



Jefferson Scholars Foundation

**2020 ANNUAL REPORT**

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# The Jefferson Scholars Foundation will long remember its 40th year as a watershed moment that was transformational. It indeed is an unforgettable year. It was also another very successful year for the Foundation, and it is again a privilege to share some of the year's highlights in this annual letter.

In October, the Foundation celebrated the largest gift in its history at a black-tie affair honoring Jane and David Walentas for their extraordinarily generous commitment of \$100 million to the Foundation. This remarkable gift will permit the Foundation to create a brand new merit scholarship program that will identify and attract to the University some of the nation's most talented first-generation students. It will also create three new Jefferson Scholars Foundation Professorships and help the Darden School of Business attract exceptionally talented students.

The Foundation has begun the exciting work necessary to insure that the Walentas Scholars Program becomes best in class. Key to its success will be its leadership, and the Foundation is delighted that Sarah Elaine Hart joined the staff as director of the program in August. Sarah Elaine is a Jefferson Scholar in the Class of 2010 and worked for the Foundation for two years after graduating from the University before securing her Master of Education. She has received numerous accolades for her work as a guidance counselor and has focused much of her professional energies on helping high school students make the transition to college.

The COVID-19 pandemic also transformed the Foundation. In early March it became evident that we could not hold our final selection weekend as usual, and we made the decision to conduct all of our interviews virtually. The switch to virtual interviews went flawlessly, and



STEPHEN S. CRAWFORD  
*Chairman*



JAMES H. WRIGHT  
*President*

the lessons we learned will likely lead to some changes in the way we conduct our annual competition.

Some things did continue much as in the past. In May, we celebrated the record of accomplishment made by our 36th graduating class of Jefferson Scholars. The Class of 2020 included a Rhodes Scholar (the 11th Scholar to receive a Rhodes) and a Marshall Scholar (the 11th Scholar to receive a Marshall). Also in the class were the Shannon Award winner in the School of Engineering and Applied Science; two vice-chairs of the Honor Committee; the president of the Batten Graduate School Council; the presidents of the

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Inter-Fraternity Council and the Virginia Gentlemen; and the editors of the *Wilson Journal of International Affairs*, *Seriatim*, and the *Virginia Review of Politics*. Members of the class received numerous academic awards at Final Exercises. Ten were selected to live on the Lawn, including one who lived in the Gus Blagden Good Guy Room.

We also recognized the graduating class of Jefferson Fellows in May. Their record of academic achievement is stellar, and their contributions to the intellectual community both at the University and around the world are most impressive. Three of them received graduate teaching awards from the University.

Just as we were bidding farewell and good luck to the graduating classes, we were preparing to welcome the newest classes of Scholars and Fellows. The Jefferson Scholars Class of 2024 will be composed of 34 outstanding students from 15 states and the United Kingdom. We are confident that these new Scholars will uphold and build upon the legacy of excellence bequeathed to them by the 39 classes that preceded them.

The incoming Fellows include 17 very talented people selected from the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, six Darden Fellows, one Engineering School Fellow, and seven National Fellows. They all have outstanding records and will be significant additions to the University.

The Foundation’s Professorship Program continues to thrive. Three members of the faculty this past year held Foundation Professorships: J.C. Cang is the Paul Tudor Jones Professor, Christa Dierksheide is the Brockman Foundation Professor, and Kevin Pelphrey is the Harrison-Wood Professor. We are also delighted that Vivian Riefberg will join the Darden School faculty this fall as the David Walentas Professor.

Our Jefferson Scholar and Fellow alumni now number in excess of 1,000 and are bringing distinction to the University and Foundation through their careers and civic involvement. Of particular note is the receipt of a Pulitzer Prize in journalism by a recent Scholar graduate.

The Foundation could not enjoy such success without the extraordinary loyalty and generosity of our many steadfast benefactors. In addition to the transformative commitment from Jane and David Walentas, we are grateful to have received more than \$17 million in philanthropic cashflow so far this year. The Foundation’s total assets are now \$580 million.

Each year we see the terms of some of the members of the Board of Directors end. This year the terms of Shelley Boyce, Edward Dobbs, Sarah Hamlin, Maryanne Hancock, Tom Inglesby, and Tracy McMillan concluded. All served the Foundation with dedication and energy, and we will miss their active involvement. We expect to continue to benefit from their wise counsel. Karen Barnes, Lee Buck, Bob Downes, Courtney Johnson, Mark Massey, and Anne Poole will join the Board, and we are grateful for their service. The Foundation also experiences the loss of friends and benefactors each year. Those recognized on the In Memoriam page all made substantial contributions to the Foundation and will be greatly missed.

As the Foundation enters its 41st year, it remains firmly committed to its mission and its pursuit of excellence. We look forward to continuing to benefit the University through our existing programs and to accomplishing the work necessary to create the finest scholarship program in the country for first-generation students. To all who believe in, and help us accomplish, our mission, we remain deeply grateful.



STEPHEN S. CRAWFORD  
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## IN MEMORIAM

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The Jefferson Scholars Foundation is deeply saddened by the loss of so many of its dearest friends and supporters this year. We remain eternally grateful for all that these individuals contributed to the JSF community, and we extend our deepest condolences to their families.

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# Development & Finance



# *A Transformational Gift*

David Walentas was the first in his family to pursue a college degree. Now, with a \$100 million commitment to the Foundation, he is empowering high school graduates to take the same life-altering step.



# College was a foreign concept to visionary entrepreneur David Walentas (Engr '61, GSBA '64) when he was growing up.

Neither of his parents held degrees—in fact, he did not know anyone who did. Although he would eventually become the most generous benefactor in the history of the Jefferson Scholars Foundation, in the 1940s and '50s, Walentas was a child in a poor, working-class family in Rochester, New York.

In many ways, childhood was difficult for Walentas. He spent much of his time outside of school milking cows and mucking stalls. His father, a postal clerk, had been paralyzed by a stroke when Walentas was five years old, an event that pushed his mother to take on two jobs. When she realized her income still could not support the family, she sent Walentas and his brother to work at a nearby farm.

In school, Walentas was an excellent student. But he also liked to break the rules. During one of his many sojourns to the principal's office, he noticed a Navy ROTC poster hanging on the wall. Soon after, he decided to take a step that no one in his family had taken before: He applied to the University of Virginia.

“I knew that [college] was a way out of poverty and a path to opportunity,” Walentas told *UVA Today*.

His penchant for troublemaking never really went away. Walentas was accepted to U.Va. but subsequently expelled after a clandestine overnight trip to Hollins, a nearby women's college. Several years later, however, he returned to the University to finish his degree and earn his M.B.A. from the Darden School of Business. In time, he made his way toward New York City, continuing along the path that would eventually lead him to make a truly transformational gift—one that will launch the Walentas Scholars Program and, in turn, change the lives of first-generation college students and their families for many years to come.



**AS A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT**, Sarah Elaine Hart (JS '10) knew that if she pursued a college degree, it would put a strain on her family. Her father owned a small construction business. Her mother taught special education. “They had worked really hard to instill an expectation that college was on the table, but I was aware that it would involve many financial sacrifices on their part,” she says.

The Jefferson Scholarship changed her life. “To be offered an opportunity to go to college and graduate debt free—it was transformative for me,” she says. “It meant so much to be able to tell my parents, ‘I know you’ve been preparing to support me, but I’m going to be able to do this on my own.’”

Selected after an extensive national search, Hart has been appointed the first director of the Walentas Scholars Program, which will specifically empower the Foundation to attract and nurture scholars, citizens, and leaders who—like Walentas himself—have achieved academic excellence and are also the first in their families to attend an institution

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of higher education. This unprecedented initiative forms the heart of the \$100 million gift from Walentas and his family, which will also support exceptional students and faculty at Darden through fellowships and professorships.

During an event celebrating his extraordinary philanthropy last fall, Walentas succinctly described the reason behind his generosity to an audience of Jefferson Scholars, alumni, board members, and friends.

“I’ve always felt that the great equalizer is education,” he said.

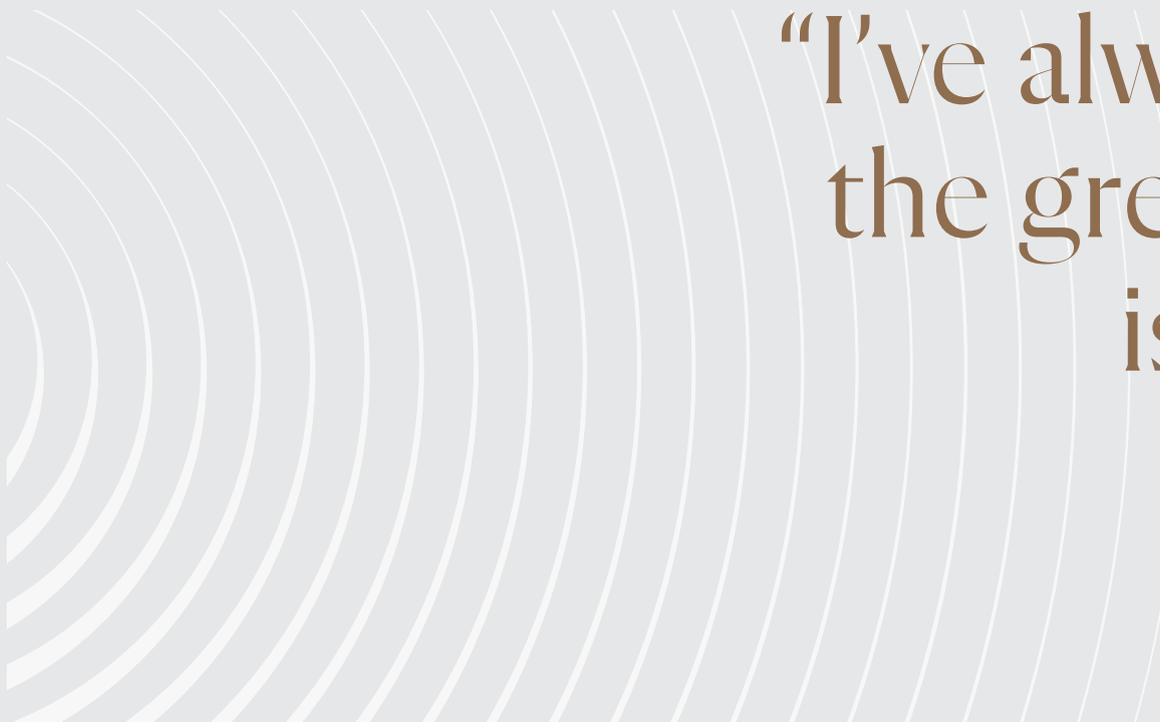
Hart says her experience as a counselor working with first-generation, college-bound high schoolers

has prepared her to be a helpful resource to the Walentas Scholars she will be charged with both attracting and supporting. The positions she has held throughout her career have instilled in her a deep reservoir of knowledge about talented, dedicated students who may face barriers to achieving academic success. Immediately following her graduation from U.Va., Hart served as assistant director for the Jefferson Scholars Foundation’s undergraduate program, and she later went on to work in the engineering division of the University of Maryland College Park Scholars. When she became a high school counselor, she further deepened her understanding of the obstacles that aspiring

first-generation college students face.

“There’s a cultural capital that continuing-generation college students carry with them, and that is something they benefit from without even knowing it,” she says. In her work, Hart has been impressed by the determination of first-generation students to overcome that gap: “Many of them have possessed resilience, tenacity, and resourcefulness inside and outside the classroom.”

Some of the obstacles first-generation students face might seem small—if their parents did not attend college, for example, they may be less familiar with some college vernacular necessary for navigating day-to-day life on campus—but other obstacles



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– David Walentas,  
JSF benefactor

can have serious consequences when it comes to the college application process or to acclimating to life at an institution of higher education.

One of the things Hart says she has enjoyed about working with first-generation students through the college application process is their incredible maturity. As an example, she described a student, a “phenomenal rising senior,” whom she supported throughout the college application process. The student continually challenged herself academically, dedicated significant time to a sports team, and acted as an exemplary leader in her community, mentoring younger students through their transition to high school. “Her work

ethic was undeniable and her level of altruism was uncommon among her peers,” Hart says. “But it was also important to understand that she was a huge financial supporter for her family in her senior year and that she was the one who had to get her brother to school every day. She had emotional responsibilities that most 18-year-olds don’t have.”

As director of the Walentas Scholars Program, Hart says she looks forward to developing unique enrichment opportunities for first-generation Scholars and helping them fulfill their potential as outstanding leaders, scholars, and citizens.



“I’VE LEARNED SOMETHING about David that I hope he doesn’t mind me sharing,” Foundation board member and Jefferson Scholar alumnus Tim Ingrassia said during the Walentas gift celebration last fall. “David suffers from a strange malady—he sees things that aren’t there.”

“I should amend that,” Ingrassia continued. “He sees things that aren’t there yet.”

After graduating from U.Va. and working for the Singer sewing machine company in Australia and Japan, Walentas arrived in New York with a dream of becoming a successful real estate developer. Eventually he co-founded Two Trees Management,

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— Sarah Elaine Hart  
Director, Walentas Scholars Program

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which he runs to this day with his son, Jed. Among Walentas's bold plans was redeveloping a neglected waterfront neighborhood in Brooklyn that has come to be known as DUMBO (an acronym for Down Under the Manhattan Bridge Overpass). Walentas believed he could turn the area into a thriving commercial, artistic, and residential hub.

At the Walentas gift event, Foundation President Jimmy Wright recalled traveling to DUMBO with Walentas before the redevelopment was underway. As soon as they arrived, Walentas started talking excitedly about his vision for the neighborhood. "Looking around at the abandoned warehouses around us, all I saw was disaster," Wright said.

Sometime later, Walentas invited Wright to visit the area once again. But this time around, "I saw perhaps the most amazing transformation I had ever witnessed," Wright said. DUMBO had morphed into a bustling new neighborhood, complete with a remarkable antique carousel, which was restored in all its glory by Walentas's wife, Jane, an artist and a former art director for the make-up company Estée Lauder. And what's more, "the abandoned warehouses were condos selling like hotcakes," Wright said. "David's vision had been realized."

