

**Global Law Scholars
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Class of 2021

Gabriela Balbín

Gabriela Balbín is a J.D. candidate with an interest in international anti-corruption law, national security law, and transitional justice in post-conflict societies. Raised between New York and Spain, Gabriela graduated high school from the American School of Madrid and earned her B.A. in 2015 from Cornell University in Political Science with minors in International Relations, Middle Eastern Studies, and Anthropology. During her undergraduate career, she interned at the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington D.C. and New York and spent a summer studying European politics and working at Helsinki España, a human rights non-profit in Madrid. Prior to starting law school, Gabriela worked for the United States Attorney's Office in the Eastern District of New York as a litigation analyst in the Business and Securities Fraud Section. After two and a half years at EDNY and spending nearly a year in Judge Matsumoto's courtroom working on two major trials, she left New York for Europe, making Spain her home-base for her last six months before law school. Gabriela enjoys traveling, hiking, and is an avid vinyl collector.

Kemeng Fan

Kemeng Fan graduated *Cum Laude* from Boston College in 2017 with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy. Born and raised in Taiyuan, China, he came to the U.S. as an international student to enter the tenth grade. He studied in Massachusetts during high school and college (where he heroically attempted and failed to memorize the correct spelling of the state's name like many before him). Kemeng spent the third year of undergraduate studies as an exchange student at Sweden's Uppsala University, where he took courses in Scandinavian culture and history, Swedish language, and Postcolonialism. Afterwards, he took a gap semester, firstly attending summer courses in media and photography at Peking University, then taking up communications internships consecutively at the European Chamber of Commerce and at Ericsson (China). During this period, he also worked part-time as a news assistant for then *Boston Globe* China correspondent Jessica Meyers. Kemeng spent the summer of 2017 as a research assistant for Dr. Yue Liu, an internet security and privacy expert at the Institute of China ICT Development & Strategy in Nanjing, China. Immediately following his December 2017 graduation, Kemeng took on a full-time news internship with *Los Angeles Times*, where he assisted the full-time journalists and wrote his own stories on sexual harassment and online censorship in China. Kemeng's topics of interest include freedom of speech, media regulations, and legal practices in cross-cultural communication. He is native in Mandarin Chinese and proficient in English, with basic knowledge of Swedish. Kemeng was also a Division I fencer at Boston College's varsity fencing team.

Danielle Flanagan

Danielle graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Florida's Honors Program with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Political Science and a minor in French and Francophone Studies. During her undergraduate career, she completed both a European Union studies program at Salzburg College and an exchange program at L'Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po Paris). Her academic coursework, in the U.S. and abroad, has since imparted her with particular interests in international public law and international human rights law. Most significantly, her time in Paris afforded her the opportunity to work as a member of Sciences Po Refugee Help's Asylum Aid Team, a 1901 French law association. There, she assisted migrants obtain asylum status via the French Office for the Protection of Refugees and Stateless Persons, communicated their right to due process, and collected data on the ground for partner organisations such as the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Such an experience substantiated her previous research on France and Germany's compliance to regional human rights law in the European migrant crisis, and inspired her publication of her senior thesis on the effects of immigrant flows on the vote share of far-right supranational parties in the European Parliament. Aside from these research endeavors, Danielle also served as the Associate Editor of the University of Florida's *International Review* and co-founded the *HeforShe UN Women* student organization. Most recently, Danielle graduated as the Outstanding Scholar of the Class of 2018 and is now presently engaged with an internship in the United Nations Department of Political Affairs' Policy and Mediation Division where she is assisting the Mediation Support Unit and Gender, Peace, and Security Unit.

Jordan Foley

Jordan is a Lieutenant in the United States Navy. He commissioned in 2012 from the U.S. Naval Academy where graduated first overall in Military Order of Merit and earned a Bachelor of Science in Chinese. Jordan attended Beijing's Capital Normal University for one semester as an exchange student studying Chinese language, politics, and history. As an Ensign, Jordan was selected as one of two U.S. Naval Officers to visit the People's Republic of China and attend the People's Liberation Army (Navy) basic officer training course at the Dalian Naval Academy. Jordan was then selected for Submarine Service and completed the Advanced Naval Nuclear Power Course in Charleston, SC. He was assigned to the USS Annapolis (SSN 760) for three years where he served as the Reactor Control Assistant and Communications Officer. Jordan has also served as Navy Aide to the Institute for Defense Analyses Joint Advanced Warfighting Division in Alexandria, VA, Naval Liaison for the Lincoln Laboratory Space Systems Analysis Group in Boston, MA and research assistant at the United Nations (Vienna Center for Disarmament and Nonproliferation) in Vienna, Austria. He was chosen for the Navy's Graduate Education Program and earned a dual Master of Science degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (M.I.T) in Political Science and Technology Policy. As a graduate student, Jordan was awarded a Chinese Ministry of Education Scholarship for thesis research in international space law at the Beijing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics. After six years of service as a Submarine Officer, Jordan was selected by the Navy to attend

law school at Georgetown University Law Center. Upon graduating law school, Jordan will serve in the Navy JAG Corps. Jordan speaks, reads, and writes Mandarin Chinese. His interest and research in China spans several years and topics to include Chinese nuclear weapons policy, space policy, and international maritime law. He and his wife, Katharine, are both from Pittsburgh, PA and are high school sweethearts. In 2017 they welcomed their daughter, Aida. The family resides in Annapolis, MD.

Ellie Freeman

Ellie graduated from the Bush School of Government and Public Service with her Master of International Affairs in 2017. Her graduate studies focused on national security and diplomacy with an emphasis on the Middle East. As an Honors student at Texas A&M University, Ellie double-majored in International Politics and Spanish, with a minor in Arabic Studies. Ellie completed a capstone research project analyzing gender inequality in Egypt, and later produced an award-winning presentation and team report for USAID studying societal responses toward refugees after the Syrian refugee crisis. Throughout her studies, she has interned in Congress, with a human rights non-profit, on a presidential campaign, and in the national security arena. She has also spent time in Mexico, Rwanda, Egypt, Qatar, Belgium and Greece advancing her language skills and volunteering in local communities. Since graduating, Ellie has spent the last year studying advanced Arabic through Harvard's Center for Arabic Study Abroad (CASA) fellowship program at the American University in Cairo, and engaging with a new culture through a summer in Indonesia. Her experiences abroad, a lifelong love for foreign cultures and languages and a passion for justice led her to Georgetown Law, where she plans to pursue her interests in international human rights and national security law. Ellie speaks Arabic, Spanish, and conversational French.

Joseph Galie

Joe was born and raised in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania. In 2011, he graduated summa cum laude with a B.A. in Social-Cultural Anthropology and Classics from Ursinus College. At Ursinus, Joe was a 4-year letter winner on the school's football team and 3-year selection on the Centennial Conference's All-Academic and All-League all-star teams. In his junior year, he studied abroad at the John Felice Center in Rome, Italy and traveled extensively throughout Eastern Europe. Joe graduated in the top five in his class, was named scholar-athlete of the year, and earned membership into Phi Beta Kappa national honor society. Immediately after graduation, Joe enlisted in the U.S. Military as a Special Forces recruit. He was selected for Special Forces training and assigned the service specialty of medical sergeant and the language specialty of Russian. Throughout his training, Joe earned recognition as the Honor Graduate of the Special Operations Combat Medic Course and as the Distinguished Honor graduate of the Basic and Advanced Non-Commissioned Officer Course and Special Forces Medical Sergeant Course. He completed Special Forces training in 2014 and was assigned to 10th Special Forces Group in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Immediately upon arrival, Joe was assigned as the Senior Medical Sergeant for his detachment and deployed to sub-Saharan Africa.

