
2018 Blakemore Freeman Fellowships – Chinese

DeButts, Matthew - Inter-University Program at Tsinghua University, Beijing

2014 Phi Beta Kappa

B.A. 2014: Philosophy of Law, Amherst College

M.Law Candidate 2018: China Studies, Yenching Academy, Peking University

As a 2014 Princeton-in-Asia Fellow, Matt taught at China Foreign Affairs University, and later worked as a marketing intern for Leedscape Architectural Design in Beijing. Matthew is also fluent in Spanish and is writing his Yenching Scholar honors thesis on the Peruvian-Chinese diaspora. He plans a career as a writer.

Harrold, Bennett – Inter-University Program at Tsinghua University, Beijing

B.A. 2005: Psychology & Economics, Saint Louis University

M.A. 2012: Teaching, Elementary Education, Dominican University

K-8 Mandarin Chinese Teacher, Chicago Public Schools

After studying Mandarin at National Taiwan Normal University and working as a teacher and teacher trainer in Taiwan, Bennett joined the Chicago Teaching Fellows, a select alternative teacher certification program. He has earned the Excellent Teacher designation from the Chicago Public School District for each of the past four years.

Holtz, Michael – Inter-University Program at Tsinghua University, Beijing

2011 Phi Beta Kappa

B.A. Political Science 2011: University of Kansas

Beijing Bureau Chief, *The Christian Science Monitor*

Michael has traveled extensively in Europe, the Philippines, Indonesia and SE Asia. He was the inaugural Saikowski Fellow at *The Christian Science Monitor*, where he reported on international news from Boston before being sent to China. He has previously worked for *The Chicago Tribune*, PRI's *The World* and the AP.

Huerta, Elise – ICLP at National Taiwan University, Taipei

B.A. 2014: Asian Studies, University of Michigan

Ph.D. Candidate 2021: Modern Chinese Literature, Stanford University

Elise starting learning Mandarin as a high school sophomore working in a Chinese restaurant, and after receiving her B.A. worked as an English lit teacher in Shanghai before enrolling in graduate school. She is currently co-translating a volume of poems by Chinese poet Yu Xiuhua, and is a guest-editor of a forthcoming special issue of *Chinese Literature Today* featuring Yu's work. She plans on an academic career.

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Kay, Samuel - Inter-University Program at Tsinghua University, Beijing

2012 Phi Beta Kappa

B.A. 2012: International Studies & B.A. 2012 Geography, Miami University

M.A. 2014: Geography, The Ohio State University

Ph.D. Candidate 2020: Geography, The Ohio State University

Sam is currently researching how environmental regulations are reshaping the relationship between Beijing and its hinterlands and plans on a career in either an academic, government or policy setting related to the environment, cities and migration.

Meador, James- Inter-University Program at Tsinghua University, Beijing

2009 Phi Beta Kappa

2009 Fulbright Grant, Saint Petersburg State University, Russia

B.A. 2009: Religious Studies & Russian, Reed College

Ph.D. Candidate 2020: Linguistic Anthropology, University of Michigan

As an undergraduate at Reed College James created an interdisciplinary major in Russian and Religious Studies. After beginning a Ph.D. at Michigan, he became interested in studying the Russian ethnic minority in the PRC and has been conducting fieldwork in Harbin for the past year and a half. He plans on an academic career.

YaDeau, Camila – ICLP at National Taiwan University, Taipei

B.A. 2012: Philosophy, Yale University

M.A. 2016: Rhetoric, UC-Berkeley

Ph.D. Candidate 2020: Rhetoric, Designated Emphasis in Critical Theory, UC-Berkeley

After graduating from Yale, Camila studied at the IUP at Tsinghua University, Beijing and then spent a year in Berlin and Paris, working as an English teaching assistant in a low-income Paris suburb. Interested in comparative Chinese-European political theory, her dissertation will trace the reception and influence of European classical liberalism in late-Qing and early Republican China. She plans on an academic career.

