Jefferson Scholars Foundation

2019
ANNUAL REPORT
On June 30, 2019, the Jefferson Scholars Foundation concluded its 39th year. It was another year of progress and noteworthy achievement, and we are delighted to share some of the highlights with you.

In April, we celebrated the accomplishments of our 35th graduating class of Jefferson Scholars. In the class were a Schwarzman Scholar, a Fulbright Scholar, the Edgar Shannon Outstanding Engineering Student, the Ernest H. Ern Outstanding Student, and the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award winner. The class also included the managing editor of The Cavalier Daily, a Gray-Carrington Scholarship recipient, two vice-chairs of the Judiciary Committee, and the chair of the University Guide Service, along with the president of the Raven Society and a quadruple All-American national champion in Mock Trial. Eight members of the class lived on the Lawn, and the group graduated with a cumulative GPA of 3.77. We also celebrated a very impressive accomplishment of a Scholar alumnus, who graduated in 2018 and became the eighth member of the Jefferson Scholars community to win a Marshall Scholarship.

The Scholars returning to Grounds in the fall of 2019 are well positioned to continue the legacy of excellence established by the more than 900 alumni of the Foundation. Among the returning Scholars are 10 individuals selected to live on the Lawn, a member of the Honor Committee, the president of the Paul Robeson Players, and a Madison House Board of Directors member. Also returning are the president of the Virginia
Gentlemen and the managing editor of the *Wilson Journal of International Affairs*.

We also recognized the 12th graduating class of Jefferson Fellows in April. The accomplishments of our Fellows continue to be significant and impressive. Their work is being recognized and published in scholarly journals, and they are regularly selected for dissertation completion fellowships both by the University and by national organizations. Their commitment to multidisciplinary research and teaching remains inspiring.

The annual cycle of events at the Foundation always leaves us little time to bemoan the departure of graduating classes as we immediately turn our attention to the pleasant responsibility of welcoming our next entering class. This year’s undergraduate selection process recruited 38 outstanding leaders, scholars, and citizens to the University community, representing the largest cohort in the Foundation’s history. These students hail from 20 states, the District of Columbia, and three foreign countries. The entering class of Fellows will include 12 in the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, three in the Darden School of Business, and one in the School of Engineering and Applied Science. Additionally, we will welcome seven outstanding students as National Fellows.

The Foundation’s Professorship Program welcomed its second faculty member, Kevin Pelphrey, the Harrison-Wood Jefferson Scholars Foundation Professor, with dual appointments in the School of Medicine and the Curry School of Education and Human Development. We are also pleased that a third Foundation Professor was hired in the spring and will begin teaching at the University in fall 2019. Christa Diersheide joins the Corcoran Department of History and holds the Brockman Foundation
Perfect is not attainable, but if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence.”

—VINCE LOMBARDI
Jefferson Scholars Foundation Professorship.

These accomplishments and the very positive impact they are having on the University could not occur without the enlightened and extraordinary generosity of our loyal benefactors. This past year we received new commitments totaling over $14 million. Helped by a positive investment return of 5.13 percent, the Foundation ended the year with total assets of $459 million.

Each year we see the terms of some of the members of our Board of Directors end. This year the terms of Peter Grant, Robin Howell, Mark Pinho, Mark Pirrung, C.E. Rhodes, Jim Rutrough, and Steve Smiley concluded. All seven served the Foundation in an exemplary fashion, and we will miss their active involvement and wise counsel. Kirkman Finlay, Dale Harvey, Paul Izlar, Jamala Massenburg, Bruce Miller, and Linda Renner will join the Board, and we look forward to their participation.

The Foundation also experiences the loss of loyal friends and benefactors every year. This past year we lost Jack Syer, a close friend and colleague and former member of the Board, and Ann Vernon Sullivan, who along with her late husband, Gilly Sullivan, was very instrumental in the founding of the Jefferson Scholars initiative. The Foundation also suffered the loss of Andy Selfridge, who for many years was an enthusiastic promoter of the Foundation in his position in development at the University. All three of these friends are greatly missed.

Over the past 39 years, the Foundation has built an impressive record of success and now faces the challenge of maintaining the excellence for which it is now widely
known. Sustaining excellence is in many ways more difficult than achieving it in the first place. What must we do then to maintain success?

First, we must stay true to our mission and remain focused on identifying and attracting talent to the University. Second, we must continue to work hard. There is no substitute for hard work, the price that always must be paid for success. Third, we cannot settle for the status quo. We must remain open to new ideas that are aligned with our mission and be willing to adapt, to learn, and to improve. Finally, we must remain committed to our core values of Trust, Honesty, Integrity, Respect, Service, and Teamwork (THIRST). As long as our thirst for excellence remains unquenched, as long as we make it a habit to work hard and to stay focused on our mission, we have a chance of sustaining excellence.
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—JIMMY WRIGHT AND TIM INGRASSIA
The mission of the Jefferson Scholars Foundation is to serve the University of Virginia by identifying, attracting, and nurturing individuals of extraordinary intellectual range and depth who possess the highest concomitant qualities of leadership, scholarship, and citizenship.
The 2018-19 fiscal year was a tremendous success. The Foundation continues to be humbled by the generosity of its many benefactors.

Funds raised during the fiscal year totaled over $14 million, exceeding the previous two years. These funds will provide opportunities for Jefferson Scholars, Fellows, and Professors to make their mark on the University community. Further, the Foundation will continue to expand its regional footprint by attracting to the University outstanding students from Arizona for the fall of 2020. In addition, through the philanthropic support of the family of Ambassador W. L. Lyons Brown Jr., the Foundation will help the University attract a leading faculty member in diplomacy and statecraft to Grounds.

As the Foundation prepares for the upcoming public launch of the University’s “Honor the Future” campaign, it remains truly grateful for the dedicated support of its many benefactors. It is the Foundation’s hope that it can continue to pursue the vision of Mr. Jefferson by securing a campaign goal of $200 million.

Mr. Jefferson designed a university where students and faculty could learn from one another and could exercise their ingenuity, develop the tools of self-governance, and push the boundaries of knowledge in service to the common good. The Foundation remains committed to these ideals and to its mission to attract to the University individuals of extraordinary intellectual range and depth who possess the highest qualities of leadership, scholarship, and citizenship.
This year, the Foundation invited students, faculty, and members of the broader Charlottesville community to hear from and engage in discussion with a foreign policy expert and the Commandant of the United States Marine Corps.
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The endowment returns saw significant volatility during fiscal year 2018-19, but the Foundation ultimately finished the year with a 5.13 percent weighted-average return on its cash and investments. The weighted-average investment return was not significantly greater than the percentage of the endowment expended to cover the Foundation’s program, development, and administrative expenses. As a result, the Foundation relied upon solid fundraising results to push the endowment portfolio value to $459 million, an increase of about $12 million or 3 percent over last fiscal year.

