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39 Americans, featured in this catalog, have received a Fulbright grant to lecture, conduct research, study, or teach English in the Czech Republic in the academic year 2024/2025.

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Tuugi Chuluun

Professor of Finance

Fulbright Distinguished Scholar Program

SPECIALIZATION:

Finance

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Teaching and Research in International Finance in the Czech Republic

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

As an award-winning teacher, international finance textbook author, interdisciplinary researcher, and Chartered Financial Analyst charter holder with extensive industry partnership experience, I will collaborate with the Masaryk Institute of Advanced Studies at the Czech Technical University and teach international finance, give teaching workshops, and conduct research in finance.

KEY WORDS:

International finance, innovation, teaching workshop, research

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

Loyola University Maryland, Department of Finance, Baltimore, Maryland

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC:

Czech Technical University in Prague, Masaryk Institute of Advanced Studies, Prague

HOST/CONTACT PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC:

Vladimira Dvorakova

GRANT PERIOD:

01/2025 - 06/2025

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Academic training:

- Ph.D., 2009, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA, USA
- M.A., 2003, Ohio University, Athens, OH, USA
- B.A., 2001, Ohio University, Athens, OH, USA

Professional background:

- Tuugi Chuluun, a Professor of Finance at Loyola University Maryland, is an interdisciplinary researcher specializing in corporate finance and international finance. She is also a co-author of McGraw-Hill's flagship international finance textbook, used at colleges and universities worldwide. As a public scholar, she has written on wide-ranging topics, from global elite networks to exchange rate behavior. Tuugi has received awards for her teaching, service, and research excellence. She also holds the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation and has served on the board of the CFA Society Baltimore for over a decade.

Selected publications:

- "International Financial Management," 10th edition (with Cheol Eun and Bruce Resnick), McGraw Hill, 2023.
- "How White is the Global Elite? An Analysis of Race, Gender and Network Structure" (with Kevin Young, Seth Goldman, and Brendan O'Connor), Global Networks, 2021.
- "Comparative Well-being of the Self-Employed and the Employed in the U.S." (with Panka Bencsik), Small Business Economics, 2019.
- "Firm Network Structure and Innovation" (with Andrew Prevost and Arun Upadhyay), Journal of Corporate Finance, 2017.
- "Global Portfolio Investment Network and Stock Market Comovement," Global Finance Journal, 2017.

Fellowship, honors, etc.:

- 2021-2024: Travelers Scholar, Loyola University Maryland
- 2023-2024: Bowe Fellow, World Trade Center Institute
- 2022-2024: Digital Teaching Fellow, Loyola University Maryland
- 2020: Outstanding Dedication to Learners Award, Office of Digital Teaching and Learning
- 2017: Sellinger School STAR Award in Research
- 2017: Financial Management Association Superior Faculty Advisor
- 2016: Loyola University Maryland EL MBA Program Distinguished Professor of the Year



Udayan "Dario" Darji

Professor of Mathematics

Fulbright Distinguished Scholar Program

SPECIALIZATION:

Mathematics

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Interactions between Dynamical Systems, Analysis and Logic

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The broad objective of this project is to build a mathematical and multinational bridge between certain research topics and mathematicians working in various countries. In particular, increase/initiate collaboration between mathematicians working in linear dynamics in Spain, France, Belgium, Italy, Brazil with experts in functional analysis, topology and logic in Czech Republic.

KEY WORDS:

Dynamical systems, analysis, logic

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

University of Louisville, Department of Mathematics, Louisville, Kentucky

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC:

Charles University, Department of Mathematics, Prague

HOST/CONTACT PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC:

Benjamin Vejnar

GRANT PERIOD:

09/2024 - 06/2025

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Academic training:

- Ph.D., 1991, Auburn University, Auburn, OH, USA

Professional background:

- Professor of Mathematics, University of Louisville, USA, 2003-present
- FAPESP Research Professor of Mathematics, University of São Paulo, Brasil, 2018-2019
- Professor/Acting Head, Ashoka University, India, 2016-2018
- Fulbright Research Fellow to Hungary, 2000-2001
- Consultant, Center for Communications Research, NJ, CA, USA, 1997-2003
- Post-Doctoral Fellow, North Carolina State University, USA, 1991-1993
- Associate Editor, Journal of Applied Analysis, 1995-present
- Associate Editor, European Journal of Mathematics, 2014-present

Selected publications:

- U. B. Darji, D. Gonçalves, M. Sobottka Shadowing, Finite Order Shifts and Ultrametric Spaces, Adv. Math. 385 (2021), Paper No. 107760.
- U. B. Darji, M. Elekes, K. Kalina, V. Kiss, Z. Vidny'anszky, The structure of random automorphisms of countable structure, Trans. Amer. Math. Soc. 371 (2019) no. 12, 8829-8848.
- N. C. Bernardes Jr., P. R. Cirilo, U. B. Darji, A. Messaoudi and E. R. Pujals, Expansivity and Shadowing in Linear Dynamics, J. Math. Anal. Appl. 461 (2018), no. 1, 796-816.
- Darji, U. B.; Kato, H; Chaos and Indecomposability, Advances in Mathematics 304 (2017) 793-808.
- Bernardes, Jr., N; Darji, U; Graph-theoretic Structure of maps of the Cantor Space, Adv. Math. 231 (2012), no. 3-4, 1655-1680.

Fellowship, honors, etc.:

- 2000-2001: Fulbright Scholar, Hungary
- 2018-2019: FAPESP Research Professor, University of São Paulo, Brasil
- 2023: Plenary Speaker, Winter School in Abstract Analysis, Czech Republic
- 2022: Plenary Speaker, ENAMA XV, National Analysis Meeting of Brasil, São Paulo, Brasil



Vaidhyanathan Ramamurthy

Professor of Chemistry

Fulbright Distinguished Scholar Program

SPECIALIZATION:

Chemistry

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Chemistry with light: A sustainable option for better future and environment

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Learning and doing chemistry with light are crucial initial steps in managing the current energy crisis and environmental pollution due to chemicals. Knowing the basics of light-molecule interaction is essential to utilize the free and ever-lasting solar radiation to our benefit. My project involves teaching the basics and historical development of photosciences that deals with chemistry initiated by light to students at Masaryk University and developing a collaborative research program related to releasing molecules of interest at will with the help of photons. The research project would be aimed at establishing confinement is a viable tool to achieve the desired goal of releasing molecules of interest in water while at the same time retaining the trigger within an organic capsule. I hope to instill confidence among students that the Sun is a friend whom they can depend on for sustainable and safe future.

