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Greetings from **PRESIDENT LeBLANC**



Dear Presidential Fellowship Alumni, Fellows, and Friends:

Congratulations on achieving 30 years of service to GW! Given three decades of change within the university administration and evolving strategic plans, this is indeed a tremendous accomplishment. It is a true testament to the value and legacy of the Presidential Fellowship.

As a part of my third-year tenure at GW, I have had the pleasure of hosting a Presidential Fellow, Camila Tapias, in my office these past two years. She has been a role model for the Presidential Fellowship program as she maintained a high GPA, been a caring liaison to GW students, contributed to formats, which helped me hear directly from students, and has gained a great amount of professional development experience. All Fellows have provided the same type of service in their respective placement offices. Through ongoing communication with all 10 Fellows throughout the academic year, I have appreciated their passionate efforts to better GW through their ideas and contributions.

The Fellows have actively participated in a number of events this year with the Board of Trustees and other university leaders. Activities of note included their participation in my annual Lemonade Stand for incoming first-year students and their families, held at both the Foggy Bottom and Mount Vernon campuses during first-year orientation; their onboarding meeting and discussion with our new Provost, Brian Blake, during his first few months in the office; participation in the Leaders to Leaders dinners with faculty, staff, and Trustees; and the Presidential Distinguished Event Series, which included Hillary and Chelsea Clinton and Nikki Haley.

Finally, I want to express gratitude to the Fellows during the COVID-19 pandemic. Several have been on the front lines in supporting the student experience, safety, and research efforts during this unprecedented time. All have been helpful in providing tips on adapting to a virtual environment to the GW community through their social media efforts.

Congratulations to the graduating cohort, who will join their PAF alumni peers in May, and I look forward to meeting the 2020-2022 cohort when we return to campus.

Thomas J. LeBlanc

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Executive SUMMARY

With its 30-year history, Fellowship priorities this year included a refinement of our mission and operating pillars (academic, professional, and ambassadorial excellence); the institution of five initiatives focused on key operational tasks; and the development of eight competencies designed around career readiness. Fellows continued their service on a number of strategic committees/task forces and met with university leadership to provide ideas and reflections as the university moves to adopt a new strategic plan. While the COVID-19 pandemic postponed our 30th anniversary weekend celebration, the following highlights the core strengths of the program:

Requirements to become a Fellow:

**UNDERGRADUATE
GW SENIOR**

In good
**ACADEMIC
AND
DISCIPLINARY**
standing with the university

Completed at least
**55
CREDITS**
in residence at GW

A minimum
3.25
CUMULATIVE GW GPA

Admitted into a
**GW MASTER'S
DEGREE PROGRAM**
BY SPRING OF SENIOR YEAR

Presidential Fellows:

Fulfill the
**2
YEAR**
full-time Presidential
Fellowship program

Receive GW tuition grant for
MASTER'S DEGREE
and a salary and stipend totaling
\$25,000

Work
**20
HOURS**
per week in a GW office

Contribute
**5 HOURS
PER WEEK**
to Fellowship committees,
initiatives, ambassadorship,
and service.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEES:



COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Engage alumni, stakeholder, and GW community through outreach:

- Manage and brand social media content
- Implement external communications strategies
- Design and create an annual report



RECRUITMENT AND SELECTION

Plan and implement a recruitment and selection process for the new Fellowship cohort:

- Facilitate and prepare interviews and criteria for selection process
- Evaluate and monitor application and interview process
- Develop recruitment strategies to promote the Fellowship and engage with students

Five Initiatives:

**ACADEMIC | SERVICE | PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT |
ALUMNI/30TH ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATION | SPRING TRAINING**

CURRENT FELLOWS:

SCHOOLS REPRESENTED:

- Milken Institute School of Public Health - 2
- Elliott School of International Affairs - 2
- Columbian College of Arts & Sciences - 5
- GW School of Business - 1

3.88
AVERAGE GPA
of current Fellows

500
HOURS OF SERVICE
to the GW community

403
HOURS OF SERVICE
to the wider community

Meet the FELLOWSHIP

FELLOWSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

The Fellows participated in various activities throughout the year, such as serving on the Student Experience Task Force, attending the “Leaders-to-Leaders” Dinner, and meeting with the Provost. These are some of the highlights:

FIRST-YEAR FELLOWS



SERVICE AT THE GROW GARDEN DURING SUMMER TRAINING

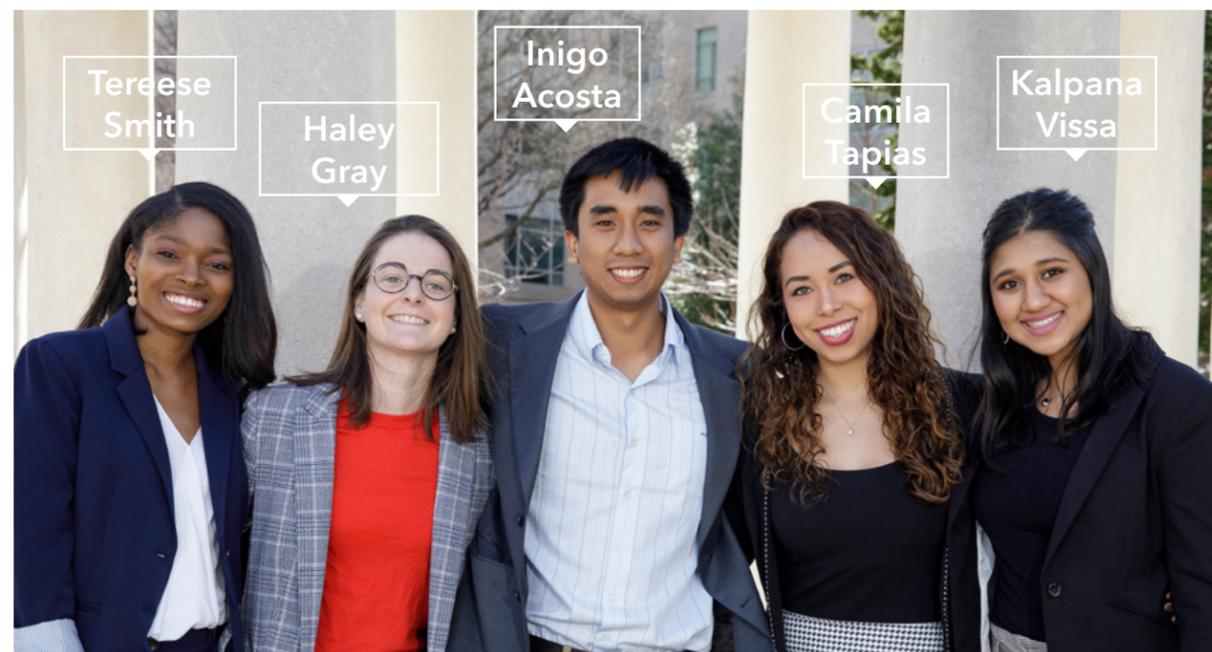
During Summer Training, Fellows and the Advising Team volunteered at the GroW Garden and worked to re-envision the Fellowship’s service efforts, specifically as they relate to university initiatives and improving the GW student experience. Further, the current Fellows were able to gain a deeper understanding of the Presidential Fellowship’s lasting impact on campus, as a Presidential Fellow along with a team of students conceptualized the GroW Garden.



PRESIDENT’S LEMONADE STAND

The President’s Lemonade Stand is an annual event at which the Fellows welcome the incoming undergraduate first-year class with treats. This year, our Fellows interacted with families and students both on the Foggy Bottom and Mount Vernon campuses.

SECOND-YEAR FELLOWS



LINDSEY FERRIS INVITATIONAL

The annual Lindsey Ferris Gymnastics Invitational, held in memory of former PAF alumna and GW gymnast, took place Sunday, January 19th, 2020. Lindsey graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication in 2001 and earned a Master of Forensic Sciences degree in 2003. She fulfilled her dream of becoming a Special Agent for the Air Force Office of Special Investigations and served as a Chief of the Detachment Threat Information Cell in Germany. This year, our Fellows attended the meet, helped with registration and witnessed the impact of The Lindsey Ferris Memorial Scholarship Fund. This fund is awarded to an undergraduate student who shares many of Lindsey’s values, including high academic achievement, gymnastics, and a passion for GW.



GW BOARD OF TRUSTEES DINNER

The Fellows were invited to attend the GW Board of Trustees Dinner and were able to discuss undergraduate and graduate experiences while also providing recommendations to the Trustees. Two of our Fellows were recognized for their current involvement in serving on task forces: Camila, member of the Task Force on Naming and Haley, member of the Task Force on Strategic Planning.

