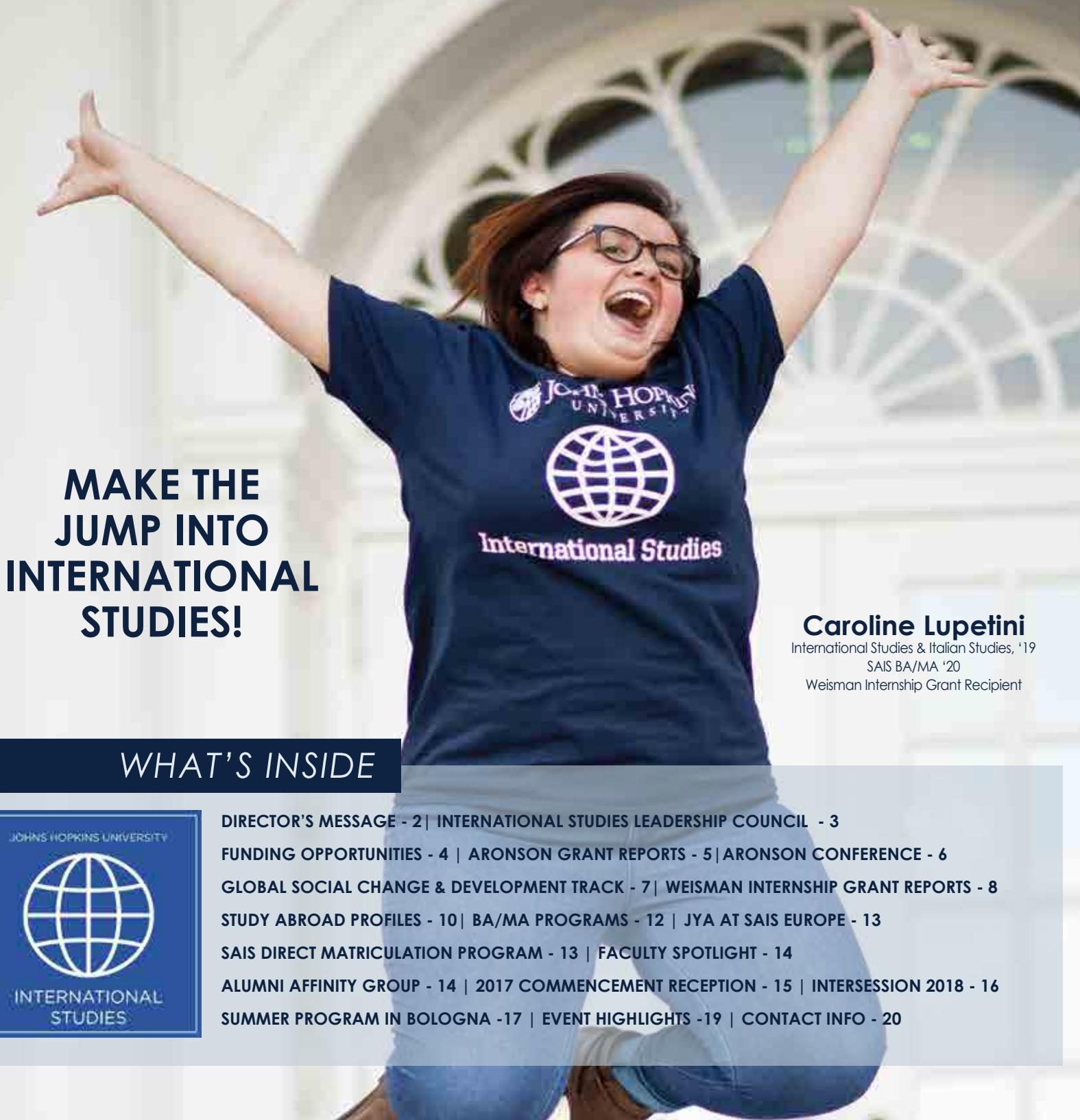


AN ANNUAL NEWSLETTER OF THE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM AT JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY



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Caroline Lupetini
International Studies & Italian Studies, '19
SAIS BA/MA '20
Weisman Internship Grant Recipient

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY


FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends of International Studies,

Fall is my favorite time of year. The air cools, the leaves turn brilliant shades of yellow and red, and, most importantly, another academic year at Johns Hopkins begins with a new group of eager and talented students joining the Blue Jay family. This is my "New Year's Day"—forget the Times Square ball drop, for me the year starts in late August and brings with it the excitement, hope, and promise of all great new beginnings!



Lorenzetti's "The Allegory of Good and Bad Government"

2017 was marked by several noteworthy new beginnings for the International Studies Program. In June, the program launched a new **Summer Program at SAIS Europe in Bologna**. Ten intrepid students joined four Hopkins faculty in Bologna for two courses: *Populism in Comparative Perspective* and *Italies: Politics, Culture, and Society*. One of the highlights of the program was a day trip to Siena led by Professor Eugenio Refini. An expert on the Italian Renaissance, Dr. Refini toured students through the famous fourteenth-century fresco series "The Allegory of Good and Bad Government" (see photo left) located in Siena's town hall building. Turn to page 17 for additional information about this unique new program.

