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PATERNO FELLOWS

Commencement Reception

Spring Semester 2021

The Paterno Fellows Program is an innovative academic honors program offered jointly by the College of the Liberal Arts and the Schreyer Honors College that encourages students to develop to their full potential. The Paterno Fellows experience offers “an education for leadership” in the best tradition of the liberal arts. It molds well-rounded students who are ready for the world and prepares them for citizenship, for lifetime learning, and for the satisfaction derived from an exemplary education. Paterno Fellows earn distinction in the following areas: excellence in communication; global awareness; and ethics, service, and leadership. In addition to completing an honors thesis and a study abroad or internship experience, all Paterno Fellows graduate with in-depth academic credentials in at least two fields.



Paterno Fellows Class of 2021

Victor Alleyne

Criminology; Minor in French and Francophone Studies. Study abroad in Curaçao. Federal Bureau of Investigation Student Workforce Trainee. President of Mighty Gamma Nu Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and Schreyer Honors College Ambassador. Thesis: “College Students’ Perceptions of Legitimacy in Police Use of Force Incidents”

Brian Arata ***

History and Political Science. Study abroad in London, United Kingdom. Internship with Airlines for America (A4A). Family Relations Chair, Tri-STATE Benefitting THON. Thesis: “Understanding Motivations for Split-Ticket Voting: Evidence from Germany”

Siena Baker *

Economics and Community, Environment, and Development. Study abroad in Bangkok, Thailand. Research Associate at Center for Economic and Community Development, Research Analyst at Fourth Economy Consulting, and WasteZero Consulting Intern. Presidential Leadership Academy, Student Sustainability Advisory Council Member, Schreyer for Women President, Scholar Ambassador, Empower Orphans Fundraising Chair, OCCEDA Tutor for School District of Philadelphia, THON Donor and Alumni Relations Committee Member, and Research Assistant for Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education. Rock Ethics Institute Undergraduate Research Fellow. Thesis: “The Political Economy of Cellular Agriculture: Delineating Tension Points in the Development of Cultivated Meat Products”

Kelsey Bell #

History, International Politics, Advertising/Public Relations, and Master of International Affairs; Minor in Latin American Studies. Stanley E. Degler Washington Program Intern and Washington Media Scholars Foundation Fellow. Dickinson College Archives LGBT History Project Volunteer. Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications Student Marshal. Thesis: “Putting the Planet on the Ballot: Climate Change Framing in 2016 and 2018 Political Ads”

Hope Elizabeth Bodenschatz ***

Economics, Geography, Political Science, and Master of Arts in Economics; Minor in Sustainability Leadership. Study Abroad in Mang'ula, Tanzania. College of the Liberal Arts Career Enrichment Network Intern; Research Assistant Departments of Geography and Economics, Mapping Project Assistant for University Police and Public Safety and Department of Geography. Coordinator and Collegiate Adviser for Centre PACT, Director of Programming and Community Chair for Empower Orphans, Vice President of Liberal Arts Ambassadors, Re-Chartering President of Gamma Theta Upsilon Geography Honor Society, Teaching Assistant for Schreyer Honors College Leadership JumpStart, and Guided Study Group Leader for Penn State Learning. Thesis: "Pushing the Boundaries: The Impact of School Attendance Zone Boundaries on School Segregation in Montgomery County Public Schools"

Anastasiya Brehman *

International Politics; Minor in Russian. Internship with Amy for America Presidential Campaign. THON Donor and Alumni Relations Development Special Projects Captain. Thesis: "Effects of Different Human Rights Violations on Foreign Aid Restriction"

Erin Brown *

Communication Arts and Sciences and Women's Studies; Minor in Rhetoric; Holocaust and Genocide Studies Certificate. Internships with United States Department of State, Secretary's Office of Global Women's Issues, and Eugene DePasquale Congressional Campaign. Founder of Schreyer Gender Equity Task Force, Gender Equity Center Peer Educator, Schreyer Honors College Dean Student Advisory Board, and Paterno Fellows Student Advisory Board. Rock Ethics Institute Undergraduate Research Fellow, and 2020 Rock Ethics Institute Stand Up Award Recipient. Communication Arts and Sciences Student Marshal. Thesis: "Public Discourse About Sexual Violence from 1991 to 2018: An Analysis of the Hill and Kavanaugh Hearings"

