

The mission of the **Jefferson Scholars Foundation** is to benefit the University of Virginia by identifying, attracting, and nurturing individuals of extraordinary intellectual **range and depth** who possess the highest concomitant qualities of leadership, scholarship, and citizenship.



2022 ANNUAL REPORT

The Jefferson Scholars Foundation's pursuit of excellence extends to every aspect of its operation. The Foundation's careful investment and stewardship strategies ensure that it will retain ample resources to fulfill its mission and build on its success far into the future.

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The Foundation supports initiatives that attract to the University experts across a wide range of fields, including world-renowned scholars, public servants, and leaders of industry. These initiatives are designed to facilitate a vibrant exchange of ideas among students, alumni, and faculty and contribute to intellectual life at the University.

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a hub for leading faculty and scholars to work collaboratively on the study of American statecraft

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a center of interdisciplinary research designed to examine scholarship on the era of Thomas Jefferson

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an annual speaker series featuring award-winning authors, political figures, and leaders of industry





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The Foundation remains steadfast in its commitment to attracting to the University exceptionally talented students and faculty through its undergraduate, graduate, and faculty programs. The individuals supported by the Foundation's scholarships, fellowships, and professorships are charged with using and developing their talents for the good of the University and beyond.

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“The power of this community is the result of the hard work and commitment of those who believe in and support our efforts.”

In the fall of 1980, a small scholarship program was launched inside Alumni Hall at the University of Virginia. In its inaugural year, the Jefferson Scholars Program conducted its competition in 10 regions, with fewer than 250 nominating schools. Despite the modest beginning, the fledgling program had a clear mission: to benefit the University of Virginia by identifying, attracting, and nurturing individuals who possessed exceptional ability and potential in leadership, scholarship, and citizenship. Forty-two years later, what is now the Jefferson Scholars Foundation remains true to this original mission and has significantly expanded its reach and the ways in which it accomplishes its mission.

This past year, the Foundation administered several key programs that sought to attract to the University exemplary undergraduate and graduate students and outstanding faculty. Each of these programs enjoyed significant success and progress, and it is a pleasure to share this annual update.

Undergraduate Programs

The Jefferson Scholars Program once again conducted its selection competition relying on a virtual platform. Over 5,800 secondary schools in 66 regions were invited to nominate. After a rigorous process that involved over 1,000 volunteers serving on selection committees and in other capacities, the Foundation enrolled a new class of 40 Scholars who hail from 18 states, the District of Columbia, and two foreign countries. Highlights of the past year include an in-person celebration of the 38th graduating class. In the Class of 2022 were nine Lawn residents, the chair of the Honor Committee, a vice chair of the Judiciary Committee, the chair of the Board of Elections, and three Fulbright Scholarship recipients. At Final Exercises, a Jefferson Scholar also received the Outstanding Engineering Student Award.

The Foundation’s newest undergraduate program, the Walentas Scholars Program for exceptional first-generation students, got off to a successful start this past year. Made possible as part of a \$100 million gift from David and Jane Walentas, the Walentas Scholarship competition saw 257 nominations from 13 regions. At the conclusion of the selection process, 12 remarkably talented collegiate pioneers were selected to compose the first class of Walentas Scholars this fall. More information on both of the Foundation’s undergraduate programs can be found beginning on page 33 of this report.

Graduate Programs

Created in 1988 in response to a request from the University, the Jefferson Fellowship Program completed its 24th year in 2021-22. The Jefferson Fellowship seeks to recognize and reward graduate students pursuing Ph.D.s in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences and in the School of Engineering and Applied Science or M.B.A.s at the Darden School of Business. Successful selections occurred in all three schools, and this fall 21 superior scholars and leaders will become a part of the Jefferson Fellows community.

In 2016, the Foundation assumed administrative and financial responsibility for the National Fellowship Program. This nationally recognized fellowship supports emerging scholars at leading institutions of higher education who are completing their dissertations in U.S. history, politics, public policy, or foreign relations. National Fellows convene in Charlottesville at the Foundation twice a year. Recipients have published 90 books with major presses and regularly appear on the op-ed pages of the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *Washington Post*. This year, three new Fellows were selected and will be an important part of the Foundation community. More information on the Fellows Programs can be found beginning on page 61 of this report.

Distinguished Professorship Program

In 2012, the Jefferson Scholars Foundation, again responding to a pressing University need, created the Jefferson Scholars Foundation Distinguished Professorship Program. Initially the Foundation hoped to secure \$30 million in funding to establish six \$5 million chairs that the University could use to attract leading scholars to the faculty. Over the last 10 years, however, the Foundation has gone far beyond the original goal; it now has Professorship funding in excess of \$165 million. The Foundation supported five chairholders on the faculty this past year and a sixth will join the faculty in 2022-23. Additionally, active searches are underway for seven more chairholders. The impact of this group of extraordinary intellects on the entire University community cannot be overstated. More information on the Distinguished Professorship Program can be found beginning on page 28 of this report.

Foundation Initiatives

Never content with the status quo, and always in search of new ways to benefit the University, the Foundation supports several initiatives, all of which bring exceptionally talented leaders, scholars, and citizens to the University and the Foundation. We are excited to be a part of efforts like Governing America in a Global Era (GAGE) and the Center for the Study of the Age of Jefferson, which regularly bring experts to visit. The Foundation also sponsors several speaker series. This year, we were excited to host JeffTalks and the Shadwell Speaker Series, and next year we look forward to reintroducing the Chauncey Lecture Series in American History. More information on the Foundation's initiatives can be found on page 19 of this report.

When the Jefferson Scholars Foundation was drafting its mission statement, it made a couple of fundamentally important decisions. The first was not to limit its efforts to students, something that paved the way for the Distinguished Professorship Program and the speaker series. The second was to recognize that it is not enough to attract outstanding individuals. Having attracted them to the community, the Foundation felt it had an obligation to nurture their talents. Through various events, networking opportunities, and planned social engagements, members of the Foundation community support each other in their mutual efforts to make the University a better place for all. The impact on individual lives is very positive; the impact on the community as a whole, on the University, Charlottesville, and the wider world is profound.

The Foundation has always benefited from the leadership offered by its Board of Directors. This year, three board members' terms ended. George Martin, Mike Pausic, and Crisler Quick all provided exemplary service, and we are much in their debt. Three new members will be joining the Board, and we look forward to the contributions that Merry Dougherty, Tyler Henritze, and Rob Pitts will make. The past year also saw the retirement of Mike Lutz after 14 years of unwavering commitment to excellence as the Foundation's director of finance. Mike always held himself and the Foundation to the highest ethical standards, and we are grateful for his service.

Each year the Foundation suffers the loss of some of its most loyal friends. Molly Bass, Bill Blue, William Cannon, George Lewis, Bill Lickle, and Dick Poulson were stalwart supporters and advocates, and we are grateful for all that they did to help over many years. We also mourn the loss of Scholar alumnus Duane Gibson, class of 1999.

The power of this community is the result of the hard work and commitment of those who believe in and support our efforts. We are deeply grateful to all who have helped the Foundation create a special, perhaps unique, community of students, faculty members, alumni, and benefactors.



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\$321 MILLION
SECURED DURING THE
“HONOR THE FUTURE” CAMPAIGN

\$21 MILLION
IN TOTAL NEW
FUNDS RAISED

“The support we received this year will ensure the Foundation’s programs continue to have an exceedingly positive impact on the University over multiple generations.”

EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP HAS ALWAYS BEEN the hallmark of the Jefferson Scholars Foundation. As this year’s fundraising success demonstrates, exceptional leadership is also a distinctive feature of the many individuals who continue to devote their philanthropic support to the Foundation’s mission.

This fiscal year was one of the Foundation’s most successful to date, with more than \$21 million in total new funds raised, well ahead of our \$12 million target. As part of UVA’s \$5 billion “Honor the Future” Campaign, the Foundation has secured approximately \$321 million, with three years of the campaign remaining.

The above numbers only tell a part of the story. The support we received this year will ensure the Foundation’s programs continue to have an exceedingly positive impact on the University over multiple generations.

This year, the Foundation received a significant gift from the Melville Foundation to endow a Distinguished University Professorship, a special designation given to faculty who are appointed by, and report directly to, the provost and president. This

marks the third Distinguished University Professorship endowed by the Foundation in the past two years.

In addition to faculty support, the Foundation received funding to establish two new Walentas Scholarship regions. These new regions will enable us to attract to UVA exceptional first-generation students from St. Louis and Los Angeles. The scholarship support we received was not limited to the Walentas effort—the Foundation received commitments for 19 new Jefferson Scholarships.

The Foundation remains overwhelmed by the generosity shown by its many benefactors. Thank you for your continued support and unwavering dedication to our mission.

Benefactors

The Jefferson Scholars Foundation offers its benefactors the opportunity to name Scholarships, Fellowships, and Professorships. A named Scholarship or Fellowship may be created with gifts totaling \$500,000. Darden Fellowships have a naming level of \$1 million. Professorships have a naming level of \$5 million.

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David Walentas Fellowships

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The Foundation has been fortunate to receive gifts to create funds that support a variety of initiatives, including grants for Jefferson Scholarship finalists, an Exploratory Fund, and a fund to help address Scholar emergencies.