KEY WORDS:

Photochemistry, supramolecular chemistry, physical organic chemistry

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

University of Miami, Chemistry department, Miami, Florida

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC:

Masaryk University, Department of Chemistry, Brno

HOST/CONTACT PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC:

Petre Klan

GRANT PERIOD:

09/2024 - 01/2025

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Academic training:

- Ph.D., 1974, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI, USA
- M.S., 1968, Indian Institute of Technology, Chennai, India
- B.S., 1966, University of Madras, India

Professional background:

- Dr. Ramamurthy, Professor of Chemistry at the University of Miami had his formal education at University of Madras, India (B.S.), IIT, Madras, India (M.S.) and University of Hawaii (Ph.D.) and professional training at University of Western Ontario and Columbia University. Before joining the University of Miami, Coral Gables as the Chairman of the chemistry department in 2005, he was employed at Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore (Assistant and Associate Professor in Organic Chemistry department, 1978-87), The DuPont Company, Wilmington, DE (Senior Research Scientist, Central Research and Development department, 1987-94) and at Tulane University (Bernard-Baus Professor, 1995-2004). Thus far he has directed and mentored 47 students towards their Ph.D. degree, published 450 refereed scientific articles, co-edited a 12-volume series on Molecular and Supramolecular Photochemistry, guest edited a number of journal special issues on supramolecular photochemistry and co-authored with Nick Turro and Tito Scaiano an authoritative and popular textbook on photochemistry (Modern Molecular Organic Photochemistry, University Science Books, 2010). Since 2008 he has been serving as a Senior Editor/Executive Editor of the ACS journal Langmuir. His and his group's research contributions have been recognized by several awards, the recent one being George S. Hammond award for lifelong achievement in, and contributions to, the photochemical sciences by the Inter-American Photochemical Society in 2023.

Selected publications:

- Spatial Confinement Alters the Ultrafast Photoisomerization Dynamics of Azobenzenes C. J. Otolowski, M. Anthony Raj, V. Ramamurthy, and C. G. Elles, Chem. Sci., 2020,11,9513-9523.
- Dynamics of Anthracene Excimer Formation within a Water-soluble Nanocavity at Room Temperature, A. Das, A. Dano, A. Mohan Raj, G. Sharma, S. Banerjee, R. Prabhakar, V. Srinivasan, V. Ramamurthy and P. Sen, J. Am. Chem. Soc., 2021, 143, 2025-2036
- Water: An underappreciated reaction medium for photodimerizations, V. Jeyapalan, R. Varadharajan, G. B. Veerakanellore and V. Ramamurthy, J. Photochem. Photobiol. A Chemistry, 2021, 420, 113492.
- Photochemistry in a capsule: Controlling excited state dynamics via confinement, (Feature article), V. Ramamurthy, Chem. Comm., 2022, 58, 6571 – 6585.
- Ultrafast Excited State Dynamics of Spatially Confined Organic Molecules (Feature article), V. Ramamurthy, P. Sen and C. G. Elles, J. Phys. Chem. A 2022, 126, 29, 4681-4699.

Fellowship, honors, etc.:

- 2005-2008: NSF Special Creativity Award
- 2010: Distinguished Alumnus Award, Indian Institute of Technology, Madras
- 2011: Fellow of the American Chemical Society
- 2014: Elsevier Lectureship Award (Japan Photochemical Association)
- 2014-2015: Fulbright-Nehru Distinguished Chair
- 2023: George S. Hammond Award, Inter-American Photochemical Society



Ingrid Anderson

Senior Lecturer, Associate Director
of Jewish Studies at Boston
University

U.S. Scholar Program

SPECIALIZATION:

Jewish Studies, Philosophy, Israel Studies

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Bar Kochbaite Zionism and the Dream of
Multinationalism in Palestine/Israel

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This project explores fin-de-siècle Prague's Bar Kochbaite Zionism's unusual proposal for a multinational Palestine, and its vocal support for a similarly multinational Czech Land. An analysis of the work of Hugo Bergmann and other prominent Czech Jews of the time, as well as documents of or about the Bar Kochba Association and other relevant materials, this study will produce a publishable academic essay and a course syllabus for the Herzl Center at Charles University, both of which will trace and underscore the unique contributions and characteristics of Prague Zionism and consider what lessons they might have for successful development of multinationalism today.

KEY WORDS:

Fin-de-siècle, Zionism, Hugo Bergmann, Prague, multinationalism

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

Boston University, College of Arts and Sciences, Elie Wiesel Center for Jewish Studies, Boston, Massachusetts

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC:

Charles University, Herzl Center and Faculty of Arts, Middle Eastern Studies, Prague

HOST/CONTACT PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC:

Irena Kalhousova

GRANT PERIOD:

09/2024 - 07/2025

Academic training:

- Ph.D., 2014, Boston University, Boston, MA, USA

Professional background:

- Senior Lecturer, College of Arts and Sciences, Associate Director, Elie Wiesel Center for Jewish Studies, Boston University, 2017-2022 and since 2023
- Visiting Senior Lecturer, SOAS, University of London, 2022
- Senior Lecturer, Writing Program, College of Arts and Sciences, Affiliate of the Elie Wiesel Center for Jewish Studies, Boston University, 2017
- Lecturer, Writing Program, College of Arts and Sciences, Boston University, 2013-2017

Selected publications:

- 2021 "The Wheel of History: Nihilism as Moral Protest and the Destruction of the Present in Leo Strauss and Albert Camus," Leo Strauss and Contemporary Thought: Reading Strauss Outside the Lines, J. Schiff and J. Bernstein eds., (Albany: SUNY Press). 2018 "Richard Rubenstein," The Handbook of Radical Theology. Jordan Miller and Christopher Rodney, eds., (London: Palgrave Macmillan).
- 2018 "Judaism," The Handbook of Radical Theology. Jordan Miller and Christopher Rodney, eds., (London: Palgrave Macmillan).
- 2016 Ethics and Suffering Since the Holocaust: Ethics as "First Philosophy" in Levinas, Wiesel and Rubenstein (London: Routledge Jewish Studies Series).
- 2015 "Ethics, Meaning, and the Absurd in Elie Wiesel's The Trial of God and Albert Camus' The Plague," The Value of the Particular: Lessons From Judaism and the Modern Jewish Experience, Festschrift for Steven T. Katz on the Occasion of his Seventieth Birthday, Michael Zank and Ingrid Anderson, eds., (Leiden: Brill).

Fellowship, honors, etc.:

- 2020: Israel Institute Teaching With Impact
- 2018-2019: Schusterman Institute for Israel Studies Fellowship
- 2012: Royal Holloway Holocaust Center Summer Institute



Katie Googe

Postdoctoral Fellow

U.S. Scholar Program

SPECIALIZATION:

American Literature

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Speculating Backward: Global Connections in American Historical Speculative Fiction 1889-1939

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

I will study the connections between Czech science fiction in the aftermath of the First World War and portrayals of time and colonialism in early American speculative fiction. This project seeks to understand the emergence of speculative fiction in the context of increased globalization and the world's changing empires.