Operational and Capital Spending
The Foundation’s operational expenses and capital expenditures finished the fiscal year on budget at $18.1 million, with an endowment spend rate of 4.81 percent. The expense allocation across the Foundation’s three functional areas was 81 percent for program support, 12 percent for development, and 7 percent for administrative. Looking ahead to fiscal year 2019-20, the approved operating and capital budget is $19.8 million. This year-over-year increase of approximately $1.7 million is driven by additional Fellowship and Professorship awards, program staff growth, and a one-time increase in capital replacement costs.

The Foundation’s financial permanence, combined with its proven ability to carry out its mission, has instilled confidence in thousands of U.Va. alumni and friends who have continued to extend their support. As a result of its fiscally conservative approach, the Foundation now manages a large number of perpetual funds that continue to provide a strong and continuing source of funding for future generations of exceptional undergraduate and graduate students, as well as outstanding faculty.
FINANCE OVERVIEW

FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

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The Foundation remains very optimistic about the future and its ability to succeed in its mission of supporting U.Va. The Foundation’s investment strategy, coupled with a perpetual time horizon, should keep the Foundation in a strong position to weather any temporary storms that impact the financial markets.

This financial strength could not have occurred without support from the many people who have believed in the mission of the Foundation since its inception. The Foundation extends its sincere gratitude for the countless gifts of time and financial resources provided over almost four decades. The Foundation takes its fiduciary responsibility very seriously and promises to build upon the legacy of handling its financial resources in a way that honors the covenant made with its benefactors.
As long as our thirst for excellence remains unquenched, as long as we make it a habit to work hard and to stay focused on our mission, we have a chance of sustaining excellence."

—JIMMY WRIGHT AND TIM INGRASSIA
For nearly four decades, the Foundation has helped recruit outstanding undergraduate and graduate students to the University. More recently, the Foundation has underscored its commitment to attracting outstanding talent to U.Va. by raising more than $70 million in support of endowed professorships. These professorships aim to attract nationally and internationally recognized scholars and leaders in their fields, known for their superior abilities as both classroom teachers and innovative researchers.
INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED neuroscientist Kevin Pelphrey had many reasons to pursue a position at the University of Virginia. As the founding director of the Autism and Neurodevelopmental Disorders Institute at George Washington University, Pelphrey had been tracking U.Va.’s growing investment in autism research. He noted how several schools and units on Grounds—including the College of Arts & Sciences, the Curry School of Education and Human Development, the School of Medicine, and the Brain Institute—began developing initiatives to improve understanding and treatment of this complex disorder.

The Jefferson Scholars Foundation also caught Pelphrey’s eye. “What really struck me was that the Foundation was targeting young people who were the best and the brightest,” he says. Pelphrey, who has taught and conducted research at a range of leading institutions, including Duke and Yale, joined U.Va.’s faculty in fall 2018 as the Harrison-Wood Jefferson Scholars Foundation Professor. Through the Foundation, he has helped advance the university-wide efforts he observed—with the aid of talented undergraduate and graduate students.

Pelphrey has been deeply impressed with the Jefferson Scholars assisting him in the lab; some have even spurred him to rethink the direction of his research, he says. Inspired by their own experiences learning from their peers in the Jefferson Scholars Program, two students suggested that Pelphrey and his team expand the scope of one study on learning to include not only parent-child and student-teacher relationships, but also peer-to-peer ones. “Sometimes they’re so smart and so good at fitting in that you forget they’re students,” says Pelphrey.

The University’s abundant resources concerning optical imaging and genetic sequencing have proved invaluable to his research. But for Pelphrey, the students themselves are also an incredible asset. “I’ve taught at some great schools, but the amount of initiative and motivation that I see in U.Va. students, especially Jefferson Scholars, amazes me,” he says. “They’re not waiting for the information to come to them; they’re going out and getting it.”

**Taking the Initiative**

Kevin Pelphrey was drawn to U.Va. by its commitment to autism research—and by the students themselves.

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**Christa Dierksheide**

In spring 2019, Dierksheide joined the Corcoran Department of History in the College of Arts & Sciences as the Brockman Foundation Jefferson Scholars Foundation Professor. Her research focuses on race and slavery, the political thought of Thomas Jefferson, and the legacy of the founding generation.

**Kevin Pelphrey**

The Harrison-Wood Jefferson Scholars Foundation Professor, Pelphrey joined the faculty in fall 2018 with appointments in the School of Medicine and the Curry School of Education and Human Development. An internationally renowned scientist, he works to develop individually tailored treatments for individuals with autism.

**Jianhua ‘JC’ Cang**

Hired in 2017, Cang is the Paul T. Jones Jefferson Scholars Foundation Professor. He helps lead brain-science research efforts at U.Va. With joint appointments in biology and psychology in the College of Arts & Sciences, he seeks to identify treatments for visual impairments.
This year the Foundation recognized five U.Va. faculty members for exceptional classroom teaching. Recipients of this year’s awards received a total of $25,000.

Over the last 14 years, the Jefferson Scholars Foundation has awarded more than $500,000 to 60 faculty members in the College of Arts & Sciences, the Curry School of Education and Human Development, the Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy, the McIntire School of Commerce, the School of Architecture, the School of Engineering and Applied Science, and the School of Medicine.

HARTFIELD EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Nada Basit
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
Department of Computer Science
School of Engineering and Applied Science

Geoff Geise
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
Department of Chemical Engineering
School of Engineering and Applied Science

2019 Faculty Fellows

Every year the Foundation invites department chairs in the School of Engineering and Applied Science to nominate faculty members who exemplify the highest standards and practices of teaching.

AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING

Patrick Grant
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics
School of Medicine

John Miller
ARTHUR F. AND MARIAN W. STOCKER PROFESSOR OF CLASSICS
Department of Classics
College of Arts & Sciences

Mohammed Sawaie
PROFESSOR
Department of Middle Eastern & South Asian Language & Cultures
College of Arts & Sciences

Every year the Foundation invites department chairs and deans across U.Va. to nominate faculty members who go the extra mile in fulfilling their vocation without regard for their own advancement.
Since 1980, the Jefferson Scholars Program has continued to attract to the University the most promising leaders, scholars, and citizens in the world. The Scholarship covers the entire cost of attendance for four years at U.Va. and includes an extensive enrichment program.
During her first interview in the Jefferson Scholarship competition, Raynelle Grace, the William A. Hobbie Jefferson Scholar, received a challenging question: If you could invite anyone to dinner, who would it be? She could have offered a response designed to impress, but instead she shared the real answer: her mother. Grace was a high-achieving student with a packed schedule, and since her mother worked four jobs, the two often struggled to connect. “When I explained it to my committee, I could see in their eyes then that they saw the humanity in me,” she says—“that I cared about other people, and that I didn’t achieve just for the sake of achieving, but to reach for the greater good.”

Since her graduation in 2003, Grace has served on regional selection committees for the Foundation and, most recently, on the national selection committee as well. In their conversations with hundreds of students at the top of their graduating classes, these committees seek to uncover the authentic person beneath the many layers of academic accomplishment and to determine if that person demonstrates the generosity and drive that characterize a Jefferson Scholar.

