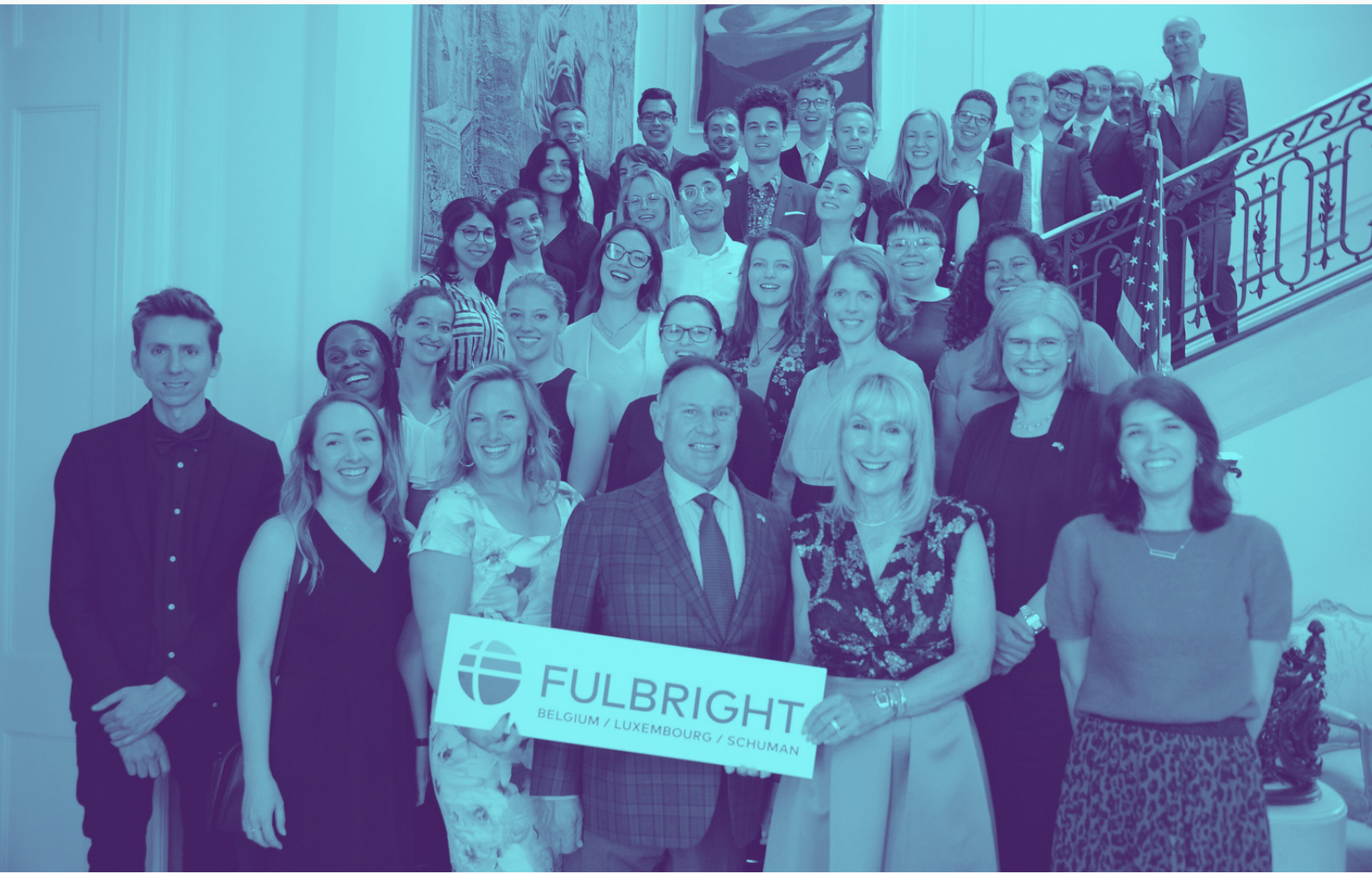


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Fulbright Belgium

Belgian grantees to the United States

Program	Last Name	First Name	Objective	Field	Host Institution
FLTA	Denier	Selle	FLTA (Dutch)	Education	Indiana University
Foreign Student	Belhassen	Sonia	Master's (LLM)	Law	Harvard University
Foreign Student	De Ras	Kevin	Visiting Student Researcher	Engineering	MIT
Foreign Student	Heijmans	Simon	Master's (LLM)	Law	University of Chicago
Foreign Student	Herbosch	Maarten	Master's (LLM)	Law	Harvard University
Foreign Student	Lembele Malease	Fleur	Master's	Public Administration	Harvard University
Foreign Student	Meijen	Jens	Visiting Student Researcher	Political Science	Stanford University
Foreign Student	Mertens	Floris	Visiting Student Researcher	Law	Columbia University
Foreign Student	Mil-Homens Cavaco	Noémie	Visiting Student Researcher	Literature	Miami University
Foreign Student	Peeters	Birgitt	Visiting Student Researcher	Biomedical Engineering	Harvard Medical School
Foreign Student	Thomas	Jade	Visiting Student Researcher	Literature	Boston University
Foreign Student	Willaert	Michelle	Master's (LLM)	Law	University of Chicago
Foreign Student	Yoryoliami	Salome	Master's	Education	NYU
Visiting Scholar	Boeckaerts	Dimitri	Research Scholar	Biology	Joint Genome Institute
Visiting Scholar	de Heusch	Félicien	Research Scholar	Sociology	University of California, Los Angeles
Visiting Scholar	Destrooper	Tine	Research Scholar	Human Rights	Columbia University
Visiting Scholar	Hendrickx	Jonathan	Research Scholar	Journalism	Penn State and Drexel University
Visiting Scholar	Kostet	Imane	Research Scholar	Sociology	University of Pennsylvania
Visiting Scholar	Lambert	Rosa	Research Scholar	Drama/Theater Arts	NYU
Visiting Scholar	Sîrbu	Tatiana	Research Scholar	History	University of Maryland
Visiting Scholar	Vissers	Stijn	Research Scholar	Public Health	Weill Cornell Medicine

Grantee Profiles

SONIA BELHASSEN

Sonia BelhasSEN is an Associate at Clifford Chance where she works across several finance transactions, including debt capital markets and real estate finance. She graduated with a master's degree in law (magna cum laude) from the Université Catholique de Louvain in 2021, specializing in European and International Law and writing her thesis on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. With the support of the Fulbright Commission in Belgium, Sonia will be attending Harvard Law School to pursue an LL.M. which she hopes will reflect her versatile personality, combining classes on capital markets, international law but also on literature to fulfill her inner bookworm.

FLEUR LEMBELE MALEASE

Fleur Malease works as a Donor Relations Officer at the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). She holds a Master's degree in Commercial Engineering completed in Belgium and in Canada. She has worked for different United Nations agencies including the World Health Organization which she joined as an External Relations and Partnerships Officer during the COVID-19 pandemic. During her career, she has been deployed to six countries in Africa, Asia and Europe. She has also provided support to Mothers At Risk's project in Kinshasa, a mobile clinic serving vulnerable women in the urban periphery, in partnership with the local organization Lisungi.

