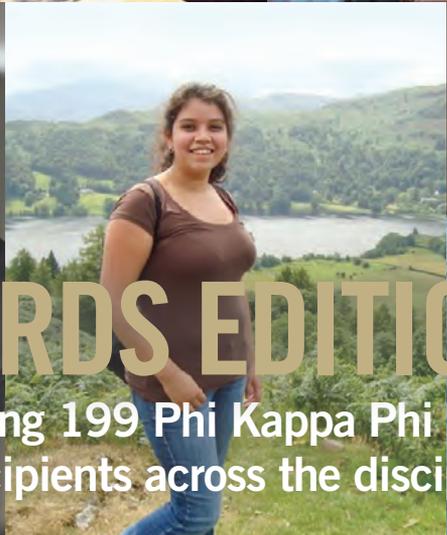


# PHI KAPPA PHI FORUM

Winter 2010



## AWARDS EDITION

Showcasing 199 Phi Kappa Phi award recipients across the disciplines



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## Phi Kappa Phi Forum and Its Relationship with the Society

**P**hi Kappa Phi Forum is the multidisciplinary quarterly magazine of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Each issue of the award-winning journal reaches more than 100,000 active members as well as government officials, scholars, educators, university administrators, public and private libraries, leaders of charitable and learned organizations, corporate executives and many other types of subscribers.

It is the flagship publication of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest, largest and most selective all-discipline honor society, with chapters on more than 300 college and university campuses across the country. Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 at the University of Maine and upwards of one million members spanning the academic disciplines have been initiated since the Society's inception. Notable alumni include former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, former NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, The Ohio State University head football coach Jim Tressel, writer John Grisham, YouTube co-founder/CEO Chad Hurley and poet Rita Dove. The Society began publishing what's now called *Phi Kappa Phi Forum* in 1915.

### Spring, summer and fall issues

The spring, summer and fall issues (usually mailed late February, late May and late August, respectively) feature a variety of timely, relevant articles from influential scholars, educators, writers and other authorities, oftentimes active Phi Kappa Phi members, who offer variations on an overall theme.

Notables to have contributed pieces include Ronald Reagan, fortieth President of the United States; Myrlie Evers-Williams, civil rights trailblazer; Warren Burger, the fifteenth Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court; Molefi Kete Asante, African-American studies groundbreaker; Sally Ride, former NASA astronaut; Ernest Gaines, fiction writer; and Geoffrey Gilmore, former director of the Sundance Film Festival.

*Phi Kappa Phi Forum* also encourages movers and shakers to speak for themselves through exclusive interviews. Q & As have run the gamut from public servants such as Lynne Cheney, former chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities, to famous artists such as playwright August Wilson to literary critics such as Stanley Fish.

(For other significant contributors, go online to [www.phikappaphi.org/forum](http://www.phikappaphi.org/forum).)

The spring, summer and fall issues further contain columns on fields such as education and academics, science and technology, and arts and entertainment in addition to book reviews, poetry and humor. Plus, these issues compile member



The first organizational meeting of what came to be known as The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi took place in Coburn Hall (above) at the University of Maine in Orono, Maine, in 1897. The Phi Kappa Phi name was adopted on June 12, 1900. Although the national headquarters have been located in Baton Rouge, La., since 1978, the vast majority of the Society's historical documents are still kept at the founding institution.

news, chapter updates and Society developments, along with letters to the editor, the Phi Kappa Phi bookshelf and general announcements of interest to keep readers abreast of Society programs and activities.

Through words and images, Web links and multimedia components, the magazine intends to appeal to the diverse membership of Phi Kappa Phi by providing thoughtful, instructive, helpful — and sometimes provocative — material in smart, engaging ways.

### Winter issue

The winter issue (mailed late November) celebrates those who win monetary awards from Phi Kappa Phi.

The Society distributes more than \$700,000 annually through graduate and undergraduate scholarships, member and chapter awards, and grants for local and national literacy initiatives, and *Phi Kappa Phi Forum* applauds the recipients in this edition, listing them all and spotlighting a few. (For more information about Phi Kappa Phi monetary awards, go online to [www.phikappaphi.org/awards](http://www.phikappaphi.org/awards).)

As an arm of the Society, *Phi Kappa Phi Forum* helps uphold the institution's mission: "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others." ■

### Phi Kappa Phi Forum mission statement

*Phi Kappa Phi Forum*, a multidisciplinary quarterly that enlightens, challenges and entertains its diverse readers, serves as a general-interest publication as well as a platform for The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi.

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### Deadlines for Upcoming Phi Kappa Phi Awards:

**Fellowships:** Chapter, April 1, 2011, and Headquarters, April 15, 2011;  
**Literacy:** April 1, 2011; **Study Abroad:** April 1, 2011;  
**Love of Learning:** June 30, 2011; **Scholar and Artist:** Feb. 15, 2012  
For application forms, go online to [www.PhiKappaPhi.org](http://www.PhiKappaPhi.org).

### Coming Next Issue:

The spring 2011 theme is "empathy." Topics include teenaged bullies; the neuroscience of empathy; the philosophy of empathy; and more.

**On the Cover:** Left to right (top row): Faith Bartz (*North Carolina State University*), Love of Learning; Loraine Lune Ysibido Santiago (*San Diego State University*), University of Oxford, Study Abroad; Elizabeth Mundy, Managua, Nicaragua, Study Abroad. Second row: Cody Tramp (*Utah State University*), Fellowship; Katie Branscomb, Taj Mahal at Agra, India, Study Abroad; Micah Kordsmeier (*University of Tulsa*), Fellowship. Third row: Brianna Randall, 2010 Phi Kappa Phi Convention speaker (Dan Fenning, Fen Photo Images) and Siem Reap, Cambodia, Study Abroad; Zeltzyn Rubi Sanchez Lozoya, Grasmere, Cumbria, England, Study Abroad; C. Bernard McCrary (*Columbus State University*), Love of Learning; Lindsay Epperson (*Brigham Young University*), Ghana, Study Abroad. Bottom row: Barbara Cobb (*Murray State University*), Love of Learning; Darris Means (*Elon University*), 2010 Convention speaker (Dan Fenning, Fen Photo Images) and Literacy Grant and Love of Learning; Michael Daniel Lucagbo (*University of the Philippines*), Love of Learning.

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# 2010 Fellowship Recipients

The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi bestows 57 \$5,000 Fellowships (some named\*) annually to members entering their first year of full-time graduate or professional study. Starting this year, Phi Kappa Phi also distinguishes three who display exceptional promise with \$15,000 apiece; these new Marcus L. Urann Fellowships are named after an undergraduate student founder of the Society. This year, 148 applicants entered the competition. Including 2010, more than 2,500 recipients have earned fellowships of one type or another totaling more than \$12.75 million since the program began in 1932.



**Alessandra J. Ainsworth**  
University of Kansas  
School of Medicine  
Medical student

Career objective: Pediatric physician  
Favorite book: At the moment, *Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Tracy Kidder  
(University of Kansas)

**Kaitlyn M. Alcorn<sup>1</sup>**  
University of Pennsylvania  
School of Medicine  
Medical student  
Career objective: Pediatric surgery and clinical research  
Favorite book: *Don Quixote* by Miguel de Cervantes  
Influential person met: Sorrel King, who helped create the Josie King Foundation to improve patient safety after her 18-month-old daughter, Josie, died from medical errors  
(Ithaca College)

**Laura Armstrong**  
University of California-Berkeley  
Doctoral student in physical chemistry, emphasis on computational research  
Favorite books: *Catch-22* by Joseph Heller and *Darkness at Noon* by Arthur Koestler  
(Southern Oregon University)



**Seyar Baqi**  
University of Pennsylvania  
School of Dental Medicine  
Dental student

Role models: My mom and dad  
(University of Delaware)

## Recipient lists compiled by Editor Peter Szatmary

\* It takes \$100,000 to endow a fellowship.  
(college or university of chapter initiation)

# A Three-Dimensional Warrior

By John T. Harding

Combine special operations warfare with a degree in economics and a willingness to help people in a post-conflict environment rebuild their lives. Blend these attributes with a Naval officer who graduated first in his class at Annapolis in May and once served as military liaison to the Department of State's Bureau of Political-Military Affairs.

That's a partial portrait of Michael Campbell, recipient of a Phi Kappa Phi Marcus L. Urann Fellowship.

"Economics is basically about interactions between people," said Campbell. "And if we can provide incentive structures, to offer options, in conflict areas," military officers can facilitate an "optimal path to stability."

Over the next two years, the New Jersey native will use his Phi Kappa Phi fellowship, and a George C. Marshall Scholarship, to continue studying the nexus of conflict and development at King's College in London.

A former Harry S. Truman Scholar for leadership potential and commitment to public service, Campbell also studied Chinese economic growth in Beijing through the London School of Economics and Political Science, partly on a 2008 Phi Kappa Phi grant. And he directed the Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference.

The future? "I plan to stay in the military," he said, hoping to help "carry out foreign policy on the front lines" and help others rebuild economies shattered by warfare. ■



Michael Campbell ranked first in his Annapolis class.