The process is far from easy. As Ashwanth Samuel, the Hilliard Family Jefferson Scholar and a member of the class of 2019, attests, the presence of so many other talented students alone can feel overwhelming. “You start to wonder, ‘Do I deserve to be here when there are all these amazing people here?’” Samuel says. But for everyone involved, it’s an enriching experience. “The people on my selection committees truly wanted to understand my life,” he says. “I felt this real sense of sincerity from them.”

That candor often takes the form of challenging questions, some of which ask students to consider views that directly oppose their own. The point isn’t to intimidate, Grace says. “When you offer a student a counterpoint, you’re looking for them to say, ‘Hey, that’s not something I’ve considered before, but when I leave here I’m going to read more about it,’” she says. “The best leaders can learn from others.”

Regardless of whether they win the Scholarship, students often finish the selection process with a new excitement about the University of Virginia. And as Samuel observed, it’s an enthusiasm that often endures long after graduation, “Everyone’s passion regarding U.Va. was contagious,” he says. By the time he returned home from the national selection weekend, he was feeling it too. “I remember having this epiphany that U.Va. was the right place for me,” he says.
Undergraduate Enrichment Programs

Outdoor Leadership
First-year Scholars participate in a daylong outdoor leadership course designed to encourage teamwork and build trust.

Institute for Leadership and Citizenship
Rising second-year Scholars spend two weeks together participating in a service-learning project, group discussions, workshops led by notable alumni and professionals in leadership positions, and community-based activities.

Modern Guild
A personal coach guides second-year Scholars through career exploration and readiness.

Summer Foreign Travel
Rising third-year Scholars choose a foreign study opportunity provided by the University’s International Studies Office. Scholars also have an opportunity to enjoy independent travel based on a topic of personal interest.

Exploratory Fund
All Scholars are invited to apply for merit-based seed funding to implement cutting-edge ideas that create sustainable social, cultural, or economic change.

Additional Funding
Scholars who secure an unpaid internship receive a stipend from the Foundation. Scholars may also receive funding to participate in January Term courses at U.Va.

The Jefferson Scholarship Selection Process

1 Nomination
Prospective Jefferson Scholars are nominated by their schools [eligible schools may nominate one or two students per year from the senior class]. Nominations are completed by both school officials and students and include a scholastic report, extracurricular activities, recommendation letters, and two essays.

2 Regional Selection
Regional selection committees—comprised of alumni and friends of the University—review all student application materials before conducting one or more rounds of interviews. At the end of this process, finalists are invited to Charlottesville to compete at the Jefferson Scholars Selection Weekend.

3 Final Selection
Finalists arrive on Grounds for a four-day opportunity to explore the University of Virginia. Activities include a seminar discussion, a written exercise, a math and logic exam, and a personal interview.

By the Numbers

$7,991,192
awarded in support of undergraduate Scholarships in fiscal year 2019

143
Scholars will be in residence in the 2019-20 academic year

8-9%
of the University’s incoming class every year are Jefferson Scholarship nominees

4,800+
secondary schools and 10,648 counselors in 62 regions were invited to nominate in our competition this year

887
alumni, faculty, and friends of the University served on regional or national selection committees

2,000+
students were nominated to compete regionally, resulting in 118 finalists for the Jefferson Scholars Selection Weekend

38
new Scholars were recruited to join the Foundation community
UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARS
Daniel Eduardo Ajootian
RHODE ISLAND SCHOLAR
Moses Brown School
Providence, Rhode Island

The English Students Association, president, head of communications; Seniatim Journal of American Politics, editor-in-chief, staff editor, design editor; The Oculus Journal of Undergraduate Research, staff editor; HackColle. The Pioner, associate producer; Corcoran Department of History, research assistant; Jefferson Literary and Debating Society, Probationary Committee, Pen & Ink Committee chair; Historical Committee Illuminator; Minority Rights Coalition, UP moderator, Advocacy Committee, Outreach Committee; Miller Center, Student Leaders Program; Classics Club; Armenian Students’ Association; Shakespeare on the Lawn; Sustained Dialogue; Echols Scholar; Double Hoo Research Grant; Harrison Bush Award; Harrison Undergraduate Research Award; Ingrasia Family Research Grant; Michael Wagenheim Scholarship; Undergraduate Research Network Symposium, second place; Dean’s List; Raven Society; Lawn resident

DEGREE: B.A. Government and Foreign Affairs Honors with Honors and English Distinguished Majors Program with Distinction; History Minor
FUTURE PLANS: To begin a speechwriting career in New York City

Jordan Elise Arnold
MARY TILMAN CORSON SCHOLAR
Rockbridge County High School
Lexington, Virginia

University Judiciary Committee, vice chair for sanctions, counselor, First Year Judiciary Committee chair; Virginia Review of Politics, executive editor, staff writer; Cavalier Daily, viewpoint writer, copy staffer; Gray-Carrington Nominating Committee, chair; University Guide Service, Outreach Committee chair, Alumni Relations Committee chair; Pay for Success Lab, senior fellow; Sustained Dialogue, moderator; Department of Economics, research assistant; Rotunda Student Ambassador; Pi Beta Phi; Echols Scholar; Raven Society; Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award

DEGREE: B.A. Political and Social Thought Distinguished Majors Program with Highest Distinction and Economics
FUTURE PLANS: To join the Virginia College Advising Corps as a college adviser at Covington High School

Michael Chryll Bateman II
CLARENCE S. AND FLORENCE F. WRIGHT MEMORIAL SCHOLAR
Walter Hines Page High School
Greensboro, North Carolina

Student Entrepreneurs for Economic Development, East Bali Cashews/Totem Application Project; Unsung People, president, editor-in-chief; Charlottesville Climate Collaborative; program development assistant; High Tor Gear Exchange, retail crew member; Reelfor Research, volunteer; Jefferson Literary and Debating Society; Sustained Dialogue; Echols Scholar; McIntire Hedge Fund Tournament, winner; Order of the Orange Stole; M.S. Commerce, Catalyst for Learning Faculty Award; Phi Beta Kappa

DEGREE: M.S. Commerce; B.A. Global Studies with Distinction; Social Entrepreneurship Minor
FUTURE PLANS: To pursue a career in renewable energy
Jacob Lewis Blank  
**PAUL TUDOR JONES II SCHOLAR**  
Alexander Dawson School  
Lafayette, Colorado

Cavalier Daily; senior sports editor, sports columnist; TEDxUVA, Sponsorship Committee chair; Student Entrepreneurs for Economic Development, project director, treasurer, project leader; FairED Club, president, tutor; Net Impact, board fellow; Responsible Investment Group, Sustainability Team; HackCVille; Wireframe; Phi Delta Theta; Echols Scholar; Dean’s List

