

2018-19 Levan Institute for Humanities and Ethics Undergraduate Fellows

NAVEEN DASARI, DORNSIFE '19

Naveen Dasari is a junior triple-majoring in applied and computational mathematics, economics, and classics. Naveen has studied abroad at the London School of Economics, co-founded a nonprofit that raised \$45K to sponsor educational opportunities for street children and clean water initiatives for villagers in India, founded an advocacy project using math and data to lobby for refugee policy reform, lobbied congressmen on global poverty as an intern for The Borgen Project, and currently works on refining models for conditional cash transfers as a research intern for USAID. Before college, he also trained in karate for 12 years, placing in the top 10 at the US Karate Junior Olympic Team Trials and the USKA World Championships, in addition to other tournaments. On campus, Naveen is editor-in-chief of the Social Justice Review, secretary of Undergraduate Student Government, an active member of the Delta Omicron Zeta leadership fraternity, and Co-Director of Campus Events for the Southern California Indo-Americans. He has also conducted research in labs on development economics, international political economy, and computational biology. Naveen is a Presidential Scholar at USC, Huffington Post Campus editor-at-large, champion for the UN Foundation's Shot@Life campaign, and a youth delegate to the World Bank Group. In his spare time, he enjoys playing basketball, hiking, meditation, and reading.

BROOKE HELSTROM, DORNSIFE '19

Brooke Helstrom is a senior double-majoring in environmental studies and philosophy, politics & law, and is also a first-year master's student in environmental studies. Brooke spent last semester studying in Botswana and the summer working on conservation issues in Montana. She is a trip leader for Peaks and Professors and the editor-in-chief for the Global Women's Narratives Project. Her current research projects include evaluating the feasibility of the UN Sustainable Development Goals for the city of Los Angeles and the role of natural resources in armed conflicts of Southern Africa. Brooke enjoys looking at the stars and saving spiders from untimely deaths.

JONATHAN HORWITZ, DORNSIFE '19

Jonathan Horwitz is a senior majoring in political economy and triple-minoring in Spanish, statistics, and urban sustainable planning. Through Levan, Jonathan serves as the Editor-in-Chief of the USC-UNESCO Journal for Global Humanities, Science & Ethical Inquiry. He is also a Bennis Scholar, a Trojan Knight, and a Tour Guide. Through various programs, Jonathan has researched topics ranging from Europe's migration crisis to the impact of climate change on international affairs in the Arctic. His highlight of college has been studying abroad in Mexico, Spain, and the Nordic countries.

CYRUS KHANDALAVALA, DORNSIFE '19

Cyrus Khandalavala is a senior at USC double majoring in international relations/global economics and comparative literature. His focus as a Levan Fellow is in developing a USC chapter for the Prison Education Project, a volunteer-based initiative which provides educational programming to people who are incarcerated in twelve California correctional facilities. Cyrus' academic interests are in development theory, international finance, identity politics, and literary and film criticism. Outside of class, Cyrus serves on the executive board for Scholars Leading Scholars, a college mentorship program, works as treasurer for Sigma Alpha Mu Fraternity,

writes for Glimpse from the Globe, a student publication on foreign affairs, edits for the Global Women's Narrative Project, and volunteers with 826LA and USC Kicks for Kids. Along with all that, he's still a huge nerd and enjoys reading depressing Russian novels, watching lots of movies, and being too academic about music and stand-up comedy.

HIMA RAJANA, DORNSIFE '19

Hima Rajana is a senior pursuing a computational neuroscience major with a social entrepreneurship minor. She is passionate about global health inequities and hopes to leverage artificial intelligence and machine learning to improve access to health education and healthcare worldwide. Hima became involved with the Levan Institute when she traveled to Oxford for the Spring 2017 Oxford Consortium workshop. Currently, she co-directs the ZYGO Medical Ethics series, which is a collaboration between the Levan Institute and the Polymathic Academy to explore ethical issues in modern day healthcare, like mental health in media. Other than being a Levan fellow, Hima is a research assistant at the USC Brain and Creativity Center, a university hostess with the USC Helenes and a counselor with Troy Camp. She is the Director of Service for Trojan Scholar Society and a trip leader with Peaks and Professors. In her free time, she loves getting out of the city to explore Los Angeles's greatest hiking trails, sunrise yoga, and cooking.

MADELINE WHITE, DORNSIFE '19

Madeline White is passionate about exploring the connections between the humanities and physical sciences and is currently pursuing a double major in both history and physics at the University of Southern California. A senior from Seattle, Washington, Madeline's interests focus on unraveling the history of science and its many hidden contributors from individuals to social bias. After two summers of research, Madeline completed her honors thesis in the history department this fall, writing on the experience and contributions of women in twentieth-century physics and chemistry with a specific focus on the role that gendered expectations of scientists shaped the way these women presented themselves and their work to academic and public communities alike. Outside of the classroom, Madeline serves as a research assistant working on Early America in USC's History Department, dances with USC Chamber Ballet Company, and works as a copy editor for the Daily Trojan newspaper. Madeline is thrilled to join the Levan Institute and in particular has enjoyed the numerous opportunities it provides for peer engagement and conversation.