Alexis Burke

Political Science and Advertising/Public Relations; Minors in Art History and Business and the Liberal Arts. Nevins Fellow with Participatory Budgeting Project in Brooklyn, New York. Bellisario College of Communications Representative for University Park Undergraduate Association, and Vice President for Community Development on Penn State Panhellenic Council. Thesis: "Leadership Diversity, Organizational Political Ideology and Firm Engagement in Corporate Social Advocacy"

Lydia Carey **

Global and International Studies and Community, Environment, and Development; Minor in Spanish. Study abroad in Puebla, Mexico. Penn State Student Sustainability Council. Thesis: "Living on Ramen: Food Insecurity Among College Students and the Lion's Pantry at Penn State University Park"

Christina Caristo

Criminology; Minor in Spanish. Internship with Florida State Attorney's Office. Palm Beach Police Department Volunteer. Thesis: "A Multivariate Analysis of the Deterrent Effects of Sanctions and Post-Release Supervision"

Mikayla Casey **

Spanish and Security and Risk Analysis; Minor in Arabic Language. Study abroad in Sicily, Italy, and Ronda, Spain. Data Management Intern for Archbow Consulting. Overall Chairperson of Luminaria, Administration, and Recruitment for Relay for Life of Penn State; Professionalism Committee Member of Lion Ambassadors Student Alumni Corps; Member Engagement Chair for Liberal Arts Ambassadors; and Recruitment and Advertising Head of Penn State Spanish Club. Spanish Student Marshal. Thesis: "Confronting Uncertainty: COVID-19 Information Gathering Practices of Refugees in Kenya"

Austin Catania

Economics and Labor and Employment Relations. Study abroad in Sweden. RS Art Studio | Earthling Clothing Collective Remote Marketing and Development Intern. Senior Vice President of Delta Sigma Pi. Thesis: "Generation Z Perspectives on Work in the Context of COVID-19"

Jason Cherry

History and Supply Chain and Information Systems; Minor in Economics. Internships with Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. and Deloitte Consulting. Head Risk Manager for Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity, and Project Manager and Director of Consulting, TAMID Group at Penn State. Erickson Discovery Grant. Thesis: "Walled In: The East German Economy During the 1960s"

Shane Cummings ***

German and Management Information Systems. Study abroad in Braunschweig, Germany. President of UNICEF Penn State and Vice President of College Independents. Partnerships for International Research and Education (PIRE) Grant. Thesis: "TheMagicalMusicMachine.com: Leveraging MIS Knowledge to Build a Song Creation Website"

Samantha Doleno ***

Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies, French and Francophone Studies, and History; Minors in Greek and Latin. Study abroad in Greece and Rome, Italy. Vice President of Three Broomsticks Club, President of Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies Club, and Teaching Assistant. French and Francophone Studies Student Marshal. Thesis: "The Power of the Sun God: Apollo Throughout the Ages"

Caitlin Donahue

Women's Studies, Anthropology, and Master of Arts in Anthropology; Minors in Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies, History, Jewish Studies, and Medieval Studies. Adult Education Tutor. Social Media Chair for Hope Here Hope Now, Secretary/Social Chair for Lambda Alpha Anthropological Honor Society. Thesis: "Iron Age Phoenician Female Figurines and Their Objects: A Material Feminist Analysis"

Falynn Dunkelberger **

International Politics and Women's Studies. Internship with Penn State's Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity. Schreyer Honors College Scholar Assistant. Thesis: "Gender Disparities in the German Asylum System: A Study of the Law and the Literature"

Alexandra Elkins

Asian Studies and Master of International Affairs; Minors in Japanese Language, Korean Language, and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. Study abroad in Seoul, Korea. Content Intern for Globaleur, Seoul. Social Chair for Korean International Club, and Paterno Fellows Student Advisory Board. Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship. Thesis: "The Current State of Kanji Learning in the Japanese Foreign Language Classroom"

Mariah Elser **

Biological Anthropology; Minors in Biology, Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies, and Spanish. Study abroad in Puebla, Mexico, Denmark, and Greece. Secretary, Internal Vice President, and President of Planned Parenthood Generation Action. Biological Anthropology Student Marshal. Thesis: "Starvation and Metabolic Rates Over Time in *Cimex lectularius*"

