorporate these deeper conceptions of musicianship, education, and collaboration as she enters into professional life.

### **Aliya Ultan, 2019**

Conservatory – Composition and Performance

Bowdoin International Summer Music Festival – Brunswick, ME

Being at Bowdoin International Music Festival, we rehearsed every day for over three weeks and performed several times. Because of the frequency of group rehearsing, performing, and socializing, Aliya was able to explore the many layers of music making. Aside from chamber music, she had the opportunity to continue studying cello with Amir Eldan. Without the stresses of classes, Aliya was able to truly absorb the feedback from her

instructor. Aliya was thankful for the support she received through the MLK grant, and the opportunity to grow as a professional.

**Paulus van Horne, 2017**

Double degree: Environmental Studies, Conservatory – TIMARA

WGHB (The World) – Boston, MA

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**Benjamin Biffis, 2017**

Politics, Environmental Studies, and Law & Society

Gulmi-Landy Law – Northampton, MA

Benjamin had the opportunity of interning with an attorney who practices general law, focusing on special education law, education law, care and protection cases in the Juvenile Court, guardianship, conservatorship, probate, and general litigation. Benjamin was able to observe court proceedings in both Juvenile and Superior Court, attend meetings with clients, as well as help attorney Gulmy-Landy prepare her cases for Court. Benjamin also learned more about efficient ways to conduct legal research including non-profit legal practice and learned what is required to be a competent attorney. As someone who hopes to pursue a career in law, this was a transformative experience that only further affirmed Benjamin's desire to go into law, particularly as a public defender. This internship not only clarified my prospective career choice but also gave new meaning to some of his academic experiences at Oberlin College.

**Darrell Davis, 2016**

Politics and Environmental Studies

Auntie Na's House – Detroit, MI

Darrell was afforded the opportunity to intern at Auntie Na's House because of the generous funding and my Davis Project for Peace grant. Auntie Na's House is a community-based organization that serves many purposes from its West Detroit location. During the internship period, Darrell operated a youth summer program. Structured learning time was an over-arching theme for the summer program. Several students expressed interest in studying foreign languages that are not available for students in their public school systems. To help them with this endeavor, Darrell and other volunteers have initiated the process of awarding some students with scholarships to study at a summer immersion camp.

**Ryan Dearon, 2018**

Double degree: English, Conservatory – Performance

Oberlin in Italy – Arezzo, Italy

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**Katherine Ford, 2017**

Africana Studies

Dakar Institute of African Studies – Dakar, Senegal

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**Miguel Goldsmith, 2016**

Environmental Studies – Environmental Justice Concentration

Toronto Green Community – Toronto, Ontario

Toronto Green Community is a grassroots, charitable organization that is committed to creating sustainable communities with clean water and air, food, green spaces, and minimal waste. One of their initiatives, Rivers Rising, explore Lost River watersheds and rivers to capture and share stories of those who live there and who have lived there where food, water, history and cultures intersect. Rivers Rising focus on highlighting indigenous (past and present) experiences and relationships with the waterways as well as newcomers through walks along paths of buried rivers in the city. Miguel closely worked with the Executive Director to do outreach and networking in the four neighborhoods targeted in Toronto for this project. One of these neighborhoods included one of the most diverse neighborhoods in Canada, St. Jamestown. Miguel also worked to plan an event which focused on Toronto's Indigenous waterways. The event was led by indigenous women, given that women have traditionally been the water bearers. Because of his time spent in Canada, Miguel hopes to develop and work in environmental education that is anti-colonial, anti-racist, queer and trans at its roots.

Class of 1968 Endowed Leadership Award

**Meret Kammerling, 2018**

Neuroscience

Northwestern University's Allada Lab – Chicago, IL

Meret is proud to have independently established and maintained a strong, professional relationship with the Allada Lab at Northwestern University. Through her *Drosophila* (fruit fly) research, she was able to investigate topics such as arousal via courtship behavior and aggression, and also examined immune responses post-traumatic brain injury. Over the course of her internship, she researched Alzheimer's disease by expressing the most lethal version of the Tau protein (the protein that creates neurofibrillary tangles in an Alzheimer's affected brain) in regions of the *Drosophila* brain. This research is important to her goals because she intends to pursue something in the sciences, whether that be research, teaching, medicine, or all of those! Meret is enamored with the work she has done in the Allada Lab and intends to continue it until graduation.

