

Oberlin College Career Center
Summer Internship Funds Recipients' Summaries 2015

Jasmine Anderson, 2017

Politics and German Studies majors

Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law — Washington, DC

The Lawyers' Committee is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that works with the private bar to bring civil rights cases to court. The Lawyers' Committee's Voting Rights team works specifically on defending African Americans and other minorities from discriminatory voting laws, bringing forward cases that violate the Voting Rights Act, the National Voter Registration Act, and the 14th Amendment. As an intern, Jasmine works specifically with the Voting Rights team on voting rights litigation and policy. She contributes to the team by preparing research for potential cases, as well as helping to organize and push the many initiatives of the Election Protection Project. She hopes to improve her analytical writing and research skills while working among an inspired, energized group of individuals invested in mentorship and giving perspective into working on public interest law.

Olivia Ashmoore, 2016

Environmental Studies major

Climate Solutions — Seattle, WA

Climate Solutions advocates for the use of clean energy in the Northwest by working with businesses, supporting clean energy policy, and producing and disseminating information about environmental issues. Olivia will contribute specifically to their Strategic Innovation program through various research projects on local environmental policy and issues. Through her work at Climate Solutions, Olivia will gain experience with an organization directly involved in the policy process in Washington. She will have the opportunity to develop her research, writing, and analysis skills while combining her dual interests in environmental issues and politics.

Kaïa Austin, 2016

Comparative American Studies major

Law Office of Eric Seitz — Honolulu, HI

Eric Seitz '65 is a well-respected civil rights attorney who has practiced in Honolulu for many years. Involved in activism while at Oberlin College, Seitz went on to defend a wide array of civil rights, from prison medical neglect cases to challenging land development in Hawai'i. Kaïa is spending the summer interning for Seitz, helping with administrative tasks as well as preparing for cases. She attends court on a regular basis to observe Seitz's cases. As the only intern at a small law office, Kaïa has the opportunity to be highly involved on a daily basis. She hopes to learn about the ways that a law degree can be used as a tool for justice, as well as the limitations of working through the court system.

Christophe Beaumier, 2015

Sociology and French majors

City First Homes/Enterprises — Washington, DC

City First is a nonprofit organization that promotes justice in the D.C. area by supporting projects that increase the number of affordable homes, improve the condition of neighborhoods, create new jobs, and ensure sustainable businesses. Christophe is working as a Development and Outreach Intern. His work includes grant prospecting, research and writing, planning a fundraising event for young professionals in the area, and other organizational support. By interning at City First Homes, Christophe hopes to learn more about community development initiatives through a nonprofit lens and, more specifically, the ways in which affordable housing can be created in order to ensure healthier communities for all residents. He sees this experience as an important step in preparing for graduate studies in Urban Planning.

Jenna Bellassai, 2017

English major

826 Valencia — San Francisco, CA

826 Valencia is a non-profit organization that aims to develop underprivileged students' writing skills and foster a lifelong passion for learning and exploring academics. Jenna writes and teaches an engaging, informative curriculum for the Exploring Words summer program that encourages students to make connections between humanities and the physical sciences. She also collaborates with a team to plan and facilitate weekly field trips. Jenna hopes to gain valuable knowledge from this internship in order to continue to forge connections between the fields of writing and science after graduating from Oberlin. She looks forward to building learning communities that hold both of these areas in high esteem.

Ariella Blank, 2016

Theater and Computer Science major

Project with Khumud Singh — Delhi, India

This traveling service project brings forum theater to people in village communities and offers a space for dialogue to occur within the communities. It also provides service to the community by offering yoga classes, theater training and brings together people from all ages to create original productions based on the specific needs of the community as explored and expressed in forum workshops. Ariella's role involves leading physical theater warm ups, coaching groups in developing skits about conflicts faced in the communities, and establishing a theater platform that can be an expression of tensions faced in each community to bring about conflict resolution. She also leads yoga workshops, and voice and acting lessons to the children. Ariella hopes to open her own theater company that travels to urban slums and works with the children there to build skits,

educate, and bring about conflict resolution. She hopes that this experience empowers her to apply what she has learned in college, so she can start her own project.

Zoe Bluffstone, 2016

Environmental Studies major

Oregon Bus Project — Portland, OR

The Oregon Bus Project is a non-profit organization that works to empower Oregonians through voter enfranchisement, engagement and creating policy proposals focused on the state and local levels. Zoe is participating in the Bus Project's ten-week fellowship, Politicorps. This program is centered on hands-on community organizing experience, professional development, teamwork, and a valuable introduction into political and environmental advocacy groups in the Pacific Northwest. Through Politicorps, Zoe is working with Oregon Climate, a non-governmental organization that advocates for carbon pricing in Oregon. As an Environmental Studies major with a Politics Pathway, this experience offers Zoe valuable technical skills, grassroots organizing experience, and knowledge about carbon regulation through pricing and dividend models. This fellowship will help Zoe explore the interaction between environmental and political organizing, and will offer important opportunities to make connections with young, inspirational activists in her hometown of Portland.

Aiury Cavallo, 2018

Art major (intended)

Universidade Federal do Sul da Bahia (UFSB) — Bahia, Brazil

Aiury is developing new projects and curriculum for the university to use in rural high schools and primary schools. Aiury is also helping to create learning materials in various formats for several subjects and researching the distance learning initiatives and online coursework for the university. The focus of these projects is to bring new education opportunities to previously underserved communities. Many rural communities in Bahia do not have access to higher education, and many students do not complete high school. These initiatives will set up consistent resources and curriculum across the three locations of the University, and in the participating high schools. UFSB is implementing a system similar to a liberal arts education, which is very different from the current Federal University system in Brazil. Aiury is dedicated to learning how culture affects education, and how educational systems operate across the world. He intends to research and develop alternative pedagogies, and ways to implement them into the world of education. UFSB is very much in line with his goals; as the university is dedicated to accessible education, project based learning, and changing the current system of higher education in Brazil.