Elinor Farber **

Economics, French and Francophone Studies, and History; Minor in Jewish Studies. Study abroad in Montpellier, France. Visitor Services Intern at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. Supply Logistics THON Captain. Erickson Discovery Grant. History Student Marshal. Thesis: "A Confrontation of Identities: Algerian Jewish Migration to France as a Result of the Algerian War, 1954–1962"

Nicholas Finnicum ***

Economics and Finance. Study abroad in London, United Kingdom. PepsiCo Strategic Finance Intern and Communications Test Design, Inc., Finance and Accounting Intern. THON Donor Alumni Relations Captain and Committee Member, Phi Beta Lambda THON, Schreyer Business Library Peer Research Consultant, and Leveraged Lion Capital Lead Analyst. Thesis: "A Case Study Analysis of the International Monetary Fund's Effect on Low-Income Residents of Eastern and Southern European Nations"

Erin Flannery ***

Chinese and Security and Risk Analysis. Cultural Exchange with Nanjing University, China. Internship with United States Federal Government. Content Director of TEDxPSU, Paterno Fellows Student Advisory Board, Paterno Fellows Podcast Contributor, and Global Connections Conversation Partner. National Collegiate Chinese Honor Society and Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship. Chinese Student Marshal and College of Information Sciences and Technology Student Marshal. Thesis: "The Effect of Speaker Identity on the Interpretation of Chinese Pronoun Usage"

Meghan Fleming

Communication Arts and Sciences; Minor in Business and the Liberal Arts; Smeal College Business Fundamentals Certificate. Study abroad in London, United Kingdom. Legal Intern and Reinsurance Intern at Chubb Insurance. Vice President of Communications and Assistant Vice President of Membership for Phi Gamma Nu Professional Business Fraternity, Secretary for Eclipse Benefitting THON, and Campus Organizing Fellow for Rise Free Organization. Thesis: "Citizens United: Judicial Rhetoric and Corporate Constitutional Rights"

Mariana Garcia Godoy *

Communication Arts and Sciences and Philosophy; Minor in African American Studies. Junior Organizer/Intern for UnidosUS Action Fund. Presidential Leadership Academy. Thesis: "Necropolitics, Criminalization and Disposability: The New York State Decarceration Debate During COVID-19"

Andrew Gavinet #

Economics and History. Study abroad in Amsterdam and Rotterdam, Netherlands. Grant Writer and Assistant, National Association of Immigration Consultants. Thesis: "Pandora's Box: British Colonialism and Empire in Palestine 1921–1929"

Faith Gongaware **

Global and International Studies and Supply Chain and Information Systems; Minor in International Business. Study abroad and Internship with IBM, Czech Republic. Business and Finance Intern with MIM Software and Indirect Procurement Intern with Estee Lauder Companies. Zero Waste Working Group Representative for Student Sustainability Advisory Council, Resident Assistant, Education Abroad Peer Adviser, Public Relations Director for Net Impact, and Research Assistant for Center for the Business of Sustainability. Honorable Mention, Collegiate Laws of Life Essay Contest. Thesis: "Greening the Refugee Crisis: Identifying the Intersection Between Humanitarian Logistics and Sustainable Supply Chains"

Carmen Gonzalez-Recober **

Psychology; Minor in Spanish. Study abroad in Madrid and Granada, Spain. President of Nittany Greyhound Club, Zetaus THON Alternative Funding Committee, and American Red Cross Blood Drive Volunteer. Partnership for International Research and Education (PIRE) Fellowship. Thesis: "Non-habitual Code-Switching Bilinguals Listen to Switched Speech: Does Switching Direction Affect Comprehension?"