Creativity & Leadership Internship Stipend

**Katrina Anderson-Little, 2017**

Sociology

Get With The Program – Oberlin, OH

Get With The Program (GWTP) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to integrating more women and people of color into STEM fields. GWTP creates educational content that dually helps young people develop computational skills through hands-on activities, sparking their interest in science, technology, engineering, and math. Their summer camp is one of the vehicles through which GWTP shares this content. As an intern for their camp series, Katrina was responsible for coordinating daily student enrichment activities and ensuring that the STEM skills learned in the classroom are implicitly reinforced/introduced through fun activities beforehand. As a part of that role, she also worked to establish a spirit of community and camaraderie among the students, teaching them to respect and support one another, during play and in the classroom. In addition to her work as a Student Coordinator, she also served as a support system in the classroom, assisting with instruction, small group help with projects, classroom maintenance, and conflict resolution. The skills she developed through her summer experience will aid her as she would like to start her own nonprofit and continue to serve disadvantaged students through the public school system and educational enrichment programs.

**Elizabeth Levinson, 2017**

Cinema Studies and Art History  
Microscope Gallery – Brooklyn, NY

Elizabeth used her stipend from the Career Center at Oberlin to support her internship with the Microscope Gallery in Bushwick, New York. She learned about Microscope through following the Facebook page of one of her favorite experimental filmmakers, Jonas Mekas, who had announced the next installation of his yearlong monthly screening series at the gallery. Elizabeth has been passionate about experimental film and video work (both in its production and its curation) and had previously struggled to find a place where she could truly fuse her two passions. The more she learned about Microscope, the more perfectly it fit: a gallery not only curating but even specializing in experimental film and video works, featuring many of her favorite artists. After working for the Microscope one Winter Term, she knew she had to find a way to come back for a summer internship. As she prepares to complete her double majors in Cinema Studies and Art History this year at Oberlin, Elizabeth is extremely grateful to have an extensive experience with the gallery to support her: a familiarity with the daily goings-on of an independent art space, not to mention a ton of new ideas for her own work spearheading the Oberlin Film Cooperative, and for eventually, perhaps, going on to run a space like this of her own someday.

**Jacob Pearson, 2017**

Double degree: Cinema Studies and Geology, Conservatory – Composition  
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**Louis Pino, 2017**

Conservatory – Performance  
Summer Institute for Contemporary Performance Practice (SICPP) – Boston, MA

On top of learning new composition techniques and musical ideas, Louis gathered as much information as possible about the music business and ways to push his career forward. Louis' main interests include teaching, composing, and performing, and he embraced the opportunity to exercise these strengths during his internship. What he learned over the duration of his internship was that he should be focusing to improve himself in his interested fields, while cultivating positive relationships with colleagues and mentors. Attending three separate festivals, each emphasizing a different type of music, allowed him to absorb knowledge from various professional musicians and to create connections with a myriad of people from varying musical backgrounds and interests.

### **Julia Ranney, 2018**

Environmental Studies and Politics  
Farm Forward – Salt Lake City, Utah

Farm Forward is a nonprofit advocacy organization that promotes sustainable animal agriculture. Farm Forward works with food service companies, universities and businesses to help them learn about and find higher-welfare meat and dairy products. As an intern, Julia worked on a variety of research projects related to factory farming, from regulatory provisions, organic requirements, and search-engine optimization, to fundraising information. Julia also performed weekly work on the website BuyingPoultry, helping to maintain the accuracy of the product database. Additionally, Julia worked on projects related to advocacy and networking in order to spread information about Farm Forward as a resource for other institutions. Through her work at Farm Forward, Julia had the opportunity to learn about the day-to-day operations of a nonprofit, and how to implement creative solutions that successfully transform food systems.

### Harold S. Geneen Charitable Trust Fund

### **Emma Marshall, 2018**

Economics and Mathematics  
Frontier Strategy Group – Washington, D.C.

Frontier Strategy Group (FSG) is a consulting company located in Washington D.C. that studies global markets in order to provide multinational corporations with data and insights to become the best emerging markets in the world. FSG has different sections in its office that assist different aspects of a client's situation. Some teams at FSG work with clients to understand their problems, while other teams study market trends so they can assist the client. Emma is working on the research team this summer. By doing this she is assisting FSG workers in studying market trends while working on an individual project that studies which market trends clients find most helpful when determining if they want to expand their company. As an Economics Major, the work is exciting for Emma because it allows her to take what she learned in a classroom, into an office.

### **Rachael Andrews**

Economics and Politics  
Frontier Strategy Group – Washington, DC



Frontier Strategy Group (FSG) is the leading provider of information services for emerging markets executives around the globe. As an intern, Rachael works specifically with the Global Economics Research team and FSG's Custom Engagements Research team. She contributes to the team through writing case studies, conducting research about economic indicators and researching and presenting on FSG's healthcare clients' biggest needs. She will have the opportunity to develop her research, writing, and analysis skills while combining her dual interests in economics and politics.

