

# THE JONES NOTES



Robert T. Jones, Jr. Program Newsletter



## WELCOME

Thank you for reading the latest edition of the Jones Notes Newsletter! This issue contains plentiful updates from our scholars at Emory and St Andrews as well as many alumni updates. Enjoy!

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# SCHOLAR UPDATES

## St Andrews to Emory

Abeer Asrani, 24BJS

It has been an incredible month and a half of being a Bobby Jones Scholar! The weeks have been filled with a good balance of work, travel, and golf. I am currently interning at the Carter Center under their Rule of Law program, working specifically on projects to increase women's access to information in Bangladesh, Sierra Leone, and soon, Cambodia. I am also taking two classes in the Goizueta Business School – Sports Finance, and Negotiations. Both are proving to be just as interesting as their names suggest.

I took two trips on my own in this last month – to Washington D.C. and to Chicago. In Washington D.C. I got to spend time with David Marshall, the first Bobby Jones Scholar, and Gordon Taylor, Jones Advisory Board member. Thank you both for making time to meet up. I also attended a Sonu Nigam concert in Washington D.C. which was quite a big deal for me since he is the Bollywood equivalent of Michael Jackson. My trip to Chicago was equally as fun and I got to enjoy some amazing architecture and even better food! The highlight there was doing a food tour of Chicago Chinatown with a friend. Most recently, we had the pleasure of accompanying Lauren and her husband, Andrew, down to Athens for a UGA football game which was a spectacle and a half.

Golf has been another significant highlight so far. The top of that list would be attending the Tour Championship at East Lake. A huge thanks to David Roemer for arranging that. We have also been lucky enough to use the range and the par 3 course at the Atlanta Athletic Club. Ian and I made it out to the Stonemont Course at Stone Mountain park, which was quite scenic and a decent challenge. Follow our golf journey on Instagram at bjs\_golf.

Left to Right: golfing at Atlanta Athletic Club; attending the Tour Championship at East Lake; Abeer and David Marshall in DC; Abeer and Lauren at the UGA game.





## Ian McNaught, 24BJS

Firstly, thank you to everyone involved with the scholarship for such a warm welcome to Atlanta. I am incredibly fortunate to be here and have thoroughly enjoyed my time in America so far. At Emory, I am currently undertaking several classes in the business school alongside an American politics class.

My highlight so far has been playing my bagpipes at the Atlanta Athletic Club's 125th Anniversary Gala Dinner. It was an honour to play a part in such a historic occasion for the club. Additionally, I have had the privilege to be entertained by numerous American sporting events, including the Tour Championship at East Lake, midweek Braves matches at Truist Park and both types of football at the Mercedes-Benz Stadium. Not to mention a recent trip to Athens to spectate the University of Georgia Bulldogs! When away from stadiums, I have had a fantastic time exploring Atlanta's golf scene and playing tennis at Emory.

Looking ahead, I am excited to visit New York during the upcoming fall break, exploring the Big Apple and catching up with friends from St Andrews. Alongside this, Abeer and I are planning a visit to Arizona in December, where I look forward to playing golf with Jeff McKenna and the bagpipes for Alice Cooper!



Left to Right: Atlanta Athletic Club's biggest fans; piping at Atlanta Athletic Club's 125th Gala Dinner; and 24BJS posing in front of UGA's iconic Arch on North Campus



## AJ Ridley, 24BJS

My time at Emory so far has been nothing short of fantastic. I'm taking full advantage of the variety of the classes on offer, taking classes in film, music theory and analysis, piano studies, microeconomics, climate change and society, ballet, and I'm also auditing Chinese! All of these are incredibly enjoyable and eye-opening, and I'm so grateful to be able to study such a unique concoction of subjects. With regards to extra-curriculars, I've joined the Olympic Weightlifting club here, which never fails to be the highlight of my day, and I'm also trying my hand (feet?) at Salsa dancing!