I would also like to spotlight our new **Weisman Internship Grant Program**. Made possible through a generous gift from Marc and Giulia Weisman, the Weisman Grant Program is designed to help International Studies majors undertake unpaid internships during the summer. Fifteen students received scholarships in 2017 to support a wide range of internships in locations across the globe - in Rome, Geneva, Lagos, Warsaw, New York City, Washington, and many other cities. The Weisman Grants enable students who would otherwise not be able to afford to do an internship the chance to gain valuable work experience and to live and learn about new places and cultures. Alongside the Weisman Program, our new **International Studies Alumni Affinity Group** (see p. 14) has started offering career advice, mentoring, and professional development opportunities to current majors. Both of these exciting new initiatives will help International Studies majors be better prepared to enter the global workforce after graduation.

Meanwhile, the **Aronson Center for International Studies**, which was launched in 2015, continues to grow and evolve. This year the Center welcomed two new faculty (see page 14), who were celebrated at a ceremony and reception in October 2017 attended by ISP majors, faculty, and AIEG recipients. Pictured to the right are a few of the attendees: Robin Dickey '20, Renee Marlin-Bennett



(ISP Liaison to the Faculty), yours truly, Caroline Lupetini '20, Serena Frechter '18, Elizabeth Duncan '19, and Sarah Fauska '18.



I hope you enjoy reading this latest edition of *The Insider*, which highlights the extraordinary students, faculty, and staff who contribute to our program and who make up the International Studies family at Hopkins. One last thing...I would be remiss if I failed to acknowledge JB Brown (pictured left), our Program Assistant and primary editor of this year's magazine. JB, who graduated from Hopkins in 2017, did not major in International Studies (we forgive you, JB!) but we are nonetheless very grateful for his talents and contributions. We wish him much luck in his work and life beyond the Homewood campus!

SYDNEY VAN MORGAN
DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The International Studies Leadership Council (ISLC) is a student committee that serves as a liaison between students and faculty in the International Studies Program. Our goal is to foster greater unity and direction within International Studies through activities and events. The Council is divided into five subcommittees: Social, Speakers, Communications, Pre-Major Outreach, and the new *Foreign Affairs Review* journal. The Social committee has many exciting events planned for the upcoming year, including popular activities from previous years such as the annual ISP Showcase on November 16th and the Faculty Friday lunch series, which gives ISP majors the opportunity to interact with faculty. We hosted Sociology Professor Michael Levien for a Faculty Friday lunch in September and look forward to upcoming lunches with Professor Gabe Paquette (History) and Professor Somasree Dasgupta (Economics). The Social Committee kicked the year off with a Welcome Back Party for students, faculty, alumni, and community partners on September 7.



2017-2018 ISLC Members

The Speakers Committee invites notable speakers to campus and also maintains a relationship with the Baltimore Council for Foreign Affairs and the Baltimore Speaker Series. On November 9th, we hosted Ambassador Daniel Fried, whose forty-year career in Foreign Service includes serving as Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs, United States Ambassador to Poland, and a Special Envoy to the Guantanamo Bay detention camp in Cuba. The Communications Committee markets all ISLC events and programs as well as creates videos, blogs, and other publications. The Pre-Major Outreach Committee plans events focused on informing undeclared students about the opportunities available to International Studies majors, such as a Q&A session with upperclassmen. Finally, we are excited to begin work this year on our inaugural issue of a new International Studies journal, the *Foreign Affairs Review*. ISLC is looking forward to another exciting and successful year!



Serena Frechter and Sarah Fauska
Co-Leaders of the ISLC (2017-2018)

STUDENT EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Student employees provide invaluable administrative assistance to the International Studies Program. They perform a wide range of duties, such as clerical work, website updates, and graphic design assignments. Pictured at right is the newest member of the student employee team, **VICTORIA LI '20**. Victoria is also participating in the Global Social Change & Development track. Welcome, Victoria!



STUDENT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

THE ARONSON INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE GRANTS - NOVEMBER 15 & APRIL 1

Aronson International Experience Grants provide up to \$4,500 to cover travel costs associated with (1) independent research projects, (2) intersession and summer courses abroad, (3) international conferences, and (4) study abroad during the academic year. The AIEG program is part of a broader effort by the International Studies Program to make educational opportunities abroad accessible to all students in the major regardless of financial background. You can read about some of the exciting projects that were undertaken in 2017 with AIEG funding on the next page.

WEISMAN FAMILY INTERNSHIP FUND - APRIL 1

The Weisman Internship Fund is designed to assist students who wish to participate in an unpaid internship during the summer. The fund provides grants of up to \$2,000 to cover work-related expenses, such as rent and airfare. See pages 8 and 9 for more information.

HULL FAMILY STUDY ABROAD FUND - NOVEMBER 30 & MAY 31

A generous gift from Carl Hull, International Studies graduate and Bologna JYA alumnus, supports the Hull Family Fund, which provides financial assistance for students studying in Bologna, Italy. These awards are available to eligible undergraduate students with demonstrated financial need participating in either the Junior Year Abroad Program in Bologna or the BA/MA Program at SAIS Europe.

BROWN FAMILY TRAVEL FUND - ROLLING DEADLINE

The Brown Family Travel Fund is an endowment supported by the H.L. and Elizabeth Brown Foundation. The fund is geared toward rising or current International Studies seniors. Funding for travel-related expenses is awarded based on submitted proposals for projects (intersession courses, research projects, international conferences, etc.) that students wish to undertake, normally during their senior year or the summer preceding it.

