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EMORY'S ROBERT T. JONES, JR. PROGRAM NEWSLETTER



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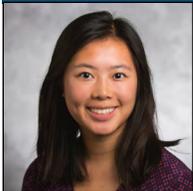
It was a pleasure getting to know last year's Scholars and Fellows from St Andrews. We are excited to welcome eight new Scholars to the Jones community. They will begin their Jones Year in Fall 2021.

In this issue of the Jones Notes, you'll find updates from last year's students and news from alumni. We are happy to continue including photos from the Jones Archive in Emory's Rose Library. You'll also find an interview of Jones alumnus and Jones Advisory Committee member, Mr. Chris Schoettle. I hope you enjoy reading this issue of our newsletter.

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KENDALL CHAN - Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Kendall double majored in History and Political Science at Emory, with a particular interest in racial and ethnic U.S. politics. Her senior independent research project measured public opinion on the intersections of race, violence, and mental illness in the context of mass shootings. At Emory, Kendall loved serving as a Resident Advisor, producing student theater, creating spaces for Asian American activism, and advocating for mental health support. In her last four years at Emory, she especially enjoyed engaging with the Atlanta community by serving as a tutor for refugee students and interning with a local organization that trains women in legislative advocacy. Kendall is excited for the chance to pursue a MLitt in Terrorism and Political Violence at the School of International Relations at St Andrews. In learning more about state response to violence, she hopes to add to her knowledge of policy best practice when it comes to protecting the most marginalized in society. Kendall is looking forward to her first time living abroad and making full use of her travel stipend by visiting cities like Edinburgh, Lisbon, and London.



SARAH HUNTER - Wadsworth, Illinois

Sarah received her BS in Neuroscience at Emory. She researched the intergenerational effects of stress and the circuitry underlying fear generalization in mice models as a member of Dr. Brian Dias's lab. Outside of academics, Sarah could often be found volunteering with children and the elderly, baking desserts, and participating in jiu jitsu, salsa, and tango clubs. She enjoyed trying different activities and meeting diverse people and she is excited for her first excursion to Europe! Sarah intends to pursue an MSc in Evolutionary and Comparative Psychology at St Andrews.

There, she will have the opportunity to do clinical research as well as try out new clubs in addition to her already developed hobbies. Sarah hopes to get involved with the baking and tea societies, as well as, archery and surfing. She plans to use her time outside the classroom to explore the UK and parts of Europe with new friends.



DAVID KULP - Potomac, Maryland

A native of the Washington, D.C. area, David majored in Interdisciplinary Studies with a focus in medical ethics at Emory. Delving into literature at the nexus of medicine and the humanities, his research interests focus on shared-decision making in pediatric and neonatal end-of-life care. David's honors thesis project focused on destigmatizing death through a meaning-centered undergraduate curriculum in palliative care, and participated as a Humanities Honors Fellow at the Fox Center for Humanistic Inquiry. He also had the opportunity to engage in clinical research in the NICU at Boston Children's Hospital as part of the Harvard Program in Neonatology, furthering his interest in pediatric palliative care. At Emory, David was involved in the Inter-Religious Council, Emory University Senate, Dean's Student Advisory Board, and Emory Scholars Program. He served as the co-chair of the Hillel International Student Cabinet and associate director of Camp Possibilities, a nonprofit for children with type 1 diabetes. David intends to pursue a MSc in Digital Health in the Graduate School for Interdisciplinary Studies at St Andrews. The program draws on interdisciplinary schools of thought to engage with science, technology, medicine, and ethics, and is particularly relevant given the COVID-19 crisis. David is looking forward to learning about the UK's National Health Service and participate in research. He also plans to hike, bike, run, and explore Scotland on his feet with new friends!



ADESOLA THOMAS - Hampton, Georgia

Adesola majored in Political Science and English at Emory. At the Center for Women (CWE), she led The Kitchen Table, a collective dedicated to affirming the experiences of black women through discussions around media representation. Also at the CWE, Adesola coordinated Emory's inaugural Lunafest, a local installation of a national film festival dedicated to short films made for, by and about women. Her joint interest in storytelling and community building shaped her work for Emory's independent student newspaper, *The Emory Wheel*, where she served as