#### Godlove Rubin Family Public Interest Internship Fund

##### **Kameron Dunbar, 2019**

Politics and Rhetoric & Composition  
Mayor's Office – Detroit, MI

Kameron had the opportunity to work on the Communications team in the office of Mayor Michael E. Duggan, City of Detroit. He had the fortune of working with a wide array of people, including the mayor's chief of staff, director of communications, deputy press secretary, senior publicist, and social and digital media coordinator. His work varied daily, but he was able to be hands-on in many projects, including drafting press releases, writing blog and opportunity posts on the city's website, advancing the mayor with social strategy at various engagements, and working with various departments to ensure that the work being done in Detroit is effectively communicated. This work related directly to his academic studies as a Politics major and Bonner Scholar, he had an acute affinity for civic engagement which he was able to directly participate in during this experience. Kameron is also considering a career in journalism and communications, and this experience gave him the perspective of the benefits and challenges of the field.

##### **Sarah Minion, 2017**

Comparative American Studies and Politics  
The White House - Washington, DC

Sarah interned at the White House in the Office of Public Engagement and Intergovernmental Affairs. This office acts as the front door to the White House, serving as the bridge between the President's Administration and the American people. Sarah believes that at the end of the day, all politics are about people, and was happy to contribute by amplifying the voices of the average American while also advancing the President's policy agenda. The office hosts events that bring in diverse stakeholders, ultimately changing the way communities interact with and hold government accountable. Studying Politics and Comparative American Studies at Oberlin, there are simply some things which cannot be learned in the classroom. There may be no better place to learn than behind the scenes at the White House, where people work tirelessly to change the relationship Americans have with democracy and their government while also implementing policies to benefit so many different communities. In her career as a policy-maker and change agent, Sarah hopes to take with her the lessons she learned over the course of her internship.

**Julia Peterson, 2019**

Undeclared

Adaptech Research Network – Montreal, (Quebec) Canada

Julia worked on calculating the cost of educating a disabled student versus the cost of a nondisabled student at the postsecondary level in Canada. She completed this project for Adaptech, a research network that focuses on students with disabilities at the post-secondary level. They have been hopeful to complete a project like this for some time because it fits into the larger context of calculating the relative cost on the Canadian economy of not educating disabled students at the postsecondary level. Partially because this project is unlike most of what Adaptech is doing, Julia had a lot of independence in how she went about this. Julia completed research using various university and college budgets, as well as information compiled by Statistics Canada and the Canadian government. She received support from her supervisor, Dr. Catherine Fichten, in terms of contacts from each of the provinces and territories who might be able to assist her with her queries. The greatest challenge was to develop the right questions so that she would be able to obtain useful data.

Harvey Gittler Internship Fund in Civil Liberties

**Jasmine Anderson, 2017**

Politics and German Studies double major

Communities United and Community Activism Law Alliance – Chicago, IL

Jasmine split her time between two groups last summer. Communities United is a grassroots community organizing group based in the Albany Park neighborhood of Chicago. Jasmine worked specifically with the Housing team, which aims to maintain affordable, livable rental properties in the neighborhood. Her responsibilities included organizing community outreach efforts, coordinating know-your-rights workshops, and doing research on development projects that aim to maintain affordable rental properties. Jasmine also worked with a legal non-profit organization called Community Activism Law Alliance, which focuses on bringing free legal services to under-served neighborhoods in Chicago. She functioned as a paralegal both in the office and the multiple legal clinics the organization runs throughout the city and has been exposed to a wide array of civil rights law, immigration law in particular. Jasmine benefitted from collaborating with both groups, as they focus on giving back to the community she is from.

**Kiran Melnyk, 2017**

Environmental Studies major with a Peace & Conflict Studies concentration

Causa Justa // Just Cause – Oakland, California

Causa Justa // Just Cause is an organization that fights for tenant rights and immigration rights in the Bay Area. CJC fights against the effects and processes of gentrification currently occurring in working class communities in the Bay Area. Kiran worked in CJC's tenant's rights clinic and with the organization's fundraising efforts.

The California Coalition for Women Prisoners is an organization that fights against the expansion of the prison industrial complex, and for the rights of incarcerated women and gender-nonconforming people. As an intern at CCWP Kiran assisted with various volunteer-led projects and helped respond to prisoner-letters. Kiran learned the strengths and weaknesses non-governmental, non-legal, organizations have when working with vulnerable communities.

### International Summer Fellows 2016

#### **Akheel Appadoo, 2019**

Undecided

ELI Africa – Curepipe, Mauritius

ELI Africa, a nonprofit organization founded in 2009 at Yale University, runs various community-based projects that aim to promote local socioeconomic welfare in Mauritius. Since its creation in 2009, ELI Africa has led amazing projects in various fields such as environment, education, and animal welfare. One of Akheel's main tasks was to coordinate the volunteers' different projects. Akheel decided to return to ELI Africa as a volunteer this summer to give back and thank the community that has given him so much.