Outside of Emory's campus, I've also really enjoyed exploring Atlanta. The Beltline as well as Ponce City Market have been the biggest personal highlights. The Beltline surprisingly reminds me of my favourite walk in London along Regent's canal. I loved my experience of shooting the Hooch (i.e., rafting down the Chattahoochee River) with a few inspiring Emory scholars! It has also been so delightful to get to know several of the wonderful individuals connected to the Bobby Jones Programme. David Kulp, Emory to St Andrews 22BJS, was particularly generous in inviting the four of us to a Jewish New-Year's dinner hosted at his flat - a heart-warming event I will never forget! I have also been learning a lot about US sports in the past few weeks. Most notably, Lauren and her husband Andrew very kindly toured us around Athens, GA, before introducing us to our first Georgia Bulldogs game! In the coming month, I'll be venturing a little further out of town, hiking at both Cloudland Canyon and Providence Canyon, and also ziplining at Banning Mills. I may also be taking an exciting weekend trip to New York at the beginning of November!



Left to Right: spotted a deer in Lullwater Preserve; AJ and Ian at the UGA game; and dinner at David Kulp's for Jewish New Year

## Harry Siderfin, 24BJS

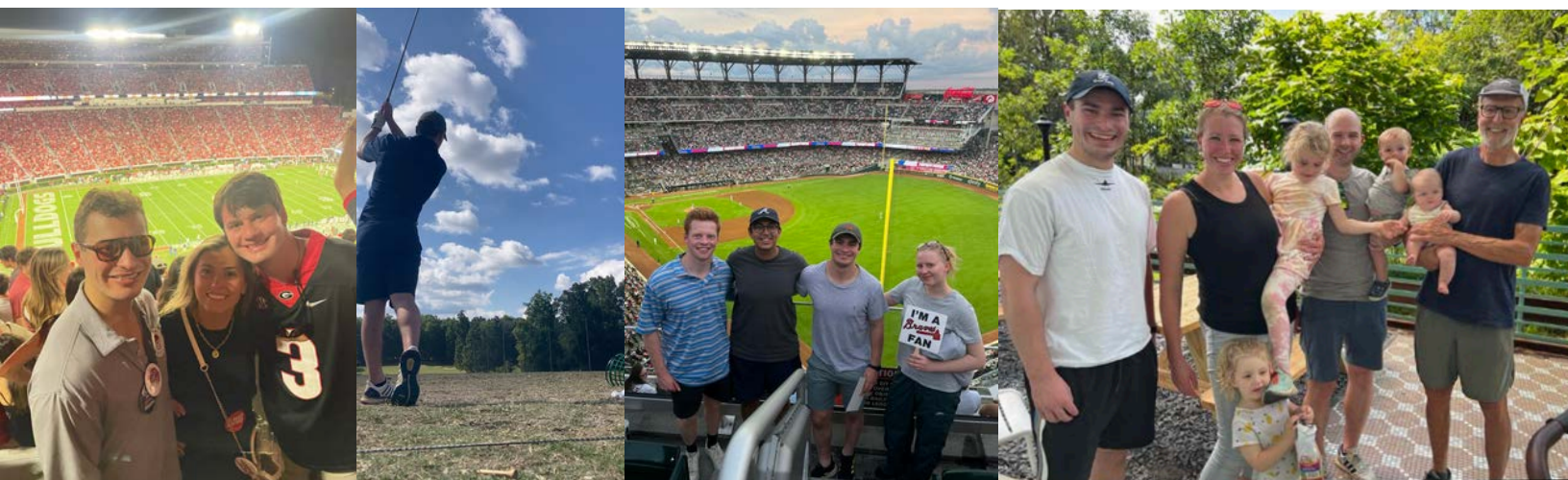
My time as Jones scholar has been some the best of my life, and I have been blown away by the kindness and care of everyone who has been involved with the programme.