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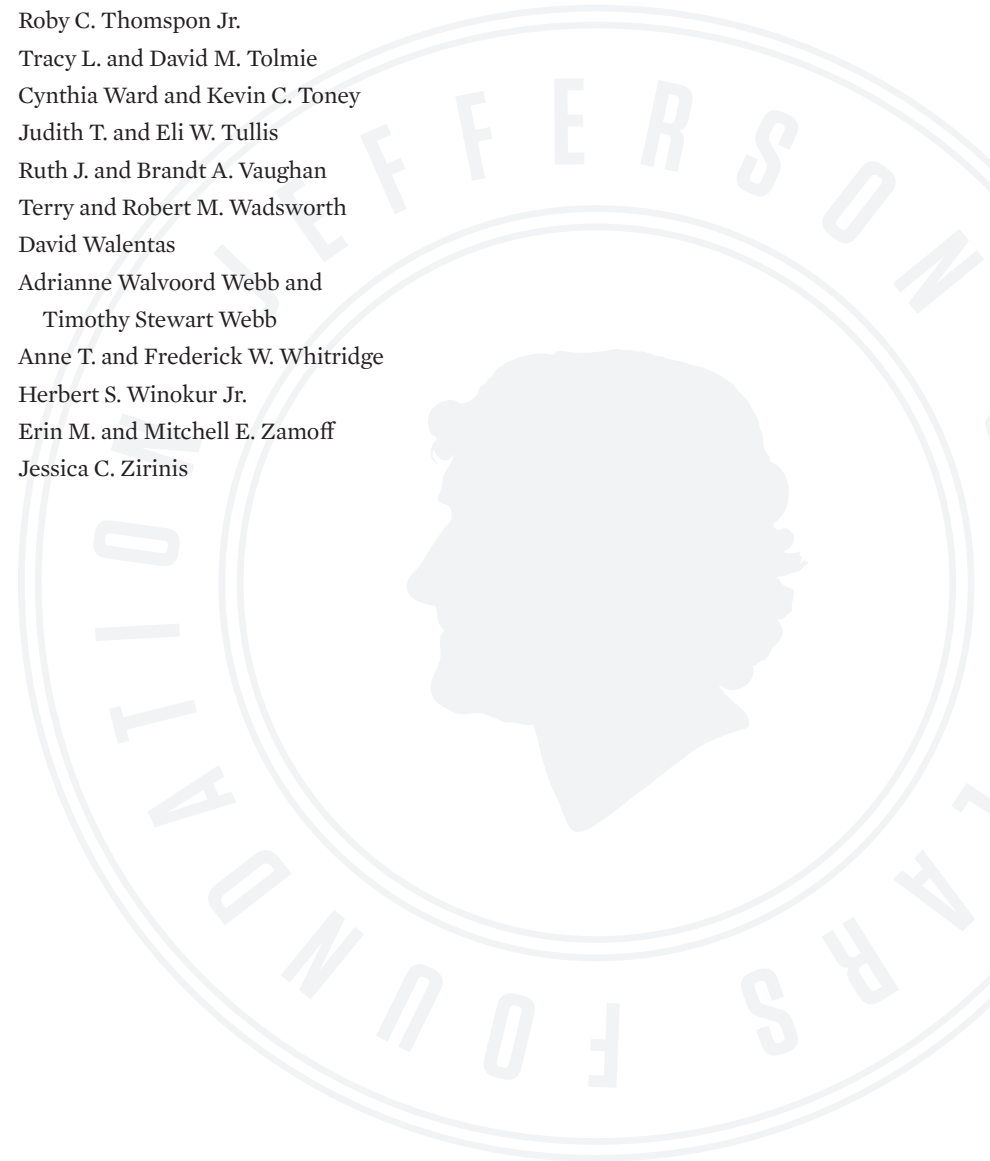
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Financial Overview

Investment Return

Investment returns in fiscal year 2021-22 were dramatically different than the record-setting positive returns of the prior year. The Foundation experienced a negative investment return for just the third time in 20 years. The investment performance of UVIMCO, which holds the majority of the Foundation's endowment portfolio, drove the Foundation's weighted-average investment return rate of -4.4 percent. The Foundation's total endowment value as of June 30, 2022 was \$787.3 million, a decrease of \$15.5 million from fiscal year-end 2020-21.

During fiscal year 2021-22, the Foundation's financial resources supported the largest incoming class of Jefferson Scholars; the selection of the inaugural class of Walentas Scholars; the first group of Professorship Fellows; a return to in-person recruitment, recognition, and enrichment activities; and expanded programming for two of the Foundation's initiatives, Governing America in a Global Era and The Center for the Study of the Age of Jefferson.

Philanthropic support remained strong during the fiscal year. The Foundation received \$7.1 million and \$11.2 million in new gifts and pledges, respectively, and saw an increased number of new irrevocable planned gifts. Additionally, the Foundation received two real property donations in satisfaction of a pledge, the sale of which generated over \$35 million to support the Walentas Scholars Program.

Operational and Capital Spending

Similar to last fiscal year, the Foundation's operating and capital expenditures were under budget. Actual operational and capital spending during fiscal year 2021-22 was \$21.5 million, approximately 2 percent under the \$22.0 million budget. The allocation of expenses across functional areas resulted in 81.7 percent being used for program support, 10.3 percent for development needs, and the remaining 8.0 percent for administrative costs. The Foundation's three-year weighted average endowment spend rate was 4 percent.

The approved operating and capital expenditure budget for fiscal year 2022-23 increased by approximately \$2.7 million to \$24.6 million. Nearly \$2.1 million of this increase represents additional spending on Distinguished Professorships, Jefferson and Walentas Scholarships, and Jefferson and National Fellowships. We anticipate program spending will comprise about 83 percent of total expenditures.

Financial Principles

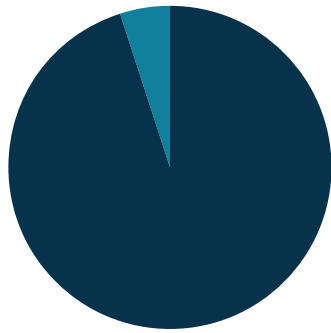
The Foundation's funding model has been the key to its financial success. Since inception, we have invested almost every gift received, no matter its size. The Foundation utilizes the resulting investment earnings to fund its operating expenses. This conservative funding approach has supported over four decades of operations and should continue to provide a stable financing source for future generations of extraordinary students and faculty.

Conclusion

The Foundation enjoys a strong financial position and continues to focus on long-term growth in support of the organization's mission and expanding programming needs. We are grateful for, and humbled by, the generous financial support received from our thoughtful benefactors. In return, we remain steadfast in our commitment to prudent fiscal management. ■

For Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

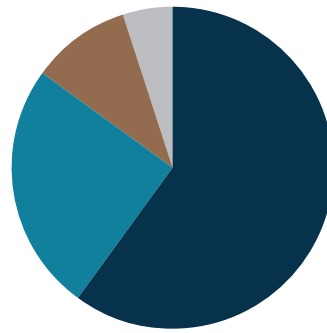
SOURCES OF INCOME



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Other Endowments \$1,966,510

TOTAL \$21,471,026

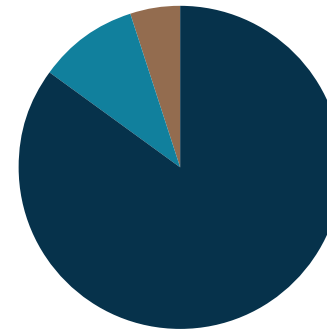
EXPENSES BY CLASSIFICATION



Awards \$12,825,810
General & Administration \$5,077,394
Other \$2,289,868
Selection/Recognition/Enrich. \$1,277,954

TOTAL \$21,471,026

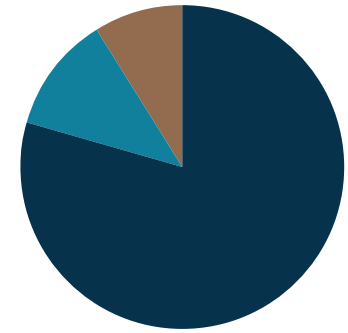
EXPENSES BY FUNCTION



Program \$17,541,336
Development \$2,213,510
Administrative \$1,716,180

TOTAL \$21,471,026

SCHOLAR / FELLOW / PROFESSOR SUPPORT

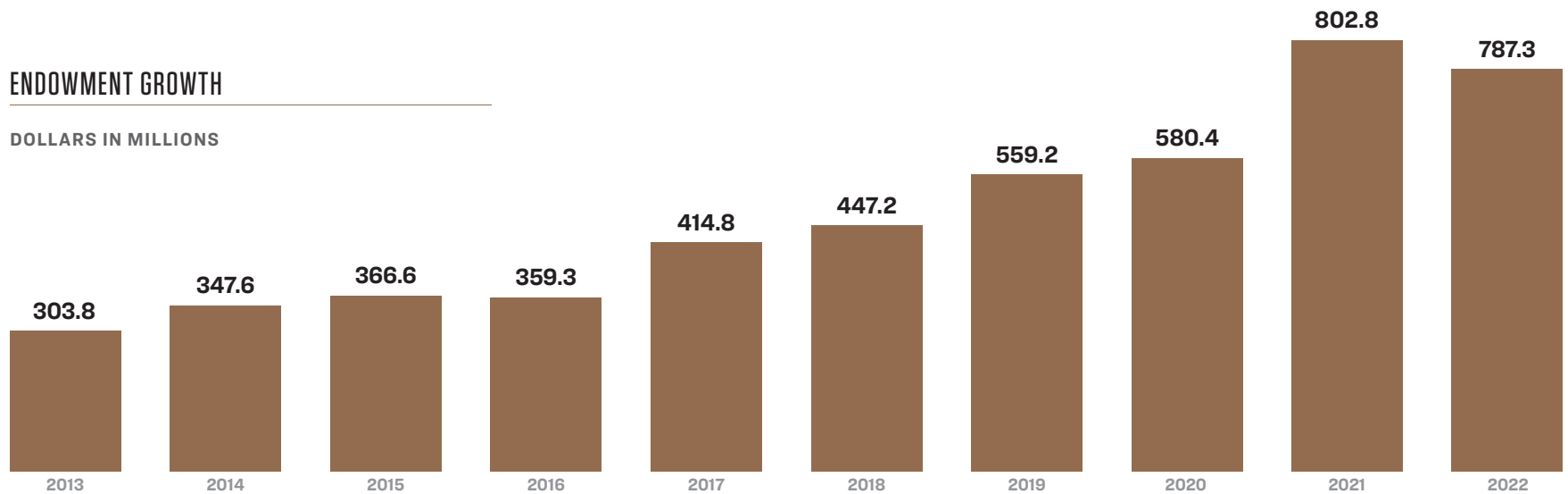


Stipends/Awards/Research \$11,161,770
Professorships \$1,664,040
Selection/Recognition/Enrich. \$1,277,954

TOTAL \$14,103,764

ENDOWMENT GROWTH

DOLLARS IN MILLIONS



INITIATIVES



The Foundation supports initiatives that attract to the University experts across a wide range of fields, including world-renowned scholars, public servants, and leaders of industry. These initiatives are designed to facilitate a vibrant exchange of ideas among students, alumni, and faculty and contribute to intellectual life at the University.

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GAGE

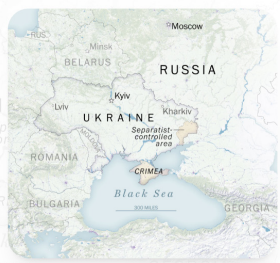


Governing America in a Global Era, or GAGE, is an interdisciplinary research initiative that examines the United States from a global perspective and studies the contemporary challenges of American politics and world affairs.

This year, under the continued direction of William Hitchcock, the William W. Corcoran Professor of History at the University of Virginia, GAGE convened scholars from politics, history, sociology, law, education, religious studies, and other related fields to discuss a range of topics.

Crisis in Ukraine

The Origins of the Next War in Europe



On February 22, 2022, the Foundation hosted a virtual roundtable discussion about the crisis in Ukraine. Professor Hitchcock moderated a discussion between Dr. Mary Sarotte, the Kravis Professor of Historical Studies at Johns Hopkins, and Dr. Serhii Plokyh, the Mykhailo S. Hrushevs'kyi Professor of Ukrainian History at Harvard.