Advising TEAM HIGHLIGHTS

ADVISING TEAM



Toby Davidow, Ed.D.

Program Manager, GW Presidential Fellowship
Program Associate, Strategic and Interdisciplinary Initiatives, Center for Career Services

"I loved being able to celebrate another of the program's milestone anniversaries (the 30th!!). I also guided Fellows' self-directed learning of the 8 professional development competencies throughout the year."

Marva Gumbs Jennings, M.A.Ed.

Program Director, GW Presidential Fellowship
Managing Director, Strategic and Interdisciplinary Initiatives, Center for Career Services

"I am so pleased to have been able to increase the career education/development support of the Fellows through one-on-one meetings, utilization of alumni and preceptors and other activities designed to ensure future job/career success to the Fellowship. In addition, continuing to guide program changes as GW and the program evolves has been invaluable."

Kathryn Newcomer, Ph.D.

PAF Faculty Adviser
Professor, Trachtenberg School of Public Policy & Public Administration

"I am very proud of the outstanding academic performance of our Fellows. They not only have earned incredibly high grades (3.88 average overall in the fall!), but they are academic leaders in their schools and always eager to expand their knowledge beyond their fields. And two are planning to pursue doctoral degrees. This all makes my role extremely rewarding!"



ABOUT INIGO

Undergraduate Degree:
Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs

Hometown:
Manila, Philippines

Fun Facts:
Inigo has a pineapple variety named after him.

Inigo came to the U.S. knowing nothing about baseball and is now the biggest Washington Nationals fan. #2019Champions.

“ *This year I have honed in on specific academic and professional milestones I want to accomplish when I graduate. This includes writing a great thesis and executing GW's first Research Showcase! I have also loved getting to know the amazing cohort of First-Year Fellows who will undoubtedly carry the Fellowship's amazing legacy forward!* **”**



INIGO ACOSTA

Master's Degree: Anthropology
Columbian College of Arts & Sciences



FELLOWSHIP ROLES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Inigo led the planning committee of the first GW Research Showcase to highlight the amazing student research at GW. Inigo also played a part in helping develop GW's new student Research Commons. On the academic front, Inigo received the Lewis N. Cotlow grant, which he used to travel to the Philippines last year to conduct ethnographic research for his thesis. He presented his findings in symposiums at GW and the University of Maryland. He was also chosen as a Learning Partner for the GW Alternative Breaks trip to Puerto Rico!



SPECIAL HIGHLIGHT

Inigo continued to develop his connections with the Smithsonian Institution. He presented a paper entitled, "The Role of Crafts in Economic Growth in Southeast Asia," at the Asian Cultural History Program's Symposium on Kazakhstan's Crafts and Creative Economy in October 2019. The paper will soon be published by Kasteyev Museum of Fine Arts.

PLACEMENT: OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH

Title: Graduate Assistant

Job Description: Inigo is responsible for leading the planning committee for GW Research Showcase 2020. He is also in charge of database management for GW Research Commons. He is undertaking a qualitative research project to obtain feedback for the Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship training programs.

Placement Spotlight

The Fellowship allowed Inigo to travel to many different places for research, service and conferences. However, the highlight was getting the opportunity to return to the Philippines to do his research about the Del Monte pineapple plantation. It allowed him to dive into a topic he always wanted to learn more about and spend time with his wonderful grandparents.

Preceptor: Megan Dieleman
Title: Project Manager

"Inigo has been a tremendous addition to the OUPR team over the past two years. He has jumped into numerous projects to offer his support, insight, and leadership. He has been instrumental in efforts our office has made to enhance the student research experience, whether through the development of a website for students to find research opportunities or through leading a team of staff as we transition our annual Research Days event to make it a one-day event with a new name, new layout and new opportunities for students to showcase their research. Inigo's leadership is helping to make these changes possible."





HALEY GRAY

Master's Degree: Accountancy & Certificate in Nonprofit Management
GW School of Business



FELLOWSHIP ROLES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In addition to creating a set of metrics for the GW Board of Trustees, Haley was asked to be a member of the Strategic Planning Taskforce to represent the GW graduate and undergraduate perspective during the process. The Taskforce meets throughout the year to look over the plans created by the four pillar committees: World-Class Faculty, High-Quality Undergraduate Education, Distinguished and Distinctive Graduate Education, and High-Impact Research. Haley felt honored to be asked to represent students during this process and make sure their voices were being heard and understood.