Walentas brought his same bold vision to the Jefferson Scholars Foundation; his gift is the largest in U.Va. history devoted entirely to scholarships, fellowships, and professorships. His family's generosity kicked off the public phase of the University's \$5 billion *Honor the Future* campaign, and it focuses on the campaign's top priorities: faculty excellence and student access. It also furthers the Jefferson Scholars Foundation's \$250 million goal that is part of the University's overall campaign.

"David saw something that wasn't there yet at the University, and just like he's done in his career, he's acted to change it," Ingrassia said.

In addition to the Walentas Scholars Program—which will recruit and support first-generation Scholars not only from the Commonwealth of Virginia but also from Walentas's hometown of

Rochester, New York, and from New York City, where he built his real estate business—the Walentas gift will fund first-generation students identified through the Future Year Scholars Program, an initiative that enables the Darden School to recruit exceptional undergraduate students to join its world-class M.B.A. program. Additionally, the gift will provide funding for the Darden Jefferson Fellowship Program; support the A. Macdonald Caputo Leadership Excellence Fund; establish a Jefferson Scholars Foundation Visiting Professorship; and create three Jefferson Scholars Foundation Professorships, one in real estate at the Darden School and two for University President Jim Ryan to determine the highest and best use.

Ryan said that he expected the new scholarships for first-generation students to "propel [the University] to the next level" in attracting and retaining students who are the first in their families to pursue a college degree.

"It's no exaggeration in the slightest to emphasize, with incredible gratitude, that this is one of the most significant gifts that the University of Virginia has ever received," he said. "Not only because of its size, but because of the difference it will make for U.Va., for the Jefferson Scholars Foundation, and for the world of higher education."



**LAST YEAR**, Hart found herself in Wright's office discussing the Walentas gift and the transformational scholarship program it would foster. Still a school counselor at the time, Hart had been curious to learn more.

"Jimmy is a very measured and thoughtful person, but he was just effusive about this program. His excitement was electric," she says. "That was

the moment I felt called to be a part of this."

The Walentas Scholars Program will officially launch in 2021, and its specific features are still taking shape. Hart plans to speak with first-generation alumni and current students, inviting a variety of perspectives to inform the development process. "The Walentas Scholars Program will be much more than room and board, tuition, and financial support," she says. "It will also be a community that celebrates the tremendous talent and perseverance that I anticipate will lie within each Walentas Scholar."

"In my work in high schools, I've found that students who are college bound and first generation are hugely courageous in a way that they're often unaware of," she says. "They have the tenacity to overcome obstacles that are not present for others going through the same process. They also have the resilience not to be defined by any of the limitations that, through no fault of their own, they'd had to deal with at the age of 17 or 18." Through various support systems, Hart says the program will aim to help Walentas Scholars "actively map a narrative for themselves that centers them as worthy of all the opportunities the University offers."

While the nurturing of each individual Scholar will be vital to the program's success, Hart says it's also important to acknowledge how the generosity of the Walentas family will lead to transformation on a much larger scale.

"The ripple effect of the Walentas Scholars Program will reach far into the future," Hart says. "It's exhilarating to think that the Foundation can support a first-generation student at the University of Virginia and that, 50 years from now, their children and grandchildren will continue to reap the benefits of the fact that they were able to pursue a college education." ●



“This is truly a night for the history books. I am confident that those who have been a part of the Foundation’s journey from the beginning never, in your wildest dreams, thought that we would be the beneficiary of a gift that is anywhere near the magnitude of the gift Jane and David are making. Indeed, at the beginning no one dreamed the Foundation would have an endowment of \$100 million, much less receive a gift of that size.”

— **Jimmy Wright**, President, Jefferson Scholars Foundation



David and Jane Walentas



Steve Crawford, Chairman, JSF Board of Directors



Tim Ingrassia (JS '85), Jim Ryan, and Stephanie Ingrassia with the Walentas family

“It is no exaggeration in the slightest to emphasize, with immense gratitude, that this is one of the most significant gifts U.Va. has ever received — not only because of its size, but because of the difference it will make — at U.Va., for the Jefferson Scholars Foundation, for the world of higher education, and most importantly, for generations of students to come.”

– **Jim Ryan**, President, University of Virginia



“We will create the finest scholarship program for first-generation students, and we will do so with tenacity, with vision, with smarts, and when needed with grit, resilience, and persistence — the qualities that the recipients themselves will possess and the qualities that have defined [the Walentas’s] lives.”

– Jimmy Wright



David and Jane with their son Jed Walentas

## **In Memoriam: Jane Walentas**

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It is with a heavy heart and tremendous sadness that the Foundation faces the passing of Jane Walentas. A visionary artist, generous benefactor, and remarkable woman, Jane left an indelible mark on her family and friends, her community, and the world beyond.

Jane was deeply committed to using her talents to beautify the surroundings of others. Most notably, she spent nearly three decades restoring the iconic carousel that now resides in DUMBO, the neighborhood she and her husband David developed in Brooklyn. Thanks to her extraordinary efforts, the area is now a gathering spot for thousands of individuals and families and most certainly will remain so for generations to come.

The Walentas Scholars Program will no doubt be a fitting recognition for all that Jane stood for and meant to the Jefferson Scholars Foundation. Our deepest condolences go to her husband David, son Jed, and their extended family.

## Overview

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**The Fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 marked a year where not only did the Foundation announce the largest gift in its 40-year history, \$100 million, from Jane and David Walentas, but also, the Foundation secured an additional \$16 million in support of Jefferson Scholarships, the Walentas Scholars Program, and Jefferson Scholars Foundation Professorships.**

Included in the support listed above are generous commitments from three former Jefferson Scholars specifically designated to expand the effort to bring outstanding first-generation students to Grounds through the Walentas Program. These gifts will qualify for additional matching funds from the University, creating more than \$2.5 million in new support for the program.

It was Mr. Jefferson's intention that the University's "professors shall be of the first order in their respective lines which can be procured on either side of the Atlantic." The Foundation has secured additional support for endowed professorships. Through the generosity of Elizabeth and Robert Pitts, the Foundation will create a new profes-

sorship. The Mary Ann Pitts Jefferson Scholars Foundation Professorship in Math will enable the Foundation and the University to recruit a world-class scholar to the math department in the College of Arts & Sciences.

The Foundation would once again like to thank its many friends and benefactors and remains humbled by their extraordinary generosity. The ripple effect of these gifts has enabled the Foundation to bring to the University of Virginia individuals of extraordinary talent. As a result of 40 years of philanthropic support and remaining committed to our endowment model, the Foundation has become the preeminent merit scholarship foundation in the nation.

## Speaker Series

This year, the Foundation continued three of its signature speaker series and contributed to U.Va.'s intellectual vitality by bringing together students, faculty, and members of the broader Charlottesville community to hear from and engage in a dialogue with a social entrepreneur, a prison chaplain, an internationally renowned scientist, and two historians.



### SHADWELL SOCIETY SPEAKER SERIES

*featuring world-renowned authors,  
political figures, and leaders of  
industry on current global issues*

The Foundation's Shadwell Society hosted Wes Moore as its 2019 speaker on October 18, 2019. Moore, a combat veteran, social entrepreneur, and bestselling author, serves as the CEO of Robin Hood Foundation, one of the largest anti-poverty forces in the nation. His first book, *The Other Wes Moore*, a perennial *New York Times* bestseller, captured the nation's attention on the fine line between success and failure in our communities and in ourselves. He is also the author of the bestselling books *The Work*, *Discovering Wes Moore*, and *This Way Home*.



### WARREN F. CHAUNCEY LECTURE SERIES IN AMERICAN HISTORY

*featuring renowned historians and authors  
on topics pertaining to American history*

On September 5, 2019, William Hitchcock presented a talk entitled "Leadership Lessons from the Age of Eisenhower" as part of the Foundation's annual Warren F. Chauncey Lecture Series in American History. Hitchcock, the William W. Corcoran Professor of History at U.Va., focuses his research and teaching on the international, diplomatic, and military history of the 20th Century, in particular the era of the World Wars and the Cold War. His most recent book, *The Age of Eisenhower: America and the World in the 1950s*, was a *New York Times* bestseller. ■



### JeffTalks

*featuring members of the JSF community on relevant  
topics of personal and professional interest*

#### **Thomas Jefferson and the Sovereignty of the Living Generation**

Christa Dierksheide, the Brockman Foundation Jefferson Scholars Foundation Professor, discussed Thomas Jefferson's views on generational independence. In her talk, she addressed Jefferson's belief that the living generation should have both the right and the responsibility to review and rewrite its own laws and constitution.

#### **Confronting Moral Injury and PTSD in Incarcerated Women**

Reverend Sarah Jobe, the William G. Pannill Jefferson Scholar from the Class of 2003, presented on the moral injury of incarcerated women. Jobe shared some of her observations working as a chaplain for the Interfaith Prison Ministry for Women in Raleigh, North Carolina, and explained why we all should remain dedicated to advancing opportunities for incarcerated people.

#### **Risk & Resilience: Autism Families & Brain Science in the Time of COVID-19**

Kevin Pelphrey, the Harrison-Wood Jefferson Scholars Foundation Professor, led a talk via Zoom on the risks and challenges of living with and treating autism during an unprecedented time like a pandemic. Dr. Pelphrey's groundbreaking research at U.Va. uses brain science to develop biologically based tools that detect, stratify, and tailor treatments for individuals with autism. ■

## 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.

## JEFFERSON SCHOLARSHIPS

### ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

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 William Fownes Blue Family Scholarship  
 Alan and Muriel Botsford and Crawford and  
 Virginia Johnson Scholarship  
 Bowlin Family Scholarship  
 Brockenbrough Family Scholarship  
 Brooke/EBSCO Scholarship  
 Charles L. Brown Memorial Scholarship  
 Stewart H. Brown Jr. Scholarship  
 The Honorable W.L. Lyons Brown Jr.  
 Scholarship  
 W.L. Lyons Brown Foundation Scholarship  
 Brunswick School/Greenwich Academy  
 Scholarship  
 C. Austin Buck Family Scholarship  
 Burke Family Scholarship  
 Mary Catherine Hood Caldwell Scholarship  
 James K. Candler Scholarship  
 A. Macdonald Caputo Scholarship  
 Class of 1983 - David P. Carmack Memorial  
 Scholarship  
 Edward C. Carrington Jr. Scholarship

John and Betsy Casteen Scholarship  
 G. David Cheek Family Scholarship  
 Lyell B. Clay Scholarship  
 Cochran Family Scholarship  
 Connors Family Scholarship  
 W. James Copeland Jr. Scholarship  
 Mary Tilman Corson Scholarship  
 Stephen S. Crawford Family Scholarship  
 Richard S. Cross Scholarship  
 Robert P. Crozer Family Scholarship  
 Jeffrey Rockwell Cudlip Memorial  
 Scholarship  
 Isaac Curry Virginia Omicron Scholarship  
 Joseph R. Daniel Scholarship  
 Terrence D. Daniels Family Scholarship  
 Claude R. Davenport Jr. Scholarship  
 Deerfield Academy Scholarship  
 Delta Kappa Epsilon Scholarship - in  
 memory of David J. Magoon  
 Deming Family Scholarship  
 Yvonne S. Dobbs Scholarship  
 Brenda and Robert Dolan Scholarship  
 Dordelman Family Scholarship  
 Charles G. Duffy Jr. and Virginia Leahy  
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### Investment Return

The Foundation finished fiscal year 2019-20 with a 5 percent weighted-average return from its cash and investments portfolio. After a relatively strong start, the Foundation saw investment returns negatively impacted by the global economic contraction resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The investment portfolio relinquished the gains earned during the first half and reported significant losses in February and March. From that low point, the investment returns rebounded and finished the fiscal year strong.

The Foundation was fortunate to benefit again this year from strong fundraising which bolstered the investment return. Approximately \$16.4 million was received in new gifts and pledge commitments. The combination of investment returns, operational spending, and fundraising brought the Foundation's endowment portfolio to \$580 million, a 4 percent or \$21 million year over year increase.

### Operational and Capital Spending

The Foundation's operational expenses and capital expenditures finished the fiscal year significantly under budget due to the cancellation or deferral of many of the spring student enrichment and recognition opportunities. Actual operational and capital spending during fiscal year 2019-20 was \$18.7 million or over \$1.1 million under budget and resulted in an endowment spend rate of 4.5 percent. The expense allocation across the Foundation's three functional areas was 80 percent for program support, 12 percent for development, and 8 percent for administrative costs. The fiscal year 2020-21 operating and capital budget was approved at \$20.4 million. This annual increase of approximately \$600,000 is driven by increased scholarship stipend costs, the expected doubling of summer travel enrichment costs due to the program deferral, and staff growth to meet the programming needs of the new Walentas Scholars Program.

### Financial Principles

The Foundation's funding model has been key to its success over the last four decades. Nearly all gifts received by the Foundation, no matter the size, are invested. The Foundation has never relied on current-use dollars to support its annual operations. This investment strategy, implemented with a view towards long-term capital appreciation, provides a stable and growing source of operational income in perpetuity.