KEY WORDS:

Science fiction, American studies, transnational literature

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

University of Southern California, Department of English, Columbia, South Carolina

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC:

Masaryk University, Department of English and American Studies, Brno

HOST/CONTACT PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC:

Tomáš Kačer

GRANT PERIOD:

09/2024 - 05/2025

Academic training:

- Ph.D., 2024, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, USA
- M.A., 2017, University of Georgia, Athens, GA, USA
- B.A., 2017, University of Georgia, Athens, GA, USA

Professional background:

- Writing Instructor, Thematic Option Honors Program, University of Southern California 2020-2023
- Teaching Assistant, English Department, University of Southern California, 2020
- Writing Instructor, University Writing Program, University of Southern California, 2019-2020
- Graduate Fellow, English Department, University of Southern California, 2017-2019
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Religion, University of Georgia 2016-2017

Selected publications:

- Googe, Katie. "Beyond the Virtual Frontier: New Possibilities of Sex and Desire in 'San Junipero.'" *Hell Bent for Leather: Sex and Sexuality in the Weird Western Vol. II*, University of Nebraska Press, 2024.

Fellowship, honors, etc.:

- 2023-24: USC Graduate School Fellowship for Continuing Students
- 2023: Southwest Popular/American Culture Association Graduate Student Paper Award in Science Fiction



Libby Hladik

Ph.D., Kinesiology - Occupational Science at University of Wisconsin-Madison

U.S. Scholar Program

SPECIALIZATION:

Allied Health - Occupational Therapy - Developmental Disabilities & Community Participation

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Moving Towards Cultural Community Participation for Czech Children with Developmental Disabilities

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Czech society is integrating people with developmental disabilities (DD) into community life, but the impact of early childhood community participation remains unexplored. This project collaborates with Czech families to adapt an Accessibility Toolkit for Cultural Institutions, aiming to enhance community inclusion for individuals with DD.

KEY WORDS:

Developmental disabilities, community participation, CBPR, museums, libraries

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

University of Wisconsin - Madison, Department of Kinesiology, Occupational Therapy Program, Madison, Wisconsin

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC

Masaryk University, The Institute for Research in Inclusive Education, Brno

HOST/CONTACT PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC:

Karel Pančocha

GRANT PERIOD:

09/2024 - 05/2025

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Academic training:

- Ph.D., 2024, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA
- MSOT, 2019, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA
- BFA, 2003, DePaul University, Chicago, IL, USA

Professional background:

- Libby Hladik is a clinical occupational therapist with a background as a theatre director and producer. Her research combines her clinical and creative interests and passion for collaboration. Libby Hladik's research focuses on well-being and community participation for people with developmental disabilities and their families. She has a particular interest in community-engaged research, community-academic collaboration, and community-based participatory research (CBPR). In addition to research, she has a strong interest in interdisciplinary clinician training with a focus on justice, equity, diversity and inclusion.

Selected publications:

- Hladik, L., Meyer, R., Allen, S., Bonnici, S., Froelke, N. A., Romaniak, H., Ougayour, Y., Nelson, N., Alkhamees, A. K., Davis, H., & Ausderau, K. K. (2022). Accessibility and Inclusion for Families with Children with Autism Spectrum Disorders in Cultural Institutions. Curator: The Museum Journal, 65(2), 435–449. <https://doi.org/10.1111/cura.12468> ++Noted as Top Downloaded article in Curator
- Hladik, L., St. John, B. M. S., Korbek, A., Nelson, N., Umana, M., & Ausderau, K. K. (2023). "Giving me the self-confidence to take it": Mothers' experiences participating in the Engaged Eaters Program, a caregiver-mediated feeding intervention. Journal of Autism and Developmental Disabilities.
- Hladik, L., St. John, B., Carbery, M., Gray, M., Drew, J. R., & Ausderau, K. K. (2023). Benefits and Challenges of a Telehealth Eating and Mealtime Intervention for Autistic Children: Occupational Therapy Practitioners' Perspectives. OTJR: Occupational Therapy Journal of Research, 43(3), 540–548. <https://doi.org/10.1177/15394492231175069>.
- St John, B. M., Hickey, E., Kastern, E., Russell, C., Russell, T., Mathy, A., Peterson, B., Wigington, D., Pellien, C., Caudill, A., Hladik, L., & Ausderau, K. K. (2022). Opening the door to university health research: Recommendations for increasing accessibility for individuals with intellectual disability. International Journal for Equity in Health, 21(1), 130. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12939-022-01730-4>.
- St. John, B., Gray, M., Malzacher, A., Hladik, L., Lurie, S., & Ausderau, K. (2021). Using photovoice with people with intellectual disability to illuminate definitions of health and factors influencing participation in health promotion. Journal of Applied Research in Intellectual Disabilities, 34(3), 866–876. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jar.12868>.

Fellowship, honors, etc.:

- 2020-24: Morse Society Fellow, Waisman Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2022-23: Caroline Thompson Fellow, Occupational Therapy Department, UW-Madison
- 2021: Hartzman Travel Award, Department of Kinesiology, UW-Madison {To attend World Federation of Occupational Therapists (WFOT) Congress in Paris France}
- 2018-19: LEND Trainee: Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental & Related Disabilities, Waisman Center, UW-Madison



Daniel Mertens

Professor of Management

U.S. Scholar Program

SPECIALIZATION:

Strategic Management

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Tomas Bata Management: Historical Significance and Contemporary International Relevance

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

One of my current research streams involves the development of management history, which I have three publications in leading journals. Tomas Bata's journey of entrepreneurial enlightenment, inspired by American management techniques, led to the creation of the innovative Bata Management System, which encompassed diverse activities and emphasized uniqueness (Bata, 1992). I will document the historical development and impact of his management theory to a global stage for academics and practitioners with the collaboration and support of Tomas Bata University faculty and resources.