FOREIGN LANGUAGE & AREA STUDIES FELLOWSHIPS - FEBRUARY 5

The Foreign Language & Area Studies Fellowship Program (FLAS) is administered by the International Studies Program and supports undergraduate and graduate students studying modern foreign languages, particularly one of the eight priority languages offered at Hopkins: Arabic, Mandarin, Hebrew, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, and Russian. FLAS fellowships are available for the academic year and summer language study; both graduate and undergraduate students can apply.

COSPONSORSHIP FUNDING - ROLLING DEADLINE

The International Studies Program supports a wide range of activities that contribute to the vibrancy and internationalization of the Homewood campus community. Through our cosponsorship program, we are able to provide funding and publicity support to recognized student organizations and campus departments. If you are interested in applying for cosponsorship funding, begin by completing our online application that is located on the ISP website under the funding tab.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: ASHLEY WAX '20

Congratulations to **Ashley Wax**, a sophomore from Illinois, who was awarded one of this year's **Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships**. She will use her fellowship to study **Arabic**, which she believes is a critical language for students entering the international workforce and studying international relations theory. Ashley is also majoring in Sociology (GSCD) and Spanish.



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ROBERT TICZON '18 entered Johns Hopkins in 2014 as an International Studies and East Asian Studies double major. He is from Summit, New Jersey, and is a member of Hopkins' Army ROTC program. During the summer of 2017, he received an Aronson International Experience Grant to fund trips to **Beijing and Chengdu, China** to research patterns of censorship by the Communist government and the historical representation of important Chinese landmarks. In Beijing, Rob conducted research at the National Museum of China, and in Chengdu, he visited one of the oldest natural dams in the world, the Dujiangyan irrigation system, constructed in 256 BC.



CRISTINA MURILLO '18, who is from San Antonio, Texas, entered Johns Hopkins in 2014 as an International Studies major. During the fall of her junior year, Cristina studied abroad in **Madrid, Spain** while also researching the city's racial dynamics. As an Aronson International Experience Grant recipient, she funded a trip back to Madrid during the summer of 2017 to conduct more extensive research on race relations and the treatment of immigrants. This photo is a good example of political street art that is designed to show support for more tolerant refugee policies. Political murals and graffiti art are common place in Madrid's artistic Malasana neighborhood.

SAMMY SKLARIN '20 is a sophomore International Studies major from San Francisco, CA, who received an Aronson International Experience Grant. During the summer of 2017, he joined nine other Hopkins students for ISP's new **Summer Program in Bologna**, which was held at the School of Advanced International Studies' Europe Center (see page 17). Reflecting on his trip, Samuel said that the most meaningful lesson he received in Italy is that enjoyment is not a moment but a state of mind. He hopes to have more opportunities to immerse himself in Italian culture in the future.



ARONSON GRANT SPOTLIGHT: EMILY PASTRANA '18



Emily is a senior from Miami, Florida pursuing majors in International Studies and Latin American Studies with minors in Entrepreneurship & Management and History. Currently, she interns for the Associate Dean for Student Success where she is developing a pilot tutoring program that focuses on first-generation and low-income students. She is also the Office Manager for both the Center for Student Success and the Center for Diversity and Inclusion. Off campus, Emily interns with Immigration Legal Services at the Esperanza Center in Baltimore. After graduating, she plans to take a gap year to work at a law firm specializing in Latin America before applying to law school.

Emily received an **Aronson International Experience Grant** to attend Hopkins' **Intensive Italian Language and Culture Program in Verona** (Intersession 2017). Emily found her discussions with Italians about the U.S., especially in comparison with Italy's multi-party system and immigration issues, fascinating. She also learned about the role of the media and the university system in promoting public political engagement not only regarding domestic affairs but also international politics. Overall, Emily writes that her experiences in Italy taught her that the citizenry of a nation are more involved and interested in politics than the media portrays. She also learned that the best place to learn Italian is at the opera!

2ND ANNUAL ARONSON CENTER CONFERENCE

On April 21, the **Aronson Center for International Studies** hosted "**Populism, Multi-Cultural Identity, and the Future of Europe**," a conference featuring world-renowned scholars, authors, and policymakers from both the U.S. and Europe who addressed questions on the future of European identity and political organization. In the context of the rise in global populist movements, the symposium examined recent and upcoming elections, trends toward illiberalism, the rise of far-right and far-left populist parties, and the treatment of minority groups in the context of increasing xenophobia, Islamophobia and anti-Semitism. Hopkins undergraduate students engaged in related scholarship also presented their research at the conference.