Jeanette Chen, 2017

Performance (Harp) and Politics majors

eighth blackbird, Third Coast Percussion and Ensemble Dal Niente — Chicago, IL

Jeanette is interning with three contemporary music organizations in Chicago. The organizations vary in size, administrative structure, and artistic intent (eighth blackbird was founded at Oberlin in 1996 and has gone on to win three Grammys). Jeanette works with planning concerts and residencies for these organizations at Millennium Park and the Museum of Contemporary Art. Additionally, Jeanette works with databases, strategies social media output, and dabbles in grant writing. Jeanette hopes to gain a deeper perspective into the needs of non-profit organizations and artists who courageously search for their own artistic paths, meaning, and role in society.

Andres Cuervo, 2017

Creative Writing and Computer Science majors
Code Now — New York, NY

Code Now is a non-profit dedicated to increasing high school students' exposure to programming. As a web designer for Code Now, Andres's internship centers around redesigning the current website the company uses to interact with its volunteer teachers and mentors, and adapting a new, Swift-based, curriculum into a brand new website. Andres is being directly exposed to the life changing power of educating students on subjects like technology. This has furthered Andres's interest in the intersection of education and technology as a career path.

Ryan Dearon, 2018

Performance (Voice) major
Youth Organizations Umbrella — Evanston, IL

Youth Organizations Umbrella's mission is to assist and affirm all youth in unlocking their unlimited potential for rewarding lives. As a summer fellow, Ryan is working in the middle schools to build differentiated and interactive lesson plans and unit curricula to encourage positive social and emotional development for youth. Ryan leads workshops and classes in music literacy and musicianship skills, healthy relationship and sex(uality) education, and fitness/recreation. Additionally, he is organizing and managing the program's second annual talent show. Ryan is actively gaining experience in working with the next generation of artists and art educators, while practicing the latest trends in the education field. His internship is a perfect opportunity for him to further explore his passion for education, music, and arts administration.

Linda Diaz, 2017

Comparative American Studies major
Storefront Academy Harlem — New York, NY

Linda is the Special Events Intern for Storefront Academy Harlem, a non-profit tuition-free K-8 private school committed to providing quality education to children with varied academic strengths. Storefront Academy works in tandem with families and community members to prepare children academically, socially and emotionally for further education, empowering each child to reach their full potential. In addition to seeking possible donors and tracking past

donations, Linda spends time shadowing her mentor in order to learn the logistics of planning successful events that meet the expectations, standards and criteria of those funding them.

Katherine Ford, 2017

Africana Studies major

Northfield Mount Herman Upward Bound — Mount Hermon, MA

As a Tutor-Counselor Intern with Upward Bound, Katherine helps to guide students from five local high schools through six weeks of rigorous academics and mentoring. The program is designed to provide support for disadvantaged and underrepresented students. Katherine aspires to fill the role of educator-activist, as the students' work with Upward Bound will offer them an invaluable experience towards changing the world, one mind at a time.

Natalia Garcia-Sanabria, 2017

Environmental Studies major

Susty Party — Brooklyn, NY

Founded by Emily Doubilet '06 and Jessica Holsey, Susty Party is a corporation that sells compostable, disposable tableware such as plates, cups, napkins, cutlery, etc. As a B Corporation, Susty Party's goal is to make a profit in a socially responsible manner. Thus, all products are made in North America in a not-for-profit factory for the blind and visually impaired. Natalia is working as a Marketing Intern and her main responsibilities include customer service, social media management and public relations outreach. Natalia hopes to one day be an entrepreneur and own a company that provides consulting services on sustainable issues.

Anna Gelman, 2016

English major

The Goodman Theatre — Chicago, IL

The Goodman Theatre is the second oldest theater in the United States and the oldest in Chicago, with Tony-Award Winning Productions and one of the country's best education departments. As an intern with the Department of Education and Community Engagement, Anna is interacting with most of The Goodman's education programming, ranging from PlayBuild Youth Intensive, a camp for high school students, to GeNarrations, a personal narrative storytelling program for senior citizens. In her time at The Goodman, Anna is writing critical essays for the Student Subscription Series study guides, working as a teaching artist, and improving video content for future education endeavors. Anna hopes to become a theater and film director, as well as a theater educator after graduation.

Malika Ghafour, 2017

Economics major

Equal Access — Kabul, Afghanistan

Equal Access is a non-profit organization involved in projects such as the production of educational television and radio programs for underprivileged children and orphanages, and an exchange program between Afghan and Pakistan media. Malika is interning with the Human Resource Department, organizing and translating biographies of interns from Dari to English, and making instruction sheets for retreats and conferences in Pakistan and Kabul. She will also be exposed to the social and political affairs between Pakistan and Afghanistan, an area that is relevant to her studies at Oberlin and her career aspirations following graduation.

Gabriela Goldsmith, 2016

Environmental Studies major

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. Gabriela is co-coordinating one of their programs, Great Garden Adventure. This free program primarily occurs in parks near low-income neighborhoods around Toronto and aims to increase children's connection with nature through eco-art, physical activities, storytelling, and gardening. Gabriela is creating the curriculum and activities by working with aboriginal and newcomer organizations, and teaching the children enrolled in the program. In the future, Gabriela hopes to implement gardens, garden/nature, or food justice programs in schools.