KEY WORDS:

Management, management history, Bata Management System, strategic management, organizational behavior

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

Jacksonville State University, Department of Management and Marketing, Jacksonville, Alabama

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC:

Tomas Bata University, Department of Management and Economics, Zlín

HOST/CONTACT PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC:

Přemysl Pálka

GRANT PERIOD:

09/2024 - 06/2025

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Academic training:

- Ph.D., 2003, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, USA
- MBA, 1999, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, USA
- B.A., 1993, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, USA

Professional background:

- Endowed Professor of Strategy, Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, AL USA since 2016
- Associate Professor, Director of Graduate Programs/MBA, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK, USA, 2009-2016
- Assistant Professor, Director of Global Experience, St. Vincent College, Latrobe, PA, USA, 2003-2009

Selected publications:

- Mertens, D., Villegas, S.G., Ware, M.G., Vengrouskie, E.F. and Lloyd, R. (2024). Business process reengineering leadership: princes of Machiavelli. *Journal of Management History*. Vol. 30 No. 1, pp. 41-59. <https://doi.org/10.1108/JMH-07-2022-0026>.
- Lloyd, R., Mertens, D., Pálka, P., Villegas, S.G (2023). Emerging from the chaos of Management Theory Jungle: A historical analysis of the development of the four principles of management. *Journal of Management History*. Vol. ahead-of-print No. ahead-of-print. <https://doi.org/10.1108/JMH-01-2023-0001>.
- Lloyd, R. A., Mertens, D., Adams, A., Pruden, C., and Bates, A. (2020). Cooperative advantage during the pioneer movement west: The lessons of Nicodemus, Kansas for modern Black communities. *Journal of Management History*, 10(4), 18-38.
- Lloyd, R. A., & Mertens, D. (2018). Expecting more out of Expectancy Theory: History urges inclusion of the social context. *International Management Review*, 14(1), 24-37.
- Groth, M. Mertens, D., & Murphy, R (2005). Customers as good soldiers: Extending organizational citizenship behavior research to the customer domain (pp. 415-433). In D. Turnipseed (Ed.), *A Handbook on organizational citizenship behavior: A review of 'good soldier' activity in organizations*. Nova Science Publishing.

Fellowship, honors, etc.:

- 2022: Southwest Academy of Management Distinguish Educator Award
- 2022: JSU College of Business & Industry Department of Management & Marketing Teaching Award
- 2019: JSU College of Business & Industry Excellence in Teaching Award
- 2019: JSU College of Business & Industry Dean's Faculty Award, Excellence in Service Award
- 2018: JSU College of Business & Industry Excellence in Research Award



Jocelyne Prince

Professor

U.S. Scholar Program

SPECIALIZATION:

Glass

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Hidden Light: an Exploration of Glass, Light, and Film

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

"Hidden Light" is a visual art project that will be realized through a series of performance-based explorations. This series of performances will be the basis for a cinematic experiment. The term "hidden light" comes from a publication titled "Czech Glass 1945-1980: Design in an Age of Adversity". The book contextualizes how glass and light were a metaphor for hope and rebellion while the Czech Republic was under communist rule. Now, as the world encounters political polarization and a resurgence of dictators, this project aims to explore symbols of hope and renewed optimism through light.

KEY WORDS:

Glass, performance, expanded cinema, light

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

Rhode Island School of Design, Glass Department, Providence Rhode Island

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC:

Tomas Bata University, Glass Studio, Faculty of Multimedia Communication, Zlín

HOST/CONTACT PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC:

Petr Stanický

GRANT PERIOD:

09/2024 - 01/2025

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Academic training:

- MFA, 1994, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI, USA
- BFA, 1985, Nova Scotia College of Art and Design, Halifax, Canada

Professional background:

- Professor/Associate Professor, Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, Rhode Island, USA, since 2014
- Department Head, Glass, Rhode Island School of Design, 2019-2023

Selected exhibitions/publications:

- "Live Event Series", on-going since 2011. Site specific performative works in venues such as: KArts (Seoul, Korea), S12 (Bergen, Norway), Tacoma Museum (Tacoma, Washington), ArtLab (Rejmyre, Sweden), Chrysler Museum (Norfolk, Virginia), TIGA (Toyama, Japan), Urban Glass (Brooklyn, New York), ACAD/Illingworth Kerr Gallery (Calgary, Alberta)
- "Library of Amorphous Matter" & "Octadic Beacon", 2021-22. Solo exhibition, Redwood Library, Newport, RI. Curator: Leora Maltz-Leca
- "Intercalary Event" 2020. Multi-venue exhibition; Chazan Gallery, Ladd Observatory and, Willis Reading Room, Hay Library, Providence, RI
- "Intercalary Event: How to Do Words (with Things) - Inference, Reference, and Difference in Aesthetic and Scientific Practices" essay by Thomas Zummer
- "Wonder, 50 years of RISD Glass" 2016, editors: Denise Markonish, Rachel Berwick, Jocelyne Prince
- "Emanations", 2015 group exhibition, American Museum of Glass, Millville, New Jersey + "Seeing Through Glass" essay by Thomas Zummer
- "Enacting the Screen" 2012, group exhibition, Brick + Mortar Video, Greenfield, MA. Curator: Denise Markonish

Fellowship, honors, etc.:

- 2022: Hyundai Collaborative Funded Studio, RISD
- 2019: RISCA Fellowship award
- 2016: Salama bint Hamdan Al Nahyan Foundation (Abu Dhabi, UAE) & RISD, Faculty Mentor - SEAF Program, Cohort #4
- 2014: George A. and Eliza Gardner Howard Foundation Fellowship, Brown University
- 2013: Frazier Award for Excellence in Teaching, Rhode Island School of Design



Roger Sneed

Professor of Religion

U.S. Scholar Program

SPECIALIZATION:

Religious Studies

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Comparative Theologies of Resistance and Reformation: A Teaching Project in the Czech Republic

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project involves teaching courses in religion to undergraduate and graduate students in the Czech Republic. As part of this project, I would also advise graduate students about projects, collaborate with colleagues, and deliver lectures and seminars to various groups and institutions in the Czech Republic.

KEY WORDS:

Religion, theology, ethics

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

Furman University, Department of Religion, Greenville, South Carolina

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC:

Charles University, Hussite Theological Faculty, Prague

HOST/CONTACT PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC:

Jiří Vogel

GRANT PERIOD:

09/2024 - 05/2025

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Academic training:

- Ph.D., 2006, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, USA
- M.Div., 1999, Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, USA
- M.A., 1996, The University of Tulsa, OK, USA
- B.A., 1994, The University of Tulsa, OK, USA

Professional background:

- Roger Sneed has over twenty years experience in higher education as a teacher and administrator. He has functioned as a chair/director of an interdisciplinary minor, academic department, and as a chair of the faculty. During his career, He has published two books. Several articles of Roger Sneed have appeared in international journals.

Selected publications:

- Representations of Homosexuality: Black Theology and Cultural Criticism (2010, Palgrave MacMillan).
- The Dreamer and the Dream: Afrofuturism and Black Religious Thought (2021, The Ohio State University Press).

Fellowship, honors, etc.:

- 2024: Fulbright U.S. Scholar's Award
- 2022: Finalist, AAR Award for Excellence in the Study of Religion, Constructive-Reflective Studies
- 2018-21: Dorothy and B.H. Peace Chair



Carol Wilusz

Professor

U.S. Scholar Program

SPECIALIZATION:

Molecular Biology

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

RNA Binding Proteins and Retroviral Elements

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

Regulation of gene expression in stem cells by RNA binding proteins. Rigor & reproducibility in biomedical research.