Margaret Gordon

Political Science, Secondary Education, and Spanish; Minor in History. Philadelphia Urban Seminar Teaching Internship. Tedra Cobb for Congress Campaign Volunteer and Tutor with State College Area School District Volunteers in Public Schools. Thesis: "The LGBTQIA Experience in Public Schools: Recommendations for Decentralization of Secondary Education History Curriculum"

Kelsey Leigh Gorman *

International Politics; Minor in Business and the Liberal Arts. Internship with Attorney Anne Gruner, Diaspora Law Firm. Security Leader, Rules and Regulations THON Committee, Sub-Committee Chair for Pillar THON Special Interest Organization, Fundraising Specialist for Dancer Relations THON Committee, and Recruitment Assistant for Phi Sigma Sigma Sorority. Thesis: "The Effect of Judges' Personal Attributes on Sentencing in State Criminal Cases"

Megan Gow

English and Art History. Department of English Internship as Editor-in Chief of *Kalliope* Literary Journal. President of *Kalliope* Literary Journal. Thesis: "Unraveling the Ideal: The Great War's Suppression of American Authors"

Jacob Green *

History and Spanish. Study abroad in Ronda, Spain. Vice President of Kappa Sigma Fraternity, and Paterno Fellows Student Advisory Board. Thesis: "Resurgent Antisemitism: The Threat of Viktor Orban and His Political Arsenal"

Parker Hamill

History and Political Science; Minor in Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies. Study abroad in Athens, Greece. Head of House Improvement Committee and Sustainability Chair, Theta Delta Chi Fraternity. Thesis: "From Exploitation to Recreation: Industry, Outdoor Culture, and Conservation in the Upper Delaware River Region"

Mary Heath *

Anthropology and Communication Arts and Sciences; Minor in French and Francophone Studies. Study abroad in Vienna, Austria. Internships with Volunteer New York! and MANNA Inc., and Paterno Fellows Program Social Media Intern. Springfield Benefitting THON Alternative Fundraising Chair and Donor and Alumni Relations Chair, and Paterno Fellows Student Advisory Board. Thesis: "The Impact of LMX and Support on Adverse Mental Health Symptoms in the Workplace"

Tian Qi Jing **

Philosophy; Minors in English and Information Sciences and Technology. Finance Intern, Mondelez Shanghai Road Corporate Management Co. LTD. Haikou Social Service Center Volunteer. Philosophy Student Marshal. Thesis: "Finite Infinitude: An Aristotelian Approach to the Question Concerning 'Being is One'"

Elijah Kelsey #

Russian and Community, Environment, and Development; Minor in East European Studies. Study abroad in St. Petersburg, Russia. Secretary of Russian Club. Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship. College of Agricultural Sciences Student Marshal. Thesis: "International Development in Ukraine: Experiences of Ukrainian and American Practitioners"

Ryan Kerestesy *

Economics and Political Science; Minor in History. Proposal Writing Internship with Integrated Systems Solutions. Foreign Aid Lobbyist, Borgen Project. Thesis: "Does Deregulation Lead to Growth? Explaining How Structure of Electricity Markets Contributes to Renewable Growth"

Emily Kiver ***

International Politics and Earth Science and Policy; Minor in French and Francophone Studies. Study abroad in Besançon, France. Policy Intern, Pennsylvania Solar Center. Captain, Penn State Women's Club Ultimate Frisbee. International Politics Student Marshal. Thesis: "The State Initiative: An Exploration of the Variation in Climate Change Policies Passed in the Fifty U.S. States"

Sophie Lamb *

International Politics and Philosophy; Minors in Spanish and Business and the Liberal Arts. Study abroad in Barcelona, Spain. Internship at Everyday Democracy. Chester Springs Library Volunteer. Thesis: "An Investigation of the Impact of the Affordable Care Act on Vote Switching from 2008 to 2012"

Annabelle LaRosa **

Political Science and Communication Arts and Sciences. Nevins Fellowship with Healthy Democracy. Athletes Helping Athletes, Penn State Student Farm, and Centre County PAWS Volunteer. Thesis: "Gender and the Jury Experience: Assessing Post-Trial Political Efficacy and Civic Engagement"

Reece Levine *

Labor and Employment Relations and Advertising/Public Relations; Minor in Spanish. Study abroad in Madrid, Spain. Volunteer with Sigma Delta Tau Sorority. Thesis: "Virtual Work, Person-Organization Fit, and Organizational Attractiveness"

Gunnar Litz **

International Politics and Supply Chain and Information Systems; Minors in Global and International Studies and Political Science. Study abroad in Siena, Italy. Director of Business Consulting for Nittany Consulting Group, Director of the Consulting Training Program, Community Service Captain of Sapphire Leadership Academic Program, and Vice President of Penn State Wine Club. Thesis: "The Impact of Quality Scheme Regulation on the Italian Wine Supply Chain"