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University of Central Florida  
College of Medicine  
Medical student  
Satisfying community service: Camp Boggy Creek for seriously ill children ages 7-16. The year-round facility in Eustis, Fla., is free for them and their families.  
(University of Central Florida)



**Janine P. Bernardo**  
Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine, Case Western Reserve University

Medical student  
Fantasy career: Own a candy store  
Role model: My mother  
Best part of Phi Kappa Phi: Amazing peers I'm honored to be with  
(The College of New Jersey)



**Robert Bonacci<sup>2</sup>**  
University of Pennsylvania  
School of Medicine  
Medical student

Career objective: Infectious diseases and public health policy  
Favorite book: *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Role model: My grandfather Enrique, who moved his family from Mexico to the U.S., working low-paying jobs and long hours, to give them the possibility of a better future  
Satisfying community service: A week at a Costa Rican public health clinic for Nicaraguan immigrants  
(The Ohio State University)

**Kevin A. Oliveira Callender**  
Yale University  
Doctoral student in clinical psychology  
Memorable course: Child and Adolescent Psychopathology  
Best part of Phi Kappa Phi: Funding opportunities  
(University of Michigan)

**Christopher Carlson**  
Stanford University  
Pursuing a master's degree in music, science and technology  
Favorite author: Oliver Sacks, recently  
(James Madison University)

**Erica Elizabeth Coates**  
University of South Florida

Doctoral student in clinical psychology  
Influential person met: My husband, Immanuel Colt Coates  
Most proud of: Setting a positive example for black students at my undergraduate school and establishing a peer-mentoring group to improve the academic performance of black students  
(University of Central Missouri)



**Daniel Vladimirov Dudenkov**  
Mayo Medical School  
Medical student  
Career objective:

International medical mission work in the former Soviet Union  
Role model: My grandmother, a nurse in the former Soviet Union. She raised 12 children and was persecuted for her Christian beliefs.  
(University of North Florida)

**Rachel E. Dudley**  
The Jewish Theological Seminary  
Pursuing a master's degree in modern Jewish studies and rabbinic ordination  
Favorite author: On theology,

## A Quest to Heal Others

By Gina Logue

A mythical land of gallant knights and ladies fair might not seem like the dream of the United States Military Academy's 2010 valedictorian. Yet Alexandra Rosenberg once wanted to be Lancelot.

The second lieutenant, a Marcus L. Urann Fellowship winner, earned numerous honors as a sociology major training to be like the noble Arthurian: yearbook editor, squad leader, platoon leader, academic officer. And she was a 2009 Truman Scholar for her leadership potential and commitment to public good.

But the woman warrior's childhood fairy tale morphed into a realistic drive toward humanitarian service.

Working as an assistant physician at a rural hospital in Gambia through the cultural exchange program Operation Crossroads Africa transformed her. How could it not, given the spartan (at best) operation?

So did volunteering with the Red Cross at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu, Hawaii. "It was very sobering and inspiring to see these soldiers (injured in Iraq and Afghanistan) in the process of recovery," she said.

A 2010 Rhodes Scholarship at Oxford University enables her to pursue a master's degree in medical anthropology and learn about treating diverse communities. Then it's on to Duke University School of Medicine.

"I will always admire the Lancelots of the world, struggling to rescue those in distress. But I no longer believe that Lancelot alone can save the world, one battle at a time," she wrote in her Fellowship application. "There



2010 Marcus L. Urann Fellowship winner Alexandra Rosenberg has earned many other honors.

are too many ways the world needs saving. Instead, I plan to dedicate my life to implementing programs and policies that prevent people from needing to be rescued in the first place." ■



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from a small town (Copiapó) in the Atacama Desert in Chile (Montana State University)

**Jeffrey P. Guillot**  
Emory University  
Doctoral student in history  
(University of Southern Mississippi)



**Hailey Harroun**  
Colorado State University College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences

Veterinary student  
Career objective: Equine orthopedic surgery  
Most proud of: Being accepted to Colorado State University, where my dad attended veterinary school 34 years ago  
Favorite authors: J. R. R. Tolkien and J. K. Rowling  
(Oklahoma State University)

**Merranda Holmes**  
East Tennessee State University  
James H. Quillen College of Medicine  
Medical student  
Advice for peers: Seek things that initially seem impossible and pursue them with all that you can. The most incredible opportunities come when you expect the unexpected.  
(Middle Tennessee State University)

**Paige Ibanez**  
Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University  
Pursuing a master of arts in Eurasian, Russian and East European Studies  
Advice for peers: Allow yourself to do or study something just because you find it interesting; if it is interesting to you, it will never exhaust you.  
(Texas A&M University)



**Courtney Jean Innes<sup>3</sup>**  
University of Cambridge  
Pursuing a master's degree in Jewish-Christian relations

(via anthropology)  
Memorable course: Fieldwork/excavations in Petra, Jordan; Tell Es-Safi and Tel Gezer, Israel; and Fayoum, Egypt  
Satisfying community service: Picking olives from the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem, pressing them to make olive oil, and selling it to raise money for cancer  
Most proud of: Participating in Building Bridges for Peace with Israeli, Palestinian, and American youths  
(Brigham Young University)

**Kristin A. Juhasz**  
Seton Hill University  
Training to become a physician assistant  
Favorite author: Dr. Seuss  
Satisfying community service: House-building projects in Louisiana and Kentucky  
Role models: My parents  
(Indiana University of Pennsylvania)

**Abraham Joshua Heschel**  
Influential person met: Eboo Patel, founder of the Interfaith Youth Core  
Memorable undergraduate experience: International travel-study program "Three Faiths, One Humanity" that enhances understanding among Christian, Jewish, and Muslim communities  
(Syracuse University)



**Jennifer Faust**  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Pursuing a doctorate in physical chemistry

Most proud of: Conducting chemistry research in Argentina last summer  
Satisfying community service: Tutoring grade-school students at a local elementary school  
(Illinois Wesleyan University)

**Elizabeth Fetzter**  
Michigan State University College of Human Medicine

Medical student  
Role model: One is Elizabeth Blackwell, the first female doctor in the U.S.  
Best part of Phi Kappa Phi: Connection to and network of fellow high-achieving individuals  
(Grand Valley State University)



**Andrea Fowler**  
Vanderbilt University  
Pursuing a doctorate in audiology

Memorable course: Sign language  
Satisfying community service: Big Brothers Big Sisters, mentoring elementary school students  
(University of Oklahoma)

**Teresa A. Franzen**  
Black Hills State University  
Pursuing a master's degree in strategic leadership  
Fantasy career: Think tank or motivational speaker  
Satisfying community service: Local

homeless shelter  
Most proud of: Raising two amazing daughters  
(Black Hills State University)



**Jennifer Ghandhi**  
University of Chicago  
Harris School of Public Policy Studies and Pritzker School

of Medicine  
Pursuing a doctorate in public policy and a medical degree  
Satisfying community service: Habitat for Humanity International  
(University of Alabama at Birmingham)



**Drago Andrés Guggiana Nilo**  
Harvard University  
Doctoral student in biophysics

Fantasy career: Professional jazz and/or metal piano and keyboards player  
Most proud of: Making it to Harvard

## Iris Kemp

University of Washington  
 Doctoral student in marine biology  
 Most proud of: Identifying a new species of deep-sea hatchetfish  
 (*College of Charleston*)



**Jonathan M. Kessler**  
 Washington University  
 in St. Louis  
 Pursuing a doctorate in  
 physics

Influential person met: Steven Chu  
 at a conference a few months prior  
 to his appointment as U.S. Secretary  
 of Energy  
 (*Southeast Missouri State University*)

## Ashley Kilp

University of Pennsylvania  
 Medical student  
 Satisfying community service: Unite  
 For Sight in India and Ghana  
 (*Carnegie Mellon University*)

## Micah Kordsmeier

University of North Carolina  
 at Chapel Hill  
 Pursuing a master's degree in city  
 and regional planning  
 Favorite books: *Twenty Years at  
 Hull-House* by Jane Addams; *The  
 Death and Life of Great American  
 Cities* by Jane Jacobs  
 Satisfying community service:  
 President of undergraduate  
 university's chapter of Habitat for  
 Humanity International  
 (*University of Tulsa*)



**Leigh P. Mackintosh**  
 Yale Divinity School  
 Pursuing a master of  
 divinity  
 Satisfying community

service: Working with juvenile  
 delinquents at a boys' home and  
 adult addicts at a rehab/crisis center  
 Most proud of: Building my  
 1964 Corvair with my dad; I still  
 drive it.  
 (*Lynchburg College*)



**Mary Maher**  
 Louisiana State  
 University School  
 of Medicine in  
 New Orleans

Medical student  
 Favorite book: *A Confederacy of  
 Dunces* by John Kennedy Toole  
 Role model: My parents  
 Best part of Phi Kappa Phi: Support  
 in furthering my education  
 (*University of Mississippi*)



**Daniel Mazzaferro**  
 Auburn University  
 Pursuing a master of  
 business administration  
 Further educational

plans: Medical school  
 Satisfying community service:  
 Creating "From the Present to the  
 Future." Scholar-athletes (he is a  
 diver) offer advice about healthy  
 lifestyles to young children.  
 Best part of Phi Kappa Phi: Lasting  
 friendships with professors and  
 classmates  
 (*Auburn University*)

# To Harvard for Neuroscience

By Ashley Barnas

**A**s a 2008 biochemistry/biophysics major at Oregon State University, Taralyn Tan studied homosexuality in sheep, among other investigations into what the budding researcher calls the nexus between the brain and sexuality. She sniffed out the role pheromones play in procreation. And the undergraduate teaching assistant wrote two songs about biochemistry to help her students learn, and professional journals picked up "Citrate Sonata" and "March of the Proteins" for publication.

No wonder she's begun a doctoral program in neuroscience at Harvard University.

The Marcus L. Urann Fellowship recipient plans on using a portion of the grant to buy lab equipment that might otherwise not be provided through her graduate program.

"The fellowship is great financial relief in terms of living expenses but also the money will help me out in the professional-development sense," said the driven Tan. "It's a nice education-expense bonus."