JOINT ACADEMIC CONFERENCE

On May 27, 2022, GAGE and Age of Jefferson invited the University community to attend a daylong conference at the Foundation entitled “Historians and the Public,” which featured 10 prominent scholars, authors, and historians.

CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS



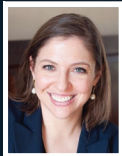
WILLIAM I. HITCHCOCK is the William W. Corcoran Professor of History at the University of Virginia and the director of GAGE. His work and teaching focus on the international history of the 20th century, in particular the era of the world wars and the Cold War.



CHRISTA DIERKSHEIDE is the Brockman Foundation Jefferson Scholars Foundation Distinguished Professor at UVA and director of the Center for the Study of the Age of Jefferson. An expert on Jefferson, race, and slavery, she also served as a curator and historian at Monticello for over a decade.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

May 27, 2022



9 - 9:45 A.M.
**The Founding Era:
Complexities and Debates**

Featured panelists:
Lindsay Chervinsky
Andrew O'Shaughnessy



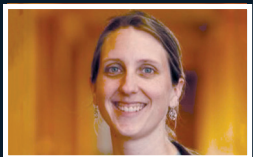
10 - 10:45 A.M.
**Reaching Out: New Technologies
for Public Engagement**

Featured panelists:
James Ambuske
Edward L. Ayers



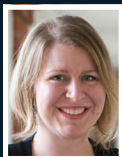
11 - 11:45 A.M.
**Historians and Public Policy:
The Case of Immigration**

Featured panelists:
Amanda Frost
S. Deborah Kang



12 - 12:45 P.M.
Race and UVA's North Grounds

Featuring:
Randi Flaherty



1 - 1:50 P.M.
**The New Political History
and its Publics**

Featured panelists:
Nicole Hemmer
Sarah Milov



2 - 2:50 P.M.
**Documenting African American
Life and the Struggle for Racial
Justice at UVA**

Featuring:
Claudrena Harold

Age of Jefferson

The Center for the Study of the Age of Jefferson approaches the ideas and legacies of Thomas Jefferson through a wide lens by bringing together experts on the Atlantic World, the colonial era, and the early American Republic.

Under the continued direction of Christa Dierksheide, the Brockman Foundation Jefferson Scholars Foundation Distinguished Professor, this interdisciplinary institute serves as a hub for scholarship and public engagement.

THE CENTER AWARDS SEVERAL FELLOWSHIPS IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR EARLY-CAREER SCHOLARS TO DEVELOP AND REVISE WORKS-IN-PROGRESS.

Kelsey Jaye

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Middlebury College (M.A.)
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Towson University (B.A.)
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Dartmouth College (B.A.)
University of Michigan (M.A.) (Ph.D.)

Emily Sackett

2021-22 MONTICELLO-JEFFERSON SCHOLARS FOUNDATION TEACHING FELLOW
St. Olaf College (B.A.)
University of Virginia (M.A.)

JeffTalks

JeffTalks is a signature speaker series featuring 15-minute talks from members of the Foundation community on topics of personal and professional interest.



2022

This year, **Danielle Citron**, the Jefferson Scholars Foundation Schenck Distinguished Professor in Law, delivered a talk on her upcoming book *The Fight for Privacy: Protecting Dignity, Identity and Love in our Digital Age*, in which she lays out an essential road map for understanding—and defending—rights to privacy in the 21st century.

JeffTalks Speakers

2020

KEVIN PELPHREY

HARRISON-WOOD JEFFERSON SCHOLARS FOUNDATION
DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR

on the risks and challenges of living with and treating autism during a pandemic

2019

SARAH JOBE (JS '03)

on confronting moral injury and PTSD in incarcerated women

CHRISTA DIERKSHEIDE

BROCKMAN FOUNDATION JEFFERSON SCHOLARS
FOUNDATION DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR

on Thomas Jefferson and sovereignty of the living generation

2018

STEPHEN GRAND (JS '86)

on American foreign policy following the post-Cold War era

2017

MELISSA MURRAY (JS '97)

on the history of interracial marriage in the U.S. and the landmark civil rights case that legalized it

2016

RAYNELLE DEANS GRACE (JS '03)

on allyship to diverse communities

TIM INGRASSIA (JS '86)

on three lessons that lead to a long and happy life

MEGHAN O'LEARY (JS '07)

on her experience as an Olympic competitor

Shadwell Society



Ten years ago, with an eye toward future leadership, the Foundation created the Shadwell Society. Since 2012, this group of young UVA alumni has convened in Charlottesville once a year to determine how best to provide meaningful service and support to the Foundation.

One of the ways the Shadwell Society has answered the call is by underwriting the Shadwell Speaker Series. Designed to attract to the University world-renowned authors, political figures, and leaders of industry, the Shadwell Speaker Series has featured eight exceptional individuals and has become a draw not only for students and faculty, but also for the broader Charlottesville community.

Shadwell Speaker Series

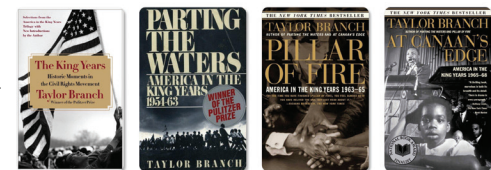
On April 8, 2022, the Jefferson Scholars Foundation and the Shadwell Society presented the 8th annual Shadwell Speaker Series featuring Taylor Branch, Pulitzer Prize-winning American author and public speaker best known for his landmark trilogy on the civil rights era, *America in the King Years*.



JEFFERSON SCHOLARS FOUNDATION

2022 Shadwell Speaker Series

featuring Taylor Branch



PROGRAMS



The Foundation remains steadfast in its commitment to attracting to the University exceptionally talented students and faculty through its undergraduate, graduate, and faculty programs.

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The background features a large, faint watermark of the University of North Carolina seal. The seal is circular and contains a profile of a man's head facing left. The text 'UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA' is written around the inner edge of the seal, and 'JEFFERSON' is written along the top arc. The watermark is light gray and serves as a subtle background element.

Through its Distinguished Professorship Program and Faculty Awards, the Foundation underscores its commitment to attracting and supporting outstanding faculty who are passionate about being a part of the University community.



Faculty

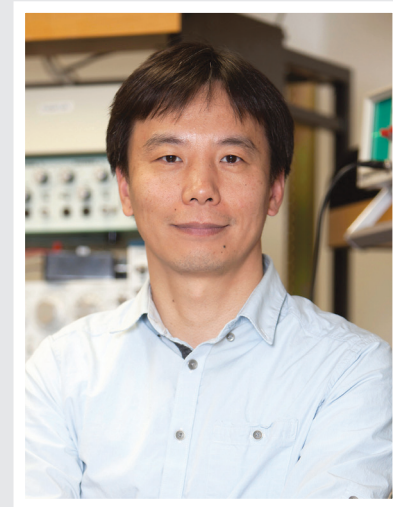
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Distinguished Professorship Program

The Foundation continues to underscore its commitment to attracting exceptional faculty to UVA with more than \$165 million in endowed funds supporting its Distinguished Professorship Program. This year, five individuals held Distinguished Professorships and a sixth will join the faculty in 2022-23. Active searches are underway for seven more chairholders.

The Foundation now supports fully up to two Fellows to work alongside each Professor. These graduate students, selected by the Professors themselves, provide much-needed research assistance and are welcomed into the Foundation community.

DISTINGUISHED PROFESSORS



Jianhua 'J.C.' Cang

PAUL T. JONES II JEFFERSON SCHOLARS
FOUNDATION DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR

Professor Cang joined the Departments of Biology and Psychology in the College of Arts & Sciences in 2017. His work takes an integrative approach to examining the neural basis of vision, combining physiology, two-photon calcium imaging, genetics, genomics, and behavioral and computational techniques. Under his leadership, the Cang Lab studies how neurons in the brain respond to visual stimuli and lead to visually-guided behaviors, what neural circuits give rise to such function properties, and how these circuits are established during development.

PROFESSORSHIP FELLOWS

Chuiwen Li — Department of Psychology

Yuanming Liu — Department of Biology



Danielle Citron

**JEFFERSON SCHOLARS
FOUNDATION SCHENCK
DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR
IN LAW**

Professor Citron joined the faculty at the School of Law in 2021. An award-winning author and pioneering professor, Citron is widely regarded as an expert in the areas of information privacy, deepfakes, free expression, and cyber civil rights. Since joining UVA, she has been working on her latest book, *The Fight for Privacy: Protecting Dignity, Identity, and Love in the Digital Age*, which will be out in the fall of 2022.



Christa Dierksheide

**BROCKMAN FOUNDATION
JEFFERSON SCHOLARS
FOUNDATION DISTINGUISHED
PROFESSOR**

Professor Dierksheide joined the Corcoran Department of History in the College of Arts & Sciences in 2019. Her research focuses on the political thought of Thomas Jefferson, race and slavery, and the legacy of the Founding generation. She serves as director of the Center for the Study of the Age of Jefferson, an interdisciplinary hub for scholarship, teaching, and public engagement focused on training the next generation of early Americanists. This year six graduate students received fellowship support to work alongside Dierksheide at the Center (see page 21).



Kevin Pelphrey

**HARRISON-WOOD JEFFERSON
SCHOLARS FOUNDATION
DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR**

Professor Pelphrey joined the University faculty in 2018, with dual appointments in the School of Medicine and School of Education and Human Development. Pelphrey is continuing his groundbreaking research on autism, using brain science to develop biologically-based tools for detecting and tailoring treatments for individuals on the autism spectrum.

PROFESSORSHIP FELLOWS

Joshua Danoff — Department of Psychology

Cabell Williams — Department of Psychology



Vivian Riefberg

**DAVID VALENTAS JEFFERSON
SCHOLARS FOUNDATION
DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR**

Professor Riefberg joined the faculty at the Darden School of Business in 2020. With over three decades of experience as a global thought leader in health care and women's leadership at McKinsey & Co., Riefberg brings executive experience to her classroom teaching. Since joining the Darden faculty, she has written or co-written several cases and has designed and taught courses on how to lead through uncertainty.

Faculty Awards

This year, the Foundation awarded \$40,000 to eight outstanding UVA faculty members. Recipients were nominated by their peers and ultimately selected by a faculty panel of former award winners.

HARTFIELD EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD



Shannon Barker

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED
SCIENCE, BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

NOMINATION HIGHLIGHT: “When I hear the word ‘empathy’ my first thoughts are of Dr. Barker. In the fall of 2020, while both students and staff were faced with a seemingly insurmountable task of transitioning to online learning, Dr. Barker was organized and intentional in her course design. She kept class exciting and inspired students to engage when motivation to participate was challenged like never before.”