KELSI YU, DORNSIFE '19

Kelsi Yu is a senior majoring in biochemistry with a minor in health care studies. She currently serves as a co-editor-in-chief of the Healing Process Magazine, an interdisciplinary science and arts publication under the Levan Institute. Kelsi is a research assistant in the Davis School of Gerontology and has received the Rose Hills Foundation Research Grant for her work with cell culturing. Under her lab, she has attended several professional conferences as a presenting author. Previously, she has served as a residential assistant and as Philanthropy Co-Chair of a professional community service fraternity, Alpha Phi Omega. As a Gilead Foundation Intern at Joshua House Clinic located in Skid Row, she interacted with underprivileged populations while assisting the dental department. Kelsi intends to pursue a master's in public health to develop a better understanding of systemic inequalities in healthcare delivery to vulnerable populations with a focus on dentistry. This past summer, she traveled throughout Italy and parts of Europe. In her free time, she enjoys watching movies and reading novels.

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ARIANA ARZANI, DORNSIFE '18

Ariana is a fourth year undergraduate student at USC studying philosophy, politics, and law with a double minor in human rights and international relations. She is passionate about civil rights, prison reform, and social issues. Ariana has worked and interned with organizations such as Human Rights Watch, the Los Angeles Mayor's Office, JusticeCorps and other non-profit organizations. On campus, she is involved with Phi Alpha Delta, USC's pre-law fraternity, where she served as their president last semester, as well as the Society of Women in the Law, the USC Journal of Law and Society, and the Baha'i Club. She also volunteers with the Prison Education Project, where she is excited to teach a curriculum on ethics she co-wrote. Ariana also volunteers at the Union Rescue Mission in Skid Row. She hopes to pursue law school in the future, specifically public interest or international law. Ariana enjoys traveling, watching improv shows, and spending time with friends and family.

REMAYA CAMPELL, DORNSIFE '18

Remaya Campbell is a senior majoring in law, history and culture and minoring in international relations. She attended the Oxford Consortium Workshop in 2016, attending lectures and conducting research on political rhetoric and global terrorism in Northern Ireland, Spain, and at Oxford University, England. An avid "interdisciplinary", she works for the USC Harman Academy for Polymathic Study in addition to serving on the editorial team for Levan's undergraduate journal The Social Justice Review. She spent last summer interning in Washington, D.C. as a Schaeffer Fellow, and is currently interning for the Fellowship Monrovia Center for Racial Reconciliation. She is a Trustee Scholar and looks to pursue graduate research in peace studies.

MARY CATE HICKMAN, DORNSIFE AND SCHOOL OF CINEMATIC ARTS '18

Mary Cate is president of the Levan Fellows. She is a senior double majoring in cinema & media studies and religion. She attended Levan's Oxford Consortium during the summer of 2016, traveling to Oxford, Belfast, and Córdoba. Her Levan research project and senior honors thesis focuses on the legal and ethical issues concerning Catholic ownership of the Mosque-Cathedral in Córdoba, Spain. On campus, she is a counselor and mentor for Troy Camp, an Admission Ambassador for the Office of Admission, and the previous president of Interfaith Council. Off campus, she has interned with Stagecoach Entertainment, Phoenix Pictures, and DreamWorks Animation. Mary Cate is a Presidential Scholar and member of Theta Alpha Kappa, the national honor society for religious studies. Spring of 2017, she studied abroad in Paris and hopes to return to France after graduating. She is also considering graduate school as well as staying in Los Angeles to work in the entertainment industry.

BRIANNA JOHNSON, DORNSIFE '18

Brianna Johnson is a Presidential Scholar majoring in political science with a minor in Spanish. She is a student in the Thematic Options honor program, in which she presented her essay on the documentary Paris is Burning at their annual research conference. Off campus, Brianna interned in Mayor Eric Garcetti's Communications Office, where she helped draft speeches and photographed and filmed the mayor at events. Additionally, with the Kam Kuwata Award for Political Involvement, she took the Fall 2016 semester off school in order to work as a field organizer for the Hillary Clinton and Democratic coordinated campaign in Las Vegas, Nevada. During that campaign, her team won every race it worked on, including the race that flipped the State Senate blue. After campaigning, Brianna spent the spring studying abroad in Managua, Nicaragua. As part of her semester, she did

independent research on how upper class Nicaraguan return migrants have impacted development. In June and July of 2017, she built on her interest in migration by participating in the Oxford Consortium for Human Rights seminar on the Ethics of Human Movement. Brianna is interested in migration, religion, and politics. After graduation, Brianna is considering teaching through Teach for America or continuing her research in immigration. She hopes to use her curiosity and love of uplifting unheard stories to consider ethical questions and improve others' lives.