BIRGITT PEETERS

Birgitt Peeters, a PhD researcher at KU Leuven's Institute for Orthopaedic Research and Training, specializes in subject-specific computer models of spinal deformity patients. She received a Flemish Research Foundation PhD fellowship for her innovative project. After obtaining a Master's degree in Biomedical Engineering (magna cum laude), she participated in the Belgian Solar Team, contributing to the development of an advanced solar car that promotes sustainable energy solutions, highlighting her diverse range of interests. Committed to advancing her research, she will collaborate with the Center for Advanced Orthopaedic Studies at Harvard Medical School, supported by the Fulbright Commission.

KEVIN DE RAS

Kevin De Ras is a chemical engineering PhD candidate in his final year at the Laboratory for Chemical Technology of Ghent University. His research focuses on the transition toward a circular carbon economy by simulation of free radical chemistry processes (pyrolysis and oxidation) based on quantum chemistry. Experimental and detailed kinetic modeling work is combined to obtain new fundamental insights into alternative fuels, plastic waste recycling, etc. He already received several awards for his work including the research award at the Student Research Conference (2017) for his bachelor's thesis and the Solvay Award (2019) for his master's thesis.

JENS MEIJEN

Jens Meijen is a doctoral researcher and lecturer at the University of Leuven and a Europaeum Scholar at the University of Oxford. He's also a researcher and team leader at the Center for AI and Digital Policy in Washington, a Global Policy Fellow at the Institute for Technology and Society in Rio de Janeiro. He has been working as a journalist for almost ten years and is an author at the Dutch publishing house De Bezige Bij, where he has published three books. Furthermore, Jens is lead consultant at the AI consulting firm Ulysses.ai and an IDEA Practitioner at NASA.

JADE THOMAS

Jade Thomas is a PhD candidate at Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) and Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO). In 2020, she obtained an MA in English and German Literature from VUB (summa cum laude) with an award-winning thesis on Sam Shepard's metatheater. Combining her interests in American drama and diasporic writing, Jade's current doctoral project explores how formal experiment comments on sociopolitical issues in 21st-century African American drama. Since she is trained as a literary scholar, Jade wants to study play writing from a practice-based perspective at Boston University. In addition, she plans to establish long-lasting connections with American playwrights and theater practitioners.

SIMON HEIJMANS

Simon obtained a master degree in law from the UC Louvain in 2023, majoring in constitutional law and public international law. During his studies he also participated in an exchange with the University of Uppsala (Sweden). In addition, besides having been a teaching assistant and a board member of several student organizations, Simon represented his university in the National Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition, the Philip C. Jessup Moot Court Competition and did an internship at the House of Representatives of Belgium. With the support of the Fulbright Commission, Simon will attend the University of Chicago Law School.

FLORIS MERTENS

Floris Mertens studied law at Ghent University (2016-2021) specializing in corporate law and economic law. After interning at a policy unit of the federal government, Floris joined Ghent's Financial Law Institute as a junior researcher. He writes a dissertation on the legal implications arising from the use of artificial intelligence in company boardrooms, for which he was awarded a fellowship by the Flemish Research Foundation in 2022. Floris was also appointed as Junior Academic Visitor at the University of Oxford during Trinity term 2023. With the support of Fulbright, Floris will conduct a second research stay at Columbia Law School.

MICHELLE WILLAERT

Michelle Willaert, obtained her law degree from Ghent University in July 2022 and is currently working as a global transactions lawyer in Brussels. During her master program in Ghent, she studied – as part of an exchange program – at Vanderbilt University Law School in Nashville, Tennessee. She focuses on corporate law, mergers and acquisitions, corporate finance and capital markets. During her free time, she loves to play the piano and tennis with her friends and brother. As of September 2023, she will pursue an LL.M. at the University of Chicago Law School.

MAARTEN HERBOSCH

Maarten Herbosch obtained Master degrees in Physics (2016) and Law (2019) at KU Leuven. Subsequently, he started working as a teaching assistant at the Centre for Methodology of Law (KU Leuven) and to work on a PhD. He was awarded a Fellowship by the Research Foundation – Flanders to pursue his research on the legal analysis of the use of systems based on artificial intelligence in the process of contract formation. In April 2023, he publicly defended his PhD thesis on this topic. In the 2023-2024 academic year, Maarten will pursue an LL.M. at Harvard Law School.

NOEMIE MIL-HOMENS CAVACO

After her Bachelor's degree (summa cum laude), Noémie is currently finishing her Master's degree at UC Louvain in which she did numerous student jobs. She will start a PhD next year in this university, in comparative literature of the Americas, with a special focus on apocalyptic imaginaries (ecocriticism). Having just returned from the University of Leicester (Erasmus+), she is looking forward to her Fulbright research stay at Miami University to work with Professor Prádanos and bound with US scholars, students and residents. Passionate about foreign cultures and languages, she dreams about going on building international friendships and becoming a university professor someday to share her passion.

SALOME YORYOLIAMI

Salome Yoryoliami, a University of Oulu student, is a passionate advocate for integrating educational technologies. She earned Bachelor's degrees from Vrije Universiteit Brussel and Universiteit Gent, establishing a strong academic foundation. With a Master's in Education and Globalisation from Oulu, specializing in educational technologies, her dissertation explored Digital Personalised Learning (DPL) tools in Belgian and Finnish contexts. Driven by a desire to enhance her understanding, Salome actively seeks knowledge in this ever-evolving field. Supported by Fulbright, she pursues a MA in Learning Technology and Experience Design at NYU Steinhardt, expanding her expertise.

Grantee Profiles

DIMITRI BOECKAERTS

Dimitri is a PhD researcher at the Laboratory of Applied Biotechnology (LAB) and at the Research Unit Knowledge-based Systems (KERMIT) of Ghent University. His research is focused on predicting and understanding phage-host interactions with machine learning methods, with the goal of making phage therapy a better alternative for antibiotics. His expertise is predominantly situated in the fields of computational biology, artificial intelligence and biotechnology. Besides doing research, Dimitri is an avid science communicator, writing a monthly blog and actively disseminating his research on Twitter.

FELICIEN DE HEUSCH

Félicien de Heusch is completing his PhD in Political and Social Sciences at the Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies, University of Liège. His PhD thesis focuses on Senegalese migrants' moral and transnational engagements around death in Europe. He was part of the Horizon 2020 ERC project “Migration, Transnationalism and Social Protection in (post-) crisis Europe”, under the supervision of Dr. Jean-Michel Lafleur. Before that, he completed a Double Degree in Immigration Studies at the University Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona and the University of Liège, as well as a BA in Anthropology at the National University of Córdoba, Argentina

TINE DESTROOPER

Tine Destrooper is an associate professor at the Faculty of Law and Criminology of Ghent University and the coordinator of Justice Visions, and ERC-funded research program at the Human Rights Centre. Her research focuses on victim participation and accountability in transitional justice, including in aparadigmatic cases. Previously, she held research positions at various European and American institutions, including New York University, the European University Institute, Leiden University, Wissenschaftskolleg Berlin and the Universities of Antwerp and Leuven. She was also the managing director of NYU’s Centre for Human Rights and Global Justice and of the Flemish Peace Institute.

