

Fellowship Winners 2016–17



Northwestern
OFFICE OF FELLOWSHIPS

1940 Sheridan Road
Evanston, Illinois 60208
847-491-2617
www.northwestern.edu/fellowships

A sampling of this year's undergraduate winners



Gustavo Berrizbeitia is spending 2017–18 as a research assistant in the Democracy and Rule of Law Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington, DC, as a recipient of a *James C. Gaither Junior Fellowship*. A 2017 graduate with majors in political science and philosophy and a minor in critical theory, he also served on the board of Lovers & Madmen, a student theater group.



Lucia Brunel, a senior chemical and biological engineering major, has received a *Barry Goldwater Scholarship*, which provides support for pursuing research careers in science, mathematics, and engineering. On campus she is vice president of the Northwestern University Society of Women Engineers and the sole undergraduate working in a polymer physics laboratory.



Christina Cilento, a 2017 graduate in education and social policy and a 2017–18 *Luce Scholar*, is spending 13 months in South Asia studying the effects of climate change. At Northwestern she served as Associated Student Government president, helped create an environmental magazine, took on a key communications role in the Office of Sustainability, and reported on the 2015 Paris climate conference.



Daniel Kinch attended Northwestern as a recipient of a full QuestBridge Scholarship, which helps first-generation and low-income students find their way in college. A dual-degree graduate in physics and applied mathematics, Kinch won a *Marshall Scholarship* to study math for two years in the United Kingdom. He will then pursue a PhD in theoretical physics.



Kathleen Nganga, a senior political science major, was awarded a *Harry S. Truman Scholarship*. She will use it to pursue a PhD in political science and public policy, continuing her focus on race and ethnicity in East Africa and the United States. Currently director of education for the Northwestern University Community for Human Rights, she is comparatively analyzing issues of marginalization and political mobilization.



A 2017 graduate in anthropology, **De'Sean Weber** plans to pursue a career in health-care. He received an *Emerson National Hunger Fellowship* through the Congressional Hunger Center in Washington, DC, to participate in a prestigious social justice program that bridges community-based efforts and national policy on hunger and poverty. Weber studies the deeper, less obvious reasons people are predisposed to illness.



Welcome to Northwestern University's Office of Fellowships!

A fellowship can be

- a **grant** for a creative or research project
- a **scholarship** for an academic qualification
- an **internship** for professional development

What makes a grant, scholarship, or internship a **fellowship** is the cohort of people chosen to develop their talents together with guidance from mentors, through group activities, and in support of a larger goal.

This booklet lists the hundreds of Northwestern students and alumni who secured external funding during the 2016–17 academic year to create, research, study, and intern through fellowships all over the country and around the globe. The fellowships are listed in four categories:

- those requiring students to apply first to Northwestern for approval before filing applications to national competitions
- those offering international experiences by taking recipients outside the United States
- those taking recipients to off-campus destinations within the United States
- those funding student activities on campus

We want you to join them and help us paint the world purple, one Wildcat at a time!

Elizabeth Lewis Pardoe, PhD
Director

Year in parentheses after school name indicates date of receiving undergraduate (year only) or graduate (G plus year) degree. Abbreviated year after winner's name indicates current undergraduate class year.

By Northwestern University Endorsement

Boren Scholarship

Forrest Palamountain, '18
Middle East and North African Studies, Weinberg;
String Instruments, Bienen
Study—Turkey

British Marshall Scholarship

Daniel Christopher Kinch
Applied Mathematics, McCormick; Physics, Weinberg (2017)
Study—United Kingdom

Carnegie Endowment for International Peace James C. Gaither Junior Fellows Program

Gustavo Berrizbeitia
Political Science and Philosophy, Weinberg (2017)
Internship—Washington, DC

Alli Divine
Political Science and International Studies, Weinberg (2016)
Internship—Washington, DC

DAAD Research Grant

Morganna Lambeth
Philosophy, Graduate School
Research—Germany

Antonia Nepomuceno (*declined*)
Biomedical Engineering, Graduate School
Research—Germany

DAAD Study Scholarship

Ajay Nadig (*declined*)
Neuroscience and Philosophy, Weinberg (2017)
Study—Germany

Fulbright (IIE) US Student Award

Sebastian Buffa
History, Weinberg (2013)
Arts—Bolivia

Delaney Burlingame
Theatre, Communication; Religious Studies, Weinberg (2017)
Teaching—Taiwan