SPECIAL HIGHLIGHT

Every semester, the Accounting Department offers free, open-hour tutoring for its students. This year, Haley served as the tutor for GW's Accounting Department. She was able to support both undergraduate and graduate students on various accounting topics and coursework. Haley felt it was not only a rewarding experience working with the younger students and sharing her career path, but it also helped strengthen her skills in communicating complex accounting topics.

PLACEMENT: CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT & BUSINESS ADVISORY SERVICES (CIBAS)

Title: Graduate Intern

Job Description: Haley supports CIBAS Associates on various projects throughout GW, as well as leads her own projects to support the university's goal for continuous improvement. This year, specifically, Haley has worked on mapping current business processes and recommending improvements, researching and benchmarking GW to market basket schools on various topics for stakeholders, and gathering data for the Board of Trustees.

Placement Spotlight

Haley worked with a team to assemble the Board of Trustees' set of metrics and conducted an analysis on an area of improvement within GWU for an internal initiative of CIBAS.

Preceptor: Don Reagan
Title: Director of Continuous Improvement & Business Advisory Services

"Haley's work in CIBAS promoted the continuous organizational and process improvement efforts of the offices of Development, Athletics, Procurement, and the Registrar. She also devoted significant time to an information gathering and analysis effort that provides our Board of Trustees numerous academic, research and operational performance metrics. Her organized, thoughtful and nuanced approach allowed her to deliver just what our clients asked for and, more importantly, what they did not know they needed. We are in awe of Haley's intelligence, curiosity, and drive all packaged in a humble and delightful individual. Our team has been very fortunate to get to know and work with Haley these past two years."



ABOUT HALEY

Undergraduate Degree:
Bachelor of Arts in Human Service and Social Justice

Hometown:
Nashville, Tennessee

Fun Facts:
When Haley was a child, she lived in Geneva, Switzerland for four years.

Haley has been enrolled in three different GW colleges and schools: Elliott School of International Affairs, Columbian College of Arts & Sciences, and GW School of Business.

"This year was my second year as a Presidential Fellow, and it has been amazing to see how much opportunity there is for continued growth. I have learned so much from the other Fellows and from the guidance of our Advising Team. Our bi-monthly competencies, such as leadership and career management, have helped to develop skills that will have a long-lasting effect on the future."



TEREESE SMITH

Master's Degree: Public Policy
Trachtenberg School of Public Policy & Public Administration



FELLOWSHIP ROLES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Tereese served as the fall Chair of the Presidential Fellowship Recruitment and Selection Committee and was also on the Service Initiative. During the fall semester, Tereese successfully supported and facilitated meetings, and the committee was able to increase outreach to minorities and under-represented groups across campus. In the Service Initiative, Tereese helped to create and host an event with the Honey W. Nashman Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service's Civic House, a first-year undergraduate living and learning community, which allowed the Fellows to engage with first-years, promote the Presidential Fellowship and determine potential service issue areas on campus.



SPECIAL HIGHLIGHT

Tereese's capstone group worked with a nonprofit located in Colombia, Fundación Corona. Through the capstone, Tereese and her group members worked to provide research and promising practices to improve youth economic development globally. Further, these deliverables allowed Fundación Corona to assess their youth development efforts, evaluate and improve program management, and prepare for future program activities. Using the skills gained in the professional development sessions and encouragement from the Fellowship, Tereese challenged herself, while pursuing a new, career-defining experience.

ABOUT TEREESE

Undergraduate Degree:
Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs

Hometown:
Lawrenceville, Georgia

Fun Facts:
Tereese is a huge fan of the Fast and Furious film series!

Tereese was a GW cheerleader all four years of her undergraduate studies!

"As a Second-Year Fellow, I have had an amazing opportunity to reflect on my experiences last year while helping to implement creative and new approaches. This year has allowed me to not only progress within the Fellowship, but also in my professional and personal life."

PLACEMENT: HONEY W. NASHMAN CENTER FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICE

Title: Coordinator, Database Management & Outreach

Job Description: Tereese oversees the internal, external, and departmental outreach for the GWServes site through Give Pulse. GWServes is a site, launched in August 2018 through the Nashman Center, that is aimed at increasing GW's community engagement and creating mutual partnerships between GW and local community partners. As the Coordinator, Tereese onboards a variety of community partners across various causes. Since the site's creation, Tereese has increased the site's users and groups to over 13,000 unique campus users, 174 subgroups, and 195 local community partners. In her role, she collects and analyzes data about GW students, staff, faculty, and community partnerships to understand how GW is making an impact in the DC community.