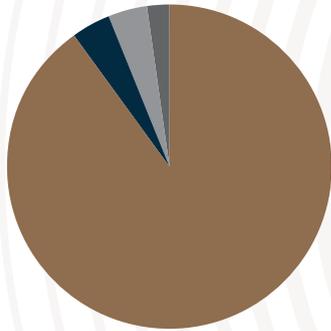
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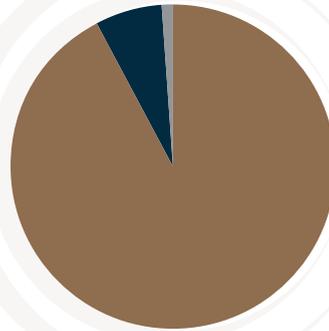
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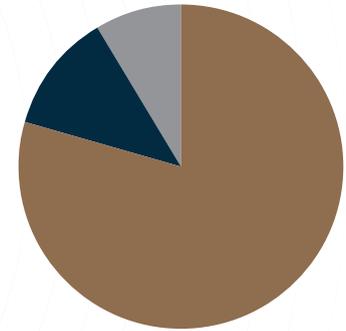
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Enrichment Programs	\$475,209
Professorships	\$797,393
Selection/Recognition	\$204,791
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,928,370</b>

### SOURCES OF INCOME



Foundation Endowment	\$17,280,385
Other Endowments	\$1,178,174
Other Sources	\$224,939
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,683,498</b>

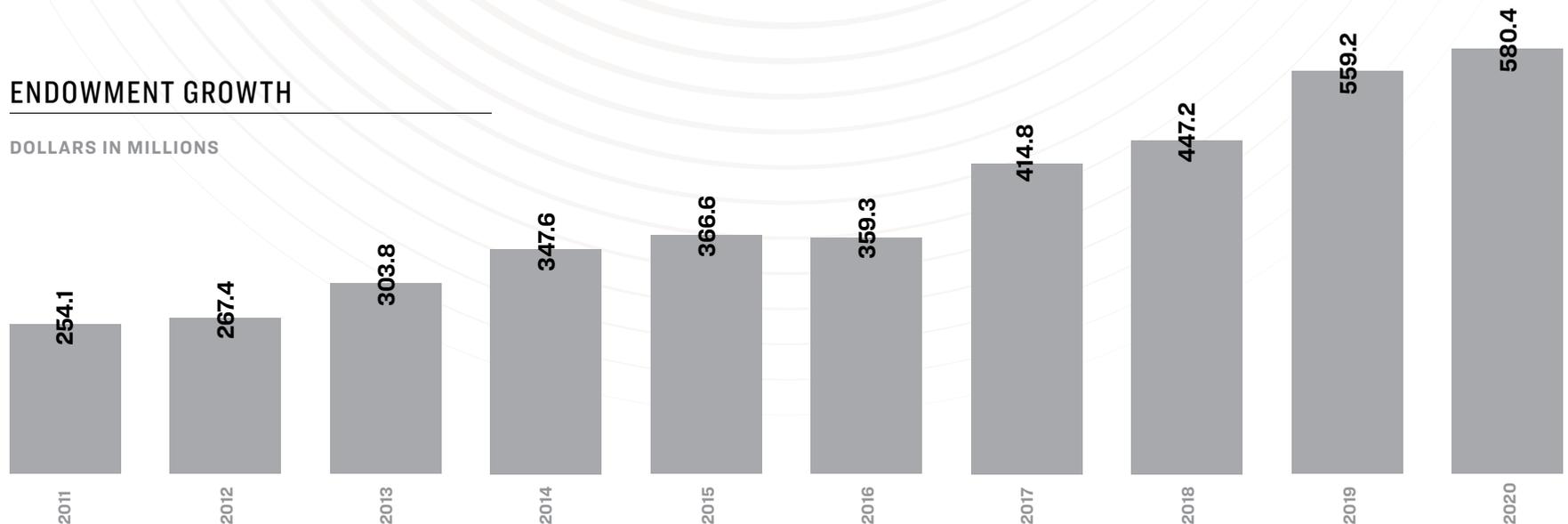
### EXPENSES BY FUNCTION



Program Development	\$14,924,539
Development	\$2,185,291
Administrative	\$1,573,668
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,683,498</b>

### ENDOWMENT GROWTH

DOLLARS IN MILLIONS



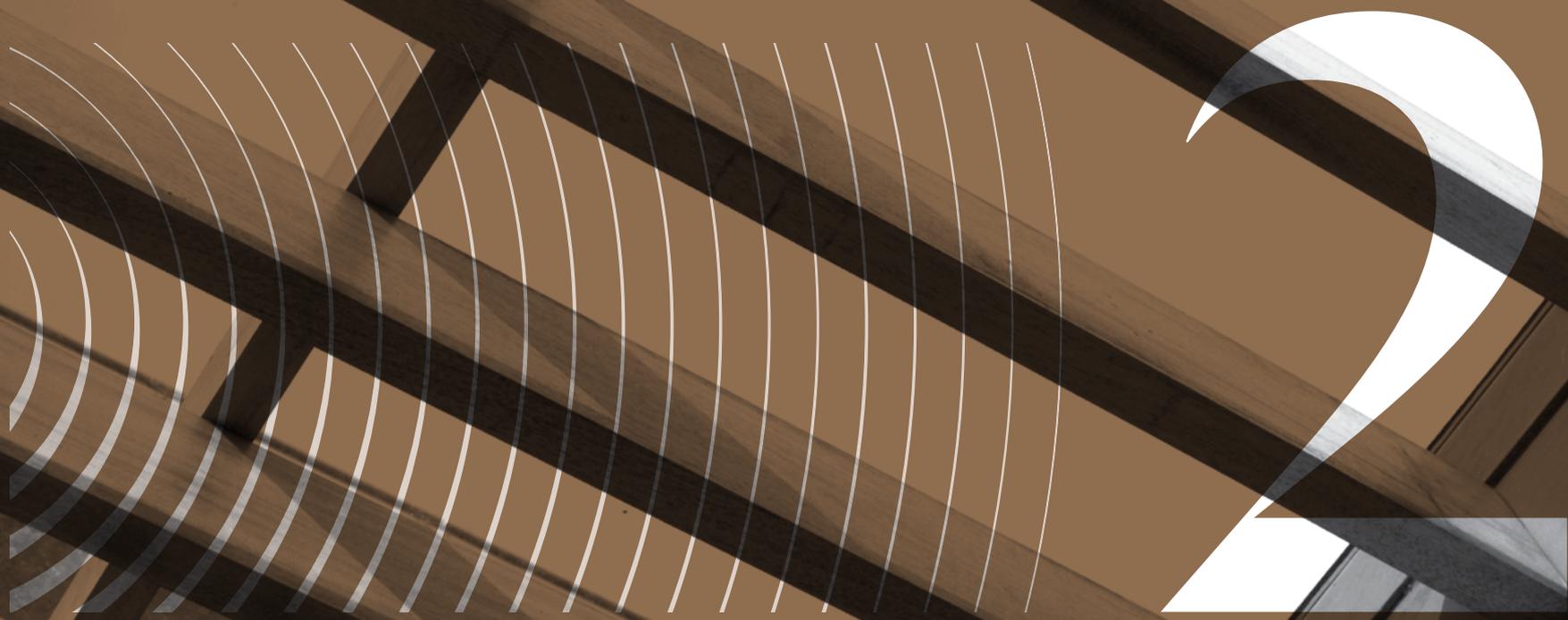
**Conclusion**

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**The COVID-19 pandemic made this a very unusual year for the Foundation, with financial impacts falling upon both investment returns and operational expenditures. However, the Foundation's long-term focus and financial strength enabled it to stay the course even during a tumultuous time. The Foundation's ability to fund its mission would not have been possible without its many generous benefactors. It is with gratitude that we thank each of you for your faith in the Foundation to be a good steward of its financial resources. The Foundation will strive to maintain that confidence as it builds towards the future.**

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# Yearbook



# Faculty



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The Foundation underscores its commitment to attracting outstanding talent to U.Va. by raising more than \$80 million in support of endowed professorships. These professorships aim to attract to U.Va. nationally and internationally recognized scholars and leaders in their fields, known for their superior abilities as both classroom teachers and innovative researchers.



## Professorship Program

To date, the Foundation has established partnerships with five schools across U.Va. and is working to attract faculty to the College of Arts & Sciences, Curry School of Education and Human Development, Darden School of Business, Law School, and School of Medicine. Holders of the Foundation's Professorships are charged with creating transformative classroom experiences and cutting-edge research in their fields. This year, the Foundation helped attract two such professors to the University faculty—a business practitioner and a renowned historian.

## Professor of Practice

As the first faculty member hired through the generosity of the Walentas family, Vivian Riefberg says she is committed to cultivating true citizen-leaders.



**THE CURRENT PANDEMIC** holds important lessons for today's leaders, says Vivian Riefberg, who recently joined the Darden School of Business as the first David Walentas Jefferson Scholars Foundation Professor. During a Darden Executive M.B.A. course she taught this summer with other faculty, Riefberg shared insights from her robust leadership career. As a senior partner at McKinsey & Co. and an advisory board member for the National Institutes of Health and other nonprofits, what is one of the most important things she's learned? "Leaders don't lead in a vacuum," she says. "They operate in a larger society. The pandemic makes this clear writ large: The choices we make affect other people, although we often don't realize it."

For Riefberg, the Jefferson Scholars Foundation's commitment to advancing the greater good dovetails with her own ethos. "Citizenship is a very important idea to me," she explains. "Responsible citizen-leaders not only learn the technical content of what they're doing—whether that's engineering, law, nursing, or some other field—but they also learn the context. They have a sense of themselves as citizens in a larger community, not

just in their own bubbles, even if we're living in bubbles right now for medical reasons."

After teaching at Darden for two years as a Dean's Fellow, Riefberg will join the School's faculty as a professor of practice. She emphasizes the final word in that title, inviting experts who can "make the theory come alive" into her classroom. Her guests have ranged from Virginia's former secretary of health to entrepreneurs and leaders of private equity firms.

An expert in women's leadership, Riefberg says she is passionate about equal access. "I hope to help Darden further its development of outstanding leaders, with a continued goal of attracting and engaging women, especially women of color," she says. She also describes herself as "in awe" of visionary real estate developer David Walentas, whose gift to the Foundation not only funds her position, but also supports the Walentas Scholars Program. "I believe that while capability is evenly distributed, opportunity is not, and I know the life-altering opportunities education can provide," Riefberg says. "Mr. Walentas has translated his leadership in business into true citizen-leadership, by virtue of this gift and the young people whose lives will be changed by it." ■

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## Jefferson for Today's World

Christa Dierksheide is challenging her students to engage closely with the history of the University and the nation.



**FROM THE VERY FIRST DAY**, it must have been clear to Christa Dierksheide's students that her class "The Age of Jefferson" was going to be anything but a boring history lecture. Dierksheide, the Brockman Foundation Jefferson Scholars Foundation Professor, had asked the class to convene in front of the Jefferson statue on the north side of the Rotunda. There, she led them in a discussion covering the 2017 Unite the Right Rally in Charlottesville and the role of Jefferson's legacy in the event.

Dierksheide says everyone in the class remembered exactly where they were when they heard what was happening at the rally. "This history is so important and visceral for students," Dierksheide says. "It shows Jefferson's currency in today's divisive political world."

An expert on antebellum America, Jefferson, slavery, and race, Dierksheide joined the Corcoran Department of History last fall. Formerly, she was a Kinder Institute Professor of Constitutional Democracy and an assistant professor of history at the University of Missouri. She has also served as historian at the Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies at Monticello.

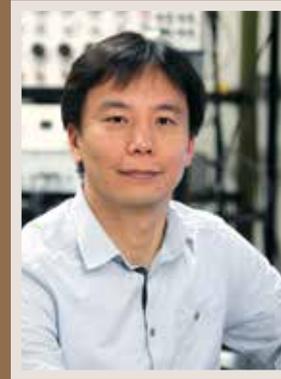
At U.Va., Dierksheide is encouraging her students to consider the complexities of our nation's history, as well as our nation's founders. "They have a lot of 'aha' moments," she says. One example: "Some students are surprised to learn that Jefferson believed strongly in generational sovereignty. He felt that the living generation should have both the right and the responsibility to review and rewrite its own laws and constitution."

In addition to inspiring students in her courses, Dierksheide is developing various larger initiatives that will deepen and enrich their education, including formal opportunities for gaining valuable, ongoing experience at historic sites and museums. She is also spearheading efforts to create a predoctoral fellowship, a postdoctoral fellowship, and a book series with U.Va. Press, all focused on early American history.

"The support that I'm getting from the Jefferson Scholars Foundation for these efforts will be transformational for our graduate program," Dierksheide says. "I'll be able to offer Ph.D. students in the history department something that will enhance their experience at U.Va.—and their career prospects—in a way that has never been done before." ■

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## Foundation Professors



### Jianhua 'J.C.' Cang

**PAUL T. JONES JEFFERSON  
SCHOLARS FOUNDATION  
PROFESSOR**

*Department of Biology,  
Department of Psychology*

Professor Cang joined the faculty in Fall 2017. He helps lead U.Va.'s brain-science research with joint appointments in the Departments of Biology and Psychology. His research focuses on two brain structures in the visual system—the cortex and the superior colliculus—as he works to identify treatments for visual impairments.



### Kevin Pelphrey

**HARRISON-WOOD JEFFERSON  
SCHOLARS FOUNDATION  
PROFESSOR**

*School of Medicine and Curry School of  
Education and Human Development*

Professor Pelphrey joined the faculty in fall 2018. His research uses brain science to develop biologically based tools for detection and stratification and individually tailored treatments for individuals with autism.

# Undergraduate Scholars





The Foundation identifies, attracts, and nurtures outstanding undergraduate students and the most promising leaders, scholars, and citizens in the world through the Jefferson Scholars Program. Jefferson Scholarships cover the cost of attendance for four years at U.Va. and include an extensive enrichment program.

## A Widening Impact



Since 1980, the reach of the Jefferson Scholars Program has expanded prodigiously, and so has its impact. As the number of Jefferson Scholar nominees continues to grow, so does the impact of the Scholars on Grounds. The myriad and diverse ways in which they influence and transform the University community are especially worth noting.