During his time in the Special Forces, Joe deployed widely throughout the world with his final deployment to Ukraine in 2016.

Concurrently to severing in the military, Joe graduated from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs with an MBA in International Business and Innovation Management. Additionally, he received a certificate in Innovation, Design Thinking, & Intrapreneurship at Grenoble Ecole De Management and was awarded membership in Beta Gamma Sigma national honor society. Upon leaving the military in 2017, Joe received a scholarship to attend the London School of Economics and Political Science to pursue a joint degree in international relations and international history. In the summer of 2018, he finished his master's dissertation which focused on the United States' and United Kingdom's perception of the Soviet Union in the post-World War Two economic order.

Naveed Hada

Born and raised in Pakistan, Naveed Hada migrated to the US with his family in June 2010. He graduated *magna cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa* from Emory University in May 2015 with a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies. At Emory, he was an Undergraduate Research Fellow at the Center for the Study of Law, Politics, and Economics. In this capacity, he studied the role of civil society movements in shaping discourses on human rights, democracy, and constitutionalism in the Indian subcontinent. His interest in international affairs resulted in work and research opportunities in Morocco, Jordan, Turkey, and Cyprus. During his time at Emory, Naveed also had the opportunity to work in various research and advocacy roles at organizations such as Human Rights Watch, International Rescue Committee, and The Carter Center. Following his undergraduate education, Naveed pursued an MPhil in Development Studies at the University of Cambridge as an Aga Khan Foundation International Scholar. Prior to joining Georgetown Law, he worked as a Research Associate for the Carter Center's Preventing Violent Extremism Project. In this role, he drafted and published several policy papers on ISIS's recruitment propaganda and its wide-ranging appeal amongst youth. He also helped prepare and conduct capacity-building workshops for front-line peace practitioners in Morocco, Tunisia, Belgium, France, and the US. Additionally, Naveed has worked as a Research Assistant at the Center for International and Comparative Law at Emory Law School, where he conducted primary research for Professor Abdullahi An-Naim on a book manuscript tentatively titled *Decolonizing Human Rights*. At Georgetown Law, he intends to focus on the intersection of human rights law and global security. He is fluent in Urdu and English, has advanced proficiency in Arabic, and speaks some French and Persian.

Kaitie Jowers

Prior to pursuing a JD from Georgetown University Law Center, Kaitie Jowers worked at the Sorenson Impact Center, a think-and-do tank focused on using data and innovation to solve social problems. As a Senior Manager, Kaitie worked on a range of issues, including increasing access to sanitation services in India, developing a nationwide early childhood program for a major philanthropic foundation, and finding innovative finance solutions in the developing world. Motivated by Sorenson Impact's mission to find

innovative solutions for difficult social problems, Kaitie first joined as a student associate while completing her undergraduate degree at the University of Utah. She graduated *summa cum laude* with an Honors Degree and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. As part of the degree, Kaitie graduated with an emphasis in International Politics, and authored an honors thesis on Russian President Vladimir Putin and his dominance in Russian politics. During her undergraduate career, Kaitie spent 18 months living and working in Moscow, Russia, as a church service volunteer. Previously, she completed an internship in New Delhi, India, at a nonprofit that provides services to vulnerable populations. While there, Kaitie created presentations for schools to educate on violence against women. Kaitie also completed internships in the Governor's Office of Economic Development as part of the International Trade and Relations sector, and with Yeah Samake's Malian Presidential campaign. She swam on the PAC-12 University of Utah swim team during her freshman year. Kaitie's passions lie in working for underserved populations and increasing international diplomacy, and she plans to pursue a legal career in International Human Rights.

Minahil Kahn

Minahil graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2016 with a Bachelors of Arts in Advocacy and Argumentation from the University at Buffalo where she was a Prentice Family Foundation Western New York Prosperity Fellow and served as the undergraduate Student Association President. Outside of the classroom, Minahil was motivated by her own immigration journey from Pakistan to become involved with the large influx of refugees resettling in Buffalo which sparked her interest in international and comparative law. After college she worked in Buffalo City Hall and later served as a Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society at UC Berkeley, analyzing data from 2016 Presidential election with an emphasis on communities of color. Most recently, she spent 10 months working New Delhi as a William J. Clinton Fellow where she focused on expanding the scope of the women's livelihood initiative at the Aga Khan Foundation.

Katie Kleinot

Katie Kleinot graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Delaware in 2012 with an Honors Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication and Spanish and minors in Interactive Media and Art. She spent a winter session studying abroad in Santiago, Chile at Universidad Mayor and a semester abroad in Puebla, Mexico at Universidad de las Americas focusing on Spanish language and Latin-American culture. During her undergraduate studies, Katie interned at Nancy Glass Productions (Philadelphia, PA) as a casting intern and at Expande TV (Puebla, Mexico) as a production assistant. Upon graduation, she moved to Puebla, Mexico to teach English at the American School of Puebla, where she taught in the elementary school for five years. In 2016, she took an opportunity to spend three months in France exploring the country, its language and culture. Katie is fluent in Spanish and conversational in French. In her free time she enjoys traveling with her husband and cooking.

Olivia Le Menestrel

Olivia was born and raised in France. She moved to New York for college, where she majored in History and pursued minors in Philosophy, Psychology and Creative Writing. She graduated from NYU in 2018, obtaining honors with distinction for her senior thesis. Her research on dynamics of citizenship in the French Foreign Legion focused on the German experience with the institution in the early 20th century. She received several grants to pursue her research and was named the Rose and Barry McMerney Research Scholar of the year in Fall 2017. While at NYU, Olivia was an active member of the international community and was part of the College of Arts and Sciences International Students Club elected board for three consecutive years, and was elected president of the club at the end of her junior year. For her work with international students within the NYU community, Olivia was awarded a President's Service Award in 2018. Olivia is fluent in French, her native language, and possesses an advanced level of German.

Justin LoScalzo

Justin, originally from Huntington, NY, double majored in Political Science and Economics at Colgate University, graduating Phi Beta Kappa, *summa cum laude*, and with high honors in Political Science in 2016. While at Colgate University, Justin was a research assistant for faculty in the Political Science and Economics departments, served as Chairman of the Class Leadership Council, and worked as a Peer Advisor for Colgate's Center for Career Services. Justin is passionate about public service, as reflected by his work across all three branches of the federal government. His government experience includes having worked for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and the Department of Homeland Security. Between graduating from Colgate University and starting at the Georgetown University Law Center, Justin worked for the Department of Defense.

Gabrielle Metzger

Gabrielle graduated *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, and with honors from the University of South Dakota in the Spring of 2018. She majored in political science, English, and German. Gabrielle became proficient in German in part through two study abroad programs, including a month-long language intensive program in Oldenburg, Germany during her freshman year and a semester-long study abroad experience at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität in Munich, Germany during her junior year. Gabrielle also wrote her honors thesis in German (accompanied by an English translation) with the purpose of explaining the United States' interpretation of the collision of freedom of speech with the issue of incitement to violence to a German audience. During her undergraduate studies, Gabrielle competed in mock trial for four years, leading her team as a captain for three years, and interned with the South Dakota Attorney General's office in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Gabrielle's two non-academic passions are cats and tea, and she tries to collect a local tea from every new place that she travels to.