KEY WORDS:

Stem Cells, RNA biology, wastewater testing

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

Colorado State University, Department of Microbiology, Immunology & Pathology, Fort Collins, Colorado

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC:

Czech Academy of Sciences, Institute of Molecular Genetics of the, Prague

HOST/CONTACT PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC:

David Stanek

GRANT PERIOD:

01/2025 - 05/2025

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Academic training:

- Ph.D., 1995, Imperial College, London, UK
- B.S., 1991, Imperial College, London, UK

Professional background:

- Director, Cell & Molecular Biology Graduate Program, since 2018
- Professor, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, since 2016
- Associate Professor, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, 2009-2016
- Assistant Professor, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, 2003-2009
- Director, Molecular Quantification Core, CSU, since 2006

Selected publications:

- Ghanbari M, Huang J, Luc A, Arabi M, Goldman JE, Byrne-Nash R, Kane SJ, Ferrell R, Fielder T, De Long SK, Wilusz CJ View of an Evolving Pandemic: Changes in the Relationship Between Clinical Cases and Levels of SARS-CoV-2 RNA in Colorado Wastewater ACS ES&T Water Article ASAP 2024 DOI: 10.1021/acsestwater.3c00615.
- Heck AM, Russo J, Wilusz J, Nishimura EO, Wilusz CJ. YTHDF2 destabilizes m6A-modified neural-specific RNAs to restrain differentiation in induced pluripotent stem cells. RNA. 2020;26(6):739-755. doi:10.1261/rna.073502.119.
- Russo J, Jalkanen AL, Heck AM, Schmidt, CM, Wilusz J, Wilusz CJ. Sequences encoding C2H2 Zinc Fingers inhibit polyadenylation and mRNA export in human cells. Sci Reports 2018; 8:16995.
- Neff, A.T., Lee, J.Y., Wilusz, J., Tian, B. and Wilusz, C.J. Global analysis reveals multiple pathways for unique regulation of mRNA decay in induced pluripotent stem cells. Genome Res. 2012; 22:1457-67.

Fellowship, honors, etc.:

- 2025: Fulbright U.S. Scholar to the Czech Republic
- 2022: Oliver P. Pennock Distinguished Service Award
- 2021: COVID19 Leadership Award for Extraordinary Leadership in service to CSU Research
- 2021: CVMB Living Our Values Team Award – Wastewater Testing Team



Jolie L'Heureux

Student

U.S. Student Program

SPECIALIZATION:

Astrophysics

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Searching for the Electromagnetic Counterparts of Gravitational Wave Events

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

My project focuses on searching for and studying electromagnetic counterparts of gravitational wave sources, specifically binary neutron star mergers. These objects collide violently, sending bursts of electromagnetic light through space. By locating these bursts we can learn not only about gravitational wave events but the formation of our early universe.

KEY WORDS:

Astrophysics, astronomy, gravitational waves

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

Columbia University, Astronomy Department, New York, New York

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC:

Masaryk University, Department of Theoretical Physics and Astrophysics, Brno

HOST/CONTACT PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC:

Norbert Werner

GRANT PERIOD:

09/2024 - 06/2025

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Academic training:

- B.A., 2024, Columbia University, New York, New York, USA

Professional background:

- Teaching Assistant, Columbia University Physics Department, USA, 2023-2024
- Chien-Shiung Wu Summer Research Fellow, Columbia University, New York, NY, USA, since 2023
- Brown Dwarfs in New York City Research Fellow, American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY, USA, since 2022
- Cool Stars Columbia Research Fellow Columbia University, New York, NY, USA, 2022- 2023

Fellowship, honors, etc.:

- 2023: New York Space Grant Minorities Fellowship
- 2023: Chien-Shiung Wu Summer Research Fellowship
- 2022: New York Space Grant Minorities Fellowship
- 2021: Dean's List Columbia University
- 2020: Dean's List Columbia University



Đurđa Jovanović Padejski

Ph.D. Student

U.S. Student Program

SPECIALIZATION:

Linguistics

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Examining Russian Propaganda Narratives in Czech Media Using Novel Linguistic Methods

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

A linguistic investigation into the Russian propaganda narratives circulating in Czech media and on social media, focusing on animosity towards Ukrainian refugees and the economic impact, using novel methods pioneered by the faculty of Charles University.

KEY WORDS:

Propaganda, nationalism, discourse analysis

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

Arizona State University, School of International Letters and Cultures, Tempe, Arizona

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC:

Charles University, Institute of the Czech National Corpus, Faculty of Arts, Prague

HOST/CONTACT PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC:

Václav Cvrček

GRANT PERIOD:

09/2024 - 05/2025

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Academic training:

- Ph.D., 2025, Arizona State University, Tucson, AZ, USA
- M.A., 2024, Arizona State University, Tucson, AZ, USA
- B.A., 2016, the University of Singidunum, Belgrade, Serbia

Professional background:

- Đurđa Jovanović Padejski is a faculty associate with a strong academic and professional background in linguistics, journalism, and communication. She is currently serving as a Faculty Associate at Arizona State University's School of International Letters and Cultures (SILC) while pursuing a doctorate specializing in Quantitative Linguistics and Eastern European studies. Her research centers on the analysis of linguistic features within propaganda and disinformation mechanisms. She is specifically interested in examining how language is employed by political parties, governments, and various organizations to shape public opinion on critical environmental issues. In addition to her academic pursuits, Djurdja brings a wealth of practical experience in journalism and communication strategy.

Selected publications:

- Mapping Digital Media: Serbia
<https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/publications/mapping-digital-media-serbia>

Fellowship, honors, etc.:

- 2024: Research Award, Fulbright Commission Czech Republic
- 2023: ASU Graduate College University Grant (GCUG), The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences ASU
- 2022: Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, U.S. Department of Education Title VI
- 2022: Title VIII Research Fellow, U.S. Department of State, U.S. Department of Education Title VI grant
- 2022: The University of Arizona Graduate Fellowship Award
- 2012: William and Barbara Edwards Media Fellow, Hoover Institution, Stanford University



Sreyas Yennampelli

Medical Assistant at Lahey Hospital & Medical Center

U.S. Student Program

SPECIALIZATION:

Neuroscience

FULBRIGHT PROJECT TITLE:

Eating Disorders: A Neurobiological Examination of Their Etiology and Treatment

FULBRIGHT PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The prevalence of eating disorders (EDs) in Czechia is rising, and current explanations of its causes overlook neurobiology. One of my studies will analyze the changes in eating disorder (ED) patients six months after receiving treatment. Another will identify the neurocircuitry behind ED patients' responses when viewing pictures of people.