George Prpich

SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED
SCIENCE, CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

NOMINATION HIGHLIGHT: “Students clamor to enroll in his classes because he is an exceptional lecturer who captivates with engaging case studies and well-documented research. He reaches a diverse body of students by supporting and encouraging them to obtain the skills needed for their academic and professional careers because he stays current with the newest instructional pedagogies and technologies.”

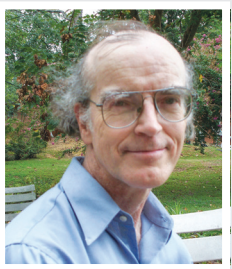
AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING



Gabrielle Adams

FRANK BATTEN SCHOOL OF
LEADERSHIP AND PUBLIC POLICY

NOMINATION HIGHLIGHT: “There are very few professors who create personal connections with students in large classes; however, Professor Adams’s class is often what convinces students to commit to Batten over other majors at UVA. She works hard to create an inclusive, challenging, and stimulating learning environment for all her students. Her students are all more adept leaders, thinkers, and people because of her teaching.”



Larry Bouchard

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES,
RELIGIOUS STUDIES

NOMINATION HIGHLIGHT: “Professor Bouchard’s greatest legacy will be the one remembered by alumni and colleagues: He made deep attentiveness to student inquiry his highest professional priority, humanely drawing people into the hardest questions of human existence through patient conversations of texts and readers.”



Stefano Grazioli

MCINTIRE SCHOOL OF COMMERCE

NOMINATION HIGHLIGHT: “Professor Grazioli’s commitment to teaching goes above and beyond the call in many different ways. He cares deeply for the success of all of his students, sacrificing personal time (sometimes late into the evenings) on many occasions to make himself available to those who need his help. I have met many students who consider him to be an outstanding teacher, perhaps the best they have ever encountered, and yet also consider him to be a friend.”



Fern Hauck

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, FAMILY MEDICINE

NOMINATION HIGHLIGHT: “Dr. Hauck’s passion for caring for vulnerable populations and fierce advocacy for her patients have inspired a generation of medical students and residents at UVA. The intersection of Dr. Hauck’s work as a clinician, scholar, and teacher shine through her work as she engages students and residents on multiple levels, serving as a mentor, advisor, supervisor, and friend.”



Julie Huffmyer

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, ANESTHESIOLOGY

NOMINATION HIGHLIGHT: “Dr. Huffmyer has shown an immeasurable commitment to graduate medical education. Her continuous leadership in our residency program has been the pillar to our entire residency didactic curriculum. She encourages students and residents to reach their full potential and inspires them to think broader and develop and reach for high aspirations.”



Tyler Jo Smith

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES, ART

NOMINATION HIGHLIGHT: “Professor Smith is a supremely dedicated teacher and mentor, in and out of the classroom, for her undergraduates and graduates alike. Contagiously passionate and enthusiastic about her area of expertise, she performs matchless alchemy in transforming the remote past into a domain of urgent interest for students, year after year. She has played a significant role in training the next generation of classical archaeologists.”



The Foundation attracts outstanding undergraduate students to the University of Virginia through two merit scholarship programs—the Jefferson Scholars Program and the Walentas Scholars Program.



Undergraduate

33

Selection

2021-22 was a notable year for the Jefferson Scholars Foundation. It marked the first time in the Foundation’s history that it administered two undergraduate scholarship competitions simultaneously.

After announcing in 2019 a transformational \$100 million commitment from Jane and David Walentas (Engr ’61, GSBA ’64), the Foundation launched the first Walentas Scholarship competition and, in doing so, selected the inaugural class of exceptional leaders, scholars, and citizens who are pioneers in the first generation of their families to earn a bachelor’s degree.

The Jefferson Scholars Program also experienced an important first. This year, with the expansion of its At-Large region, every accredited secondary school in the country was eligible to nominate a student for a Jefferson Scholarship.

A record-breaking 52 undergraduate students will matriculate at the University this fall with the full financial support of the Foundation. Forty Jefferson Scholars and 12 Walentas Scholars, drawn from 79 total regions and 2,451 combined nominations, will join 108 rising second-, third-, and fourth-year Jefferson Scholars to form a community of 160 Scholars in residence in 2022-23.

WALENTAS SCHOLARSHIP

Invitations sent to schools across **13** regions to nominate

- **NOMINATIONS:**
August – December 1
- **REGIONAL SELECTION:**
January – February
- **FINAL SELECTION:**
March 13
- **RECRUITMENT WEEKEND:**
March 18 – 20

JEFFERSON SCHOLARSHIP

Invitations sent to schools across **66** regions to nominate

- **NOMINATIONS:**
August – December 1
- **REGIONAL SELECTION:**
January – February
- **FINAL SELECTION:**
March 4
- **RECRUITMENT WEEKEND:**
March 24 – 26

REGIONAL SELECTION:

Regional selection committees review all student nomination materials before conducting one or more virtual interviews.

FINAL SELECTION:

Finalists participate in a final round of virtual interviews.

RECRUITMENT WEEKEND:

Recipients arrive in Charlottesville for an opportunity to explore the University.

BY THE NUMBERS

\$9,014,008

AWARDED IN FY22

12,087

COUNSELORS INVITED TO NOMINATE

5,880+

SECONDARY SCHOOLS INVITED TO NOMINATE

2,451

COMBINED NOMINATIONS

1,080

COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS

11%

OF THE UNIVERSITY'S CLASS OF 2026 ARE JEFFERSON OR WALENTAS SCHOLAR NOMINEES

79

TOTAL NOMINATING REGIONS

Enrichment

The Foundation is faced with an exciting opportunity in the year ahead. As we continue to expand our outreach to secondary schools, and as Jefferson and Walentas Scholars set out to make a mark on the University as thoughtful leaders and citizens, the Foundation will continue to identify new and innovative ways to cultivate a sense of community and encourage intellectual curiosity and exploration. Scholars will experience an even more robust enrichment program in the coming years.

▣ Core Enrichment

SCHOLARS TEAMBUILDING

First-year Scholars participate in a day-long outdoor leadership course designed to encourage teamwork and build trust.

INSTITUTE FOR LEADERSHIP AND CITIZENSHIP

Rising second-year Scholars participate in a week-long Institute designed to foster a deeper appreciation for the art of leadership and the importance of citizenship. Designed by the Foundation and held on the Grounds of the University, the Institute features in-class workshops, group discussions, a service-learning project, seminars, and independent exploration.

TRAVEL STUDIES

Rising third-year Scholars participate in a foreign travel/study experience through one of the many opportunities provided by the University's International Studies Office. Scholars then have the opportunity to undertake an independent travel experience based on a topic of their choosing.

ALUMNI CONNECTIONS

Scholars receive mentoring, advice, and shadowing opportunities from members of the JSF community. The Foundation invites all Scholars to join a custom online platform, where they can interact with and meet other members of the JSF community, including current Scholars and Fellows, faculty, alumni, and volunteers.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT

All Scholars have the opportunity to participate in Modern Guild, a career services program that offers one-to-one career exploration, guidance, and interview opportunities. The Foundation provides up to \$2,500 in funding to Scholars who secure an unpaid internship during their time at UVA.

▣ New Enrichment

COLLEGE PIONEERS

First-generation Walentas and Jefferson Scholars are invited to attend a summit hosted at the Foundation the summer prior to their first year and prior to attending UVA summer orientation. During the summit, they have an opportunity to explore the transition to college life.

ACADEMY FOR INNER LEADERSHIP

Designed for social entrepreneurs and intentional leaders, this experiential retreat goes beyond wellbeing to explore mindfulness as a design tool, leverage wisdom for good, and learn more fully what deep social transformation requires on a systemic and global level. This is a seven-day experiential retreat with a cohort of 10-15 Scholars.

COMMUNITY FELLOWS

A Scholar-only community group that serves as a mentoring program for incoming Scholars who are paired with mentors with similar personal and academic affinities. The Community Fellows also host study breaks and book clubs to support the Scholars community.

EXPLORATORY FUND

To help support the creativity and innovation of all Scholars, the Foundation invites them to apply for merit-based seed funding to implement cutting-edge ideas that create sustainable social, cultural, or economic change. New commercial or philanthropic enterprises within or outside the University are eligible for funding consideration.

WALENTAS SCHOLARS
**CLASS
OF 2026**

Sydney May Alphin

WALENTAS SCHOLAR

Kempsville High School
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Zoey Aniya Brooks

WALENTAS SCHOLAR

First Colonial High School
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Justin Kendel Gregory