Ryan Pereira

Ryan Pereira graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Florida Honors College in 2013, where he studied political science and Arabic. After graduating, Ryan worked at the National Consortium for the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), where he co-authored a White Paper on the Islamic State for the U.S. Special Operations Command Central and participated in several Defense Department simulations on the military campaign against ISIL. In December 2014, Ryan was named a Subject Matter Expert (SME) on ISIL. Around the same time, Ryan began pursuing his Masters' Degree from Georgetown's Security Studies Program, specializing in terrorism and counter-terrorism. During his studies, Ryan interned and translated a book on Tunisian jihadism for terrorism expert Aaron Zelin, studied Arabic in Amman, Jordan, and co-founded Objective Zero, a non-profit and smart phone application that aims to eliminate the problem of veteran suicide in the United States. After graduating, Ryan worked as a part-time consultant for Valens Global, conducting research in support of a D.C.-based law firm that was considering filing a lawsuit against two multi-national corporations that were accused of illegally paying bribes to free employees held by al-Qaeda-linked groups in Syria and Iraq. Ryan continues to work as a terrorism analyst and translator for the non-profit Counter Extremism Project. Ryan is passionate about the Arabic language and culture, Islamic history and studies, and the Middle East North Africa region.

Emilia Pierce

Emilia Pierce graduated from the University of Wisconsin – Madison in 2013 with a dual degree in Developmental Economics and International Relations. While at UW – Madison she founded a local chapter of GlobeMed and did extensive work organizing fellow students around issues of global health, social justice, and ethical student engagement. After graduating, Emilia interned in Cambodia with a woman's health organization before moving on to work in northern Uganda for a local nonprofit that focused on post-conflict reconstruction, women's rights, and sexual violence in the wake of their decades long civil war. Her work in Uganda led her to a position as the US Director of a Nigerian community development organization where she focused on education, community organizing, and public health in the Niger Delta region. In 2016, Emilia went to work for the USO, first in Kuwait and then Southern Afghanistan serving deployed US and NATO troops. She is planning to focus on National Security Law while pursuing her JD at Georgetown, and is particularly passionate about humanitarian law, law of armed conflict, peace and security issues, transitional justice, ungoverned spaces, substate violence, and the evolving future of armed conflict (both national and international). Emilia is married and has three children ages 12, 4, and 3 mo, and the little spare time she has is spent at the gym, devouring a good book, or curled up with her husband.

Diana A. A. Reisman

Diana received her B.A. in History from Yale College with distinction in 2014. After graduation, she worked as a legal assistant with the International Arbitration Group of Shearman & Sterling in Paris. Diana then completed her M.A. in International Security at

Sciences Po Paris. During her studies, she managed the projects of the French NGO *Les Ateliers Reza* and negotiated project contracts with UN Iraq. Diana also participated in the organization of a joint refugee awareness campaign with the European Commission and UN Development Programme (UNDP).

Following her graduation from Sciences Po, Diana worked for the *Institut de recherche stratégique de l'Ecole militaire* (IRSEM), the main research body of the French Ministry of Defense. She is the first American (and non-EU citizen) to work for IRSEM. Diana's projects focused mainly on transatlantic security cooperation and responses to information manipulation. She also served as the lead translator of an extensive report published jointly by the French Defense and Foreign Ministries on disinformation during recent European election cycles.

Salma Shitia

Salma Shitia graduated from Cornell University in May 2018 with a degree in Near/Middle Eastern Studies and minors in Arabic, History, and Jewish Studies. During her undergraduate career, Salma founded "Cornell Welcomes Refugees" and served as a founding and steering committee member of the downtown "Ithaca Welcomes Refugees"—two nonprofits that promote refugee rights and assisted with the resettlement process of refugees in Upstate New York. As an Arabic translator-interpreter for Cornell Law's International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP) Salma worked with a team of law students to secure humanitarian asylum for clients facing various threats abroad. In addition, Salma's time with the Cornell Labor Law Clinic taught her the ways in which public interest work often intersects with different areas of law, social movements, and people. Salma has served as a legal intern for the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection, mediating between CT businesses on behalf of CT consumers and as an intern for Banyan Media in post-revolutionary Egypt promoting social entrepreneurship. She is very committed to asylum rights, torture prevention, and war crime accountability. Salma believes that building relationships with individuals, community organizing, and recognizing systematic injustices all require deep knowledge of history, context, and language.

Adam Silow

Adam Silow graduated *summa cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa in 2016 from Barrett, the Honors College at Arizona State University (ASU) with a B.S. in economics and a B.A. in global studies. At ASU, he was president of the Model UN club and co-founder of GATE, the university's first journal on global affairs. For two summers, Adam traded dry, Sonoran heat for D.C.'s humidity by interning first at Social Impact, Inc., an international development consultancy, and then in the Senate, focusing on national security and U.S.-Africa foreign policy. He spent a third summer in Accra, Ghana on a microfinance project for a grassroots women's rights NGO. Rather than return home to California after graduation, Adam used his German citizenship to explore his European roots and take a job across the Pond in the Berlin study abroad office of New York University. After a year and a half in Germany, Adam returned to his long-term career interest of working on issues of conflict, law, and politics by moving in February 2018 to the city of Goma in

the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. There, he worked as the international operations manager for Fempo, an NGO startup supporting Congolese women politicians. Adam, who speaks fluent German and conversational French, enjoys running, boxing, hiking, and finding the next far-flung location to go backpacking

William Skewes-Cox

William was born and raised in San Francisco, California and stayed in the Bay Area to attend UC Berkeley where in 2012 he obtained a Bachelor of Arts in History, graduating *Cum Laude* and with Honors in the Major. His senior research thesis analyzed the historical basis for the primacy of the Bishop of the Rome. While an undergraduate, William participated in five different study abroad programs. He spent a summer in Copenhagen learning Danish language and culture, a semester in Shanghai examining the politics and economy of China, a semester in Jerusalem experiencing first hand the Israel-Palestine conflict, a summer at Cambridge University studying finance and philosophy, and a summer in Madrid learning Spanish. After finishing at Berkeley, he spent a year in Chile doing research and independent study at the University of Chile and the Catholic University of Valparaiso. He then moved to London for a year where he earned a Masters in Global Politics from the London School of Economics in 2014. He wrote his dissertation on the local and global influence of the 2011-2013 Chilean student protests. Upon returning to Santiago de Chile, he worked as a journalist for POUSTA.com and as an English tutor to business executives and figures in Chilean politics. While at Georgetown Law, he intends to specialize in international white-collar crime.

Soraya Todd

A native of Washington, DC, Soraya Todd graduated summa cum laude from Lehigh University in 2017 with a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science and a minor in History. She spent a semester abroad in Prague, studying Central European history. At Lehigh, Soraya interned for the Lehigh University/United Nations Partnership. She later served as a Youth Representative at the United Nations for the affiliated Japanese NGO, Peace Boat, working to promote environmental and economic sustainability. A member of Lehigh's Global Citizenship Program, Soraya traveled to Cambodia during her sophomore year. While in Cambodia, she met with various human rights and governmental organizations to learn about how the nation rebuilt following the Khmer Rouge genocide of the 1970s. She also witnessed the trial of Nuon Chea, Pol Pot's second-in-command during the genocide. During the summer of 2015, she interned for CNN in Washington, DC, working specifically for the Investigation Unit. For her capstone project for Global Citizenship, Soraya and her fellow group members worked on the "Party Responsibly" project, with the goal of increasing bipartisan political dialogue both on Lehigh University's campus and the surrounding community before and after the 2016 Presidential Election. After graduating from Lehigh, Soraya worked at No Labels in Washington, DC before starting at Georgetown Law. She hopes to continue studying international human rights, specifically the cause of gender equality in developing countries.