It's also somewhat ironic. Part of her motivation to succeed as, in her words, a woman in science stems from her mother's refusal to get her a chemistry set for her sweet-16 birthday. Tan wrote on her Fellowship application. Mom advised thinking more about makeup and less about chemicals. But the undeterred Tan, the first person in her family to pursue a doctorate, credits her success to her proud parents (dad is an IT manager for an insurance company and mom is an instructional coach for teachers at an elementary school), plus professors and related mentors.

When not in the lab — and Tan worked in



Taralyn Tan spoke to Society members at the 2010 Phi Kappa Phi Convention in Kansas City, Mo.

one at Harvard Medical School after graduation — Tan loves playing soccer and reading murder mysteries. Another hobby is graphic design, which she puts to good use by "making nerdy science T-shirts." ■



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 Pennsylvania State  
 University  
 Pursuing a doctorate  
 in biobehavioral health

Most proud of: I am the first of my family of 12 kids to graduate from college. It is my hope that my siblings will follow suit  
 (*Boise State University*)

Influential person met: American literary and cultural studies scholar Janice Radway, an examiner on my honors thesis on the impact of literature and narratives on the daily lives of women  
 (*Arizona State University*)



**Goran Micevic**<sup>4</sup>  
 Yale University  
 M.D.-Ph.D. student  
 Fantasy career: Game  
 programmer

(*Iowa State University*)

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 Will teach English in Argentina March through November on a Fulbright Scholarship  
 Plans to go to law school eventually  
 Satisfying community service: School and orphanage in the Kibera slum in Nairobi, Kenya  
 (*Kansas State University*)

**Rae Lynn McFarlin**  
 Texas A & M University  
 Doctoral student in chemistry  
 Most proud of: Appointed by Texas Gov. Rick Perry as student regent for Texas Woman's University Board of Regents for a one-year term  
 Satisfying community service: Group leader at church camps  
 (*Texas Woman's University*)

**Riki Meier**<sup>4</sup>  
 Tufts University  
 Doctoral student in English



**Chelsey Newcomb**  
 Valparaiso University  
 School of Law  
 Law student  
 Career objective:  
 English-Spanish mediation attorney  
 (*Northern Illinois University*)



**Samantha Perez**<sup>4</sup>  
 Tulane University  
 Doctoral student  
 in history  
 Satisfying community

service: Last Christmas season, during a donation drive for clothing and toys, our church was broken into and all the gifts were stolen. Instead of giving up, we collected replacements, so much more than we had before — thousands of presents for the needy.  
 Member of the 2010-12 Phi Kappa Phi Council of Students, South Central Region  
 (*Southeastern Louisiana University*)

## Donors of Named Fellowships



**Ruth E. Brasher Fellow.<sup>3</sup>**  
Ruth E. Brasher, Professor Emerita at Brigham Young University, served as Director of Fellowships for the Society for nine years and provided a planned gift to endow a fellowship. Established in 1998, it is awarded to a nominee from the Brigham Young University chapter. If there is no recipient from this chapter, preference is given to an applicant whose record of service is exceptional and/or whose undergraduate major is domestic and family science.



**Kathleen Greey Fellow.<sup>5</sup>**  
Created in 2001, the fellowship honors the memory of Kathleen Greey, a longtime chapter officer at Portland State University and an education librarian, who provided funds for the fellowship in her estate plan. Preference is given to a top-ranking nominee whose undergraduate field is other than the basic sciences.



**Walter and Adelheid Hohenstein Fellows.<sup>4</sup>**  
University of Maryland System administrator Walter Hohenstein and his wife Adelheid (Heidi) were initiated into Phi Kappa Phi at University of Maryland. The former served as president of the Society and of the University of Maryland chapter, among numerous national and local roles spanning more than three decades. The Hohenstein Fellowship, awarded since 2004 to honor the deceased couple, goes to a top-ranking nominee in any discipline in each of the five regions (Northeast, Southeast, North Central, South Central, Western) and, if applicable, to a recipient from University of Maryland.



**Marjorie Schoch Fellow.<sup>1</sup>**  
The Marjorie Schoch Fellow celebrates a top-ranking nominee in any discipline. Schoch earned a B.A. in political science from Butler

University in 1938 and a master of library science from University of Illinois in 1944. When not working as a librarian at a number of schools in Indiana, she also enjoyed photography and travel. Schoch, who died in 2003, was a lifelong supporter of her Butler chapter and the Phi Kappa Phi Foundation. The fellowship in her honor began in 2004.



**Slater Fellow.<sup>2</sup>** In 1985, on his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday, James R. Slater, emeritus professor of biology at University of Puget Sound (and since deceased), became the first member of the Society to endow a fellowship in the donor's own name. Preference is given to the top scorer whose undergraduate field is in the biological sciences.



**Alfred M. Wolfe Fellow.<sup>6</sup>** The Alfred M. Wolfe Fellowship pays tribute to Alfred M. Wolfe (pictured), the first member of his family to receive a college degree; he earned it in 1897, the year of the Society's founding. Wolfe's grandson, William J. Wolfe, donated the funds for the fellowship before passing away at age 80 in 2007. The latter Wolfe, initiated into Phi Kappa Phi at University of Arizona, spent the bulk of his career as a teacher and librarian in public middle and high schools. Created in 2004, the fellowship goes to a top-ranking nominee majoring in agriculture, classical Latin/ancient Greek, or English.



**Yoerger Presidential Fellow.<sup>7</sup>** Established in 2001 from the generosity of deceased Society president Roger Yoerger, the fellowship in his name is awarded each year to a student in one of the basic science disciplines such as engineering or agriculture. Yoerger taught in and headed the department of agricultural engineering at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

### Gretchen Renshaw

University of Arkansas  
Pursuing a master of music in euphonium and tuba performance  
Influential teachers: Velvet Brown; Steven Mead  
Notable groups played with: Besses o' th' Barn Brass Band; World Youth Wind Orchestra Project  
(*Pennsylvania State University*)



**Rebecca Rodger**  
Arizona State University  
Doctoral student in applied mathematics  
Career objective:

Biomathematics  
Satisfying community service: Playing hand bells for church hand bell choirs  
Question not asked you want to answer: Hobby? Playing bassoon in an orchestra  
Best part of Phi Kappa Phi: Recognition of scholastic achievement  
(*Samford University*)



**Jenny Roemer**  
Colorado State University  
Pursuing a master's degree in human dimensions of natural resources  
Memorable course: Environmental Conflict Management  
Favorite author: Willa Cather  
Role model: My parents  
Satisfying community service: Respite Care, Inc. (for children with developmental disabilities) and Kids at Heart (foster and adoptive families) in Fort Collins, Colo.  
(*Colorado State University*)



**David Rounce**  
University of Texas at Austin  
Doctoral student in environmental and water resources engineering  
Satisfying community service: Water systems in rural communities in Waslala, Nicaragua  
(*Villanova University*)

### Ermal Rrapaj

University of Washington  
Doctoral student in theoretical physics  
Career objective: Nuclear physics  
Role model: My parents  
(*Old Dominion University*)



**Jessica Ryan**  
Carnegie Mellon University  
Pursuing a master of arts management

Career objective: Education director for an arts organization  
Most proud of: Creating a music wellness series to help fellow undergraduate students learn about healthy musicianship  
Satisfying community service: I designed a musical storytelling program for students at a local elementary school  
(*University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point*)



**Timothy Pitts**  
Mississippi State University  
Pursuing a master's degree in computer

engineering  
Fantasy career: Astronaut  
Satisfying community service: Weekly visits to an assisted living home, talking and playing games with the ladies  
(*Mississippi State University*)

### Benjamin Pomerance<sup>4</sup>

Albany Law School  
Law student  
Satisfying community service:

Produced, directed, and performed in a musical to help raise money to turn an aging vaudeville house into a community arts venue  
(*Plattsburgh State University*)



**Alexandra Radu**  
University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine

Dental student  
Career objective: Maxillofacial surgeon  
Fantasy career: Flight attendant  
(*Wesleyan College*)



**Amrita Jogesh Raja**  
Yale School of Architecture  
Pursuing a master of architecture

Role model: Leonardo da Vinci  
(*Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University*)



**Sam Rauschenberg<sup>4</sup>**  
Duke University Sanford School of Public Policy  
Pursuing a master of public policy

Memorable course: Economics of Education  
(*Georgia College & State University*)

## Building Reading Skills One Move at a Time

By Dallas Woodburn

Playing chess fosters reading skills, research indicates. So some fourth through sixth graders in Central California move pawns across the board to help move eyes across a page at a center named SMILE: Support Makes Involvement in Learning Enjoyable.

Activities like that one, which builds memory, concentration, and self-esteem, earned the SMILE Center, part of Project LEAP (Leadership Education to Address Poverty), an initiative involving California State University-Fresno's chapter, a Literacy Grant for the second straight year.

"Our goal at the SMILE Center is twofold: to help meet academic and social needs for at-risk children; and, just as important, to provide students at Fresno State with a positive, meaningful service-learning experience," said founding member and program coordinator Don Romsa.

The after-school program for children from low-income families began in 1999 as a neighborhood effort. The response from parents and teachers was so positive that the SMILE Center was invited to Vinland Elementary School a few blocks away from Fresno State. Today, the SMILE Center serves approximately 30 elementary school students there annually, with 100-150 college students volunteering as tutors.

Within the first three weeks of school, teachers refer struggling students to the SMILE Center. "Most of the children come from disadvantaged families and don't have much support at home," Romsa said. The SMILE Center provides one-on-one



A tutor helps an elementary school student learn to write a personal essay in this undated photo at the SMILE (Support Makes Involvement in Learning Enjoyable) Center in Central California.

guidance throughout the academic year.

Program director and chapter public relations officer Chris Fiorentino, who also runs the Jan and Bud Richter Center for Community Engagement and Service-Learning at Fresno State, called the SMILE Center "one of our most valued community partners."