**DEGREE:** M.P.P. Public Policy; B.A. Economics with Distinction; Business Spanish Minor

**FUTURE PLANS:** To join Greentech Capital Advisors as an analyst in New York City

James George Caffrey  
**THOMAS G. AND JOY P. MURDOUGH SCHOLAR**  
Shaker Heights High School  
Shaker Heights, Ohio

Responsible Investment Group, treasurer; McIntire Investment Institute, associate, analyst; Chi Psi Omicron, brotherhood chair; Business Ethics Society; Charlottesville Debate League, treasurer; Student Entrepreneurs for Economic Development; Echols Scholar; Dean’s List; 2019 U.Va. Center for Global Health Case Competition, first place

**DEGREE:** B.S. Commerce

**FUTURE PLANS:** To join Wells Fargo Securities as an analyst in New York City

Isaiah Isaac Cohen  
**JOHN AND BETSY CASTEEN SCHOLAR**  
Marsha Stern Talmudical Academy Yeshiva University High School for Boys  
New York, New York

Seminole Trail Volunteer Fire Department, firefighter, emergency medical technician; Congregation Beth Israel, teacher; Virginia Interfaith Coalition, outreach chair; Rohr Chabad House at U.Va.; Brody Jewish Center Hillel; Virginia Consulting Group; No Tones A Cappella; One in Four; Perspective Understanding Leadership Sustained Exchange (PULSE), fellow; Sustained Dialogue; International Relations Organization, Virginia International Crisis Simulation staffer; Virginia Model United Nations crisis director; Alternative Spring Break; Elevate Meal Plan, operations manager; Blueprint Leadership Program; Charlottesville-Albermarle Rescue Squad; Alpha Epsilon Pi; Echols Scholar; Dean’s List; Raven Society

**DEGREE:** B.A. Political and Social Thought Distinguished Majors Program with High Distinction and Middle Eastern Studies; Religious Studies Minor

**FUTURE PLANS:** To join Bain & Company in New York City
Mary Boyd Crosier

ROBY AND LOUISE C. ROBINSON SCHOLAR

The Westminster Schools
Atlanta, Georgia

University Guide Service, chair; vice chair, scheduler; Housing and Residence Life, resident advisor; School of Engineering and Applied Science/Testing Innovation Advisory Board, student member; Engineers Going Global, treasurer; ULink: University Peer Advising Link; School of Engineering and Applied Science Deans’ Ambassador; Science, Technology, and Society Department, teaching assistant; INST 1605: History of Mr. Jefferson’s University, course facilitator; Reformed University Fellowship; Sustained Dialogue; Raven Society, Lawn resident

DEGREE: B.S. Systems Engineering with Highest Distinction; Computer Science and Engineering Business Minor

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

Isabelle Deane Fitzgerald

REVEREND CALVIN AND FRANCES BLACKWELL SCHOLAR

Marymount School
New York, New York

TEDxUVA, Speaker Selection Committee chair, treasurer, Sponsorship Committee chair; Tom Tom Founders Festival, Innovation Programming fellow; HackCville, Hustle Class, Partnerships Team, Wireframe; Student Entrepreneurs for Economic Development; Zeta Tau Alpha; Echols Council, Echols Ambassador; Echols Scholar; Dean’s List

DEGREE: B.A. Economics with Distinction; Technology Entrepreneurship Minor

FUTURE PLANS: To join Morgan Stanley in New York City

Caitlin Marie Flanagan

MIDDENDORF FOUNDATION - NICHOLAS G. PENNIMAN III SCHOLAR

Rockbridge Academy
Millersville, Maryland

Moot Court Team, president, executive vice president, vice president of administration; Charlottesville Debate League, president, Curriculum Committee co-chair; Bearings’ Journal of Christian Thought; The Oculus Journal of Undergraduate Research; Virginia Literary Review; Seriatim Journal of American Politics; Trinity Presbyterian Church, Sunday School assistant teacher; Madison House, AVID tutor; Charlottesville Abundant Life Ministries, tutor; Reformed University Fellowship; InterVarsity Christian Fellowship; Jefferson Literary and Debating Society; Sustained Dialogue; Undergraduate Moot Court regional champion; Echols Scholar; Michael Wagenheim Scholarship recipient; Raven Society

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

FUTURE PLANS: To join Kobre & Kim as a legal analyst in Washington, D.C.
John Willard Fry
THE WESTEND FOUNDATION SCHOLAR
Webb School of Knoxville
Knoxville, Tennessee

Oculus Journal of Undergraduate Research, editor-in-chief; Economics Club, president, tutoring co-chair; Cavalier Daily, marketing associate manager; Jefferson Literary and Debating Society; Madison House, Cavs in the Classroom program director, volunteer; Sustained Dialogue; Department of Economics, teaching fellow; Echols Scholar; Dean’s List; Kenneth G. Elzinga Scholarship for Academic Excellence; Duncan Clark Hyde Academic Achievement Award

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

FUTURE PLANS: To join Alpine Investors in San Francisco

Diogo Miguel Gonçalves Fortes
WILLIAM C. LICKLE SCHOLAR
Carlucci American International School of Lisbon
Sintra, Portugal

Undergraduate Research Network, Symposium Committee co-chair; Perspective Understanding Leadership Sustained Exchange (PULSE), moderator, fellow; TEDxUVA, Speaker’s Committee; Madison House, Recreational Therapy Program; Out in STEM @ U.Va.; Washington Literary Society and Debating Union; Sustained Dialogue; Department of Psychology (Behavioral Epigenetics and Social Neuroscience), research assistant; Department of Public Health Sciences, research assistant; Echols Scholar; Intermediate Honors; Dean’s List; Harrison Undergraduate Research Award; College Science Scholar; Raven Society; Phi Beta Kappa

DEGREE: B.S. Neuroscience Distinguished Majors Program with Highest Distinction

FUTURE PLANS: To pursue research in autism and child development as a Developmental Psychopathology and Social Neuroscience Fellow with the Yale Child Study Center

James Matthew Gummersbach
BETTY AND JACK BLACKBURN SCHOLAR
Peters Township High School
McMurray, Pennsylvania

Community Honor Fund, president, vice president for clients, education chair; TEDxUVA, curator, treasurer, Sponsorship Committee; University Guide Service; One in Four, president, vice president, secretary; Engineering Students Without Borders, HiComm Project Team; Madison House, Cavs in the Classroom; Rodman Council, advising co-chair, first year representative; Take Back the Night, finance chair; McIntire Investment Institute, analyst; Phi Delta Theta; Rodman Scholar; Duncan Clark Hyde Academic Achievement Award in Economics; Raven Society; Lawn resident

DEGREE: B.S. Systems and Information Engineering with Highest Distinction and B.A. Economics; Engineering Business and Computer Science Minors

FUTURE PLANS: To join Bain & Company as an associate consultant in Boston
Jiwon Han
JAMES G. SIMMONDS MEMORIAL SCHOLAR
Korean Minjok Leadership Academy
Gangwon, South Korea