JONATHAN HENDRICKX

Jonathan Hendrickx works as a Postdoctoral Researcher in Journalism Studies at the Journalism Studies Center at the University of Vienna (Austria). He obtained his PhD in Media and Communication Sciences in 2021 at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (Belgium), where he is still employed as a Guest Professor in the Master’s degree in Journalism. His main research topics include news diversity, social media and its relationship with news, and public broadcasting in the digital era.

IMANE KOSTET

Imane Kostet, PhD, is a postdoctoral researcher and guest lecturer at the Department of Sociology of the University of Antwerp. In her doctoral dissertation, she examined how a diverse group of children living in super diverse cities deal with the ethnic and social class inequalities in their environment. Both in her research and in her volunteer work, Imane has always been strongly committed to addressing these inequalities. In 2023-2024, she will be heading to the University of Pennsylvania to develop a cultural sociological framework to explain ethnic and racial disparities in the identification and diagnosis of autism.

ROSA LAMBERT

Rosa Lambert (she/her) holds an MA-degree in Theatre and Film Studies from the University of Antwerp, where she graduated in 2017. Rosa joined the Research Centre for Visual Poetics (UAntwerpen) in 2018 and has since been working on her PhD project “Moving With(in) Language: Kinetic Textuality in Contemporary Performing Arts,” which she will defend in November 2023. This study centers around the interaction between (spoken) text and (choreographed) movement in contemporary theatre and dance performances. Her research interests include the intersection between dance and literature, the theatricality of writing, and (post-)phenomenology.

TATIANA SIRBU

The professional training of Tatiana Sirbu spans three countries: Republic of Moldova, Romania and Belgium. Her latest degree is the PhD diploma from the Université Libre de Bruxelles obtained after the thesis defense about “Policy of ‘Roma villages’ under three administrations: Tsarist, Romanian and Soviet. 1812-1956”. Her two main research topics over the last years are policies and administrative regulations towards Roma in the Russian Empire and the Soviet Union, and the deportation of Roma from Romania to Transnistria during WWII with a special interest in Roma communities from Bessarabia.

STIJN VISSERS

Stijn Vissers completed his Master's degree in Sociology at Ghent University (Belgium) and the University of Salamanca (Spain). He holds a joint Ph.D. in Health Sciences from the Vrije Universiteit Brussel and Ghent University. His doctoral research focused on the physician-assisted dying practice. His research interests include palliative and end-of-life care, bereavement and grief practices, and non-clinical interventions for patients facing life-threatening illness and their relatives. With the support of the Fulbright award, he will be a postdoctoral fellow at Cornell University, examining how family caregivers experience the physician-assisted dying practice in the home setting in the United States.

SELLE DENIER

After completing a Master's degree in Linguistics and Literary Studies, Selle developed a strong passion for language, literature, and culture. Wanting to share this interest with the next generation, she enrolled in an educational master-after-master program. Here, she discovered the power of education and the rewarding qualities of teaching in a diverse, urban context. By joining the University of Indiana as a Dutch FLTA, she aims to further develop her teaching skills and learn more about the role of education and Dutch in the world.

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American grantees to Belgium

Program	Last Name	First Name	Objective	Field	Host Institution
U.S. Student	Ayer	Autumn	ETA		ULB
U.S. Student	Briggs	Megan	ETA		University of Antwerp
U.S. Student	Hudson-Mairet	Emma	ETA		Howest
U.S. Student	Lang	Zachary	ETA		UHasselt
U.S. Student	Petrov	Leeza	ETA		Institute of Tropical Medicine
U.S. Student	Riordan	Madeline	ETA		Université Saint-Louis
U.S. Student	Robertson	Kendall	ETA		VUB
U.S. Student	Wancewicz	Molly	ETA		GO! Technisch Atheneum Zavelenberg and OIRD/Université des Familles
U.S. Student	Wright	Lily	ETA		Athénée Adolphe Max and Atheneum Brussel
U.S. Student	Cohen	Anna	Research	Art History	KU Leuven
U.S. Student	Heyer	Alex	Research	Chemistry	KU Leuven
U.S. Student	Kiros	Hana	Research	Geography	Ghent University
U.S. Student	Kreeger	Seth	Research	Philosophy	KU Leuven
U.S. Student	Metelenis	Kayla	Research	Art History	KMSKA, University of Antwerpen
U.S. Student	Shridharan	Rishi	Research	Neuroscience	KU Leuven
U.S. Student	Tinley	Jeffrey	Research	Education	University of Antwerp
U.S. Student	Tycko	Arielle	Research	Biology	VUB
U.S. Scholar	Blanton	Ginny	Research	Literature	University of Antwerp
U.S. Scholar	Farnam	Amir	Research	Engineering	Ghent University
U.S. Scholar	Hong	Jun Sung	Research	Social Work	University of Antwerp
U.S. Scholar	Kidwell	Roland	Research	Business	Hasselt University
U.S. Scholar	Munro	Troy	Research	Physics	KU Leuven
U.S. Scholar	Schiff	Mara	Research	Criminology	KU Leuven
U.S. Scholar	Williams	Michael	Research (NATO Chair)	International Relations	VUB

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AUTUMN AYER

Autumn Ayer is a 2023-2024 Fulbright English Teaching Assistant to Belgium. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in English and French from the College of Saint Benedict, Autumn is looking forward to furthering her passion for language-learning and cultural exchange with students in Brussels. In addition to her time in the classroom as an ETA, she wishes to continue her work as a creative writer by engaging with the community through a writing group and personal project devoted to the power of storytelling. She also hopes to begin acquiring a third language by taking courses in Dutch.

MEGAN BRIGGS

Megan Briggs is a 2023-2024 Fulbright English Teaching Assistant in Belgium. After graduating this year with a Bachelor's degree in Ethnicity, Race & Migration from Yale University, she looks forward to connecting with students in the classroom at the University of Antwerp. In addition to her work as an ETA, she plans to study Dutch and improve her French, and is excited to engage with the community through radio and the arts.

EMMA HUDSON-MAIRET

Emma Hudson-Mairet will spend the 2023-2024 academic year serving as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant in Belgium. Emma graduated from Marquette University with a bachelor's degree in French, Environmental Studies, and Peace Studies in 2022. After graduation, Emma spent a year living and working as an English Language Assistant in Guingamp, France. Since 2019, Emma has spent summers as an environmental educator in her hometown of Milwaukee WI, sharing her love of the outdoors with students. Emma is looking forward to meeting new people and discovering all that Belgium has to offer

ZACHARY LANG

Zachary Lang is a 2023-2024 Fulbright English Teaching Assistant to Belgium. Zach is graduating with a bachelor's degree in Philosophy and History from Dartmouth College. Beyond teaching at Hasselt University, Zach is looking forward to learning Dutch, getting to know the rock climbing community in Belgium, and conducting historical research into the Belgian Revolution.