Milan Liu +

International Politics and Geography; Minor in Chinese Language; Geographic Information Science Certificate. Study abroad in Shanghai, China. State College Borough Planning and Neighborhood Services Department Intern. Secretary General, Pennsylvania High School United Nations Conference, and President of Gamma Theta Upsilon Geography Honor Society. College of Earth and Mineral Sciences Student Marshal. Thesis: "Great Bear Resurgent: The Geopolitical Impacts of Climate Change in the Russian Far North"

Sarah Losco ***

English and Secondary Education; Minor in World Literature. Study abroad with Teaching English as a Second Language Certificate in Cuenca, Ecuador. Professional Development School Student Teaching Intern. Workshop Peer Coordinator for Penn State Learning Writing Center, Penn State Circle K Club Editor and Volunteer, and Outreach Chair for College of Education Student Council. Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to Spain. Secondary Education Student Marshal. Thesis: "'My Name Holds My Identity': Honoring Student Names in the Classroom"

Hannah Marsho **

Economics and Finance. Equity Research Summer Intern with Emerald Asset Management and Global Real Estate Summer Intern with Chatham Financial. President, Vice President of Outreach, and Business Education Coordinator of Penn State University Economics Association. Thesis: "The Impact of Demographic and Design Characteristics on the Effectiveness of Microcredit"

William McCarter **

Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies and Economics; Minors in Business and the Liberal Arts and Health Policy and Administration. Legislative Intern, Office of Pennsylvania Senator Tom Killion. Treasurer, Penn State College Republicans. First Place, Collegiate Laws of Life Essay Contest. Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies Student Marshal. Thesis: "Law, Debt, and Economy in Ancient Civilizations"

Katelyn Moats

English; Minor in Technical Writing. Study abroad in London, United Kingdom. College of the Liberal Arts Office of Strategic Communications Intern. Vice President of Operations, Delta Phi Epsilon. Thesis: "*And I Will Say Your Name: A Novella*"

Richard Montone

English and Political Science. Internship with Schuylkill County Courthouse, Register of Wills Office. Schuylkill County Community Engagement Volunteer. Thesis: "The Supreme Court's Effect on Public Opinion for Cases with High and Low Salience"

Austin S. Morey ***

Economics and Mathematics. Summer Consultant, Bates White Economic Consulting. Christian Helping Hands Food Pantry Volunteer. Thesis: "Modeling Climate Change: Sensitivities of the Social Cost of Carbon Under Parametric Uncertainty"

Eliza Mull ***

Latin American Studies and International Politics. Study abroad in Santiago, Chile, Israel and the West Bank, and Kenya and Tanzania. Internships with Mennonite Central Committee in Washington, D.C., and Diaspora Law, LLC. Schreyer Honors College Tanzania and Kenya Service Trip. Latin American Studies Student Marshal. Thesis: "*Religious Mestizaje* in Guatemala and its Sociopolitical Impact"

Noelle Musolino ***

Global and International Studies and Political Science; Minor in Anthropology. Study abroad in Rome, Italy. Internship with International Rescue Committee. President of Schreyer Honors College Student Council, Public Relations Chair and Captain for Mock Trial, Project Cahir Member, Schreyer Honors College Representative for University Park Undergraduate Association, Scholar Alumni Society Board Member, Schreyer Honors College Dean Selection Committee, and Dean's Advisory Council Member. Thesis: "Immigrants in the United States: Cultural Diffusion and Xenophobia"

Rosina Natter **

Communication Arts and Sciences and Women's Studies; Minor in Business and the Liberal Arts. Study abroad in Vienna, Austria. Internship with McKesson Corporation. Teaching Assistant. Thesis: "Twentieth-Century Doll Houses and the Gigantic Home: An Analysis on Miniatures and Models"

Aidan Neigh *

Global and International Studies and Political Science; Minor in Arabic Language. Study abroad and Internship with IREX Jordan in Amman, Jordan. Presidential Leadership Academy, President of Pennharmonics A Cappella Group, Lion Ambassadors Inclusivity and Strategic Planning Committee, and University Park Undergraduate Association Judicial Board Justice. Thesis: "The Effect of U.S. Foreign Intervention on State Failure in the Post-Cold War Era"