#### **Catherine Beach, 2017**

Biology major

Danish Institute for Study Abroad at the University of Copenhagen – Copenhagen, Denmark

Through this program, Catherine studied the public healthcare system in Denmark. She attended lectures on the social, economic, and political background of the current healthcare systems in Europe and visited practitioners' offices, a regional hospital, and a municipality. While participating in clinical rounds and skills labs, Catherine learned the basics of catheter insertion, IV catheter port insertion, suturing, ultrasound, exercises used for training surgeons in laparoscopic surgery, and emergency medicine simulations.

#### **Pang Fei Chiang, 2019**

Politics major

USAPPS – Selangor, Malaysia

USAPPS is a student-run, nonprofit organization that aims to inform aspiring high school students about higher education in the United States. As part of USAPPS' effort in mobilizing talented low-income and middle-class students who aspire to study in the United States, Pang planned and executed an outreach program targeted at public high schools in smaller cities across Malaysia. He visited underfunded public high schools and gave talks on a wide variety of topics to ensure underprivileged students that studying abroad is possible. Through this program, Pang gained a unique and useful experience in bridging the gap between the rich and the poor through education.

#### **Aaron Henry, 2018**

Anthropology major, German and Africana Studies minors

ReachGlobal – Berlin, Germany

ReachGlobal is a branch of the Evangelical Free Church of America that assigns students to short-term service with different ministries including refugees, women in prostitution and trafficking, children's camps, and mentorship opportunities. As part of the program, Aaron was fully oriented and educated on the historical narratives creating present-day circumstances in Berlin. This enabled him to best determine ways to use his faith and compassion as he assisted the long-term missionaries and volunteers on their projects. Along with the opportunity to further develop his German language, this experience allowed Aaron to examine the social justice issues of the refugee crisis, gentrification, and artists' communities, and how ministry can interact and enter these communities in the city.

**Jingyi Li, 2018**

East Asian Studies and Cinema Studies

Princeton in Ishikawa Program and Komatsu Summer School – Ishikawa, Japan

Through the Princeton in Ishikawa program, Jingyi participated in a Japanese language intensive and taught at a summer school. She worked closely with one of the Komatsu Summer School's seminar leaders and a Japanese university student to design a class on World Cinema. Jingyi created lesson plans and participated in seminars. This experience improved her leadership skills and exposed her to teaching, a potential career interest. Jingyi felt this experience was rewarding because it combined her academic life and future career.

**Zachary Resnick, 2017**

Double degree: Politics major, Conservatory – Composition major

RUM Ensemble – Amman, Jordan

Zachary worked with Tareq Al Nasser, one of Jordan's premier composers and arrangers, and the world-renowned group, the [RUM ensemble](#). This is a special group of 25 musicians, who are primarily Jordanian and have spent significant time abroad studying and playing non-Arabic music. Tareq aims to be true to his Arabic heritage and write music based on the tradition, while simultaneously incorporating elements from other music from around the world with this group. Zachary helped Tareq organize recording sessions, rehearsals, and performances. Also, he managed online promotion and traveled with the group. While learning the basics of Arabic music, Zachary received feedback on his compositions and arrangements.

**Kinori Rosnow, 2017**

Physics major

Oracle – Tokyo, Japan

As an intern at Oracle, an enterprise-focused technology company that provides hardware, software, and other services to companies, Kinori was fully immersed in Japanese culture and developed his proficient in the Japanese language. As part of the internship, Kinori

worked with a team to effectively communicate a product through a presentation and written explanation to various audiences. This experience allowed him to learn how large businesses work and the inner workings of their structure.

**Jun Takaki, 2017**

Biology and East Asian Studies double major  
Kyoto University – Kyoto, Japan

This internship has given Jun the opportunity to carry out graduate level research in molecular biology and helped him understand working in a lab work itself as well as the lifestyle and decision making involved in lab work. Through these experiences, Jun better understands the implications of going to graduate school. Jun is thankful to have had the opportunity to struggle, strive, and learn through this summer's experience.

**Linh Tran, 2018**

Individual Major (Interdisciplinary Approaches to Communications), Sociology minor  
When The Birds Fly Home Project – Hanoi, Vietnam

When The Birds Fly Home is a non-profit community project that combines photography and storytelling to explore the lives of Vietnamese students who studied abroad then returned to Vietnam. The project, consisting of an exhibition and symposium provided a more accurate, vivid, and multifaceted perspective on the life of those "abroaders" and debunk the prejudices against them. As the co-founder and head organizer of this project, Linh led a group of over 30 Vietnamese students to turn their ideas into reality and organize the exhibition at MAM Art Projects hosted by the Vietnamese Women's Museum.