LEEZA PETROV

Leeza Petrov is a 2023-2024 Fulbright English Teaching Assistant to Belgium. After having recently graduated from Dartmouth College with a major in Biology and a minor in Art History, Leeza looks forward to applying her science background to her time in the classroom at the Institute for Tropical Medicine in Antwerp. Additionally, she hopes to create a cross-disciplinary network of women in STEM as a way of fostering connections within the community. She is also excited to explore the many art museums of Antwerp!

MADELINE RIORDAN

Madeline Riordan is a 2023-2024 Fulbright English Teaching Assistant to Brussels, Belgium. She is a 2023 graduate of the University of Delaware Honors College, graduating with a BS in Medical Diagnostics, with minors in Biology and French. In addition to being an ETA at Université St. Louis, Madeline is looking forward to engaging with the community by bringing her passion for advocacy to the classroom and through shadowing physicians at local hospitals.

KENDALL ROBERTSON

Kendall Robertson will serve as an English Teaching Assistant at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel in Belgium for the 2023-2024 academic year. Having just graduated from Bucknell University with a bachelor's degree in History and French, she looks forward to immersing herself in Belgian history and further developing her language skills. Outside of the classroom, she plans to visit the multitude of Belgian museums and join a football league among many other activities.

MOLLY WANCEWICZ

Molly Wancewicz is a 2023-2024 Fulbright English Teaching Assistant to Belgium. In 2021, she graduated summa cum laude from Rice University with a bachelor's degree in Political Science and History. After graduating, she joined Teach for America and spent two years as a sixth grade English teacher in the Houston Independent School District. She looks forward to continuing her interactions with students in her placement at a secondary school in Brussels. Outside of the classroom, Molly plans to focus on improving her French and pursuing her academic interests in workers' rights and labor policy.

LILY WRIGHT

Lily Wright (she/her) is a 2023 Fulbright English Teaching Assistant to Belgium. After graduating with a bachelor's degree in English and French, Lily spent a year serving her home state of West Virginia as an AmeriCorps VISTA member. In addition to her work inside the classroom as an ETA in Brussels, Lily is excited to explore the city and share her Appalachian culture with students.

ANNA COHEN

Anna Cohen is a doctoral student in Art History at Northwestern University. As a Fulbright student researcher to Belgium in 2023-2024, she will research comedic visual interventions in sixteenth-century, Flemish monastic music manuscripts to understand the relationships between text, image, music, and humor in the context of sacred music performance. In addition to her visual and musicological research, she will seek additional archival information about one scribe of this style, identified in documents as deaf, and other impaired artists and scribes to elucidate how their communities supported them. Anna holds a BA (Lawrence University, 2019) and MA (Northwestern University, 2023) in Art History.

ALEX HEYER

As the recipient of a 2023-2024 Fulbright fellowship to KU Leuven in Belgium, Alex Heyer will expand his dissertation work on the methane reactivity of copper and iron zeolites to investigate methods to abate the greenhouse gas methane in the atmosphere. Alex is a graduate of the University of Virginia and is currently an inorganic chemistry Ph.D. candidate at Stanford University. Alex is passionate about science outreach and is excited to take his experience volunteering in the San Francisco Bay Area to outreach programs at KU Leuven.

HANA KIROS

Hana Kiros will spend her 2023-2024 Fulbright year conducting research in the Geography department at Ghent University. Her work uses satellite imagery to assess the impact of war in Ethiopia on agricultural productivity — particularly in light of the pervasive weaponization of starvation in the conflict. She is also interested in the use of open-source satellite imagery to document crimes against humanity. Hana is a graduate of Harvard University and a freelance journalist with work in The Washington Post, Harper's Bazaar, and The World, among other publications.

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SETH KREEGER

Seth Kreeger is a PhD candidate at Marquette University and is the recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship to Belgium for the 2023-2024 academic year. While in Belgium he will be conducting his research at KU Leuven into the Arabic philosophical background to the 13th century Medieval Latin West. His work is especially focused on the metaphysical thought of Thomas Aquinas and William of Auvergne, as well as their use of Ibn Sina (Avicenna). Seth earned his MA from the Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology in Berkeley, California in 2018 and his BA from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan in 2016.

ARIELLE TYCKO

Arielle Tycko is a 2023-2024 Fulbright student researcher to Belgium. She completed her bachelor's degree at Caltech, where she conducted research using machine learning for antibody design. She plans to continue with her interest in protein engineering in Belgium, where she will be in Dr. Anastassia Vorobieva's lab at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel studying de novo protein design with the aim of helping develop a novel syphilis vaccine.

ROLAND KIDWELL

Roland E. Kidwell is a 2023-2024 Fulbright U.S. Scholar to Belgium who will be working on family business research with colleagues and doctoral students at the Research Center for Entrepreneurship and Family Firms at Hasselt University. Roland is professor of management and entrepreneurship at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. His current research focuses on dysfunctional behavior, executive compensation, and human resource management in family businesses. and he has published extensively in academic journals. He is a Fellow of the Family Firm Institute and the U.S. Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship. His PhD is from Louisiana State University.

KAYLA METELENIS

Kayla Metelenis is a paintings conservator who holds an MA in Art History and MS in the Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works from The Conservation Center of the Institute of Fine Arts, New York University. As a 2023-2024 Fulbright Scholar, Kayla will conduct interdisciplinary research at the Royal Museum of Fine Arts Antwerp (KMSKA) and the University of Antwerp to assist in the study and conservation treatment of a seventeenth-century painted altarpiece by Peter Paul Rubens (1577-1640).

GINNY BLANTON

As the recipient of a Fulbright scholarship to Belgium, Virginia Blanton will spend the 2023-2024 academic year at the Universiteit Antwerpen as a Visiting Scholar of the Onderzoeksinstituut Ruusbroecgenootschap. Her research on women's religious history centers on their engagement with books as writers, readers, patrons, and book owners. During the year, she will investigate the English nuns of Syon Abbey who sought Catholic sanctuary in Flanders during the Reformation, as well as the local communities that supported and resisted their presence in the Low Countries.

TROY MUNRO

Troy Munro is a recipient of a 2023-2024 Fulbright Scholarship to Belgium, where he will work to develop education modules using decision based learning and perform research at KU Leuven. His research focuses on understanding the thermodynamics that control the shape of biomolecules, with the goal of understanding the conditions that lead abnormal proteins to cause disease. Troy received a dual-PhD in physics and mechanical engineering from KU Leuven and Utah State University in 2016. He looks forward to supporting mental health and young family initiatives in the community.

RISHI SHRIDHARAN

Rishi Shridharan obtained a BA in neuroscience with a minor in Medical Humanities from Rice University in Houston, Texas. His research has helped to diagnose and treat rare pediatric neurodevelopmental disorders. He has also helped develop RNA-based tools to study antimicrobial resistance. He strongly believes that cross-cultural, interdisciplinary collaboration is necessary to advance medicine. As a Fulbright student researcher in Belgium for the 2023-24 academic year, he will study neurodegeneration under the mentorship of Dr. Patrik Verstreken at Katholieke Universiteit Leuven. Rishi will then pursue an MD/PhD in neuroscience, with the ultimate goal of helping patients with neurological disease by pushing the frontiers of medicine.