My focus thus far has been primarily on my coursework. My master's in development practice classes have proven to be the most academically challenging, involving both theoretical and practical assignments. I am also conducting research with the "Finding the Flint Project" with Ryan Gravel and Hannah Palmer, the creators of Atlanta's Beltline, through which we are evaluating local communities' connection to the Flint River. I am gaining skills in my Film Making and Acting for Camera courses, which I hope to utilise in the Campus Movie Fest next semester alongside some of my classmates. Lastly, taking golf classes with Ian feels like we have died and gone to heaven. Imagine receiving credit to go and play golf!

Our recent trip to Athens, Georgia for one of the most fun nights of my life. Watching the Bulldogs win and having the opportunity to re-connect with a friend from St Andrews who now studies at UGA was incredible. Joseph was a great host and showed me why Athens is renowned as one of the best student towns in the United States. I am heading down to Miami, Florida for the Fall Break and will sadly miss an opportunity to go to Cape Canaveral. However, I shall return to the Sunshine State before too long to see a launch and hopefully take a tour of the Space X facility. Over Christmas break, I hope to see the Bay area, New York, DC, and ski in Colorado.

Finally, I have been working hard to try and keep up with Ian and Abeer on the golf course, practicing at least twice week at the ranges at Atlanta Athletic Club and Charlie Yates Golf Club. I have found a new and deeper appreciation for the game. I doubt my golf game will ever be superb, but I know that I have found a hobby for life.

Left to Right: UGA game with Joseph; practicing my golf swing at AAC; 24BJS at the Braves Game; walking on the Beltline with family friends Dr. Anne Van Beuningen.





# SCHOLAR UPDATES

## Emory to St Andrews

Carly Colen, 23C 24BJS

Hi Jones community! I hope you're all doing well. I have been loving my time at St Andrews so far. It is the most beautiful place I have ever been. I find myself walking the streets just smiling to myself in awe. So far, my course (Peacebuilding and Mediation) has been great. We just completed our intensive mediation training, and soon I will begin mediating at the Sheriff's Court in Edinburgh. The classes themselves have been very interesting and although there are tons of readings, it is all super interesting. I am also loving living in Deans Court. I was elected as the Events/Social Chair (along with Balwant!) and am super excited for everything we are planning. I have made friends from all over in Deans Court and love the tight-knit community.

So far, I have yet to leave St Andrews, but I have upcoming plans to visit Edinburgh, Fort Williams, and London. Two of my friends from Emory are coming to visit as well, and we will be going to Inverness and Loch Ness. I am acting in a student-written short plays festival and have gone to a few practices for the Ultimate Frisbee team here. I have been trying to be more adventurous since I arrived and have gone windsurfing and kayaking in the North Sea. I think kayaking may be my safest bet in terms of transportation - we got the "Bobby Mobile" and in the five-minute drive from where we picked it up at the Sports Center back to Deans Court, I got a flat tire!



Carly's view during a hike on the Fife Coastal Path

## Balwant Singh, 23C 24BJS

My first full month at St Andrews has been phenomenal. The Deans Court community is so strong, I'm lucky to be one of four students in my neuroscience course, and (more importantly) I've met some of the local cats! Since my course is a research program, I've been spending a lot of time with beetles—we're trying to use them as a new animal model to understand the neural basis for locomotion. I'm still getting used to the new software and materials in this lab, but everyone has been really nice helping me get settled in.

After a lot of thinking, I am also going to use this year as an artist residency and hopefully produce some installations around St Andrews and Dundee. I've gone into Dundee a few times since there are a lot of maker spaces there, and it's been nice meeting artists around me. One of the installations I wanted to create will be surrounded by sociology—how our relationships can span all across the world and how this scholarship has allowed me to make new connections overseas. I'll hopefully be posting more materials on my art account on Instagram (@balwantamrit).

In terms of Scottish traditions, I've been trying new foods (love haggis) and went reeling for the first time! Reeling was incredibly fun, and I can't wait to do it again.