MAZEN LOAN, DORNSIFE '18

Mazen Loan is a senior at the University of Southern California, majoring in philosophy and pursuing a minor in history. Having grown up in Lahore, the cultural hub of Pakistan, Mazen is extremely interested in examining the influence religious cohorts exert on governments in Islamic Republics. Currently, Mazen is working as a research assistant for a MacArthur Genius Grant project focusing on analysing how states perceive nuclear non-proliferation globally, and will soon begin directed research on theosophy and the philosophy of God. On campus, Mazen has been involved with the Trojan Debate Squad, Model UN of Southern California, and the Undergraduate Student Government. Most recently, Mazen has joined Global Brigades at Marshall and will be travelling to Panama in the spring to provide consulting services to micro-finance organisations.

MELLINA SILVER, DORNSIFE '18

Mellina Silver is a senior studying anthropology and international relations with a minor in cinematic arts. She is an inquisitive and determined individual, and seeks to utilize an interdisciplinary approach toward finding solutions to pressing issues faced around the globe. Mellina aims to explore and understand cultures through film and research projects. When conducting research in Israel and Jordan, she proposed a plan to bring light to the historical roots of the regional issues between Israel and Palestine. Mellina's additional research interests include: Human rights, international development, and international law. On campus, Mellina actively participates as a volunteer teacher in the Teaching International Relations program and is a director for USC's student run television programming, Trojan Vision.

VANESSA YU, DORNSIFE '18

Vanessa Yu is a senior from Arcadia, California majoring in neuroscience and minoring in human rights. She is passionate about finding an intersection between medicine and social justice and loves to get involved with the community. At USC, Vanessa is President of the tutoring organization Teach for Los Angeles, President of another tutoring group Justice Organization for Youth, involved in the Warren Bennis Scholars and the Asian Pacific Alumni Association, an EMT in USC's EMSC, along with being involved in the Christian Fellowship IVTCF. She also conducts research at the Brain and Creativity Institute in Dr. Aziz-Zadeh's lab. This last March, Vanessa represented USC along with her peers at the Levan-Oxford Workshop: "Human Rights In and After Conflict" at Oxford University, and is now Director of the ZYGO Series. Vanessa loves reading from different genres, attending concerts, discovering new food, and traveling! After graduation, she hopes to attend medical school and eventually work in neglected areas that need medical attention.

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IDA ABHARI, DORNSIFE '17

Ida Abhari is studying international relations and philosophy with a minor in Iranian Studies. In her studies, she is interested in what kinds of ethics are used – or not used – in international affairs and foreign policy formulation. On campus, Ida competes as a member of the Dornsife Trial Advocacy Team, also known as the Mock Trial Team, and she hopes to develop her advocacy skills in order to better learn how to “bring the ruckus” in the pursuit of justice in her future career. Ida has used her trial skills to advocate on behalf of homeless clients for Public Counsel’s CARES program. She also covers issues of local and campus interest as a writer for the Daily Trojan and has served as the paper’s News and Special Projects Editor. She also serves as Conversation Partner for the American Language Institute’s One-on-One partner program. Having lived with international students for much of her life, Ida is also interested in promoting intercultural dialogue and hopes to continue exploring and challenging how culture influences our norms and values. Ida was selected by the Levan Institute to participate in the Spring 2015 one-week intensive workshop on international humanitarian law and armed conflict at the Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law, and Armed Conflict. She looks forward to playing a role in maximizing Levan Institute’s impact and promoting dialogue about human rights and ethics, both on campus, and beyond.

ERIKA BARAL, DORNSIFE '17

Erika Baral is currently a pre-med junior majoring in biology. Currently she conducts experiments at a retinal research lab at the Health Sciences Campus as a Provost’s Undergraduate Research Fellow. In addition, Erika volunteers through Science Outreach, an organization that reaches out to the second and third grade students of elementary schools around campus to spark curiosity in science. Erika is thankful to be attending USC as a Trustee Scholar and aims to organize programs through the Levan Institute that integrate medicine with ethics and the humanities

ISABELLA CARR, DORNSIFE '17

Isabella Carr is majoring in religion with a minor in American Studies. She transferred from New York University, where she was a studio art and religious studies double major. While at NYU, Isabella was selected for a sophomore showcase, Milieu, which featured her installation work. Additionally, Isabella interned with NYC Public School, PS51 as a Teaching Assistant. At USC, she is a Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship Award recipient; she researched process art as it relates to communities and therapeutic practices. Off campus, with the Diana Chudacoff Levin Award Scholarship, awarded through the Unruh Institute of Politics, Isabella interned in Development and Advocacy at The Downtown Women's Center in Los Angeles, which is the only center in L.A. focused on providing essential services and job training exclusively to homeless women. At Levan, Isabella is the President of the Levan Undergrad Fellows and Co-President of the Global Women's Narratives Project.