AMIR FARNAM

Yaghoob (Amir) Farnam is an associate professor at Drexel University. He received his PhD from Purdue University in 2015. As the recipient of a Fulbright scholar award to Belgium, he will spend five months in 2024 at Ghent University to develop a nature-inspired building material to lower thermal energy demand and its carbon dioxide footprint. He will work with scholars involved in a multinational European Marie Curie project, SMARTINCS, from Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands, University of Cambridge in UK, Politecnico di Milano in Italy, Valencia Polytechnic University in Spain, and Karlsruhe Institute of Technology in Germany.

MARA SCHIFF

As a recipient of a Fulbright scholarship to Belgium, Dr. Mara Schiff will spend the 2023-2024 academic year focused on restorative justice teaching and research, using qualitative approaches to consider the relationships between restorative justice education, peaceable schools, and restorative cities. Her research will explore whether restorative education strategies might eventually lead to more relationally-based approaches to municipal decisionmaking and conflict through the development of restorative cities. Ultimately, such educative and municipal decision-making processes might result in more effective citizen engagement, and offer a blueprint for more collaborative and less violent communities worldwide. Dr. Schiff is an Associate Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Florida Atlantic University.

JEFFREY TINLEY

During his 2023-2024 Fulbright, Jeffrey Tinley will be conducting research at the University of Antwerp. His research investigates how post-secondary vocational and professional programs in Flanders integrate work-based learning and engage stakeholders to align programs with workforce needs. He is interested in how these programs can inform program design and the assessment of work-based learning at American community colleges. He brings over 10 years of experience working in adult education and community colleges to his research. Currently, he is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Tennessee and serves as the Director of Institutional Research at Roane State Community College.

JUN SUNG HONG

Dr. Jun Sung Hong is an Associate Professor in the School of Social Work at Wayne State University in Detroit, MI. Dr. Hong has primarily researched factors associated with bias-based bullying and peer victimization in the United States and abroad. He is a Fulbright Scholars for the 2023-24 academic year in Belgium. The title of his project is "Teachers' Responses to Students' Bias-Based Bullying and Cyberbullying Victimization in Flanders". The study aims to examine teachers' awareness and response to bias-based bullying and cyberbullying in school districts in Flanders, Belgium. He will work collaboratively with colleagues at the University of Antwerp.

MICHAEL WILLIAMS

Michael John Williams is a 2023 Fulbright Scholar to Belgium. He is Associate Professor of International Affairs at the Maxwell School, Syracuse University. His research focuses on NATO and transatlantic relations. The author of three books, Williams will be researching the ideological foundations of the war between Russia and Ukraine and conducting archival research on NATO as a nuclear alliance. He earned his Ph.D. at the London School of Economics and Political Science. In addition to his research whilst in Brussels, Williams is an avid rower and is looking forward to rowing with the Union Nautique de Bruxelles.

Fulbright Luxembourg

Luxembourgish grantees to the United States

Program	Last Name	First Name	Objective	Field	Host Institution
Foreign Student	Coelho Dias van Hootegem	Willem	Master's (LLM)	Law	Harvard University
Foreign Student	Linden	Jules	Visiting Student Researcher	Economics	University of California, Berkeley
Foreign Student	Reding	Naila	Master's (LLM)	Law	Georgetown University
Visiting Scholar	Lomos	Catalina	Research Scholar	Education	University of California, Berkeley
Visiting Scholar	Wilmes	Paul	Research Scholar	Biology	Stanford University

Grantee Profiles

WILLEM COELHO DIAS VAN HOOTEGEM

Willem obtained an LL.B. in 2020 and an LL.M. in 2021 from Leiden University (both cum laude). He subsequently completed legal internships in both Amsterdam (at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer) and Luxembourg (at Loyens & Loeff), and has been working as a corporate lawyer at Loyens & Loeff in Luxembourg since April 2022, where he specialises in M&A transactions, corporate restructurings and private equity transactions. Willem will be pursuing an LL.M. at Harvard Law School, where he intends to strengthen his skills related to corporate, antitrust and U.S. law in general.

JULES LINDEN

Jules Linden is a PhD candidate at the University of Galway and the Luxembourg Institute of Socioeconomic Research (LISER).

NAILA REDING

Naila is a recent English with German Law LLB graduate from University College London and Ludwig-Maximilian University in Munich. She will pursue an LLM in International Business and Economic Law at Georgetown University, where she hopes to specialize in commercial arbitration with the goal of expanding the practice in Luxembourg. Additionally, Naila is passionate about entrepreneurship and real estate. She pursues these interests by running a small real estate company in London. In her free time Naila is an avid boxer and general fitness enthusiast. She enjoys competing in cross-fit and obstacle races such as the Spartan Race or Tough Mudder.

PAUL WILMES

Paul Wilmes is Full Professor of Systems Ecology and holds appointments at the Luxembourg Centre for Systems Biomedicine and in the Department of Life Sciences and Medicine within the Faculty of Science, Technology and Medicine of the University of Luxembourg. Paul earned his PhD from the School of Environmental Sciences at the University of East Anglia in Norwich (UK) in 2006, a part of his doctoral research having been performed at the Max Planck Institute for Marine Microbiology in Bremen (Germany). He subsequently carried out postdoctoral research at the University of California, Berkeley (USA) from where he returned in 2010 to his native Luxembourg through the ATTRACT fellowship scheme of the National Research Fund. In 2019, Paul received an European Research Council Consolidator Grant for his project “ExpoBiome”. During COVID-19, Paul led national efforts in managing the pandemic. He has won numerous awards and prizes for his scientific work.

CATALINA LOMOS

Dr. Catalina Lomos works as a researcher in Luxembourg, at the Luxembourg Institute of Socio-Economic Research (LISER). She holds a Ph.D. in Education from the University of Groningen in the Netherlands. Her research focuses on teachers and teacher collaboration in the context of school effectiveness. Her recent work has examined teachers' use of ICT in classroom practice, using large-scale data and data from digital learning platforms in education. She has worked closely with the Ministry of Education in Luxembourg on many educational projects. She is the national research coordinator for the International Computer and Information Literacy Study 2018 and 2023.

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American grantees to Luxembourg

Program	Last Name	First Name	Objective	Field	Host Institution
U.S. Student	Barone	Julia	ETA		Lycée Classique de Diekirch (LCD) and École d'Hôtellerie et de Tourisme du Luxembourg (EHTL)
U.S. Student	Salaudeen	Azeezat	ETA		Lycée des Arts et Métiers (LAM) and the University of Luxembourg
U.S. Student	Tsou	Casey	ETA		Lycée Edward Steichen, Clervaux (LESC) and Ecole Internationale Edward Steichen (EIES)
U.S. Student	Watson	Olivia	Research	Communications	University of Luxembourg

Grantee Profiles

JULIA BARONE

Julia Barone is a 2023-2024 Fulbright English Teaching Assistant to Luxembourg. She graduated with her bachelor's degree from Dickinson College in 2022, where she studied English and French. After spending her senior year at the University of Oxford, she returned to Pennsylvania to teach students in her local district. Julia is eager to engage with the surrounding community as well as with her students, and plans to volunteer with a nearby women's shelter.