Erik Gonzales-Kramer, 2017

Environmental Studies major

Climate Solutions — Seattle, WA

Climate Solutions is an organization that undertakes initiatives to help the Pacific Northwest Region to integrate sustainability and resilience into its local politics. New Energy Cities and Sustainable Advanced Fuels are two undertakings that Climate Solution's Strategic Innovation branch spearheads in an effort to catalyze replicable, scalable, economically practical solutions to climate change. As a Strategic Innovation Intern, Erik uses his time to become familiarized with the front lines politics of the sustainability movement, gain valuable skills necessary to enter this line of work after graduating from college, and determine where he best sees himself contributing to this important political movement.

Karalyn Grimes, 2016

Environmental Studies major

Oberlin Community Services — Oberlin, OH

Oberlin Community Services (OCS) is a social service agency, food pantry, and center for solidarity against racial and economic injustice within the Oberlin community. Karalyn is working with clients at the front desk, assisting in the food pantry, and helping OCS to achieve its goal of providing healthy and fresh food to residents of all backgrounds. With volunteers and clients,

Karalyn is also creating a mental health zine library for OCS, a time bank with an emphasis on childcare, and a workshop series focused on self-care, self-love, and reclaiming worth that transcends society's standards of success. As the office intern, Karalyn is grateful for the opportunity to help people by combating food deficits, and giving and receiving kindness.

Ashley Hale, 2016

Performance (Versatile Trumpet) and Economics majors
Miami Summer Music Festival — Miami, FL

The Miami Summer Music Festival is a performance-based program where students immerse themselves in an intense orchestral lifestyle. As a participant, Ashley spends many hours studying orchestral repertoire by performing with a select group of students who, like herself, hope to make a career in music. The festival offers private lessons, frequent rehearsals with renowned conductors and faculty, chamber music opportunities, and an entrepreneurship course that focuses on marketing oneself as a modern day musician.

Bradley Hamilton, 2017

Neuroscience major
Greenville Memorial Health System — Greenville, SC

Greenville Memorial Hospital is among the premier health centers in the Southeast. Working closely with members of the faculty and staff, Bradley assists in the Internal Medicine Clinics, Physical Therapy department, and the Emergency Trauma Center. Around 40% of the patient base classifies as low income and many have no health insurance and little formal education. Consequently, having the opportunity to observe doctor-patient interactions and speak with patients about their individual experiences with the health system has been an invaluable experience for Bradley. His widespread involvement ranges from guiding the families of patients to the correct rooms to helping manage the needed equipment for wound treatment. The skills and lessons he has learned will be relevant to his intended career as a neurosurgeon.

Leo Harrington, 2016

History and Performance (Trumpet) majors
Asociación Nacional de Conciertos — Panama City, Panama

Building on his last two winter terms teaching music as the brass faculty member for the annual youth orchestra program of the Asociación Nacional de Conciertos (National Concert Association), Leo returned to the ANC as a summer intern. The ANC, a Panama City nonprofit founded in 1962, seeks to further musical culture in Panama by presenting an international concert season and providing educational opportunities for music students and the public. In addition to working on ANC music education projects and as the liaison for an ANC-Oberlin anniversary celebration and concert in August, Leo looks forward to gaining international experience in the music world, learning more about the institutional strategies that arts

organizations use to serve their communities, and practicing Spanish. He is thrilled to join the ANC again and grateful for the Career Center support that allows him to pursue interests and explore career possibilities in music education and arts nonprofit work.

Brian Hemmert, 2016

Environmental Studies major

Independent Project: Sustainability and Environmental Internship — Washington, DC

Brian is working to start a food company that manufactures a high-protein product using insect protein. Meat and dairy production is one of the most impactful industries in the world, and it is crucial that the U.S. transitions to more resource-efficient sources of protein. The purpose of this venture is to help introduce insects as a legitimate food source in the U.S. Insect protein can be produced with just a fraction of the resource input needed for larger animals. Brian is spending the summer doing market research and developing product ideas under the guidance of a number of experts in entrepreneurship, primarily Bill Warren. An Environmental Studies major, Brian is especially focused on transitioning away from highly impactful social norms (such as beef consumption) and using market-based solutions to solve environmental issues.

Max Herzog, 2016

Politics and Environmental Studies majors

Foresight Design Initiative — Chicago, IL

Foresight Design Initiative is a non-profit sustainable innovation studio. Under the leadership of Peter Nicholson '91, Foresight engages with diverse groups of stakeholders concerned with particular sustainability issues. Stakeholders collaboratively map the system surrounding the issue, which helps them discover how their common values point to a mutually beneficial outcome. Max is one of three Oberlin College interns working on planning and executing a series of three two-week, sustainability-oriented educational programs for high school students as a part of Foresight's effort to leverage the next generation of sustainable change makers. Max hopes to use this opportunity to determine to what extent, if at all, he wants education to be a part of his future career.

Jillian (Jill) Hostetler, 2017

Economics major

League of Conservation Voters — Washington, DC

Jill is working with the Public Policy and Lobbying (P&L) department at the national chapter of the League of Conservation Voters, an environmental advocacy group. The P&L department is largely responsible for outreach to senators and representatives on Capitol Hill. The department aims to discuss bills and votes with various senators, representatives, and staffers on the Hill. Jill is largely working with other interns to help the LCV prepare for their annual Lobby Day, and has also spent time lobbying on Capitol Hill. Additionally, Jill is working on a public policy capstone project, in which she plans on reconciling her economic knowledge with the environmental

policies she has been working with thus far. Jill hopes to help build a stronger group of environmentally conscious leaders, as well as deepen her political knowledge.

Helena (Ellie) Huizenga, 2016

Anthropology major

Nationalities Service Center — Philadelphia, PA

Since 1921, the Nationalities Service Center has been working to provide social, educational, and legal services to immigrants and refugees in the Greater Philadelphia area. As a Refugee Health Intern, Ellie supports refugees through healthcare enrollment, scheduling doctors and dentist appointments, and escorting the refugees to doctors and dentist appointments. Ellie is also working on an individual project directing individuals without refugee status to medical care. Through this internship Ellie will gain unique and beneficial experience within the field of health care in the U.S., which is the line of work she plans to pursue after graduating from Oberlin.