PLERES CHOI, DORNSIFE '17

Pleres Choi is a junior double majoring in international relations and economics with a minor in Korean Studies. She hopes to use analytical research to help economies and businesses sustain economic development while also eradicating global poverty. Her research interests are currently in international trade policy, economic development, global economic inequality, as well as a regional focus on the East Asian economy. For her international relations honors thesis, she has been researching the causal mechanisms in South Korean

politicians' decisions to pursue certain foreign policies and is looking forward to starting her economics thesis on international trade policies in East Asia in the summer. She is currently interning for the California State Controller's office in Los Angeles and hopes to help engage with the Southern Californian community on fiscal and tax-related policies. Pleres enjoys going on long trail runs, concocting green smoothies, and discussing unanswerable ethical questions.

AUSTIN ROY, DORNSIFE '17 AND ANNENBERG '17

Austin Roy is a Progressive Degree student pursuing a master's degree in communication management and a bachelor's degree in cognitive science. His academic research examines the differences in perceived ethicality of cause-related marketing between deontological and teleological consumers. Upon completing his schooling and any further research, Austin hopes to synthesize his interests in marketing and moral philosophy by working for an ad agency that specializes in cause-related marketing. On campus, Austin works as a writing consultant at the Writing Center, volunteers with the Teaching Ethics Program, and is a member of the Sidney Harman Academy for Polymathic Study and the Delta Omicron Zeta Leadership Organization. Off campus, Austin works as the development director and head grant writer for the Lineage Dance Company, a Pasadena nonprofit where he also teaches a dance class for individuals with Parkinson's Disease. Austin's goal is to make the world a better place and to eat well while doing so.

HELEN RUE, DORNSIFE '17

Helen Rue is a senior majoring in philosophy with a minor in business law and hopes to synthesize the two as an advocate for corporate social responsibility. She enjoys being outdoors, reading philosophy, engaging in Socratic discussion, and is excited to be a Levan Undergraduate Fellow. During her college career, she has been a member of several student groups, interned in both the private and nonprofit sector, and has participated in the Teaching Ethics Program. Last spring, she traveled to Oxford University to represent USC in the Levan-Oxford Workshop: Human Rights In and After Conflict. This spring, she plans to study abroad at the University of Edinburgh. Currently, she is a member of the Alpha Phi Sorority and serves as the chapter's Director of Community Service. She is also an intern at The USC Shoah Foundation Center for Advanced Genocide Research.

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ARJUN AHUJA, DORNSIFE '16

Arjun Ahuja is a senior majoring in philosophy, politics and law and minoring in consumer behavior. He is the editor of USC's branch of OAPS (Outstanding Academic Papers by Students), a collaborative, international program by academic research libraries to encourage and recognize excellence in student scholarship. Arjun is passionate about public service in all forms and has interned with the Orange County Public Defender's Office, the consumer advocacy firm Consumer Watchdog, and Green Dot Public Schools. Arjun is an active member of USC's Sikh Student Association, and outside of school, he is a volunteer for the Sikh Coalition, a Sikh civil rights organization dedicated to ensuring equality of opportunity for Sikh Americans in all spheres. After college, Arjun plans to attend law school and is interested in public interest and international law. Arjun recently had a paper on torture and the media published in the Ohio State University Undergraduate Law Review and will be representing USC at the Levan-Oxford workshop on global conflict at the University of Oxford in March of 2016.

Last spring, Arjun attended a cultural immersion trip to the Navajo Nation reservation and learned about the challenges and triumphs of the Navajo people. He hopes to work on such issues in his future legal career.

VARUN AWASTHI, DORNSIFE '16 AND GLOBAL HEALTH '16

Varun Awasthi is a senior studying global health and natural science. Within the Levan Institute, he serves as the director for ZYGO, a series on ethics in medicine. He has conducted research on effective control of non-communicable diseases in low-resource settings, as well as the role of the private sector in public health initiatives. Varun currently serves as a research assistant in a neurobiology lab that studies the mechanisms by which the brain processes visual information. He has substantial experience in various areas of healthcare, previously volunteered at a local community health center, and interned at the Global Alliance to Prevent Prematurity and Stillbirth at Seattle Children's Hospital. Varun most recently spent the summer interning at John Snow, Inc., a public health research and consulting firm, where most of his work focused on improving operations in both primary care clinics as well as community-based organizations which provide HIV/AIDS services. On campus, he is currently a resident assistant for a group of freshmen in New/North Residential College. He has previously served as Editor-in-Chief for the Trojan Health Connection, USC's official pre-health newspaper. Varun was also a founding member and President of the Health Sciences Education Program, a student organization dedicated to increasing awareness of relevant health issues both on campus and in the surrounding community. Following graduation, Varun plans to further his interests in public health and medicine by working in either clinical research or healthcare consulting. He ultimately plans to attend medical school or pursue graduate degrees in both public health and business.