Megan Burton
Biomedical Engineering, McCormick (2017)
Research—France

Rebecca Crook
Human Development and Psychological Services,
Education and Social Policy (2011)
Research—India

Gabriel Douglas
Art History, Graduate School
Research—South Korea

Tamar Eisen
Social Policy, Education and Social Policy (2017)
Teaching—India

Amy Eisenstein
History, Weinberg (2017)
Teaching—Vietnam

Danielle Elliott
Journalism, Medill; Political Science, Weinberg (2017)
Teaching—Spain

Priyanka Garigipati
Biological Sciences, Weinberg (2017)
Teaching—Taiwan

James Hollo
Journalism, Medill (2015)
Study—Taiwan

Lindsay Jagla
History and International Studies, Weinberg (2015)
Teaching—Colombia

Irene Jiang
Middle East and North African Studies, Weinberg;
Radio/Television/Film, Communication (2017)
Arts—Morocco

Alexander Britt Jordan
Economics and German, Weinberg (2017)
Teaching—Germany

Tara Mittelberg
Environmental Sciences and International Studies,
Weinberg (2017)
Research—Brazil

Emma Montgomery
Psychology and Comparative Literary Studies,
Weinberg (2017)
Teaching—Colombia

Gabriel Neely-Streit
Journalism, Medill (2016)
Teaching—Mexico

Katie-Meelel Nodjimbadem
Journalism, Medill (2015)
Teaching—Ivory Coast

Darcie Marilyn Price-Wallace
Religious Studies, Graduate School
Research—India

Paavani Reddy
Anthropology, Weinberg (2017)
Teaching—South Korea

Adam Roth
American Studies, Weinberg (2015)
Teaching—Taiwan

Kalina Silverman
Journalism, Medill (2016)
Research—Singapore

Arielle Ticho
Social Policy, Education and Social Policy (2017)
Teaching—Colombia

Emily Wood
Art History, Graduate School
Research—Spain

Goldwater Scholarship

Lucia Brunel, '18
Chemical Engineering, McCormick

Google PhD Fellowship in Human-Computer Interaction

Sarah D'Angelo
Technology and Social Behavior, Graduate School

Luce Scholars Program

Christina Cilento
Learning and Organizational Change,
Education and Social Policy (2017)
Internship—Laos

Mellon—American Council of Learned Societies Dissertation Completion Fellowship

Stefan Vogler
Sociology, Graduate School

PhRMA Foundation Award

Erin Baker
Life Sciences, Graduate School

Truman Scholarship

Kathleen Nganga, '18
Political Science, Weinberg

Yenching Academy Fellowship at Peking University

Allison Sherlock
History and Asian Studies, Weinberg (2017)
Study—China

International Fellowships

Alfa Fellowship

Yan Nick Naroditski
History, Weinberg (2009)
Internship—Russia

American Center of Oriental Research— Council of American Overseas Research Centers Predoctoral Fellowship

Rana B. Khoury
Political Science, Graduate School
Research—Jordan

American Friends of the Herzog August Bibliothek

Jason Rosenholtz-Witt
Music, Graduate School
Research—Germany

Association of Asian Studies— China and Inner Asia Council Grants

Youjia Li
History, Graduate School
Research—China

Buffett Institute Postgraduate Fellowship One Acre Fund

Marisa Bhargava
Industrial Engineering, McCormick; Political Science,
Weinberg (2017)
Internship—Rwanda

Dr. Gudrun Busch Musicology Fellowship

Jason Rosenholtz-Witt
Music, Graduate School
Research—Germany

Center of Chinese Studies in the Republic of China Research Grant

Keith Clark
History, Graduate School
Research—China

Chateaubriand Fellowship

Scott Miller
Art History, Graduate School
Research—France

Clinton Fellowship for Service in India

Jackson Walker
Political Science and International Studies, Weinberg (2017)
Internship—India

Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals

Gabriela Dago
Political Science, Weinberg (2017)
Internship—Germany

Council on Library and Information Resources Mellon Fellowship for Dissertation Research in Original Sources

Jason Rosenholtz-Witt (*declined*)
Music, Graduate School
Research—Germany

Critical Language Scholarship

Jessica Castellanos, '18
International Studies and Religious Studies, Weinberg
Study—Russia