The Literacy Grant will go toward purchasing chess sets and other materials, plus books, often the first the students have owned, Romsa said. ■



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## 2010 Fellowship Recipients continued



**Claire Henrietta Rydell<sup>6</sup>**  
Stanford University  
Doctoral student in  
American history

Favorite book: *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

Satisfying community service: Helping register thousands of voters for the 2008 elections  
(*University of Wisconsin-Madison*)



**Staci Sakai**  
University of California,  
Irvine, School of  
Medicine  
Medical student  
(*University of California-Davis*)

**Christopher San Miguel<sup>4</sup>**  
University of North Carolina  
(at Chapel Hill) School of Medicine

Medical student  
Memorable course: Behavioral  
Medicine and International Law  
Favorite book: *A Time to Kill* by  
John Grisham  
(*North Carolina State University*)



**Katherine Hollister Smith**  
Washington  
University School  
of Medicine

in St. Louis  
Medical student  
Satisfying community service:  
Hurricane Gustav medical  
relief efforts  
Most proud of: Being a member  
of the Louisiana State University  
Tiger Band Colorguard for  
four years  
(*Louisiana State University*)



**Britta Spaulding**  
State University  
of New York  
at Buffalo  
Doctoral student

in anthropology, concentration  
in archaeology  
Influential person met: William  
Kelso, director of the Jamestown  
(Va.) Rediscovery archaeological  
project  
Role model: My parents  
Most proud of: Learning four new  
languages as an undergraduate:  
Biblical Hebrew, Greek, Latin,  
German  
(*Lycoming College*)

**Cody Tramp<sup>7</sup>**  
Utah State University  
Doctoral student in biological  
engineering

Career objective: Synthetic biology  
Influential person met: Synthetic  
biologist Drew Endy  
(*Utah State University*)

**Kipp Voth**  
The Johns Hopkins University  
School of Medicine  
Medical student  
Career objective: Cancer treatment  
Best part of Phi Kappa Phi:  
Recognition for hard work  
(*Pittsburg State University*)

**Rachel Waldemer**  
University of Illinois College  
of Medicine  
M.D.-Ph.D. student  
Satisfying community service:  
Spanish translator at a  
women's shelter  
(*University of Missouri-Kansas City*) ■

# 2010 Literacy Grant Recipients

Literacy Grants support endeavors that build and otherwise encourage the knowledge, confidence, and related benefits that come from reading, math, science, and computers, among other fields. Twelve grants worth up to \$2,500 apiece were awarded this year to Phi Kappa Phi chapters and members for ongoing projects or new initiatives that reinforce part of the Society's mission "to engage the community of scholars in service to others." Sixty-nine applicants entered in 2010, the same number as last year. Including 2010, more than 100 recipients have earned Literacy Grants totaling upwards of \$200,000 since the program began in 2003.

## Civic Engagement Teams

University of Arizona honors students mentor up to 72 youths in after-school activities emphasizing the intersection between technology and literacy. Hosted at two Pima County Public Library branches, one plan targets third through sixth graders who live in a subsidized housing complex and utilize library computers for fun but little else, while the other motivates teens from rough neighborhoods to develop multimedia skills. Funds underwrite digital cameras, for example, and photo-editing software. (Barbara Whittlesey, *Lewis & Clark College*)

## Elon Academy Book Jam

Elon Academy is a year-round college-access program for 75 or so academically talented but underserved 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders in Alamance County, N.C., with financial need and/or no family history of higher education. It used a 2009 Literacy Grant to start a monthly Book Jam. Elon University students, who primarily were Phi Kappa Phi members, facilitated group discussions and served as role models. The grant paid for books (fiction). A second grant this year does the same. (Darris Means, *Elon University*)

## Family Reading Castle

Pre-K through first-grade kids, and their grownups, explore an eight-foot tall Family Reading Castle populated by Mother Goose et al. in this interactive experience at the free Arizona State University Museum. The site owns the tower and readied a computerized display of 10 nursery rhymes; the grant allows for setting the stage with, for instance, tuffets and a tent, puppets and dress-up costumes, props and scenery. The museum's website contains a rendition, too. The local Phi Kappa Phi chapter handles the media campaign. (Lenore Shoults, *Arkansas State University*)

## GED Lending Library

Those studying for the General Education Diploma (GED) can use the GED Lending Library at the Augusta State University (ASU) Literacy Center. The educational levels of more than 65,000 adults in the area measure less than those of an average eighth grader, according to the center's website. Participants check out preparatory books and receive individual

tutoring from undergraduate and graduate students, including ASU Phi Kappa Phi members. The goal: assist at least 95 people. (Paulette Harris, *Augusta State University*)

## GED Preparation for Inmates

According to the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, 80 percent of Ohio inmates are high school dropouts; reading ability averages at a 7.5 grade level. The Phi Kappa Phi chapter at Youngstown State University (YSU) and United Purpose, YSU inmate students at Trumbull Correctional Institution in Leavittsburg, hope to improve these statistics. United Purpose members tutor fellow prisoners readying for the GED. The grant and YSU chapter provide supplies and advising. (Tammy King, chapter past president, *Youngstown State University*)

## Healthy Bodies & Healthy Minds

Lock Haven University's Phi Kappa Phi chapter collaborates on the Ross Library Building Healthy Bodies & Healthy Minds program for children ages 4-9 and their families. Six sessions extend community outreach of the Annie Halenbake Ross (Clinton County, Pa.) Library system by pairing wellness with literacy. Participants work out (e.g., yoga, playground games), read books, and eat nutritious snacks. Phi Kappa Phi members help teach and select items. (Kathleen Allison, chapter secretary and treasurer, *Lock Haven University*)

## Literary Livewires

Literary Livewires: Bringing Books to English Language Learners earns a third grant for working with three- and four-year-olds from low-income families whose main language is not English. It's part of a service-learning project between University of Texas at Arlington (UTA) and the Open Door Preschool. UTA students/prospective teachers read weekly for a month to the children, who receive a tote bag and relevant books at a family literacy celebration. Classroom teachers also get a set of books. (Kathleen Tice, *University of Texas at Arlington*)

## Mathematics and Science

In an undertaking called Promoting Interest and Literacy in Mathematics and Science, the Phi Kappa Phi chapter at Middle

Tennessee State University (MTSU) provides books in these subjects for K-6<sup>th</sup> graders at John Pittard Elementary School. The campus of some 900 students also receives wireless reading devices and ebooks for pupils. The Pittard liaison, a sixth-grade teacher, mentors MTSU students taking pedagogy courses in how to develop lesson plans about these materials and shares results with Pittard colleagues. (Rebecca Watts, *University of Louisiana-Monroe*)

## Neighbor to Neighbor

Duquesne University's Phi Kappa Phi chapter purchases multicultural fiction and nonfiction for K-8<sup>th</sup> graders who live in shelters served by the Homeless Children's Education Fund in Pittsburgh, Pa. The shelters include resource rooms with books and computers. In this project called Neighbor to Neighbor, the chapter also recruits student and faculty volunteers to read with children in the shelters and partner daycare centers in the university's neighborhood. (Laverna Saunders, chapter president-elect, *Duquesne University*)

## Read & Succeed

Four hundred volunteers tutor K-6<sup>th</sup> graders in the Washoe County School District in Reno/Sparks, Nev., through its Read & Succeed program. Eight hundred are needed for those among the 33,000 young minds in question. Kids receive age-appropriate books through the grant as incentive to participate. Phi Kappa Phi members, honors students, and others from various service organizations at University of Nevada-Reno are approached to be tutors, recruiters and screeners. (Kim Soule, *University of Nevada-Reno*)

## Rock-n-Read

This is the third year in a row that the Rock-n-Read Literacy Program earned a grant. University of West Alabama's Phi Kappa Phi chapter, the school's Students in Free Enterprise organization, and the HealthStart Maternity Care Program within the Tombigbee Healthcare Authority partner on this effort. Volunteers decorate tote bags and fill them with baby board books and literacy materials; the tote bags are then given to expectant and new mothers, many enrolled in maternity-care groundwork for the disadvantaged. (Janie Gregg, chapter treasurer, *University of West Alabama*) ■

# 2010 Study Abroad Recipients

Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grants help undergraduates as they seek knowledge and experience in their disciplines by venturing afield. This year, more than 200 applicants competed for 45 \$1,000 grants. Including 2010, 363 students have earned Study Abroad Grants totaling \$363,000 since the program began in 2001.



**Lauren Kathryn Auer**  
University of Southern Mississippi  
Junior, biology major  
Study abroad: Two weeks in Belize and Guatemala learning about tropical ecosystems  
Career objective: How natural medicine and nutrition impact the immune system

#### Laura Bock

James Madison University  
Senior, majoring in music education and flute performance  
Study abroad: Two weeks in Venezuela with "El Sistema," an acclaimed music education program for the poor  
(James Madison University)



**Lydia J. Bottoni**  
Ohio Northern University  
Senior, majoring in English and professional writing  
Study abroad: Two weeks at University of Cambridge International Shakespeare Summer School  
(Ohio Northern University)

#### Katie Branscomb

University of Georgia  
Senior, majoring in anthropology and economics  
Study abroad: A month shadowing medical anthropologists in Dhaka, Bangladesh, and attending anthropology field school in New Delhi, India

#### Nina Carlson

Coe College  
Junior, majoring in English and German  
Study abroad: 2010-11 academic year in Landau, Germany, pursuing German language and culture and researching two Holocaust victims from Landau



**Clayton D. Damme**  
Nebraska Wesleyan University  
Sophomore, majoring in pre-medicine and Spanish  
Study abroad: Six weeks of Spanish courses at Interamerican University in Heredia, Costa Rica  
Satisfying community service: Helping impoverished patients at People's City Mission health clinic, Lincoln, Neb.