Sigma Pi Sigma, president; Astronomy Club; U.Va. Rock Climbing Team, Executive Board member; Swing Club at U.Va., Executive Board member, teacher; Megamaser Cosmology Project; Compact Muon Solenoid Experiment (CERN); Space Telescope Science Institute, research intern; National Radioastronomy Observatory, research intern; College Council, physics-astronomy representative; Echols Advisory Council, undergraduate representative, Echols Ambassador; Jefferson Public Service Fellow; O Records, guitarist; Echols Scholar; Small Research Travel Grants (two-time recipient); ColLeague Mentors for Kids; Sustained Dialogue; Sigma Pi Sigma International Mechanical Engineering Honor Society; Rodman Scholar, Dean’s List

DEGREE: B.S. Astronomy-Physics Distinguished Majors Program with Highest Distinction (completed in three years)

FUTURE PLANS: To pursue a Ph.D. in Astrophysics at Harvard University

Mark Carlton Higby
ELISABETH A. AND MARK T. MASSEY SCHOLAR
The Bolles School
Jacksonville, Florida

ULink: University Peer Advising Link, peer advisor; Alternative Spring Break, site leader; College Mentors for Kids, Sustained Dialogue; Chi Psi, president, rush and recruitment chair; Lighting of the Lawn Light show design; Pi Tau Sigma International Mechanical Engineering Honor Society; Rodman Scholar, Dean’s List

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

FUTURE PLANS: To join Rolls-Royce as a manufacturing engineer in Richmond

Irena Nannan Huang
REGINALD S. AND JULIA W. FLEET FOUNDATION SCHOLAR
North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics
Durham, North Carolina

HackCville, Launch program lead, partnerships manager, design programs coordinator; Virginia Consulting Group, president, vice president of technology and communications, director of technology, project director; Housing and Residence Life, resident advisor; Virginia Review of Politics, publisher, production manager; Profit with Purpose, webmaster, director of technology and communications; Raven Society, communications chair, College of Arts and Sciences selection chair; Jefferson Public Service Fellow, chair; Department of Computer Science, teaching assistant; Madison House, Cavs in the Classroom, Adopt-a-Grandparent; Gain Life; PowerUP Health, social media intern; College Council; Student Entrepreneurs for Economic Development; U.Va. Student Council, Safety & Wellness Committee; Echols Scholar; Dean’s List; Intermediate Honors; Raven Society; Lawn resident

DEGREE: B.S. Commerce with Distinction; B.A. Political Philosophy, Policy, and Law Distinguished Majors Program with High Distinction

FUTURE PLANS: To join Oliver Wyman as a management consultant in Boston
Seung Hyun Lee
CHARLES G. DUFFY JR. AND VIRGINIA LEAHY DUFFY SCHOLAR
Canisius High School
Buffalo, New York

U.Va. Student Council, Rules and Ethics Board chair; Cavalier Daily, business & marketing manager; Virginia Undergraduate Law Review, Executive Board; International Relations Organization, Virginia Model United Nations vice chair, deputy-secretary of staff; Virginia International Crisis Simulation vice chair; McIntire Investment Institute, associate, analyst; Madison House, tutor; Echols Scholar; Intermediate Honors; Dean’s List

DEGREE: M.S. Statistics; B.A. Statistics with Distinction

FUTURE PLANS: To join Wells Fargo as a credit risk associate in San Francisco

Robert Garrison McCray
HARRY W. GILBERT SCHOLAR
Cape Henry Collegiate School
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Charlottesville Free Clinic, interpreter, screener; U.Va. Pay For Success Lab, Childhood Asthma fellow; Honor Committee, support offices; Virginia Cheerleading; Madison House, Latin American Migrant Aid, tutor; TailED Club, Beta Theta Pi, Echols Scholar; Harambee II Award

DEGREE: B.A. Global Public Health

FUTURE PLANS: To work as a scribe in an orthopedic surgeon’s office before applying to medical school

Edward John O’Rourke
CHARLES V. MOORE SCHOLAR
New Canaan High School
New Canaan, Connecticut

Inter-Fraternity Council, vice president of risk management; Madison House, Car in the Classroom program director; Alternative Investment Fund at McIntire, coverage director; Student Entrepreneurs for Economic Development, vice president, project leader; Virginia Venture Fund; U.Va. Student Council, Entrepreneurship and Innovation Committee; Virginia Men’s Hockey, assistant captain; Delta Kappa Epsilon, philanthropy chair; Rodman Scholar; Raven Society; Gray-Carrington Scholarship Award

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

FUTURE PLANS: To join Alpine Investors as an investing analyst in San Francisco
Taylor Ellen Portland

**RICHARD M. BERKELEY FAMILY SCHOLAR**
Charlotte Country Day School
Charlotte, North Carolina

Pancakes for Parkinson’s, Logistics Committee co-chair, Outreach Committee; Honor Committee, support officer; TEDxUVA, Logistics Committee; U.Va. Children’s Hospital Pediatric Neurology and Epilepsy Clinic; shadow; St. Francis Hospital, operating room intern; Kappa Kappa Gamma, treasurer, Chapter Council member; Echols Scholar; Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society; Order of Omega Honor Society; Kenneth G. Elzinga Scholarship for Academic Excellence

**DEGREE:** B.A. Economics with Distinction; Biology Minor

**FUTURE PLANS:** To join McKinsey & Company as a business analyst in New Jersey

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Samuel Darin Powers

**MARY AND DANIEL LOUGHRAN FOUNDATION SCHOLAR**
Trinity Christian School
Fairfax, Virginia

U.Va. Hospital Division of Infectious Disease and International Health, research fellow; U.Va. Pay for Success Lab, research fellow; University Judiciary Committee, vice chair for first years, senior data manager; First Year Judiciary Committee chair; Housing and Residence Life, resident advisor; Madison House, Music Mentoring Program director, volunteer; Safer Communities Initiative, co-chair, representative; Jefferson Literary and Debating Society, Probationary Committee; Inova Hospital Beatty Liver and Obesity Research Program, researcher; Ontiq Sciences, data research intern; Herndon STEM Academy, bilingual algebra & biology instructor; University of Global Health Equity, research intern; Legal Aid Justice Center, research consultant; Reformed University Fellowship; Echols Scholar; Center for Global Health University Scholar Award; Lawn resident; Raven Society; Order of the Orange Stole; Fullbright Scholar

**DEGREE:** B.A. Biostatistics and Religious Studies with Distinction (completed in three years)

**FUTURE PLANS:** To study as a Fulbright Scholar, researching the usage of data systems and health system strengthening and equitable development in public health in Kigali, Rawanda

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Mary-Michael Robertson

**E. STUART JAMES GRANT SCHOLAR**
Chatham Hall
Chatham, Virginia

Rodman Scholars Council, president, fourth year representative, service chair, first year service liaison; The Spectra: The Virginia Engineering and Science Research Journal, editorial board; Engineering Student Council, president, vice president, second year representative, First Year Committee; Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, research assistant; Girls Can Change the World with Science, STEM outreach program developer; Lewis and Clark Exploratory Center, youth STEM outreach; Southern Environmental Law Center, intern; Biophilic Cities Project, intern; National Institute of Building Sciences, science and technology policy intern; UBike Ambassador; American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) Summer Study on Energy Efficiency in Buildings, Linda Latham Scholar; U.Va. Science Policy Initiative’s Science Policy Symposium: Poster Session for Graduate Research, third place; Dean’s List; 2019 SEAS Outstanding Student of the Year; Edgar F. Shannon Award for SEAS

**DEGREE:** B.S. Civil Engineering with High Distinction; Global Sustainability, and Science and Technology Policy Minors

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We’re looking for people who aren’t just smart, but who also have a presence of leadership and a character of citizenship: people who care about others."