Placement Spotlight

During the Nashman Center's first annual Changemaker Week, Tereese collaborated with a First-Year Fellow, Jacqueline, to host a session entitled, "ChangeMAKING It Work," which allowed current undergraduate and graduate students to discuss ways to engage with people who have different perspectives, identities, and experiences while also encouraging students to acknowledge their gaps in knowledge and understanding about certain topics.

Preceptor: Giovanni Mahonez
Title: Assistant Director of the Honey W. Nashman Center for Civic Engagement and Public Service

"Tereese oversees our database management and outreach efforts and has been an invaluable asset to the Nashman Center. She serves as the primary point of contact for all things GWServes. She has worked from the very beginning during our launch to now to integrate all aspects of community engagement across campus into GWServes. Tereese's communication strategy and thorough support and onboarding has resulted in an expansive adoption rate and has allowed us to truly collect and analyze GW's community engagement efforts which were not able to fully do before. Tereese also facilitated workshops and one-on-ones with our undergraduates to help them develop professionally this year. Tereese's engaging personality and work ethic has been a great addition to the Nashman Center these past two years and we are proud to have worked with her."





CAMILA TAPIAS

Master's Degree: Public Administration
Trachtenberg School of Public Policy & Public Administration



FELLOWSHIP ROLES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Camila really enjoyed the Presidential Fellowship retreat at the beginning of the school year. The retreat was a great opportunity to get to know each other and to set the tone for the year. She really liked cooking and bonding with all the Fellows and the Advising Team. All the conversations and activities were very helpful to learn from each other and to start the year on a high note!



SPECIAL HIGHLIGHT

Camila truly enjoyed the GW Diversity Summit, especially the key-note speaker, MJ Rodriguez. The theme of the Diversity Summit was "Be Bold: Learning, Unlearning and Relearning." Camila felt that MJ Rodriguez's speech was very inspiring and it demonstrated what it really means to be bold. In particular, understanding the challenges that many people face in a society where preconceived notions and stereotypes of what someone is or should be, may affect their ability to be successful and feel valued. This was a memorable experience that encouraged self-reflection and self-confidence.

PLACEMENT: OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Title: Presidential Student Liaison

Job Description: Camila works to connect student organizations and students' support offices to coordinate meetings, events, special projects, and build campus community. She assists the Office of the President with student inquiries and identifies opportunities for President Leblanc to meet with students. Further, she participates in monthly meetings with the Student Association and the President to stay informed about students' concerns, initiatives, and engagement strategies, and to strengthen the relationship between the Office of the President and GW students.

Placement Spotlight

Camila organizes the "Leaders-2-Leaders" Dinner at the President's house, which provides students with the opportunity to learn from and interact with many leaders in the community. The dinner and its discussion provide a unique opportunity to share different perspectives about leadership on GW's campus and in the world.

Preceptor: Aristide J. Collins, Jr., Ed.D.
Title: Chief of Staff, Vice President and Secretary of the University

"Camila serves as the Student Liaison in the Office of the President. In her role, she serves as the primary point of contact for student outreach and communication. Cami is very smart, has high emotional intelligence, and is extremely organized and focused. Cami balances her classwork and her work in our office with great skill and ability. She makes students feel at ease, while she helps them navigate the structures of the university. Cami is a great problem solver and strategic thinker who has done solid work on behalf of our office and GW students. I am honored to know her and am proud of what she has accomplished."



KALPANA VISSA

Master's Degree: Public Health in Community Oriented Primary Care
Milken Institute School of Public Health



FELLOWSHIP ROLES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Kalpana served as the Chair of the Communications Committee for the fall semester, where she developed the weekly agenda and organized initiatives around internal and external communications for the Fellowship. Kalpana coordinated social media efforts on Instagram and Twitter to advertise the program and increase our engagement with the GW community. Kalpana also served on the Academics Initiative in which she worked with Kathy and Halea to develop curriculum and content for the Fellows pertaining to research, study design, and strategy. Additionally, Kalpana served on the GW Safety and Security Student Advisory Board and the GW Title IX Committee on Sexual Assault Prevention and Response.