AZEEZAT SALAUDEEN

Azeezat Salaudeen is a 2023-2024 Fulbright English Teaching Assistant in Luxembourg. She graduated from American University with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and International Studies. Azeezat has experience as a Teaching Assistant at American University's School of Public Affairs, where she assisted professors in classroom management and facilitated student engagement. She is passionate about exploring linguistic diversity and its impact on the classroom environment. Azeezat is excited to immerse herself in Luxembourg's culture and language and promote cultural exchange. She is committed to creating an inclusive and dynamic learning environment that fosters intellectual curiosity and the love of learning.

CASEY TSOU

Casey Lee Tsou is a 2023-2024 Fulbright English Teaching Assistant to Luxembourg. Casey obtained a bachelor's degree in Communication and Social Influence from Temple University. In her undergraduate studies, she spent time abroad in Beijing, London, and Tokyo, and is excited for her turn in front of the classroom. Casey is excited to use her experiences with Luxembourg's multilingual education system toward a career in bilingual curriculum design. In her free time, Casey looks forward to engaging with the local ultimate frisbee scene and learning Luxembourgish.

OLIVIA WATSON

Olivia is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Communication at the University of Missouri. As the recipient of a Fulbright research award, she will spend the 2023-2024 academic year completing her dissertation in Luxembourg. Her research explores the cultural and linguistic nuances of the intergenerational transmission of narrative resilience in native and migrant families living in Luxembourg. Olivia received her bachelor's degree from Baldwin Wallace University in 2017, and her master's degree from Kent State University in 2019.

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European grantees to the United States

Citizenship	Last Name	First Name	Objective	Field	Host Institution
Italy	Bellocca	Gian Pietro Enzo	Visiting Student Researcher	Economics	Brown University
Italy	Bulgarelli	Riccardo	Visiting Student Researcher	History	NYU
Germany	Butler	Janice	Visiting Student Researcher	Political Science	Northeastern University
Spain	Gimeno Ribes	Jaime	Visiting Student Researcher	Economics	Stanford University
Spain	Laabbas el Guennouni	Marouane	Visiting Student Researcher	Labor/Industrial Relations	Colorado State University and Rutgers University
Germany	Lauer	Clemens	Visiting Student Researcher	Accounting/Finance	Columbia University
Portugal	Machado	Diogo	Visiting Student Researcher	Economics	University of California, Berkeley
Italy	Paulesu	Carolina	Visiting Student Researcher	Law	Yale University
Hungary	Soos	Andrea	Visiting Student Researcher	Art History	Center for Architecture
Netherlands	ten Hulsen	Leonore	Visiting Student Researcher	Law	NYU
Lithuania	Tumenaite	Neringa	Visiting Student Researcher	Human Rights	Harvard University
Germany	Weber	Gesine	Visiting Student Researcher	International Relations	Columbia University
Italy	Galanti	Costanza	Research Scholar	Sociology	Cornell University
Italy	La Porta	Beatrice	Research Scholar	Law	Harvard University
Slovakia	Neveri Varagya	Szilvia	Research Scholar	Sociology	Harrisburg University
Italy	Pollicino	Oreste	Research Scholar	Law	NYU
Italy	Putzer	Alex	Research Scholar	Philosophy	NYU
Greece	Skarsouli	Eleni	Research Scholar	Literature	University of California, Berkeley
Romania	Toma	Claudia	Research Scholar	Psychology	Portland State University
Poland	Michnik	Wojciech	Research Scholar (NATO Award)	International Relations	University of Arizona

Grantee Profiles

GIAN PIETRO ENZO BELLOCCA

Gian Pietro Enzo is a PhD student in Economics at the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid. He obtained a bachelor's degree in computer Engineering and a double Master Degree in Engineering, at Politecnico di Torino, and in Finance, at the Grande École de Commerce in Paris. Gian Pietro worked at the European Central Bank in the Directorate for General Economy, focusing on the monitoring and forecasting of inflation. His research explores the impact of climatic change on economics and financial stability. At Brown University he will join the Climate Solution Lab to study the impact of climate change on the energy sector.

RICCARDO BULGARELLI

Riccardo Bulgarelli is a PhD researcher at the Department of History of the European University Institute in Florence. He is researching transnational queer activism throughout the 1970s with a specific focus on the networks and exchanges involving the Italian movement Fronte Unitario Omosessuale Rivoluzionario Italiano (1971-1982). During the Fall 2023, he will be an exchange graduate student at the NYU History Department where he will pursue his PhD research by doing archival research in different NYC institutions and exchanging with leading scholars in the field of history of gender and sexualities.

JANICE BUTLER

Janice Butler is originally specialized in communication science at the Universities of Fribourg (Switzerland) and Amsterdam (Netherlands), she investigated the effect of emotion and humour in political communication with the use of social network analysis and fine-tuned neural language models. Reflected in the inter-disciplinary nature of her thesis, her interests are wide-ranging spanning from political behaviour to communication science. Currently a PhD Student in the Department of Political and Social Science at the European University Institute her research is now focused on the topics of political misinformation and emotions in politics, with automation utilizing AI techniques of language recognition.

JAIME GIMENO RIBES

Jaime is a Civil Engineer and a PhD candidate in Economics at the University of Valencia (Spain). He obtained a Master of Science in Finance and Economics at the London School of Economics in 2018, where he has also been a visiting PhD student. His research focuses on the implications of behavioral economics for macroeconomic outcomes, for the transmission of monetary and fiscal policy, and for business cycle dynamics. Prior to his doctoral studies, Jaime worked at the European Central Bank in the Market Operations Department. He will be visiting Stanford University's Department of Economics next winter/spring.

MAROUANE LAABBAS EL GUENNOUNI

Marouane Laabbas-el-Guennouni is a researcher and PhD Candidate in labor and environmental law. Next course (2023/24) he will be at Colorado State University and Rutgers University conducting research on the involvement of trade unions in environmental protection and the study of environmental clauses in collective agreements. Mr. Laabbas has studied in Spain (Universitat Rovira i Virgili) and France (Université Toulouse Capitole) obtaining two degrees (Law and HR) and a Master in Environmental Law. To date he has participated in several international conferences, worked as scientific assistant, as university professor and legal assistant at the EU Court of Justice (Luxembourg).

CLEMENS LAUER

Clemens Lauer is a PhD student and research assistant at the Business Administration Department of Mannheim University, Germany, where he also completed his master's degree in finance and accounting. He spent two semesters abroad, one at the University of Victoria, Canada and one at the St. Petersburg Graduate School of Management, Russia. After his master, Clemens gained two years of practical experience in the asset management industry before returning to academia. Starting in fall 2023, he will conduct a research stay at Columbia University as Fulbright grantee, where he will continue his research on consequences of bank regulation and disclosure.