Amy Jackson-Smith, 2016

Religion major

Varanasi's Tiny Temples and the Making of Hinduism — Varanasi, India

Dr. Christian Haskett, a professor at Centre College, is working on a project surveying and studying the tiny temples that crowd Varanasi's winding streets. As a research assistant, Amy has the opportunity to gain a rich and thorough understanding of contemporary Hinduism in practice (which will enhance her capstone work in South Asian Religion). She will learn to use GIS for practical applications, and discover what kind of work a career in the academic study of religion entails. Amy is taking Hindi classes to improve her ability to converse with natives in Varanasi, and gain familiarity with the Devanagari script. She hopes to gain research skills and new understandings of Hinduism that can further her study of South Asian religion.

Britta Janssen, 2017

Environmental Studies major

Groundwork Portland — Portland, OR

Groundwork Portland is a non-profit organization that brings about sustainable, community-led improvement of the physical environment in low-income areas, while advancing environmental and social justice. Currently, Groundwork Portland is engaged in Brownfield recovery at the Emerson Street Garden, a site previously contaminated with lead that is now producing food. As a Garden Intern, Britta works to regenerate the garden through construction projects, community engagement, volunteer organizing, youth programming, and garden upkeep. The Emerson Street Garden is a community space for people of color in Northeast Portland, where gentrification is pushing black families out of their neighborhoods. Through youth engagement and empowerment, the garden seeks to bring neighbors together, build a safe place for learning and inspiration, and give a grounding force to the community.

Haley Jones, 2017

Art History major

SITE Santa Fe — Santa Fe, NM

SITE Santa Fe is a nonprofit contemporary art museum established in 1995. SITE hosts traveling exhibitions of major artists as well as international contemporary art biennials. Haley is working in the Education and Outreach department of SITE. Her responsibilities are many and varied, including designing web zines, archiving materials from past education programs, serving as a gallery guide, and connecting with SITE staff members and interns from other local arts organizations. She is also assisting in major museum events such as SITE's 2015 summer gala and auction, researching upcoming exhibitions, and teaching art classes to local incarcerated youth. She hopes this internship will serve as a starting point for a career in museum education.

Elizabeth Johnson, 2018

Psychology major (intended)

Village Education Program — Otavalo, Ecuador

Elizabeth is a volunteer for the Village Education Program in Ecuador's rural highlands that sponsors communities in order to provide students with full preparation for higher education. Volunteer teachers work to condense the essentials of what every student must know in order to succeed at school. Elizabeth is planning lessons and instructing English classes, as well as getting to know the communities and families of her students.

Cria Kay, 2016

Geology, Environmental Studies and Comparative American Studies majors

The Field Museum of Natural History — Chicago, IL

Cria is a research assistant in the Paleontology department of The Field Museum of Natural History. There, she processes, repairs and catalogs the fossils of vertebrates from the Washakie Basin in Wyoming. She assists in cleaning, repairing, preserving and identifying fossilized bones and teeth as well as extracting micro-vertebrate fossils from sediment samples. Cria hopes to apply this knowledge to her goals of pursuing geophysical sciences after graduating Oberlin.

Ryan (Topaz) Ross Kelso, 2016

Philosophy major

Environmental Defense Fund — Boston, MA

Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) is an international nonprofit environmental advocacy group. EDF is known for its work merging science, economics and law to make headway in the areas of climate change, ecosystem restoration and human health. Topaz is interning with EDF's Marketing and Communications department, where he will develop his communication, research and design skills while gaining valuable insight into how a large non-governmental organization

operates. His focus is on research and collateral production for EDF's Climate Corps initiative, which embeds top graduate students in leading organizations where they can facilitate energy efficiency on a large scale. Topaz hopes to be involved in the world of international nonprofits someday, and is happy to put his marketing and design experience to work in the fight against climate change.

Margaret Kijinski, 2016

Creative Writing major

Writopia Lab — Washington, DC

Writopia Lab is a non-profit organization whose mission is to foster "joy, literacy, and critical thinking in children and teens from all backgrounds through creative writing." Writopia Lab provides young writers with a unique environment in which they are taken seriously as writers and people. Margaret assists the instructors with daily tasks ranging from setting up the classrooms to editing writers' pieces to working with young writers in their workshops. When in the workshop setting, Margaret works one-on-one with the writers, particularly 9-10 year olds. At her internship, Margaret hopes to learn how to be an effective mentor while exploring this potential career path that combines her passion for writing and teaching.

Sakina Lavingia, 2016

Politics and Economics majors

Veris Wealth Partners — San Francisco, CA

Veris Wealth Partners, LLC, is a wealth management firm operating on the principle that sustainable and impact investing are the best ways to achieve strong business performance, while simultaneously benefiting future generations. As a research assistant, Sakina is working with the Veris team to develop thought pieces on subjects including fossil fuel divestment and community wealth development. Additionally, she assists on a range of projects including working on platforms such as Salesforce, developing proposals for potential clients and contributing to the organization's newsletter.

Minh Jeffery Le, 2016

Economics major

Chai Energy — Los Angeles, CA

Minh Jeffrey is interning with Chai Energy, a Los Angeles startup company founded by Cole Hershkowitz '10. Chai helps users understand their in-home power usage through connecting their app to the house's smart meter. Their mobile app shows accurate and exact statistics about how the household energy is being used and where usage could be decreased, and provides suggestions for improving efficiency. Minh Jeffrey believes that this organization is the only place where he could acquire the experience of growing a successful startup company from an intelligent idea to a fully functioning business. Chai Energy was one of the winners of Oberlin's

2014 LaunchU, and Minh Jeffrey can learn many valuable aspects of running a strong business for his own 2015 Winning LaunchU Venture, Subtletees.

