



Student Fellows

The Summer Fellowship targets students aspiring to careers in economics or related professions. Most of the students are college seniors who will attend graduate school in economics or an affiliated field in the fall semester. Students are selected based on their academic record and their potential to influence popular economic understanding, particularly through teaching.



BRANDEANNA ALLEN

Received her B.B.A. in corporate finance from East Tennessee State University and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in economics at Middle Tennessee State University. Brandeanna's research interests include applied microeconomics with a special emphasis in health and family economics. Following graduation next spring, she hopes to pursue a career in academia.



MEGAN CLIFFORD

Attended Loyola University, Chicago, where she majored in economics and history and minored in Italian. She then studied mathematics at U.C.L.A. Megan will be attending RAND Pardee School of Policy Analysis this fall. She is primarily interested in applied microeconomic topics, such as labor and the environment. In her free time, she enjoys outdoor activities, such as hiking and biking.



DAVID CONWAY

Received his B.A. in economics and political science from Wake Forest University. He will be enrolling at the University of California, Irvine, this fall, pursuing a Ph.D. in economics. David is considering further study in financial and international economics, or a concentration in political economy. Outside of the classroom, he enjoys traveling and a wide array of outdoor activities.



MYLES DAY

Received his B.S. in business administration from Stonehill College. Myles will be pursuing a Ph.D. in economics at UMass, Amherst. He will be specializing in theoretical institutional economics and Marxian economics. He plans to pursue a career as an economics professor and public policy researcher.



KENNETH FERSTLE

Completed his B.A. in economics at Michigan State University and will be pursuing his master's degree in public policy at George Mason University. Kenneth also hopes to attain a Ph.D. in public policy or political science. His primary academic interests include political economy, game theory, public expenditures, and behavioral economics.



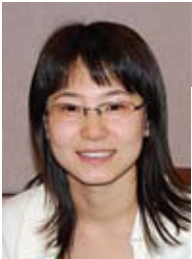
KYLE FLUEGGE

Graduated from University of Michigan in 2007 with his economics degree and is currently pursuing his Ph.D. in economics at Ohio State University. His academic interests are varied, but all center on some aspect of health. Currently he is working on projects related to risk tolerance and risk aversion. Kyle enjoys honing his competitive spirit by playing tennis and bowling with his twin, Keith.



STEPHANIE FRIED

Received her B.A. in mathematics in 2007 from Grinnell College in Iowa. After graduation, Stephanie taught high school math on a small Micronesian island. Next year, she will begin the economics Ph.D. program at the University of California, San Diego. She enjoys outdoor activities such as running, biking, hiking, and swimming.



LIN GE

Received her B.S. in mathematics from Tianjin University in China and is currently a graduate student in statistics at the University of Tennessee. Lin is preparing for Ph.D. studies in finance. Her interests are in research of financial markets and microeconomics. Upon graduation, she aspires to be a research scholar. Lin enjoys traveling and spending time outdoors with activities such as hiking, swimming, and tennis.



KYLE JACKSON

Earned his B.A. in economics from Hillsdale College in Michigan and his M.A. from San Jose State University. Kyle is pursuing his Ph.D. at George Mason University. Research interests include new institutional economics, development, and economic methodology. Kyle is an avid hockey fan who enjoys good science fiction.
2009 Roy A. Foulke Jr. Award Recipient.



ANTON KIM

Received his B.A. in economics from Tashkent State Technical University and is currently enrolled in the Ph.D. program at the University of Wyoming. He is specializing in industrial organization and financial economics. Anton was born and raised in the Soviet Union and currently holds citizenships in Russia and Uzbekistan. He worked as deputy project manager, overseeing the construction of roads in Mazar-i-Sharif, Afghanistan.



BENJAMIN LEARD

Graduated from James Madison University with B.S. degrees in mathematics and economics. He is working toward his Ph.D. in applied economics and management at Cornell University. He was an AIER student fellow in 2008 and was a returning fellow this year. He is interested in environmental economics, applied game theory, economic development and economic psychology.



DANIEL MARTIN

Received his B.S. in geology from Stanford University and his master's degree in economics from New York University. Daniel is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in economics at Clark University. He has worked for three consecutive summers at the Environmental Protection Agency in the Office of Compliance. Daniel hopes to combine his two areas of academic interest in the study of envirospatial economics.



LINDEN MCBRIDE

Earned her B.A. in sociology and anthropology from St. Mary's College of Maryland and her M.A. in literature from Marquette University. While serving as a small enterprise development Peace Corps volunteer Linden became interested in microfinance initiatives and their impact on the developing world. She is studying development economics at the School of International Service at American University.



JOHN MEAKIN

Earned his B.S. in economics with a minor in mathematics from Shippensburg University. John will be pursuing a Ph.D. in economics at the University of Colorado this fall. His interests include money and banking, and macroeconomics. He prefers taking a mathematical approach to economic studies. In his free time, he enjoys outdoor activities such as snowboarding, hiking, fishing, and tennis.



