
2016 Blakemore Freeman Fellowships - Chinese

Alekna, John

B.A. 2010: International Relations; Asian Studies, Dartmouth College

M.Phil 2014: Modern Chinese Studies, University of Oxford

Ph.D. Candidate 2020: History, Princeton University

International Chinese Language Program at National Taiwan University

John is currently conducting research into the political history of radio broadcasting in early 20th-century China, focusing on “radio’s potential as an instrument of propaganda and its concomitant role in defining and reinforcing state power.” He plans a career teaching Asian history.

Appelman, Kathryn

B.A. 2014: International Studies, American University

M.A. 2016: U.S. Foreign Policy and National Security, American University

2015-2016 Boren Fellow, China

Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies at Tsinghua University

Kathryn has conducted extensive research on the topic of terrorism in China, particularly the activities of the East Turkistan Islamic Party. As a Boren Fellow, she studied Uyghur language and politics in Urumqi. She is interested in a career in government service.

Arterburn, Jason

2015 Phi Beta Kappa

2014 Truman Scholar

B.A. 2015: Economics, University of Alabama

M.A. 2016: China Studies, Peking University

Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies at Tsinghua University

An aspiring diplomat, Jason is invested in understanding the human causes and consequences of war and promoting a peaceful relationship between China and the United States. He plans on a career in research/analysis or government service.

Romeo, Dominic

B.A. 2014: Political Science and Chinese, Notre Dame University

M.A. Candidate 2017: Comparative Religious Studies, Santa Clara University

Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies at Tsinghua University

Dominic played forward for Santa Clara University’s Division I basketball team and defensive end in football at Notre Dame. He will be pursuing a master’s degree at Peking University’s Yenching Academy next year before returning to the U.S. to obtain a medical degree. He is one of the international cast members on the Chinese talk show *Informal Talks*, which is part *Saturday Night Live* and part roundtable discussions of current issues.

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Sifuentes, Froylán

B.S. 2009: Chemical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

M.A. 2011: Energy and Resources, UC Berkeley

Ph.D. 2016: Energy and Resources, UC Berkeley

Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies at Tsinghua University

Froylán is interested in the development of renewable energy solutions. He aspires to work in China facilitating the integration of renewable energy into China's current systems.

Sonmez, Felicia

B.A. 2005: Government, Harvard University

2006 Princeton in Asia Fellow

Editor, China Real Time Report (The Wall Street Journal), Beijing

Inter-University Program for Chinese Language Studies at Tsinghua University

A journalist who has worked for such publications as the *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, and *Asahi Shimbun*, Felicia is a passionate advocate for freedom of the press. She intends to use her Chinese language skills to investigate and report on complex situations requiring high fluency.

2016 Blakemore Freeman Fellowships - Japanese

Cottrell, Allison

2015 Phi Beta Kappa

B.A. 2015: Japanese Language and Culture, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies, Yokohama

Allison is interested in modern and contemporary Japanese art. As a undergraduate, she spent a year abroad at Utsunomiya University with scholarship from the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science & Technology and comes to IUC with prior professional translation experience. She intends to pursue a doctorate in art history.

Hassan, Dina

2015 Phi Beta Kappa

B.A. 2015: History, Stanford

English Teacher, Ehime University School of Medicine, Japan

Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies, Yokohama

Dina's senior paper won Stanford's James Birdsall Weter Prize for best history undergraduate thesis. After completing the IUC she would like to pursue graduate studies in history in Japan at the University of Tsukuba with Professor Etsuko Taketani.

2016 Blakemore Freeman Fellowships - Japanese

Kessler, Christopher

2006 Phi Beta Kappa & Phi Kappa Phi
B.A. 2006: Political Science, North Carolina State University
M.A. Candidate 2016: International Studies, University of Washington

Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies, Yokohama

Chris plans to pursue a career in federal or state-level law enforcement, and would like to serve overseas as a legal attaché for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Tsai, Nicholas

B.S. 2003: Finance and Accounting, Washington University in St. Louis
J.D. 2007: Law, University of Texas at Austin School of Law
Attorney, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom, Tokyo

Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies, Yokohama

After practicing law in Houston for five years, Nicholas moved to Japan as in-house counsel for Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, and then joined Skadden Arps' Tokyo office, where he specializes in cross-border corporate transactions. Nicholas plans to return to his law practice in Japan after his year at the IUC.

2015 Blakemore Freeman Fellowship - Korean

Huh, Kate

2015 Phi Beta Kappa
2011 and 2015 Richard U. Light Fellow
2014 Daniel Lord, Jr. Memorial Scholar
B.A. 2016: Literature, Yale University

Inter-University Center for Korean Language Studies at Sungkyukwan University

Kate has completed advanced training in Mandarin and intermediate Japanese, and now seeks to achieve professional competence in Korean. She will be going to law school after finishing her Blakemore Freeman Fellowship and plans on an academic career.

2016 Blakemore Freeman Fellowship - Vietnamese

Morreale, Anthony

B.A. 2012: Anthropology, UC Berkeley
M.A. Candidate 2017: Group in Asian Studies, UC Berkeley

Vietnamese Language School, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

In his research, Anthony investigates the interaction of the Vietnamese state with its subjects, paying particular attention to the shadow the state casts on highlander minority groups. He is currently tracing the evolution of portrayals of highlanders in Vietnamese popular media in response to changing political agendas. He will be pursuing a Ph.D. in History at UC-Berkeley and plans on an academic career.