### AN IMPRESSIVE RECORD

With their remarkable number of achievements, Jefferson Scholars continue to set an extremely high bar to which future classes can strive. The following awards and significant accomplishments are a small sample:

- 11** Student Members of the Board of Visitors
- 12** Honor Committee Chairs
- 6** Student Council Presidents
- 4** Judiciary Committee Chairs
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- 16** Ernest H. Ern Distinguished Student Awards
- 12** Gray-Carrington Recipients
  - 9** Algernon Sydney Sullivan Awards
  - 26** Shannon Awards
  - 268** Lawn Residents
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  - 11** Rhodes Scholars
  - 11** Goldwater Scholarships
  - 11** Marshall Scholars
  - 10** Fulbright Scholars
    - 4** Luce Scholars
    - 3** Schwarzman Scholars
  - 11** Harry S. Truman Scholars

## Sustained Growth

The Jefferson Scholarship selection process has grown significantly over the last 40 years, aided both by great success from the Development Team, which has spearheaded efforts to endow new regions, and by the efficiency gained through the transition to a digital platform for the regional nomination process. These charts display the growth in the number of nominees and regions that are eligible to participate in the Foundation's selection process.

**8.5%**

of the entering undergraduate class at U.Va. have been Jefferson Scholars nominees (since 2000)

**1,350+**

students on Grounds in Fall 2020 were Jefferson Scholars nominees, the largest number in history

**8,000**

nominees have attended the University since 1990

**24%**

of all nominees since 1990 have attended U.Va.

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The Jefferson Scholars competition is currently held in:

**59**

domestic regions

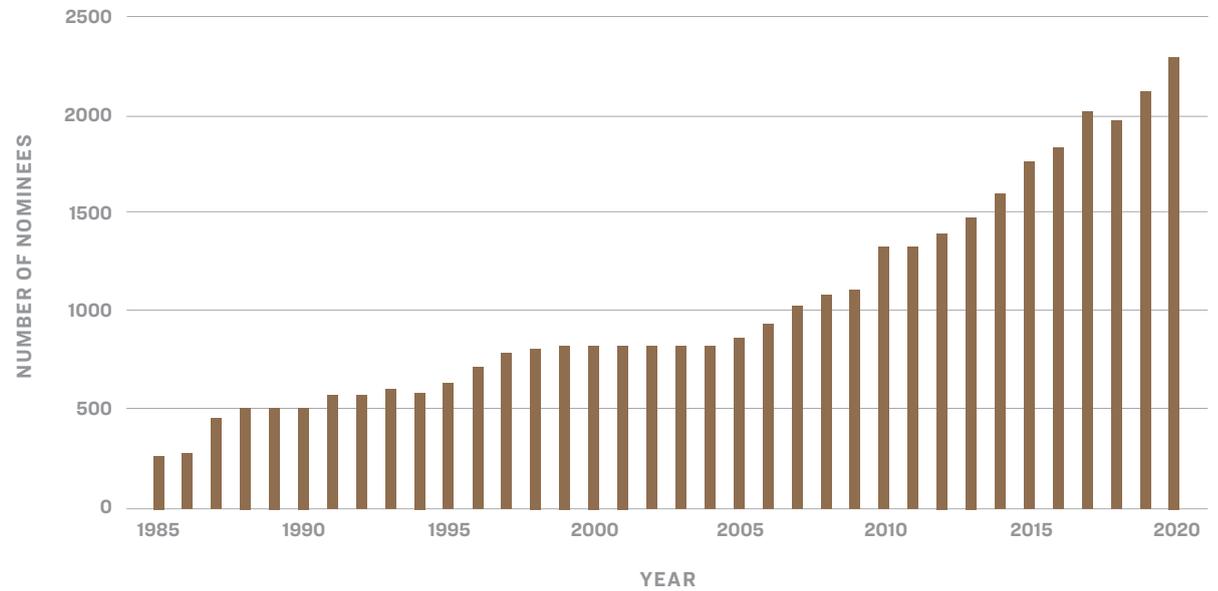
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international regions

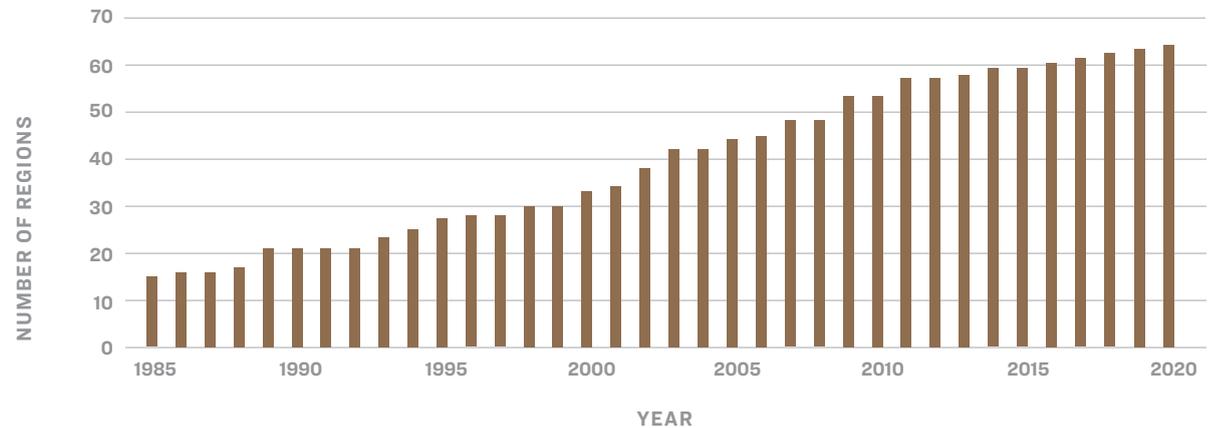
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at-large regions

## JEFFERSON SCHOLARSHIP NOMINEES



## JEFFERSON SCHOLARSHIP REGIONS



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# Jefferson Scholars Class of 2020





## Nathaniel Robert Abraham

**CLASS OF 1983 - DAVID P. CARMACK MEMORIAL SCHOLAR**

Central High School  
Little Rock, Arkansas

Community Honor Fund, president, vice president of clients, education director; Alternative Spring Break, president, service learning chair, site leader; Inter-Fraternity Council, vice president of risk management; Offender Aid and Restoration, re-entry services intern; Madison House; Engineers Going Global, international research project in Nicaragua; Pay for Success Lab, senior fellow, Jefferson fellow; Krishanti Vignarajah Maryland Gubernatorial Campaign, Policy Team; Phi Delta Theta, philanthropy chair, Risk Committee; Network2Work, independent research, team leader; One in Four, secretary; Echols Scholar; Dean's List; Jefferson Public Citizens Grant; Raven Society

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

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



## Isabelle Ballard Andrews

**WILLIAM M. HILL JR. SCHOLAR**

St. Catherine's School  
Richmond, Virginia

Original short film "Airplane Mode," writer, director, co-editor; Young Women's Leadership Program, big sister; The Whethermen Improv Comedy, performer, booking manager; The Whethermen Comedy Videos, co-writer, co-director, actor; Theological Horizons, Horizons Fellow; Spectrum Theatre, Voices of the Class Sketch Comedy, assistant director, writer, actor; Hot Kids Sketch Comedy, writer, actor; Promotions Class, commercial actor, singer; Overcranked Productions Short Films, actor; Oxford University Visiting Student (Oxford Revue Sketch Comedy, Jericho Comedy Professional Standup, Oxford Shooting Team, St. Anne's Rowing Team, Oxford Union member); Creative Processes and Practices Forum, Comedy Capstone; First Year Players, actor; Kappa Delta; Echols Scholar; Intermediate Honors

**DEGREE:** *B.A. English: Modern Literature and Culture with Distinction*

**FUTURE PLANS:** To pursue a career in writing, acting, and directing



## Vilas Annavarapu

**FRANK BATTEN SCHOLAR**

The Charter School of Wilmington  
Wilmington, Delaware

Housing and Residence Life, senior resident, resident advisor, Committee on Multiculturalism; Asian Leaders Council, chair; Minority Rights Coalition, board member; Indian Student Association, outreach chair, Ad-hoc committee; HooRaas; U.V.A. Student Council, Safety and Wellness Committee; The Wilson Journal of International Affairs, managing editor, program director; Jefferson Literary and Debating Society, Membership Committee; John Casteen III Diversity and Inclusion Award Selection Committee, member; Community Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, student representative, speaker; Voices Podcast, director; Legal Aid Justice Center, research assistant; Echols Scholar; Dean's List; Honor 150 Award; Center for Global Health Scholar; Raven Society; Lawn resident

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

**FUTURE PLANS:** To teach social studies as a member of the Mississippi Teacher Corps while completing a fully funded Master of Teaching at the University of Mississippi.



## Parker James Bach

### JEFFREY R. ANDERSON FAMILY SCHOLAR

Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Housing and Residence Life, vice chair of professional expectations and promotions, senior resident, resident advisor; University Judiciary Committee, counselor, first year judge; The Whethermen Improv Comedy, president, vice president; Spectrum Theatre, Voices of the Class, director; The Yellow Journal; ULink: University Peer Advising Link, peer advisor; First Year Players; Movable Type; Bernard D. Mayes Award; Department of Media Studies, research assistant; Echols Scholar; Raven Society

**DEGREE:** *B.A. Media Studies with Distinction*

**FUTURE PLANS:** To pursue a Master in Media, Culture, and Technology at U.Va.



## Mary Elizabeth Barksdale

### JAMES J. BAILEY III SCHOLAR

Episcopal High School of Baton Rouge  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Honor Committee, vice chair for education, honor education coordinator, support officer; Fourth Year Trustees; Madison House, Housing Improvement Program; Office of the Governor of Louisiana, intern; Louisiana Girls State, counselor; Women's Leadership Development Program; Jefferson Public Service Fellow; Museum of East German Daily Life, curator; Chi Omega, Greek Leadership Conference representative; Echols Scholar

**DEGREE:** *B.A. Political Philosophy, Policy, and Law Distinguished Majors Program with High Distinction and History*

**FUTURE PLANS:** To attend Duke University School of Law as a Mordecai Scholar



## Kristen Rochelle Barrett

### FARISH FAMILY SCHOLAR

The Harpeth Hall School  
Nashville, Tennessee

Jefferson Literary and Debating Society, president, secretary; Paul Robeson Players, president, vice president; Hoos in the Stairwell, historian, alto; Miller Arts Scholars Program, vice president; Shakespeare on the Lawn, director; The Virginia Literary Review, editorial staff; Fourth Year Trustees; Lawn resident; Echols Scholar; Intermediate Honors; Dean's List; Raven Society; Marshall Scholar

**DEGREE:** *B.A. English Distinguished Majors Program with Highest Distinction; Minor in Drama*

**FUTURE PLANS:** To pursue a Master in English and Film Aesthetics in the U.K. as a Marshall Scholar.



## Aurora Wickes Bays-Muchmore

### L.S. WALDROP/T. EVANS WYCKOFF SCHOLAR

Interlake High School  
Bellevue, Washington

Madison House, Board of Directors student member, Creating Assets, Savings, and Hope program director, Montanova Stables volunteer, Holiday Sharing; Housing and Residence Life, Shea House financial chair, Bice-Language House Association Council, secretary; Transfer Student Peer Advisor Program, advisor; Transfer Advisory Board; Washington Literary Society and Debating Union, treasurer, athletic chair; Virginia Women's Rugby; Virginia Triathlon Team, outreach chair; Alternative Spring Break, co-site leader; Echols Council, Echols Ambassador, student panel coordinator; Campus Kitchens, volunteer; Alpha Phi Omega Service Fraternity, mid-week service coordinator, treasurer; Arab Student Organization; Echols Scholar; Dean's List

**DEGREE:** *M.S. Commerce; B.A. Middle Eastern Studies*

**FUTURE PLANS:** To pursue a career in project management



## Wyatt Sanford Beazley V

### ELI W. TULLIS SCHOLAR

Woodberry Forest School  
Woodberry Forest, Virginia

U.Va. Men's Club Lacrosse; College Council, Grants Committee; Social Entrepreneurship @ UVA, Future of Food Fellow; U.Va. Student Council, Green Initiatives Funding Tomorrow; Inter-Fraternity Council, Sustainability Committee; HackCville, Node Program; Department of Politics, research assistant; St. Anthony Hall, rush chair; Echols Scholar; Dean's List

**DEGREE:** *B.S. Commerce (Finance, Information Technology) with Distinction*

**FUTURE PLANS:** To work for Oliver Wyman as a consultant in New York City



## Michael Theodore Benos

### W. HARRY SCHWARZSCHILD JR. AND KATHRYN SCHWARZSCHILD SCHOLAR

Maggie L. Walker Governor's School  
Richmond, Virginia

Rodman Council, marketing co-director, website manager; Engineers Going Global, education program, volunteer robotics instructor; HooThinks, project manager, software developer; Converge at U.Va., technology development chair; Department of Computer Science, Hutchison research assistant, teaching assistant; U.Va. Cyber Offense Team; Mechatronics and Robotics Society; Virginia Institute of Autism, volunteer robotics instructor; Survivor at U.Va.; Rodman Scholar; Dean's List; Impact Fellowship; 2019 Virginia Cyber Cup, champion; 2020 Virginia Cyber Cup, runner-up; 2019 Eastern Regional Penetration Testing Competition, champion; 2019 Mastercard Puzzle Tournament, champion; Department of Computer Science Cybersecurity Focal Path; Louis T. Rader Chairperson Award

**DEGREE:** *B.S. Computer Science with High Distinction*

**FUTURE PLANS:** To join the Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren Division as a software engineer



## Anna Leigh Cerf

### PETER AND CRISLER QUICK SCHOLAR

Edina High School  
Edina, Minnesota

Society of Women Engineers, president, Elementary and Middle School Outreach chair; Engineering Student Council, Sustainability Committee director; Nitrogen Working Group, research intern; U.Va. Office of Sustainability, intern; Green Grounds; Volunteers with International Students, Staff, and Scholars (VISAS); Pi Beta Phi; Rodman Scholar; Dean's List; Lawn resident; Raven Society; SEAS Outstanding Student Award; Edgar F. Shannon Award