DURGA GHOSH, DORNSIFE '16

Durga Ghosh is a senior majoring in economics with a minor in business finance. With her focus on healthcare economics, Durga hopes to understand the intertwined relationship between medicine and money and to one day influence both fields. Durga has had internships with Glendale White Memorial Hospital and the USC Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics and recently completed her honors thesis on "The Economics of Cancer: A Study on the Difference Between Costs of Screening Versus Costs of Treatment for Breast, Prostate and Colorectal Cancer." Durga is also interested in the decline of compassion in the medical field, a topic brought to her attention by a Levan Institute event, and is currently pursuing more research on this specific topic. Durga is an avid traveler with a passion for backpacking. Her interest in travel began with her trips to Kolkata, India to teach English in local schools, and she has been hooked on exploring cultures ever since. She has been fortunate enough to have backpacked through India and China, and she most recently embarked on a solo journey through Europe. Her interest in travel has led her to her current position at Globetrotting Stiletto, where she writes a "Globetrotting on a Dime" series and is currently developing the GTS YouTube Channel. Durga spends much of her time involved in her community as a member of Troy Camp, JEP, and Best Buddies. Durga also teaches sailing to middle school children at Marina Del Rey with the Boys and Girls Club of Venice. Durga's favorite volunteer activity, though, is one she began long before USC: teaching archery at Junior Blind of America Summer Camp. Durga also works at Annenberg Television News as a sports anchor and with the PAC-12 Networks as a Transmissions Operator. In her free time, Durga enjoys rock climbing, hiking, camping, learning to surf (albeit, poorly), and anything she can do outdoors. She also enjoys any and all sports and has an especially strong obsession for football. Durga is thankful to be attending USC as a Dean Joan Metcalf Scholar and is proud to be a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society. She hopes to leave her mark on USC by taking advantage of the many opportunities the Levan Institute provides and especially by bringing attention to compassion in multiple professional fields.

EMILY HODGKINS, DORNSIFE '16

Emily Hodgkins is a senior majoring in history with minors in German Studies and cinematic arts. Her main interest, combining these different fields of study, lies in the history of popular political culture. For the history department, she recently completed her honors undergraduate thesis paper entitled "Beat Music and the Politics of Youth Identity in the German Democratic Republic, 1945-1965." She was able to increase her German language skills over the last two summers through courses and travel in Germany and Switzerland, thanks to grants from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and USC. Since the summer of 2013, she has worked in the USC Special Collections, where she has organized and composed finding aids for collections housed in the library's German Exiles department. She is also a member of Helenes, which is an all-female service organization and the official hostesses of USC.

MAE MCALEAVY, DORNSIFE '16

Mae McAleavy is a senior narrative studies major and is interested in storytelling, philosophy, health science, and psychology. In addition to narrative studies, she has taken classes in international relations, gender studies, anthropology, and political science. She is from Sebastopol, California and transferred to USC in 2014 after attending University of California Santa Cruz. Before college, Mae spent a year traveling in India and Guatemala. In India she taught English, math and soccer to incarcerated Indian youth, and in Guatemala she worked to establish a permaculture project and re-home wild dogs. At USC Mae has served as VP of USC Climbing, as Wellness Advocate for the Office of Health Promotion, and as a trip leader for Peaks and Professors. In her final semester at USC, Mae is focusing on writing her senior thesis in narrative studies, working for the Prison Writing Project, finishing her debut LP and researching feminist narrative ethics for the Levan Institute. Mae is also a rock climber, singer-songwriter, and traveler, and after graduation is hoping to teach English in Bulgaria for a year.

DREW SCHMIDT, DORNSIFE '16

Drew Schmidt is currently majoring in philosophy, politics, and law with a minor in business finance and hopes to synthesize the two as an advocate for institutional change that benefits the poor and marginalized. Drew is the student assistant for the Sidney Harman Academy for Polymathic Study, an organization dedicated to promoting interdisciplinary thinking and problem-solving. He believes that interdisciplinary thought and practice are crucial to developing as a thinker and a person. Drew is also President of the Model United Nations of Southern California. He loves MUN because it is an opportunity to incorporate research, public speaking, philosophy, and performance. Drew trained a brigade to visit Panama as small-business consultants in January 2015 with Global Brigades at Marshall. Global Brigades at Marshall enabled Drew to travel to Honduras in spring 2014 as a microfinance consultant, and he enjoyed it so much he got involved with the organization directly. Drew loves theatre, singing, philosophy, and conversation and hopes to use what he's learning to make the world a more just place.