WALENTAS SCHOLAR

Dinwiddie High School
Dinwiddie, Virginia

Daniela Andrea Leiva

WALENTAS SCHOLAR

Waynesboro High School
Waynesboro, Virginia

Robert James May

WALENTAS SCHOLAR

Maggie L. Walker Governor's School
Richmond, Virginia

Katherine del Carmen

Olivar Flores

WALENTAS SCHOLAR

Monticello High School
Charlottesville, Virginia

Niki Jitendra Patel

WALENTAS SCHOLAR

Cosby High School
Midlothian, Virginia

Yossra Samghouli

WALENTAS SCHOLAR

Lake Braddock Secondary School
Burke, Virginia

Caitlin Ashley Shifflett

WALENTAS SCHOLAR

Orange County High School
Orange, Virginia

Alex Micheal Taylor

WALENTAS SCHOLAR

Heritage High School
Lynchburg, Virginia

Malcolm E. Whitfield

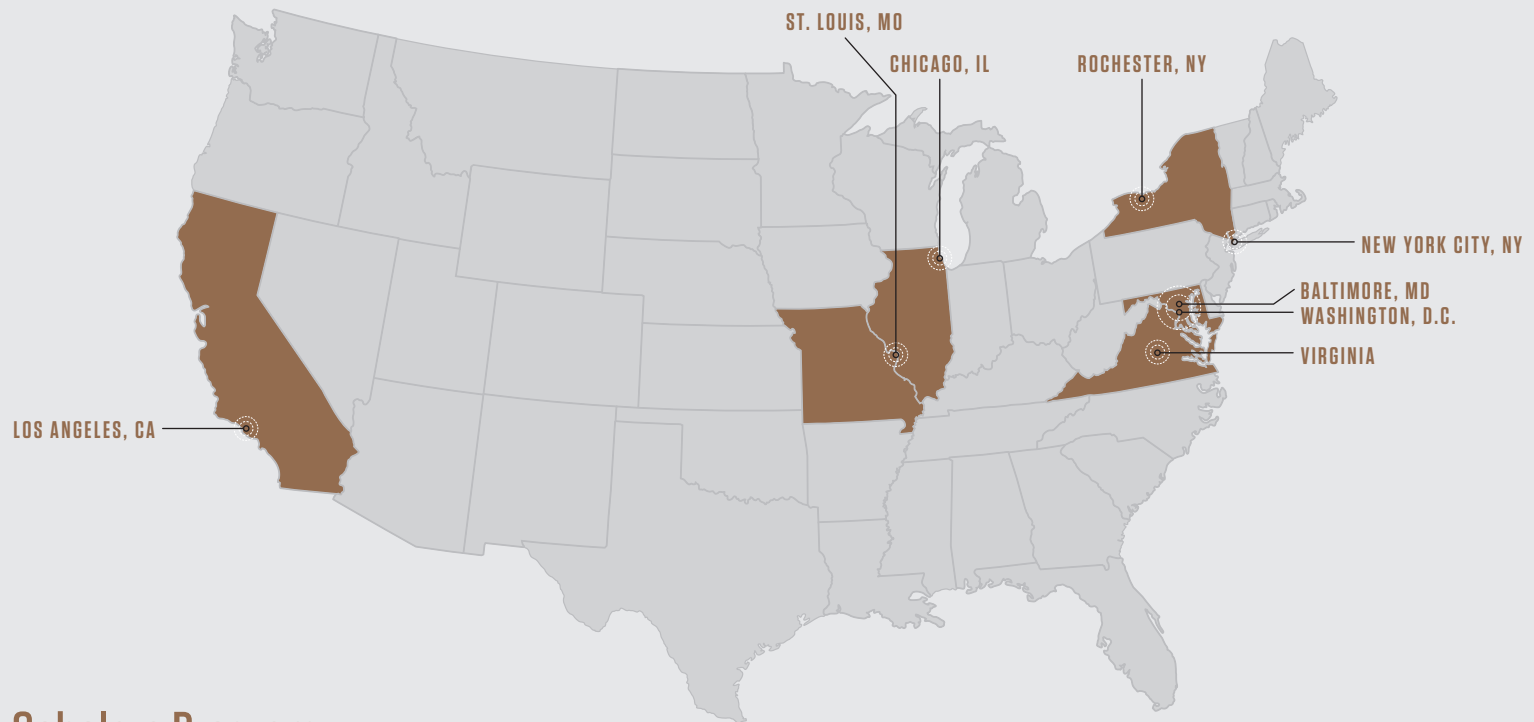
WALENTAS SCHOLAR

J.R. Tucker High School
Glen Allen, Virginia

Sarah Zeffouni

WALENTAS SCHOLAR

Riverside High School
Leesburg, Virginia



Walentas Scholars Program

Made possible as part of a \$100 million commitment in 2019 from longtime benefactors David and Jane Walentas, the Walentas Scholars Program launched the first Walentas Scholarship competition this year, drawing in 257 nominations from 13 regions across the Commonwealth of Virginia and New York. This new merit scholarship for exceptional first-generation students continues to inspire Foundation benefactors to join the Walentas family’s efforts and extend additional support.

Jimmy Wright, president of the Jefferson Scholars Foundation, believes the longtime success of the Jefferson Scholars Program has instilled confidence in many of the Foundation’s benefactors, inspiring them to extend support for this newest effort.

“In some cases, our benefactors approached us, not the other way around, expressing a desire to help,” he said.

The generosity of the Foundation’s community soon will enable us to expand the regional footprint of the Walentas Scholars Program and attract to UVA outstanding students from five more regions—Baltimore, Chicago, Los Angeles, St. Louis, and Washington, D.C.

Recently, UVA alumna Cindy Smet and her husband John helped launch the Los Angeles region, along with alumnus Dale Harvey, with combined commitments of \$1 million.

“Supporting the Walentas Scholarship is a perfect fit for our family foundation where we are committed to enhancing social mobility,” Cindy said.

The Walentas Scholarship will ensure that first-generation students, like the ones we serve, will have access to a life-changing education at the University of Virginia.

“My husband John and I are proud to play a small part in opening these doors,” she said.

As we look to the future, the Foundation will remain laser-focused on its mission to identify, attract, and nurture outstanding leaders, scholars, and citizens. Our development efforts will reflect this commitment, as we continue to establish new Walentas and Jefferson Scholarship regions across the country.

JEFFERSON SCHOLARS
**CLASS
OF 2022**



Zara Haya Ali

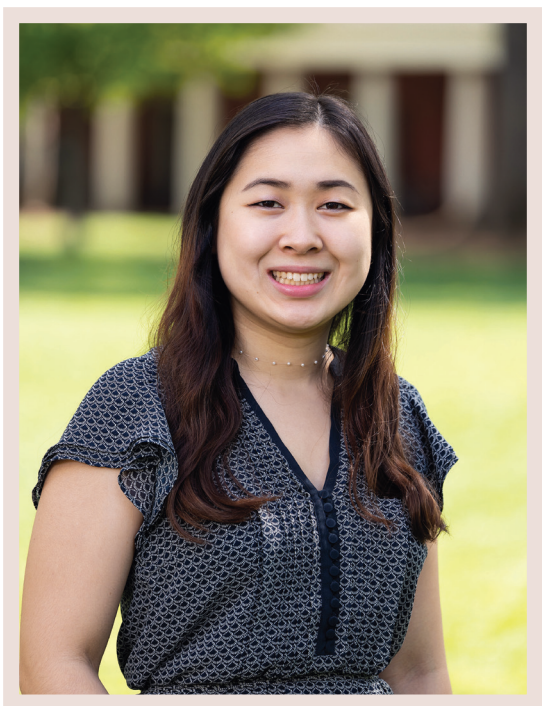
C. PORTER SCHUTT SCHOLAR

Tower Hill School
Wilmington, Delaware

TEDxUVA, president, Speakers Committee chair; Student Entrepreneurs for Economic Development, vice president, Projects and Client Relations chair, consultant; Rem and Company, president, team lead; Honor Committee, support officer, investigator/counsel pool; Frank Batten Investment Fund, analyst; *Virginia Review of Politics*, writer; Charlottesville Debate League, teacher; Echols Council, Fireside Chats Committee; Bain & Co. Case Competition, first place; Echols Scholar; Royster-Lawton Fellowship; Emerging Venture Capital Association, Venture Capital Fellow; The Clinton Foundation, Clinton Global Initiative Fellow

DEGREE: *B.S.C. Commerce*

FUTURE PLANS: To pursue a career in private debt investing with The Blackstone Group in New York City



Zixiao An

ALAN & MURIEL BOTSFORD AND CRAWFORD & VIRGINIA JOHNSON SCHOLAR
Homewood High School
Homewood, Alabama

Student Health & Wellness, Fourth Year 5K intern, peer health educator; UVA School of Medicine, published author, research assistant; The Oculus, published author; German Academic Exchange Program (DAAD), research intern; UVA Emergency Department, scribe; Undergraduate Research Network, research journal executive editor; Maxine Platzer Lynn Women's Center, intern; Take Back the Night, BIPOC sexual assault prevention co-chair; Volunteers with International Students, Staff, and Scholars, classroom consultant; Charlottesville Debate League, officer, teacher; UVA Student Council, Safety & Wellness committee; First Year Council, Wellness Committee; Human Biology Program, major representative; Department of Statistics, head teaching assistant; Graduate School of Nursing, teaching assistant; Department of Biology, teaching/research assistant; Double Hoo Research Award; Center for Global Health Equity Scholar Award, two-time recipient; Institute for Practical Ethics and Public Life Grant; Echols Scholar; Raven Society; Lawn resident

DEGREE: *B.A. Human Biology Distinguished Major Program with Highest Distinction and Statistics*

FUTURE PLANS: To join the National Institutes of Health's Postbaccalaureate Intramural Research Training Award Program as a clinical research fellow in Washington, D.C.



Tatiyahna Isis Shabazz Blakely

HARRY W. GILBERT SCHOLAR
Lakeland High School
Suffolk, Virginia

Housing and Residence Life, resident advisor; UVA Career Center, diversity liaison; Queer Student Union, Intersectionality Advocacy chair; University Guide Service; X-Tasee Dance Crew; Undergraduate Black Law Students Association; Special Olympics; Virginia Dance Company; SABLE Society; The Order; Echols Scholar; Heinrich Boell Stiftung Foundation, Memory & Democracy Scholar

DEGREE: *B.A. Global Studies and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies*

FUTURE PLANS: To serve as a disability paralegal for Community Legal Services in Philadelphia before pursuing a J.D. in 2024



Alicja Maria Blaszczyk

ROBERT R. HERMANN JR. FAMILY SCHOLAR
Lafayette High School
Wildwood, Missouri

Alternative Investment Fund at McIntire, analyst; Madison House, Creating Assets, Savings and Hope Program tax assistant; Echols Scholar; Dean's List

DEGREE: *B.A. Economics with Distinction and Spanish*

FUTURE PLANS: To pursue a career in finance as an investment analyst at Park Square Capital in London



Emma Rae Camp

GLENN IRELAND II SCHOLAR

Alabama School of Fine Arts
Birmingham, Alabama

Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, intern; Jefferson Literary and Debating Society, room 7 resident, vice president, secretary, Pen and Ink Committee chair, Probationary Committee; Grounds for Discussion, director, actor; Accessible Theatre Project, president, grant coordinator; Shakespeare on the Lawn, treasurer, producer, small project director, 25th Anniversary Committee chair, assistant fundraising chair, actor, head seamstress; *Cavalier Daily*, podcast host, opinion columnist; Charlottesville Debate League, Publicity & Marketing Committee, teacher; Engaging Aesthetics, teaching assistant; Omicron Delta Kappa; Echols Scholar; Dean's List; Michael Wagenheim Scholarship; 2022 Heterodox Academy Open Inquiry Awards, Exceptional Student Award; Raven Society; Lawn resident

DEGREE: *B.A. English Distinguished Majors Program with High Distinction and Philosophy; Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Minor*

FUTURE PLANS: To join *Season Magazine* as an assistant editor in Washington, D.C.



Andrew Reubin Chambers

FRANK W. HULSE IV SCHOLAR

Columbus High School
Columbus, Georgia

Honor Committee, chair, vice chair for hearings, committee representative for the College of Arts and Sciences, Selections Committee co-chair; First-Gen Low-Income Partnership, Finance Team co-chair, executive member; University Guide Service; Jefferson Literary and Debating Society, secretary; First Year Players, run crew head; Spectrum Theatre, pit musician; Madison House, tutor; UVA Center for Politics, research intern; Echols Scholar; Jefferson Literary and Debating Society, Best Probationary, Fall 2018; Honor Committee, Support Officer of the Week Fall 2019; Lawn resident; Corcoran Department of History, Bernard Peyton Chamberlain Memorial Prize for Best Distinguished Majors Thesis

DEGREE: *B.A. History Distinguished Majors Program with High Distinction and Archaeology*

FUTURE PLANS: To join McKinsey & Company in Atlanta



Caroline Lauren Daniel

STEWART H. BROWN JR. SCHOLAR

Douglas S. Freeman High School
Richmond, Virginia

Madison House, PVCC Community Garden program director, Sin Barreras program director, CATCH Program; Applied Public Policy and Leadership Experiments Lab, research assistant; *Cavalier Daily*, senior copy associate, copy editor; Legal Aid Justice Center; Department of Politics, research assistant; Department of Economics, tutor; Student Entrepreneurs for Economic Development; Sigma Kappa; Sigma Delta Pi National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society; Echols Scholar; Intermediate Honors; Dean's List

DEGREE: *B.A. Public Policy and Leadership with Highest Distinction and Economics with Highest Distinction; Spanish Minor*

FUTURE PLANS: To join Cornerstone Research as an analyst in Washington, D.C.



