

# Final Updates from 2018-2019 Emory to St Andrews Scholars

## WEI WEI CHEN

This summer was an incredible wrap to an already life-changing school year. Day-to-day, I spent most of June either hanging out with friends locally, working my part-time job at the Café above the British Golf Museum, or conducting research for my dissertation. The end of June and most of July was spent making the most of the rest of my travel stipend—I traveled to Seoul, Frankfurt, Brussels, and Istanbul, visiting old friends and making new friends.

My transition back to the US has been full of new adventures too. I started my fellowship at the Smithsonian American Art Museum in DC. In addition to the fellowship, I am working part-time as a live-work Resident Advisor at a nearby hostel, where I meet travelers from around the world every single day. I would not be where I am without the Bobby Jones year. For example, having the time and means to travel frequently, for the first time in my life, this past year has built up my confidence and comfort level when it comes to making new friends while traveling. I am getting closer to becoming the person I want to be, and for that I am extremely grateful.



Wei Wei at the Tour de France opening stage in Brussels.

## CARLI KOVEL

My time in Scotland has continued to be amazing. Following a summer research project, I completed a Master of Science in Catalysis. Outside of the laboratory, I had the opportunity to travel to Munich, York, and spent a significant amount of time exploring Scotland. Since returning to America, I started my PhD in chemistry at Princeton University. I am excited to apply the research skills and knowledge of catalysis I gained at the University of St Andrews to my future research. I am sad to see my time in Scotland come to a close, however, I am so grateful for the experiences I had this year and am so glad I will always be a part of the Bobby Jones community.



Carli petting a Highland cow.

## LEAH NEIMAN

This summer began with a visit from my family, which had me playing tour guide around Scotland, followed by a 5-day road trip through Northern England. At the end of June, I travelled to Paris for a three-week summer school on Parisian museology at the Ecole du Louvre. Going to school at the Louvre everyday was pretty much a dream come true – even in the over-100° heat wave. During my short-lived time as a Parisian, I managed to visit 27 museums and monuments and can confidently say I think I have tried every gluten-free bakery inside the Périphérique. The other big adventure of my summer was returning for my fourth field season to the Sanctuary of the Great Gods, on the island of Samothrace, Greece, as part of a research team directed by Emory professor, Dr. Bonna Wescoat. I spent 2.5 weeks examining thousands of plaster fragments from the walls of a 102-meter-long building from the first century CE and attempting to reconstruct the interior wall design.

Of course, a large part of my summer also consisted of writing my Master's Dissertation. I thoroughly enjoyed researching and writing about the role that feminist theory has to play in the displays of archaeological museums. I am very much looking forward to returning to St Andrews this October to take on a full-time position with my research team from this year in the School of Classics for six months. I am incredibly grateful for everything that the Bobby Jones Scholarship and community has given me, and for the wonderful community I have found in St Andrews.



Leah with her completed Dissertation!  
(Title: (Re)presenting Gender: A feminist approach to interpreting archaeology in museums)

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### JASON SELL

It's been a very eventful summer. Academically, I completed my degree in Management by writing a dissertation on job burnout among commercial pilots. I interviewed 10 pilots working at major airlines around the U.K., and found that this study was a perfect mix between management principles and my background in psychology. Aside from writing, I worked as a caddy at Kingsbarns Golf Links. I met people from all over the world and spread the word about the fantastic Bobby Jones Scholarship. I also had some friends from Emory visit me in St Andrews, and our trip around the Old Course will be a memory that'll last a lifetime. I'm sad that this year is coming to an end, but I'm happy to announce that I'll be returning to Atlanta to work at the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. In all, this year has been a tremendous experience and I wouldn't trade it for the world. Thanks to everyone who made this all possible.



### BEN GOLDFEIN

I'm so grateful to have been able to spend my summer in St Andrews. Even though I spent most of that time finishing my dissertation in the library, I made sure to take advantage of St Andrews and its gorgeous surroundings. I particularly enjoyed exploring the beaches along the Fife Coastal Path. I also had the opportunity to further explore Edinburgh when my mom came to visit me, as well as going to Prague and Dublin to visit an old friend.

Now that I have completed the MLitt in Moral, Political, and Legal Philosophy, I am starting law school at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law. I am beyond excited for this new adventure, and I am indebted to the Bobby Jones program for helping me get to where I am today.



Ben at the St Andrews Postgraduate Ball with friends.



Jason with Naomi Boon 18BJS and Rachel Dinsdale 19BJS.



After their Jones Year, Leah and Wei Wei reunited in DC and went kayaking on the Potomac river.



Wei Wei reunited with Emory Academic Advisor, Frank Gaertner, while in Seoul with friends.

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Scholars, L-R: Rachel Dinsdale, Erin Phillips, Caitlin Macdonald

### RACHEL DINSDALE

After finishing my Emory classes, I spent an incredible few weeks travelling through Florida, Colorado, California and Massachusetts. Boston was a particular highlight! I can't believe my time in the U.S. has come to an end, but I leave with a lifetime of memories, experiences and friendships. It's been an honour and a privilege being a Bobby Jones Scholar and I'm forever thankful for each individual who made this year possible! I'm now back in the UK and recently accepted a job with Hachette Children's Group in London and begin working in their Rights Department as a Rights Assistant this month. I'm particularly looking forward to attending the Frankfurter Buchmesse in a few weeks' time!

### CAITLIN MACDONALD

I had such a fun summer travelling around the US and loved getting to connect with some of the Bobby Jones fam along the way. I have just started my new job in International Advancement and Constituent Engagement at Emory where I am so excited to be working with Katie Busch! I'm thrilled to have been able to extend my time in Atlanta and to have the opportunity to experience Emory in a different capacity. This year changed my life and I am forever grateful for all of it and everyone who made it so special.

### ERIN PHILLIPS

I had an incredible summer road tripping around the US with Caitlin, driving from Georgia to California and back! It was a whirlwind trip full of adventures, from exploring spectacular national parks in Utah to seeing the bright lights of Vegas to sightseeing in San Francisco! It was the trip of a lifetime and we are so grateful for everyone in the Bobby Jones community who gave us their recommendations (and often their spare rooms!) along the way. Now I'm back in Atlanta and am very happy to be staying here for another year working for Emory's Department of Psychology as a research specialist in canine cognitive neuroscience. My Bobby Jones year was truly life-changing and I'm not sure I'll ever be able to say thank you enough to everyone who made it possible!

### REBECCA SPENS

This summer I was completing my last piece of Master's level coursework by doing an internship in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. Working with an NGO called Save the Children, I was responsible for undertaking an assessment of a gender in education project. After finishing up with work, I travelled in Lisbon, Portugal and Fes, Marrakesh, Chefchaouen, Merzouga, and Casablanca in Morocco! After returning to the US, I enjoyed hiking in Asheville and lazing about on the beach in Florida. In September, I moved back home to London to start a job as a social policy researcher in UK government. I will miss Atlanta and the Bobby Jones community greatly and I am hugely appreciative of the immense opportunities which this program has given me!



Fellow, Rebecca Spens at graduation.