Allesandra “Alle” Tyler

Alle is pursuing a dual Master’s/ J.D. through The Johns Hopkins University’s School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) and Georgetown Law. She just completed the first year of her Master’s at SAIS’s Bologna, Italy campus where she studied Italian and Russian and concentrated in International Economics and European & Eurasian Affairs. While still a beginner in Italian and Russian, she is fluent in Spanish. Alle graduated *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, and Alpha Sigma Nu from Georgetown University’s Walsh School of Foreign Service in 2017 with a major in Science, Technology, & International Affairs and a concentration in Security Studies. She has lived in Prague, where she studied Czech and took courses at Charles University, and Brussels, where she interned at the U.S. Mission to NATO, focusing on Ballistic Missile Defense. Alle is passionate about studying Eastern Europe, totalitarian governments in practice and philosophy, and national security. She looks forward to courses on national security law, technology law, and jurisprudence while at Georgetown.

May Yang

May Yang graduated cum laude from the University of Southern California in 2015 with a degree in Bachelor of Science for Business Administration. May won the Global Scholars Award for her capstone project on her research of cultural and historical influence on sex trafficking in Thailand. During her undergraduate time, May interned in Australia, Thailand, and China for an array of industry and developed an appreciation for cultural diversity in the workplace. After a brief contract with a Los Angeles Tech Start-Up, May spent a year working at Amazon as an Operations Manager in Moreno Valley, CA and is currently working in Federal Government. She serves as the Project Manager in the Revenue Modernization Program at Customs and Border Protection under the Department of Homeland Security. In her free time, May plays and coaches volleyball. May was born in China and is fluent in Mandarin Chinese.

Class of 2020**Antoine ‘Prince’ Albert**

In 2012, Antoine graduated *summa cum laude* from Morehouse College with Bachelors of Arts in Philosophy and French and a minor in Spanish. He studied in Paris his junior year, taking classes at CIEE’s Centre Parisien d’Études Critiques, l’Université de Paris VII-Diderot and le Collège International de Philosophie. In France, he produced a 100-page research project that melded his interests in 19th and 20th century philosophy, critical studies and the African Diaspora to re-encounter the Trans-Atlantic’s slave past and strained sociopolitical present. Weeks after becoming a Morehouse Man, Antoine began a Master of Arts in French with specialization in Civilization, Culture and Society at the Middlebury College French School. In Vermont, Antoine not only completed noteworthy research on terrorism, cyber-security, economic development and geopolitical instability, but he was also awarded the Kathryn Davis Fellowship for Peace

and the Betty & David Jones Scholarship. Answering the call to serve in 2014, Antoine commissioned as an Intelligence Officer of the United States Navy via Officer Candidate School. He has primarily served in the United States Pacific Command Area of Responsibility, where he was affectionately donned the tactical callsign “Prince.” Now, Antoine endeavors to explore the legal field through domestic and international perspectives. He speaks French and Spanish, possesses advanced knowledge of Portuguese, English-based and French-based Caribbean Creoles, and is actively advancing his modern Hebrew.

Blake Atherton

Blake graduated *magna cum laude*, *Phi Beta Kappa*, and with honors in the major from Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service in 2016, where he studied International Political Economy. While at Georgetown, Blake played varsity soccer for one year and held leadership roles in the *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs* and Model United Nations. Blake worked and studied in Russia for seven months, first as a foreign language teacher and then as a student at St. Petersburg State University. He also worked on the Hill, first at a legal think-tank and in the Office of the Speaker, John Boehner. In 2016, Blake won the St Andrews Society Scholarship, earning a full-ride scholarship for postgraduate study in the U.K. At St Andrews, Blake earned a master’s degree in International Security, with a focus on international and comparative law. His research interests center on the relationship between domestic and international law.

Stephen Brady

Stephen Brady graduated summa cum laude from The George Washington University in 2012 where he majored in International Affairs with a concentration in economics. During his time at GW, he also studied Mandarin Chinese and Spanish and was an avid participant in student theatre. After graduation, he lived in NYC for a brief stint before moving to Beijing, China to teach economics at an international high school. He would like to study international and comparative law at Georgetown and it is his dream to one day write a satirical novel or play. Stephen is proficient in both Spanish and Mandarin Chinese.

Emmie Bultemeier

Emmie Bultemeier is pursuing a JD along with a Master of Science in Foreign Service at the Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown, with a concentration in Global Politics and Security. Most recently, she was a Young Leaders in Foreign and Security Policy Fellow at Geneva Centre for Security Policy in Geneva, Switzerland during summer 2017. As part of the Security & Law Programme, she conducted research on compliance with the law of armed conflict and participated in executive education courses relating to international law and security. Previously, she participated in documentary filmmaking projects in the Czech Republic and South Africa, interned in the environmental law section of Moraga y Cía Abogados (law firm) in Santiago, Chile, and interned in the Office of Peace Operations, Sanctions, and Counterterrorism at the U.S. Department of State, where she drafted the 2016 Report to Congress on U.S.

Support for UN Peacekeeping Operations. She also works as a research assistant for a Georgetown professor, supporting a project on the jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights. She graduated from Vanderbilt University in 2015 with a Bachelor's in Global Perspectives on Social Change with a minor in Spanish and has studied in Spain, New Zealand, and England.

Perpetua B. Chery

Perpetua B. Chery was born and raised in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. She graduated with Honors from the University of Florida with a B.A. in Political Science, focused on international relations, and a minor in Women's Studies. Following her undergraduate studies, Perpetua worked at Search for Common Ground, an international conflict prevention and conflict resolution NGO in Washington, DC. There, she focused primarily on West and Central Africa, developing a passion for political governance and human rights. Perpetua then moved to Senegal, where she served as the Guinea Program Coordinator for the Open Society Initiative for West Africa, a member of the Open Society Foundations network. In this role, she managed projects related to the Guinean presidential elections, mining, and the Ebola response, as well as human rights, women empowerment, and youth leadership. Perpetua has also worked on juvenile justice in the United States, humanitarian mine action and firearms management in the Sahel, and access to justice in Haiti. Perpetua is particularly interested in public international law, international arbitration, and international human rights; and hopes to use her law degree to advance women's rights in the Global South. She spent the summer prior to starting law school in New York, working as a Summer Associate at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP, through the firm's partnership with Sponsors for Educational Opportunity's Law program. She is fluent in French and Haitian Creole, and proficient in Spanish.

Hsin-Li (Nicohl) Chien

Born and raised in Taiwan, Nicohl graduated from National Taiwan University in 2015 with a Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Languages and Literatures and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. She spent her last year of college as an exchange student at Sciences Po, Paris, France, during which she explored the differences between Taiwanese and French legal system and conducted a research on French experiences in political mobilization and ethics discussion for the abolishment of capital punishment. After graduation, she worked at Institutum Iurisprudentiae, Academia Sinica, the national research institution of Taiwan, where she analyzed policies and performed cost-benefit analyses regarding food and drug law. Due to her working experiences with NGO and in academia, she has been exposed to international law issues concerning intellectual property protection, food safety, pharmaceuticals regulations, and human rights, and since then she has become passionate about the delicate and reciprocal relationship between law and different cultures. Her academic passion mainly involves international law, particularly concerning trade and economics, health care, and human rights. In addition to Chinese Mandarin and English, Nicohl speaks French, and hopes to improve her basic German and Japanese.

Parag Dharmavarapu

Parag Dharmavarapu graduated magna cum laude from Northwestern University in 2016 with a BA in political science, international studies and Hindi language. He concentrated in international security and South Asian history/culture for his political science and international studies majors, respectively. In his senior thesis, Parag argued that the Islamic State's supposed "existential security threat" to the United States is more an ideological, civilizational threat rooted in orientalism. Prior to graduating, Parag participated in a variety of public service-related opportunities, including: an internship on the Center for American Progress' National Security team as an intern focused on the South Asian region, and an internship at the White House Office of Public Engagement and Intergovernmental Affairs under the Obama Administration. Having visited India over 10 times and spent collectively a year of his life there, Parag is interested in working in the international trade space within the South Asian region. He speaks Hindi, some Urdu and Telugu, a language spoken in the Indian states of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh. He loves to watch movies, travel and read dystopian fiction for fun.