Left to Right: 7am sunrise at the edge of the pier; first Rugby game (St Andrews vs Edinburgh); and meeting Yasmeeen 24C, another Emory student studying abroad in St Andrews



## Ben Thomas, 23C 24BJS

The last month has flown by! There's been so much life packed into such a short time. Adjusting to life in St Andrews and the U.K. has had its challenges, but they've rarely been the ones I expected. Using the NHS and the rail system was simple, and the jet lag wasn't a problem, but it took us an unreasonably long time to find a store that sold towels. That said, we've all been thoroughly traumatized by roundabouts, and the Bobby Mobile got a flat tire quite literally minutes after we picked up the keys. But all in all, now that we're into the thick of classes and the freshers' flu epidemic is calming down, we're all settling in pretty well.

For my part, my courses are introducing me to modes of thinking about literature I'd never considered, and I've loved most of my professors. And as for the few I haven't, all of my courses switch instructors every week or two, so that hasn't really been an issue. Making friends in Deans Court has been easy because everyone ends up in the same Hogwarts-esque dining hall every day, and my other involvements -- the Film Society, the Volleyball Society, and soon, the Hillwalking Society -- have been great communities as well. I also recently found a job as the graduate assistant at the Center for Russian, Soviet, Central and East European Studies. So far, I've traveled to Edinburgh for a day and London for four days, and although I received a stern talking-to for missing a fire drill while I was away, the trips themselves were incredible. Next weekend, my plan is to spend a day in Glasgow!



Left: Ben's favorite view of St Andrews from the harbor  
Right: A view of Edinburgh Castle while visiting the city



## Alicia Yin, 23C 24BJS

These past few weeks have been filled with so many exciting new experiences; I'm so grateful for everything I've been able to see and do so far!

I genuinely don't think I've ever fallen in love with a town so quickly. The gorgeous architecture, the walkable streets filled with shops and restaurants, and (most importantly) all of the adorable dogs that I encounter around town are just some of the things that I love so much about St Andrews. Our first week here, we were even lucky enough to have been welcomed by incredible weather. Some of my new friends and I took advantage of this by swimming in East Sands and Castle Sands, which are both just a short walk away from Deans Court!

Everyone I've met so far has been so kind and helpful. I'm so thankful for the community I've found within both Deans Court and the anthropology department. I've loved attending the weekly anthropology seminars, where faculty and PhD students present their ongoing research. As someone who's relatively new to this field of study, it's so cool hearing people speak about such varied topics and interests within anthropology!

I took a day trip to Edinburgh during one of my first weekends here and immediately fell in love with it as well. I definitely want to go back as soon as I can, as one day is certainly not enough to explore everything! I also want to travel to other areas in Scotland, such as the Highlands, while also taking advantage of the cheap flights to neighboring countries! Unfortunately, I could not evade the dreaded freshers' flu that's been circulating Deans Court, so I haven't been able to put these plans into action quite yet, but I'm hoping for a quick recovery so I can continue to explore new places and try new things! All in all, I'm so excited to see what the rest of the year has to offer!



Left to Right: Alicia's anthropology, art, and perception cohort; her favorite Scottie dog statue in town; and gazing at the view from the window seat in her room



# FALL RECEPTION - SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

Bobby Jones  
Program  
Alumni



AJ lining up her winning putt  
as the other scholars watch on.



AJ with the annual Putting  
Contest trophy.











# UPCOMING EVENTS



SAVE THE DATE

*Edinburgh Event*

THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER: 6-8 PM

Brewhemia Prosecco Bar, 1A Market Street, Edinburgh, EH1 1DE

INVITATION TO FOLLOW

The card features a white background with a gold border, set against a wood-grain background. It includes illustrations of two champagne flutes clinking with sparkles.



ANNUAL SPRING RECEPTION

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY - MARCH 16, 2024 - 4 PM

*Emory Convocation Hall*

The card features a dark green background with a white floral and greenery illustration at the top and bottom. The text is in white serif and script fonts.