KEY WORDS:

Eating disorder, neuroimaging, treatment, brain regions, perceptual distortions

HOME INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES:

Emory University, Department of Neuroscience and Behavioral Biology, Department of Philosophy, Atlanta, Georgia

HOST INSTITUTION AND DEPARTMENT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC:

Masaryk University, Department of Psychiatry, Brno

HOST/CONTACT PERSON AT THE DEPARTMENT IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC:

Petra Holštajn Zemánková

GRANT PERIOD:

09/2024 - 06/2025

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Academic training:

- B.A., 2023, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, USA
- B.S., 2023, Emory University, Atlanta, GA, USA

Professional background:

- Medical Assistant, Lahey Hospital & Medical Center, Burlington, Massachusetts, USA, since 2023
- Access: EnTree Co-Founder, Florida Disability Access and Awareness Foundation, since 2022
- Founder and Editor-in-Chief, Pill Policy, since 2020
- Regional Director 2.0, previously Political Affairs Intern, The Borgen Project, since 2020
- Tutor, GoPeer, since 2020
- Prep (Co-Lead) Organic Chemistry II Teaching Assistant, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, USA, 2022-2023
- Undergraduate Student Researcher, Laboratory for Darwinian Neuroscience, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, USA, 2021-2022
- Summer Clinical Co-Investigator and Research Student, Lahey Hospital & Medical Center, Burlington, Massachusetts, USA, 2021
- Biology I Teaching Assistant, Emory University, 2020-2021
- Civic Engagement Staff Leader, Emory University, 2019-2023

Selected publications:

- Yennampelli, S. (2023). Alcibiades and Socrates: A Psychiatric and Political Examination of Mental Health [Honors thesis, Emory University]. Emory Theses and Dissertations. <https://etd.library.emory.edu/concern/etds/kd17cv155?locale=en>

Fellowship, honors, etc.:

- 2024: Ellen Bailey Achievement Award, The Hatchery, Center for Innovation, Emory University
- 2022: Spotlighted Advocate of the Month, American Heart Association
- 2021: Field Scholar, Emory Global Health Institute
- 2021: The Gold and Blue Group: Campus Life Leadership Award, Emory University
- 2020-21: Oxford Research Scholar, Emory University
- 2020: President's Circle Award and Bird-Dog Award, The Borgen Project



Joseph Michael Jr. Adams

Joe Adams of Marshfield, MA is a recent graduate of Villanova University with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication specializing in media production and a minor in Political Science. During his time at Villanova, he produced five award-winning documentaries in both Kenya and Brazil centered around women's rights, disability in education, and cultural preservation. He was the President of Lambda Pi Eta, Vice President of Villanova Television, a Facilitator and volunteer tutor for the Service Learning Community, an Opinion Columnist for The Villanovan student newspaper, a New Student Orientation counselor, on the Media Team for NOVAdance, and interned at FRONTLINE PBS & Alkemy X in post production roles. In his free time, he enjoys running marathons, going to the beach, and spending time with his family and friends. He is extremely excited to begin his Fulbright year in the Czech Republic as an ETA, and upon his return to the U.S., plans to pursue a career in the film industry.

Host institution in the Czech Republic:

Střední škola filmová, multimediální a počítačových technologií Zlín

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Griffin Michael Bassett

Hey there, I'm Griffin! I'm from Chicago and I just graduated from Boston College. I'm really passionate about linguistics and geography, and I make videos about languages in my spare time. I'm also a big fan of trains and transit. All that is to say, if anyone's interested in trying to work on their Czech and/or explore the area (time permitting) I'm keenly interested in both of those things! Post-Fulbright, I hope to eventually pursue a graduate degree in linguistics and become a language teacher.



Host institution in the Czech Republic:

Střední průmyslová škola a Obchodní akademie Bruntál

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Christian Blackburn

I am graduating with a B.S. in Wildlife and Fisheries Biology from Clemson University. My primary extracurricular involvement at Clemson has been with the Alpha Phi Omega service fraternity. I plan to continue pursuing volunteer opportunities while abroad while integrating service-based learning into the classroom. I am originally from Charleston, South Carolina and really enjoy outdoor activities like camping, bicycling, and skiing. I am excited to explore the Czech Republic's many national parks, while also taking advantage of the social opportunities in Liberec. I also really enjoy listening to and discovering new music. I hope to attend many concerts next year and explore traditional and contemporary Czech music.



Host institution in the Czech Republic:

Střední škola strojní, stavební a dopravní Liberec

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Emma Christina Blenke

Emma is a recent graduate of Villanova University where she got her B.A. in Political Science with three minors in Business, Ethics, and Peace and Justice. Her favorite classes were any discussion-based classes that connected to current news issues, like her Ethics in the Anthropocene class, and her African Americans in US Politics class. During her time at Villanova, Emma was on the executive board for Blue Key (the touring group) and Admitted Students Day. Throughout her time at Villanova, Emma has learned most from interning at law firms and non-profits that specialize in immigration, patents, election fairness, and sexual exploitation. Emma's favorite memories are playing games with her friends and finding adventures to go on. When she's not at school, she enjoys her summers at the beach and being a barista at a local cafe. Emma's long-term goal is to go to law school.



Host institution in the Czech Republic:

Obchodní akademie, VOŠ
cestovního ruchu Karlovy Vary

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Ashlynn Burrows

I am a recent graduate of Salisbury University. I double majored in Communications and Conflict Analysis and Dispute Resolution. I also have a minor in Deaf Studies. I enjoy reading, traveling, and playing sports. I am very excited to broaden my international experience and am hopeful to become a U.S. Foreign Service Officer.



Host institution in the Czech Republic:

Střední zdravotnická škola
Pardubice

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Christopher Burke Dean

As an undergraduate, I majored in English Literature and Economics and was a member of the men's basketball team at Trinity College. Following undergrad, I followed my passion for education by joining the ACE Teaching Fellows Program, where I earned a Master of Education degree from the University of Notre Dame. During the two years, I served as a full-time social studies teacher in an underserved Catholic middle school in Chicago, IL. The ACE program was extremely influential on my desire to continue teaching in the Czech Republic. In my free time, I love volunteering as a youth basketball coach, playing basketball myself, and rock climbing. After Fulbright, I plan to pursue further education in economics.



Host institution in the Czech Republic:

Střední škola průmyslová, technická a
automobilní Jihlava

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Ashley Elizabeth Feiler

My name is Ashley Feiler, and I am a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh with majors in Linguistics and English Writing and minors in Secondary Education and Swahili. During my undergraduate career, I dedicated much of my time to the education world. I assisted with research investigating how technology can help improve students' classroom discussions as well as provided literacy tutoring for elementary students. In my free time, I enjoy singing in choirs, reading, and playing board games or doing puzzles. I am passionate about facilitating communication and connection across perspectives and cultures, and after my Fulbright experience, I plan to pursue a career as an English teacher.