Rachel Leader, 2017

Environmental Studies major

Trama Textiles — Quetzaltenango, Guatemala

Trama Textiles is a worker-owned women's weaving cooperative formed in response to the killing and disappearances of husbands, fathers, and brothers during the Guatemalan Civil War. The wives and family members who remained in the wake of these tragedies were forced to figure out how to survive and support their households and communities. Trama Textiles now represents over 400 women weavers from five regions in Guatemala's western highlands. They work to create fair wages for women and support families, communities, and cultural traditions of textile art. Rachel volunteers as the sales manager. She communicates with clients, runs the Etsy store, and organizes community outreach projects and publicity. Rachel is passionate about sharing the unique and powerful history of Guatemala and Trama Textiles.

Sarah (Jasmine) Lomax, 2016

Psychology major

Health and Disability Advocates — Chicago, IL

Health and Disability Advocates is an information referral service program that offers programs to the community concerning disability employment, healthcare access, and the well-being of veterans. Working with the Veterans' team, Jasmine assists in resource management and community outreach for the Warrior-2-Warrior program. Her contribution will allow her to explore how social workers spread information about resources, and manage programs for target populations.

Callan Louis, 2016

Religion major

Cityteam — Portland, OR

Cityteam offers emergency services to homeless persons and a yearlong recovery program for sufferers of substance addiction. Callan is helping to serve meals to homeless individuals, offer multiple courses as part of the center's treatment curriculum, and work as an interpersonal/therapeutic resource for the center's clients. As a Religion major at Oberlin, Callan hopes to learn about the place and power of Christian belief as it exists in a real-world and non-academic setting. This internship also provides him with valuable pre-professional experience in his potential career path of social work.

Machmud Makhmudov, 2016

Politics major

The White House — Washington, DC

Machmud is an intern with the Office of Energy and Climate Change of the White House Domestic Policy Council. The office coordinates all oversight and implementation efforts related to the President's Climate Action Plan, the Administration's comprehensive strategy for mitigating and adapting to the threat of climate change. Machmud supports the office by drafting memos detailing the initiatives that numerous executive agencies undertake to lower greenhouse gas emissions across the United States, and helping organize various public events intended to raise awareness of environmental sustainability. He hopes to use this experience as a springboard for a career in public service in his hometown of Atlanta, Georgia.

Erin Michel, 2018

Psychology major (intended)

Wassmuth Center for Human Rights — Boise, ID

The Wassmuth Center for Human Rights is a not-for-profit organization whose mission is to “promote respect for human dignity and diversity through education and to foster individual responsibility to work for justice and peace.” As an intern, Erin observes and assists with the day-to-day functions of the Center that includes coordinating volunteers, planning and supporting events, and aiding fundraising campaigns. In addition, she is working on the creation and implementation of a human rights/civic education program called the Human Dignity Project, which provides community members, classrooms, and businesses the opportunity to critically examine manifestations of inequality in today’s global environment. This internship has given Erin an invaluable opportunity to explore not-for-profit human rights work as a potential career.

Kristin McFadden, 2017

Musical Studies major

Gadi Creative — Los Angeles, CA

Gadi Creative is a creative services advertising agency that provides assistance to companies and individuals who wish to promote products, ideas, or projects. Gadi Creative works with a variety of media sources, including web design, video editing, music recording, and mixing. Kristin assists with projects such as designing logos and websites, product research, and scoring for television. Kristin is also learning about the skills and marketing techniques necessary to establish her own brand as a singer-songwriter. She will leave the internship with a finished recording and video of her music, as well as a new website.

Aidan McNulty, 2016

Sociology major

WISE 2: Women in Sustainable Employment and Entrepreneurship — Elyria, OH

Women in Sustainable Employment and Entrepreneurship (WISE 2) is a recent collaborative project in Lorain County. Its goal is to help low-income, single mothers secure sustainable

employment and increase their incomes through education and training. Aidan is assisting the Evaluation and Assessment work group, which researches and analyzes existing literature and data, along with surveys created by the collaborative. Some of this information will be used to further develop an understanding of the challenges low-income single mothers face in finding sustainable employment in the county, while other aspects will help to align the WISE 2 collaborative with the Student Completion Agenda at Lorain County Community College (a project focused on improving graduation rates and overall student success).

Anna Moore, 2018

Undecided

Northampton Department of Public Works — Northampton, MA

Susan Waite, the Recycling and Solid Waste Coordinator of Northampton, MA, works to reduce the amount of trash the city sends to the landfill. Anna has a variety of projects related to that goal. She is researching inventory system options for a new community swap shop and creating an online resource to help residents of Northampton find places to take their broken or unwanted belongings for repair, reuse, or recycling. Additionally, Anna is organizing a community repair event, creating an educational display about composting, and finding the best email software for sending messages to the reuse community. Working for Susan Waite allows Anna to exercise her enthusiasm for waste reduction while improving her organizing skills and applying what she's learned about environmental behavior.

Sophia Newman, 2017

Comparative American Studies and Politics major

National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights — Oakland, CA

The National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (NNIRR) works to ensure the realization of civil liberties and human rights for immigrants and refugees within the United States. In order to do so, NNIRR has constructed alliances and coalitions with economic, social and political justice groups throughout the country who work to secure human rights for disenfranchised communities by sharing information, educating the general public, and developing plans of action. Within this framework, Sophia is working on the Just Borders initiative, which examines and challenges unjust policies, laws and systems of power at the US-Mexico border that promote militarization and immigrant detention and deportation. Her work involves researching, compiling resources, writing and editing fact sheets, and updating social media and the website in order to develop a relevant and compelling campaign. This internship is pertinent to Sophia's studies at Oberlin, because it will allow her to develop a stronger sense of the ramifications and actualizations of topics addressed within her majors. Similarly, it will provide Sophia with the opportunity to explore a possible future career within the nonprofit world.