## A Doctor in the Making

By Patrick Sullivan

Opeoluwa Fawole has walked on four continents, traversing countries such as England and Nigeria. But it was her most recent adventure in Argentina, a trip partially defrayed by a Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Grant, that helped Fawole take another step to realizing her dream of becoming a doctor.

The University of Georgia senior majors in microbiology and minors in Spanish, and her six-week medical internship last summer in the small city of Rio Ceballos, population around 20,000, married her two fields of study.

At an emergency hospital at which she worked once a week, Fawole witnessed a facial reconstruction surgery and performed electrocardiograms, sewed stitches and gave physicals. At a clinic at which she worked four days a week, shadowing a doctor whose most advanced tools were his "stethoscope, hands and brains" as he was fond of saying, Fawole "learned a lot about patient care," she said. "I loved seeing the love between patients and doctors."

It wasn't all work; Fawole traveled on weekends and was surprised at the diversity of Argentina's terrain, parts of which reminded her of Nigeria, the land of her parents. Fawole would have likely stayed longer had she not been taking the Medical College Admission Test in August. Cornell University is near the top of her list of medical schools, but she wouldn't mind staying closer to her home of Lawrenceville, Ga.

Art, dance and music are important to her, as is her Christian faith. But Fawole has wanted to be a doctor since she was young. "I like anatomy, learning about the



Opeoluwa Fawole poses in medical scrubs with an unidentified person during fieldwork in Argentina last summer.

human body," she said, "and just being able to help people." ■



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University) is a freelance journalist, editor and copywriter based in New Jersey. He has written more than 100 articles about Union County, N.J., for the hyperlocal news network Patch.com and dozens of articles for various markets about the sport of mixed martial arts. Go online to his website at [www.psully.com](http://www.psully.com) or email him at [patrick.sullivan@psully.com](mailto:patrick.sullivan@psully.com).

#### Lindsay Epperson

Brigham Young University  
Senior, nursing major  
Study abroad: Healthcare in Ghana for a month  
(Brigham Young University)

#### Christopher J. Farmakis

Youngstown State University  
Junior, biology major  
Study abroad: A month in Alajuela, Costa Rica, increasing fluency in medical Spanish and learning about healthcare issues

#### Hannah Feig

University of South Florida  
Junior, majoring in environmental science and anthropology  
Study abroad: Spring 2011 in Senegal, analyzing its environmental and health challenges, increasing fluency in French, and learning Wolof



#### T. Benjamin Fischer

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire  
Sophomore, nursing major

Study abroad: Two months in Costa Rica, studying its healthcare and culture and Spanish



#### Ashley Hooper

East Carolina University  
Junior, majoring in history and German  
Study abroad: 2010-11 academic year in Leipzig, Germany, studying German language and history  
Fantasy career: Ambassador  
(East Carolina University)

#### Michelle Isgut

University of Florida  
Senior, education major  
Study abroad: Six weeks in Seville,

Spain, coursework for Spanish minor  
Question not asked you want to answer: Little-known fact about me?  
I was the tuba section leader in my high school band.



#### Ellen F. Jackson

Miami University  
Senior, psychology major

Study abroad: Investigated parenting in India May through July for senior thesis comparing practices there with those in the U.S.

#### Jade Keehn

University of Nevada-Reno  
Junior, majoring in wildlife ecology and conservation  
Study abroad: Fall in San Roman, Costa Rica, learning about tropical ecology and plant taxonomy  
(University of Nevada-Reno)

# 2010 Study Abroad Recipients



**Siobhan Kirkpatrick**  
University of Montana  
Senior, majoring  
in organismal and  
ecological biology

Study abroad: Worked last summer at the Esther Honey Foundation, a nonprofit animal protection organization in the Cook Islands  
Career objective: Veterinarian  
(University of Montana)



**Ellen Lubbers**  
Ohio University  
Sophomore, majoring in  
biological sciences  
Study abroad: Fall

semester in Denmark taking classes  
Satisfying community service:  
Montaña de Luz, a home for children  
with HIV/AIDS in Honduras  
Question not asked you want to  
answer: Other pursuits? I row for  
Ohio University's women's crew



**Sabrina Luensmann**  
Texas A & M University  
Senior, majoring  
in biological and  
agricultural engineering

Study abroad: Six weeks last  
summer in Belgium, taking  
courses in hydrology and waste  
water treatment  
Career objective: Environmental  
consultant in air or water quality

## Katherine MacDonald

Elon University  
Junior, majoring in history and  
anthropology  
Study abroad: History classes in  
Scotland for fall 2010 semester



**Aaron M. Marti**  
University of Wisconsin-  
Stevens Point  
Sophomore, majoring in  
water resources

and German  
Study abroad: Learning about  
natural resources in Poland,  
Germany, and Iceland for a month  
last summer  
Satisfying community service:  
Playing tuba with my high school  
ethnic band, serenading senior  
citizens with foxtrots, polkas, and  
waltzes



**Justin McIntyre**  
Youngstown State  
University  
Junior, majoring  
in political science

and history  
Study abroad: Semester at sea  
last summer: Canada, Spain, Italy,  
Croatia, Greece, Turkey, Egypt,  
Morocco  
Fantasy career: U.S. representative  
on the United Nations Security  
Council

## Elizabeth Mundy

The Ohio State University  
Sophomore, international  
studies major  
Study abroad: Ten days last June in  
Managua, Nicaragua, learning about  
fair trade and globalization

## Xavier Neal-Burgin

University of Alabama  
Sophomore, majoring in film  
production  
Study abroad: Cannes, France, in  
May, around the international film  
festival

Most proud of: I am the first male in  
my family to make it this far in my  
undergraduate education and I still  
have so much further to go!



**Tina Ngo**  
San Diego State  
University  
Senior, biology major  
Study abroad: Arts and

science courses at University of  
Oxford last June  
Career objective: Dentist  
(San Diego State University)

## Sarah Nott

Western Michigan University  
Senior, majoring in arts education  
Study abroad: Touring major  
cities in the Netherlands, France,  
Switzerland, Italy, and Austria in  
May to learn about important eras  
in European art

Role models: My parents, public  
school teachers, amaze me

## Meryn Noel Oswald

Pennsylvania State University  
Junior, majoring in English and  
French  
Study abroad: Three weeks of  
service learning in India  
Role model: Humanitarian Carl  
Wilkins

## Deanna Pan

The Ohio State University  
Junior, majoring in English and  
comparative studies  
Study abroad: Fall semester in  
India, focusing on international  
development  
Most proud of: Last year, I founded  
a quarterly student-run magazine  
called *Ology*  
(The Ohio State University)



**Mariah Proctor**  
Brigham Young  
University  
Junior, majoring in  
acting

Study abroad: Teaching English last  
summer in Chiang Mai, Thailand

## Bianna Lané Randall

University of Georgia  
Junior, marketing major  
Study abroad: Three weeks last  
summer in Siem Reap, Cambodia,  
writing, photographing and  
teaching English  
Influential person met: Sasha, my  
middle-school bully, because her  
torture taught me how to handle  
criticism effectively

## Daniel Richardson

James Madison University  
Sophomore, majoring in political  
science and public administration  
Study abroad: Three weeks in the  
United Kingdom investigating  
the works of economist John

## Maynard Keyes

Satisfying community service:  
Spring break with Aid for America,  
building homes and providing basic  
services in Welch, W.Va.



**Harry Rosenbaum**  
Virginia Polytechnic  
Institute and State  
University

Junior, majoring in  
architecture and mathematics  
Study abroad: Switzerland last  
spring to learn about its architecture  
and development of cities  
(Virginia Polytechnic Institute and  
State University)

## Zeltzyn Rubi Sanchez Lozoya

New Mexico State University  
Senior, majoring in English and  
French  
Study abroad: A month in the  
United Kingdom last summer  
reading British writers

## Loraine lune Ysibido Santiago

San Diego State University  
Junior, nursing major  
Study abroad: Three weeks  
last summer at University of  
Oxford integrating religious and  
psychological aspects of culture  
Influential person met: My college  
scholarship benefactor, 92-year-  
old retired Navy Chief Petty Officer  
Alexander Kreiglowa  
(San Diego State University)

## Tory Saunders

University of Alabama at  
Birmingham  
Junior, chemistry major  
Study abroad: A month in San  
Jose, Costa Rica, learning Spanish,  
focusing on medical terminology  
Career objective: Physician assistant  
who goes on medical mission trips



**Avery Scherer**  
Eastern Kentucky  
University  
Junior, majoring in  
aquatic biology

Study abroad: Two weeks in Belize  
taking a tropical biology course  
on ecosystems in rainforests and  
coral reefs  
Influential person met:  
Oceanographer Jean-Michel  
Cousteau

## Elise Schoch

North Dakota State University  
Junior, Spanish major  
Study abroad: 2010-11 academic  
year in Spain  
Satisfying community service:  
Building a home in Guatemala for  
a poor family and fighting the flood  
in Fargo, N.D.  
Memorable course: Women's studies

## Jason Shah

University of New Orleans  
Junior, international studies major  
Study abroad: Spring 2011 in  
Germany, taking courses in  
economics and law  
Favorite book: *Wars, Guns and Votes*  
by Paul Collier



**Krista Skoglund**  
University of Minnesota  
Junior, architecture  
major  
Study abroad: Three

weeks in Greece and Cyprus  
analyzing the architectural heritage  
of civic spaces  
Best part of Phi Kappa Phi: Learning  
about the accomplishments of my  
peers is inspiring!  
(University of Minnesota)



**Melora Slotnick**  
Columbus State  
University  
Junior, majoring in  
theater education

Study abroad: Fall semester  
pursuing theater at Edge Hill  
University in the United Kingdom



**Kellyn Smith**  
University of Tulsa  
Junior, biochemistry  
major  
Study abroad: Medical

internship in Costa Rica for two  
months last summer  
Fantasy career: Doctor on a space  
mission  
(University of Tulsa)

## Leslie Paige Snyder

Arkansas State University  
Junior, majoring in communication  
disorders  
Study abroad: Fall semester in  
the United Kingdom, focusing on  
languages, dialects and speech-  
language pathology  
Memorable course: Phonetics

## Tolan Thornton

University of Arizona  
Senior, majoring in finance,  
entrepreneurship, French,  
and Chinese  
Study abroad: Fall semester in  
France; spring semester in China.  
Question not asked you want to  
answer: Hobby? Cooking.