Gudrun Schyman, Swedish politician and feminist activist



Keynote Speaker **Boris Dittrich**,
Advocacy Director, LGBT Rights
Program, Human Rights Watch



Peter Schechter, Senior Vice
President of the Atlantic Council



Marieke de Hoon, Professor of Law
at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

DEDICATION AND INSTALLATION CEREMONY FOR THE ARONSON PROFESSORSHIPS



ISLC members, faculty, and Aronson Grant Recipients with Shari and Jeffrey Aronson (center front) along with JHU President Ronald Daniels, KSAS Dean Beverly Wendland and SAIS Dean Vali Nasr

On Friday, October 6, the International Studies Program celebrated the dedication and installation of the **Aronson Professorships for Adria Lawrence and Sarah Parkinson** (see page 14). The new professorships were made possible through a generous gift from Jeff and Shari Aronson. Mr. Aronson is the co-founder of Centerbridge Partners and is chair of the Johns Hopkins Board of Trustees. He is also a graduate of Johns Hopkins. Mrs. Aronson is an active philanthropist and founding member of Neshamot, a UJA Federation Jewish Women's Impact Philanthropy group. As dedicated supporters of higher education, Mr. and Mrs. Aronson founded

the Jeffrey H. and Shari L. Aronson Family Foundation. In 2015, the Arons provided the university with a generous gift to create the Aronson Center for International Studies to benefit students in the ISP major and to promote closer ties between SAIS and the Krieger School.

TRACK SPOTLIGHT: GLOBAL SOCIAL CHANGE AND DEVELOPMENT

Undergraduate students pursuing the **Global Social Change and Development** track are participating in ongoing collaborative research with faculty and graduate students in the Arrighi Center for Global Studies. Six cohorts of undergraduate students have participated in the **Global Social Protest Research Working Group**. They have been involved in the design of a research project (including a successful grant proposal to the National Science Foundation) and in the collection and analysis of newspaper reports on events of social unrest worldwide from 1791 to the present. This is all a part of an effort to understand the roots and likely trajectory of the current rise in social and political unrest around the world. Students who join the Global Social Change and Development Track earn degrees in both International Studies and Sociology. They take a sequence of research methods courses (see photo right) that provide them with the skills to participate in professional level research projects as undergraduate students at JHU and beyond. They also take a range of substantive courses that give them the tools and knowledge to think critically about problems arising from contemporary processes of globalization and to become thoughtful global citizens. For more information, see: <http://krieger.jhu.edu/arrighi/undergraduate/gscd/>.



2017 WEISMAN INTERNSHIP GRANT REPORTS

The new **Weisman Internship Grant Program** offers stipend support for International Studies majors undertaking unpaid internships during the summer. The competition takes place in the spring semester (see page 4).



Debbie Fordyce, Member of the Executive Committee for Transient Workers Count Too, with Jaycee Yao in Singapore

Jaycee Yao '19 interned for Peace Boat, an NGO whose objective is to promote peace, sustainable development, equality, social justice, and social cohesion through travel, partnerships, and education. Jaycee traveled with the **Peace Boat Special Global University to China, Singapore, Myanmar and Japan** to work on projects to end poverty, preserve water, reduce inequalities, and further peace and justice. She considers her activities in Tokyo as "meaningful" and an important introduction into issues of homelessness in urban spaces. In China, Jaycee learned about disparities in rural and urban environmental sustainability and preservation. She used this new knowledge to instruct school children about deforestation, water pollution, flooding, climate change and mining. In Singapore, Jaycee worked with an NGO to advocate for the fair treatment for migrant workers and spoke with a migrant from Bangladesh about working conditions in the country. In Myanmar, Jaycee studied the humanitarian crisis and the movement against autocratic rule. She thanks the Weisman family for their support of international travel and education.

Sami Ayele '19 spent summer 2017 interning for the healthcare start up **Helium Health, in Lagos, Nigeria**. Sami described the experience as "highly valuable" because it helped him to understand the "junction of praxis and knowledge in global healthcare." He considered his most significant contribution to be strategizing business models for Helium Health with partnering organizations and community groups. Sami assisted the CEO of Helium Health directly in forecasting profits and revenue for the next fiscal year and beyond, which he credits as helping him understand "the importance of entrepreneurship." He thanks the Weisman family for their assistance.



Sami (far right with blue shirt) with Helium Health staff and interns

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Daniel Kim

'18 remained in Baltimore to intern with the Mayor's Office of Employment Development at the Eastside Career Center. His duties involved investigating the Personal Investment (PI) Club, a cyclical series of workshops designed to assist job seekers during the employment process, analyzing data on the success rate of job programs provided by the Center, and designing a curriculum for employment resources and best practices. He also created a database that improved the center's engagement with its customers. Daniel grew to understand issues of urban poverty in a way that he said "were addressed profusely in class but lacked any weight prior to [his] internship." Daniel considers his internship instrumental to his professional, interpersonal, and experiential growth. He values the opportunity to hone his leadership abilities, and he hopes to use these skills to advance his course work at the School of Advanced International Studies in D.C. Daniel believes that this grant is a valuable asset to the International Studies Program and hopes to see it grow in future years.

Justin Chun

'18 interned at the **World Health Organization** in **Geneva, Switzerland** over the summer of 2017. As an International Studies and Public Health dual major, Justin wrote that working for such an organization as the WHO was a dream come true. Yet this dream did not prevent him from holding some reservations about the organization, such as its bureaucratic management design and inability to work on projects and interventions as quickly as possible. Despite his concerns, Justin enjoyed his experience and would work at the WHO in the future. His assignment at the WHO was with the Substandard and Falsified (SF) Medical Products Group. At SF, Justin worked to detect and prevent the production and circulation of SF medical product, which he considers is an overlooked issue in global health. His favorite activities were "researching the link between SF medical products and antimicrobial resistance" and investigating how producers of medicine maintain the quality of medical products during transport. Justin thanks the Weisman family for their support.