# ALUMNI NEWS



## Rebecca Levitan, Emory to St Andrews, 13C 14BJS

Rebecca recently moved from the US to London to start a position as a Lecturer in Greek Art at King's College London. Congrats!

## Garrett Turner, Emory to St Andrews, 11C 12BJS

Garrett and his wife welcomed their son, Canaan JoNeal Turner on May 26, 2023. Welcome to the Jones Community little one!



## Steve Savage, St Andrews to Emory, 09BJS, 21MBA

Steve joined the Goizueta Business School in August 2023 as an Assistant Professor in the Practice of Organization and Management. Steve's primary interests lie in communications strategy and leadership. Steve is excited for this new role and to be staying at Emory. Congratulations on your new role!

## Adam Goldstein, Emory to St Andrews, 16B 17BJS

Adam started a new job in the City of Boston's Mayor's Office of Housing leading the City's program to build permanent housing with supportive services for households experiencing homelessness.

During the last weekend in September, Adam played in the National Links Trust Amateur Championship at East Potomac Golf Course in Washington DC, qualifying for the event by winning a qualifier in San Antonio in July. Congratulations Adam!







### Alex Haslam, St Andrews to Emory, 86BJS

Alex lives in Australia and is a professor in the School of Psychology at the University of Queensland. He has collaborated with fellow Bobby Jones alum, Fergus Neville 06BJS, on various projects including two papers about the January 6th attack on the US Capitol. Read them [here](#) and [here](#). Alex is also currently working with his St Andrews colleague, Steve Reicher, on the third edition of their book, [The New Psychology of Leadership](#).

### Claire Gillum, St Andrews to Emory, 10BJS

Claire, husband Jack, and big sister Mackenzie were pleased to welcome Lily Cameron Gillum to the family on September 9, 2023.

They are settling into life as a family of four in Takoma Park, Maryland and would be glad to see any scholars passing through the DC area.



### Zoe Ashwood, St Andrews to Emory, 15BJS

Zoe graduated with her PhD in Computer Science from Princeton in May. Then in June, married her partner, Andy, in Wisconsin. The wedding combined American and Scottish traditions - bagpipes were played, and lots of Wisconsin cheese and beer were consumed. Now the couple lives in London and are excited to meet scholars past and present when they pass through the city.

### Wei Wei Chen, Emory to St Andrews, 18C 19BJS

Wei Wei moved to Beijing, China in August to pursue her Masters in Global Affairs at Tsinghua University through the Schwarzman Scholars program. She's drawing on a lot of the lessons she learned through her Bobby Jones year to navigate life in a new country over the next 10 months. If anyone is in or near Beijing, let's meet up!







**David Wilkinson, St Andrews to Emory, 08BJS**  
**Caroline Paterson, St Andrews to Emory, 00BJS**

David Wilkinson and Caroline Paterson were Jones Scholars 8 years apart and now both have prominent roles in CNN's international newsgathering team, based in London and Atlanta respectively. They recently attended the News Emmy Awards in New York and were proud recipients of the Emmy for Outstanding Live Breaking News Coverage, for the organisation's work on Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Congratulations to you both!

**Georgia Spencer-Rowland, St Andrews to Emory, 18BJS**

Georgia married Jonathan on 3rd June at Winchester Cathedral, UK, surrounded by family and friends from both sides of the Atlantic, with Naomi Boon (18BJS) as maid of honour. The day was filled with beautiful new music, lots of cake, plenty of gin and, of course, a riotous ceilidh (only one ankle sprained – a true success).

Georgia and Jonathan are both based in London, working in the City and in Whitehall, and are looking forward to travelling back to the US to celebrate their first anniversary!





# REMEMBERING SIR MICHAEL

## BONALLACK OBE

Sir Michael Bonallack was involved in the St Andrews Robert T. Jones Memorial Trust as a Trustee in 2000, and took over as Chairman in 2001, serving until 2016.

