2018-19 National Fellows

We are delighted to welcome seven outstanding scholars to the National Fellowship community. These individuals bring with them a remarkably wide range of topics: the NRA and interest group power, nuclear weapons testing and the politics of climate change, an examination of rural communities as unique social and legal spaces, and a recounting of how defense leaders patterned the administration of the military on business enterprise, just to name a few.

For the second year, the National Fellowship awardees were reviewed and selected by a gold star advisory council comprised entirely of former National Fellows, including Emily Charnock, Chris Loss, Stephen Macekura, Margaret O'Mara, Suleiman Osman, and Jon Shields.

We are pleased to welcome the following 2018–19 fellows to the Jefferson Scholars Foundation.

**Opeyemi Akanbi**
Ope Akanbi is a Ph.D. Candidate at the Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania. *Akanbi is the recipient of the Ambrose Monell Foundation Funded Fellowship in Technology and Democracy.* Akanbi’s dissertation project is titled “Bounding Work: Time, Technology and Labor Regulation.” Ope Akanbi’s dream mentor is Margaret O’Mara, professor of history at the University of Washington.

**Trish Kahle**

**Matthew Lacombe**
Matthew Lacombe is a Ph.D. candidate in political science at Northwestern University who studies American politics. Lacombe’s dissertation project is titled “Beyond Money: The National Rifle Association and Interest Group Power.” Matthew Lacombe’s dream mentor is Kristen Goss, Kevin D. Gorter Associate Professor of Public Policy at Duke University.

**Justin McBrien**
A.J. Murphy
A.J. Murphy is a Ph.D. candidate in history at Columbia University specializing in twentieth century U.S. political economy, the history of social science, and military history. Murphy is the recipient of the Jefferson-Hagley Library Dissertation Fellowship in Business and Politics. Murphy’s dissertation project is titled “Business Management Expertise in the Cold War U.S. Military.” A.J. Murphy’s dream mentor is James T. Sparrow, associate professor of history at the University of Chicago.

Emily Prifogle
Emily Prifogle is a Ph.D. candidate in history at Princeton University studying twentieth-century legal history. Prifogle’s dissertation project is titled “Cows, Cars, and Criminals: Rural Communities, Law, and Nation in the Twentieth Century.” Emily Prifogle’s dream mentor is Barbara Welke, professor of history and professor of law at the University of Minnesota.

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