DIOGO MACHADO

Diogo Machado is a science and technology policy expert with ten years of experience spanning academia, policy advice and consulting. In Fall 2023, he will join the Haas School of Business at the University of California, Berkeley as a visiting researcher with the support of the Fulbright Schuman Fellowship to research the role of transatlantic cooperation in supporting high-risk/high-reward science. Diogo has been on a mission to promote scientific novelty and support governments fostering risk-taking in science funding. In this context, he developed new data science tools for applications in econometrics and economics of science, which he will further enhance during his stay in California. Diogo has experience consulting for governments as part of Technopolis-Group and provided policy advice as an official at the OECD and Bruegel.

CAROLINA PAULESU

Carolina Paulesu is a PhD Researcher in Law at the European University Institute. She holds a Master's Degree in Law from the University of Milan (J.D. equivalent), obtained summa cum laude, a Master of Laws from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and a Master of Laws from the European University Institute. She will be a Fulbright Schuman Visiting Researcher at Yale Law School in the Fall Term, where she will work on her research project 'Ethical Consumption and Social Justice in European Private Law'. Carolina's research interests lie in private law theory, critical theory, and EU law.

ANDREA SOOS

Andi Soós is a curator, writer and researcher. Her projects explore underground culture, human interactions in built environments and the ways architecture influences communities. She worked at the Ludwig Museum – Museum of Contemporary Art, the Hungarian National Gallery and carried out international research and curatorial projects in Europe and the United States. She holds a master's degree in design theory from the Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design and a curatorial degree from the University of Applied Arts in Vienna. Currently she is a PhD candidate in Design Culture Studies at the Moholy-Nagy University of Art and Design in Budapest.

LEONORE TEN HULSEN

Leonore ten Hulsen is a PhD candidate at the European University Institute (EUI).

NERINGA TUMENAITE

Neringa is a PhD candidate at SOAS University of London and a Fulbright Schuman student at the FXB Center for Health & Human Rights at Harvard University. Her research focuses on the role of youth participation in the decolonisation of the EU's climate policies. Neringa holds a BA in Creative Industries (Vilnius Tech) and an MSc in Violence, Conflict and Development (SOAS) where she investigated the role of media in sustaining structural discrimination towards the Roma in Lithuania and the Rohingya in Myanmar. In addition, Neringa has developed "Sustainability Checklist: Greening the Youth Sector" for the EU-CoE Youth Partnership and served on the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe.

GESINE WEBER

Gesine Weber in the Geostrategy team of the German Marshall Fund of the United States, based in Paris, and a PhD candidate at the Defence Studies Department of King's College London. Her research focuses on European defence cooperation, Europe's role as a geopolitical actor, and security and defence policies of the E3 (France, Germany, and the United Kingdom). Gesine gained professional experience as a research consultant for the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation in Shanghai and a defence policy advisor in the German parliament. She holds a masters degrees in European Affairs from SciencesPo Paris and in Political Science from Freie Universität Berlin, and studied Mandarin at Beijing Foreign Studies University. Gesine is among the youngest experts in her field and a frequent commentator on European and international media.

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COSTANZA GALANTI

Costanza Galanti is a labour sociologist drawing on ethnographic and oral history methods. She carried out her PhD thesis at University College Dublin in co-supervision with the University of Padua. Her work focuses on mobilizations in the field of health and social care. She is particularly interested in exploring how these mobilizations are articulated transnationally and how they bring (or not) together health and social care workers with users of care services. Her writings appeared on journals such as Gender, Work and Organization and Global Labour Journal.

BEATRICE LA PORTA

Dr. Beatrice La Porta will research Agriculture and climate change in the EU and US. Legal analysis on agri-food policies, and new FBOs' assets impacting trade markets, focusing on food wastage, at the Food Law and Policy Clinic at Harvard Law School. She is an Italian attorney, agri-food law research fellow at the UNIPA Law School, and Ph.D. at the UNICATT Agri-system Doctoral School. She authored a monograph on sustainable and digital farms, papers published in journals and collective volumes, and university textbooks. She interned at EFSA and won the RIS Talent Fellowship from EIT Food and the Syllff Fellowship from Tokyo Foundation.

SZILVIA NEVERI VARAGYA

Szilvia Néveri Varagya, PhD is a highly-motivated professional from Slovakia, with 20+ years of leadership experience gained in senior management positions in national and international companies, government bodies and as a start-up founder. She is a mature professional with creative flair, remarkable persistence and a strong team focus, speaks four languages fluently and has a passion for supporting others as a professional business coach. Szilvia obtained her Master in Journalism and Hungarian Philology in 2003, and recently her PhD in Public Rhetoric. Apart from Slovakia, she also has rich experiences from Hungary, Germany (as alumna of the Robert Bosch Foundation), Czechia and Italy. As an awarded mentor, she is committed to supporting young people.

ORESTE POLLICINO

Oreste Pollicino is full Professor of Constitutional Law in Bocconi. He also teaches the courses on GDPR, Media Law, Internet Law and he is the Director of the LLM in Law of Internet Technologies in Bocconi University. He is Honest Broker appointed by the European Commission for the negotiation on the 'European code of practice on disinformation'; I am also Member of the Executive Board, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, Vienna; Board Member of the Digital Library, Ministry of Culture; Member of the European Commission Sounding Board of the Multistakeholder in the fight against online disinformation; Participant to the Conseil of Europe Ad Hoc Committee on Artificial Intelligence (CAHA); Italian member of the OECD Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence.

ALEX PUTZER

Alex Putzer is writing his dissertation on the Rights of Nature in Cities at Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies in Italy, with affiliations at MIT, UPenn, and The New School in the United States. He has taught at the University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands, and the University of Applied Arts in Vienna, Austria. As a United Nations Harmony with Nature Expert and member of the Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature Academic Hub, Alex employs multiple strategies to develop his field. As UNESCO Fellow in Interdisciplinary Anticipation and Global-Local Transformation, he explores how novel rights regimes influence urban policymaking.

ELENI SKARSOULI

Eleni Skarsouli has studied Classics in Greece and Germany and holds a PhD in Greek Philology from the University of Cologne. She has worked as a research assistant in the project "Edition Kölner Papyri" and has edited documentary and literary papyri. In 2021 she published an edition of three papyri containing unknown passages from the Euripidean tragedy Telephos. Besides the edition of papyri her research also encompasses various topics related to ancient Greek language and life in the antiquity (legislation, material culture, professional practices, colour terminology etc.). In the last years she has investigated the use of metaphorical language in Ancient Greek for the expression of emotions.

CLAUDIA TOMA

Claudia Toma is professor of social psychology and organizational behavior at Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management, Université libre de Bruxelles. She is the rector's advisor for the gender and diversity policy of the university. Claudia is conducting research in the area of judgment and decision making with implications for diversity management, leadership and group dynamics. She acted as Associate Editor for journal such as Social Cognition, InMind, International Review of Social Psychology and is the co-director of the collection "Psychologies et société", Editions de l'ULB. Claudia is teaching various courses on organizational behavior, leadership, negotiation, and diversity management.

