



## Jefferson Scholars Foundation

### 2020-21 Jefferson National Fellowship Recipients



#### **Bench Ansfield**

Bench Ansfield is a Ph.D. candidate in American studies at Yale University. Ansfield's dissertation project is titled, "Born in Flames: Arson, Racial Capitalism, and the Reinsuring of the Bronx in the Late Twentieth Century." Ansfield's dream mentor is Robin Kelley, professor and Gary B. Nash Endowed Chair in US History at the University of California, Los Angeles.



#### **Monica Blair**

Monica Blair is a Ph.D. candidate in history at the University of Virginia. Blair's dissertation project is titled, "From Segregation Academies to School Choice: The Post-Brown History of School Privatization." Blair's dream mentor is Noliwe Rooks, the W.E.B. Du Bois Professor of Literature and director of American studies at Cornell University.



#### **Daniel Cumming**

Daniel Cumming is a Ph.D. candidate in history at New York University. Cumming's dissertation project is titled, "Health is Wealth: The Rise of a Medical Metropolis and the Remaking of Racial Inequality in Twentieth-Century Baltimore." Cumming's dream mentor is Nathan Connolly, the Herbert Baxter Adams Professor of History at Johns Hopkins University.



#### **Kelly Goodman**

Kelly Goodman is a Ph.D. candidate in history at Yale University. Goodman is the 2020-21 *Louis Galambos National Fellow in Business and Politics*. Her dissertation project is titled, "Taxing Limits: The Political Economy of American School Finance, 1930-1980." Goodman's dream mentor is Tracy Steffes, former National Fellow and associate professor of education and history at Brown University.



### **Scot McFarlane**

Scot McFarlane is a Ph.D. candidate in history at Columbia University. *McFarlane is the 2020-21 John C. Coleman National Fellow.* McFarlane's dissertation project is titled, "The City and the Countryside: Slavery, Pollution, and Politics on Texas' Trinity River." McFarlane's dream mentor is William DeBuys, Ph.D., writer and conservationist.



### **Sarah Nelson**

Sarah Nelson is a Ph.D. candidate in U.S. and international history at Vanderbilt University. *Nelson is the 2020-21 Ambrose Monell Foundation Funded Fellow in Technology and Democracy.* Her dissertation project is titled, "Information's Imperium: the struggle to decolonize global telecommunications and make information 'free,' 1919-1984." Nelson's dream mentor is Brian Larkin, professor of anthropology, Barnard College, Columbia University.



### **Sarah Sklaw**

Sarah Sklaw is a Ph.D. candidate in history at New York University. Sklaw's dissertation project is titled, "Tell Your Mama to Surrender': Gender, Revolution and Development in Nicaragua, 1972-1995." Sklaw's dream mentor is Amy Offner, associate professor of history at the University of Pennsylvania.