SPECIAL HIGHLIGHT

Kalpana was involved in the 20th Anniversary celebration of the Women's Leadership Program, in which she was featured as one of 20 graduates in the 20x20 Women's Leadership Series. Kalpana was thrilled to finish off her GW career where she started. Kalpana was a member of the Science, Health, and Medicine 2014-2015 cohort of WLP during her freshman year and credits the program for giving her the tools to advocate for herself and the confidence to apply and become a Resident Advisor and pursue internships and fellowships.

PLACEMENT: DEPARTMENT OF CLINICAL RESEARCH AND LEADERSHIP

Title: Research Assistant

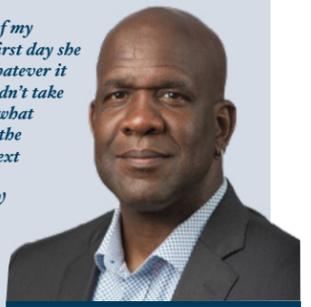
Job Description: Kalpana wears many hats in her role as a research assistant. She oversees human subject research compliance through the GW Institutional Review Board (IRB) and coordinates logistics (i.e., recruitment, informed consent, compensation) for data collection for a National Institute of Health K01 Grant (\$613K) on brain health and cognitive aging among former college and professional football players. Kalpana and Dr. Turner secured a \$91K supplemental award to quantitatively and qualitatively assess general health and cognition of Black male caregivers of persons with dementia. Kalpana also supervises research assistants by guiding their work navigating research databases and conducting literature reviews, and supporting their personal and professional growth.

Placement Spotlight

Kalpana co-authored a manuscript, "Sleep problems are associated with academic performance among collegiate athletes," by performing literature reviews, analyzing secondary datasets (NFL Players Care Foundation Study of Retired Football Players, American College Health Association-National College Health Assessment), and managing the submission and revision processes of publications. She is thrilled to have achieved her first publication and is excited about the opportunity to earn more!

Preceptor: Robert W. Turner II, Ph.D.
Title: Assistant Professor

"Over the past two years, Kalpana has been an amazing part of my journey here at the George Washington University. From the first day she walked into my office, Kalpana has always been eager to do whatever it takes to ensure we have a successful working relationship. It didn't take long to see that she was extremely bright and enthusiastic, but what really caught my attention was her desire to make everyone on the research team better. Whenever Kalpana finishes a task, her next question is always, 'what else can I do to help?' It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as Kalpana's mentor for the GW Presidential Fellowship. My only regret is how quickly the time has passed by. I look forward to seeing all that the future has in store for this talented young scholar."



ABOUT KALPANA

Undergraduate Degree:
Bachelor of Science in Public Health

Hometown:
Fort Collins, Colorado

Fun Facts:
Kalpana's name means imagination.

In her time at GW, she has attended speaking engagements for one U.S. President and three Presidential Candidates: President Barack Obama, Secretary Hillary Clinton (2x), Senator Bernie Sanders, and Senator Kamala Harris. She has a selfie with Bernie too!! #OnlyatGW

"The Presidential Fellowship has been the trifecta for me. In no other post-graduate opportunity would I have been able to pursue a master's degree, gain invaluable work experience, and serve as an ambassador. I am constantly amazed, but never surprised, by the work ethic and creativity of our Fellows and Advising Team."

ABOUT CAMILA

Undergraduate Degree:
Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Sciences

Hometown:
Bogotá, Colombia

Fun Facts:
Camila loves oil painting on canvas and has created multiple paintings since she was little.

Camila played on the GW Women's Basketball team for four years and won the Atlantic 10 Conference tournament three out of four years (she has 3 rings!)

"This year has been a life-affirming experience. It's been a joy to learn with and from other Presidential Fellows, the Advising Team, and our Preceptors. I am so grateful for all the people who have challenged, inspired, and helped me become a better person and leader."





JACQUELINE BAÑOS

Master's Degree: Public Health in Health Policy
Milken Institute School of Public Health



FELLOWSHIP ROLES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Jacqueline facilitated a productive Spring Training with Second-Year Fellow, Camila. Jacqueline was proud of how the Fellows worked together to identify strengths and weaknesses of the past semester, and how to move forward. She is continuously inspired by the Fellows and their passion to give back to GW. Jacqueline also served as Chair of the Recruitment and Selection Committee during the spring semester. While the Recruitment and Selection Committee has a busy fall season, the Committee uses the spring to set up recruitment events, prepare outreach for rising seniors, and materials for the fall application season.