Host institution in the Czech Republic:
Slezské Gymnázium Opava

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Janessa Garcia

This Spring, Janessa graduated from her university in California, earning a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. Her specific passion includes pursuing a profession in policymaking for America's education system where she plans to work on school curriculums and issues like gun violence. She continues to be an advocate for stronger K-12 pipelines in her community, has led and assisted with local campaigns, and has conducted research on educational topics in and outside of the classroom. In 2022, she taught abroad in Italy where she composed lesson plans and taught six classes: five of those classes being at the high school level, and the other, being a primary level class. She most recently finished studying abroad with Semester at Sea as the Hispanic Association for Colleges and Universities Scholar, and as a Chapman Scholar where she was selected from a pool of students to work with Global Mamas, a non-profit in Ghana. This past semester Janessa was admitted into graduate school at Harvard University which she will be pursuing in 2025 after her teaching assistantship in the Czech Republic.



Host institution in the Czech Republic:
Církevní gymnázium v Kutné Hoře

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Eliana Good

Originally from Cleveland, OH, I ventured off to upstate New York where I graduated from Hamilton College with a B.A in math and studio art. Outside of class, I loved playing squash on the varsity team, leading hiking trips in the Adirondacks, and working as a docent at my school's art museum.

I am interested in the intersection of art and entrepreneurship and how small businesses can uplift their communities. Following my year in the Czech Republic, I will be working for Bank of America's Strategy and Business Ventures team in North Carolina. I am very excited to immerse myself in Czech culture and take advantage of all that the Czech Republic has to offer!



Host institution in the Czech Republic:
Gymnázium Aloise Jiráska Litomyšl

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Blair Jones Hassett

My name is Blair Hassett and I'm thrilled to be participating in the Fulbright program. I am from Cincinnati, Ohio, where I grew up with a (fraternal) twin sister and a younger brother. I attended Miami University from 2018-2022 where I received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Sustainability as well as a Master's of Environmental Science. During my Spring 2022 semester I lived abroad in Luxembourg, which kindled my fervent love of traveling. For the 2022-23 school year I lived in Madrid and worked as a teaching assistant at a bilingual school, and since my time in Madrid I've continued tutoring and traveling the world. Some of my favorite trips taken in recent memory include excursions to Japan, New Zealand, and Iceland. In addition to traveling, I love spending time in nature, reading, and constructing crossword puzzles.



Host institution in the Czech Republic:
Střední škola průmyslová a umělecká
Hodonín



Host institution in the Czech Republic:
Střední průmyslová škola stavební a
Obchodní akademie arch. Jana Letzela
Náchod

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Kate Ann Hessman

Kate is from Cedar Rapids, Iowa and recently graduated from Creighton University (in Omaha, Nebraska) with a major in psychology and minor in business. She is particularly passionate about marketing and consumer psychology, which ties both aspects of her education together! Kate is working to publish her research in psychology and business to academic journals and loves speaking about the research projects she has completed and presented nationally. In her free time, Kate can be found teaching yoga classes, creating ceramic pottery, and building relationships with those around her. During her Fulbright year, she is most excited to help students find their sense of self and passions as it relates to both their education and the community.

Lauren Nicole Houchens

I'm from Vermont and I just finished studying Geography and Linguistics at Dartmouth College. I love to hike, bike, ski, and partake in many other outdoor activities. I am passionate about environmental justice as well as other social justice issues. After teaching in the Czech Republic, I hope to return to New England and research understudied languages or in the environmental sector.



Host institution in the Czech Republic:
Gymnázium Jana Pivečky a Střední
odborná škola Slavičín

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Issac McGee

I teach at the University Preparatory School for Young Men in Rochester, NY. I completed a Master of Science in Business and Marketing Education from SUNY Oswego, and a Bachelor of Business Administration from SUNY Alfred State. I am pursuing a Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Leadership at SUNY Oswego, with the ultimate goal of becoming a Superintendent of Schools in New York. In my free time, I enjoy golfing, cooking, sports, staying active, and reading books on African American history and culture. My favorite sports teams are the Las Vegas Raiders and the Brooklyn Nets. I enjoy family time and binge-watching a good series.

Host institution in the Czech Republic:
Obchodní akademie České Budějovice

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Mirabella Rose Miller

Mirabella is from Portland, Oregon, and graduated from Scripps College in California in 2024. At Scripps, she majored in English with a focus on creative writing, and her thesis project was a collection of three intertwined short stories. She also served as the Editor-in-Chief of the campus literary magazine at Scripps, worked as a tutor in the Writing Center, and was a student fellow with The Open Academy, an initiative promoting dialogue and conversation on difficult political topics. She loves writing, reading, cooking, yoga, and nature. She is passionate about learning new things and connecting with people who are different from her, and she is so excited for this Fulbright experience. Upon her return to the United States, she is considering pursuing an MFA in fiction writing or an MA in education.



Host institution in the Czech Republic:
Gymnázium Ostrov

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Britt Lamont Edwardo II Mobley

Britt Mobley, a graduate of Elon University, hails from Raleigh, North Carolina. He completed his studies in Strategic Communications and Outdoor Leadership & Education. During his time at Elon, Britt distinguished himself as a Communications Fellow and an Inman Family Odyssey Scholar. He fully engaged in the university experience, embracing leadership roles and opportunities for global exploration, including the memorable 130th voyage of Semester-at-Sea, which took him to 11 countries across Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and Southwest Asia in the Fall of 2022. Furthermore, Britt played a pivotal role in Experiential Learning & Outdoor Adventures (ELOA), where he led various experiential learning activities. Recently, Britt also served as Elon's Student Body President and held the position of Executive President of Student Government, participating in various university committees and advisory boards.

Host institution in the Czech Republic:
Střední škola obchodu, služeb a řemesel Tábor

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Simon Jude Donohue Nosek

I am a recent graduate of Oberlin College where I majored in Politics and Religion. At Oberlin, I worked as a research assistant in the Religion department and as an ESOL tutor for international students. I have had some incredible opportunities to travel, including spending a winter term studying in Greece and touring archeological sites around the country. In my free time, I love rock climbing and martial arts, playing and designing board games, and writing short stories. After Fulbright, I plan to continue working as an English-language teacher and to prepare for graduate school. I would love to combine my interests in religious studies and international politics in the same program and hope to build a career in peace and conflict studies.