Uchenna Nwodim **

Political Science; Minors in African American Studies and Art History. Internship with Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project, Northeastern School of Law. Evening Celebration Director for MLK, Jr. Commemoration Student Committee. Thesis: "African IGOs and Democracy"

Hannah Oleynik ***

Labor and Employment Relations and Political Science; Minor in French and Francophone Studies. Study abroad in Aix-en-Provence, France. Student Engagement Network Intern. Liberal Arts Ambassadors. Labor and Employment Relations Student Marshal. Thesis: "State Economic Development and Anti-Unionism: Examining State Union Policy"

Rosa Tanja Padt

Communication Arts and Sciences, French and Francophone Studies, and Linguistics; Minors in Arabic Language, Global and International Studies, and Music Performance; Diversity Studies Certificate. Study abroad in Bassila, Benin; Besançon and Paris, France; Rabat, Morocco; and Krakow, Poland. President, Vice President, and Public Relations Chair of French Club; Founder and President of Language and Linguistics Club; President and Vice President of Music Service Club; English as a Second Language Teacher for Mid-State Literacy Council; and English as a Second Language Tutor for Penn State Career Pathways Program. Partnerships for International Research and Education (PIRE) Grant. Thesis: "Vocabulary Consolidation in the Second Language"

Kiran Pandey ***

English and Mathematics; Minor in Theatre. Study abroad in London, United Kingdom. Education and Community Programs Intern, Penn State Center for the Performing Arts; Undergraduate Assistant, The Hemingway Letters Project, and Communications Specialist Intern, Office of Planning and Assessment. Director of Edward Albee's *Seascope* for No Refund Theatre. English Student Marshal. Thesis: "Pennsylvania Wasteland and Other Stories"

Katherine Paolizzi *

International Politics; Minor in Nutritional Sciences. Internship with DialogueDirect, LLC: ChildFund International. Taproot Kitchen Grant Writer and Volunteer, and Secretary for the Penn State Beta Pi Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha National Political Science Honor Society. Thesis: "Hungry from Change: Framing Food Insecurity as a Climate Issue"

Resham Patel

Economics and Political Science. Nevins Fellowship with Millennial Action Project, Washington, D.C. Director of Executive Youth Committee, Vallabh Youth Organization. Thesis: "Male Legislators as Substantive Representatives of Women"

Andrea Peabody *

English and Psychology. Clean Water Act Legal Team Intern for Suncoast Waterkeeper. President of Silver Wings Region II and Secretary of Phi Sigma Pi National Honor Fraternity, Alpha Pi Chapter. Student Engagement Network Grant. Thesis: "Following the Fractal of *Arcadia*"

Morgan Philips

Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies and Secondary Education. Study abroad in Athens, Greece. Education Director for Penn State Mock Trial Executive Board. Thesis: "Navigating the Odyssey of Social Studies State Standards: Ancient History in Pennsylvania Education"

William Pizii *

English; Minor in Business and the Liberal Arts. TransAtlantic Experiential Internship. Head Lifeguard, West Chester YMCA. Thesis: "Game of Thrones and a New Face of Fantasy"

Srishti Ponnala *

Global and International Studies; Minors in Business and the Liberal Arts, Ethics, and Sociology. Study abroad in Netherlands, with Internship at the Anne Frank House. Recovery Volunteer, All Hands and Hearts Non-Profit Organization, Family Relations Chair and Dancer for Bee House Special Interest THON Organization, Vice President of Strategic Planning for Penn State United Nations Campus Advocates, Practitioner and Small Group Conflict and Collaboration Certificate for World in Conversation, and Teaching Assistant for SOC 119 Race and Ethnic Relations. Finalist, Penn State Idea Makers Challenge. Thesis: "Crime of Aggression and Relevance in the Twenty-First Century in the Conflict of Kashmir"

Brooke Przybylinski *

Social Data Analytics and Political Science. Promotion in Motion Marketing Intern and Social Data Analytics Research Assistant. Webmaster, Penn State Club Track and Field. Social Data Analytics Student Marshal. Thesis: "Abortion Worldviews, Attitudes, and Attitude Expression: A Twitter Analysis"

Charles Ryan ***

Economics and Political Science. Study abroad in London, United Kingdom. Presidential Leadership Academy, Paterno Fellows Student Advisory Board. Political Science Student Marshal. Thesis: "Social Mobility and Voter Turnout"