Alden Fletcher

Alden Fletcher graduated *Magna Cum Laude* and *Phi Beta Kappa* with a B.S. in Foreign Service from Georgetown's Walsh School in 2017. He received honors in the International Politics major and completed a certificate in International Development. His academic work includes an honors thesis on the relationship between state welfare systems, high-level corruption, and the outbreak of armed conflict in developing countries. Georgetown's undergraduate research conference, the Walsh Exchange, selected this work for presentation at its spring 2017 meeting. During his time in the District of Columbia, Alden interned and worked for the US House of Representatives, the US State Department, and the UN Relief and Works Agency. At Georgetown, he served as the Vice President of the Philodemic Society, the School's oldest debate club, and Chair of the Election Commission of the Georgetown University Student Association. He speaks French and Spanish fluently. When not studying, he enjoys being outdoors.

Matthew Harden

Matthew Harden graduated *summa cum laude* from the Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University in 2017. While at Georgetown, he studied international politics with a concentration in security studies, focusing on the intersection of international law and security. He was an Undergraduate Research Scholar with the Security Studies Program where he researched the strategic effects of international maritime law. Matthew also studied abroad in Quito, Ecuador, where he examined race, gender, and ethnicity in Latin America. During his time in Ecuador, Matthew earned his proficiency in Spanish. For the past two summers before attending Georgetown Law, Matthew worked as an analyst in the U.S. Intelligence Community. Apart from academics, Matthew is a passionate climber and former member of the Georgetown University Rock Climbing Team. At Georgetown Law, he intends to pursue his interests in national security law and transnational legal issues.

Brian Johnson

Brian Johnson, an unapologetically proud Texan, graduated with *magna cum laude* honors from Texas A&M University with a double major in History and Modern Languages- French, as well as a minor in English. During his undergraduate career, he participated in a research trip to Prague, Czech Republic, and spent a semester at the Université de Caen Normandie in Caen, France, studying the French language through immersion. Capping off his history degree, he completed an undergraduate thesis analyzing the performance of Confederate president Jefferson Davis as a wartime leader. Outside of the classroom, his time serving as editor and writer for the university satirical publication *The Mugdown* is a tremendous source of pride, as are the three summers he worked mentoring children at T Bar M Camps and his years playing trumpet in the university jazz band. Between his graduation from Texas A&M and the beginning of his time at Georgetown Law, Brian lived in the Black Hills of South Dakota, working as a freelance writer.

Samantha Kaplan

Samantha is from San Diego, California and graduated *cum laude* from Tulane University in 2013 with degrees in International Development and African & African Diaspora Studies. Having spent part of her upbringing in Paris, France, Samantha is fluent in French as well as Spanish. In college she studied Arabic and spent spring semester of her junior year abroad in Tunisia where she examined the process of democratic consolidation one year following the ouster of president Zine El Abidine Ben Ali in what came to be known as the Arab Spring. Upon graduating, Samantha attended a one year program for photojournalism at the International Center of Photography in New York and has since gone on to work as a freelance photojournalist. Due to her special interest in human displacement and climate change, her most recent and ongoing project brought her to Bangladesh to document coastal populations being affected by sea level rise. Outside her photographic work, Samantha has been working as a volunteer translator for a pro-bono legal firm, Casa Cornelia Law Center, which serves the indigent immigrant community in San Diego. With a strong interest in the protection of the world's most vulnerable populations, she looks forward to seeing how she can merge her journalistic and overseas experiences with a legal career in International Human Rights and Environmental Law

Catherine Katz

Catherine Katz graduated *magna cum laude* from Harvard in 2013 with a Bachelor of Arts in History, a minor in Economics and a citation in French. Catherine received her MPhil in Modern European History from Christ's College, University of Cambridge (UK), where her Masters dissertation focused on the origins of modern counterintelligence practices and the debates surrounding the right to privacy under Winston Churchill's leadership as Home Secretary during the First World War. Between Harvard and Cambridge, Catherine worked for *New York Times* opinion writer David Brooks as research assistant for his #1 *New York Times* bestselling book, *The Road to Character*

(2015). Following graduation from Cambridge, Catherine worked at BlackRock as an Alternative Investments Analyst in New York City. She has also previously worked as an intern for Senator Mark Kirk, as well as at Goldman Sachs and Kirkland & Ellis. Catherine is an Adjunct Fellow at the Washington D.C.-based American Security Project and is a regular contributor to the International Churchill Society. She is currently working on her first book, *The Daughters of Yalta*, an untold story of the historic Yalta Conference between Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin in February 1945. Catherine is a member of the Harvard Alumni Association Board of Directors and in her spare time enjoys baseball, watching movies, spending time with friends and family, and playing the piano (poorly).

Aileen Kim

Aileen graduated with Honors and Phi Beta Kappa from Smith College in 2013 with a B.A. in Government. After her first year at Smith, Aileen spent her summer abroad in South Korea where she interned at *The Korea Times* and studied the Korean language at Ewha Womans University. At *The Korea Times*, Aileen wrote and published news articles related to Korean government and culture. Following graduation, Aileen returned to Seoul on a Fulbright Fellowship to conduct research on the politics of hereditary succession. During the Fulbright, Aileen actively interviewed politicians, volunteered at think tanks, and assisted in the election campaign of a hereditary politician during the country's 2014 local elections. At Georgetown Law, Aileen seeks to build on her experiences from Korea and apply them to issues related to international policy and women's rights. Aileen is fluent in English and Korean. In her free time, Aileen enjoys singing, swimming, and travelling the world.

Sang-Won "Sang" Koo

Sang was born in South Korea. He graduated *magna cum laude* from the Walsh School of Foreign at Georgetown University in 2015, where he studied Culture & Politics, an interdisciplinary major. Through a self-made theme called "Empowerment of the Socially Marginalized," he sought to learn how marginalized populations voice their concerns and struggle to fight for their position in our world. During his undergrad years, Sang also developed interests in human rights issues in North Korea and reunification of the Korean peninsula. He attributes these interests to his military service in the Republic of Korea Army from 2010 to 2012. Other interests are golf, documentaries, and jazz samba.

Laurie Morgan

Born and raised on Long Island, Laurie moved to The Hague, the Netherlands at age 17 to begin her studies. In 2017, Laurie graduated *cum laude* from the International Honors College of Leiden University with a degree in International Justice. During her time at Leiden University, Laurie developed interests in International Humanitarian Law, Statehood and Sovereignty, Transitional Justice, and European Union Law. Her interest in International Humanitarian Law led to the development of her undergraduate thesis, entitled "Beyond the Traditional Dichotomy of International and Non-International

Armed Conflicts: An Analysis of the Transnational Armed Conflict Against ISIS.” Also during her time in The Hague, Laurie worked for a number of organizations, largely in research positions. With Gender Concerns International, a development organization headquartered in The Hague, Laurie worked in a number of research areas discussing the relationship between women and democracy in the MENA region. Her favorite research project from this work was on the constitution drafting process in Libya. After beginning a job with Fanack Chronicle, an independent media organization focusing exclusively on the MENA region, Laurie continued researching the ongoing constitution drafting process in Libya until it came to a standstill in 2016. Following this, Laurie shifted her focus to the topic which would later become the basis for her undergraduate thesis: the classifications of conflicts under International Humanitarian Law as they relate to the conflict between the United States-led coalition and ISIS in Syria and Iraq. At the same time, Laurie was also working with The Hague Institute for Global Justice, a local thinktank. Here, she published on the relationship between International Law and Oceans Governance, which she had very pessimistic outlook on, despite her passion for International Law. Most recently, Laurie has worked with USAID on a development project to combat the stigma against people living with HIV in Botswana.