2017 Blakemore Freeman Fellowships - Japanese

Bundschuh, John – Inter-University Center in Yokohama

B.A. 2009: Linguistics & Asian Studies, Tulane University

M.A. 2010: Linguistics, Tulane University

Ph.D. Candidate 2020: Japanese Linguistics, The Ohio State University

A short homestay in Okayama after high school graduation spurred John's interest in Japan. After receiving his M.A., he spent five years teaching English in Japan's Kansai region. Teaching Japanese at Ohio State has been one of the most rewarding experiences of his graduate career and his background in Japanese linguistics has helped him more effectively teach grammatical structure and usage. He plans on an academic career.

2017 Blakemore Freeman Fellowships - Japanese

Davis, Victoria – Inter-University Center in Yokohama

B.A. 2009: Int'l Relations & Political Science, Elon University

2009 Japan Fulbright Fellow, Tohoku University

M.Phil. 2012: International Relations, University of St. Andrews

Ph.D. Candidate 2021: Premodern Japanese Literature, Univ. of Southern California

After completing her master's, Tori worked for several years as an analyst in the defense contracting industry in Washington, D.C. Her chance encounter with *Pandemonium and Parade*, (written by 1995 Blakemore Freeman Fellow Michael Dylan Foster) influenced her return to graduate school. Her dissertation will investigate texts and performance studies centered on early modern *michiyuki*. She plans on an academic career.

Matsui, Austen – Inter-University Center in Yokohama

B.A. 2012: Psychology, Carleton College

M.S. 2015 Counseling, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Ph.D. Candidate 2021: Counseling Psychology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

A course at Carleton sparked Austen's interest in exploring the ways culture and language shape psychological health. Her doctoral research involves norming the standard Cultural Formulation Interview protocol used by therapists in the U.S. to enable psychotherapists to work more effectively with native Japanese-speaking clients. She plans on a career as a clinical training supervisor and researcher.

2017 Blakemore Freeman Fellowship - Korean

Cooper, Leigh – Seoul National University

B.A. 2009: Cinema-Television, University of Southern California

M.F.A. 2017: Editing, Chung-Ang University, Seoul

Co-Founder, *Do Stuff* (New Media Production), Seoul

Leigh and *Do Stuff* co-founder Soo Zee Kim film and edit videos designed for social media (Instagram, Facebook, YouTube) for both international clients and their own YouTube channel in Korea. Leigh wants to help Korean companies adopt best practices in new media markets as they expand to a global audience.

Sack, William – Sogang University

B.A. 2017: History & East Asian Studies, Harvard University

2017 Frederick Sheldon Travel Fellow, Jilin, China

Will spent a high-school year in Jilin, China, and after receiving his B.A. returned to the region to live and work on farms in Jilin's Yeonbyeon region. He would like to develop an oral history database of the rapidly dwindling Yeonbyeon Koreans and explore the dynamics undermining ethnic coexistence in Northeast Asia as he pursues an academic career.

2017 Blakemore Freeman Fellowships - Burmese

Rhoads, Elizabeth – Tutors in Myanmar

B.A. 2007: Politics, Anthropology, Bryn Mawr College

M.A. 2011: Human Rights Law, SOAS, University of London

Ph.D. Candidate 2018: Law, King's College, University of London

Elizabeth is a Dickson Poon Fellow at King's College, exploring property rights in Myanmar. She was a Fulbright Fellow in Bali and has worked as a consultant for the American Friends Service Committee, Volunteers in Asia and the World Bank in Myanmar. Elizabeth plans to combine an academic career with her work on Myanmar at the policy level and with local civil society organizations.

Schissler, Matthew – Tutors in Myanmar

B.A. 2007: Politics, Rhetoric & Film Studies, Whitman College

M.St. 2013: Int'l Human Rights Law, New College, University of Oxford

Ph.D. Candidate 2022: Anthropology, University of Michigan

Matt's goal is to use insights from anthropology and history to identify best practices in disrupting mass violence. After graduating from Whitman, he spent four years in western Thailand working for local media and human rights organizations from Myanmar. He is the recipient of a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship and is a co-principal investigator of the Myanmar Media and Society Project.