Caroline Oehlerich, 2017

Neuroscience major

UCLA Center for Neurobehavioral Genetics Research Assistant — Los Angeles, CA

Caroline is working on several research projects concerning a wide array of mental illnesses, including depression, Bipolar I disorder, and schizophrenia. Using a computer database system known as UCrex, she computes statistical analyses and determine the significance and prevalence of certain symptoms, diseases, and treatments in the UC's healthcare system. Additionally, Caroline attends weekly lab meetings to further understand the overall goals and progress being made in the labs. The main focus of the research projects is to organize and interpret information that would be useful for the UCLA Depression Grand Challenge, a campus-wide initiative to research the cause, course, and treatment of depression, with the ultimate goal of terminating the disease by the end of the century.

Kopo Veronicah Oromeng, 2018

Economics major (intended)

LEAP Science and Maths Schools — Cape Town and Johannesburg, South Africa

LEAP is a collection of six no-fee schools located in different parts of South Africa. LEAP targets students in grades 6-12 from disadvantaged backgrounds, many of which will be the first to graduate from high school and reside in township communities (informal, non-permanent settlements). Every year LEAP organizes a convergence of students, educators and different education stakeholders from South Africa and the rest of the world, to engage in conversations and explore the future of education reform in South Africa. Kopo is interning under the Supervision of Nigel Richards as an Event Coordinating Intern. Kopo will gain more experience in event planning and management as well as event evaluation through taking part in the event planning process of LEAP's Aspiring Teachers Summit and AXIS Education Forum, a four part annual conference that brings together hundreds of learners and educators from across South Africa. She will join LEAP's Youth Incubation program and explore the different possible solutions to addressing socioeconomic disparities affecting access to quality education across Southern Africa. Kopo is excited to gain more clarity on ways to connect her major in Economics to education, and she is thrilled to be able to work with LEAP.

Tristam Osgood, 2016

Politics and Russian & Eastern European Studies majors

Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox Baseball Club — Yarmouth, MA

Tristam is working as the Major League Baseball (MLB) Scout Liaison for the Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox of the Cape Cod Baseball League. He is responsible for creating daily stat sheets and scouting reports on every member of the Red Sox, which are then distributed to the MLB scouts visiting the Cape Cod League in search of future stars. He has also created a "Temporary Player Database" for Red Sox Head Coach Scott Pickler, which identifies potential players in other collegiate leagues whose college statistics/credentials would warrant a temporary contract with the Red Sox. Additionally, Tristam has been assisting the Baltimore Orioles (MLB) scouting operations on the Cape by providing video and scouting operations to members of the Orioles

front office. Tristram hopes to use this summer to launch into a career in professional baseball scouting after graduating from Oberlin.

Julienne Pasichow, 2016

Economics and Law & Society majors

Marin County District Attorney's Office — Marin County, CA

Julienne is working closely with attorneys to assist in the preparation of criminal cases for trial. She is following cases as they progress through the criminal justice system, cataloging case materials for the discovery process, and using evidence to justify the various elements of a charge. She also aids attorneys by formally closing cases after defendants accept settlement offers. Julienne believes that much of the power to reform and strengthen the American criminal justice system lies within the power of prosecuting attorneys. She aspires to hold such a position and hopes to contribute to the innovative programs that aim to decrease recidivism with a lesser reliance on incarceration.

Dominique Pearson, 2016

Theatre major

TheatreWorks — Palo Alto, CA

TheatreWorks is a premiere theatre company specializing in producing new theatrical works on its stages, as well as providing educational opportunities to youth, and has been doing so for over 45 years. Dominique is working as a Stage Management intern; learning the ropes of professional stage management while participating in a show that was first produced on TheatreWorks' stages; *Triangle*. Dominique's responsibilities include being on book during rehearsals, assisting the Stage Manager and Assistant Stage Manager, and providing support for the stage management team. During technical rehearsals and the run of the show, Dominique works as a backstage crewmember, assisting with scene changes, props tracking, and other backstage necessities.

Hannah Lily Postman, 2016

Comparative Literature and Math majors

All That Dance — Seattle, WA

All That Dance is a privately owned dance studio offering ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, modern, and parent-and-tot classes to dancers of all ages. Hannah Lily works in the office and in the studio. Her projects range from updating class rosters, to teaching, to preparing camp crafts, to caring for the decorative plantings. Hannah Lily is grateful for the opportunity to explore not only her professional interests in dance and management, but also their intersection, at All That Dance this summer.

Margaret Powers, 2016

Biology major

DC Department of Health — Washington, DC

Working under the education portion of DC's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Molly Powers is beginning to explore the world of Public Health. She is learning how to effectively promote healthy behavioral changes in target populations. Molly also interacts with other departments in the DOH's Nutrition and Physical Fitness Bureau, such as WIC and the Farmers Market Program. Through this experience, Molly will gain exposure to the importance of social media sites for an organization's visibility and success.

Gavin Ratcliffe, 2016

History and Law & Society majors

DonorsChoose.org — New York, NY

DonorsChoose.org is an educational nonprofit that serves as a platform for teachers to get crowdfunding from donors around the world. Gavin is working as a Donor Appreciation Intern, assisting in the improvement of DonorsChoose.org's unique donor relation system. Gavin is responsible for checking in and mailing Thank you letters from the classrooms the donors have aided, as well as adding the letters to a database to be used for social media campaigns. Additionally, Gavin is working to organize the Thank-You letter database to make the content more accessible for use in social media and business presentations, and tracking the organization's social media presence.