Kali Robinson, '19
Journalism, Medill
Study—Morocco

Jackson Walker
Political Science and Asian Languages and Cultures,
Weinberg (2017)
Study—India

DAAD Intensive Language Course Grant

Liza Sobel (*declined*)
Composition, Bienen
Study—Germany

James Twardowski
Theatre and Drama, Graduate School
Study—Germany

DAAD Research Internship in Science and Engineering

Taran Lichtenberger, '18
Biological Sciences, Weinberg
Internship—Germany

DAAD Research Internship in Science and Engineering Pro

Blake Johnson
Mechanical Engineering, Graduate School
Internship—Germany

Erasmus Mundus Scholarship

Heiwon Shin
Journalism, Medill; Art Theory and Practice, Weinberg (2017)
Study—Italy, Belgium, and France

Freeman-Asia Scholarship

Khaqan Ahmad, '20
Social Policy, Education and Social Policy
Study—China

Chazz McCullough, '19
Undeclared, Weinberg
Study—China

Mary Wu Shi,* '19
Economics, Weinberg
Study—Japan

Sharon Zhao, '20
Undeclared, Weinberg,
Study—China

Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship

Khaqan Ahmad, '20
Social Policy, Education and Social Policy
Study—China

Nicholas Anderson, '19
American Studies, Weinberg
Study—Cyprus

Lucia Gurrola, '18
Human Communication Sciences, Communication
Study—Uganda

Nabeel Kassam, '18
Chemistry and Neuroscience, Weinberg
Study—India

Ashleigh Maclean, '18
Statistics, Weinberg
Study—Cuba

Esai Orozco
Biological Sciences, Weinberg (2017)
Study—Bolivia

Brittany Owens, '19
Political Science and Sociology, Weinberg
Study—Dominican Republic

Thomas Ritz, '19 (*declined*)
Mathematics and Legal Studies, Weinberg
Study—France

Japan Foundation Research Fellowship

Youjia Li
History, Graduate School
Research—Japan

North American Conference on British Studies Dissertation Fellowship

Ruby Daily
History, Graduate School
Research—United Kingdom

Katya Maslakowski
History, Graduate School
Research—United Kingdom

Max Planck Institute Doctoral Fellowship

Frederika Tevebring
Comparative Literary Studies, Graduate School
Research—Germany

Max Planck Institute Postdoctoral Fellowship

Alison Boyd
Art History, Graduate School
Research—Germany

Princeton in Africa Fellowship

Udita Persaud
Anthropology, Weinberg (2017)
Internship—Tanzania

Princeton in Asia Fellowship

Amy Eisenstein (*declined*)
History, Weinberg (2017)
Internship—Thailand

Benjamin Levey
American Studies, Weinberg (2017)
Internship—Thailand

Emmajane Svoboda
History and Science in Human Culture, Weinberg (2016)
Internship—Kyrgyzstan

Sheikh Saud bin Saqr Al Qasimi Foundation Doctoral Research Grant

Elizabeth Ann Derderian
Anthropology, Graduate School
Research—United Arab Emirates

Schwarzman Scholars

David Harris
Industrial Engineering, McCormick (2014)
Study—China

Ye Yuan
Economics and Mathematics, Weinberg (2011)
Study—China

Southeast Asia Research Group Predissertation Fellowship

Rahardhika Arista Utama
Sociology, Graduate School
Research—Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, and Thailand

ThinkSwiss Research Scholarship

Brian Cheng
Biological Sciences, Weinberg (2017)
Research—Switzerland

Max Weber Fellowship

Blake Smith
History, Graduate School
Research—Italy

Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant

Aydin Ozipek
Anthropology, Graduate School
Research—Turkey

ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius Fieldwork Grant

Rana B. Khoury
Political Science, Graduate School
Research, Turkey

Domestic Fellowships

American Historical Association Littleton-Griswold Research Grant for US Legal History

Myisha Eatmon
History, Graduate School
Research—Jackson, Mississippi

Aspen Music Festival Orchestral String Fellowship

Antonio Escobedo
String Instruments, Bienen (G2017)
Internship—Aspen, Colorado

Coro Fellows Program

Diana Raiselis
Theatre, Communication (2012)
Internship—St. Louis, Missouri

Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism Research Travel Grant

Gabrielle Guillerm
History, Graduate School
Research—South Bend, Indiana

Frederick Douglass Institute for African and African American Studies Predoctoral Fellowship at the University of Rochester