Allie Ryave ***

Global and International Studies and Human Development and Family Studies; Minors in Economics and Spanish. Internships with Penn State Division of Development and Alumni Relations and Research to Policy Collaboration. Presidential Leadership Academy, Springfield Benefitting THON, and President of Penn State Hillel. Thesis: "From Ivory Tower to Capitol Hill: The Foundation for Evidence-Based Policymaking Through Researcher-Policymaker Interactions"

Steven Schneible ***

English and Psychology. Research Assistant for Professor Debra Hawhee. Fiction Coordinator, Managing Editor, and Nonfiction Coordinator for *Kalliope* Literary Journal. Paterno Fellows Student Advisory Board, and College of the Liberal Arts Alumni Society Board. Rock Ethics Institute Undergraduate Research Fellow. First Place, Collegiate Laws of Life Essay Contest, Lehman Fiction Award, and Lehman Nonfiction Award. Thesis: "Choosing What We Worship"

Anushka Shah *

English and Biology. Public Relations Intern for Department of English's Creative Writing Program. Special Projects Director and President, Schreyer for Women. American Academy of Poets Steinberg Prize, Mihelcic Poetry Prize, Edward Nichols Creative Nonfiction Prize, and Cranage Poetry Prize. Thesis: "Clinically Irrelevant Concentrations of Kinase Inhibitors Contribute to Failure of Drug Repurposing Efforts in Clinical Trials: A Meta-Analysis"

Nicholas Shea **

Economics and Russian. Study abroad in St. Petersburg, Russia. Operational Excellence Intern, PNC Financial Services Group. Color a Smile Organization Volunteer. Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship. Russian Student Marshal. Thesis: "An Empirical Investigation of Social Capital and International Migration: The Role of Language, Culture and Diasporas"

Abigail Slate *

French and Francophone Studies, German, Global and International Studies, and Linguistics. Study abroad in Freiburg, Germany, and English Teaching Internship in Dakar, Senegal. Research Assistant for Dr. Bettina Brandt. Youth Group Leader at Wayne Presbyterian Church, SHO Time Mentor, PhillyKinder Summer Camp Volunteer, and AMICA e.V. Volunteer in Freiburg. Semifinalist for Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship in Nepal. German Student Marshal. Thesis: "In Vielfalt Geeint: The Foundations of Modern Europe Through the Example of Post-War Freiburg"

Morgan Sloan

Criminology and Political Science; Minor in Psychology. Internship with Community Federal Defenders Office, Capital Habeas Unit. University Park Undergraduate Association At-Large Representative. Thesis: "The Effects of Physical Attractiveness on Criminal Sentencing"

Taylor Slusser ***

Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies and Environmental Resource Management; Minors in Greek and Spanish. Study Abroad in Ronda, Spain. Internship with Chesapeake Bay Office of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. Presidential Leadership Academy, and President of Reformed University Fellowship. Erickson Discovery Grant. Environmental Resource Management Student Marshal. Thesis: "Speaking from Eternity: Scriptural Interpretation in the Epistle to the Hebrews"

Carly Snyder *

English and Secondary Education. Study abroad in London, United Kingdom. Philadelphia Urban Seminar Intern and Professional Development School Intern at State College Area High School. SHO Time Mentor and Community Outreach Chair and Morale Chair for Penn State Student Pennsylvania State Education Association. Thesis: "American Sign Language in Hybrid/Fully Remote Learning: Impact on Student Presence and Presentation"

Noah Speitel **

Political Science and Education and Public Policy. Internship with Pennsylvania Department of Education. Volunteer for Eclipse and Bee House Special Interest THON Organizations. Thesis: "Modern School Segregation: Local Factors Contributing to Racially Segregated School Districts"

Elijah St. Pierre

Philosophy and Geosciences; Minor in Biology. Study Abroad in Costa Rica. English as a Second Language Tutor for Literacy Corps of Pennsylvania and Research Analyst with PCG Molecular. Liberal Arts Undergraduate Council, Penn State Boxing Club President and Competitor, and Co-Founder of Penn State Chapter of the League of Women Voters. Honorable Mention, Collegiate Laws of Life Essay Contest. Thesis: "New Mexico, Water, and Climate Resilience: An Overview of New Mexican Hydrology with Statistical Micro-Risk Assessment"

