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THE JONES NOTES

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



Left: Cox Hall at Emory University. Right: Dean's Court at the University of St. Andrews.

WELCOME FROM THE PROGRAM

Our eight newest Scholars are looking forward to begin their Jones exchange this fall after the Program was deferred for one year due to the pandemic.

In this issue of the Jones Notes, you'll find updates about what the Scholars have been up to during this gap year and news from alumni. You'll also see an update from Emory's Advancement and Alumni Engagement.

We are happy to continue including photos from the Jones Archive in Emory's Rose Library. We hope you enjoy reading this issue of our newsletter.

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KENDALL CHAN - Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Kendall spent the summer and fall with her family back in Chapel Hill, NC and occupied herself with a number of odd jobs conducting policy research, registering voters ahead of the 2020 election, and working hands-on at a local opioid recovery treatment program for new mothers. At the end of the year, she accepted a full-time position with the University of Texas Austin's Prenatal-to-3 Policy Impact Center, where she will be researching social policy affecting families across the United States. Kendall moved to Austin in early February, survived a snow storm, and looks forward to another big move to St Andrews when her job concludes in August.



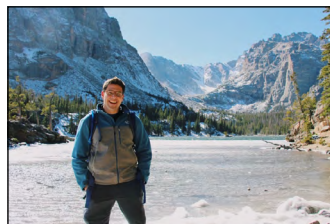
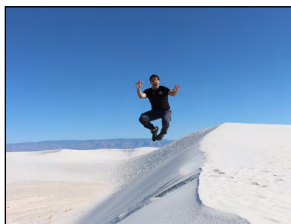
SARAH HUNTER - Wadsworth, Illinois

Sarah is staying with her parents in Wadsworth, IL. During the gap year, she found a position as a Technical Sales Advisor for an indoor air quality testing company Inspirotec. She has gained sales, marketing, business, research, writing, technical, and many other skills from this position. She's had a great first experience into the working world beyond college. She has also taken some road trips with her family and friends and baked a lot of sweets!



DAVID KULP - Potomac, Maryland

This year, David and his younger brother, Ethan, took to the road for 10 weeks in the fall—driving from DC to California—visiting, camping, and hiking in over 40 national parks, monuments, and forests along the way (along with many BJS and Emory alumni from around the country!). Upon returning in December, David began preparing his medical school applications and volunteering with Covid-19 vaccine distribution through the Maryland Responds Medical Reserve Corps. He is enjoying living at home in D.C., and reconnecting with friends and family; and he recently onboarded as an ORISE Fellow at the FDA until departure to St Andrews.



ADESOLA THOMAS - Hampton, Georgia

Adesola Thomas began her year off taking a cross country road trip with her best friend Johnna Gadomski. Together the duo visited the Redwoods in Northern California, Joshua Tree, the blue house from one of Adesola's favorite films "Ladybird" and camped all the way back to Atlanta. Adesola began 2021 with a bang, accepting two positions. She was a Movies Intern for Paste Magazine where she wrote 50+ articles for the Atlanta based culture website. Additionally, Adesola became a Freelance Creative Producer for Netflix Queue, Netflix's in-house media journal where she wrote social copy and completed audio editing projects for the streaming service. In March, Adesola and her older sister Adetipo Thomas produced one of Adesola's short film scripts. The film titled "The Earth Will Not Swallow Us" was a finalist for the Georgia Impact Film Grant and is loosely based on a children's book written by her late father. In June, Adesola will begin a TV Development internship with A24, the production and distribution company behind "Ladybird." Adesola is currently being considered for the Sundance Institute's 2021 Episodic Lab, due to the strength of an original pilot she wrote.



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JESSICA LEECH - Aberdeen, Scotland

Jessica has been living at home in Aberdeen and working remotely for the University of St Andrews Curriculum team. She has also been conducting research for the Third Generation Project; a think tank based at the University that she began working with as a student.

In her spare time, she has been volunteering for the Coronavirus Tutoring Initiative and exploring the Scottish countryside.



ROBIN LEGG - Timperley, England

During the gap year, Robin has been living at home in Manchester and working as an IT/Network engineer at a local High School.

Alongside his job, Robin has been busy completing Netflix's catalogue while further expanding his repertoire of computer languages to include Javascript with Node.js next on his list.

REBECCA MUNRO - Dundee, Scotland

This year, Rebecca has been living in St Andrews and working within the Admissions portfolio at the University of St Andrews, where she helps with Scottish recruitment.

Unfortunately, she has not been able to leave St Andrews much. However, she did get the chance to steal a long weekend away in the Highlands in September and see lots of North Scotland.



RYAN THORNE - Glasgow, Scotland

During his gap year, Ryan has been studying for an MLitt in International Business at the University of St Andrews.

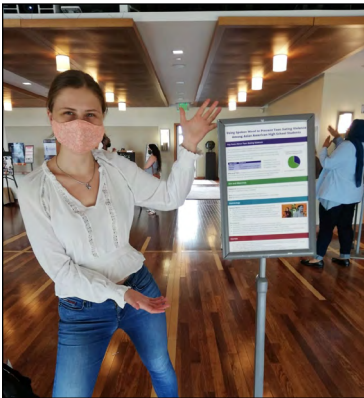
Additionally, he has taken up an operations support role with Career Ready, here in Scotland. Career Ready are a leading national social mobility charity in the U.K. with a 98% success rate for young people leaving the programme who go on to find a positive destination. Their sister organisation, Career Academy, is in New York! For Ryan's story on how he became #CareerReadyAt18 visit [Ryan Thorne #CareerReadyAt18](#).

Final Update from St Andrews to Emory Fellow Rikke Nedergaard

RIKKE NEDERGAARD

It's crazy to believe that my two years at Emory are coming to an end. I applied for this fellowship programme because I am passionate about improving mental health at a population level. Only, I didn't know how to go about doing that until this fellowship came along and gave me the opportunity to do a two-year course of study that was specialised in the kind of work I wanted to do. The Rollins School of Public Health is renowned for its programme and coming here has been a learning experience like none other: I have been taught and guest lectured by world experts, and I have enjoyed a classroom environment with friends from all over the world. This semester I have wrapped up two mental health research projects: One which explores the mental health impact of retained bullets and another explores how Emory can help strengthen mental health treatment capacity in Ethiopia. As a TA for the graduate course Violence as a Public Health Problem, I gave a guest lecture about global perspectives on violence prevention. Finally, I have completed a practicum with a not-for-profit Global Health start-up based out of Washington D.C. called Health Finance Institute.

After getting the vaccine, I can now finally travel again, so I am going on a graduation trip to New Orleans with a friend. We are planning a swamp trip, but I would love to receive further recommendations! My time here is coming to an end, but I am so excited to see more of the US before I leave. I am seeking public health jobs back in Europe. I hope to get a job where I can work with mental health, but I am open to working with any area of health improvement. Wherever I end up, I can't wait to start applying all the things I have studied at Emory! I have learned more than I ever could have imagined these past two years and I have made so many connections that I am eternally grateful for. Thank you!



Rikke presenting her final assignment after 19 years in education.