**Lindsay Walter**  
University of Florida  
Senior, psychology  
major

Study abroad: A month  
last summer in Mérida, Yucatan,  
Mexico, studying Spanish and  
ecology  
Most proud of: Traveling alone in a  
foreign country



**Jennifer Rene White**  
Georgia College & State  
University  
Senior, biology major  
Study abroad: Two

weeks last summer in the Galapagos  
Islands, Ecuador, studying its  
zoology, botany, and geology

## Kathryn Williams

Virginia Commonwealth University  
Sophomore, majoring in Spanish  
and biology  
Satisfying community service:  
Pediatric emergency room at the  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Medical Center ■

Love of Learning Awards help fund career development and/or postbaccalaureate studies for active Phi Kappa Phi members. Eighty \$500 awards are given annually for career development and pertinent travel as well as for professional or graduate studies, doctoral dissertations, continuing education, and the like. This year, more than 1,200 members competed, an increase of some 20 percent from last year. Since the inception of the program in 2007, 230 members have earned Love of Learning Awards totaling \$115,000.

**Melissa Adams**

Regulatory project manager, Hematology/Oncology Clinical Research Unit, University of Massachusetts Medical School  
Using grant for: Professional certification in project management (University of Massachusetts)



**Dhanapati Adhikari**

Oklahoma State University  
Doctoral student in mathematics  
Using grant for: Research (Oklahoma State University)

**Kathleen Allison**

Associate Professor of Health Science, Lock Haven University  
Using grant for: Software (Lock Haven University chapter secretary and treasurer)

**Maysa Husni Almomani**

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee  
Doctoral student in nursing  
Using grant for: Graduate school (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)

**Laith Al-Shawaf**

University of Texas at Austin  
Doctoral student in psychology  
Using grant for: Research in evolutionary psychology (University of Texas at Austin)



**Brett Amedro**

University of Michigan  
Dental student  
Using grant for: Instrument rental fees  
Fantasy career: Hunting guide (University of Michigan)

**Lauren A. Anaya**

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Doctoral student in anthropology  
Using grant for: Dissertation research in Rome, Italy, on European Union efforts to harmonize family law  
Fantasy career: Interior designer (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign)

## Playwright Sets Stage for Career

By Jason Caudill

Playwright Edgar Mendoza calls theater “the perfect marriage of my interests.” With good reason. As an undergraduate political science major at University of California, Los Angeles, he attended a show with a classmate and intuited that authors could entertain audiences while expressing ideas. Plus, the musicality of dialogue compares to the rhythm of the trumpet Mendoza had played in secondary school, he said.

Mendoza went on to earn an M.F.A. in dramatic writing at Carnegie Mellon University School of Drama in 2009. He’s focusing on a three-play saga about Filipino-American experiences set in various eras and will use a Love of Learning Award to fund travel research for *A World on Display*, which takes place on the 47-acre Philippine Reservation that formed part of the 1904 World’s Fair in St. Louis, Mo.

The drama concerns a man from Manila so determined to live in America that he pretends to be an indigenous villager in order to be recruited for the living anthropology expo. An American mourning her American fiancé killed in the Philippine War of Independence helps him for her own reasons. Mendoza will visit relevant sites in St. Louis for context.

Actually, it took Mendoza awhile to switch from politics to theater. After completing his undergraduate degree in 2001, he worked for U.S. (Calif.) Senator Barbara Boxer for a year as a liaison between constituents and federal agencies, then for Calif. State Senator Liz Figueroa for two years in a similar capacity via state entities, before attending Carnegie Mellon, his Phi Kappa Phi chapter.

“I found myself constantly writing scenes during my lunch break,” he said. When Figueroa’s second term was ending, it seemed the right time for Mendoza to begin a new stage.



Edgar Mendoza applies a Love of Learning Award to research his play, *A World on Display*.

Act Two seems to have paid off. Based in New York City, Mendoza is a member of Leviathan Lab and Ma-Yi Writers Lab, both supporting Asian-American artists. Among other honors, his M.F.A. thesis play, *Blue Note Run*, won the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival’s inaugural Paul Stephen Lim Asian-American Playwriting Award earlier this year. Tony Award-winning playwright David Henry Hwang (*M. Butterfly*) mentored him on this romantic drama between a Filipino immigrant and an American taxi dancer in Depression-era California. ■



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**Tracy L. Arambula-Turner**

University of Texas at Austin  
Doctoral student in higher education administration  
Using grant for: Dissertation  
Most proud of: Achieving academically as a Latina from a working-class background (University of Texas at Austin)

**Jamie Noelle Ball**

University of Kansas School of Medicine  
Medical student  
Using grant for: School (Kansas State University)

**Faith E. Bartz**

Emory University  
Postdoctoral student in public health  
Using grant for: Dissertation  
Career objective: Bridge scientific community and agricultural industries of resource-poor areas (North Carolina State University)

**Ryan Becker**

University of Nebraska Medical Center  
Medical student  
Using grant for: Licensing exam  
Career objective: Family medicine in a rural community (Wayne State College)

**Whitney Bignell**

University of Georgia  
Pursuing a master’s degree in foods and nutrition  
Used grant for: American Dietetic Association Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo in Boston  
Fantasy career: Own a shop like the Barefoot Contessa (University of Georgia)

**Brandon T. Bodor**

U.S. Army captain and intelligence officer with the 10<sup>th</sup> Mountain Division and deployed in Kandahar, Afghanistan  
Using grant for: Dartmouth Tuck

# 2010 Love of Learning Recipients

Online Bridge Program to prepare for an M.B.A. program  
Most proud of: Wife who has been rock solid through two deployments and is pregnant during my tour now (*United States Military Academy*)

## Rosemary Burk

University of North Texas  
Doctoral student in biology, emphasis in aquatic ecology  
Using grant for: Presenting research at World Water Week in Stockholm (*University of North Texas*)

## Cynthia L. Butler-Mobley

Supply chain analyst, Twist Beauty Packaging US, Inc.  
Using grant for: Exam fee for Certified Supply Chain Professional  
Influential person met: My husband, who taught me how to relax, uplifts me, and encourages me to dream (*Middle Tennessee State University*)



## Erik Jon Byker

Michigan State University  
Doctoral student in teacher education

Using grant for: Research in Bangalore, India  
Most proud of: Marrying such a wonderful and supportive woman and helping deliver our son (*Michigan State University*)

## Jamie M. Byrne

Director, School of Mass Communication, University of Arkansas at Little Rock  
Using grant for: Project on fund development at universities  
Satisfying community service: American Cancer Society. This outreach became even more important when my husband, Chuck, was diagnosed with colon cancer nearly four years ago.  
Most proud of: Chuck. He passed away from cancer in January and was a dignified, loving, inspiring example of how to face this illness. (*University of Arkansas at Little Rock*)

## Edward J. Carvalho

Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
Doctoral candidate in English  
Using grant for: My upcoming journal about literature and cultural studies, *The Acknowledged Legislator*  
Most proud of: *Academic Freedom in the Post-9/11 Era*, co-edited with David B. Downing (Palgrave Macmillan, 2010)  
(*Indiana University of Pennsylvania*)



## Michael Certo

Columbia University  
Postbaccalaureate premed student  
Using grant for: School (*Carnegie Mellon University*)

## Linda Chamberlin

Columbia University  
Postbaccalaureate premed student  
Using grant for: A trip to Zambia to volunteer in a rural health clinic (*University of Southern California*)

## Laura Christianson

Iowa State University  
Doctoral student in agricultural and biosystems engineering and sustainable agriculture  
Using grant for: Nitrous oxide greenhouse gas sample analysis (*Kansas State University*)



## Kaira Clapper

University of Alcalá, Alcalá de Henares, Spain

Pursuing a master's in teaching Hispanic language, literature and culture  
Employed as an English teacher at an elementary school  
Using grant for: Living expenses (*University of Central Florida*)

## Barbara Mather Cobb

Associate Professor of English, Murray State University  
Using grant for: Completion of an article about bringing the work of 19<sup>th</sup>-century South Carolina enslaved poet-potter Dave to middle and high school students (*Murray State University*)



## Martha Franquemont

Works for a microfinance program in Bamako, Mali

Using grant for: Food and housing during year of service  
Fantasy career: Owning a fair-trade coffee shop (*Bradley University*)

## Benjamin Franta

Harvard University  
Doctoral student in applied physics  
Using grant for: Paleoclimate research on Iceland's glaciers  
Satisfying community service: Archaeology in England and Greece (*Coe College*)

## Janice E. Frisch

Indiana University  
Doctoral student in folklore  
Using grant for: Fieldwork on quilts at United Kingdom museums (*Ohio University*)