Theodosia Roussos, 2016

Oboe Performance, Artist Diploma

Metropolis of San Francisco Ladies Philoptochos Society — Los Angeles and San Francisco, CA

The Metropolis of San Francisco Ladies Philoptochos Society is a charitable organization within the Greek Orthodox Church that responds to local and international issues. Theodosia is working with the presidents of the Philoptochos in San Francisco and Los Angeles to raise funds for the National Philoptochos' Aid To Greece and Cyprus Campaign. The Campaign relieves issues of hunger, homelessness, medical care and special needs for children and families affected by the 2010 economic crisis in Greece and Cyprus. Theodosia is planning a series of benefit concerts throughout July and August to raise funds for these families. The concerts will be at Greek churches and other venues throughout northern and southern California, where she will perform classical chamber works for oboe, English horn and soprano, in addition to singing in a Greek folk ensemble. Through this experience, Theodosia is learning how to effectively publicize and fundraise in order to put on benefit concerts and generate significant funds for the campaign, thus connecting her love of both performance and philanthropy.

Anna Rubenstein, 2017

Politics and Jazz Studies (Trombone) majors

Funding The Next Generation — San Francisco, CA

Funding The Next Generation is an organization that connects children's advocates throughout California. The organization instructs these advocates on creating local measures that fund and sustain services such as early childhood education, after-school and summer programs, health care, violence prevention, career readiness and parental support. Anna assists the founder and director of the organization in communications, scheduling, and research. This experience in grassroots organizing and local government will help Anna as she explores her interest in education policy.

Adam Schachner

Studio Art and Art History majors

Highpoint Center for Printmaking — Minneapolis, MN

Highpoint Center supports a printmaking space for paying co-op members, as well as working artists invited to create prints. This summer, Adam is instrumental in the upkeep of the co-op space, galleries, and the professional space. In addition to working to maintain general cleanliness and function of the space, Adam helps the professional shop to create prints for visiting artists. He finds this internship crucial in acquiring the proper knowledge in order to become a proficient printmaker.

Olivia Schwartzman

Creative Writing and Art History majors

CONAN — Los Angeles, CA

Olivia is a General Production intern for the late night talk show CONAN, hosted by Conan O'Brien. She assists with all production related aspects of the show, including research, scripts, and CONAN's digital content division, Team Coco. Through this internship, Olivia hopes to gain a working understanding of the television industry and the various facets of content creation. She is grateful for the opportunity to be able to explore all aspects of what it takes to produce a new show every night with a prolific comedian.

Marlea Simpson, 2017

Performance (Viola) major

Credo Chamber Music Festival — Oberlin, OH

Credo is a chamber music festival dedicated to developing students as musicians, acknowledging God as the source of this gift of music, and responding in service. Marlea helps prepare and edit documents for the festival. She is also working in the festival, playing in chamber groups with the students and assisting in rehearsals and coachings. Marlea is grateful for the opportunity to be a part of a festival whose mission is to not only train students to be better musicians, but also which encourages both students and faculty to use their musical gifts to impact the communities around them. Marlea's goals and hopes for her career align with Credo's mission. Working with professional musicians on faculty and Oberlin Conservatory viola professor Peter Slowik, founder

of Credo Chamber Music, will help Marlea gain invaluable experience running a successful music festival while using music to reach her community in a positive way.

Sasha Solov, 2017

Politics major

Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health — Chicago, IL

The Illinois Caucus for Adolescent Health (ICAH), an organization with a focus on sexual health and youth rights, provides a unique look into state-based organizing that emphasizes the principles of the Reproductive Justice framework. As the Youth Development Intern, Sasha works on sexuality education curriculum and analyzes youth-led participatory action research about topics ranging from birth justice to Illinois' Parental Notification of Abortion law. By the end of the summer, Sasha will have completely formatted and finalized the curriculum for ICAH's theater based sex education workshops and completed reports on the reproductive justice topics explored by ICAH's Youth Leadership Council.

Daniel Spearman, 2017

Jazz Studies (Piano) and Africana Studies majors

The MAD* Factory — Oberlin, OH

The MAD* (Music, Arts, and Drama) Factory program provides students with theater and interpersonal skills that transfer to different real life situations. It is in this environment that Daniel hopes to further forge his experience with musical theater. As a camp counselor, he works with the youth in the day camp and helps with the summer production of Young Frankenstein, where he gains valuable experience as the second keyboardist in the pit orchestra. Daniel will take the skills he learns at this camp to further his passion for working with young people in education.

Shavonne Stanek, 2016

Environmental Studies major

San Francisco Estuary Institute — Richmond, CA

The San Francisco Estuary Institute (SFEI) is a non-profit organization that monitors the health of the San Francisco Estuary, defines environmental problems, advances public debate about them through science, and supports consensus-based solutions that improve environmental planning, management, and policy development. This summer Shavonne is interning under Dr. Sutton in the chemicals of emerging concern subdivision of SFEI's clean water program. She is responsible for a variety of tasks, including conducting literature searches, writing grants, attending board meetings, analyzing data and participating in fieldwork on the Bay.

Elise Tiani, 2016

Hispanic Studies and Law & Society majors

Academia Manhattan — Villanueva de Córdoba, Spain

Elise is working as an intern and co-teacher at Academia Manhattan, an English language school in Spain founded by a Smith College alumna. Elise plans and teaches lessons for a wide variety of English as a foreign language (EFL) courses, including test preparation, grammar skills, and conversation for students ages seven through adulthood. Additionally, she updates the school's many social media platforms and routinely writes on Academia Manhattan's blog for EFL students. Throughout the internship Elise is gaining first-hand experience on how to run a private school in a non-English speaking country, as well as valuable insight on the school's daily functions. She also hopes to increase her confidence teaching in the classroom.