**DEGREE:** *B.S. Civil and Environmental Engineering with Highest Distinction; Urban and Environmental Planning Minor*

**FUTURE PLANS:** To join Stearn, Conrad, & Schmidt as a staff engineer in Reston, Virginia



## Trent Joseph Chinnaswamy

### GEORGE LEWIS SCHOLAR

Boston College High School  
Boston, Massachusetts

Batten Graduate Council, president; Washington Literary Society and Debating Union; Jefferson Literary and Debating Society; Housing and Residence Life, First Year Council; University Guide Service; Sustained Dialogue; First Year 5K, Planning Committee; INST1605: History of Mr. Jefferson's University, course facilitator; Echols Scholar; Thirteen Society

**DEGREE:** *M.P.P. Public Policy; B.A. Slavic Languages and Literature with Distinction*

**FUTURE PLANS:** To join Interos AI as an analyst in Charlottesville



## James Coleman Chisom

### ROXANNA AND RALPH JOYNES SCHOLAR

Salem High School  
Salem, Virginia

Inter-Fraternity Council, president; HackCville, Rethink; ReinventED Lab, Idea and Development intern, program co-coordinator; Honor Committee, support officer; Tadler Fellowship in Impact Investing; Batten School, research assistant; Department of Economics, research assistant; Department of Statistics, teaching assistant; One in Four, Executive Committee; Madison House, Creating Assets, Savings, and Hope; Seeds of Hope Brazil; Beta Theta Pi, Executive Committee; Echols Scholar; Dean's List; Jefferson Public Citizens Grant; Royster-Lawton Fellowship; Intermediate Honors; Kenneth G. Elzinga Scholarship for Academic Excellence; Duncan Clark Hyde Award; Lawn resident; Phi Beta Kappa

**DEGREE:** *B.A. Economics Distinguished Majors Program with High Distinction and Statistics*

**FUTURE PLANS:** To join Alpine Investors as a Private Equity Analyst in San Francisco



## Xara Natasja Davies

### WILLIAM C. AND FREDERICK W. WHITRIDGE SCHOLAR

The Cheltenham Ladies' College  
Gloucestershire, United Kingdom

English Students' Association, president; Madison House, Charlottesville Area Riding Therapy program director, volunteer; ePortfolio, peer consultant; UVA. Public Service, communications intern; UVA. Biocomplexity Institute, marketing and communications intern; Jefferson Literary and Debating Society, Pen & Ink Committee chair, sargeant-at-arms, historian; Shakespeare on the Lawn, assistant fundraising chair, actor; Cavalier Daily, news writer, graphic designer; Autism Theatre Project, Executive Board member, volunteer; Housing and Residence Life, Bice-Language House Association Council president; Department of Psychology, research assistant; Sigma Delta Tau, community service chair; Jefferslam Poetry Contest, first place; Echols Scholar; Dean's List; Wagenheim Memorial Scholar

**DEGREE:** *B.A. English: Modern Literature and Culture Distinguished Majors Program with High Distinction; Urban Planning Minor*

**FUTURE PLANS:** To take a gap-year in the U.K. while applying to English literature graduate programs for 2021 entry



## Clare Hill Draper V

### HOLLIS FAMILY SCHOLAR

The Westminster Schools  
Atlanta, Georgia

The Virginia Gentlemen, president; Honor Committee, support officer; Theological Horizons, Horizons Fellow, estate steward; Eta Sigma Phi National Honorary Classical Fraternity; Phi Delta Theta, risk manager; Echols Scholar; Francis Lazenby Travelling Fellowship; Recipient, Outstanding Accomplishment Award from The Classical Association of the Middle West and South; Anne Marye Owen Prize in Classics; Raven Society

**DEGREE:** *B.A. Political and Social Thought Distinguished Majors Program with High Distinction and Classics*

**FUTURE PLANS:** To pursue a Master in Classics at the University of Oxford



## Cassandra Mia Grello

### JOAN AND PHILIP B. POOL JR. FAMILY SCHOLAR

Half Hollow Hills High School East  
Dix Hills, New York

AcHOostics A Cappella, president, philanthropy chair; Charlottesville-Albemarle Rescue Squad, emergency medical technician; Happy Kids Healthy Kids, co-president; Sigma Delta Pi National Collegiate Hispanic Honor Society, vice president; First Response Club, event coordinator; Honor Committee; Rotaract Club; Independent Research, Mother's Postpartum Concerns; U.Va. Medical School, thesis research on Glioblastoma; U.Va. Guatemala Initiative, research on electronic medical records; Echols Scholar; Dean's List; Center for Global Health University Scholar Award

**DEGREE:** *B.A. Human Biology Distinguished Majors Program with Highest Distinction and Spanish*

**FUTURE PLANS:** To attend New York University School of Medicine



## Xinlu (Aurora) Guo

**ROBERT S. PITTS JR. AND ELIZABETH O'BRIEN PITTS SCHOLAR**

The Baldwin School  
Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

Mainland Student Network, executive vice president; Voices Podcast, co-founder; Virginia Club Badminton; The Oculus Journal of Undergraduate Research; Jefferson Public Service Fellow; Echols Scholar; Dean's List; Raven Society

**DEGREE:** *B.A. Political and Social Thought Distinguished Majors Program with High Distinction and Economics; Spanish Minor*

**FUTURE PLANS:** To join Bain & Company as an associate consultant in Washington D.C.



## Ceileigh Mae Holsteen

**JEFFERSON SCHOLARS FOUNDATION SCHOLAR**

Trinity Valley School  
Fort Worth, Texas

U.Va. Student Council, Academic Affairs Committee, library liaison; Phoenix-Aid, data and analysis lead; Nursing Students Without Borders, fundraising chair; Reformed University Fellowship; Virginia Nursing Students' Association; Sustained Dialogue; Pi Beta Phi, vice president of fraternity development; Dean's List; Anne Pollok Hemmings Clinical Excellence Award

**DEGREE:** *B.S.N. Nursing with Highest Distinction*

**FUTURE PLANS:** To join Cook Children's Medical Center as a pediatric critical care nurse in Fort Worth



## Bradley Alan Katcher

**WILLIAM A. HOBBS SCHOLAR**

Westlake High School  
Westlake, Ohio

College Republicans, vice chair for campaigns, debates chair; School of Data Science Student Council, president; School of Data Science Steering Committee; Charlottesville Debate League, treasurer; Graduate Professional Council, School of Data Science representative; Batten Graduate Council, accelerated class representative; Batten Admissions, ambassador; Parliamentary Debate Society at U.Va.; Challah for Hunger, dorm representative; International Relations Organization; Economics Club; Madison House, U.Va. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program associate; Student Activities Committee; Virginia Review of Politics, research assistant; Tom Garrett for Congress, intern; Students for Ed Gillespie, coalition director; Washington Literary Society and Debating Union; Echols Peer Advisor; Federal Reserve Challenge Team; FCG Consulting, executive director; Deloitte Consulting Undergraduate Case Competition, U.Va. champion; Pi Alpha Alpha Public Policy Honor Society; Alfred Marshall Society; Echols Scholar; Dean's List; Batten School Master of Public Policy Pilot Award; Wood Family Award for Outstanding Service in Data Science

**DEGREE:** *M.S. Data Science; M.P.P. Public Policy; B.A. Economics with Distinction*

**FUTURE PLANS:** To pursue a career in economic research at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in Washington, D.C.



## Samuel Garland LeFew

### ELIZABETH M. FORSYTH SCHOLAR

E.C. Glass High School  
Lynchburg, Virginia

Camp Kesem U.Va., co-director, outreach coordinator, counselor; One in Four, training coordinator, secretary; Inter-Fraternity Council, governing board, public relations chair; Cavalier Daily, sports writer; Hoo Crew; Charlottesville-Albemarle Rescue Squad, emergency medical technician; U.Va. Department of Emergency Medicine, medical scribe, trainer scribe; Phoenix-Aid, data analysis fellow; Seeds of Hope Brazil, outreach chair; Madison House, Music Resource Center; Global Medical Trainer; Beta Theta Pi, communications chair; Echols Scholar; Beta Theta Pi Men of Principle Scholarship; Dean's List; Gus Blagden Good Guy Lawn Room Recipient

**DEGREE:** *B.A. Global Public Health*

**FUTURE PLANS:** To pursue teaching opportunities before applying to medical school in 2021



## Rohit Musti

### ALBERT DORSET PENICK SCHOLAR

Indian Hill High School  
Cincinnati, Ohio

U.Va. Student Council, Advisory Council Committee chair; Echols Council, Balz-Dobie Association Council president; Jefferson Literary and Debating Society, keeper; Honor Committee, liaison; International Relations Organization, Virginia Model United Nations vice chair; Association for Computing Machinery, treasurer; Department of Computer Science, head teaching assistant; School of Engineering and Applied Science, teacher; Public Interest Technology University Network grant supported project - Courts Data Project, web developer; Echols Scholar

**DEGREE:** *M.C.S. Computer Science; B.A. Computer Science*

**FUTURE PLANS:** To join American Forests as the senior manager of data science in Washington D.C.



## Lindsey Andrews Page

### JUDITH T. AND ELI W. TULLIS SCHOLAR

Isidore Newman School  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Inter-Sorority Council, vice president of recruitment, chapter management; University Guide Service; Delta Delta Delta, risk manager; Writing Center, tutor; Echols Scholar; Dean's List

**DEGREE:** *B.A. Political and Social Thought with High Distinction; French Minor*

**FUTURE PLANS:** To pursue a career in marketing in New York City



## Emmitt Kellum Pert

### ST. ELMO HALL (DELTA PHI) SCHOLAR

Westview High School  
San Diego, California

Honor Committee, support officer; Egorov Research Lab, research assistant; Racquetball Club; Publications: Organometallics, Nature, Journal of Organic Chemistry, ACS Catalysis, published author; Harman Research Group; NASA Virginia Space Grant Consortium Undergraduate Research Scholarship; STEM Bridge Scholarship; University of Mainz Research Fellowship; U.Va. Cycling Club; Echols Scholar; American Chemical Society Outstanding Senior U.Va. Chemistry; Stanford EDGE Fellowship

**DEGREE:** *M.A. Chemistry; B.S. Chemistry - Chemical Physics Distinguished Majors Program with Highest Distinction*

**FUTURE PLANS:** To pursue a Ph.D. in chemistry at Stanford University with a focus on developing theoretical chemistry methods



## Akshay Naga Venkata Pulavarty

### OLIVE B. AND FRANKLIN C. MAC KRELL SCHOLAR

Westview High School  
Portland, Oregon

Phi Delta Epsilon International Medical Fraternity, vice president of recruiting; Madison House, tutor, Infusion Center; Echols Council, treasurer, Academic and Professional Development chair; Unsung People, vice president; Jefferson Literary and Debating Society, Debate and Oratory Committee; Raven Society, selections committee; Conflux: A Global Health Research Journal, published author; Kipnis Lab, research assistant; Kucenas Lab, research assistant; Department of Public Health, research assistant; Jefferson Public Service Fellow; Indian Student Association; Oregon National Primate Research Center, undergraduate research fellow; Echols Scholar; Ram Family Center for Global Health Award; Dean's List; Intermediate Honors; Raven Society

**DEGREE:** *M.P.H. Public Health; B.A. Neuroscience Distinguished Majors Program with Highest Distinction*

**FUTURE PLANS:** To pursue a medical degree at New York University's Grossman School of Medicine



## Philip Michael Renkert

### JOHN P. MARCH SCHOLAR

Buffalo High School  
Buffalo, Wyoming

Team VICTOR (Virginia Cooperative of Autonomous Robots), team member; Solar Car Team at U.Va., logistics lead, Manufacturing Team member; CHOOS E A Cappella, member; Mechanical Engineering Department, teaching assistant; Rodman Scholar; Mechanical Engineering Outstanding Student 2020

**DEGREE:** B.S. Mechanical Engineering with Highest Distinction; Engineering Business Minor

**FUTURE PLANS:** To pursue a Master of Mechanical Systems and Controls at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign



## Colleen Marie Schinderle

### HARRY W. GILBERT SCHOLAR

Granby High School  
Norfolk, Virginia

The Human-Animal Support Services Club, vice president, events chair; Cavalier Daily, senior writer; The Virginia Literary Review, production manager; Madison House, Medical Services volunteer, Cavs in the Classroom; Phi Delta Epsilon International Medical Fraternity, vice president of programming, Community Service Committee; The Monroe Society; Nicaraguan Orphan Fund; Sigma Kappa, Scholarship Committee; Okusa Laboratory, research assistant; Echols Scholar; Intermediate Honors; Dean's List; Phi Beta Kappa

**DEGREE:** *B.A. Human Biology; Spanish minor*

**FUTURE PLANS:** To work for Virginia Beach Emergency Medical Services as an emergency medical technician while applying to medical school for fall 2021



## Matthew Blake Sonnenblick

### MINOR FAMILY SCHOLAR

Chadwick School  
Palos Verdes Peninsula, California

Beta Gamma Sigma Commerce Honor Society, president; Alternative Investment Fund at McIntire, analyst; Community Honor Fund, vice president of finance, loan officer; University Judiciary Committee, McIntire representative; McIntire Admissions, undergraduate ambassador; Student Entrepreneurs for Economic Development, project director, development chair, project leader; Madison House, Cavs in the Classroom; Beta Theta Pi; National Society of Collegiate Scholars; Echols Scholar; Raven Society

**DEGREE:** *B.S. Commerce (Advertising and Digital Media, Finance, Information Technology) with Distinction; B.A. Economics*

**FUTURE PLANS:** To join Altamont Capital Partners, a private equity firm in San Francisco



## Alexandra Grace Spratley

### TAYLOR BROTHERS SCHOLAR

Myers Park High School  
Charlotte, North Carolina

Honor Committee, vice chair for hearings, committee representative for the College of Arts and Sciences, senior support officer, investigation coordinator; Sustained Dialogue, moderator; University Guide Service; Alpha Chi Omega; Honor Committee, Investigator of the Year 2017-18; Echols Scholar; Dean's List