Helene Orgnon-Breyton

Born and raised in Southern France, Helene graduated from Bocconi University (Milan) with a Laurea in International Economics and Management and later earned her MBA from École Supérieure des Sciences Économiques et Commerciales (ESSEC) in Paris. During her studies, Helene participated in study abroad programs at Universidad Argentina De la Empresa (UADE) in Buenos Aires and Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM) in Mexico City. After her graduation and several internships, she worked for Nestle USA in Glendale, CA as International Business Development Associate and took the lead in building the Nestle brands in South East Asia, Latin America, and the Middle East. In addition to her work in business development, she obtained her real estate broker license in California and established her real estate company that she still presently manages. Most recently, she has been working for the French Chamber of Commerce in Abu Dhabi, UAE, assisting French companies to expand into the Gulf region. Throughout nearly a decade of professional experience, she has worked closely with lawyers and has developed her interest to pursue a career in private international law with a focus on Western Europe. Helene’s native language is French, and she is also proficient in Italian and Spanish; she speaks intermediate Portuguese. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling (52 countries visited, and counting) with her husband and learning about world cuisines.

Justin Prindle

Justin is a proud New Hampshire native and Boston College graduate. He graduated *summa cum laude* from the Honors College of Arts and Sciences with a B.A. in Honors Political Science and Philosophy. Justin was inducted into the Boston College Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Sigma Nu chapters as well as named a Dean’s Scholar for Political Science. In addition, Justin served as one of the first John Marshall Undergraduate

Research Fellows at Boston College. He specializes in political theory and international comparative studies, completing courses on Islamic Political Philosophy, American Political Philosophy, Global Public Goods and Contemporary Chinese Politics. Justin also completed a Senior Honors Thesis comparing the political philosophies of Aristotle and Montesquieu as found in the *Politics* and *the Spirit of the Laws* to discuss what the *telos* of a political community ought to be, Happiness or Liberty? While at Boston College, Justin studied abroad at L'Università di Parma in Italy where he interned for the Centro Immigrazione Asilo Politico Cooperazione (CIAC), assisting political refugees gain asylum and receive government assistance during the European migration crisis. Justin has interned for Fidelity Investments during the past four summers, where he supported a variety of international teams such as Fidelity Shared Services and the Regional HR team. He was named the 2015 Fidelity Intern of the Summer for his work. Most recently, Justin worked for Fidelity's Asset Management (FMRco) division as a Data Analyst where he leveraged the latest analytical tools such as Alteryx and Tableau to provide strategic insights into critical workforce metrics and deliver effective talent management. Justin speaks Italian and studied Spanish in high school. Justin is pursuing a legal career in international mergers and acquisitions while continuing to hone his language skills, before later becoming involved in politics.

Katie Rumer

Katie graduated magna cum laude from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service in 2013 with a BSFS in International Politics. During her undergraduate studies, she spent a semester in Argentina at the University of Buenos Aires, where she focused on social movements and international politics in Latin America. After graduating, Katie completed a fellowship with an NGO that founds and monitors clean water small businesses in Northern Region, Ghana. Afterward, she joined the World Bank Group as a Junior Professional Associate, where she worked for three years on projects related to technology, data and development. Before coming to Georgetown Law, Katie spent a year in Mexico City through a Fulbright grant, where she studied in an MBA program at the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México and worked at a corporate law firm, focusing on anti-corruption initiatives in support of recent constitutional reforms. She is excited to continue to concentrate on anti-corruption from an academic perspective at Georgetown, as well as international trade and economic law. Katie speaks Spanish fluently and is conversational in Portuguese.

Karuna Srivastav

Karuna Srivastav graduated from Barnard College in 2011, majoring in English and minoring in Economics and History with a focus on Gender, Sexuality and Family. During her time there, she co-led an organization highlighting activist movements in South Asia and interned for the All India Democratic Women's Association, where she researched India's existing legal provisions pertaining to violence against women, documented the discrepancies between stipulated legal protocol and the experiences our clients and their advocates had had with law enforcement, and articulated AIDWA's demands for reform to both legislation and law enforcement. These experiences sparked her interest

in post-colonial feminist legal issues. After graduating, she spent two years teaching middle school English and Social Studies through Teach For America in Houston, TX. Subsequently, she earned an MA in Women and Gender Studies from a Rutgers University. She completed her masters practicum with the Hindi language advocacy team of Sakhi for South Asian Women, a domestic violence services agency in New York City. Through the GLS program, she hopes to learn more about the phenomena that impact women's lives across the globe - such as the feminization of poverty, civil and political human rights violations, war and displacement, health disparities and transnational migration.

Alexandra White

Alexandra White received her B.A. in International Relations from Brown University in 2015, where she concentrated on security and conflict studies. At Brown, Alexandra was an Undergraduate Fellow for the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs and a four-year member and captain of the varsity squash team. While an undergraduate student, Alexandra interned for the U.S. State Department in the Political Affairs section at the U.S. Embassy in Paris. As the Political Affairs Intern, she reported on American and French foreign policy regarding human rights matters and conflicts in the Middle East and North Africa regions. Alexandra also spent a semester studying international politics at the Universitat de Barcelona and the Universitat Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona, Spain. Her undergraduate studies on conflict resolution and foreign policy culminated in her senior capstone paper, which detailed the legal options and challenges that the U.S. government would face in resuming formal diplomatic ties with Cuba. Following graduation, Alexandra worked as a corporate paralegal at Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton in their Latin America practice group, and most recently, as the Marketing Coordinator at Pencils of Promise, an international development organization focused on increasing access to education for children globally. Alexandra speaks Spanish, French and proficient Portuguese, and in her free time enjoys learning Greek from her yiayia and playing competitive sports.

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Ephraim David Abreu

Ephraim graduated *magna cum laude* from the University of Miami in 2014 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a minor in Modern Languages and Literature. Prior to beginning at Georgetown Law, Ephraim spent two years as an Analyst in J.P. Morgan's Asset Management division where he helped manage relationships with Latin American individual, family, and institutional clients as part of the firm's Global Wealth Management group. During this time, he traveled to Spain to complete a summer course at Universidad Autónoma de Madrid on Spanish Law, Politics and Economics. Ephraim's undergraduate internship experience includes time with Citibank, Santander, Council of the Americas/Americas Society, and the Government of Catalonia's trade agency (ACC1Ó). In the summer before beginning at Georgetown Law, Ephraim joined

Clifford Chance as a New York-based Summer Law Clerk through the firm's partnership with Sponsors for Educational Opportunity's Corporate Law program. Ephraim is particularly interested in private international law with a focus on Latin America and Western Europe; he speaks Spanish, French, and Portuguese.