Samuel Chase Dawson

JOSEPH R. DANIEL SCHOLAR

Loudoun Valley High School
Purcellville, Virginia

Hackers@UVA, News Committee, sustainability lead; CS + Social Good, founder of UVA chapter; Growing for Change; UVA Climbing Team; Outdoors Club; UVA Triathlon Team; University Guide Service; Data Visualization, teaching assistant; UVA Equity Center, data fellow; MedLock; Echols Scholar

DEGREE: *B.A. Computer Science with Highest Distinction*

FUTURE PLANS: To join American Forests as a software and data engineer



Alice Chenoweth Deters

T. DAVID FITZ-GIBBON SCHOLAR

duPont Manual Magnet High School
Louisville, Kentucky

Parliamentary Debate Society at UVA; Washington Literary Society and Debating Union; *Virginia Architecture Magazine*; Charlottesville Debate League; Fabrication Lab, assistant; Lessons of the Lawn, teaching assistant; TEDxUVA; Pi Beta Phi; Private Pilot's License; Echols Scholar

DEGREE: *B.S. Architecture; B.A. Political and Social Thought with High Honors*

FUTURE PLANS: To join Bain & Company as an associate consultant in San Francisco



Adavya Raj Dhawan

NORFOLK ACADEMY SCHOLAR

Norfolk Academy
Norfolk, Virginia

Alternative Investment Fund at McIntire, chief executive officer, managing director; UVA Di Shaan Bhangra Dance Team; Kappa Sigma; Point72 Asset Management Global Case Competition, first place; EngageUIC Pitch Competition @ Ross School of Business, first place; SMIF Pitch Competition @ Terry College of Business, first place; Intermediate Honors; Echols Scholar; Dean's List

DEGREE: *B.S.C. Commerce with Distinction; Religious Studies Minor*

FUTURE PLANS: To join KKR & Co. as an analyst in their growth equity investing practice in New York City



Anlan Medige Du

THE ELSON SCHOLAR

Phillips Academy
Andover, Massachusetts

Association for Computing Machinery, vice chair; Tian Lab, research assistant; American Parliamentary Debate Association; Echols Scholar; Dean's List; Department of English, Michael Wagenheim Memorial Scholarship Recipient

DEGREE: *B.A. Computer Science and English with Distinction*

FUTURE PLANS: To join Microsoft as a software engineer in Seattle



Elizabeth Cara Duncan

JASON A. GILL SCHOLAR

Woodside Priory School
Portola Valley, California

University Guide Service, HEAAL Tour Guide, Asian American History Project at UVA, interviewer; Asians Revolutionizing Together; Legal Aid Justice Center, legal assistant; Histories of UVA, course facilitator; Housing and Residence Life, Association Council; Asian American History Project, interviewer; Madison House, tutoring program; Echols Scholar; Dean's List; Fulbright Scholar

DEGREE: *B.A. Political and Social Thought Distinguished Majors Program with Highest Distinction; English Minor*

FUTURE PLANS: To teach English at Thai Nguyen University in Vietnam as a Fulbright Scholar



Callie Ann Freeman

KENNETH AND STANNYE R. REUTLINGER SCHOLAR

The Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science
Bowling Green, Kentucky

Cavalier Daily, Health and Science editor; Center for Christian Study, Elzinga Residential Scholar; Charlottesville Debate League, curriculum chair and coach; Community Honor Fund, Client Team; McIntire School of Commerce, teaching assistant, pilot class designer; Madison House, In-patient Cardiology volunteer; ETB Consulting, analyst; Jefferson Literary and Debating Society; Department of Economics, researcher; Reformed University Fellowship; Charlottesville SPCA; Echols Mentor; Bain Women's Case Competition, first place; Echols Scholar

DEGREE: *B.S.C. Commerce*

FUTURE PLANS: To pursue a career in investment banking at Goldman Sachs in New York City



Sophia Fiona Gibson

ANSON M. BEARD JR. SCHOLAR

Sturgis Charter School
Hyannis, Massachusetts

University Fellowship, senior warden, junior warden, service chair; Virginia Interfaith Coalition, president, vice president, outreach chair; University Judiciary Committee, investigator; St. Paul's Memorial Church, Mission & Service Committee, chorister, Sunday school teacher, Mission & Services Task Force student representative; The Fountain Fund, intern; Madison House, Youth Mentoring head program director, Abundant Life Johnson Elementary program director; Project on Lived Theology, research fellow; College Foundation Board of Trustees, undergraduate student representative; Echols Scholar; Dean's List; University Judiciary Committee, Investigator of the Year 2019-2020; UVA Service Scholar; Raven Society

DEGREE: *B.A. Political and Social Thought Distinguished Majors Program with Highest Distinction and Religious Studies*

FUTURE PLANS: To join the College Foundation of the University of Virginia as a gift officer



Benjamin James Gustafson

ERNEST H. AND JEANETTE P. ERN SCHOLAR

Edina High School
Edina, Minnesota

Catholic Hoos; Honor Committee, support officer, dorm representative; International Neighbors/Student COVID Coalition, program director; Effective Altruism at UVA, co-founder, co-president; Madison House, Beyond the Bars tutor; Volunteers with International Students, Staff, and Scholars, language consultant; *Wilson Journal of International Affairs*, co-managing editor, special projects coordinator; A Brief History of Humankind, History of Mr. Jefferson's University, student instructor; Woodrow Wilson Department of Politics, research assistant; University Guide Service; Men's Club Lacrosse; Salsa Club; Outdoors Club; Sustained Dialogue; Beta Theta Pi; Echols Scholar; Dean's List; Raven Society; Lawn resident

DEGREE: *B.A. Government and Foreign Affairs Honors with High Honors*

FUTURE PLANS: To serve as a campus missionary at the University of Pittsburgh with the Fellowship of Catholic University Students



Rishub Handa

STEPHEN S. CRAWFORD FAMILY SCHOLAR

Monroe Township High School
Monroe Township, New Jersey

Medlock, co-founder, chief executive officer; Disco, co-founder, chief operating officer; Babylon MicroFarms, software engineer; Department of Biomedical Engineering, Peirce-Cottler Lab researcher; UVA School of Engineering and Applied Science, entrepreneurship student coordinator; Rodman Scholar

DEGREE: *B.S. Computer Science with Highest Distinction; Biomedical Engineering Minor*

FUTURE PLANS: To join DeepCDR (acquired by Alloy Therapeutics) as a remote software engineer



Alexandra Lee Hartman

PINHO FAMILY SCHOLAR

The Brearley School
New York, New York

Students for Equity and Reform in Virginia, co-founder, head of legislation, head of research; Charlottesville Debate League, administration chair, tournament chair; Jefferson Literary and Debating Society, Probationary Committee chair, sergeant-at-arms, Constitutional Ad-Hoc Committee; UVA Student Council, Prevention and Survivor Support Ad-Hoc Committee; Salsa Club; J Street UVA, Hillel Tikken Olam Committee; First Year Players; Echols Scholar; Dean's List; Fulbright Scholar

DEGREE: *B.A. Global Studies with Distinction; Chinese Language and Literature Minor; Economics Minor*

FUTURE PLANS: To teach English in Taiwan as a Fulbright Scholar



Jasiah Tahmid Hasan

FRANK AND ANN HEREFORD SCHOLAR

Sunset High School
Portland, Oregon

United2Heal; Muslim Student Association, First Year Council; Asian Leaders Council, Executive Council; Muslim Institute of Leadership Experience; Bengali Student Organization, secretary; High Atlas Foundation, intern; Echols Scholar; Dean's List

DEGREE: *B.A. Global Public Health and Psychology with Distinction*

FUTURE PLANS: To pursue an M.P.H. in Global Health Policy at George Washington University



Benjamin Chandler Hazelton

W. HARRY SCHWARZSCHILD JR. AND KATHRYN SCHWARZSCHILD SCHOLAR

Maggie L. Walker Governor's School
Richmond, Virginia

Our World (wOURld), education outreach director; Pay for Success Lab, fellow; Student Entrepreneurs for Economic Development; Frank Batten Investment Fund; Richmond City Health District, intern; Beta Theta Pi, scholarship chair; Alliance for Polyethylene Pipe Fellowship; Systems Entrepreneurship Fellowship; Prague Institute for Politics and Society, intern; UVA Center for Politics, intern; Echols Scholar; Tadler Fellowship; Lawn resident; Fulbright Scholar

DEGREE: *B.A. Global Development Studies and Foreign Affairs with Distinction*

FUTURE PLANS: To teach English in Taiwan as a Fulbright Scholar



Joy Marie Justice

LYELL B. CLAY SCHOLAR

Charleston Catholic High School
Charleston, West Virginia

Madison House, Medical Services committee chair, program director, escort and way-finding volunteer and program director, inpatient oncology volunteer, emergency department lobby liaison; Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Organization, collegiate vice president and co-facilitator; Student Council, Legislative Affairs Committee; Pancakes for Parkinson's, Outreach Committee co-chair; Fourth Year Trustees, Wellness Committee; Third Year Council, Wellness Committee chair; Second Year Council, Wellness Committee; Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine, research assistant; Cross Lanes Recreation Association, assistant swim coach; UVA Student Dining Advisory Board; Biology Society; Chemistry Tutor; Club Swim at UVA; Salsa Club; Ballroom Dance Club; Alpha Epsilon Delta; 2021 American Psychiatric Association National Conference, poster published; 2021 Innovations in Pedagogy Conference, presenter; Echols Scholar; Berkeley and Susan F. Minor Scholar; Raven Society; Phi Beta Kappa

DEGREE: *B.A. Biology with Distinction; Health and Well-Being Minor*

FUTURE PLANS: To attend Vanderbilt School of Medicine as a Cornelius Vanderbilt Scholar



Adelyn Ann Klimek

REGINALD S. AND JULIA W. FLEET FOUNDATION SCHOLAR

Hathaway Brown School
Shaker Heights, Ohio

Our World Climate Education; Rivanna Conservation Alliance; Sustainability Advocates; Outdoors Club; Madison House; Echols Scholar