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

**FUTURE PLANS:** To pursue a career in the public sector before applying to graduate school



## Emma Westerhof

### DOUGLAS M. AND PEGGY SHOMO JOYNER FAMILY SCHOLAR

Yorktown High School  
Arlington, Virginia

Volunteers with International Students, Staff, and Scholars, media, outreach, and recruitment intern, ESLA instructor; University Judiciary Committee, First Year Judiciary Committee vice chair; The Multicultural Student Center, social media & marketing intern; Cavalier Daily, copy editor; Casa Bolivar, Circulo Literario Committee co-chair, resident; ESL 911 - Classroom Communication: Teaching & Preparing for the Job Market, classroom moderator; Spanish Tutor; Virginia Organizing, intern; Legal Aid Justice Center's Virginia Justice Project for Farm & Immigrant Workers, intern; Virginia Student Environment Coalition; Echols Scholar; Raven Society

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

**FUTURE PLANS:** To complete a two-year paralegal program at the firm of Kostelanetz & Fink, LLP in Washington D.C. before attending law school



## Jackson Gillespie Wilkins

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Sacred Heart Catholic School  
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Converge U.Va., president; Seriatim Journal of American Politics, editor-in-chief, managing editor; U.Va. for Tom Perriello, grounds director; University Judiciary Committee, counselor, First Year Judiciary Committee judge; Cavalier Daily, opinion columnist, life columnist; Madison House, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Music Youth Mentoring; Sustained Dialogue, moderator; Alternative Spring Break, site leader; U.Va. Student Council, Legislative Affairs Committee; University Guide Service; Phi Delta Theta, president, vice-president; Jefferson Public Service Fellow; Echols Scholar; Harrison Undergraduate Research Award; Jefferson Public Citizens Research Award; Inter-Fraternity Council Emerging Leader Award; Lawn resident; Raven Society

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

**FUTURE PLANS:** To work in political organizing while applying to law school



## Eileen Zijia Ying

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River Hill High School  
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Virginia Review of Politics, editor-in-chief, managing editor; Minority Rights Coalition, chair, vice chair of advocacy; U.Va. Young Democratic Socialists, chair; ReinventED Lab, Education Forum co-founder, lead facilitator, idea development team; Q\* Anthology of Queer Culture, executive editor of copy; U.Va. Writing Center, tutor; History of Asian American Activism, course instructor; Department of Politics, research assistant; Honor Committee; Chamber Ensemble; U.Va. for Tom Perriello, volunteer; Charlottesville Democratic Socialists of America, Steering Committee; Washington Literary Society and Debating Union; Jefferson Public Service Fellow; Echols Scholar; Dean's List; Michael Wagenheim Scholarship; Stevenson Award for Best Politics Honors Thesis; Raven Society; Lawn resident; Rhodes Scholar

**DEGREE:** *B.A. Government and Foreign Affairs Honors with High Honors and English - Modern Literature and Culture Distinguished Majors Program with Highest Distinction*

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Commerce

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Highland Park High School

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Biology

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*Ridgefield, Connecticut*

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*Telluride, Colorado***Udhava Gupta****WILLIAM H.P. YOUNG SCHOLAR**

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Commerce; Leadership and Public Policy

**Katherine McNamara Hennessy****WESTMINSTER SCHOOLS SCHOLAR**

The Westminster Schools

*Atlanta, Georgia*

Mathematics

**Yasmin Jarrahi Horner****BRENDA AND ROBERT DOLAN SCHOLAR**

Forsyth Country Day School

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Commerce

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*Charlottesville, Virginia*Systems Engineering; Minor in Leadership  
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Manchester Essex High School

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Biology

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Providence Day School

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Computer Science

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Academy of Saint Elizabeth

*Convent Station, New Jersey*

Cognitive Science

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Economics; Foreign Affairs

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Economics; Commerce; Minor in Statistics

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**RESEARCH FUNDS** Up to \$7,000

**Graduate School of Engineering and Applied Science**

Jefferson Fellowships in Engineering draw Ph.D. candidates who hold a record of outstanding achievement and the highest promise as scholars, teachers, and public servants. The Fellowships are designed to accelerate the research activity of each doctoral student.

**STIPEND** \$30,000 to \$37,500, depending on the field

**RESEARCH FUNDS** \$2,500

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## Graduate School of Arts & Sciences

Designed to accelerate research activity and offer enrichment for exceptional Ph.D. candidates, Jefferson Fellowships in GSAS disciplines are granted to doctoral students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and who are prepared to pursue transformative dissertation projects. Fellows must also be committed to sharing their knowledge with a wider audience through teaching and other forms of outreach.

**STIPEND** The amount equivalent to the recipient's standard living support from GSAS (for two years)

**RESEARCH FUNDS** \$5,000

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT** To encourage a more intensive focus on their own research, GSAS Fellows receive exemption from all assistantship responsibilities (such as Graduate Teaching Assistantships or Graduate Research Assistantships) during the Fellowship period. ■

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## At A Glance: National Fellowship Program

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**The National Fellowship Program attracts exceptional scholars at top institutions across the country who are completing dissertations in American history, politics, public policy, and foreign relations.**

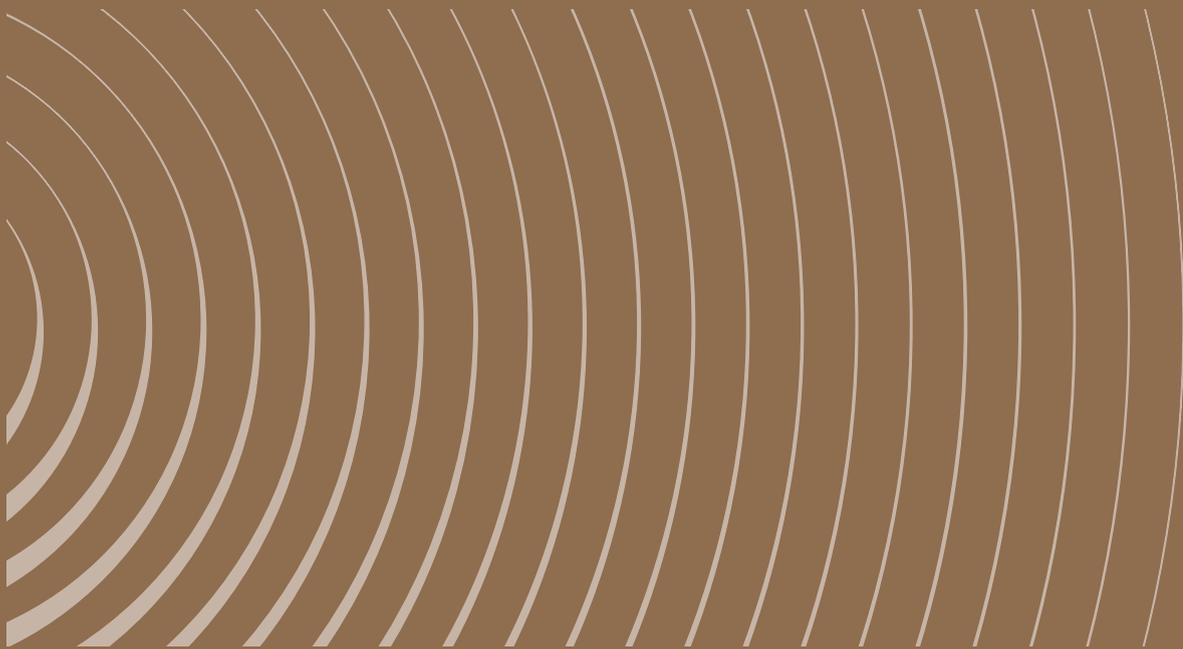
Graduate students at leading institutions across the country, including UVA., may apply for the Fellowship, and recipients receive one year of support, training in public engagement, mentoring from a renowned senior scholar in their field, and the opportunity to participate in two academic conferences hosted by the Foundation.

**STIPEND** \$25,000

**PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT** National Fellows are paired with a renowned senior scholar in their field. These senior scholars serve as “dream mentors,” suggesting relevant literature to frame the Fellows’ work, offering critique of the Fellows’ writings, and providing general advice on research. ■

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# Jefferson Fellows Departing the Program





## Sharisa Joy Aidukaitis

### WILLIAM AND CAROLYN POLK FELLOW

Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures  
Brigham Young University (B.S.)  
University of Virginia (M.A.) (Ph.D.)  
*Spanish Fork, Utah*

Sharisa successfully defended her dissertation "Lyrics of Home and Nation: The Poetic Geographies of Anna Akhmatova and Lina Kostenko." Through analyzing Russian and Ukrainian lyric poetry, Sharisa's research intertwines the spatial turn in literary studies with digital humanities and national identity. During her time at U.Va., she presented at 10 conferences, spanning the globe from Charlottesville to Canada to Croatia. She received multiple grants from the U.Va. Slavic Languages and Literatures department, a scholarship from the Summer Language Institute at the University of Pittsburgh, and U.Va.'s Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences Summer Research Award. She was an associate at the Summer Research Lab at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. She also performed research at the Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute and in literary and government archives in Kyiv, Ukraine.



## Kimberly Arena

### NEWMAN FAMILY FELLOW

Department of Biology  
Duke University (B.S.)  
*Cold Spring Harbor, New York*

Kim's research focuses on elucidating the cellular and molecular mechanisms underlying peripheral motor nerve regeneration following injury in zebrafish. Kim received a Cell and Molecular Biology Training Grant from the National Institute of Health and the Distinguished Graduate Mentoring Award from U.Va.'s Department of Biology.



## Alyssa Sanae Bangerter

### EDWARD P. OWENS FELLOW

Department of Biology  
University of Utah (B.S.)  
*Beaverton, Oregon*

Alyssa's dissertation research focuses on how rapid adaptation to seasonal change's in the fruit fly leads to a long-term maintenance of genetic variation. Using wild flies collected over three years from a local fruit orchard, Carter Mountain, she is investigating how rapid changes in the DNA of fruit flies are tied to environmental factors like temperature. Alyssa plans to graduate with her Ph.D. in the spring of 2021 before pursuing a career in the field of science policy.



## Miranda Leigh Beltzer

### ERIC M. HEINER FELLOW

Department of Psychology  
Harvard University (A.B.)  
University of Virginia (M.A.)  
*Scarsdale, New York*

Miranda's dissertation research focuses on how socially anxious people learn from positive and negative social feedback and whether these cognitive biases can change with a computerized intervention. Throughout graduate school, her research has centered on understanding social reinforcement learning processes, using mobile technology and reinforcement learning to develop scalable interventions towards increasing access to mental health treatment, and probing mental health stigma across the United States. She has also provided psychotherapy to diverse clients at the Mary Ainsworth Clinic, Western State Hospital, and the U.Va. Family Stress Clinic. Next year she will complete her dissertation research with the support of a Dean's Dissertation Completion Fellowship and a P.E.O. Scholar Award.



## Monica Kristin Blair

### RICHARD G. AND ALICE C. TILGHAM FELLOW

Corcoran Department of History  
University of Florida (B.A.)  
University of Georgia (M.A.)  
University of Virginia (M.A.)  
*St. Petersburg, Florida*

Monica's dissertation is entitled "From Segregation Academies to School Choice: The Post-Brown History of School Privatization" and examines the role of race, region, and capital in the post-war movement to provide public funding for private education in America. In addition to her doctoral work, Blair has also collaborated on several digital and public history projects, including Jefferson's University—Early Life Project (JUEL), Participatory Media, U.Va. Reveal, and Backstory Radio.



## Jordan Patrick Burke

### ELIZABETH ARENDALL TILNEY AND SCHUYLER MERRITT TILNEY FELLOW

Department of English  
University of South Carolina, Honors College (B.A.)  
Yale University (M.A.)  
*Columbia, South Carolina*

Jordan's dissertation, "Making Spirits: Academics, Religion, and the Poetry of Decolonization, 1960-1980," examines a cohort of postcolonial academic poets who engaged in contentious debates in anthropology and religion to renegotiate the generic borders of poetry. His writing is forthcoming in *Studies in Romanticism* and has appeared in multiple anthologies on subjects ranging from British Romanticism to modernism. He received the Society of Fellows Dissertation Completion Fellowship for the 2020-21 academic year.



## Victoria Rose Clark

### EDGAR SHANNON FELLOW

McIntire Department of Music  
Moravian College (B.A.)  
George Washington University (M.A.T.)  
*Millsboro, Delaware*

Torie studies representations of, and collaborations with, American Indians in American music. Her work has been funded by fellowships and grants from Newberry Library, Penn State University, Indiana University, and the University of Virginia. She has presented papers at the Newberry Library, the Society for American Music, the University of Richmond, and the University of Virginia. Her research on alternative archival methodologies for music and indigenous studies, "Musical Indianism: Reassessing the Archive," will be published in "Sonic Identity at the Margins" by Bloomsbury Press in 2021. Victoria also holds a master's degree in museum education and is interested in music historical narratives in museums and cultural institutions.



## Anna Drangowska-Way

### GREGORY L. AND NANCY H. CURL FELLOW

Department of Biology  
University of Wrocław (B.S.) (M.S.)  
*Kalisz, Poland*

Anna's dissertation focuses on how the biological context, for example stress or fasting, influences the regulation of gene expression and activity. Anna received the Double Hoo award in collaboration with an undergraduate student, and she has been awarded Distinguished Graduate Mentoring Award by the Biology Department. Anna also enjoys sharing her passion for science with non-scientists. She writes articles directed to broad audience, where she explains complex scientific discoveries in a simple way. She is a founder and chair of the first communicating science conference at U.Va. She is also a member of Genetics Society of America Early Career Scientist Leadership Program, where she works in communication and outreach sub-committee.



## Janet Sonia Dunkelbarger

### PENNY S. AND JAMES G. COULTER FELLOW

McIntire Department of Art  
Mount Holyoke College (B.A.)  
University of Oxford (M.Phil.)  
*Westwood, Massachusetts*

Janet's doctoral research on Pompeii's "Garden Dining Spaces" (to be completed in Spring 2021) addresses how the design and use of these outdoor spaces enhance our understanding of ancient Roman social behavior, economic activity, and religious and ritual practice. In addition to this research, Janet also works on topics of Roman urbanism, infrastructure, and economy, in particular how waste management infrastructures developed over time to support the operation of industry in Roman cities. While at U.Va., Janet has received a number of research grants to fund her fieldwork overseas, presented her work nationally and internationally, published a single-author paper, and received the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award from her department. In 2019-20, Janet served as a Praxis Fellow in U.Va.'s Scholars' Lab, where she will continue her work in 2020-21 as one of the Graduate Fellows in Digital Humanities developing the 3D and virtual reality component of her dissertation research.