Justin(right) with Margaret Chan, Former Director-General of the World Health Organization (left)



Brianna So

'19 traveled to **Santiago, Chile** where she interned at the **office of Concejal Daniel Morales**, the Chilean equivalent of a city councilor. Her primary responsibilities involved developing projects to support Los Portenos and to discuss policies and solutions with local communities and interest groups. Brianna also spent time analyzing election data for the 2017 Chilean presidential primary election. Outside of work, she immersed herself in Afro-Chilean culture and traveled to UNESCO World Heritage Sites and the city of Valparaiso. Brianna credits the Weisman family for helping her travel to Chile for this internship.

WE ARE THE WORLD...

CHECK OUT THE EXCITING THINGS STUDENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM ARE DOING AROUND THE GLOBE



KATERINA SMITH '18

BUENOS AIRES,
ARGENTINA (CASA)



"There is art to be found everywhere in Buenos Aires, from world-famous museum exhibits on Van Gogh and Frida Kahlo to personally curated collections behind bar counters and lining cafe walls. Palm trees border wide streets with painted lanes that are largely ignored by the impatient taxi drivers and motorcycles that cross and re-cross wherever there is space. Monuments to national heroes and Roman and Greek legends are tucked away in vast leafy parks, whose trails are dotted by the lime green shared bikes used by Argentines along with dog walkers guiding eight or more animals of all different sizes. Huge street art murals cover entire sides of buildings. English classic rock lyrics sung soulfully with a thick Argentine accent spill out of the stairs leading to the metro, each subway stop painted floor to ceiling with striking scenes and playful patterns. The city wears its heart on every surface."

RYAN GREENWALD '18

MADRID, SPAIN (UNIVERSIDAD
CARLOS III)



"The Hopkins Madrid program was a unique part of my collegiate experience. I got the chance to travel all over the country while living with a Spanish family in the heart of historic Madrid. I wouldn't have changed a thing. I made dear friendships and felt connected to the immense history of Spain. From cheering on Real Madrid at Bernabue Stadium to spending time with a host of new friends with whom I shared many fond memories, Madrid will forever have a place in my heart."

DOING ALL AROUND THE GLOBE!



**JIA YAO KUEK '18 | SHANGHAI, CHINA
(FUDAN)**

"Shanghai is an amazingly vibrant city! The traffic here is unlike any I've experienced, but I've skillfully maneuvered around it on my electric bike. Fudan's campus is stunning, and I enjoy my coursework. I've integrated into the Shanghai and Singaporean business community, which provides new experiences in Chinese culture, but also reconnects me to home. The gastronomic rainbow is amazing. Outside of Singapore, Shanghai has a variety of great cuisines. My core purpose in Shanghai remains to make friends and gain exposure to a system different from Western liberal democracy or the multi-party system in Singapore."



YASMIN YOON '19 | TOKYO, JAPAN (WASEDA)

"From visiting ancient shrines to late-night ramen runs, studying abroad at Waseda University has been a very enriching experience so far. Tokyo is a city that allows your study abroad experience to be that one year in your life when you do everything you had never imagined. Learning something new about Japanese culture every day, I cannot help but be reminded of how little I know of the world and how much the world has to offer."



MATTHIEU ORTIZ '18 | KERAMBITAN, INDONESIA (SIT)

"Studying in Indonesia was an incredible experience, and took a lot of adjusting to. Firstly, the food there, whilst probably not the healthiest, was delicious, I would wake up every day and my host family would have noodles, fried rice, some kind of meat, coffee and a wide array of fruits for me. One of my favorite quirks of Indonesian culture is that after you shake hands with someone, it is common to touch your chest, which symbolizes 'putting someone in your heart.' This demonstrates just how warm and friendly Indonesians are."



WILLIAM ANDERSON '18 | PARIS, FRANCE (SCIENCES PO)

"I've really enjoyed my time so far at Sciences Po in Paris. From development finance and biodiversity to the role of agriculture in the global agenda, I never quite know what I'll be learning from week to week. Going to a school with students from all around the world and mixing with experienced practitioners and inspiring professors has been a great continuation of my education. Living abroad for the first time, my respect for all the international students at Hopkins and immigrants to the U.S. has only increased. Of course I miss Baltimore and the wonderful people at Hopkins, and I'm excited to come back to graduate with my classmates this May."

JHU SAIS BA/MA PROGRAM

The five-year BA/MA program with the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington, D.C., allows selected undergraduate students to pursue an intensive program in international studies and also obtain a master's degree from SAIS.



Congratulations to the following students who were admitted to the **SAIS BA/MA Class of 2020:** (standing, left to right) Ryan Lucas, Kyla Persky, Erik Bostrom, Jake Morris, George Goodfriend, (seated, left to right) Robin Dickey, Alexandra Marksteiner, and (not pictured) Caroline Lupetini. The SAIS BA/MA is a special degree program offered by JHU's Krieger School and the School of Advanced International Studies, a world renowned graduate school of international affairs based in D.C. BA/MA alumni have gone on to become political, business, and organizational leaders around the globe. Students selected to participate in the program spend three years on the Homewood campus as undergraduates and two years at SAIS pursuing the master's degree. Students may apply to spend their first year of SAIS at the Bologna campus (SAIS Europe), while students proficient in Mandarin may apply to spend their first year at the Hopkins Nanjing Center (HNC) in China.