**Cecilia Wallace, 2019**

Computer Science and Economics major (Undeclared), Spanish minor  
Living Museum of Otavalo – Otavalo, Ecuador

Created and owned by 22 indigenous families, the Living Museum is a renovated old factory currently used to preserve and share indigenous Kichwa culture. The families have been building the museum and community center for 8 years. Cecilia accompanied tours to translate for English-speaking guests and taught an English and computer class for local children. This experience provided Cecilia with an incredible immersion into an indigenous culture as she helped run the museum and cooperative community center. Cecilia, interested in environmental politics and Latin American studies, hopes to apply the understanding she gained of infrastructure in Ecuador to her future studies.

Marion B. Anderson 1954 Fund for Aspiring Peace Activists

**Timothy Liptrot, 2018**

Political Science and Physics major  
The Carter Center – Atlanta Georgia

The Carter Center is a non-governmental organization founded by former President Jimmy Carter, which works in tropical disease elimination, democracy promotion, and conflict resolution. As an intern, Tim worked to help their conflict mapping program, which uses activist reports and social media to build an ongoing map of the Syrian Civil War as it occurs. He also worked on projects for the UN special envoy mapping reports of ceasefire violations from ceasefire participants. During his internship, Tim met with conflict resolution professionals from the US and the Middle East and used this unique opportunity to practice his Arabic. The internship paved the way for him to explore work at a large NGO and the challenges of conflict transformation in the Middle East.

**Helen Kramer, 2017**

Mathematics Major

Sustained Dialogue Institute – Washington, DC

The Sustained Dialogue Institute is a nonprofit organization that uses a dialogue-to-action process to help people transform conflictual relationships by engaging differences as strengths and listening deeply enough to be changed by what they learn. As an Undergraduate Fellow, Helen assisted with data analysis and organizational operations, explored grant and funding opportunities, and researched areas of alignment with related organizations. She hoped to improve her ability to identify and solve problems, as well as gain experience in grant research and writing grant proposals. Additionally, Helen became a certified dialogue facilitator.

Peter Goldsmith Endowed Internship Fund

**Maria Bertrand, 2017**

Psychology

University of Minnesota's Institute of Child Development – Minneapolis, MN

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**Alexa L'Insalata, 2017**

Psychology and Hispanic Studies

Yale Parenting Center – New Haven, CT

Alexa spent time interning at the Yale Parenting Center and Child Conduct Clinic. As one of two interns, she was able to work on a variety of different tasks, from scoring assessments to reviewing therapy sessions to watching webinars on Parent Management Training. Alexa is grateful that the staff and her supervisor were very kind and always willing to help and to teach. Alexa never expected to be able to work under one of the most renowned child psychologists in the field, never mind learn from Dr. Kazdin directly. Being able to work with the man who created the most effective form of therapy for oppositional children was a once in a lifetime opportunity. Not only did it allow Alexa to have the experience and training that therapists around the country seek out, but it also put her in a great position for graduate school. As someone who wants to obtain her Ph.D. in clinical psychology, more specifically child and family therapy, this experience was a great way to learn first-hand a great evidence-based treatment that has been implemented in the treatment of many other

disorders as well. It was an honor to work with Dr. Kazdin and his staff Alexa is grateful for the experience and knowledge she gained from her internship.

**Michael Martin, 2017**

Conservatory – Performance

Domaine Forget International Academy of Music and Dance – Saint-Irénée (Québec),  
Canada

Michael attended the Domaine Forget International Academy of Music and Dance in the double bass session. Domaine Forget is a four-week classical music intensive workshop, with faculty who are among the most accomplished musicians and professors in the world. Over the span of the festival, students followed a rigorous class schedule, with around 6 hours of instrumental classes every day, which focused on learning the cutting-edge nuances of double bass technique (from the very people who created said technique) and generated musical growth and maturity through a greater understanding of the repertoire. Additionally, there are twice-weekly semi-private lessons that allowed students to observe lessons and share in one another's findings. Past attendees of Domaine Forget can be found in major orchestras across North America, Europe, and Australia, as well as in as diverse settings as the bluegrass string quintet, the Punch Brothers (Paul Kowert).

Susan Phillips' Social Justice Interns

**Jasmine Adams, 2016**

Sociology and Africana Studies

Academy for Urban School Leadership (AUSL)– Chicago, IL

The Academy for Urban School Leadership is a network of schools dedicated to “turning around” some of Chicago's lowest performing schools and districts. AUSL believes that teachers will succeed if they are well versed in the communities that they are going to serve. Teachers in underperforming schools with previous knowledge of their students' communities can close then the achievement gap between low-income students and their wealthier classmates within as few as 4 years. As an intern, Jasmine worked specifically with diverse learning students in their classrooms. She learned how to differentiate between learning styles and create lesson plans that cater to a variety of learners. Jasmine developed her writing skills, as well as her knowledge of the education system, which she utilized when she took on her new position as a 3rd-5th-grade teacher with the AUSL system last fall.

