NEW BOBBIES, Emory to St Andrews

The four newest Scholars, Farah al Chammas, Claire Barnes, Camila Reed-Guevara, and John Priddy as well as the newest Fellow, Michael Keen arrived in Scotland on a beautiful sunny day. After arriving, Heather treated them to a delicious lunch at Mitchell’s and helped them move into their new home at Deans Court. Since then, they have received a very warm welcome from the Development Team and are enjoying meals in St. Salvators and the occasional pint of Guinness. Post grad friends have already invited some of the Scholars to their homes for the winter break.

The students have already gotten involved in some way or another on campus—joining the student ambassadors team, class reps, judo and birding societies, dancing societies and academic families. Some of the highlights of their time in Scotland include attending the Solheim Cup, dinner with Charlie Yates, Jr. at Forgan’s, the Edinburgh v. St Andrews Rugby Match, coffee with previous Scholar Rachel Dinsdale, and the Welcome Ceremony for the Dunhill Links Championship. In addition to exploring Scotland, they hope to travel together to different parts of Europe as well as Morocco.

FIONA COOPER, Returning Fellow

I spent my summer in Laos for my summer practicum. I was working with ChildFund Pass it Back and the Lao Rugby Federation. I was involved in doing research for the impact of the program on some of their female coaches and players. One of my favourite projects in class last year was with my work through the Luce Seminar class. My group did some consultancy work with the Somali American Community Centre’s After School program. They provide additional educational support to refugee children in Clarkston.

This semester, I will be working two internships. One with CARE International, working on Knowledge Management and Learning, and the other is with Atlanta Youth Rugby, designing qualitative and quantitative research in order to understand their program impact. I also play for the Atlanta Harlequins in my spare time. Our first game is against Washington DC, so feel free to come along and watch on the 12th of October. I also coach one of Atlanta’s under 8’s rugby teams, named by themselves as the Magic Bulldogs. I can’t wait to start my season with them.

In terms of travel, last year I went to Puerto Rico, California, and throughout the smoky mountains. This year I’d love to go to Wisconsin and also see some of the mountains in Montana. And maybe a quick trip to Florida when it starts to get a bit colder here.
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The four newest Scholars, Fiona Blackwood, Libbi Carruthers, Iain Millar and Iain Smith as well as the newest Fellow, Rikke Nedergaard arrived in Atlanta in the heat of August. Since then, they have received a very warm welcome from previous scholars, as well as, Jones Advisory Committee members. They are beginning to feel very much at home. Some highlights of their time in the U.S. include attending the TOUR Championship at East Lake, meeting alumni at a welcome dinner hosted by Dr. Catherine Lewis, attending Songfest and the Carter Town Hall, as well as, participating in the Atlanta Lantern Parade in Piedmont Park, indulging in Southern comfort food and beginning classes. They hope to travel to many places during their Jones year(s) and connecting with more alumni and community members.

Fiona Cooper during her time in Laos for summer practicum.

L-R: Fiona Cooper, Aleks Vattulainen (GA Tech Fellow), Rikke Nedergaard.

Scholars, L-R: Iain Smith, Fiona Blackwood, Iain Millar and Libbi Carruthers at the Annual Jones Fall Reception.

Scholars and Rikke at Songfest with Steve Savage (09BJS) and Frank Gaertner.