—RICK KELLOGG  
*Longtime benefactor and volunteer*
Established in 2001, the Jefferson Fellowship is the premier graduate fellowship offered at the University of Virginia. Based solely on merit, Jefferson Fellowships 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.
Looking for a Spark

Longtime benefactor and volunteer Rick Kellogg sheds light on the graduate selection process.

Interviewing for the Jefferson Fellows Program can be stressful for U.Va. graduate students: understandably, says Rick Kellogg, who served on the selection committee for the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences last year. “We’re expecting them to be nervous,” he says. “Who wouldn’t be, with a panel of older and wiser people in front of you? So we’re not expecting brilliantly polished oration. What we are looking for is a spark.”

Every year, U.Va. faculty and alumni gather in committees divided by school to tackle a common challenge: selecting the graduate students who will receive Jefferson Fellowships. After screening the applications, committees interview applicants individually and ask them to offer a brief presentation on their research, followed by an intensive Q&A.

Kellogg’s use of the word “spark” is no accident.

For the past 18 years, Kellogg has served on selection committees for Jefferson Fellowships, an opportunity he describes as “a chance to meet and interview radiant people.” The committees look for individuals who exhibit the key principles that undergird and advance the Foundation’s community: scholarship, citizenship, and leadership.

The first in that list, Kellogg says, is fairly easy to find. But the committees are looking for a particular kind of scholar—the type willing to “illuminate a larger area than their own circle of colleagues and make a difference in the community at large,” Kellogg says.

In other words, what sets the winning candidates apart is not intelligence alone, but a willingness to be generous with it. “These people really shine. They’re beacons,” Kellogg says. “They understand how fortunate they are to have been given this kind of intelligence, and they have the humility to recognize that they need to repay that gift by sharing what they know and their enthusiasm for it.”
Graduate Enrichment Programs

Fellows Symposium Series
Symposia take place throughout the academic year and are designed to give third- and fourth-year Fellows an opportunity to prepare and deliver academic talks to a public audience early in their careers. Presentations allow Fellows to gain experience, share their research, and nurture a rich interdisciplinary community. Twenty-two Fellows presented in the 2018-19 academic year.

Forum for Interdisciplinary Dialogue
Designed and organized by current Jefferson Fellows, the interdisciplinary conferences bring together scholars across a wide range of fields to address a selected topic of social or cultural significance. One theme for a 2018 Forum was “Interdisciplinary Approaches to Justice for the Incarcerated.” The event featured a film screening and panel discussion led by chaplains, scholars, and volunteers working in prison systems.

Jefferson Journal of Science and Culture
Fellows have an opportunity to design, edit, and manage an online academic journal featuring articles that address topics of broad interdisciplinary interest.

Exploratory Fund
All Fellows are invited to apply for merit-based seed funding to implement cutting-edge ideas that create sustainable social, cultural, or economic change.

By the Numbers

79 Fellows to be supported in 2019-20
309 total applicants for Jefferson Scholars Foundation Fellowships
107 Darden applicants
92 GSAS applicants
12 SEAS nominations
98 National Fellowship applicants

$2,247,072 awarded in support of graduate Fellows in fiscal year 2019

36 universities represented by the 2019 Fellows
16 incoming Jefferson Fellows
7 incoming National Fellows
GRADUATE FELLOWS

DEPARTING THE PROGRAM
Kyle Maurice Blum
DARDEN SCHOOL OF BUSINESS FELLOW
Darden School of Business
Colgate University (B.A.)
University of Virginia (M.B.A.)
Seattle, Washington

Before attending business school, Kyle spent six years working for the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, responsible for oversight of three million acres of forest and agricultural land, generating more than $200 million in annual revenue for schools, hospitals, fire districts, and other critical services in Washington State. Kyle also served as transition director to Hilary Franz, the newly elected Commissioner of Public Lands (head of the DNR). After graduation, Kyle plans to join Impact Merchandise in Olympia, Washington, as a vice president of sales.

Jeffrey Braun
PETER AND CRISLER QUICK FELLOW
Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
University of Maryland (B.S.)
University of Virginia (Ph.D.)
Baltimore, Maryland

Jeff completed his Ph.D. in the U.Va. Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. In hopes of improving efficiencies in electronic and photovoltaic devices, he has developed laser pump-probe experiments to study how energy moves and interacts in materials on the micrometer and nanometer length scales. Additionally, he has been working with researchers from U.Va., Duke, N.C. State, and U.C. San Diego, to study the science of ultra-high temperature materials. As part of his graduate research, Jeff has authored or coauthored 25 publications in peer-reviewed journals, given 14 presentations at national and international conferences, and received one provisional U.S. patent. He is a recipient of the National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate (NDSEG) Fellowship and has received the two department “outstanding graduate student” awards.

Charles Philip Clark
JEFFERSON ARTS AND SCIENCES DISSERTATION YEAR FELLOW
Department of Chemistry
College of William and Mary (B.S.)
University of Virginia (Ph.D.)
Roanoke, Virginia

Charlie’s primary research involves acoustic separation of sperm cells from sexual assault samples, with the goal of expediting the DNA profiling process for human identification. This work has resulted in field-testing of prototype instrumentation, and Charlie continues to address challenges regarding sample composition and feedback monitoring of the acoustic trapping process. Charlie’s research has received support from the National Institute of Justice, as well as multiple government-run forensic biology labs, and has the potential to significantly reduce the current backlog of sexual assault samples that await DNA testing. While at U.Va., Charlie was awarded the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, the Dr. Frank Finger Graduate Fellowship for Teaching, and won first place in the 2018 Three Minute Thesis Competition. In the larger scientific community, Charlie has been recognized with the Eric Buel Memorial Award from the Gordon Research Conference, as well as the SCIEX Young Scientist Award for his excellent contributions to Microscale Separations and Bioanalysis. After defending his thesis this summer, Charlie plans to pursue a teaching career in higher education.
Carolyn Hope Coberly
GROUNDBREAKERS FELLOW
Department of Politics
Cornell University (B.A.)
Harvard University (M.A.)
Charlottesville, Virginia

Carrie studies party development in transitional democracies and electoral authoritarian regimes. Her secondary research interests focus on the interaction of state capacity and political development and the domestic politics of Iran. A former American diplomat and Congressional aide, Carrie was selected as a Carnegie International Policy Scholar for 2018-19.