Article credit: The Royal and Ancient Golf Club

<https://www.randa.org/articles/obituary-sir-michael-bonallack>

Sir Michael Bonallack, OBE, a Past Captain of the Club, died on Tuesday 26th September 2023.

Born in Chigwell in 1934, Michael Francis Bonallack was the son of Sir Richard and Evelyn Bonallack. Michael attended Haileybury and did National Service in The Royal Army Service Corps. He joined the coach making family firm of Bonallack & Sons.

Initially a keen cricketer, Michael's gift for golf was revealed early when he won the Boys' Championship in 1952 and was runner-up in the Youths' Championship in 1955.

Married in 1958 to Angela Ward who was already a successful international player, champion and Curtis Cup player, Michael had to raise his game.

He soon followed Angela with many successes at home and abroad which included 4 Brabazon Trophies, 5 English Championships and 5 Amateur Championships (1961, 1965, 1968, 1969 and 1970).

In The Open, Michael won the silver medal as leading amateur in 1968 and 1971.

As an English international, Michael played more than 100 matches, notably in the Home Internationals and in 5 biennial European Amateur Team Championships, which included victories in Falsterbo in 1963 and Hamburg in 1969.

Michael famously represented Great Britain & Ireland in 7 World Amateur Team Championships (Eisenhower Trophy) including a victory in Rome in 1964 and tied individual honours in Melbourne in 1968, 8 St Andrews Trophy matches against the Continent of Europe and 9 Walker Cups, most notably as playing captain in the celebrated victory on the Old Course in 1971.

A Member of The Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews in 1960, Michael served on the Rules of Golf, Membership and General Committees. He also chaired the Amateur Status, Men's Selection and Heritage Committees.



In 1983, he succeeded Keith Mackenzie, O.B.E., as Secretary, until his retirement in 1999 when he became Captain of the Club.

Michael's broad involvement in golf included serving as Chairman of the Professional Golfers' Association, Honorary President of the PGAs of Europe and President of BIGGA. After he retired as Captain, Michael chaired the Official World Golf Rankings Board. Michael played a key role in European professional golf by serving on the board of the European Tour.

As Chairman of the Robert T. Jones Memorial Trust enabling an exchange of graduates between the Universities of St Andrews and Emory, Michael contributed to the strengthening of the links between the Club and the University of St Andrews.

A long-standing member of Augusta National Golf Club, Michael supported the Masters Tournament as a rules official for many years. As a long-standing friend of Jack Nicklaus, Michael was pleased to contribute to the Memorial Tournament as a member of the Captains' Club.

Michael received an OBE for services to golf in 1968 and was knighted in 1998. He was made an Honorary Doctorate from the University of St Andrews and was inducted in the Golf Hall of Fame in 2000.

He succeeded Arnold Palmer in 1972 as a recipient of the Bobby Jones Award from the United States Golf Association for distinguished sportsmanship.

Sir Michael's deep respect for the Club, its tradition and role in the world of golf was eminently recognised when he was made an Honorary Member of the Club in 2013.

He was proud to enjoy the company of his son Robert as a fellow Member and to welcome his wife Angela as one of the first lady Members of the Club.

He had numerous friends around the world and was a particularly happy member of the local community. He enjoyed taking part in the life of the Club, which included winning the John Ellis Knowles Trophy in 2004, a rare nett prize in his career.

All who were privileged to know Michael will approve the words of Jack Nicklaus in his Foreword of Donald Steel's 'Par Excellence': "He was a gifted golfer, but even more gifted individual and gentleman." Jack Nicklaus observed that, "as an administrator, he had found the right balance between the importance of innovation being used to progress the sport, without forsaking the history or traditions of a game I consider the greatest of them all."

Despite his declining health, Sir Michael was keen to attend the opening ceremony of the recent Walker Cup when the standing ovation given by all his fellow Walker Cup players, past and present, was a most moving and fitting tribute to one of the game's greatest champions, to a gentleman and a friend.