SHREYA TANNA, DORNSIFE '16

Shreya Tanna is a senior with a major in psychology and minors in philosophy and nonprofits, philanthropy & volunteerism. Her interest in philosophy started early on in high school when she took a Theory of Knowledge class which opened her eyes to the philosophical issues in her everyday life. This class led her to pursue her interest in philosophy in college through her academics and her extracurriculars. At USC, she is a proud member of the Helenes, an all-women service organization which serves the off-campus and on-campus community. She is also involved in Kicks for Kids, an organization which puts on weekly soccer events for physically/mentally

disabled children. Kicks for Kids promotes healthy living and aims to help volunteers see these children for their strengths—not for their disabilities. Shreya has a passion for education, which can be seen through her work with nonprofits such as CollegeSpring and Girls Inc. She was able to combine this passion with her love of philosophy through the Teaching Ethics Program and is excited to continue her interdisciplinary work in philosophy through the Levan Fellows.

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MELIA ALBRECHT, DORNSIFE AND ANNENBERG '15

Melia Albrecht is currently a junior majoring in international Relations and public relations. She aims to foster global education and build cultural competence through digital media and is completing an honors program in multimedia scholarship. Melia was born in Frankfurt, Germany and has had the travel bug her whole life. This past summer, Melia participated in a trip to Egypt and Turkey, where she completed field research on women's rights and presented her findings at the 2013 ISA West Annual Conference. As a recipient of the 2013 CIEE South Korea Scholarship, Melia served as a student ambassador for the United States in South Korea and continues to represent the organization, helping to build awareness about the country's culture. Most recently, she was selected to represent USC in March at the University of Oxford. Melia is proud to be involved in her community as a member of Troy Camp, a social and educational program for K-12 students in the Los Angeles area, and Best Buddies, a mentoring program for high school students with physical and intellectual disabilities. She is a teacher through the Teaching International Relations Program and is grateful to be a part of Journeys in Film, an organization that creates global film lesson plans for middle school students. Melia is honored to be able to represent her university as a Helene, a Dornsife Ambassador, and a member of the Marshall Women's Leadership Board. Melia currently works for the Discovery Channel and TLC at Discovery Communications and is a research assistant for a global film project through the Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism. Previously, Melia worked at the Los Angeles World Affairs Council. Melia is currently attending USC as a Trustee Scholar and is a member of the honor societies Lambda Pi Eta and Pi Sigma Alpha for her achievement in her major studies. She is a recipient of the M. Jones Scholarship for Women.

MUSHFIQUR CHOWDHURY, DORNSIFE '15

Mushfiqur Chowdhury is a junior double majoring in international relations and Middle East Studies. He currently serves as the External Vice-President of the Muslim Student Union and co-chaired the 1200-plus attendee Muslim Student Associations of the West three-day conference. While at USC, Mushfiqur obtained sponsorship to travel to Turkey and Israel to explore popular discourse, better understand the importance of NGOs, teach English, and bring back cultural understanding. His career pursuits are that of foreign policy, and he hopes to work in conflict resolution and peace negotiations. Mushfiqur was awarded the HSBC Fellow grant to do research on the partition of India in 1947. He focused on the effects on the Bengal border, which effectively led to the independence and creation of the current day country, Bangladesh. Furthermore, he recently traveled to Northern Iraq and examined Kurdistan's semi-autonomous status, something unique to International Relations.

ESTHER J. LEE, DORNSIFE '15

With interests in both global affairs and health, Esther J. Lee is currently a senior pursuing a major in health and humanity and a minor in international relations. She has worked in the healthcare setting as an intern at St. Francis Medical Center and as a volunteer in Nicaragua's rural towns through VIDA Volunteer. Over the past summer, she traveled to Oxford University St. Catherine's College through USC's Problems without Passports,

during which her interest in public health and global mental health grew. In terms of her involvement on campus, she is the Vice President of Membership of USC's World Vision ACT:S, a student branch of World Vision, which aims to raise awareness of social injustice through creative means. She also serves as the co-coordinator of the Hunger Campaign, one of the organization's major focuses. During her free time, she enjoys baking, reading books and articles about WWII, and catching up with friends over breakfast or brunch. She is happy to be hosting Bible studies on campus in partnership with her home church that is located in Anaheim. Esther is thankful to be attending USC as a Presidential Scholar and Dean Joan Metcalf Schaefer Scholar and hopes to maximize the opportunities available through the Levan Institute to bring attention to various ethical issues.

WINONA LEON, DORNISIFE '15

Winona Leon is a senior studying creative writing and fine arts. In the past, her creative research interests have focused on the relationship between space and narrative in overlooked or forgotten communities. Her research recently culminated in a yearlong painting project about Los Angeles' gentrified communities under the support of the Sidney Harman Academy for Polymathic Study, and she is currently at work on a short story collection revolving around a single town. Hoping to pursue a career in publishing, she has interned for Gold Line Press, KAYA Press, and Hachette Book Group. She also cofounded and co-edits Fractal Literary Magazine and now serves as a marketing assistant for a literary PR company and independent publisher Rare Bird, based in downtown Los Angeles.