DEGREE: *B.A. Global Studies and Environmental Science with Distinction*

FUTURE PLANS: To finish a master's degree in Environmental Science while continuing climate education work and environmental outreach programs with Charlottesville schools



Emily Eason Kruse

WILLIAM C. PANNILL SCHOLAR

St. Andrew's Episcopal School
Ridgeland, Mississippi

Madison House, Youth Mentoring co-head program director; Virginia Riding Team, publicity chair; Rangeland Ecology & Educational Outreach, researcher, lead teacher; Chi Omega Fraternity, treasurer, Philanthropy Committee; McIntire School of Commerce, teaching assistant; ETB Consulting, analyst; Micro Economics, tutor; PB&J Fund, volunteer; Abundant Life, tutor; ULink, advisor; Reformed University Fellowship; Poets & Quants 2022 Best & Brightest Business Major; Echols Scholar; Dean's List; Lenox-Conyngham Scholarship; Raven Society

DEGREE: *B.S.C. Commerce with Distinction*

FUTURE PLANS: To pursue a Master of Philosophy in Development Studies at the University of Cambridge as a Lenox-Conyngham Scholar



Neah Lekan

JEFFREY ROCKWELL CUDLIP MEMORIAL SCHOLAR

University High School
Irvine, California

ACC Network, play-by-play commentator; Virginia Mock Trial; Classics Club, treasurer; ASC representative; Virginia Senior Classical League, parliamentarian; Virginia Film Festival, festival scholar; Echols Scholar

DEGREE: *B.A. English Distinguished Majors Program with Highest Distinction*

FUTURE PLANS: To pursue a Ph.D. in Early Modern English Literature at Johns Hopkins University



Kelley Elizabeth Long

MOLLY HEREFORD - SUSANNE SMITH SCHOLAR

Courtland High School
Spotsylvania, Virginia

Madison House, Latinx and Migrant Aid program director; University Guide Service, scheduler, tour guide; *Cavalier Daily*, copy staff; Office of Undergraduate Admission, intern; Maxine Platzer Lynn Women's Center, intern; Department of Anthropology, research assistant; Echols Scholar; Dean's List; Raven Society

DEGREE: *B.A. Spanish and Anthropology*

FUTURE PLANS: To join Bain & Company as an associate consultant in Boston



Ashwin Mahesh

JACKSONVILLE AREA SCHOLAR

Allen D. Nease High School
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Through two fellowship programs, the Jefferson Scholars Foundation funds exceptional graduate students from around the world who show the highest promise as researchers, teachers, public servants, and business leaders. Jefferson Fellows and National Fellows receive generous stipends, academic support, and the chance to take part in the University of Virginia's extraordinary interdisciplinary community.



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JEFFERSON FELLOWSHIP

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ARTS & SCIENCES

OVERVIEW

This year, the Foundation announced a shift in its Jefferson Fellowship Program for students studying in the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences (GSAS). In order to meet the challenges facing graduate students today and in response to changes in the landscape of higher education, the Jefferson Fellows Program for GSAS students now provides up to two years of dissertation completion and postdoctoral support, including tuition, fees, a living stipend, health insurance, and research funds.

The new focus of the Fellowship, developed in close partnership with GSAS administration, is designed to ensure that outstanding graduate students have the opportunity to complete ambitious dissertations, to gain independent teaching experience, and to launch distinguished careers in an increasingly challenging academic job market. Under this new model, Jefferson Fellowships bridge the dissertation completion year and the postdoctoral year, choreographing the Fellows' transition from graduate student to careers as faculty, professional researchers, or public intellectuals.

YEAR ONE

Jefferson Fellows complete their dissertation research and writing, defending prior to the start of their postdoctoral fellowship. Fellows will work with the College Fellows in developing courses for the Engagements Curriculum, which is a new curriculum for all undergraduate students in the College of Arts & Sciences. Fellows also have the opportunity to teach a departmental course and deliver a public presentation at the Foundation based on their research.

YEAR TWO

Jefferson Fellows will hold a post-doctoral teaching fellowship and are responsible for developing two courses as a part of the Engagements Curriculum.

BUSINESS

SELECTION OVERVIEW

The Foundation solicits applications for Darden Jefferson Fellowships by sending an invitation to high scorers on the GMAT, as well as to participants in the Management Leadership for Tomorrow M.B.A. Prep Program. Candidates apply by returning a resume, transcript, and a copy of the essays required in the application to the Darden School of Business.

After an initial review of all applications, selected applicants and strong candidates from the Darden Round One application pool are invited to participate in a case study and a 30-minute interview conducted by UVA alumni, friends, and faculty. The selection committee aims to identify business leaders who demonstrate ethical leadership, diplomatic decisiveness, a track record of putting ideas into action, and a superb record of academic achievement.

AWARD

Tuition, fees, health insurance, and a \$20,000 living stipend per year.

RESEARCH FUNDS

Up to \$7,000

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Each Fellow selects a faculty advisor and works on an independent research project.

ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCE

SELECTION OVERVIEW

The School of Engineering and Applied Science nominates all candidates for the Jefferson Fellowship. The nominees are vetted at the departmental level, before being submitted to the Foundation.

Selected candidates are required to participate in a 30-minute interview conducted by a selection committee that is comprised of both Engineering faculty and alumni. The selection committee seeks to identify individuals who demonstrate a firm commitment to scholarship and research in engineering and applied science, leadership, judicious character, and a track record of putting ideas into practice.

AWARD

An additional \$5,000 stipend in year one and \$10,000 in years two to five, incremental to the standard departmental award offered by the School of Engineering and Applied Science.

RESEARCH FUNDS

Up to \$2,500

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT

Each Fellow has the opportunity to participate in a wide range of enrichment programs designed to help prepare them to deliver academic talks and written research to a public audience early in their careers.

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IN 2022**



Olivia Pavco Giaccia

GOODWIN/HARDIE FAMILY FELLOW

Darden School of Business

Yale University (B.S.)

University of Virginia (M.B.A.)

Prior to attending Darden, Olivia developed, produced, and hosted digital science programming for Discovery, Conde Nast, and Facebook Watch, as well as for digital media ventures AwesomenessTV and Group Nine Media. Her commitment to achieving gender parity led Olivia to serve on the White House Violence Against Women team and on the Champions Board for the National Girls Collaborative Project. As an undergraduate, Olivia was the founder and CEO of LabCandy, a social venture with a mission to encourage young women in STEM. Her published thesis research, titled “Rationality is Gendered,” investigates the intersection of gender and implicit bias. While at Darden, Olivia was the president of the Community Consultants of Darden, a member of the UVA Equestrian Club, and a member of the Raven Society. Following her graduation, Olivia will join Bain & Company as an associate consultant.



Yelena Kuznetsova

LEE WALKER FELLOW

Darden School of Business
Belarusian State University (B.A.)
University of Virginia (M.B.A.)

Prior to attending Darden, Lena helped early-stage startups from Eastern Europe expand to the US market. This idea emerged after she spent almost a year helping build early stage VC firm/accelerators in addition to working on her own venture in the business automation sphere. Before that Lena worked for a Belarus-based company that designs and builds indoor theme parks, where she oversaw foreign trade activities. Upon graduation, Lena will be joining the New Jersey office of Boston Consulting Group.



Paul Jay Niedfeldt

WILLIAM D. AND ELLEN H. CANNON DARDEN FELLOW

Darden School of Business
Brigham Young University (B.A.) (B.S.) (M.S.)
University of Virginia (M.B.A.)

Prior to attending Darden, Paul spent three years at The Walt Disney Company, where he held multiple strategic and operational roles in finance, supporting the Disney Parks, Experiences and Products Segment. Paul is a certified CPA and CMA, having spent two years at Ernst & Young in Chicago as an external auditor of Fortune 500 and governmental entities. At Darden, Paul served as president of the Latter-Day Saint Student Association and as vice president of the Parents of Darden Club, spearheading the most highly attended cultural event of the year, the Darden Christmas Party. Paul's studies at Darden centered around personal character, leadership, ethics, and general management. Paul will be joining Boston Consulting Group's Atlanta office as a consultant.



Clay T. Olsen

INGLESBY FAMILY FELLOW

Darden School of Business
University of Texas (B.A.)
University of Virginia (M.B.A.)

Clay specialized in management science and entrepreneurship at Darden. He served as the vice president of Entrepreneurship Through Acquisition for the Entrepreneurship and Venture Capital Club, the vice president of Education for the Darden Private Equity Club, and the vice president of Fellowship for the Darden Christian Fellowship Club. During his first year, Clay was selected for Community Consultants of Darden, an incorporated not-for-profit organization that provides marketing, operational, and strategic evaluation and planning services to non-profit organizations and small businesses in the Charlottesville community. Clay also mentored two UVA undergraduates through the UVA Darden Mentor Program. Before attending Darden, Clay was a Private Equity Associate at ORIX USA where he was responsible for the analysis of new and existing investments. He began his career as an Investment Banking Analyst at MHT Partners where he focused on the education, industrial and business services industries. After graduation, Clay will be president of Goodwin Investment Company, an entity he formed to find, acquire, and operate a small business in the business-to-business services or specialized manufacturing industries.



Katharine E. Daniel

JOHN LILLARD FELLOW

Department of Psychology
University of North Carolina (B.A.)
University of Virginia (M.A.)

Katie's dissertation, entitled "Problems with Switching: Investigating the Sequence of Emotion Regulation Strategy Choices in the Daily Lives of Socially Anxious People," uses mobile phone technology and novel quantitative methods to improve understanding of emotion dysregulation in social anxiety disorder. Katie is also a LIFE fellow in the International Max Planck Research School on the Life Course, a member of the Raven Society, a recipient of the GSAS Research and Professional Development Fund, a GSAS Council Fall Research Grant Winner, and the recipient of the Psychology Department's Rebecca Boone Memorial Award for Excellence in Teaching. Since arriving to UVA, Katie has authored or co-authored 16 articles for peer reviewed journals like *Psychological Methods*, *Behavior Therapy*, *Cognitive Therapy and Research*, *Anxiety & Depression*, and *The British Journal of Clinical Psychology*, and has presented more than 15 talks at national and international conferences. In addition to her research, Katie has provided over 1,000 hours of clinical intervention and assessment to children, families, couples, and adults. Next year, Katie will be supported by a Dean's Dissertation Completion Fellowship and a P.E.O. Scholar Award.



Mary Angelique G. Demetillo

PAUL T. JONES II FELLOW

Department of Environmental Sciences
Seton Hall University (B.S.)