Antawan Byrd (*declined*)
Art History, Graduate School
Internship—Rochester, New York

Emerson National Hunger Fellows Program

De'Sean Weber
Anthropology, Weinberg (2017)
Internships—Jersey City, New Jersey; Washington, DC

Global Health Corps

Odette Zero
Anthropology, Weinberg (2017)
Internship—New York City, New York

Jenna Zitaner
Journalism, Medill (2015)

Internship—Dorchester, Massachusetts

Immigrant Justice Corps Community Fellowship

Iris Hsu
Dance, Communication; International Studies,
Weinberg (2017)
Internship—Queens, New York

Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation Postbachelor Fellowship

Alexander Kaldjian
French, Weinberg (2017)
Internship—Seattle, Washington

Institute for Research in the Humanities at University of Wisconsin–Madison Solmsen Fellowship

Melissa Vise
History, Graduate School
Research—Madison, Wisconsin

Inter-University Center for Japanese Language Studies Nippon Foundation Fellowship

Alexa De Leon
History, Graduate School
Internship—Los Angeles, California

Lyndon B. Johnson Presidential Library Moody Research Grant

Sean Harvey
History, Graduate School
Research—Austin, Texas

Kleiner Perkins Caufield and Byers Fellows

Sehmon Burnam, '19
Computer Science, McCormick
Internship—Silicon Valley, California

Eli Cohen, '18
Computer Science, McCormick
Internship—Silicon Valley, California

Knight News Innovation Fellow at the Tow Center

Jacob Lewis Nelson
Media, Technology, and Society, Graduate School
Research—New York City, New York

Knowles Science Teaching Foundation Fellowship

Richard Mason Rocca
Education, Education and Social Policy (G2017)
Teaching—Moorestown, New Jersey

Lipking Newberry Fellowship

Meaghan Morrissa Fritz
English, Graduate School
Research—Chicago, Illinois

Match Corps

Tara Sennott
Radio/Television/Film, Communication (2017)
Teaching—Boston, Massachusetts

Mellon–American Council of Learned Societies Public Fellows Program

Rebecca L. Fall
English, Graduate School (G2016)
Internship—New York City, New York

Melville Society Walter E. Bezanson Research Fellowship

Meaghan Morrissa Fritz
English, Graduate School
Research—New Bedford, Massachusetts

Nantucket Historical Association E. Geoffrey and Elizabeth Thayer Verney Fellowship

Meaghan Morrissa Fritz
English, Graduate School
Research—Nantucket, Massachusetts

National Aeronautics and Space Administration Astrobiology Science Conference Travel Grant

Caitlin Casar
Earth and Planetary Sciences, Graduate School
Internship—Mesa, Arizona

National Institutes of Health Postbaccalaureate Intramural Research Training Award

Ajay Nadig
Neuroscience and Philosophy, Weinberg (2017)
Internship—Bethesda, Maryland

New England Regional Fellowship Consortium

Laura McCoy
History, Graduate School
Research—New England

New York City Urban Fellows Program

Kaitlin Hansen
Political Science and International Studies, Weinberg (2015)
Internship—New York City, New York

P73 Playwriting Fellowship

Will Arbery
Writing, Graduate School
Internship—New York City, New York

Project Horseshoe Farm Fellowship

Timothy Jane Huang
Chemistry, Weinberg (2017)
Internship—Greensboro, Alabama

Kevin Shuguang Wang
Biological Sciences and Chemistry, Weinberg (2017)
Internship—Greensboro, Alabama

Public Policy and International Affairs Junior Summer Institute

Ajoni Anwar Hopkins, '18
Sociology and American Studies, Weinberg
Study—Carnegie Mellon University

Public Policy and International Affairs Public Service Conference

Katherine Fisher, '18
Learning and Organizational Change, Education
and Social Policy; Psychology, Weinberg
Study—Bloomington, Indiana

FAO Schwarz Family Foundation Fellowship

Kayla Jones
Learning and Organizational Change, Education
and Social Policy (2015)
Internship—New York City, New York