## Tasha Randall Galardi

Oregon State University  
Pursuing a master's in human development and family sciences  
Using grant for: Laptop computer  
Memorable course: A weekly sociology class at a state prison. With 15 students outside and 15 inside, the course challenged my preconceptions about crime. (*Oregon State University*)

## Betty (Ehrnthaller) Gavin

Family nutrition coordinator, Henry-Stark Extension Unit, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
Using grant for: Chaperoning 4-H teens to Japan  
Most proud of: Obtaining a master's in adult education, human resources development, later in life (*University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*)



## Matthew N. Giarra

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Doctoral student in mechanical engineering, focus on fluid flows in biological and aerospace engineering  
Using grant for: Travel to project sponsor's laboratory (*Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University*)

## Andrea Harriott

University of Maryland, Baltimore Campuses  
M.D.-Ph.D. student  
Using grant for: Research and travel (*University of Maryland, Baltimore Campuses*)

## Margaret Hattori-Uchima

Assistant Professor of Nursing, University of Guam  
Using grant for: Dissertation on Chuukese migrant women in Guam and barriers to healthcare (*Villanova University*)

## Christian V. Hauser

University of North Texas  
Doctoral student in music education  
Using grant for: Attending symposia and music educator workshops (*University of North Texas*)

## Elizabeth A. Hazzard

Supervising consultant, transfer pricing services, BKD, LLP, a CPA and advisory firm  
Using grant for: A course at the Kiel (Germany) Institute for the World Economy (*McKendree College*)

## Lori Hoisington

Michigan State University  
Doctoral student in human development and family studies  
Used grant for: International Society of Magnetic Resonance in Medicine Meeting in Stockholm  
Satisfying community service: Therapy Dogs International (*Michigan State University*)



## Stephanie Hullmann

Oklahoma State University  
Doctoral student in clinical psychology

Using grant for: Dissertation on stress in parents of children with cancer (*Oklahoma State University*)

## Andrew T. Kamei-Dyche

University of Southern California  
Doctoral student in (modern Japanese) history  
Using grant for: Dissertation research at National Diet Library and National Archives of Japan  
Fantasy career: Confucian sage (*University of Southern California*)

## Cara Killingbeck

Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis  
Pursuing a master's in library science  
Using grant for: Graduate school

Career objective: Children's or young adult librarian (*Ball State University*)



## Albert H. Kim

Virginia Commonwealth University  
M.D.-Ph.D. student  
Used grant for:

American Society of Human Genetics Conference in Washington, D.C.  
Memorable course: Advanced Anatomy with Mrs. Bowman at Westlake High School, Westlake Village, Calif. We dissected cadavers! (*Virginia Commonwealth University*)

## Catherine Klasne

University of Central Florida  
M.B.A. student  
Using grant for: Graduate school  
Fantasy career: Blogger for an intelligent, respected celebrity  
Most proud of: My three children (*University of Miami*)



## Renée A. Knepper

American University  
School of International Service

Pursuing a master's in international communication, emphasis in public diplomacy  
Using grant for: Graduate school (*Virginia Commonwealth University*)

## Anthony W. Knight

Superintendent, Oak Park Unified School District, Oak Park, Calif.  
Using grant for: Marine Science Leadership Institute at USC Wrigley Institute for Environmental Studies, for my school district leaders  
Influential person met: President Bill Clinton when the school I was principal of won a National Blue Ribbon Award in 1993 (*University of Southern California*)



## Gene Ko

San Diego State University  
Doctoral student in computational science

Using grant for: Graduate school (*San Diego State University*)

## A'ame Kone

Bowling Green State University  
Pursuing a master's degree in cross-cultural and international education  
Using grant for: Research about domestic servants in Mali  
Most proud of: Integrating into a Malian village in Peace Corps service (*Bowling Green State University*)

## Brad Korbesmeyer

Associate Professor, Department of English and Creative Writing, State University of New York-Oswego  
Using grant for: Research for my latest play, *Twain's Last Chapter* (*State University of New York-Oswego*)

## Erin E. Krupa

North Carolina State University  
Ph.D. student in math education  
Using grant for: Dissertation  
Most proud of: Being captain of the Raleigh Venom, 2009 Women's DII

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Rugby National Champions  
(North Carolina State University)



**Amber S. Kujath**  
University of Illinois at Chicago  
Ph.D. student in nursing  
Using grant for: Lab fees  
Satisfying community service:  
Summer program for children  
with diabetes  
(University of Illinois at Chicago)

**Kyrstie Lane**  
Montrey Institute of International  
Studies  
Pursuing a master's in international  
policy studies, with a focus on  
conflict resolution  
Using grant for: Graduate school  
(University of Puget Sound)

**Emily D. Langston**  
University of Missouri-St. Louis and  
Webster University  
Pursuing master's degrees in  
curriculum and development and  
mathematics for educators  
Using grant for: Conference  
(University of Missouri-St. Louis)

**Tracy J. Lassiter**  
Indiana University of Pennsylvania  
Doctoral student in English  
Used grant for: Expenses when  
giving a paper at the International  
Comparative Literature Association  
Congress in Seoul, South Korea  
(Indiana University of Pennsylvania)



**Rachel M. Latham**  
University of Montevallo  
Pursuing a master's  
degree in elementary  
education  
Using grant for: Tuition  
(University of Montevallo)

**Shin-Young Lee**  
University of Illinois at Chicago  
Doctoral student in nursing  
Using grant for: Dissertation about  
colorectal cancer screening for  
Korean-Americans  
(University of Illinois at Chicago)

**Jonathan Leiman**  
University of Montana  
Pursuing a master's degree in  
environmental studies  
Using grant for: Textbooks  
(University of Montana)

**Adrian LePique**  
Southern Illinois University-  
Edwardsville  
Pursuing two master's degrees:  
in music performance (trumpet)  
and computer management  
information systems  
Using grant for: Playing with my  
school's wind symphony at the  
World Association for Symphonic  
Bands and Ensembles Conference in  
Chiayi City, Taiwan  
(Southern Illinois University-  
Edwardsville)

**Christine Lesh**  
University of Southern Maine  
Pursuing bachelor's degree in

nursing. Earned B.A. in journalism in  
2002 from Saint Michael's College  
Using grant for: Trip to the  
Dominican Republic with school  
nursing program  
(University of Southern Maine)



**Ratesiea L. Lett**  
Mississippi State  
University  
Doctoral student in  
mechanical engineering  
Using grant for: Supplies like  
an automatic desiccator with a  
hygrometer  
Influential person met: Metalcasting  
visionary John Campbell  
(Mississippi State University)

**Ross A. Levesque**  
Duke University  
Ph.D. student in physical therapy  
Using grant for: Books and supplies  
Satisfying community service:  
Alternative spring break at the  
Gesundheit Institute for holistic  
medical care in Arlington, Va.  
(University of Maine)

**Honea Lee Lewis**  
Seattle University School of Law  
Law student  
Using grant for: Textbooks  
Fantasy career: Founding partner,  
Lewis & Lewis  
(Western Washington University)

**Jeremy Lipkowitz**  
Outdoor education teacher at a  
children's camp in Singapore  
Using grant for: Language books  
(University of California, Davis)

**Tassi M. Long**  
Southern University Law Center  
Law student  
Using grant for: Books  
Career objective: District Attorney's  
office, Ninth Judicial District Court,  
Rapides Parish, Alexandria, La.  
Fantasy career: Judge Judy  
(University of Louisiana-Monroe)



**Amanda Celine  
Longoria**  
University of Texas at  
Austin  
Internship in the  
Coordinated Program in Dietetics  
Used grant for: American Dietetic  
Association Food & Nutrition  
Conference & Expo in Boston, Mass.  
(University of Texas at Austin)

**Jennifer Louie**  
Looking for a position in student  
affairs in higher education  
Earned master's in post-secondary  
educational leadership from  
San Diego State University in May  
Using grant for: Student Affairs  
Administrators in Higher  
Education regional conference  
(San Diego State University)

**Joe Louis**  
University of North Texas  
Doctoral student in plant biology  
Using grant for: Research and  
professional meetings  
(University of North Texas)

**Echo Love**  
Intern (small-animal rotating) at San  
Francisco Veterinary Specialists  
Using grant for: Books and meetings  
(University of Illinois at Urbana-  
Champaign)

**Robert L. Lowe**  
The Ohio State University  
Doctoral student in mechanical  
engineering  
Using grant for: Conferences  
(Ohio Northern University)

**Rachel A. Lowes**  
University of Florida  
Levin College of Law  
Law student  
Using grant for: Tuition  
Influential person met: Dinner with  
Clarence Thomas, U.S. Supreme  
Court Associate Justice  
(University of Missouri-Kansas City)

**Michael Daniel Lucagbo**  
University of the Philippines  
Pursuing a master's in statistics  
Using grant for: School  
(University of the Philippines)

**Amanda C. Lynch**  
Special education teacher, Patrick  
Henry High School, Ashland, Va.  
Finishing a master's degree in  
special education  
Using grant for: Doctoral programs  
in special education  
(Virginia Commonwealth University)



**Lee M. Malvin**  
University of Maine  
Pursuing a master's in  
social work  
Using grant for: Books  
and travel  
Favorite book: *The Glass Castle*  
by Jeannette Walls  
(University of Maine)

**Reshelle C. Marino**  
University of New Orleans  
Doctoral student in counselor  
education  
Middle school counselor, Pierre A.  
Capdau- UNO Charter School,  
New Orleans, La.  
Using grant for: Dissertation  
Influential person you'd like to  
meet: Bill Cosby  
(University of New Orleans)

**Aldo Martinez**  
Texas A & M University Health  
Science Center School of Rural  
Public Health  
Pursuing a master of public health  
Using grant for: Graduate school  
Fantasy career: Surgeon General  
(Texas A & M University)