Angelique's dissertation, entitled "Climate Change, Inequality, and Urbanization as Drivers of Air Pollution," explores the effects of these social issues on tropospheric ozone and nitrogen dioxide pollution. Her research utilizes remote sensing to observe and describe air pollution inequality and its sources within cities. Her work has shown that next-generation satellites are able to resolve nitrogen dioxide pollution inequality within cities comparable to finer resolution aircraft measurements and that diesel emissions are the largest contributors to intraurban inequality. She has collaborated with NASA scientists and engineers, as well as overseas collaborators at the Bermuda Institute of Ocean Sciences and University of Dakar. Her work has been featured in *Science Magazine* and by the American Chemical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Alongside her research, Angelique has served as the Environmental Sciences Graduate Student Association co-president, focused on strengthening the graduate student community while also encouraging and amplifying Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) voices in the department. This fall, she will be leading a vehicle-based measurement campaign focused on observing regional air pollution across Senegal in partnership with the Universite Cheikh Anta Diop.



Matthew Allen Frakes

TERRENCE D. DANIELS FAMILY FELLOW

Corcoran Department of History
Princeton University (A.B.)
Columbia University in the City of New York (M.A.)
London School of Economics and Political Science (M.Sc.)
University of Virginia (M.A.)

Matthew's work focuses on United States diplomatic and political history, with particular emphasis on the late Cold War and the emergence of the post-Cold War world. His dissertation, titled "Rogue States: The Making of America's Global War on Terror, 1980-1994," examines the transition to the "new world order" that replaced the Cold War world. It traces the rise of strategies to fight the emerging national security threats of rogue states, terrorism, and weapons of mass destruction from the early Reagan years to the aftermath of the Gulf War. Matthew has presented his work at historical conferences, public lectures, and in scholarly publications online. He has also been awarded the History Department's Graduate Teaching Award for teaching excellence. During the upcoming academic year, Matthew will be a National Security Fellow at the Batten School's National Security Policy Center as he completes his dissertation.



Abbas Ghaddar

HARRISON FAMILY FOUNDATION FELLOW

Department of Biology
American University of Beirut (B.A.) (B.S.)
Imperial College London (M.S.)

Abbas's dissertation entitled, "Single-cell deconstruction of the genetic networks determining animal health and disease" aims to identify in a cell-type specific manner the molecular drivers of diet-induced obesity. Additionally, Abbas is working on a novel genetic intervention that extends the lifespan in the model organism *C. elegans*. He recently received a Dissertation Year Fellowship from the Society of Fellows to support the final year of his Ph.D.



Jesse Howard Grabman

ERIC P. AND ELIZABETH R. JOHNSON FELLOW

Department of Psychology
University of Virginia (B.A.) (M.A.) (Ph.D.)

Jesse's research focuses on reducing errors in the criminal justice system. His dissertation, entitled "Understanding Verbal Confidence Statements," investigates how individual differences influence misidentification rates, creating more fair lineup procedures, and exploring the diagnostic value of witnesses' verbal statements. Jesse and his collaborators recently published an article in the *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General* which examines the use of machine learning classifiers to predict eyewitness's accuracy. He received the Psychology Department's Maury Pathfinder Award for the best pre-dissertation, examining the role of face recognition ability in the propensity of eyewitnesses to make high confidence errors. In addition to his work at UVA, he serves as a research fellow in the International Max Planck Research School on the Life Course. Next year, Jesse will begin a post-doctoral fellowship in Per Sederberg's lab at UVA.



Cherrie Kwok

ELIZABETH ARENDALL TILNEY AND SCHUYLER MERRITT TILNEY FELLOW

Department of English
University of Exeter (B.A.)
New York University (M.A.)

Cherrie's research focuses on literature from the global 19th century, with interests in an artistic style called Decadence, postcolonial theory, and the digital humanities. Her dissertation examines how a set of African American, Asian, Caribbean, and Indigenous writers in the late nineteenth century used a style called Decadence in order to articulate anti-imperial perspectives in their poetry and prose, and, in the process, offers a new theory about Decadence for literary studies as a whole. She received the British Association for Decadence Studies Postgraduate Essay Prize in 2021 for an abridged version of some of her research, and the University of Virginia's Distinguished Graduate Teaching Award in the Arts and Humanities in 2022 for her teaching record and pedagogical contributions. Her work appears in *Volupté: An Interdisciplinary Journal of Decadence Studies*, *Undisciplining the Victorian Classroom*, *The Journal of Interactive Technology and Pedagogy*, and *Cha: An Asian Literary Journal*. Cherrie plans to complete her dissertation and teach as a Jefferson Fellow under the newly revamped Fellowship model.



Chang Liu

JEFFERSON ARTS AND SCIENCES DISSERTATION YEAR FELLOW

Department of Chemistry
South China University of Technology (B.E.)
The University of Akron (M.S.)
University of Virginia (Ph.D.)

Chang's dissertation is entitled "Heterogeneous Electrocatalysts with Well-defined Surface and Catalytic Site Structures for Clean Energy and Fuel Conversions." Chang has published more than 20 research papers in journals in the field and has served as a student committee member in the Virginia Clean Energy and Catalysis Club. At UVA, he received a graduate research grant from the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, and the Adam Ritchie Award for Outstanding Graduate Student in Chemistry. For his contribution to the work, he received a 2021 Graduate Student Award from the Materials Research Society. In February 2022, Chang began his postdoctoral research in energy conversion at the University of Pennsylvania.



Crystal Luo

LAURA S. BAILEY FELLOW

Corcoran Department of History
Boston University (B.M.)
University of Virginia (M.A.)

Crystal's dissertation, entitled "Higher Rises, Lower Depths: Asian Americans and Globalization," examines the impact of economic globalization and U.S.-Asia relations on domestic Asian American politics. Her broad research interests include histories of race and labor, race and the urban environment, and the history of Asian immigration to the United States. She was a 2020-21 Praxis Fellow at the UVA Scholars' Lab and served as the inaugural graduate fellow for UVA's Governing America in a Global Era initiative from 2019 to 2020. Crystal plans to complete her dissertation as a National Fellow.



Akachukwu D. Obi

MELVILLE FOUNDATION FELLOW

Department of Chemistry
Bates College (B.S.)
University of Pennsylvania (M.S.Ed.)

AC's dissertation, entitled "Ligand Stabilization Strategies Based on Electronically Flexible Carbon Donors in Magnesium and Bismuth Chemistry," investigates sustainable molecular systems for advancing renewable energy technologies such as solid-state hydrogen storage and carbon capture. His research is widely acclaimed in the synthetic chemistry community and has resulted in seven peer-reviewed publications and several sponsored conference invitations. In the Charlottesville community, AC is involved with Computers4Kids, mentoring middle and high school students in STEM and Computer Science education. AC will graduate in the fall of 2022 and is exploring post-doctoral fellowship opportunities.



Natasha Roth-Rowland

JOHN LILLARD FELLOW

Corcoran Department of History
Royal Holloway, University of London (B.A.)
Birkbeck, University of London (M.A.)
University of Virginia (M.A.)

Natasha's dissertation, entitled "'Not One Inch of Retreat': The Transnational Jewish Far Right, 1929-1996," examines the history of far-right Zionism in Israel-Palestine and the United States. In addition to her doctoral work, she is also a frequent contributor to online media outlets, writing and speaking about the history of Israel-Palestine, the far right, and antisemitism. Prior to commencing her doctoral studies, her writing on Israel-Palestine and Jewish history, politics, and culture has appeared in *Haaretz*, the *London Review of Books* blog, and *+972 Magazine*, and been cited in numerous monographs. In addition to completing work on her dissertation, Natasha is also currently an editor, reporter, and podcast host at *+972 Magazine*. Natasha lived in Israel-Palestine for several years, where she worked as a journalist, editor, and translator.



Rami Toubia Stucky

WILLIAM AND CAROLYN POLK FELLOW

McIntire Department of Music
Bowdoin College (B.A.)
New England Conservatory (M.M.)
University of Virginia (Ph.D.)

Rami's dissertation, entitled "When Bossa Was: Six Stories about the Sounds and Flavors of Brazilian Music in the United States," researches Brazilian bossa nova music and its impact on American popular culture during the 1960s. Rami was a 2020 Public Humanities Fellow in South Atlantic Studies with the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and is a current fellow with the UVA Americas Center/Centro de las Américas. He was also a 2020 nominee for the Graduate Teaching Award and specializes in teaching jazz history and jazz composition at UVA. During the 2022-2023 academic year, Rami will be a visiting lecturer in music at Washington University in St. Louis.



Vasfiye Betul Toprak

D.N. BATTEN FOUNDATION FELLOW

Department of Sociology
Hacettepe University (B.A.)
Florida International University (M.A.)
University of Virginia (M.A.)

Vasfiye's research interests are in political authority, religion, cultural theories of the state, modernity and the Ottoman Empire. Her dissertation, entitled "Contestations of Political Authority and Political Myth in the Nineteenth-Century Ottoman Empire," traces the constitution of political authority throughout the 19th century Ottoman Empire, in the context of transitions to modernity. Prior to joining UVA, Vasfiye worked as an English instructor at various universities in Turkey. At UVA she has served as a Doctoral Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, as a Junior Fellow at the Society of Fellows. She has also been a Fellow at the Institute for Critical Social Inquiry at the New School for Social Research. Her work has appeared in the *European Journal of Cultural and Political Sociology* and the *Handbook for Classical Social Theory* published by Springer. Vasfiye plans to complete her dissertation in the summer of 2023 and teach as a Jefferson Fellow under the newly revamped Fellowship model in the following year.



Tara L. Valladares

DOFFERMYRE FAMILY FELLOW

Department of Psychology
University of Virginia (B.A.) (M.A.)

Tara's dissertation, entitled "A Psychometric Evaluation of Emotion Detection Lexicons," focuses on the combination of natural language processing methods with traditional psychometric models. Her dissertation involves understanding the validity of emotion detection lexicons. While automatic methods of detecting emotion in text are extremely popular, little research has been done to evaluate their consistency and the meaning behind the emotion categories used. Tara is also the recipient of a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship and is an International Max Planck Research School on the Life Course Fellow. She is passionate about teaching statistics and coding and wrote the R tutorials featured in the newest edition of *Applying the Rasch Model* released by Routledge.



Christopher Thomas Whitehead

IRBY CAUTHEN FELLOW

Corcoran Department of History
Dartmouth College (B.A.)
University of Virginia (M.A.)

Chris's research examines the transformation of the Lake Champlain Valley from a pre-colonial boundary between two Indigenous culture-worlds into an imperial borderland contested by New France and New England. With the Foundation's support, Chris has been able to take classes with First Nations and Native American instructors in an effort to learn the languages spoken by the peoples he writes about, an unexpected passion he intends to continue. Beginning during the fall of 2022, Chris will teach history at the Berkeley Carroll Upper School in Brooklyn.



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