SCIENCES PO BA/MA PROGRAM

Hopkins' five-year BA/MA program with Sciences Po in Paris offers students an opportunity to pursue an accelerated course of study that results in a bachelor's degree from Hopkins and a master's degree from one of four graduate schools at Sciences Po. During the program students also complete a semester long full-time internship at a French or international organization or business. Sciences Po's graduate programs prepare students for a wide range of professions in the public and private sectors. Graduates of the BA/MA program possess a strong academic background and in-depth knowledge of how the professional world really works. Current Sciences Po BA/MA students include Will Anderson '18 (see page 11), Aleks Garcia '18 (pictured at right), Sarah Harrison '18, and Allie McManus '18.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: AVA WHITE



Ava is an International Studies major in the five-year BA/MA program at SAIS, where she is studying Southeast Asian politics and international economics. Ava became an activist campaigning for democracy in Myanmar at the time of the Saffron Revolution, which sparked her interest in Southeast Asian studies. She went on to study the Burmese language at the Southeast Asian Summer Studies Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and during a study abroad program at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. At Hopkins, Ava is a founding member of the Hopkins Students for Liberty club and a member of the ISLC. Before going to SAIS, she interned at the Carter Center, furthering her interest in international non-profit work in Southeast Asia.

JUNIOR YEAR ABROAD IN BOLOGNA

For more than forty years, selected Hopkins students have studied abroad during the junior year at the School of Advanced International Studies' European campus in Bologna. The program is open to International Studies and Political Science majors who demonstrate a high level of maturity and a strong desire to study international affairs at the graduate level.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: JULIA WARGO '18

Julia is an International Studies major with a minor in Spanish. She studied abroad during her junior year in Bologna, Italy, at SAIS Europe, where she took graduate courses on topics ranging from soft power to peacekeeping to migration and security. While in Italy, Julia also had the chance to undertake two study trips - one to Geneva to meet with various organizations associated with the United Nations, and one to Greece to study the migration crisis and meet with various NGOs, policymakers, and refugees. These trips sparked an interest in conflict management, which she hopes to continue studying at SAIS after she obtains her undergraduate degree from JHU.

SAIS DIRECT MATRICULATION PROGRAM



Launched last year, the **Johns Hopkins Direct Matriculation: Master's in International Studies Program** allows qualified prospective students displaying a strong interest in international studies to pursue a combined bachelor's/master's degree with the Johns Hopkins Krieger School of Arts & Sciences in Baltimore and the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington, DC. Students apply to the Direct Matriculation Program as part of their application for undergraduate admission. Congratulations to **Bisma Khan '20** and **Ernie Bates '20**, the first students to be admitted to the Direct Matriculation Program with SAIS.

Bisma Khan, '20, and Ernie Bates, '20

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: HARRY CHANGMIN KANG '21



Harry Changmin Kang is from a small city in South Korea called Gwacheon. "My international travel experiences prior to enrolling at Hopkins influenced me to pursue an international education. Although I have faced challenges and hardships throughout life, I matured and overcame these struggles. Through these experiences, I realized my passion for both international politics and global health. I am exceptionally grateful for the opportunity to attend SAIS as part of the Direct Matriculation Program, which I know will be the foundation of my future."

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: SARAH PARKINSON & ADRIA LAWRENCE

SARAH PARKINSON is the Aronson Assistant Professor of International Studies & Political Science. She joined the faculty of Johns Hopkins University in 2016. Her research examines organizational behavior and social change during and following war. Focusing predominantly on the Middle East and North Africa, she uses social network analysis and ethnographic methods to study the ways that actors such as militant organizations, political parties, and humanitarian groups cope with crisis, disruption, and fragmentation. She has conducted extensive fieldwork among Palestinian and Syrian refugees in Lebanon and with humanitarian organizations in Iraqi Kurdistan. Parkinson holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in Political Science from the University of Chicago and a B.A. in International Studies from Johns Hopkins University. She was recently awarded an Exploration of Practical Ethics research grant to study communities of ethical practice in conflict zones, with a focus on the wars in Syria and Iraq.



ADRIA LAWRENCE is the Aronson Distinguished Professor of International Studies and Political Science at Johns Hopkins University, a joint appointment with the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) and the Krieger School of Arts and Sciences (KSAS). She studies colonialism, nationalism, conflict, and collective action. Her book, *Imperial Rule and the Politics of Nationalism: Anti-Colonial Protest in the French Empire*, provides an analysis of the violent and non-violent mobilization for national independence that confronted European colonial empires during the decades following World War II. The book won the 2015 J. David Greenstone Book Prize for best book in history and politics. Her current work examines foreign rule and resistance during the colonial period and in the contemporary Arab world. Lawrence holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in Political Science from the University of Chicago and a B.A. in International Studies from Vassar College.

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ALUMNI AFFINITY GROUP

Founded in 2017, the **International Studies Alumni Affinity Group** is a new organization designed to connect International Studies Program graduates with each other and to help current students by offering mentoring and career advice on a wide range of international affairs career paths. Members of the affinity group have experience working for agencies such as the National Security Council, serving as Peace Corps volunteers abroad, and attending professional schools like the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). Membership is open to all graduates of the International Studies Program at Johns Hopkins. For more information, contact the group at HopkinsISAG@gmail.com.