Robin Anne Costello
LAURA S. BAILEY FELLOW
Department of Biology
Dartmouth College (B.A.)
Tampa, Florida

Robin’s dissertation research explores how environmental spatial structure influences social interactions and evolutionary processes. She spends summers conducting her research on forked fungus beetles at Mountain Lake Biological Station, a U.Va. research station in the Appalachian Mountains of Southwest Virginia. Each summer, she mentors students at Mountain Lake through the National Science Foundation’s Research Experience for Undergraduates. Robin designed and taught an upper-level seminar course (Behavioral Ecology and Evolution: Planet Earth) as the Department of Biology’s Distinguished Teaching Fellow. Now, she serves as a graduate consultant for U.Va.’s Center for Teaching Excellence. Robin plans to graduate with her Ph.D. in spring 2020, and she hopes to secure a professorship at a teaching-focused small liberal arts college.

James Patrick Darcy
JOHN S. LILLARD FELLOW
Department of Philosophy
St. John’s University (B.A.)
University of Otago (M.A.)
Madison, Wisconsin

James works in contemporary metaphysics, and his dissertation research focuses on the relationship between fundamentality and metaphysical explanation. He also has research interests in applied ethics and modern philosophy. He has presented research at a number of conferences, including the Eastern Division Meeting of the American Philosophy Association, the North American Spinoza Society, the North Carolina Philosophical Society, and a meeting of the Spinoza Leibniz Workshop at Michigan State University. He was awarded a Dean’s Dissertation Completion Fellowship for the 2019-20 academic year.
Mark Dombrovskiy

JOHN A. BLACKBURN FELLOW
Department of Biology
Moscow State University (B.S.)
University of Virginia (Ph.D.)
Rostov-on-Don, Russian Federation

At U.Va., Mark works under the supervision of Dr. Barry Condron, with whom he led a study on the emergence of experience-dependent social behavior in the Drosophila fruit fly. He published his research in Current Biology Journal in 2017. Mark completed a follow-up study investigating specific neuronal circuits regulating the emergence of social behavior in fruit flies during critical periods in early postembryonic development. His paper was accepted for publication in the same Current Biology Journal in March 2019. In 2019, Mark was offered a prestigious postdoctoral fellowship at UCLA, in a laboratory headed by Dr. Larry Zipursky, a Distinguished Professor of Biological Chemistry, Chair of UCLA Neuroscience, and an HHMI investigator. In Dr. Zipursky’s lab Mark will continue to investigate molecular mechanisms of neuronal circuit formation during development.

Rebecca Anne Frank

HARRISON FAMILY FOUNDATION FELLOW
Department of Classics
St. Olaf College (B.A.)
University of Virginia (M.A.)
Seattle, Washington

Rebecca’s dissertation is entitled “Plutarch and the Delphic Oracle” and is due to be completed in the next academic year. Her research investigates the phenomenon of the Delphic oracle and oracular divination in the writings of Plutarch of Chaeronea, a Greek philosopher and priest of Delphi living from the mid-first to early-second centuries CE. She has presented her research on Greek and Latin historiography during the Roman Imperial era at five international conferences, in addition to regional conference events, and has two single-author papers published, with a third forthcoming. In addition to her dissertation research, Rebecca also serves as the co-director of the finds lab for Cosa Excavations in Tuscany, Italy, where she will be returning this summer for her fifth season on the project. Next year, Rebecca will complete her dissertation with the support of the U.Va.’s Dean’s Dissertation Completion Fellowship.

Jessica Kansky

JEFFERSON SCHOLARS FOUNDATION FELLOW
Department of Psychology
University of Pennsylvania (B.A.)
University of Virginia (M.A.)
Mountaintop, Pennsylvania

Jessica’s research focuses on psychosocial predictors and outcomes of healthy romantic experiences from adolescence into adulthood. She has provided psychotherapy and assessment for individuals through the Ainsworth Psychological Clinic, Behavioral Medicine Center at U.Va. Hospital, and the psychiatric Western State Hospital, while specializing in couples therapy. She has received several teaching awards including an All-University Distinguished Teaching Award for the Social Sciences, Psychology Graduate Teaching Award, and a Distinguished Teaching Fellowship. Next year she will complete her dissertation with the support of a Raven Society Scholarship and a Dean’s Dissertation Completion Fellowship.
Katherine E. Lantz  
**DOFFERMYRE FAMILY FELLOW**  
Corcoran Department of History  
Reed College (B.A.)  
University of Virginia (M.A.)  
* Mukilteo, Washington

Katie’s work examines the competition for land and power between Anishinaabeg peoples who live in the upper Great Lakes and Americans who expanded into that region during the early 19th century. Katie has held fellowships from the Newberry Library, International Center for Jefferson Studies, Clements Library, Bentley Historical Library, and the U.Va. Americas Center. She has been a visiting fellow at the Rothermere American Institute at Oxford University. She has presented her work at the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, as well as at conferences held by the Omohundro Institute and the Western Historical Association. She participated in the Manitoulin Island Summer Historical Institute, a gathering of Anishinaabe peoples and interdisciplinary scholars on Native lands, in the north of Lake Huron. In 2019-20, she will serve as a fellow at Monticello’s International Center for Jefferson Studies and at the American Philosophical Society.

Christopher Thomas Leonard  
**TREY BECK FELLOW**  
Department of Mathematics  
University of Oxford (B.A.)  
University of Cambridge (M.A.)  
University of Virginia (Ph.D.)  
* Cambridge, England

Chris has successfully defended his dissertation entitled, “Categorification of Tensor Products of Representations for Current Algebras and Quantum Groups.” His field of research is representation theory, which uses the language of abstract algebra to study symmetry. This has applications in theoretical physics, especially in quantum field theory and super symmetry. Chris has published one paper, has another undergoing peer review, and has presented his research at meetings of the American Mathematical Society. Following graduation, Chris will return to the UK and pursue a career in the public sector.

Jue Liang  
**JOHN S. LILLARD FELLOW**  
Department of Religious Studies  
Renmin University of China (B.A.) (M.A.)  
University of Chicago (M.A.)  
* Chengdu, China

Jue is currently completing her dissertation, “Conceiving the Mother of Tibet: The Life, Lives, and Afterlife of the Buddhist Saint Yeshe Tsogyel.” In her study on Tibetan Treasure revelation and its transmission history, she reflects on how narrativization of the past creates a shared identity in religious communities and the ways in which gendered symbols and languages function in these narratives. Her research also theorizes the creation of revelatory practice as a distinctly Tibetan Buddhist way of reconstructing the past. This effort at reconstruction still exerts a major impact on the present in Tibet and the Himalayas, as well as in the Sinophone world.
Peter Strasen Moench

JOHN S. LILLARD FELLOW
Department of Classics
St. Olaf College (B.A.)
University of Washington (M.F.A.)
University of Virginia (M.A.)
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Peter’s primary research interest is in ancient Greek poetry, as both an art form and a mode of intellectual reflection. His dissertation, “Pindar’s Physics of Family: Kinship, Heredity, and the Problem of Being Human,” looks at the way the lyric poet, Pindar, uses the concept of family as a way of defining the ambivalent place of humanity in the cosmos in relation to the gods. Peter was awarded a fellowship to study at the American School of Classical Studies in Athens during the 2017-18 academic year. He has presented his research at the annual conferences of the Society for Classical Studies and the Classical Association of the Middle West and South, as well as to various audiences at the University of Virginia. Peter has been awarded a Dean’s Dissertation Completion Fellowship from the Graduate School of Arts & Sciences and will defend his dissertation in 2019-20.

