
2020 Blakemore Freeman Fellowships – Chinese

Ash, Elijah – IUP at Tsinghua University

B.A. 2019: Geosciences, Princeton University

M.A. 2020: Social Sciences, University of Chicago

Elijah will begin a Ph.D. in Anthropology at the University of Michigan in fall 2021. He would like to research the material and ideological challenges associated with the formation of Chinese diasporas, both within China and overseas. He is the past recipient of a Boren Fellowship and a Peking Opera Shanghai Immersion Program Fellowship.

Belew, Natalie – ICLP at National Taiwan University

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

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

Natalie served as a staff writer at a non-profit communicating the complexities of policy and science related to glaciers and has interned at the Climate Science Legal Defense Fund and NASA's DEVELOP National Program. She intends to pursue a career that will allow her to contribute to U.S./China environmental discourse. She is starting a Ph.D. in History at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in fall 2021.

Constantino, Nicholas – ICLP at National Taiwan University

B.A. 2008: East Asian Studies & Philosophy, NYU

M.A. 2016: Asian Studies, UC-Berkeley

Ph.D. Candidate 2022: History, UC-Berkeley

After spending five years helping his family stabilize and regrow their manufacturing business and improve its overseas supply chains, Nick entered graduate school, where he is now researching the development of legal thought during the Han dynasty. He plans on an academic career.

Goldfine-Middleton, Dylan – ICLP at National Taiwan University

B.A. 2019: Chinese Language and Linguistics, UC-Berkeley

Dylan's interest in linguistics was sparked in community college, where he dove into introductory classes in multiple languages. He made his first trip to China in 2018 to study at Princeton-in-Beijing, returning a year later on an informal internship as an assistant to a tea shop in Kunming. Dylan would like to pursue an academic career in linguistics, focusing on contemporary and historical dialects, and will be pursuing an M.A. at Stanford's Center for East Asian Studies starting in fall 2021.

Ross, Brendan – ICLP at National Taiwan University

B.A. 2013: History & East Asia Studies, Yale

M.D. Candidate 2022: McGill University Faculty of Medicine

Brendan previously spent a year at the IUP in Beijing, followed by a year as a Yale-China Teaching Fellow in Hunan. In 2019 he returned to China as a medical student to collaborate with a team of psychiatrists at a university hospital in Hunan. Brendan would like to pursue a career as an academic psychiatrist in China or Taiwan.

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Silberman, Matthew – ICLP at National Taiwan University

B.A. 2017: Philosophy, Princeton University
Speechwriter, The Wilson Center, Office of the Director

After completing his undergraduate degree, Matt spent a year in South Korea as a Princeton-in-Asia Roxe Media Fellow before beginning an internship at The Wilson Center in its Korea program. After four months, he was promoted to speechwriter for the Wilson Center's President. After his Blakemore Freeman year, he plans to pursue a career in journalism.

2020 Blakemore Freeman Fellowships – Japanese

Gill, Mackenzie - Inter-University Center in Yokohama

B.A. 2016: Japanese, Theatre & Drama, University of Wisconsin-Madison
M.F.A. 2020: Literary Translation, University of Iowa
M.A. 2020: Library & Information Science, University of Iowa

At Iowa, Mac has worked with Japanese authors in the university's International Writing Program, translating Akutagawa Prize-winning authors Fujino Kaori and Takiguchi Yūshō, as well as the modern poet Arai Takako. She would like to pursue a career in Japan as a literary museum archivist, while continuing her work in freelance translation. She will be serving as a Coordinator for International Relations with the JET Programme after completing her Blakemore Freeman year.

Hutchins, Alex – Inter-University Center in Yokohama

B.A. 2019: Religious Studies/Asian Studies, Cornell University

Alex became interested in Japan and its natural environment while exploring Google Earth in high school. During college, he spent two summers researching forest management at Buddhist temple sites and sustainability practices at Zen temples in Kamakura and organic farms in Kyushu. Continuing his interest in Japanese environment policy and laws, he was considering pursuing a Ph.D. in history immediately after his Blakemore Freeman year, but has decided to remain in Japan for a few years to work in the private sector.

Lord, Hana – Inter-University Center in Yokohama

B.A. 2019: Politics, Princeton University

Hana began studying the Japanese colonial era and her own family's history of migration during this period at Grinnell College. At Peking University's Yenching Academy, she continued her studies on the impact of colonial legacies on present-day international politics. Having interned at the Field Museum and the China National Museum, she is deeply interested in cultural stewardship. In the future, she plans to work with international organizations dedicated to fostering cultural diplomacy in Asia.

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Taylor, Christopher – Inter-University Center in Yokohama

B.A. 2014: Philosophy, Yale

Ph.D. Candidate 2023: Comparative Thought & Literature, Johns Hopkins University

A National Merit Scholar, Christopher spent two years at Vanderbilt University before transferring to Yale. At Johns Hopkins, he has been examining how science and technology inspired notions of artificial life in the 1920s and 1930s, contrary to the conventional focus on late 20th-century phenomena of cyberpunk anime, humanoid robotics research, and Shinto environmentalism as the source for “Japanese posthumanism”. He plans to pursue an academic career.

2020 Blakemore Freeman Fellowship - Thai

Elliot, Claire – Chiang Mai University

B.A. 2017: Religious Studies, University of Pennsylvania

M.A. 2020: Asian Studies, Cornell University

Claire first went to Thailand as a high school exchange student in Bangkok. After completing her Blakemore Freeman year of language study, she would like to return to graduate school to pursue a Ph.D. in Anthropology or Religious Studies. Because of the covid-19 pandemic, her studies under her Blakemore Freeman Fellowship will resume during the 2021/2022 academic year.

2020 Blakemore Freeman Fellowship - Vietnamese

Formella, Jonathan – Vietnam National University, Hanoi

B.A. 2016: History & Asian Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Dual M.A./M.Sc. 2020: International & World History, Columbia University & the London School of Economics

Jon was a Fulbright ETA in Taiwan and studied Chinese at CET-Harbin and the ICLP in Taiwan (passing HSK 5) before beginning Vietnamese at Columbia. He plans to enter law school after his Blakemore Freeman year, and has interned at the U.S.-Asia Law Institute and a public interest law firm in Beijing. He would to pursue a career as both a lawyer and legal scholar of international and comparative law. Because of the covid-19 pandemic, he will resume his studies under his Blakemore Freeman Fellowship in summer 2021.

2020 Blakemore Freeman Fellowship - Burmese

Wittekind, Courtney – Tutors

(awarded 2019, deferred to 2020 due to pandemic)

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.