Nikhil Gupta '15, Claire Cravero '11, Joel Meyer '04

2017 COMMENCEMENT RECEPTION

The International Studies Program gathered at Gertrude's Restaurant on May 23, 2017, along with the Department of Political Science, to bid adieu to our graduating seniors. We also awarded the Tucker Prize for Best Thesis in International Studies to **Flora Fan Fei** and **Corey Payne**. Congratulations to Flora and Corey and to all of our 2017 graduates. See you at Young Alumni Weekend in October and at Alumni Weekend in 2018!



Alex '17, Nicolas, Marc, and Giulia Weisman



Saakshi Suri '17 (center) with family and friends



Catherine Yang '17 with family



Political Scientists Renee Marlin-Bennett and Sebastian Schmidt

TUCKER PRIZE FOR BEST THESIS IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES: **FLORA FAN FEI & COREY PAYNE**



Flora Fan Fei '17



Corey Payne '17

Flora's thesis titled "**China's Popular Sovereignty: Rethinking Nationalism, Sovereignty, and Chinese Foreign Policy**" was advised by Professor Sebastian Schmidt in the Department of Political Science

Corey's thesis titled "**Chaos and Class Struggle: The Limits of Inequality in the Long Twentieth Century**" was advised by Professor Beverly Silver in the Department of Sociology.

Congratulations!

INTERSESSION 2018 OPPORTUNITIES

AS.192.301 Public International Law | January 9-12 | T-Th-F 10a-4p

This course will introduce students to key aspects of international law: the various sources of international law; the relationship between international law and domestic law; several of the fora that may address international law questions; the actors that have rights and duties under international law; and issues commonly seen in the global setting that bear on international legal norms, including human rights and the use of force. Examples and simulations will focus on East Asia.

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D.C. CAREER TRIP | JAN 17-19

International Studies Program will be offering a three-day career program in Washington, DC, designed to advance student thinking about how to pursue a career in international affairs. Held from January 17-19, 2018, students will learn about different types of international affairs careers - and the skills to pursue them! - and make site visits to top DC-based institutions to learn firsthand from accomplished professionals. Site visits will include House Foreign Affairs Committee, the Department of State, Mayer Brown LLP and the Department of Defense. Guest speakers will discuss career fields related to the intelligence community, international economics, political campaigns, think tanks, non-profits, and international development.

The program will be led by **JOEL MEYER**, A&S International Studies '04. Mr. Meyer is currently Senior Vice President at Dataminr and previously served on the White House National Security Council staff and in the Office of the Secretary of Homeland Security, practiced law at a major international law firm and worked at the Council on Foreign Relations.



SUMMER PROGRAM AT SAIS BOLOGNA

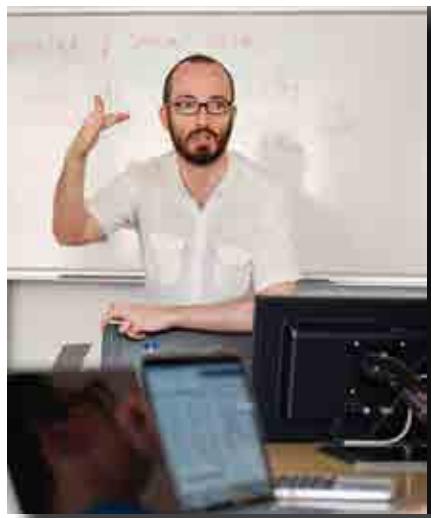
In June, the International Studies Program launched a new summer study abroad program at the SAIS Europe campus in Bologna, Italy. Ten Hopkins students spent three weeks in Bologna taking two courses taught by Homewood professors, one on the rise of populist movements (Populism in Comparative Perspective) and the second on Italian politics and history (Italies: Politics, Culture, and Society). The group also spent a day in the medieval Tuscan city of Siena with Dr. Eugenio Refini, assistant professor of Italian studies at JHU, exploring the town's history, art, and architecture.



The Robert H. Evans Library, SAIS Europe

Student Spotlight: Sumera Yego '20

Sumera's interests in development, foreign languages, and history made International Studies a natural choice as her primary major. This summer, Sumera studied abroad at SAIS Europe as part of the new **Summer Program in Bologna**. She enjoyed how the coursework and discussions in the classes encompassed political theory, sociology, economics, history, and current events. In her career Sumera wants to improve public health and development in her home country of Kenya and in Africa more broadly. To do this she feels that "it is imperative to have an understanding of global issues, which requires a wide range of knowledge, expertise, and critical thinking skills - exactly what I am learning as an International Studies major at Johns Hopkins."



Professor Eugenio Refini



Professor Sahan Karatasli



Austin Clayton '18 and Serwah Afranie '20 enjoying gelato in Siena

Student Spotlight: Elizabeth Duncan '19

"The sense of community in Bologna was amazing, and it was incredible how vibrant the city was every day of the week. In the two program courses we studied populism, Italian literature, art, and politics. I also saw world renowned works of art, picked up a few Italian phrases (such as 'un gelato, per favore!'), and learned how to make pasta from scratch!"