Derrick Anderson

Born in West Virginia and raised in Virginia, Derrick graduated with a B.A. in Political Science/Legal Studies and a minor in Leadership Studies from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech). At Virginia Tech, he was a member of the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets, Wrestling Team, and Sigma Chi Eta Lambda Chapter. Derrick was the honor graduate for the Leader Development and Assessment Course at Fort Lewis, W.A. in 2005 (ranking number 1 of 4,000 Cadets in the nation) and served in a multitude of leadership positions, most notably the Regimental Executive Officer (2nd in command of approximately 1,400 future military officers and leaders). While attending Virginia Tech, he earned his commission as an Infantry Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army. Derrick's first assignment was as an Infantry Platoon Leader located in Fort Stewart, G.A (2007), commanding 42 Soldiers and 12 million dollars of equipment. His first deployment was in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom V ("The Surge") conducting combat operations in Baghdad and Arab Jabour, Iraq for 15 months. After returning from his deployment (2008), Derrick was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Regiment "The Old Guard" at Fort Myer, V.A. where he conducted over 150 funerals in Arlington National Cemetery; one being the funeral of Senator Edward "Ted" M. Kennedy where Derrick served as the Officer in Charge. He also performed countless Department of Army Retirement Ceremonies, General Officer Retirement Ceremonies, and Foreign Arrivals at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. While at The "Old Guard", Derrick participated in the David E. Grange Best Ranger Competition twice, placing 9th (2010). During his assignment with "The Old Guard", he completed Special Forces Selection and Assessment at Fort Bragg, N.C. (2008) and was assigned to 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne) as a student in the Special Forces Qualification Course. During this time, Derrick spent 6 straight months studying Modern Standard Arabic resulting in an advanced proficiency rating. Following his graduation from the Special Forces Qualification Course (2012), earning the title of "Green Beret," he was assigned as a Detachment Commander of two separate Special Forces "A" Teams and Executive Officer for two separate Special Forces Companies at Fort Campbell, K.Y. During his time in Special Forces, Derrick has deployed on five separate occasions and conducted a wide variety of missions ranging from military liaison within U.S. Embassies to combat operations throughout the Middle East and Southwest Asia areas; specifically Jordan, Bahrain, Lebanon, Israel, and Afghanistan. Derrick enjoys travelling, running, and is a passionate Arabic student. At Georgetown, he is interested in using his military and overseas experience to positively impact public and international policy.

Cedric G. Asiavugwa

Cedric is a Kenyan, born and raised in Mombasa (a small island along the East African coast). He graduated with a B.A Honors in Philosophy (First Class) from the University of

Zimbabwe. He speaks Amharic, English, French, Luhya, Shona, Spanish and Swahili (among other languages and dialects) with varied levels of proficiency. His interest in matters international has seen him study and work in Spain, Congo DR, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Uganda and Ethiopia, while he has visited a dozen other countries. Cedric worked with Jesuit Hakimani Center (a center for peace and human rights advocacy) that exposed him to the realities of refugees. While at Jesuit Hakimani Center, he ran a successful project that helps integrate Somali refugees into the Kenyan society. He equally worked with Radio Kwizera in the North-West of Tanzania to advocate for the rights of refugees from Rwanda and Burundi. Cedric also taught English writing at a high school in Dar es Salaam in Tanzania. In his free time, he volunteers with Kenya Red Cross Society, where is a life member, and he is an ardent supporter of Manchester United Football Club. At Georgetown he hopes to explore international Business and Economic Law with a special interest in finding out how refugees can fit in the global economy. Cedric is also coming to Georgetown Law as an Arrupe Scholar for Peace and Public Interest Law scholar.

Emily Choi

Emily Choi graduated *magna cum laude* from Cornell University in 2014 with a BA in English. She concentrated in two areas: creative writing (specifically poetry) and modern Irish literature. Her honors thesis traced the parallels between James Joyce's *Ulysses* and contemporary developments in painting and sculpture. Afterward, Emily spent a year abroad as a Fulbright grantee in Taiwan, where she cultivated a taste for stinky tofu and cultural exchange. Aside from traveling, Emily loves to learn new languages; currently, she speaks Korean, French, Spanish, Mandarin, and just began Arabic. Additionally, Emily is a classical pianist since age 4 who has studied at the Juilliard School of Music for nearly a decade. Her favorite pieces include Bach's French Suites and Stravinsky's Petrushka.

Negin Fatahi

Negin Fatahi graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of California, Irvine, receiving a B.A. in Political Science and a minor in International Studies focused on the Middle East with an emphasis on conflict resolution. Negin was born in Isfahan, Iran and moved to the United States at the age of 12. Having lived in a country governed by Islamic law, Negin naturally became interested in the application of those laws and their effects on women in society. She studied Modern Standard Arabic and used it to review Qur'anic passages in order to understand the applications of Qur'anic principles. Her interest in Muslim majority societies, and in particular her specific attention to the role of women in those societies, introduced her to Islamic feminism. Negin conducted nearly two years of research on Islamic feminism and accumulated that research into an undergraduate course she taught at UC Irvine in the spring of 2016. Through this extensive research, Negin became familiar with exactly how Islamic jurisprudence is derived from holy texts and applied through various legal channels in different societies. She is interested in the interaction between International women's rights and women's rights under Islamic law, and the possibility of an interchange of ideas between the two.

Negin aspires to facilitate and encourage this interchange of ideas and wishes to work towards the broadening of legal protections awarded to women in Muslim majority countries.

Jessica Flakne

Jessica received her Bachelor's degree in Social Studies from Harvard College in 2011 and went on to complete an MSc in the Political Economy of Europe at the London School of Economics in 2013. During the course of her studies, Jessica completed internships with Chatham House in London, the U.S. Embassy in Prague and the Oxford Business Group in Istanbul. Following her masters, Jessica remained in Europe taking a position as a Program Officer with the CEELI (Central and Eastern European Law Initiative) Institute in Prague where she supported the implementation of the Institute's programs focused on advancing the rule of law and combatting corruption in newly democratic countries. As a program officer, Jessica managed several projects financed by the U.S. Department of State and worked closely with other foreign governments, specifically as she organized and ran workshops for judges and lawyers in Tunisia, Georgia, and Poland among other countries. In January 2015, Jessica moved to Paris to take a job as a Research Fellow with the Laboratory for Interdisciplinary Evaluation of Public Policies (LIEPP) at Sciences Po Paris. Until July 2016, she assisted LIEPP's Evaluation of Democracy Research Group supporting researchers working on issues of electoral systems, party politics and anti-corruption policy. Jessica also currently volunteers for the Brussels-based NGO, Asylos, for which she coordinates a team of ten researchers from across Europe and the Middle East to provide country of origin information research to European lawyers representing asylum seekers. Over the years, Jessica has developed a proficiency in French and a working knowledge of Czech.

Katrina Kleck

Katrina Kleck received her B.S. from the Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University in 2014, where she studied International Security and Italian. While in college, she developed her interests in both public service and international affairs while an intern at the US Embassy in Rome, Italy, and after graduation as a Student Ambassador at the 2015 World Expo in Milan. Katrina first became interested in both the law and criminal justice system while tutoring inmates through Georgetown's Prison Outreach program. Since graduating from college, Katrina has spent her time working as a paralegal and in legal recruiting, and traveling as much as she can. After a long career in public service, she hopes to move to Hawaii and open a sandwich shop on the beach.

Junsuk Lee

Junsuk, a Korean international student, received his BA in Political Science with concentration in international relations in the US-Asia region from Amherst College, obtaining academic honor of distinction and Phi Beta Kappa in 2014. In his summers during undergraduate, he worked in the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea as a legislative assistant and participated in creating briefing reports for an interpellation to

the Ministry of Land, Transportation, and Maritime Affairs and a confirmation hearing of the nominated chair of the National Human Rights Committee. In addition, he also participated in providing a report on the foreign adoption laws for revising South Korea's national adoption law which allowed him to learn deeply about various foreign legal systems and the law-making process. He also led a translation group for a news agency specialized in North Korea, called North Korea Intellectuals Solidarity(NKIS), and led the Amherst Chapter of Liberty in North Korea(LiNK), an international non-governmental organization to raise awareness of North Korean human rights issues and help the North Korean defectors settle in the US. His such a high interest in North Korea's human rights issues and other socio-political issues came from his visit in North Korea as a member of a UN-certified non-governmental volunteer organization to build houses in his high school sophomore year. Since then he continuously participated in international volunteer services in the surrounding countries of North Korea, such as China, Russia, and South Korea. Since his graduation from Amherst College, he promptly joined the Republic of Korea Army for two years serving in the 27th Regiment Headquarters of the Fifth Infantry Division located right near the armistice line. Completing his missions in two major skirmishes along the borderline, numerous incidences of North Korea soldiers' border violations, and the US-ROK joint military maneuvers, he received the Korean Presidential Stand-down Reward. Witnessing the continuous violations of international law by North Korea and the high necessity of implementing strong international law to prevent such violations, Junsuk has seriously become interested in international law and its future to promote a world peace and co-prosperity. As a recipient of the John Woodruff Simpson Fellowship for the study of law, he is looking forward to learning various kinds of international laws as a Global Law Scholar.