PETER MUNZHUBER

Received his B.A. in banking and finance from the University of Zurich, Switzerland. In 2008, Peter worked at UBS Investment Bank as a trainee for sales and structuring of equity and commodity index derivatives. He is pursuing his M.A. in banking and finance at the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland. His thesis will be on hedging correlation risk in equity derivative's trading books.



RYAN MURPHY

Earned his B.A. in economics from Boston College in 2007 and spent 16 months analyzing fixture and supply inventory levels at the corporate office of a retail chain in New York. Ryan is currently attending a Ph.D. program at Suffolk University. His academic interests include monetary policy, Austrian economics, epistemology, and philosophy of science. He enjoys watching and reading about baseball, especially the Red Sox.



Walker Todd (left) and CFO David Michaels (right) presenting the 2009 Roy A. Foulke Jr. Award to Samuel Rines.

ROY A. FOULKE JR. AWARD

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In 1978, he was the founding director of American Investment Services, Inc., and served as chairman of the AIS board of directors for eight years. Mr. Foulke was elected to the board of trustees of AIER in 1987, and served as that board's chairman from 1994 until his death. His service to AIER followed a family tradition that began with his father, a close friend of Col. Harwood, who served as chairman of the AIER board of trustees for six years. His philanthropy was dedicated to promoting civilization, and his time and counsel to the search for solutions to human problems. Mr. Foulke's commitment and dedication to his work will remain alive through this generous award.



JORIDA PAPAKRONI

Received her B.S. in business administration and finance from the University of La Verne, Athens Campus, Greece. Jorida is a second-year Ph.D. student at the economics department of West Virginia University, majoring in international economics and financial economics. She considers both teaching and research self-fulfilling and challenging.



ALLYSON PELLISSIER

Allyson is a senior at Rhodes College, pursuing a major in economics and mathematics. She is interested in political economy, game theory, industrial organization, and development economics. In her free time, she enjoys singing, theater, playing soccer, and volleyball, playing the piano, attempting to play the guitar, and spending time with friends and family.



SAMUEL RINES

Received his B.A. in economics from Georgetown College and will be attending the University of New Hampshire this fall to pursue his M.A. before continuing on to a Ph.D. program. Samuel is interested in development theory, monetary theory, rural/urban economics, and financial theory.

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ALEJANDRO RIVERA-MESIAS

Received his B.A. in mathematics and economics from Simon Fraser University and is pursuing a Ph.D. in economics at Boston University. Alejandro's academic interests are econometric theory, finance, and investment theory. He enjoys dancing salsa, math contests, playing tennis, and practicing his French.



RACHEL SHAFER

Graduated from the University of Tulsa in 2009, where she double-majored in economics and mathematics. Rachel enjoys economics' logical structure and practical applications. She will be continuing her studies in economics at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, where she hopes to cultivate her interest in auction theory. Rachel's other interests include reading, games, hiking, and children's theater.



LHAKPA SHERPA

Received his B.A. in economics and mathematics from Elmira College. Lhakpa will be attending Washington University in St. Louis for graduate studies in economics. His interests are development and behavioral economics. Lhakpa enjoys exploring and playing soccer, tennis, and cricket. He hails from Nepal and is originally from a village close to Mt. Everest.



DAVID SKARBEK

David is a doctoral candidate in economics at George Mason University. He was an AIER student fellow in 2008 and was a returning fellow this year. His dissertation examines the economics of prison and street gangs. He has researched sweatshops, entrepreneurship, and regulation in post-disaster environments. His articles have appeared in several academic and professional journals.



SHEIDA TEIMOURI

Originally from Iran, Sheida graduated from University of Tehran in 2006. She was granted a fellowship at the graduate program of Tehran University, but instead applied to West Virginia University and joined the Ph.D. program there in 2007. Her studies focus on international finance and finance. She is also highly interested in macroeconomics and monetary policy.



JESSICA VAN PARYS

Graduated summa cum laude from the University of Georgia in 2009 and will be attending the economics Ph.D. program at Columbia University. She is a recipient of the National Science Foundation's Graduate Research Fellowship. Jessica's research interests are in applied microeconomics, specifically the fields of labor, education, and health economics. She enjoys tennis, novels, theater, and stand-up comedy.



PEIYONG YU

Completed her undergraduate studies in international trade and economics at Tianjin Foreign Studies University in China. She is pursuing her Ph.D. in economics at Northern Illinois University. Her academic interests are macroeconomics and financial economics. Her personal interests are playing basketball, table tennis, tennis, and swimming.

Interns

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ANTOANETA MALHASYAN

Antoaneta is a senior at Lafayette College. Originally from Plovdiv, Bulgaria, she is majoring in economics and business with a minor in German. She enjoys reading, traveling, and learning foreign languages.



JENNIFER MICHAELS

Jennifer, a junior at New York University, is pursuing a major in economics and a minor in sociology. She is interested in current economic and environmental issues. She hopes to earn her M.B.A. and work in New York City.



XING YAN

Xing is a junior at Lafayette College with a double major in mathematics and economics. Xing learned to play Gu Zheng (a Chinese traditional instrument) from childhood. She likes reading and playing bridge.



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