**Bikalpa Baniya, 2019**

Economics, Education Concentration (Undeclared)

Maya Universe Academy – Tanahu, Nepal

Poverty prevents thousands of children in Nepal from accessing education. Even those who go to school frequently drop out because of ineffective learning environments and economic strain. In the midst of all this, Maya Universe Academy started as the first free private school in Nepal and dedicated itself to providing quality education to the students

who need it most. Parents and guardians pay in terms of labor rather than money by working at the school for two days a month. Through his involvement at Maya Universe Academy, Bikalpa gained insight into how a community-based grassroots organization works. He found this experience invaluable because he hopes to someday help thousands of Nepali children gain the opportunity to receive a good education.

**Sarah Blum, 2018**

Law and Society

McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research – New York, NY

The McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research at New York University Silver School of Social work is an NGO committed to understanding the root causes of poverty, developing evidence-based interventions to address these causes, and putting their research into action. As an intern, Sarah assisted with data collection for a new research project on multiple family groups, entered data, and wrote about trauma, adult education techniques, and HIV in Thailand. Later in the summer, Sarah worked with Chosen 300, a homeless outreach center in Philadelphia. As a volunteer, she served meals to the homeless community 5 times a week and provided additional support with programs such as Chosen 300's expungement clinic and tech support classes. While in Philadelphia, she also worked on developing a human trafficking survivor scholarship at Oberlin in collaboration with the Human Trafficking Collaborative of Lorain County, Project Unbound, and The Sungate Foundation.

**Aiury Cavallo, 2019**

Africana Studies major with an Education concentration

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**Thinh Che, 2016**

Politics

The League of Women Voters of Illinois – Chicago, IL

The League of Women Voters of Illinois is a nonpartisan nonprofit organization which helps American women voters become aware of key issues in society. It encourages citizens to be active and informed participants in government and public policy through education and advocacy work. As an intern, Thinh wrote research reports and performed administrative work. Through this process, she improved her research and writing skills and learned about current social policy issues and the different levels of responsibilities of the government. Thinh enjoyed learning about civil discourse and civic engagement. The internship strengthened her interest in social justice work and increased her passion about attending law school.

**Claire Ciraolo, 2016**

Economics and History

Public Policy Lab at Colby College – Waterville, ME



In her internship at Colby College's Public Policy Lab, Claire drafted a report based on a recent survey of 82 households and conducted an economic impact analysis, attempting to better understand the value that immigrants bring to Maine's economy. She interviewed migrant and settled workers, and learned about the challenges unique to southern Maine as well as the benefits that entice people to settle there. Claire enjoyed listening and giving voice to these in incredible stories and connecting with people personally. Her experience as an intern made Claire think more about the potential of documentaries and journalism and the way she feels sustained by relational and transformative work.

**Treva deMaynadier, 2017**

Anthropology

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**Donnay Edmund**

Africana Studies and Comparative American Studies

Truthworker Theater Company – Brooklyn, NY

Truthworker Theater Company is a social justice hip-hop theater company made up of 16-24 year-old Brooklyn youth under the direction of Samara Gaev. Their work addresses mass incarceration using testimonies, poetry, hip-hop, theater of the oppressed, and mixed media. The United States has the world's highest incarceration rate and one million of those in prison are Black and/or Latino. Truthworker artists examine their own experiences and the history of injustice in the U.S to create moving work that inspires communities to create change. This summer the company embarked on their third production of Revision, a piece that focuses on life after incarceration. Donnay assisted with booking, grant writing, administrative duties and the company's creative process. Through this work, she gained valuable experience working with art as a political tool.

**Emma Eisenberg, 2017**

Politics and English

Senator Barbara Boxer – Washington, DC

Last summer, Emma interned for Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA) on Capitol Hill. Senator Boxer is a forceful advocate for families, children, workers, the environment, and the state of California. She is a ranking member on the U.S. Senate's Committee on Environment and Public Works where she has fought for groundbreaking legislation that protects our environment and addresses climate change, the ranking member for the Select Committee on Ethics, and a senior member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, where she chairs the first ever subcommittee to focus on global women's issues. As an intern, Emma attended policy briefings and hearings on Capitol Hill, drafted memos for the legislative aides, gave Capitol tours, communicated with constituents, and assisted with administrative duties at the office. She also worked collaboratively with fellow interns on numerous legislative projects. Emma honed her writing skills, research abilities, and knowledge of the political process while she explored the world of policy dialogue and advocacy on the Hill.