Lea Elizabeth Nieuwoudt

SMITH FAMILY FELLOW
Darden School of Business
Case Western Reserve University (B.S.)
University of Virginia (M.B.A.) (M.Ed.)
Vicksburg, Michigan

At Darden, Lea taught in the Prison Reentry Education Program, was a Second Year Tutor, participated in the Tri-Sector Leadership Fellows program, and served on the board of a local nonprofit through the Net Impact Board Fellows Program. Prior to attending Darden, Lea worked at Nova Pioneer, a start-up network of schools in South and East Africa, where she served as chief of staff to the CEO and led the operations team. Prior to her work at Nova Pioneer, Lea was a consultant with McKinsey & Company in the Cleveland and Johannesburg offices. After graduation, Lea will join McKinsey’s Chicago office.

Michael James Nilon

GREGORY L. AND NANCY H. CURL FELLOW
Department of Religious Studies
University of Florida (B.A.)
Harvard University (M.Div.)
Gainesville, Florida

Michael is studying the intersection of hospital chaplaincy and contemplative practices in medical settings. In October 2018, Michael was a co-organizer of the Jefferson Scholars Foundation’s Forum for Interdisciplinary Dialogue, which focused on the theme “Interdisciplinary Approaches to Justice for the Incarcerated.” Supported by U.Va.’s Ph.D. Plus Program, Michael will design curricula for contemplative practices at Grace United Methodist in St. Augustine, Florida in summer 2019, before preparing to defend his dissertation. He will also be employed as a chaplaincy resident in 2019-20 and will continue with his practical spiritual care training.
Andrea Lee Pauw

**JAMES H. AND ELIZABETH W. WRIGHT FELLOW**
Department of Spanish, Italian and Portuguese
Davidson College (B.A.)
University of Virginia (M.A.)
Louisville, Kentucky

Andrea’s dissertation, “Verses to Live By: Aljamiado Poetry in Mudejar and Morisco Communities,” examines 16th-century manuscripts written by Spanish Muslims. “Aljamiado” refers to Spanish written with the Arabic alphabet. Andrea’s research on poetics and the expulsion of Spain’s Muslim population has been published in the *Hispanic Review* and in a forthcoming *Routledge Companion to Medieval Iberia*. In 2019-20, Andrea will serve as a Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Completion Fellow.

Rachel Devorah Wood Rome

**EDGAR SHANNON FELLOW**
McIntire Department of Music
CUNY Queens College (B.M.)
Mills College (M.A.)
University of Virginia (Ph.D.)
Hartford, Connecticut

Rachel Devorah Wood Rome is a sonic artist and feminist technologist whose works engage the poetics of their specific context. Rachel defended her Music Composition and Computer Technologies dissertation “Resonant Sonic Specificity” on sonification for social justice in 2018. This year, Rachel was an Artist Fellow at MIT, an artist-in-residence at MassMoCA, and the Adrian Piper Foundation Berlin Fellow making a new work, *Mémoire*, that opened on April 12, 2019, at the Havana Biennial. Next year, she will join the Berklee College of Music as an assistant professor of creative coding, the first female faculty in Berklee’s electronic music department.

Jake Q. Seaman

**JOHN L. COLLEY JR. FELLOW**
Darden School of Business
University of Connecticut (B.A.) (B.S.)
University of Virginia (M.B.A.)
Milford, Connecticut

At Darden, Jake was active in social and professional clubs and was the winner of the E&J Gallo New Product Case Competition, as well as the PWC Fiercest Competitor Case Competition. After graduation, Jake will join the Boston office of The Boston Consulting Groups as a consultant.
Cailin Ryan Slattery

HAROLD J. AND JACQUELYN F. RODRIGUEZ FAMILY FELLOW
Department of Economics
Washington and Lee University (B.A.)
University of Virginia (M.A.) (Ph.D.)
Nyack, New York

Cailin’s research focuses on how U.S. states compete for firms using tax credits and discretionary subsidies. In her job market paper, she develops a straightforward model of states bidding for firms and uses data she collected on winning bids and runner-up states to recover firm preferences over state characteristics, as well as state valuation for firms. Prior to attending graduate school, she worked as a research assistant at the Federal Reserve Board in Washington, D.C. She is a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow. After graduation, Cailin will join the staff at the Columbia University School of Business as an assistant professor of economics.

Eli Michael Stine

EDGAR SHANNON FELLOW
McIntire Department of Music
Oberlin College (B.A.)
Oberlin Conservatory (B.M.)
University of Virginia (M.A.) (Ph.D.)
Greenville, North Carolina

Eli has successfully defended his dissertation entitled, “Modeling Natural Systems in Immersive Electroacoustic Sound.” His compositions and music software research have been programmed internationally, including recently at the 2018 New Interfaces for Musical Expression Conference, 2018 International Computer Music Conference, and the 2019 International Conference on Computational Intelligence in Music, Sound, Art, and Design. His collaborative marine soundscape research has been presented at the Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography 2019 Aquatic Sciences meeting and the 2019 Workshop on Intelligent Music Interfaces for Listening and Creation. His sound design for film has been featured in USA Today, The Economist, and as part of a virtual reality adaptation of Franz Kafka’s Metamorphosis which has been installed in over 25 countries around the world since late 2017. After graduation, Eli will join the staff of Oberlin Conservatory as a visiting assistant professor of technology in music and related arts.

Lily Wittman van Diepen

ERIC P. AND ELIZABETH R. JOHNSON FAMILY FELLOW
Corcoran Department of History
New York University (B.A.)
University of Virginia (M.A.)
New York, New York

Lily is completing her dissertation, “The Crimen Maiestatis and the Construction of Autocratic Rule, from Republic to Principate,” which focuses on the development of the crimen maiestatis, the Roman crime of treason, the shaping of Roman autocracy, and the process by which imperial autocratic rule gradually emerged from the ruins of the Republic and evolved over the course of the Empire. Lily plans to defend her dissertation in spring 2020.
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**Graduate School of Arts & Sciences**

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Columbia University School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (M.S.)
Pakistan

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JOHN L. COLLEY JR. FELLOW
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University of Texas-Austin (B.A.)
Giddings, Texas

Vojin Mitic (2019)
MELVILLE FOUNDATION FELLOW
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University of Richmond (B.S.)
Nis, Serbia

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