Host institution in the Czech Republic:
Gymnázium České Budějovice, Jírovцова

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Katherine Pottle O'Neal

I recently graduated from the University of Notre Dame with my B.A. in Psychology. During my time as an undergraduate, I earned two minors – one in business economics and the other in digital marketing – and wrote a thesis titled, “Indicators of Severe Non-Suicidal Self-Injury: A Comparative Analysis Between Veterans and Civilians.” I was also recently commissioned as an Active Duty Army Officer after four years of ROTC. After Fulbright, I will work in the Army’s Medical Service Corps and attend officer training in San Antonio, Texas. My more creative pursuits in college included working as head photographer for Notre Dame’s Scholastic and Strike Magazines, as well as working as a freelance photographer for several other publications. I also enjoy running and being outside as much as possible, and I am incredibly excited to spend the next year exploring Vysoké Mýto and the broader Czech Republic!



Host institution in the Czech Republic:
Gymnázium Vysoké Mýto

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Janet Evelyn Palmer

I am a 2024 William and Mary graduate with a double major in Government and Linguistics. During my undergraduate experience, I enjoyed serving as the Treasure of William and Mary’s VOX- Reproductive Justice organization, joining Alpha Phi Omega community service fraternity, participating in Radio club, and volunteering as an ESL tutor with Literacy for Life. Off campus, I spend most of my free time doing pottery at a local studio and have enjoyed meeting and creating with potters while traveling in the Czech Republic and Vietnam. I previously worked as a communications and political intern for the Equal Rights Amendment Coalition in Washington DC and as a senate page in Richmond, Virginia. In the future, I plan to work in education policy and intercultural communication to make education more equitable and accessible.



Host institution in the Czech Republic:
Střední škola uměleckoprůmyslová
Ústí nad Orlicí



Sophie Grace Pedzich

I am a recent graduate of Colgate University, where I studied Environmental Biology and minored in Art and Art History. In school, I worked in a research laboratory studying invasive earthworms, which taught me to be passionate about ecology, conservation, and science outreach and education. Outside of school, I enjoy horseback riding, cooking new recipes, and reading. After my Fulbright experience I plan on applying to graduate school.

Host institution in the Czech Republic:

Střední škola zahradnická a
zemědělská A. E. Komerse Děčín

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Amy Perry

I am a graduate of Siena College in New York with a B.S. in biology and a minor in philosophy. I have acted as an instructor for the American Red Cross for the past six years, teaching swimming lessons, lifeguarding courses, and CPR/first aid courses. During my time at college I acted as a peer tutor in biology and philosophy. I have taken part in research through Siena College, in collaboration with the Museum of Natural History in New York City, during which we discovered (and named!) at least 3 new species of tree mice from along the Western Amazon. In my spare time I do sword fighting through the SCA, weight lifting, photography and independent studies in continental philosophy. I am also learning guitar and love to read. My goal in the future is to either pursue a Ph.D. in biology or become a physical therapist.



Host institution in the Czech Republic:

Gymnázium Ústí nad Labem



Avni Prasad

I am an educator and technologist, traveler and advocate, soccer player and game lover. At UC Berkeley, I studied Computer Science and Education, where I began my journey as a student and a teacher at home and abroad. In Jordan, I taught English and Computer Science to children from refugee communities. In San Francisco, I taught Math and College Prep to young adults grappling with chronic homelessness.

My journey has led me through frontline work where I stood at the front of classrooms to backend work where I have supported thousands of teachers across the US with software to enhance their classrooms. In every role, I embody the belief that education is not only the foundation of equity but also the blueprint for its realization.

Outside of work, you might find me immersed in Bananagrams battles, TEDTalk marathons, or playing "Stayin' Alive" to get through an especially rough Monday.

Host institution in the Czech Republic:

Střední průmyslová škola a Vyšší
odborná škola Liberec

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Bailey Jane Price

My name is Bailey Price and I am from St. Clair Shores, Michigan, a suburb of Detroit. I recently graduated from Bowling Green State University with my Bachelor's in International Studies, specializing in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. While in college I was involved in the Honors College, German Club, and many student organizations. Beyond academics, I find solace in yoga and Pilates, music, and drawing. I also love creating short films. Having previously lived in Europe during my studies at the University of Salzburg in 2022, I am looking forward to returning to Europe. This Fulbright opportunity represents a culmination of my academic and cultural interests, and passion for exploration. I am looking forward to the adventure and meeting great people!



Host institution in the Czech Republic:
Gymnázium Jeseník & Hotelová škola
Vincenze Priessnitz a Obchodní akademie
Jeseník

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Ann Seiler Rivers

I am a technologist and artist by both education and passion. I recently graduated from Mercer University in Macon, Georgia, where I studied Computer Science and Music. On the technical side, I have conducted research on Unmanned Aerial Vehicles. I have my private pilots' license and truly enjoyed combining my love of aviation and computer science. I have experience teaching a coding boot camp in South Africa, where I particularly loved integrating music into the STEM lessons. On the arts side, I am deeply passionate about classical music. Piano is my primary instrument, but I also sing in choir and will travel with the Mercer Singers to perform in France this summer. I also love embroidery, pickleball, and spending time in nature. In the future, I hope to work on complex problems in the technology industry and earn my MBA.



Host institution in the Czech Republic:
Gymnázium a obchodní akademie
Mariánské Lázně

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Macie Elizabeth Thomas

I am a recent graduate of Nebraska Wesleyan University where I majored in English and Communication Studies and minored in Political Science. I enjoy reading outside in my hammock, finding new hiking spots, and playing sports with friends. My plans after the Fulbright is to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison to complete my PhD and work toward becoming a professor!



Host institution in the Czech Republic:
Gymnázium Vimperk

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Maria Grace Vostrizansky

Hello! My name is Maria Vostrizansky and I am very excited to be a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant at Gymnazium Jihlava. I'm originally from the state of Michigan. I recently graduated from Alma College with my Bachelor of Arts, double majoring in History and Political Science with a focus on international relations. Following the completion of my Fulbright grant, I will be attending The Fletcher School, at Tufts University in Fall 2025 to pursue a Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy. Some of my hobbies include playing tennis, baking, and traveling to historical sites. I look forward to interacting with students and gaining new global perspectives in the Czech Republic!

Host institution in the Czech Republic:
Gymnázium Jihlava

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Ian Thomas Zwaschka

My name is Ian Zwaschka, and I graduated from the University of Iowa with majors in English and Cinema and minors in Theater Arts and French. I am now a full-time English teacher in Seoul, South Korea. I teach children ages 6-13. My hobbies include reading, writing, improvisational comedy, watching movies, and playing bass. While in the Czech Republic, I want to share the joys of improvisational comedy with community members. After my year abroad with Fulbright, I plan to continue my engagement with the Czech Republic by doing a Ph.D. in Cinematic Arts focusing on Czech cinema.



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