the Arts & Entertainment (A&E) Editor. As the A&E section's first international correspondent, she attended the Toronto International Film Festival (2018) and the Cannes International Film Festival (2019). She received a Johnston Fellowship Travel Grant from the Department of English which she used to travel to New York City and London to enhance her honors thesis research on the cathartic legacy of *Saturday Night Live* and Richard Steele and Joseph Addison's 18th century British periodical literature. This spring, Adesola and her Campus Movie Fest team won a Jury Award for their film "Red." Adesola is a Norman C. Miller Deans Achievement Scholar, a Duceus Scholar, an Emory Career Center Civic Grant Scholar and the McMullan Award Recipient for the Emory Class of 2020. Over the past four years, Adesola produced and hosted over 40 installments of her original WMRE Emory student radio show, *The Positive Planet*. At St Andrews, she will pursue a MLitt in Playwriting and Screenwriting. She hopes to join the Inklight Creative Writing Society and the Filmmakers' Society of St Andrews. Adesola is enthusiastic to attend the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, visit the parts of Glasgow where musicians Belle & Sebastian are from, and attend grime rap concerts in South London with her British cousins.

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JESSICA LEECH - Aberdeen, England

Jessica studied International Relations at St Andrews. She had the opportunity to work with UNICEF, and the Third Generation Project, furthering her desire to engage with human rights and development. Jessica wrote a dissertation on human rights campaigns in the US, she hopes to use the travel opportunity to further engage with historical and contemporary sites of activism and resistance. Studying in Atlanta, Jessica hopes to gain insights from departments such as Anthropology and Sociology, as well as Politics and Development, to deepen her understanding of contemporary issues in global politics. While at St Andrews, Jessica took up cricket and played for the women's 1st XI. In her roles on the committee, she gained sponsorship deals for the club, and ran fundraising efforts for a national sports charity, The Change Foundation. Jessica also held a position on the UNICEF society's fundraising committee, and took part in several theatre productions with the university. At Emory, she hopes to continue her charity work with the many fundraising and volunteering opportunities at the university. While Jessica hopes to translate her new-found love of cricket to recreational softball, she is also open to trying new sporting activities, and will enroll hopefully in courses for scuba diving and yoga.



ROBIN LEGG - Timperley, England

Robin received a dual-honours degree in Computer Science and Economics. During his time in St Andrews, Robin was involved in a wide range of activities and societies. For the past three years, he sat on the executive committee, most recently as Vice-Convenor, of the University of St Andrews Charities Campaign which supports over £100,000 of student fundraising each year. Alongside this, he played and captained several University Football teams. In his earlier years, he helped to set up and run a highly successful Sunday League football team. He then progressed to help organise and referee the entire league as part of an internship with the Athletic Union. Outside of University, Robin was heavily involved in working with young people, from volunteering with the National Autistic society to summer jobs with the National Citizenship Service as a Senior Mentor for young adults. At Emory, he hopes to continue to play football, volunteer with charitable organisations and continue his radio show that he co-presented on St Andrews Radio. He also intends to finally learn how to play golf.



REBECCA MUNRO - Dundee, Scotland

Rebecca received a Ma Hons in Geography from St Andrews, with a speciality in Human Geography. During her time at university, Rebecca immersed herself within the student ambassador scheme, with much of her attention given to the widening access initiatives the university has in place for local high school pupils. She also delegated her time outside of her studies as an Assistant Editor for a magazine within a Scottish Charity that campaigns for the rights and fair advocacy of Care Experienced individuals. In her fourth year, she became a CV and Cover Letter adviser to her student peers within the University's Career Centre. While at Emory, Rebecca plans to start her academic study of Law and Public Policy, so that she can begin a career in one of these fields upon returning to Scotland. Outside her studies, she is eager to join a sports team as well as explore the Pro Bono opportunities within Atlanta. Having never visited the U.S., Rebecca hopes to start her travel of America with places she has wanted to visit since a young age; most notably, New Orleans and California. Nevertheless, she is eager to immerse herself into the diverse and vibrant life of the U.S.



RYAN THORNE - Glasgow, Scotland

Ryan completed a joint degree in Geography and Management at St Andrews. During his time as an undergraduate student, Ryan held active ambassadorial roles, taking up public speaking at national conferences across Scotland. Additionally, he volunteered in schools across Fife – delivering career focused sessions for young people who were about to transition into their after-school destinations. Ryan is passionate about social issues and, in following this passion, he specialised in areas of human geography that allowed him to explore the complexities of socio-economic inequality. These included poverty structures, neighbourhood effects, and causal mechanisms behind persistent disadvantage. Endeavouring to have his own journey to university echoed in his honours dissertation, Ryan researched educational outcomes in Scottish Areas of Multiple Deprivation. Ryan possesses great drive, desire and determination and looks forward to hitting the ground running when he arrives in Atlanta. He is particularly interested in working and volunteering in schools whilst in the U.S. He is also keen to explore! San Francisco has always been on his bucket list. He is excited to take his interests overseas and knows that he will find like-minded people in his MS Environmental Sciences program.