## Clayton Matthias Geipel

### PETER AND CRISLER QUICK FELLOW

Department of Mechanical and Aerospace  
Engineering  
University of Virginia (B.S.)  
*Glen Allen, Virginia*

Clayton's dissertation is entitled "High-Spatial-Resolution Laser Diagnostics for a Dual-Mode Scramjet." His research involves using laser diagnostics to measure the structure of flames in a supersonic combustor. This research aids in the design of scramjet engines that could one day allow aircraft to travel at hypersonic speeds. He has journal articles in peer review and has presented this work at meetings of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics and the Combustion Institute. He received a Virginia Space Grant Consortium Graduate Fellowship as well as fellowships to teach two U.Va. undergraduate courses: "Introduction to Aerospace Engineering" and "Flight Vehicle Dynamics." After graduation, he will pursue employment at a government laboratory.



## Catherine Margaret Gorick

### OLIVE B. AND FRANKLIN C. MAC KRELL FELLOW

Department of Biomedical Engineering  
Massachusetts Institute of Technology (B.S.)  
*Ashburn, Virginia*

Katie's research centers on the use of focused ultrasound to facilitate targeted gene delivery to the blood vessels of the brain in the context of stroke. She has presented her research at a conference in Barcelona, Spain, and conducted an internship at the National Spine Health Foundation in Reston, Virginia. Her work during this internship, which focused on the clinical use of bone morphogenetic protein in the context of cervical spinal fusions, resulted in a conference presentation in Puerto Rico. She also recently published a first-author article in the journal *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* regarding sono-selective gene delivery to cerebral endothelial cells with focused ultrasound. Katie aims to defend her Ph.D. in the spring of 2021.



## Christopher Stauter Halsted

### JEFFERSON SCHOLARS FOUNDATION FELLOW

Corcoran Department of History  
Oberlin College (B.A.)  
University of Virginia (M.A.)  
*Ann Arbor, Michigan*

Chris is currently completing his dissertation on early medieval Slavic political organization. His first article, "Imperial Narratives, Complex Geographies" was published in *Viator: Medieval and Renaissance Studies*. He is working on a project on intersecting ideas of gender and alterity in the early Middle Ages. An article deriving from this study is forthcoming in *Magic, Ritual, and Witchcraft*. Chris was awarded Best Student Paper of the March 2020 Medieval Academy of America meeting for a paper on this subject. He also was awarded the Gerda Henkel Stiftung Scholarship to support his research.

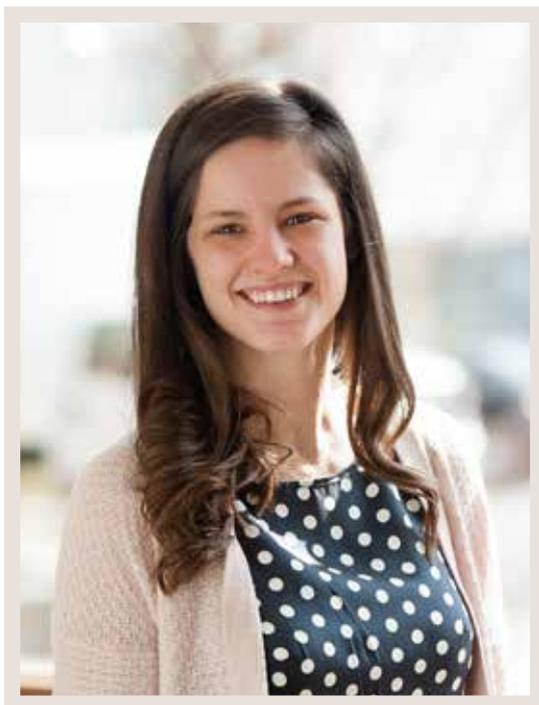


## Christian Rochford Hayes

### C. MARK PIRRUNG FAMILY FELLOW

Department of Astronomy  
Indiana University (B.S.)  
University of Virginia (M.S.) (Ph.D.)  
*Kokomo, Indiana*

Christian studies the Milky Way and nearby galaxies to understand how these galaxies form and have evolved over time. His dissertation focuses on understanding how the Milky Way grows by consuming dwarf galaxies, and finding examples of dwarf galaxies that were consumed in the past. He plans to move into industry and work as a data scientist.



## Courtney Leah Hill

### OLIVE B. AND FRANKLIN C. MAC KRELL FELLOW

Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering  
University of Arkansas (B.S.)  
University of Virginia (M.E.)  
*Jonesboro, Arkansas*

Courtney's doctoral research focuses on low-cost ways to treat water in rural South Africa. Specifically, her research investigates the relationship between human health and access to silver embedded ceramics as well as other mechanisms by which silver can be used to treat water in low income areas. Courtney co-founded the Science Policy Initiative at U.Va., the University's first science policy organization, to empower science and engineering students to be more informed and involved in science policy. She has also worked for U.Va. CHARGE, coordinating programs for faculty search committees that reduce implicit bias in promotion policies and selection committees. Courtney served as a Mirzayan Science and Technology Policy Fellow at the National Academy of Science through the InterAcademy Partnership, an organization that brings academies of science from all over the world together to make scientific recommendations to international bodies like the UN.



## Caroline Malory Kelsey

### TERRENCE D. DANIELS FAMILY FELLOW

Department of Psychology  
Pennsylvania State University (B.S.)  
College of William & Mary (M.A.)  
University of Virginia (M.A.) (Ph.D.)  
*Greenwich, Connecticut*

Caroline's primary interests are in exploring how prenatal, environmental, and health factors impact infants' social development. Her dissertation work will shed light on how the gut microbiome influences infant social-emotional development across the first year of life. After graduation, she will be pursuing a postdoctoral research position at Boston Children's Hospital.



## Ammar Hussain Khan

### PETER AND EADDO KIERNAN FELLOW

Darden School of Business

University of Minnesota – Twin Cities (B.S.)

Columbia University in the City of New York (M.S.)

University of Virginia (M.B.A.)

*Pakistan*

Prior to attending Darden, Ammar worked in the tech industry at Hewlett Packard Enterprise. At Darden, he was involved in the Finance Club, the Darden Resilience Program, the Tri-Sector Leadership Fellows Program and co-lead a student career trek to Pakistan. He interned at Citibank and will be joining BCG Dubai after graduation. Eventually he plans on going to Pakistan where he would like to use his technical background and interests in business and public policy to help boost the technical industry in Pakistan.



## Bradley William Kime

### DOUGLAS S. HOLLADAY SR. AND CARY N. MOON JR. FELLOW

Department of Religious Studies

Brigham Young University (B.A.)

Utah State University (M.A.)

*Bountiful, Utah*

Bradley's dissertation is entitled "Believing Freely: A Legal History of Religion and Property in the U.S." and explores the role religion has played in the development of U.S. property rights since 1865. He wrote an article entitled "Infidel Deathbeds: Irreligious Dying and Sincere Disbelief in Nineteenth-Century America" that published in *Church History* in June 2017.



## Daniel Anthony Lantz

### MACFARLANE FAMILY FELLOW

Darden School of Business

University of Virginia (B.A.)

University of Virginia (M.B.A.)

*Middletown, Delaware*

Prior to attending to Darden, Dan spent five years as an Army Infantry Officer. Dan served assignments with the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vicenza, Italy and The Old Guard in Arlington, Virginia. While at Darden, Dan was actively involved in the Student Admissions Committee and the Darden Military Association. After graduation, Dan will join the firm of McKinsey & Company in Washington, D.C.



## Mengyao Liu

### JEFFERSON ARTS AND SCIENCES DISSERTATION YEAR FELLOW

Department of Astronomy  
Nanjing University (B.S.)  
University of Florida (M.S.)  
*Greenville, North Carolina*

Mengyao studies massive star formation. Her thesis aims to characterize massive star formation across evolution and environment by comparing multi-wavelength observations with theoretical models. Mengyao has led the publication of three first-author papers and co-authored nine others with 128 citations in total. One of her first-author publications, “The SOFIA Massive (SOMA) Star Formation Survey. II. High Luminosity Protostars,” has won the Allan T. Gwathmey Memorial Award. Mengyao also participated in the U.Va. Three-Minute Thesis Competition and was selected as one of 10 finalists.



## Christopher John Luna-Mega

### EDGAR SHANNON FELLOW

McIntire Department of Music  
Universidad Iberoamericana (B.A.)  
Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (B.M.)  
Mills College (M.A.)  
University of Virginia (M.A.)  
*Mexico City, Mexico*

Chris's work analyzes sounds from natural and urban environments and translates them into music for performers and electronics. His orchestral music has been performed by the Orquesta del Teatro Comunale di Bologna, BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, Iceland Symphony Orchestra, Montreal-Toronto Art Orchestra, and Orquesta Sinfónica Nacional de México. Ensembles that have performed his instrumental works include the New Thread Quartet, Yarn|Wire, The William Winant Percussion Group, JACK Quartet, and The Arditti String Quartet. His music has been featured in festivals such as the New York Electroacoustic Music Festival, Seoul International Computer Music Festival (Gwangju), AgelicA (Bologna), Tectonics (Reykjavik), Tectonics (Glasgow), L'Off (Montreal), Avant X (Toronto), Mills Music Now (Oakland, CA), and the International Forum for New Music “Manuel Enriquez” (Mexico City). Chris is currently completing his dissertation, titled “Environmental Sound Model-Based Composition,” as well as working with the Coastal Futures Conservatory and the Environmental Resilience Institute, translating climate change research into electroacoustic music.



## Aman Malik

### LEE WALKER FELLOW

Darden School of Business  
Rutgers University (B.A.)  
Johns Hopkins University (M.S.)  
University of Virginia (M.B.A.)  
*Edison, New Jersey*

While at Darden, Aman collaborated with the Office of Admissions as an interviewer, served as vice president of the Impact Investing Club, and also mentored undergraduate students through the Darden-U.Va. mentors program. Aman concentrated on business analytics and did an analytics research project, writing a case on the letter-picking strategy for the game show “Wheel of Fortune.” His research and case will be used to teach the concept of regressions to future Darden cohorts. Aman plans to move to New York City to work for EY-Parthenon, a consulting firm with a strong education and private equity practice.



## Allison Marie Matthews

### OLIVE B. AND FRANKLIN C. MAC KRELL FELLOW

Department of Astronomy  
Lafayette College (B.S.)  
*Gorham, Maine*

Allison's dissertation research explores the period of cosmic time when most of the stars were formed and galaxies were assembled. She uses large radio interferometers to peer through the intervening dust that blocks optical light and to detect radio light from Milky-Way-like galaxy progenitors over 10 billion light years away. She is an active member of the volunteer organization Dark Skies, Bright Kids, which brings fun, hands-on science activities to under-served elementary schools in Virginia. She is currently leading a team of volunteers to assess the program's effectiveness on broadening children's perceptions of what a scientist looks like. Allison plans to graduate with her Ph.D. in Spring 2021, and she hopes to secure a postdoctoral research position to continue studying the history of the universe.



## Alexandra Medack

### JOHN L. COLLEY JR. FELLOW

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

Allie is a member of the Raven Society and was the Samuel Forrest Hyde Memorial Fellowship awardee for her class. While at Darden, she was actively involved in the Student Admissions Committee and was president of the Consulting Club. Prior to Darden she spent several years on General Motors' international public policy and self-driving vehicle teams. After graduation, Allie is moving to Washington, D.C. to work for McKinsey & Company and to continue her volunteer work with Girls on the Run and Off Their Plate, two organizations that share her passions for nurturing female and BIPOC leaders.



## Melissa Kathleen Moore

### JAMES H. AND ELIZABETH W. WRIGHT FELLOW

Department of Economics  
Clemson University (B.A.)  
University of Virginia (M.A.)  
*Suwanee, Georgia*

Melissa uses applied microeconomic methods to study the health and well-being of women and minorities. Topics of specific interest include reproductive health, infectious diseases, domestic violence, and police use of force. In her dissertation, "Safer Sex? The Effect of AIDS Risk on Birth Rates," she studies how women make choices about sexual behavior and contraception given two potential health risks from sexual activity: acquiring a sexually-transmitted infection and becoming pregnant. Melissa has been awarded a Bankard Pre-doctoral Fellowship for the 2020-21 year and will defend her dissertation in 2021.



## Michelle Justine Morgenstern

### ELIS OLSSON MEMORIAL FOUNDATION FELLOW

Department of Anthropology  
Franklin & Marshall College (B.A.)  
University of Pennsylvania (M.S.)  
University of Virginia (M.A.)  
*Simsbury, Connecticut*

Michelle's research explores interactions between linguistic play, digital technologies, and ethical life. Prior to U.Va., she was a classroom teacher for the School District of Philadelphia. During that time, Michelle developed an interest in young people's online literacy practices. This became her research focus at U.Va., where she conducted ethnographic fieldwork among youth who claimed that social media was the most significant influence on their beliefs about what it means to be and do good in the world. Her dissertation investigates how these young people come to take up and enact new political and moral commitments through creative linguistic practices. Michelle was awarded a Center for Teaching Excellence Thrive Grant and the 2020 Distinguished Graduate Teaching Award in the Social Sciences for the design and instruction of her course, "Technology, Language, & Society." In 2020-21, she will serve as a Graduate Fellow in the Digital Humanities at U.Va.'s Scholars' Lab.



## Robert Glenn Moulder Jr.

### JOHN S. LILLARD FELLOW

Department of Psychology  
University of North Florida (B.S.)  
University of Virginia (Ph.D.)  
*Jacksonville, Florida*

Bobby is a member of The International Max Planck Research School on the Life Course (LIFE), guest researcher of human dynamics and healthy aging at the University of Zurich, and consultant for the World Health Organization's healthy aging initiative. His current research involves the intersection of multivariate statistics, nonlinear dynamics, chaos theory, and human behavior. Bobby served as co-editor of the *Jefferson Journal of Science and Culture* in 2019.