Robert H. Smith International Center for Jefferson Studies at Monticello

Laura McCoy
History, Graduate School
Research—Charlottesville, Virginia

Summer Workshop on Analysis of Military Operations and Strategy Scholarship

Jahara William Matisek
Political Science, Graduate School
Study—New York City, New York

Tanglewood Music Center Instrumental Fellowship

Susan Kang
Winds and Percussion, Bienen (2017)
Study—Lenox, Massachusetts

Texas Music Festival Orchestra Fellowship

Casey Karr
String Instruments, Bienen (G2017)
Internship—Houston, Texas

Aneesh Kumar, '18
Winds and Percussion, Bienen
Internship—Houston, Texas

Venture for America Fellowship

Billy Arnold
Middle East and North African Studies, Weinberg (2016)
Internship—Cleveland, Ohio

Kevin Ford
History, Weinberg (2016)
Internship—Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Samuel Learner
Political Science, Weinberg (2016)
Internship—Cleveland, Ohio

Dean Meisel
Economics and Political Science, Weinberg (2016)
Internship—Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Elisa G. Meyer
Cognitive Science, Weinberg (2017)
Internship—Baltimore, Maryland

Rahul Narain
Manufacturing and Design Engineering, McCormick (2017)
Internship

Eli Panken
Journalism, Medill (2017)
Internship—Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Kelly Ready
Economics and International Studies, Weinberg (2017)
Internship—St. Louis, Missouri

Shiven Samant
Economics, Weinberg (2016)
Internship—Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Brooke Sterneck
Social Policy, Education and Social Policy (2017)
Internship—New York City, New York

Alexandra Tabing
Mechanical Engineering, Graduate School
Internship—Detroit, Michigan

Virginia Historical Society Research Fellowship

Laura McCoy
History, Graduate School
Research—Richmond, Virginia

Wenner-Gren Dissertation Fieldwork Grant

V Chaudhry
Anthropology, Graduate School
Research—Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Mohammad Bilal Nasir
Anthropology, Graduate School
Research—Los Angeles, California

Yale Center for British Art Visiting Scholar

Jacob Leveton
Art History, Graduate School
Research—New Haven, Connecticut

Marilyn Yarbrough Dissertation/Teaching Fellowship at Kenyon College

Elliot Gordon Mercer
Theatre and Drama, Graduate School
Teaching—Gambier, Ohio

On-Campus Fellowships**Air Products Graduate Fellowship**

Xisen Hou
Chemistry, Graduate School

American Catholic Historical Association Graduate Student Summer Research Grant

Johnna Sturgeon
History, Graduate School

American Educational Research Association Minority Dissertation Fellowship in Education Research

Leigh Soares (*declined*)
History, Graduate School

American Heart Association Fellow-to-Faculty Transition Award

Matthew Joel Feinstein
Clinical Investigation, Graduate School

American Heart Association Predoctoral Fellowship

Benjamin Isaac Binder-Markey
Biomedical Engineering, Graduate School

Maxwell Shepherd
Biomedical Engineering, Graduate School

Ian Wolff
Biological Sciences, Graduate School

American Society for Environmental History Equity Graduate Student Fellowship

Sean Harvey
History, Graduate School

Consortium for History of Science, Technology, and Medicine Dissertation Fellowship

Kevin Baker
History, Graduate School

Josephine De Kármán Fellowship

Talia Shiff
Sociology, Graduate School; Law, Pritzker

Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation Grant

Joel Penning
History, Graduate School

Jason Rosenholtz-Witt
Music, Graduate School

Department of Defense Peer Reviewed Cancer Research Program Horizon Award

Kaleigh Filisa Roberts
Medical Science, Graduate School; Medicine, Feinberg

Department of Energy Advanced Manufacturing Office Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Research Participation Program

