
2019 Blakemore Freeman Fellowships – Chinese

Belew, Natalie – ICLP at National Taiwan University

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

M.A. 2019: Climate & Society, Columbia University

Natalie has served as a staff writer at GlacierHub, a non-profit dedicated to communicating the complexities of policy and science related to glaciers and has interned at the Climate Science Legal Defense Fund. In NASA's DEVELOP National Program, she helped create a daily fire risk map for Nebraska and the Dakotas. She is continuing her Mandarin studies to better contribute to the dialogue between the United States and China relating to climate change.

Herkert, Alexander – ICLP at National Taiwan University

B.A. 2017: Global Affairs, Yale University

M.Sc. 2018: Contemporary Chinese Studies, St. Catherine's College, University of Oxford

M.S. 2019: Global Governance & Diplomacy, Lincoln College, University of Oxford

As a Keasby Fellow at the University of Oxford, Alex has studied the impact of Chinese state regulations on its investment in the U.S. entertainment and technology sectors, and Taiwan's role in the WTO. He has interned in the Economic Section at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing and served as a research assistant on the China Desk of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Alex plans on a career in government service.

Jett, Jennifer - Inter-University Program at Tsinghua University

B.A. 2006: Political Science, McGill University

M. Journalism 2011: The University of Hong Kong

Digital News Editor, *International New York Times*

Jenn first went to China to teach English just before the 2008 Olympics. Instead of returning to the States at the end of her contract, she became an editor for a weekly news magazine in Beijing, and is now a senior staff editor for the *International New York Times* in Hong Kong.

Kind, Kevin – ICLP at National Taiwan University

B.A. 2012: History, James Madison University

M.A. 2016: East Asian Studies, UCLA

Ph.D. Candidate 2023: History, Johns Hopkins University

Kevin first went to China in 2010 on a short-term study abroad program. After receiving his master's, Kevin spent a year teaching English in southern Xinjiang before matriculating at Johns Hopkins. His planned dissertation research will examine the late Qing empire's attempts to integrate the Turkic and Hui peoples of Xinjiang into its new reformist nation-state. He plans on an academic career.

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Moore, Maia – ICLP at National Taiwan University

B.A. 2018: International Economics & Cultural Affairs, Chinese & Japanese Studies, Valparaiso University

2018 Fulbright English Teaching Assistant, Taitung, Taiwan

After studying abroad in Hangzhou, Maia applied to the U.S. Foreign Service Internship Program, where she served in the Public Affairs section at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo and the Bureau of Consular Affairs in Washington, D.C. Maia would like to earn an M.A. at the Georgetown Walsh School of Foreign Service after her Blakemore Freeman year and pursue a career in government service.

Nelson, Jasmine - Inter-University Program at Tsinghua University

B.A. 2009: East Asian Studies, New York University

Director of Strategic Planning & Special Projects, United Nations Special Envoy Office for Health in Agenda 2030

Jasmine has served as a Program Officer for the African Leaders Malaria Alliance and in her position with the UN Special Envoy Office works to mobilize resources for eliminating malaria. She would like to improve her Mandarin to better engage with China as it expands its role as a donor for international development assistance in sub-Saharan Africa.

Zhang, Qing - Inter-University Program at Tsinghua University

B.A. 2013: English & East Asian Studies, Oberlin College

M.A. Candidate 2019: Chinese Literature, Beijing Normal University

Qing was the recipient of a 2017 VSC/Luce Foundation Chinese Poetry & Translation Fellowship. His poetry translations and contemporary Chinese art criticism have been published in American and international journals, including *ArtForum China*. After his Blakemore Freeman year, Qing would like to pursue a Ph.D. in Chinese literature. He plans on an academic career.

2019 Blakemore Freeman Fellowships - Japanese

Davis, Heather - Inter-University Center in Yokohama

B.A. 2019: International Relations, Brown University

B.A. 2019: Literary Arts, Brown University

Heather has interned for the International Crisis Group and the U.S. Consulate in Osaka, Japan. Her translations of Pilar Fraile Amador's short stories have been published in American literary magazines, including *The Paris Review* and *Brooklyn Rail*. After her Blakemore Freeman year, she hopes to earn a Master's in Translation & Interpretation from the Middlebury Institute of International Studies, focusing on Japanese translation and localization services.

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Plung, Dylan – Inter-University Center in Yokohama

B.A. 2011: Asian Studies, Whitman College

M.A. 2019: International Studies, Jackson School, University of Washington

Dylan studied abroad at Kansai Gaidai University in Japan as a college junior and was hired in 2018 as the first Research and Publications intern for the National Bureau of Asian Research. After his Blakemore Freeman year, he would like to pursue a Ph.D. in East Asian history with an emphasis on Japan. He plans on a career in academia or a research-related environment.

Rodriguez, Cassie – Inter-University Center in Yokohama

B.A. 2019: Politics, Princeton University

Cassie has interned at the Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust and the Sasakawa Peace Foundation and studied abroad at the Kyoto Consortium for Japanese Studies and Princeton in Ishikawa. After her Blakemore Freeman year, Cassie will enter Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School as a SINSI Fellow, a two-year fully-funded Master of Public Affairs program combined with a two-year fellowship with the federal government.

2019 Blakemore Freeman Fellowships - Burmese

Wittekind, Courtney – Tutors in Yangon

B.H.A. 2013: Anthropology & Fine Arts, Carnegie Mellon

M.Phil. 2016: Social & Cultural Anthropology, St. Antony's College, University of Oxford

Ph.D. Candidate 2022: Social Anthropology, Harvard University

Courtney spent her high school senior year in Thailand, volunteering at a school for displaced children from Myanmar's Karen State. Returning to SE Asia after college, she worked for the UNHCR in Myanmar prior to taking up a Rhodes scholarship. She is the co-founder of the online forum *Tea Circle*, which publishes new and emerging research on Myanmar alongside non-academic perspectives. She plans on an academic career.

2019 Blakemore Freeman Fellowships - Korean

Okafor, Isioma – Pusan National University

B.S. 2017: Physics, Saint Louis University

M.S. 2019: Materials Science & Engineering, University of Washington

Isioma began self-study of Korean as a college senior, followed by formal study in graduate school, including study abroad with both a FLAS and Critical Language Scholarship. After her Blakemore Freeman year, she hopes to earn a Ph.D. and participate in National Science Foundation programs to collaborate with Korean research institutes. She would like to pursue a career in industry in organic electronics and thin film fabrication.