**Jonathan D. McCann**  
Commissioned officer in the  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Australian National University  
Pursuing a master of public  
policy, focus on economic policy  
Using grant for: Graduate school  
(United States Military Academy)

**C. Bernard McCrary**  
Student development specialist,

Columbus State University  
Using grant for: Applications  
to doctoral programs in higher  
education administration  
Most proud of: Being the first  
college graduate in my  
immediate family  
(Columbus State University)



**Sean McGrath**  
Vivarium novum  
Academy, Rome, Italy  
Studying Latin and  
Greek for a year  
Using grant for: Airfare  
Further educational plans: Pursuing  
a doctorate in classical archaeology  
(Lycoming College)

**Darris Means**  
Assistant Director, Elon Academy,  
Elon, N.C.  
North Carolina State University  
Doctoral student in educational  
research and policy analysis  
Using grant for: Graduate school  
Most proud of: Being a first-  
generation college student  
in my family  
(Elon University)



**Amanda Melenick**  
Portland State  
University  
Ph.D. student in  
urban studies, focus  
on environmental policy and  
sustainability development  
Using grant for: Graduate school  
(University of Wyoming)

**Roger Lee Mendoza**  
Economist and professor  
Using grant for: Research on  
leptospirosis, an infectious disease  
of domestic animals  
Most proud of: My two very smart,  
creative and funny children  
(University of the Philippines)



**Sara Schwabe**  
Arizona State University  
Pursuing M.F.A. in  
performance  
Using grant for:  
Research and travel  
Most proud of: Not giving in to  
my insecurities about beginning  
graduate studies 11 years after  
graduating from college  
(Arizona State University)

**Megan Hyland Tajlili**  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Pursuing a master of education  
in counselor education  
Using grant for: Tuition  
Fantasy career: Broadway  
musical actress  
(Virginia Commonwealth University)

**Megan Tomei**  
Florida Atlantic University  
Pursuing a master's degree in  
women's studies  
Used grant for: National  
Communication Association  
Convention in San Francisco, Calif.  
Role model: Feminist scholar  
Catharine A. MacKinnon  
(Florida Atlantic University) ■

# 2010 Scholar and Artist Recipients

Phi Kappa Phi Scholar and Artist Awards salute members who demonstrate the Society's ideals through their achievements, learnedness, and activities. Each commendation, conferred once per biennium, comes with a \$1,000 honorarium, a one-year membership to the Society, and a framed certificate. The Phi Kappa Phi Scholar, established in 1974, recognizes excellence in research, teaching, and service. The Phi Kappa Phi Artist, inaugurated in 1983, pays tribute to creative talents along with erudition and outreach. This year's winners are the 13<sup>th</sup> scholar and 10<sup>th</sup> artist singled out by the Society.

## 2010 Scholar

**P**hi Kappa Phi Scholar Sarah A. Rajala (North Carolina State University) lights up a room and not only because the electrical engineer secured a patent in digital imaging. Dean of Engineering at Mississippi State University (MSU), Rajala is the first woman in this position at the school. Earlier, she was the first female tenure-track professor in engineering at North Carolina State University and as an administrator helped create the Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) Village for applicable first- and second-year majors.

Other honors cite her diversity outreach and include the 2010 Women in Engineering ProActive Network Educator Award and a Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring in 2000.

Rajala also holds an endowed chair at MSU. She has authored or coauthored more than 100 articles and contributed to 13 books. And the servant leader was 2008-09 president of the American Society for Engineering Education.

Perhaps most telling about her education in electrical engineering — B.S.



2010 Phi Kappa Phi Scholar Sarah A. Rajala.

from Michigan Technological University and M.S. and Ph.D. from Rice University — was that as an undergraduate, she was the only female in her major.

She answered email questions from Editor Peter Szatmary about her trailblazing efforts. Here are edited excerpts.

**You serve as a role model for women in engineering.**

*It's rewarding to hear from women students and faculty that I had a positive*

*impact in their lives and in some small way helped enable their success.*

**Explain your patent for a general audience.**

*It describes a method for reducing the amount of data contained in digital video so that it may be transmitted efficiently and with high quality. This work was one of the precursors to the compression techniques that have become standards for digital video.*

**What should engineering education stress?**

*Preparing graduates to work in a global environment and on cross-disciplinary teams.*

**What haven't you done in your career that you hope to tackle?**

*I have been blessed with many opportunities and have tried to make the most of each, and there is little I would change. Two things I have not done but would find rewarding are government service and working abroad.*

**Proudest role with Phi Kappa Phi?**

*Serving as president of the North Carolina State University chapter and encouraging and recognizing the outstanding work of students were extremely rewarding. Being named the 2010-12 Phi Kappa Phi Scholar was my most humbling moment. ■*

## 2010 Artist

**P**raise from a *New York Times* review of David Northington's 1974 debut at Carnegie Hall in New York City explains one reason why the classical pianist is the 2010-12 Phi Kappa Phi Artist: He "combines the technical mastery of a virtuoso with the musical sensitivity of a poet."

The longtime Professor of Music at University of Tennessee, and current Phi Kappa Phi chapter president, earns such acclaim routinely. For example, Northington won first prize at the Concert Artists Guild International Competition and the East & West Artists International Competition, to list only two of his honors.

He solos with the likes of the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra and played the world premiere of Morton Gould's *Patterns* for piano (1984). Northington also tops foreign marquee, including the American Academy of Music in Rome, Italy, and the Forbidden City Concert Hall in Beijing, China.

With degrees in piano performance from University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music (bachelor's and



2010 Phi Kappa Phi Artist David Northington.

master's) and Yale University (master's and doctorate), Northington often holds master classes at conservatories and judges piano competitions. He has received numerous teaching awards and assumed leadership roles at various arts organizations.

Northington answered email questions from the Editor about his noteworthy career. Here are edited excerpts.

**Most satisfying performance?**

*Hopefully, it will be the last performance that I have given! However, since that is not always the case with*

*performers, my debut at New York's Carnegie Recital Hall was probably the most professionally satisfying because of its prestige and positive responses.*

**Recital or orchestral work?**

*Both. The artist is capable of exploring greater degrees of pianistic color and emotional sensitivity in solo repertoire, which is so intimate, since the piano is not "pitted against" a major orchestra ensemble. It's also joyous to perform Mozart and Beethoven concerti with a wonderful orchestral ensemble and conductor.*

**Who is your favorite composer?**

*This is like asking whether I prefer crème brulee or lemon sorbet! However, I feel a kinship with Beethoven and Schumann. Since Aaron Copland was one of my mentors, I also enjoy playing his music and am recording for Centaur Records the complete piano works, which have not been appreciated as much as his orchestral and ballet scores. The first of three CDs will be released early next year.*

**Proudest part of Phi Kappa Phi?**

*That it upholds the academic and artistic standards necessary for the perpetuation of excellence and beauty in our world. ■*



THE HONOR SOCIETY OF  
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**The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi includes more than 300 chapters at university and college campuses, mostly in the United States. As part of the nation's oldest, largest and most selective all-discipline honor society, one million members and counting have ties to these chapters since the Society's founding at the University of Maine in 1897. Here is a list of current active chapters:**

Alfred University, Alfred, N.Y.  
Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Mich.  
Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C.  
Arcadia University, Glenside, Pa.  
Arizona State University, Tempe, Ariz.  
Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, Ark.  
Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah, Ga.  
Auburn University, Auburn, Ala.  
Auburn University-Montgomery, Montgomery, Ala.  
Augusta State University, Augusta, Ga.  
Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tenn.  
Ball State University, Muncie, Ind.  
Berea College, Berea, Ky.  
Berry College, Mount Berry, Ga.  
Black Hills State University, Spearfish, S.D.  
Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, Pa.  
Boise State University, Boise, Idaho  
Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio  
Bradley University, Peoria, Ill.  
Brenau University, Gainesville, Ga.  
Brigham Young University-Hawaii, Laie, Hawaii  
Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah  
Butler University, Indianapolis, Ind.  
California State University-Chico, Chico, Calif.  
California State University-Dominguez Hills, Carson, Calif.  
California State University-Fresno, Fresno, Calif.  
California State University-Fullerton, Fullerton, Calif.  
California State University-Long Beach, Long Beach, Calif.  
California State University-Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Calif.  
California State University-Northridge, Northridge, Calif.  
California State University-Sacramento, Sacramento, Calif.  
California State University-San Bernardino, San Bernardino, Calif.  
California State University-Stanislaus, Turlock, Calif.  
Cameron University, Lawton, Okla.  
Campbell University, Buies Creek, N.C.  
Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Carroll University, Waukesha, Wis.  
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Clemson University, Clemson, S.C.  
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College of Charleston, Charleston, S.C.  
The College of New Jersey, Ewing, N.J.  
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Colorado State University-Pueblo, Pueblo, Colo.  
Columbus State University, Columbus, Ga.  
Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.  
Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, S.D.  
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DePaul University, Chicago, Ill.  
Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
East Carolina University, Greenville, N.C.  
East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tenn.  
Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Ky.  
Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Mich.  
Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, N.M.  
Eastern Oregon University, La Grande, Ore.  
Eastern Washington University, Cheney, Wash.  
Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, Ill.  
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Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, Fla.  
Florida International University, Miami, Fla.  
Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Fla.  
Florida State University, Tallahassee, Fla.  
Fontbonne University, St. Louis, Mo.  
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Georgia State University, Atlanta, Ga.  
Grand Valley State University, Allendale, Mich.  
Hood College, Frederick, Md.  
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Indiana State University, Terre Haute, Ind.  
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Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa  
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Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, Fla.  
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Longwood University, Farmville, Va.  
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La.  
Louisiana State University-Shreveport, Shreveport, La.  
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