KATELYN MASKET, DORNISIFE '15

Katelyn Masket is pursuing a double major in international relations and economics with a Spanish minor. She is spending her spring semester in Madrid, Spain, where she hopes to brush off her Spanish language skills and learn about international relations and ethics from a new, global perspective. In previous summers, Katelyn traveled to Egypt and Turkey to conduct research on religion and democracy in the region and to Sweden, Russia, and Finland through USC's Problems without Passports to study environmental issues and indigenous populations in the arctic. On campus, Katelyn is a part of Women and Youth Supporting Each Other, Challah for Hunger, and the Teaching International Relations Program. She also claims to have unhealthy addictions to college football, cheesy inspirational quotes, Ben Franklin, vegetarian cuisine, and "Scandal."

ALEXA MENCIA, DORNISIFE '15

Alexa Mencia is majoring in international relations and minoring in human rights. With her focus on foreign policy analysis, Alexa hopes to influence policy-making globally in order to reduce human rights violations and to promote international peace. This semester Alexa is studying abroad at King's College London and is completing coursework in the unique War Studies department. In her studies abroad, she hopes to develop her understanding of conflict in order to foster resolution of or deterrence from violence. In past summers, Alexa participated in a field research program in Egypt and Turkey, analyzing the education systems of these two Islamic democracies. In September 2013, Alexa presented her research in a panel at the 2013 ISA West Annual Conference, and she is in the process of publishing her work with the Southern California International Review. Alexa Mencia is the proud co-founder of the ONE Campaign chapter on USC's campus, an organization that aims to eradicate poverty and preventable disease in sub-Saharan Africa. She is also a member of the USC Helenes, a service organization and the official hostesses of USC. Alexa hopes that her influence on campus will direct her towards a career path that improves policy and government relations in the future.

MATTHEW PRUSAK, DORNSIFE '15

Matthew Prusak is currently a senior majoring in international relations (global business) with a focus on global management. He served as Editor-in-Chief of the Southern California International Review, the largest undergraduate journal of international relations on the West Coast and Vice President of Los Angeles Community Impact, a pro bono student consulting group for small businesses and nonprofits in the Los Angeles area. He also served as a senator in USC's Undergraduate Student Government. In his free time, he enjoys participating in events at the USC Sidney Harman Academy for Polymathic Study. While a student at USC, Matthew has traveled extensively, spending summers interning in Hong Kong and in Indonesia. Additionally, he has published research articles in academic journals on the economies of both Myanmar and North Korea, conducting field research in the latter. His writing received first place in both Professional Writing and Global Ethics at the 2014 USC Writers' Conference. Currently, he is studying abroad at the University of Cambridge.

EVAN PYE, DORNSIFE '15

Evan Pye is a junior majoring in global health. He founded a student organization called Project Africa in his sophomore year with the goal of researching and implementing high-impact solutions to global poverty. Project Africa partnered with a Ugandan nonprofit called the Global Health Network last summer to arrange a 3-week service trip focused on child and maternal health. This year, he worked with the Volunteer Center to offer USC's first Alternative Summer Break to Uganda. He serves as the Student Coordinator for 20 students who will return to Uganda to implement an income generation project and construct a biogas digester that will convert animal waste into high-nutrient fertilizer.

ORLI ROBIN, DORNSIFE '15

A poet and synesthete, Orli Robin studies Creative Writing and double-minors in Judaic Studies and resistance to genocide. She works as a Research Assistant to the Spring 2014 Senior Fellow at the USC Shoah Foundation visual history archive, where she co-authored the Foundation's iTunes U online media platform, co-founded the adjunct student association, and most recently worked to build 3-D interactive Holocaust testimony as part of New Dimensions in Testimony with the USC Institute for Creative Technologies. In Spring 2014, she served as the First Assistant at the Foundation's annual Ambassadors for Humanity Gala, honoring President Barack Obama. Orli interns with KAYA Press, a nonprofit publishing house that prints literature of the Asian diasporas, where in 2014 she worked on manuscript press kits and social media for three of KAYA's forthcoming releases. She is a member of the USC Sidney Harmon Academy for Polymathic Study and a soloist with the USC Thornton Early Music Collegium Workshop. Featured in USC Adsum, Orli studied creative nonfiction at the Yale Writers' Conference in Summer 2012 and 2013 and was selected to participate in the Spring 2014 Levan Institute one-week intensive workshop on Human Rights at the Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law, and Armed Conflict. A USC Casden Institute scholarship recipient, she was recently appointed a research fellowship at the at the Center for Advanced Genocide Research and a research assistantship from Rutgers University, combining her love of literature, archival testimony and digital storytelling. Orli's creative memoir won 1st place at the 2014 USC Writers' Conference and placed fifth in the Edward W. Moses Undergraduate Creative Writing Competition. She recently published a presentation on fiction, global justice, and polyphony at the University of Paris 8's research institute for political theories and presented this work at the Levan Institute's 2012 Global Justice (II) Conference at Maison des Sciences de l'Homme in Paris.