## Brian Carl Neumann

### H. EUGENE LOCKHART FAMILY FELLOW

Corcoran Department of History  
Furman University (B.A.)  
University of Virginia (M.A.) (Ph.D.)  
*Chesnee, South Carolina*

Brian's research focuses on the political culture of the antebellum South. His dissertation, entitled "Last Hope of Liberty: Nationalism and Nullification in South Carolina," examines southern Unionism during the nullification crisis of the 1830s. His work has appeared in *The South Carolina Historical Magazine* and *Southern Studies*. He is the managing editor of *Essays in History* and co-editor of the book *50 Years: Commemorating Desegregation at Furman, 1965-2015*.



## Matthew Pryal

### EDWARD P. OWENS FELLOW

Department of Astronomy  
Pennsylvania State University (B.S.)  
University of Virginia (M.S.)  
*Archbald, Pennsylvania*

Matthew's research interests include studying extrasolar planet (exoplanet) and solar system dynamics. His doctoral research is on modeling the radio emission from exoplanets due to auroras in their upper atmosphere. Matthew has been the leader of Astronomy on Tap in Charlottesville since 2018. He is also an active member of the astronomy outreach program Dark Skies Bright Kids, an organization bringing exciting astronomy and science outreach to underserved communities throughout Virginia. Matthew plans to defend his thesis in November 2020 and teach as an adjunct faculty member in U.Va.'s astronomy department in the spring of 2021.



## Matthew Dirk Richey

### HARRISON FAMILY FOUNDATION FELLOW

Department of Spanish, Italian and Portuguese  
Virginia Tech (B.A.) (B.S.) (M.A.)  
*Roanoke, Virginia*

Matthew's research examines the ecological and geopolitical implications of transnational techno-capitalism in 21st century Central America. In particular, Matthew's work focuses on issues such as resource extraction and surveillance technology in contemporary works of literature and film.



## Stephanie Anna Roe

### PAUL T. JONES II FELLOW

Department of Environmental Sciences  
San Diego State University (B.A.)  
Duke University (M.E.M.)  
*Baguio, Philippines*

Stephanie is an Earth systems scientist interested in biosphere-atmosphere dynamics, particularly how terrestrial systems like forests and agricultural lands will be affected by and can mitigate climate change. For her dissertation, she combined field experimentation and climate modeling to develop studies on land-based climate mitigation potential, tropical forest soil responses to warming, and carbon sequestration effects of reforestation in different climate scenarios. Stephanie was awarded the Presidential Fellowship in Data Science, Moore Graduate Research Award, first place in the Patagonia Business Case Competition, the Environmental Resilience Institute Graduate Fellowship, and the Maury Environmental Prize. Stephanie has also been a contributing author of the IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Land (2019), and the IPCC 6th Assessment Report on Mitigation (2021). After graduation, she will be a Senior Scientist at Climate Focus, a think tank in Washington, D.C.



## Abeer Saha

### BIRDSALL FELLOW FOR THE MILLER CENTER OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Corcoran Department of History  
University of Virginia (B.S.) (M.A.)  
*New Delhi, India*

Abeer is writing a dissertation titled, "Animal Factory: The Rise of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations." His primary fields of teaching and research include global environmental history, the history of American capitalism, and science and technology studies. His interdisciplinary background continues to inform his scholarship and interest in public outreach.



## Jeannie Marie Sellick

### HARRISON FAMILY FOUNDATION FELLOW

Department of Religious Studies  
University of California, San Diego (B.A.)  
University of Oxford (M.Phil.)  
*Fresno, California*

Jeannie is currently writing a dissertation on conceptions of male virginity in early Christianity. She has presented her research at numerous conferences in the U.S., UK, and Poland. While she has written many online pieces, her first publication was released in the fall of 2019 in a collection of essays in honor of Dr. Judith Perkins. This fall, Jeannie is slated to present at both the Oxford Patristics Conference and the Society of Biblical Literature annual meetings. In the fall of 2018, Jeannie taught a new course at U.Va. in religious studies that she designed, *Jesus in Film: Jesus in the Ancient & Modern Imagination*.



## Paul Jeffrey Zivick

### GREGORY L. AND NANCY H. CURL FELLOW

Department of Astronomy  
Ohio State University (B.S.)  
University of Virginia (Ph.D.)  
*Lynchburg, Virginia*

Paul's research focuses on measuring and understanding the stellar dynamics of dwarf galaxy satellites around the Milky Way, in particular the Magellanic Clouds. This work is highlighted in two first-author publications in the *Astrophysical Journal* and has been presented at conferences in Germany and the Netherlands in addition to the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore, Maryland. Beyond his academic work, Paul has served as a vice president (2017-18) and president (2018-19) for the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences council before serving as vice-chair of the Graduate Professional Council (2019-20). Since 2016, he has led the collaboration between the Central Virginia Governor's School and the U.Va. astronomy department, in which high school students work on a supervised astronomy research project. Paul also mentored undergraduate students at U.Va. and Spelman College. He will begin as a postdoctoral research associate at Texas A&M University in fall 2020.

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# Jefferson Fellows

Jefferson Fellowships are the premier graduate fellowships offered at the University and are designed to identify Ph.D. and M.B.A. candidates who demonstrate outstanding achievement and the highest promise as scholars, teachers, public servants, and business leaders in the United States and beyond.

**DARDEN SCHOOL  
OF BUSINESS****Robert Bristol Collins III (2019)**

W.L. LYONS BROWN III FELLOW  
Darden School of Business  
Duke University (B.S.)

**Eric William Linde (2019)**

GOODWIN/HARDIE FAMILY FELLOW  
Darden School of Business  
University of Delaware (B.S.)

**Vojin Mitic (2019)**

MELVILLE FOUNDATION FELLOW  
Darden School of Business  
University of Richmond (B.S.)

**Olivia Giaccia (2020)**

GOODWIN/HARDIE FAMILY FELLOW  
Darden School of Business  
Yale University (B.S.)

**Yelena Kuznetsova (2020)**

LEE WALKER FELLOW  
Darden School of Business  
Belarusian State University (B.A.)

**Paul Jay Niedfeldt (2020)**

WILLIAM D. AND ELLEN H. CANNON DARDEN  
FELLOW  
Darden School of Business  
Brigham Young University (B.A.) (B.S.) (M.S.)

**Clay T. Olsen (2020)**

INGLESBY FAMILY FELLOW  
Darden School of Business  
University of Texas (B.A.)

**Roland Perkins (2021)**

MACFARLANE FAMILY FELLOW  
Darden School of Business  
University of Notre Dame (B.S.)

**William Robert Whitehurst, Jr.  
(2022)**

JOHN L. COLLEY JR. FELLOW  
Darden School of Business  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
(B.A.)

**SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING  
AND APPLIED SCIENCE****Elizabeth Bronwyn Herbst  
(2016)**

PETER AND CRISLER QUICK FELLOW  
Department of Biomedical Engineering  
University of Virginia (B.S.)

**Sarah Gustitus-Graham (2017)**

PETER AND CRISLER QUICK FELLOW  
Department of Civil and Environmental  
Engineering  
University of Florida (B.S.)  
Auburn University (M.S.)

**Josephine Lamp (2018)**

OLIVE B. AND FRANKLIN C. MAC KRELL FELLOW  
Department of Computer Science  
Arizona State University (B.S.)

**Alex Langevin (2018)**

PETER AND CRISLER QUICK FELLOW  
Department of Systems and Information  
Engineering  
Carleton College (B.S.)  
University of Strathclyde (M.S.)  
Duchesne University (M.S.)

**Anna Spears (2018)**

PETER AND CRISLER QUICK FELLOW  
Department of Systems and Information  
Engineering  
Ohio University (B.S.)  
Indiana University (M.S.)

**Guy John-Simon Verrier (2018)**

OLIVE B. AND FRANKLIN C. MAC KRELL FELLOW  
Department of Computer Science  
University of Virginia (B.S.)

**Thomas Wayne Pfeifer (2019)**

PETER AND CRISLER QUICK FELLOW  
Department of Mechanical and  
Aerospace Engineering  
University of Wisconsin-Madison (B.S.) (M.S.)

**Gertrude Pavar (2020)**

PETER AND CRISLER QUICK FELLOW  
Department of Civil and Environmental  
Engineering  
Georgia Institute of Technology (B.S.)

**GRADUATE SCHOOL OF  
ARTS & SCIENCES****Ashley Boulden (2015)**

EDGAR SHANNON FELLOW  
McIntire Department of Art  
Wellesley College (B.A.)  
University of Oxford (M.A.)

**Sidney Christman (2015)**

IRBY CAUTHEN FELLOW  
Department of Classics  
Loyola University Maryland (B.A.)  
University of Colorado Boulder (M.A.)  
University of Virginia (M.A.)

**Christina Boltsi (2016)**

JOHN S. LILLARD FELLOW  
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Mary's research focuses on the international expansion of U.S. banks in the early 20th century. She examines the way the operation of U.S. banks around the world affected foreign relations, trade, and social orders. Her project, "Mapping the World for US Commerce: Banking, Credit, and the Globalizing U.S. Economy, 1900s-1930s," focuses especially on the way in which U.S. bankers working overseas assessed credit-worthiness, both before and after the creation of the Federal Reserve System, and how these practices influenced local relationships as well as the global economic status of the United States. In fall 2020, she will hold the Henry Chauncey Jr. '57 Postdoctoral Fellowship with the International Security Studies and the Brady-Johnson Program in Grand Strategy at Yale University.

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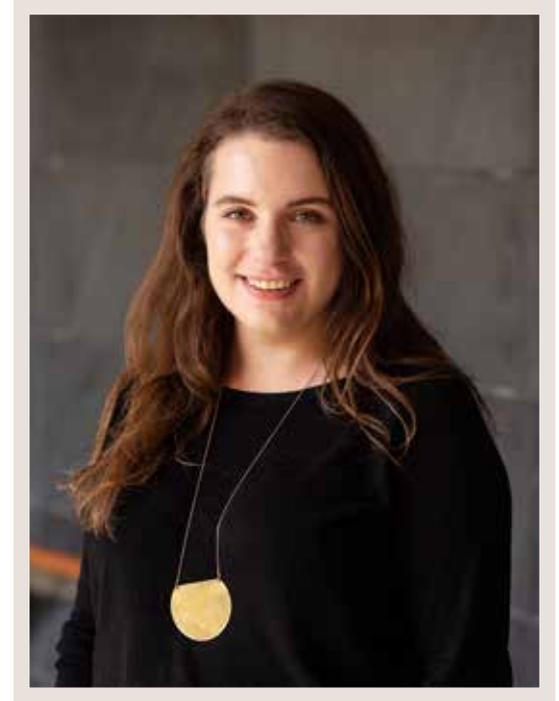
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Dylan studies cities and capitalism in the 20th-century United States. His dissertation, "Yuppies: Young Urban Professionals and the Making of Postindustrial New York," explores the effects of financialization on work, leisure, neighborhoods, and politics. His work has been published in the *Journal of American History*, *Journal of Urban History*, *Gastronomica: The Journal of Critical Food Studies*, *The Washington Post*, *Utne Reader*, and *Public Seminar*.

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Brianna's dissertation, "Detention Power: Jails, Camps, and the Origins of Immigrant Incarceration, 1900-2002," examines how immigration detention emerged as a distinct form of administrative imprisonment, which propelled the expansion of jails and generated new modes of carceral profit-making. Brianna will be an assistant professor at the College of William & Mary beginning in Fall 2020.

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This fall, Charles plans to defend his dissertation titled, "Meritocracy in America, 1930-2000," the first history of meritocracy as an idea and a practice in the United States, following which he will begin a postdoctoral fellowship in history as a Klarman Fellow in the Society of Fellows at Cornell University. He also works as a journalist and critic, writing for the *New York Times*, *The Nation*, and the *New York Review of Books*. Petersen has been an editor at *n+1* magazine since 2007.

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Gili is interested in digital information technology, changing notions of public trust and democratic governance, and narratives of crisis and future-making in the U.S. Her dissertation, "Technologies of Trust," traces technical attempts to solve the problems of trust and transparency, with a focus on the development of electronic payment systems and public-key cryptography in late 20th- and early 21st-century US. In fall 2020, she will join the faculty at the Department of Information Science at Cornell University.

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Daniel is a historian specializing in 20-century U.S. political economy, fiscal policy, and urban history. His dissertation, "Indebted to Growth: Real Estate and the Political Economy of Public Finance in New York City, 1871-1943" examines struggles over public finance policy in America's largest city during the late-19th and early-20th centuries. Daniel's writing has been published in the *Journal of Urban History*, the *Journal of Tourism History*, and the *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*, where he also served as an editorial board member. He has worked as a research associate for numerous non-profit organizations including Civworld, the Adelphi Institute, and the Museum of the City of New York. Daniel is a recipient of the Bessie and George Levy Prize, and the Larry J. Hackman Research Residency. He received his doctorate in 2020 from New York University.

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Amy specializes in the history of social movements, health care and welfare policy, and political economy in the 20th-century United States. Her dissertation, "Poor Health: Retrenchment and Resistance in Chicago's Public Hospital, 1950s-1990s," examines how the public hospital functioned as part of the U.S. welfare state in the late twentieth century, and recovers competing visions for the public sector in a period associated with anti-government consensus. Amy's work has been supported by the Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship in Religion and Ethics, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship in History Education, the Rutgers University Center for Cultural Analysis Graduate Fellowship, and the Rutgers/New Jersey Council for the Humanities Public Humanities Fellowship, as well as research grants from the American Historical Association, the Walter P. Reuther Library, the Illinois State Historical Society, and University of Illinois at Chicago. In fall 2020, Amy will be a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Center of Presidential History at Southern Methodist University.

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