Ebot Etchu Ndip-Agbor
Mechanical Engineering, Graduate School

Huaqing Ren
Mechanical Engineering, Graduate School

Zixuan Zhang
Mechanical Engineering, Graduate School

Department of Energy Office of Science Graduate Fellowship

Rita Cook
Chemistry, Graduate School

Doris Duke Fellowship for the Promotion of Child Well-Being

Michelle Irene Bezark
History, Graduate School

Economic History Association Exploratory Travel and Data Grant

Heyu Xiong
Economics, Graduate School

Economic History Association Sokoloff Dissertation Fellowship

Natalya Naumenko
Economics, Graduate School

Federal Employee Education and Assistance Fund Scholarship

Kathleen Clark, '18
Biological Sciences, Weinberg

Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship

Kenneth Pass
Sociology, Graduate School

French Ministry of Higher Education and Research PhD Fellowship

Coline Ferrant
Sociology, Graduate School

GEM Fellowship

Schnaude Dorizan
Neuroscience, Graduate School

Bernard Floeder
Electrical Engineering, Graduate School

Phylindia Gant
Earth and Planetary Sciences, Graduate School

Bon Chinaka Ikwuagwu
Chemical Engineering, Graduate School

Matthew Lee Mendonca
Chemical Engineering, Graduate School

Ismael Olwal
Computer Science, Graduate School

JaCoya Thompson
Earth and Planetary Sciences, Graduate School

Izaiah Wallace
Computer Science, Graduate School

Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Grant

Katrin Fraser Katz
Political Science, Graduate School

Margarita Rayzberg
Sociology, Graduate School

Talia Shiff
Sociology, Graduate School; Law, Pritzker

**Humanities without Walls
Predoctoral Workshop Fellowship**

Rachel Grimm
French and Italian, Graduate School

Illinois Space Grant Consortium Scholarship

Michael Louis Katz
Physics, Graduate School

**National Academy of Education–
Spencer Dissertation Fellowship**

Mollie McQuillan
Human Development and Social Policy, Graduate School

Leigh Soares
History, Graduate School

National Collegiate Athletic Association

Byers Scholarship
Nandini Mehta
Economics and International Studies, Weinberg (2016)

**National Defense Science and Engineering
Graduate Fellowship**

Alyssa Chinen
Chemistry, Graduate School

Katherine Harmon
Applied Physics, Graduate School

Jasmine Marie Hershewe
Chemical Engineering, Graduate School

Andrew Colin Hunt
Chemical Engineering, Graduate School

Andrew Scott Rosen
Chemical Engineering, Graduate School

National Institutes of Health

**Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral
National Research Service Award (F30)**
Prarthana Dalal
Medical Science, Graduate School; Medicine, Feinberg

Christine Paula de los Angeles
Neuroscience, Graduate School; Medicine, Feinberg

Patrick Sean Donahue
Biological Sciences, Graduate School; Medicine, Feinberg

Adam Eshein
Biomedical Engineering, Graduate School

Natalie Frederick
Neuroscience, Graduate School

Jordan Manes
Neuroscience, Graduate School

Benjamin McDonald
Chemistry, Graduate School

Jimmy Su
Biomedical Engineering, Graduate School

Elaine Thompson
Communication Sciences and Disorders, Graduate School

Elias Barry Thorp
Biomedical Engineering, Graduate School

Douglas Robert Wilcox
Life Sciences, Graduate School; Medicine, Feinberg

National Institutes of Health

**Ruth L. Kirschstein Individual Predoctoral
National Research Service Award (F31)**
Jennifer Rachel Ferrer
Biological Sciences, Graduate School

Adam De Jesus
Life Sciences, Graduate School; Medicine, Feinberg

Sindey Johanna Melo Cardenas
Life Sciences, Graduate School

Daniel Ohm
Neuroscience, Graduate School

Jia Jie Wu
Biological Sciences, Graduate School

**National Radio Astronomy Observatory
Grote Reber Doctoral Fellowship**

Matthew Ronald Rickert
Physics and Astronomy, Graduate School

**National Science Foundation
Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant**

Coline Ferrant
Sociology, Graduate School

Brittany Michelle Friedman
Sociology, Graduate School

Talia Shiff
Sociology, Graduate School; Law, Pritzker

**National Science Foundation
Graduate Research Fellowship**

Jessica Beard
Chemistry, Weinberg (2017)

Rui Chen
Physics and Earth and Planetary Sciences, Weinberg (2016)

Joseph Yadiel Cordero Mercado
Physics, Graduate School

Janel Davis
Biomedical Engineering, Graduate School

Heather McGinnis Fink
Economics and Mathematical Methods in
the Social Sciences, Weinberg (1998)

Natalie McDaniel Gallagher
Psychology, Graduate School

Araminta Gwynne
Mathematics, Weinberg (2017)