WOJCIECH MICHNIK

Wojciech Michnik holds a PhD in Political Science (Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Poland) and is an Assistant Professor of International Relations and Security Studies at the Institute of Political Science and International Relations of the Jagiellonian University. He is also a Transatlantic Project Coordinator at the Central and South-East Europe Programme at London School of Economics IDEAS, and Contributing Editor for New Eastern Europe. His research focuses on NATO and transatlantic security, international conflicts, and the geopolitics of the Middle East.

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American grantees to Europe

Program	Last Name	First Name	Objective	Field	Host Institution
U.S. Student	Barrett	Henry	Research	Political Science	Eötvös Loránd Research Network (Hungary), Europe Strategy Research Institute (Hungary), Europeum Institute for European Policy (Czech Republic)
U.S. Student	Kavthekar	Nilesh	Research	Public Policy	KU Leuven (Belgium), University of Copenhagen (Denmark), Instituto de Empresa (Spain)
U.S. Student	Leahy	Annabelle	Research	Oceanography	Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (Belgium)
U.S. Student	Mullert	Julia	Research	Political Science	Egmont Royal Institute for International Relations (Belgium), Asser Institute (the Netherlands), Danish Institute for International Studies (Denmark)
U.S. Student	Williamson	Isobel	Research	International Relations	Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium), RainbowHouse (Belgium)
U.S. Scholar	Kaminski	Margot	Research	Law	European University Institute (Italy)
U.S. Scholar	Kaye	Dalia	Research	Political Science	Lund University, Center for Advanced Middle Eastern Studies (Sweden), German Marshall Fund (Belgium)
U.S. Scholar	Klonick	Kate	Research (Innovation Award)	Law	University of Amsterdam (the Netherlands); Sciences Po (France)
U.S. Scholar	Leahey	Erin	Research	Sociology	Leiden University (the Netherlands)
U.S. Scholar	Valdini	Melody	Research (Distinguished Chair)	Political Science	College of Europe (Belgium)

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HENRY BARRETT

Henry Barrett is a 2023-24 Fulbright Schuman grantee based in Hungary and the Czech Republic. Considering the upcoming twentieth anniversary of EU eastern enlargement, Henry will spend the 2023-2024 academic year researching the current state of EU integration among the Visegrád Group countries. His current state analysis will lend particular consideration to two of the largest geopolitical concerns facing the EU today—the Rule of Law Conditionality mechanism and the war in Ukraine. Henry looks forward to living and working in the richly historic cities of Budapest and Prague while engaging with such questions of political regionalism, Article 2 values assertions, and EU policymaking. Henry graduated from Princeton University summa cum laude in 2022.

ISOBEL WILLIAMSON

As a Fulbright Schuman grant recipient in Brussels, Isobel Williamson will conduct LGBTQ+ rights policy research with the Université Libre de Bruxelles. Her research will explore the lived experiences of LGBTQ+ Central and Eastern European migrants in Brussels to identify new avenues for the EU's institutions to advocate for LGBTQ+ rights across the institution. She graduated from the University of Washington in 2022 with an International Studies major and a French minor. In Brussels, Isobel is also looking forward to connecting with arts organizations and continuing her study of French.

ERIN LEAHEY

As the recipient of the Fulbright Schuman Innovation Award, Professor Erin Leahey will affiliate with the Centre for Science and Technology Studies (CWTS) at Leiden University in the Netherlands for 2023-24. She plans to conduct the first systematic comparison of scientific journals published in the Europe and the United States. She is eager to understand how national and continental differences are informed by science policy efforts, aligned with scientific movements (toward open science and the reform of research assessment), and consequential for the type of research produced.

NILESH KAVTHEKAR

As a Fulbright Schuman student researcher for the 2023-24 academic year, Nilesh Kavthekar will conduct research in tech and labor policy in Denmark (University of Copenhagen), Spain (IE Law School), and Belgium (KU Leuven). His research will compare the labor protections offered to gig workers in different EU countries and how national models will change under the proposed European Union Platform Work Directive. Nilesh has worked with organizations like Uber, the NYC Department of Consumer and Worker Protection, and Driver's Seat Cooperative. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania with degrees in Economics and Computer Engineering.

MARGOT KAMINSKI

Margot Kaminski is a Professor at the University of Colorado Law School. She specializes in the law of new technologies, focusing on information governance, privacy, and freedom of expression. As the recipient of a Fulbright Schuman Grant, Professor Kaminski will spend the spring of 2024 conducting research on the comparative law of AI at the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence as a Fernand Braudel Senior Fellow.

MELODY VALDINI

Melody E. Valdini (Ph.D.) is a 2023-24 Fulbright Schuman Distinguished Scholar at the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium. Melody is a professor in the political science department at Portland State University as well as a co-editor of the Journal of Women, Politics & Policy. During her time in Belgium, she will teach classes at the College of Europe on women's leadership and institutions, and will also conduct research on women leaders' policy-negotiating strategies and their decision-making processes for ascending the leadership ladder in the European Union.

ANNABELLE LEAHY

As the recipient of a Fulbright Schuman award, Annabelle Leahy will spend the 2023-2024 academic year conducting research at the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences and sites around the North Sea. Her research will focus on the implementation of offshore wind initiatives, marine spatial planning policies, and other European environmental policies to better understand how the offshore wind industry can contribute to emissions reductions, coexist with other marine industries, and minimize harm to ecosystems and coastal communities. Annabelle received dual Master's degrees in Oceanography and Marine Affairs from the University of Rhode Island in 2023 and a bachelor's degree from Carleton College in 2019.

DALIA KAYE

Dr. Dalia Dassa Kaye is a 2023-2024 Fulbright Schuman scholar based at the Centre for Advanced Middle Eastern Studies at Lund University, Sweden and at the German Marshall Fund in Brussels, Belgium as a non-resident senior fellow. Dalia's research will compare American and European approaches to Iran beyond the nuclear agreement. She is a senior fellow at the UCLA Burkle Center for International Relations and directs its global initiative for regional security architectures. Dalia was previously a senior political scientist at the RAND Corporation where she served as the Director of the Center for Middle East Public Policy.

JULIA MULLERT

Julia Mullert is a 2023-2024 recipient of the Fulbright Schuman scholarship to conduct research in the European Union. Her work focuses on EU Member State policy approaches to foreign fighter returnees. Julia graduated from Boston University in 2021 with a degree in International Relations and concentrations in the Middle East and North Africa and security studies. Following this, she earned a Master's degree from American University in 2022 in Terrorism and Homeland Security Policy. She is interested in countering violent extremism and the creation of more peaceful societies.

KATE KLONICK

Kate Klonick is an Associate Professor at St. John's University Law School, a fellow at the Brookings Institution and Yale Law School's Information Society Project. Her writing on online speech, freedom of expression, and private internet platform governance has appeared in the Harvard Law Review, Yale Law Journal, The New Yorker, the New York Times, The Atlantic, the Washington Post and numerous other publications. For the 2022-2023 academic year, she is in residence in Cambridge as a Visiting Scholar at the Rebooting Social Media Institute at Harvard's Berkman Klein Center.