**Thomas Firl, 2016**

Economics

Mammoth Lakes Housing – Mammoth Lakes, CA

Mammoth Lakes Housing (MLH) is an Affordable Housing nonprofit group that operates in the town of Mammoth Lakes in California's eastern Sierra Mountains, working with lawmakers and developers to provide affordable housing to the community. Mammoth Lakes is a ski resort community with highly priced homes—median house prices ranging from \$700,000-800,000 and condos going for at least \$300,000. MLH uses federal and state funds to help the community's workforce obtain safe, affordable housing locally. As an intern, Thomas prepared a report for Mammoth Lakes' town council about possible avenues of capital funding for housing projects through local, state, and federal sources. Working on this project, Thomas learned about the support for affordable housing advocates and began to understand the process of loan underwriting and income certification for affordable housing applicants. This helped build a strong foundation of knowledge that Thomas hopes to use to obtain a full-time position at an affordable housing firm.

**Malika Ghafour, 2017**

Gender Sexuality and Feminist Studies

Feminist Majority Foundation – Arlington, VA

In her internship with the Feminist Majority Foundation, Malika worked on a variety of projects including the Campaign for Afghan Women, where she conducted research on how to overcome the issues and challenges facing women in Afghanistan. She also wrote reports and blog posts for the Campus Leadership Program. Both projects taught Malika about global issues and helped improve her professional writing skills. She attended the United States of Women Summit, where she had the opportunity to network with strong, inspiring women working on a variety of projects around the world.

**Erik Gonzales-Kramer, 2017**

Environment Studies

Post-Landfill Action Network – Dover, NH

Post-Landfill Action Network (PLAN) is a new nonprofit organization that works to empower student-run zero waste initiatives on campuses across the United States. At PLAN, Erik worked as the Storytelling Intern, collecting accounts of community activism in the zero waste movement, and specifically highlighting success stories from youth and people of color. In this internship, Erik was able to combine his dual interests in creative writing and sustainable activism for the first time, something he hopes to continue doing after he graduates from Oberlin.

**Isabelle Harari, 2017**

Classical Civilizations and Religion

Massachusetts Children's Alliance – Boston, MA

The Massachusetts Children's Alliance (MACA) is a nonprofit membership organization based in Boston. Primarily funded by the Department of Public Health, this state chapter of the National Children's Alliance monitors and supports 12 Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) across the Commonwealth. The CAC model streamlines the interview process for child victims of abuse minimizing the long-term impacts of trauma. As a summer intern for MACA, Isabelle helped revamp the website, making it more accessible to donors, member CACs and organizations, parents, and children. Her work also covered more recent changes in policy and procedures at the Department of Children and Families, research which contributed to her Senior Capstone for her Religion major at Oberlin. She also sees her time at MACA as an important step in learning about the world of nonprofits working to end child abuse. The Child Welfare system of the United States is often referred to as convoluted and broken and Isabelle anticipates a career working on its reform. This summer was her third internship with a nonprofit in this field, helping her identify which route she wants to take towards helping child victims of abuse and neglect in the long run.

**Elizabeth Johnson, 2018**

Politics

Center for Health and Gender Equity – Washington, DC

The Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE) is a nonprofit that advocates for increased funding for family planning programs, exposes the detrimental effects of funding restrictions, and mobilizes grassroots leaders to be a voice for change in U.S. foreign policy. CHANGE advocates for woman-centered and human rights based foreign policy. CHANGE's work in Sub-Saharan Africa exposed Elizabeth to the importance of work in public health and gave her the opportunity to learn more about globally impactful nonprofit work. Elizabeth hopes to eventually work at an NGO-centered around women and young girls, and working at CHANGE helped build her knowledge about reproductive justice, sex worker rights, and U.S. policy relating to foreign aid for women. She believes that women cannot be ignored in development planning and this internship has allowed her to learn more about the roles women play.

**Sadie Keller, 2019**

Politics and Hispanic Studies

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**Christopher Kennedy, 2018**

Environmental Studies

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**Della Kurzer-Zlotnick, 2018**

Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies major

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**Rachel Leader, 2017**

Comparative American Studies

Causa Justa::Just Cause – Oakland, CA

Causa Justa::Just Cause builds grassroots power and leadership to create strong, equitable communities through rights-based services, policy campaigns, civic engagement, and direct action. Causa Justa envisions a future without displacement through real estate speculation and forced migration because housing is a human right. As an intern, Rachel worked directly in the tenant rights clinic conducting intake interviews and providing legal information and referrals to tenants facing harassment, eviction, and economic struggle. She also worked with Causa Justa's Immigrant Rights Campaign to raise engagement and awareness around the benefits of CA Prop 47 and DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals).

**Georgia Lederman, 2016**

French

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**Clara Lincoln, 2017**

Comparative American Studies and Studio Art

Organizing Neighborhood Equity (ONE DC) – Washington, DC

During her internship at Organizing Neighborhood Equity (ONE DC), Clara did outreach for the organization's 10th Anniversary and Juneteenth Celebration featuring guest speakers Dr. Barbara Ransby and Dr. Angela Davis. Along with her fellow interns Clara phone-banked, went door to door, and handed out flyers at metro stations. She had the opportunity to meet members who are organizing for their rights as tenants while facing threats of displacement in affordable housing complexes throughout the city. Clara continued working with tenant organizing and political education while beginning research for her Honors Project on the role of art in resisting gentrification in DC. She hopes to continue her involvement with tenant and community organizing when she graduates and was excited about the opportunity to develop relationships with other organizers in the DC area.