Bologna's Famous Porticos

UNEXPECTED CHALLENGES IN A POST-ISLAMIC STATE ERA

PANELISTS SHARE FIRSTHAND ACCOUNTS OF MIDDLE EAST POLITICS

Four panelists with experience in the Middle East shared their views on the humanitarian crises in the region at a discussion titled "Unexpected Challenges in the Post-Islamic State Era" on Thursday, October 5.

The event was hosted by the Aronson Center for International Studies and the International Studies Program.

The panelists included Robert Ford, former U.S. ambassador to Syria and Algeria, Caitlin McNary, a humanitarian aid specialist who has served in multiple Middle Eastern countries, and Amineh Safi, a Syrian human rights advocate. Sarah Parkinson, assistant professor of international studies and political science at Hopkins, was the fourth panelist and served as the moderator.

Before the panel discussion began, the Hopkins Alumni Association presented Ford with the Woodrow Wilson Award for Distinguished Government Service.

Once the panel got underway, Safi explained that Americans underestimate how much bravery it takes for Syrian citizens to stand up to their regime.

"Coming from that type of scenario, for them to actually come out and exercise this protesting and free speech and demanding human rights is something that really is a triumph in itself," Safi said.

McNary feels that Americans do not pay enough attention to Yemen.

"The Yemen conflict is something that outside of Yemen people have very little understanding of," McNary said. "A lot of it has to do with the challenges of getting to the country or speaking from the country since the infrastructure has been so damaged."

McNary also explained some of the more specific challenges Yemenis face with regard to nutrition and health care. She said that the country has seen a severe cholera outbreak and also faces an ongoing nutrition crisis. According to McNary, malnutrition is the leading cause of death for children under five in Yemen.

She explained that, due to widespread poverty, the country lacks the infrastructure to deal with these issues.

Ford felt that it was important for Americans to understand how U.S. bombings unintentionally affect civilian lives.

"Everyone is upset about what we saw in Las Vegas, right? It's horrible," he said. "Did you know that an American bombing strike killed double that number of civilians in a Syrian school in the city of Raqqa a couple of months ago? How many of you heard about the 110 civilians? How many of you heard about Las Vegas?"

"Who are you in the U.S. Air Force to make that decision for Syrians? There are Syrian organizations, committees and councils who want to have input," Ford said. "We are going to deal with resentment from having made these decisions for generations."



At table, from left to right: Caitlin McNary, Amineh Safi, Ambassador Robert Ford and Professor Sarah Parkinson

Safi agreed with Ford that Syrians are becoming resentful of Americans for acting against the interests of the Syrian people.

"When we are choosing to act, it's not for the best interest of the Syrian citizens, and it is more for political benefits," Safi said. "They see that [Americans] are not acting upon what [Syrians] want. We're acting upon what somebody else wants."

She explained that she believes the Assad regime hurts Syrians more than ISIS does. According to Safi, the regime has greater control over society in the area than ISIS. She said that unlike Assad's regime, ISIS does not cut off the electricity or kidnap and torture young men.

Many students and faculty said that the event shed light on important issues. Dr. Robert Freedman, a visiting professor of political science, thought that Ford gave particularly interesting insights.

"It was a first rate event of multiple perspectives, and it gave us a really good feel for the dynamics and the problems dealing with the Syrian problem," Freedman said.

Freshman Layla Al-Zubi said that she appreciated the panelists for emphasizing issues that Americans may not know much about.

"I definitely think it's thought provoking," she said. "I think a lot of people are not exposed to the entire story of things... It's all human rights, and I think we disregard that unless it's happening close to home."

Sophomore Sumera Yego said that she appreciated Safi's perspective.

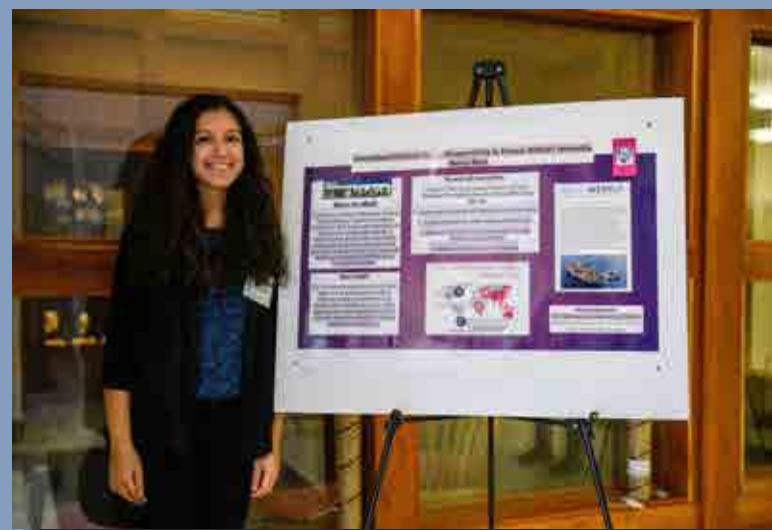
"We saw through [Safi] the really humanizing aspect of what it actually means to be in a civil war," she said.

Note: This is an adaptation of an article written by IS major Anna Gordon '20 for the Johns Hopkins University undergraduate newspaper, *The Newsletter*. We thank Anna for her coverage of this important event.

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