Benjamin (B.J.) Tindal Jr.

Theater and Africana Studies majors

New Dramatists — New York, NY

New Dramatists is an organization that functions as a play development center for new and working playwrights seeking to produce their own work. The organization's mission includes a dedication "to provide playwrights with time, space and resources in the company of gifted peers to create work, realize their artistic potential, and make lasting contributions to the theatre." As a New Dramatists intern and aspiring playwright/director, B.J. assists the New Dramatists staff in the daily functions of the organization. He helps with stage managing readings and workshops of resident playwrights, and operating the main front office.

Richard Tran, 2016

Visual Arts and Comparative American Studies majors

The Center for Disability Research and Capacity Development — Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

While studying away, Richard spent spring 2015 in Ho Chi Minh City working for the Center for Disability Research and Capacity Development (DRD). He decided to continue his work with the organization this summer. DRD is run by and for people identifying as disabled, differently-abled, and/or with disabilities. The goals of the organization are to change legislature, laws, and ignorant stigmas, and to empower the community. In addition to being part of a team demanding change in the city and country's legislation, Richard works largely in fundraising to allow the organization to continue its work and progress.

Hannah Tyburski, 2017

Russian Language major

Russian American Foundation — New York, NY

As an intern with the Russian American Foundation (RAF), Hannah is working on translating documents, helping facilitate events, and assisting with projects. The RAF is a nonprofit organization whose mission deals largely with the preservation and expansion of Russian culture in the United States. Hannah hopes to gain and improve many skills at her internship, especially

her Russian language skills. Working with the RAF will help her progress in her major and prepare her for a career after school.

Paulus Van Horne, 2016

TIMARA major

Love+Radio Internship | Newtown Creek Alliance Internship — New York, NY

Love+Radio is a podcast on the ever-growing Radiotopia network. Paulus is assisting in the production of an hour long radio story that follows a family forced to relocate to three different countries, changing their identities twice while working as informants for the US government. As Paulus nears the end of his Oberlin career, he has become increasingly interested in joining his supervisor Brendan Baker, an independent audio producer, in audio production for radio & podcasts. In addition to his sound design work for Love+Radio and the hands-on production experience that this internship affords, Paulus is equally grateful for the knowledge he has gleaned from Brendan. He is convinced that this internship will expand future opportunities.

Simultaneously, Paulus is interning at the Newtown Creek Alliance, a small environmental nonprofit organization focused on the ongoing Superfund-related cleanup of New York's Newtown Creek. This internship has exposed Paulus to the messy business of (bio-) remediation of polluted waterways. He has had the opportunity to help organize a town hall meeting with local Council Member Reynoso, as well as conduct interviews with longtime residents exploring the health effects of living near this site. Through this internship, Paulus has grown closer to the environment and expanded his personal network to include prominent members of New York City's environmental scene as well as elected officials.

Cory Hall Ventresca, 2017

Politics major

Friends Committee on National Legislation — Washington, DC

Cory is an outreach intern at the Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL), a non-partisan lobbying organization in the public interest. FCNL lobbies on a variety of policy issues that stem from a commitment to the Quaker testimonies of simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality, and stewardship. Cory is mobilizing people from around the country to lobby their elected officials and advocate for an end to the system of mass incarceration. Cory's work focuses on the passage of the Smarter Sentencing Act, a bipartisan piece of legislation that would reduce mandatory minimums for incarceration.

Bryn Whitney-Blum, 2017

History and Gender, Sexuality & Feminist Studies majors

Center for Health and Gender Equity — Washington, DC

The Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE) is an American nongovernmental organization that works on shaping U.S. policies to advance the sexual and reproductive health

and rights of women and girls worldwide. As CHANGE's Program Intern, Bryn is collecting data on global women's sexual and reproductive health, assisting with social media, helping organize educational workshops on sexuality and politics, developing infographics and other materials, and gaining advocacy and lobbying skills. She plans to pursue a career promoting sexual health and education and sees her experience with CHANGE as an opportunity to gain knowledge of relevant global public health while developing skills in policy and advocacy.

Mengchen (Sue) Xu, 2016

Art History major

Klein Sun Gallery — New York, NY

Surrounded by hundreds of world-leading galleries, Klein Sun is unique in its specialization in Chinese contemporary artists. As a native of Beijing and an Art History major with a strong interest in Asian art, Sue aims to broaden her perspective from the academic field to the practical world. She is working on descriptions for exhibitions at Klein Sun and adapting the approaches to study and present objects in a gallery setting. Her proficiency in Chinese language and academic training in art history have prepared her to analyze and translate artists' statements, interviews, and historical text of Chinese contemporary art. She also works directly in the dealing of artworks, learning about the trading values and trends of contemporary artworks in the domestic and global market. Sue hopes to use this opportunity to explore a potential career in the business of art.

Toetie Zwart, 2017

Politics Major with a concentration in Peace and Conflicts Studies

Alliance for Peacebuilding — Washington D.C.

As an intern at the Alliance for Peacebuilding, a membership organization dedicated to catalyzing conversations and programming around peacebuilding worldwide, Toetie works on developing AfP's domestic peacebuilding initiatives and programming. In light of the past years events concerning police brutality and racial injustice as well as internal conversation within AfP and its community of Peacebuilders, the organization's need to engage in domestic issues has become clear. This summer Toetie is developing a communal conversation and a strategic plan on what engagement in domestic peacebuilding can look like. Toetie is able to apply the theories she has learned in the classroom about peace and conflict while getting a better sense of what the world of peacebuilding entails.