Allison Lewis

Allison graduated from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service in 2012 with a degree in International Politics concentrating in International Law and completed the Landegger Honors certificate in International Business Diplomacy. She studied Mandarin intensively, and studied abroad in Beijing Fall 2010 where she completed a research project on challenges to Western businesses operating in China. At Georgetown, she was a research assistant to two professors, one who focused on social movements in South Asia and the other who focused on sustainable foreign direct investment. After graduation, she worked in financial consulting at Navigant in New York City for a year and a half. She then returned to DC to work in Congressman Adam Schiff's (CA-28) office where she handled trade, labor, education, veterans, and campaign finance issues among others. In this role she developed her interest in trade policy, and she plans to focus on international trade law from the perspective of both the public and private sectors. Allison is proficient in Mandarin, and has studied French.

Sebastian Marotta

Sebastian received his bachelor's degree *cum laude* from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University in 2016, with a focus on political systems. While at Princeton, Sebastian authored his senior thesis on the effectiveness of commission-based legislative redistricting in the United States and Canada. As an undergraduate, he undertook leadership roles in the Program in Law and Public Affairs, Princeton for North Korean Human Rights, and the American Enterprise Institute on Campus. Sebastian also spent a term studying abroad at Hertford College in the University of Oxford, where he enjoyed tutorials on British politics and international relations. In his final year, Sebastian co-founded the Princeton Open Campus Coalition – a grassroots organization dedicated to open dialogue and free speech that has since spread to other universities – which garnered mentions in *The Economist* and the *Wall Street Journal*, as well as an award from the National Association of Scholars. Sebastian spent a summer working at the Permanent Mission of Canada to the Organization of American States, and further honed his knowledge of the Canada-United States bilateral relationship while working at the Canada Institute within the Wilson Center, a think tank in Washington, D.C. At Georgetown, Sebastian hopes to build on these experiences and focus on cross-border trade law and international commercial arbitration. A dual citizen of Canada and Italy, Sebastian grew up in Toronto. In addition to English, he speaks fluent Italian and French, conversational Portuguese and hopes to improve his very basic Spanish.

Haldor Mercado

Born and raised in New York, Haldor is a J.D. candidate who has long had an interest in international affairs. He graduated from Oberlin College in 2012 with a degree in history, and also spent a semester abroad studying in the Department of War Studies at King's College London. After Oberlin, Haldor lived in Prague and worked as a research assistant at the Institute of International Relations, a foreign policy think tank, before moving back to London to pursue a Master of Arts in Modern European History and Politics at University College London. He received his degree, with Merit, in 2014. Haldor has spent the past two years working in Europe, including at the UN High Commissioner for Refugees Liaison Office to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, the Political and Economic section of the U.S. Embassy in Dublin, and the UN Affairs section of the U.S. Mission to the International Organizations in Vienna. He also used his time in Europe to improve his German language skills. In his free time, Haldor likes to play soccer, read histories of Central Europe, and watch sci-fi movies. Haldor hopes to use his time at Georgetown to develop the skills he needs to reach his goal of an international public interest career.

Ava Marie Munson

Ava graduated with a political science degree from the University of Washington in 2013 with honors and Phi Beta Kappa recognition. Her passion for international human rights was sparked when she volunteered in several underprivileged villages in the Dominican Republic and was struck to see people so destitute of the means to fulfill their basic

needs and was stirred to fight against such inequalities. Seeking ways to gain a policy level understanding of international human rights, Ava attended a Master's Trans-Atlantic Studies Program at the University of Bath in England. Addressing the transatlantic alliance and its relationship to international criminal law, she wrote a thesis that utilized the International Criminal Court as a case study, demonstrating that international law can easily become politicized by national interests in the absence of safeguards. After undergraduate studies, Ava worked as a legislative assistant for a Washington State Senator and engaged in international anti-human trafficking work. On behalf of a trafficked victim, she assisted in drafting legislation that strengthened state laws against the exploitation of human labor and emphasized the need to improve international laws and agreements in order to make lasting structural impacts. Ava fully embraces her German heritage and loves to visit Germany and Austria as well as indulge in European delicacies including their delicious mulled winter wine. At Georgetown Law she hopes to study the intersection of law, human rights, and national security with a focus on transatlantic affairs. Ava speaks the German language at a proficient level as well as some basic Russian.

Molly Newell

Molly Newell most recently served as Senior Legislative Assistant to Congressman Luke Messer. In addition to being responsible for his Committee on Education and the Workforce portfolio, she primarily advised the Congressman on foreign affairs, defense, and trade policy. During her time on the Hill, Ms. Newell completed the PSA-Harvard Negotiation Program and the Wilson Center's Woodrow Wilson Foreign Policy Fellowship Program. She also participated in bipartisan staff delegations to Israel, Taiwan, and China. Prior to joining the Congressman's office, she led and took part in three medical brigades to Guatemala with the nonprofit Timmy Global Health, interned at the U.S. Embassy in Rome, and interned with Senator Richard Lugar, a former Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Ms. Newell is an AmeriCorps alumna and graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Indiana University in 2013 with a B.A. in International Studies and French.

Ashley Nicolas

A 2009 honor graduate of the United States Military Academy, Ashley majored in sociology and served as the Student Conference on United States Affairs (SCUSA) Commander. Upon graduation, Ashley commissioned as a US Army Intelligence Officer stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA. From 2012-2013, she deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan with 4-2 Stryker Brigade Combat Team as the Female Engagement Team Leader and Brigade Assistance Intelligence Officer. Following her return, Ashley was honorably discharged from the Army and joined Teach for America's San Jose Corps as a high school math teacher. She holds a Master's of Urban Education Policy and Administration from Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles. Ashley is a 2016 Pat Tillman Foundation Scholar. While at Georgetown, Ashley will study the intersections between international women's human rights issues and national security.

She is excited to participate in the Global Law Scholar program and Georgetown Military Law Society. Ashley is proficient in Spanish.

Eric Olson

Eric R. Olson graduated with Honors from Dartmouth College in 2012, receiving a B.A. in the double majors of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies and Asian and Middle Eastern Languages and Literature. At Dartmouth, he completed the Arabic Language Foreign Study Program in Tangiers, Morocco, received a Tucker Fellowship to serve refugee communities living in Cairo, Egypt, and wrote his Honors Thesis on Egypt's policies toward refugees. Upon graduation, Eric received a Lombard Fellowship to work at the Resettlement Legal Aid Project in Cairo, Egypt, which provides pro bono legal advocacy services to refugees seeking resettlement outside of Egypt. The following year, with the support of a Reynolds Scholarship, he continued his Arabic language studies at The American University in Cairo in its Center for Advanced Arabic Study in Cairo and the Center for Arabic Study Abroad. After returning to the States in mid-2014, Eric deepened his involvement in local social justice issues at STRIVE International, a non-profit dedicated to providing employment services to underserved populations in East Harlem including the homeless, returning citizens, and out-of-school youth. At Georgetown University Law Center, Eric will pursue his interests of International and Comparative Law, International Economic Law, and Immigration and Human Rights Law. Eric has advanced proficiency in Modern Standard Arabic (Fusha) and is conversational in Egyptian Arabic (Aameyah).

Cameron Peek

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