Katherine Harmon (*declined*)
Applied Physics, Graduate School

Brianna Hightower
Media, Technology, and Society, Graduate School

Andrew Colin Hunt (*declined*)
Chemical Engineering, Graduate School

Gabriella Dawn Kitch
Earth and Planetary Sciences, Graduate School

Stephen James Maddock
Technology and Social Behavior, Graduate School

Raul E. Marrero
Civil and Environmental Engineering, Graduate School

Richard John Mazuski
String Instruments, Bienen; Chemistry, Weinberg (2015)

Shaunna Marie McLeod
Chemistry, Graduate School

Michele Myong
Chemistry, Graduate School

Yves Frantz Nazon
Mechanical Engineering, Graduate School

Kelly Marie Powderly
Chemistry, Weinberg (2017)

Natalia Elise Powers-Riggs
Chemistry, Graduate School

Sarah Reibstein
Anthropology and Economics, Weinberg (2012)

Paul Roots
Civil and Environmental Engineering, Graduate School

Jonathan David Shaffer
Biomedical Engineering (2009)

Iva Stojkowska
Neuroscience, Graduate School

Mark Straccia
Mechanical Engineering, McCormick; Psychology,
Weinberg (2009)

Andrew David Vigotsky
Biomedical Engineering, Graduate School

Katherine Elizabeth Wenzell
Plant Biology and Conservation, Graduate School

**Charlotte W. Newcombe
Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship**
Ean Christian High
English, Graduate School

Kalonji Nzinga
Learning Sciences, Graduate School

Hannah Kay Tebbetts
Religious Studies, Graduate School

**Organization of American Historians
Huggins-Quarles Award**
Sean Harvey
History, Graduate School

**Orthodox Christian Studies
National Endowment for the Humanities
Dissertation Completion Fellowship**
Aram Sarkisian
History, Graduate School

Sigma Xi Grants-in-Aid of Research Award
Ananya Mohit Agrawal, '18
Chemistry, Weinberg

**Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council
of Canada Doctoral Fellowship**
Timothy Noddings
History, Graduate School

**Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations
Stuart L. Barnath Dissertation Research Grant**
Alvita Ansa Akiboh
History, Graduate School

**Society of Tribologists and Lubrication Engineers
Chicago Section Fellowship**
Thomas Gu
Mechanical Engineering, Graduate School

Helena Wylde Swiny and Stuart Swiny Fellowship
Catherine Victoria Olien
Art History, Graduate School

Tau Beta Pi Fellowship
Jimmy L. Ding*
Mechanical Engineering, Graduate School

Cristine Li*
Chemical Engineering, McCormick (2017)

Tutterow Fellow
Rachel Dubose
Writing, Graduate School

A sampling of this year's graduate student winners



Kalonji Nzinga, a doctoral student in learning sciences, has received a *Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship*. He studies the evolution of culture to guide educational practice and to design curricula that explicitly engage students in understanding the cultural dimension of knowledge and learning. His research focuses on experiential communities that transcend geographic and kinship boundaries.



Kenneth Pass, a graduate student in sociology, was awarded a *Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship*. His research uses mixed methodological approaches to investigate how infectious disease laws are undergirded by sociopolitical and scientific constructions of race, sexuality, disease, and criminality, especially as related to the expansion of the prison industrial complex.



Darcie Price-Wallace is pursuing a PhD in religious studies, specializing in Buddhist studies. Recipient of a *Fulbright Award* for research in India, she is exploring different forms of female monasticism and renunciation in contemporary South Asia, focusing on the relationship between communities of such women, their social environments, and their cultural traditions.



Talia Shiff is a student in the joint JD-PhD program, pursuing degrees in law and sociology with a focus on culture, gender, comparative historical sociology, and theory. Her 2016–17 honors include a *Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Grant*, a *Josephine De Kármán Fellowship*, and a *National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant*.



Leigh Soares is a PhD student whose research centers on African American history, with a particular focus on Reconstruction and the Jim Crow South. Her master's thesis explored the role of black political activism during the Readjuster movement in 1880s Virginia. She has been awarded a *National Academy of Education–Spencer Dissertation Fellowship*.



Andrew Vigotsky is pursuing a PhD in biomedical engineering, specializing in the mechanics of hamstring strain injuries. A researcher in Northwestern's Neuromuscular Biomechanics Laboratory, he was awarded a *National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship*. Vigotsky is studying the relationship between the shear-wave velocity of muscle and muscle stiffness in vivo.

*Awarded in 2015–16