Katherine Staley ***

Criminology; Minors in German, Art, and Psychology. Study abroad in Curaçao. Legal Intern at Beaver County Courthouse, Research Assistant, and Teaching Assistant. Mission trip with Hickory Evangelical Presbyterian Church and Centre Safe: Centre County Women's Resource Center Volunteer. Delta Phi Alpha National German Honor Society. Criminology Student Marshal. Thesis: "Gender and Involvement in Financial Fraud: Evidence from Two FBI Data Sources"

Sophie Stein

English and Spanish. Study abroad in Madrid, Spain. Center for American Literary Studies Undergraduate Intern and Penn State Learning Writing Tutor. Teaching Assistant for SOC 119 Race and Ethnic Relations, Sisterhood Chair of Sigma Delta Tau Sorority, Managing Editor and Nonfiction Editor of *Klio* Creative Arts Journal, and Forum for Undergraduate Student Editors (FUSE) Presenter and Penn State Representative. Thesis: "Respatializing and Reimagining Multiethnic American Reality"

Amanda Talbot **

Italian and Spanish; Minor in Portuguese. Study abroad in São Paulo, Brazil. Penn State Division of Development and Alumni Relations Intern and Translation Intern for Brazil Culture Connections Podcast. Vice President of Incarnation Campus Fellowship. Italian Student Marshal. Thesis: "Race, Spanish History, and the Translator's Style in Beatriz Alcaná's 'Falsos Amigos'"

Erli Tang **

Linguistics and Japanese. Shanghai Translation Publishing House Editor Intern. Japanese Language Peer Tutor. Linguistics Student Marshal. Thesis: "Mandarin Influence on the Shanghainese Sound System"

Nina Trach ***

Spanish and Advertising/Public Relations. Study abroad in Granada, Spain. Internships with National Football League, Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications, Axalta Coating Systems, Anera Travel, and NSF International Health Sciences. Administrative Vice President of Lion Ambassadors Student Alumni Corps, Leadership JumpStart Teaching Assistant, and Resident Assistant. 2020 Homecoming Student Court, Bellisario Fellow, and Advertising/Public Relations Student Marshal. Thesis: "Fan Perception of Professional Sports as a Social Justice Platform"

David Weiss ***

Economics and Statistics. Study abroad in Singapore. Internships with Chatham Financial and Bates White Economic Consulting. President of Delta Sigma Pi Business Fraternity, President of Business Fraternity Council, and Schreyer Honors College Representative for University Park Undergraduate Association. Economics Student Marshal. Thesis: "Water Means Life: The Effect of Access to Clean Water on Education and Literacy Rates in Developing Countries"

Ryan Westlake **

International Politics; Minor in Arabic Language. Study abroad in Vienna, Austria, and Haifa, Israel. Internships with Office of Senator Cory Booker, Public International Law and Policy Group, and Penn State Washington, D.C., Program. Adult English Language Learner Tutor. Thesis: "Transitional Justice and Ex-Combatant Reintegration in Post-Civil War States"

Caitlin Williams

Psychology; Minor in Biology; Diversity Studies Certificate. Undergraduate Research Assistant in Gene-Environment Interplay Lab and Lab of Developmental Neuroscience. Resident Assistant. Thesis: "Investigating the Effects of Romantic and Sexual Partnerships on Face Perception"

Anna Zuckerman

Global and International Studies and History; Minor in Religious Studies. Pennsylvania Student Power Network Fellowship. Vice President of Communications for Penn State International Affairs and Debate Association and Course Instructor for Students Teaching Students. Thesis: "Who We Believe Her To Be: A Contextualization of Pope Gregory the Great's Statements on the Magdalene Figure, 591CE-604CE"

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NOTE ABOUT DISTINCTION: This group is made up of those students who have completed the required number of credits at the University and who are in the top 12 percent of their graduating class in their college. The 12 percent is divided into 2 percent summa cum laude (highest distinction), 4 percent magna cum laude (high distinction), and 6 percent cum laude (distinction). This list was produced on April 5, 2021, as an unofficial list of graduating students earning honors and an unofficial list of students who indicated their intent to graduate spring semester 2021.

Paterno Fellows Program

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