**Rowan Maher, 2018**

Geology and Environmental Studies

The Bus Project – Portland, OR

The Bus Project is a nonprofit organization that engages Oregonians through voter registration focused on the state and local levels. Rowan was a PolitiCorps fellow, participating in 10-weeks of intensive training in grassroots political organizing. This program involved networking, hands-on community organizing, and grappling with various social and political issues in the Pacific Northwest. As an Environmental Studies major interested in political ecology, this experience offered Rowan an opportunity to learn about the political climate in which environmental issues exist. This fellowship helped Rowan understand the intersection of politics, social justice, and the environment and will allow her to meet like-minded activists working in the field.

**Tyler Sloan, 2017**

Politics and Law & Society  
Lansner & Kubitschek – New York, NY

Last summer, Tyler interned at the law office of Lansner & Kubitschek and intermittently assisting at the law office of Reibman & Weiner, both of which practice civil rights law. For both firms, Tyler assisted in organizing evidence, preparing for trial, delivering subpoenas, and researching relevant case laws. Tyler worked on cases in practice areas such as police brutality, wrongful arrest, social security and other civil rights violations. She hopes to practice civil rights law after attending law school and is grateful to have had such an immersive experience this summer.

**Sasha Solov, 2017**

Politics and Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies  
National Advocates for Pregnant Women – New York, NY

National Advocates for Pregnant Women (NAPW) is a New York-based nonprofit focused on defending the rights and civil liberties of pregnant women who are vulnerable to being criminalized by the state: namely women of color, low-income women, and drug-using women. As a Research Intern, Sasha worked on creating a resource guide for parents who are struggling to navigate the child welfare system, designing an educational tool to raise awareness about the harms of the child welfare system, updating NAPW's files on women who have been criminalized during their pregnancies, and aiding in research on topics ranging from insurance coverage of Medication Assisted Treatment to the confidentiality practices of hospitals.

**Rachel Swack, 2018**

Politics  
FairVote – Takoma Park, MD

FairVote is an organization that challenges structural, institutional and social barriers to fair representation in elected office. It fights for political reforms such as ranked choice voting and the abolition of gerrymandering, policies which Rachel believes can make our government, and therefore our country more fairly representative. For her internship last summer, Rachel worked at FairVote as a Women's Representation and Money in Politics Intern, which she valued because she plans to pursue a career in government, promoting policies that serve the needs of all people.

**Hannah Tobin-Bloch, 2019**

English (Undeclared)  
The Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment – Oakland, CA

In her internship at the Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment, Hannah helped plan the Summer Climate Justice Youth Leadership Academy. She worked with the summer program which took students to City Hall to help advocate to end the exportation of coal from the Port of Oakland, and engaged students in climate justice workshops, learning about hotly contested environmental issues such as the intersection of climate

justice and gentrification/displacement. Hannah enjoyed working with passionate young people and her experience reinforced her ambition to pursue a teaching career.

**Hunter Zepeda, 2017**

Economics and Religion

League of United Latin American Citizens – Washington, DC

The League of United Latin American Citizens(LULAC), established in 1929, is a civil rights organization originally formed to battle ethnic discrimination against Latinos in the United States. LULAC seeks to advance the economic condition, educational achievement, and civil rights of Hispanic Americans. As an intern, Hunter worked directly with the Director of Policy & Legislation, conducted state and federal legislative research, and attended congressional briefings and hearings. Throughout the internship, he assisted in the dissemination of policy & legislation information. Hunter worked to raise awareness of issues in legislation and actively advocate progressive reforms to deal with these issues. He hopes to continue to participate in advocacy work as a career.

**Toetie Zwart, 2017**

Politics

East Bay Sanctuary Covenant – Berkeley, CA

East Bay Sanctuary Covenant is a non-profit dedicated to offering solidarity, support, advocacy, and legal services to those escaping war, terror, political persecution, and other forms of violence in their home countries. Their largest program focuses on refugee rights, providing legal aid to those seeking Affirmative Asylum, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS), Permanent Residency, and Naturalization. Toetie worked under the guidance of staff attorneys and paralegals to prepare cases for court, interpret for clients, translate documents into Spanish or English, conduct preliminary asylum interviews, and write clients' testimonials before their official asylum interviews. This internship allowed Toetie to learn about the legal realities of being undocumented and how to work closely with people who have experienced trauma. Toetie is considering law school and this internship has given her valuable insight into the justice system and how it impacts immigrants and their families.