LINDA WANG, DORNSIFE '15

Linda Wang is a senior, double-majoring in sociology and philosophy, politics and law. She enjoys engaging in productive discourse, and she is excited to be a part of the Levan Institute. During her college career, she has been a member of several student groups and volunteer organizations, interned in both the private and nonprofit sectors, tutored the SAT to first-generation students, volunteered in medical clinics in the Dominican Republic, conducted linguistic field research in Taiwan, and walked backwards around campus as a tour guide. She spent her Fall 2014 semester studying in Dakar, Senegal.

2013-14 Levan Institute for Humanities and Ethics Undergraduate Fellows

LYNNE RYLEIGH CHEN, DORNSIFE '14 AND MARSHALL '14

Ryleigh Chen is a senior pursuing double majors in international relations and business administration with a concentration in the international political economy and a minor in international policy and management. Her interest in increasing student engagement with ethics and humanities has led her to her current position as the Director of Outreach and Collaborations for Levan Institute, in which she is currently working on a video project on the ethics of volunteerism with the Alternative Spring Break groups of the USC Volunteer Center. She is also an intern with the Center of Risk and Economic Analysis of Terrorism Events at USC and an undergraduate research assistant for the C.C. Crawford Chair at the Price School of Public Policy. Ryleigh hopes to work in global development and after graduation, plans on taking the Foreign Service Officer Test before pursuing her law degree.

PAVITRA KRISHNAMANI, DORNSIFE '14 AND KECK SOM '14

Pavitra Krishnamani graduated from USC in 2014, earning her BA in psychology from USC Dornsife and her MS in global medicine from USC's Keck School of Medicine. While at the University of Southern California, she held several leadership positions in university publications and in organizations encouraging interdisciplinary conversation. Furthermore, she represented her university in several global health design competitions. In her final year at USC, she founded ZYGO, an interactive discussion-based informal curriculum on medical ethics, as a Fellow at USC's Sidney Harman Academy for Polymathic Study and a Graduate Fellow in Medical Ethics at USC's Levan Institute for Humanities and Ethics. Currently an MD candidate (2018) at Thomas Jefferson University, Pavitra actively engages with global health and design at her university, working extensively with refugees in Philadelphia. To find out more and reach out, please visit pavitranel.weebly.com

LAURA MARTINEZ, DORNSIFE '14

Laura Martinez is a senior with a major in international relations and a minor in neuroscience. She tailored her major to concentrate on international political economy and gender, culture, and global society. Through her divergent academic interests, she became a Renaissance Scholar, which allowed her to embrace and combine her passion for understanding human behavior and analyzing foreign affairs. Throughout Laura's undergraduate career, the themes of ethics, human connections, and critical thinking have been continuously woven into her academic and extracurricular pursuits. Since her freshman year, she has mentored and taught students at different high schools every semester through the Joint Education Program and the Teaching International Relations Program. This teaching experience influenced her to become an English teacher during her semester abroad, where she lived in the Basque Country of Bilbao, Spain during her junior year. When she returned from her semester abroad, Laura became more actively involved with the Levan Institute for Humanities and Ethics as

the Chair for the Levan Undergraduate Fellows. She continued to broaden her experience through an internship with CREATE: the National Center for Risk and Economic Analysis of Terrorism Events. She carried her research experience with her to Colorado, where she became a research assistant at the Colorado School of Public Health. She also widened her professional experience within the political realm by interning for Dan Schnur's California Secretary of State campaign. She plans to apply her background and experience towards the field of public policy and advocacy to promote issues of social justice. Laura also plans to teach English abroad while she determines her specific cause of focus within the global community.

MARISSA ROY, DORNSIFE '14 AND ANNENBERG MS '14

Marissa Roy graduated from USC in 2014 with a bachelor's in philosophy, politics and law and a master's in public diplomacy.

ISABELLA WU, DORNSIFE '14

Isabella Wu is a senior majoring in international relations with a minor in natural sciences. Her interest in ethics was sparked when she joined USC's fledgling Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl team and was cemented by her volunteer work in the USC Teaching Ethics Program. After taking courses in philosophy and the ethics of international relations, she is excited to tackle new ground in launching the Levan Institute's "ZYGO" panel series on medical ethics. Isabella also serves as president of USC Alpha Epsilon Delta, founder and president of the USC Inter-Health Council, and plans to attend medical school in the fall in pursuit of a career in global health journalism. To maintain her sanity, she likes to carve out time each week for indoor rock climbing, dancing at indie/electronic music shows, dining out with friends, reading, writing, and nerding out at the great speaking events that USC has to offer.