SPECIAL HIGHLIGHT

Even though Jacqueline had only been at her placement with the Office for Diversity, Equity, and Community Engagement a few weeks, she became an invaluable member of the 5th Annual Diversity Summit Planning Committee. During this rewarding experience, MJ Rodriguez, Afro-Latina transgender woman, actress, singer, and advocate delivered the Keynote address for the Summit. Jacqueline got to meet MJ afterward where they connected about their shared love for elephant themed jewelry. MJ even complimented Jacqueline's elephant ring that she wears for good luck while Jacqueline admired MJ's elephant necklace.

PLACEMENT: OFFICE FOR DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (ODECE)

Title: Presidential Fellow

Job Description: Jacqueline's work at ODECE is best described as working in three components. The first is Identity Development. Part of Jacqueline's goal in her placement is to help make ODECE more accessible to students, and to be seen as a resource to the University that is promoting diversity and inclusion. Jacqueline is growing the office's social media presence by creating and publishing content. Jacqueline also helps ODECE offer support to the GW community by co-sponsoring events with other University Departments and organizations. She also provides support for students, faculty, and staff by setting up programming to help give students space at the University to discuss social issues and topics related to identity. The third component is education in which Jacqueline facilitates unconscious bias workshops for groups across the GW.

Placement Spotlight

During the winter final exam period, Jacqueline organized lunches and dinners for GW students. Offering a warm meal and welcoming space at the Office for Diversity, Equity, and Community Engagement gave students the chance to take a mental break from the rush of finals.

Preceptor: Dr. Jordan West
Title: Director for Diversity and Inclusion Education

"From the beginning, Jacqueline shared her bold ideas about the ways in which she will contribute to making an impact at GW as a Presidential Fellow. Jacqueline imagines the possibilities, and each day I work to support her in making her ideas come to life. Jacqueline is someone who finds the silver lining, leads with a sense of hope and optimism, and understands that our work has the potential to change lives. Through telling the story of our work in ODECE, to creating a brand-new university-wide program, to facilitating educational workshops with audiences of 100+ people, and to constantly being sought out as a resource by students, Jacqueline's impact is constant and real. Jacqueline embodies the words of Sister Scholar Maya Angelou: "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."



ABOUT JACQUELINE

Undergraduate Degree:
Bachelor of Science in Public Health

Hometown:
Smyrna, Georgia

Fun Facts:
Jacqueline loves dancing, especially salsa and cumbia. Her nickname, Jacky Fuego, is inspired by her time as GW Fuego's President in her senior year.

Through a Georgia Representative, Jacqueline saw Pope Francis when he came to D.C. in the fall of 2015. She napped with a group of friends on the crowded West Lawn of the Capitol from 3 AM to 6 AM and then heard him talk early that morning.

"There is no way that at 18 years old—or even fall of my senior year—I would have expected to be privileged enough to be a Presidential Fellow. The Fellowship has given me an unexpected group of friends and experiences. I am thankful to go through this program with four other strong women in my cohort and grateful for the guidance of the Second-Year Fellows."



REBECCA BIZZARRI

Master's Degree: Public Administration
Trachtenberg School of Public Policy & Public Administration



FELLOWSHIP ROLES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Serving on the Recruitment and Selection Committee, Rebecca collaborated with Fellows and alumni to spread the word about PAF. She used relationships and skills developed as an undergraduate to recruit a diverse group of applicants. Additionally, alongside a Second-Year Fellow, Haley, she established a Personal Development Initiative, to incorporate opportunities related to financial literacy and other topics that are essential in post-grad life for all the Fellows. This spring, she served as the Weekly Meeting Facilitator and worked with the Advising Team to maximize efficiency and create strategy sessions to brainstorm ways to improve the Fellowship for years to come.



SPECIAL HIGHLIGHT

Having been a member of the global nonprofit, Changemaker Chats, since 2017, Rebecca became a DC Director this September. The organization aims to bring together early and mid-career women to learn from female leaders through intimate, off-the-record conversations that equip and empower women with the know-how and networks to be more effective changemakers in their lives. Rebecca feels grateful to be in the company of so many inspirational and empowering women who not only are fueling change in their workplace, but are also committed to uplifting other women every step of the way. Rebecca will be moderating her first chat in May of 2020 with Susannah Wellford, the CEO and Founder of Running Start, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that trains young women to run for political office.

PLACEMENT: DIVISION OF SAFETY AND SECURITY

Title: Program Assistant

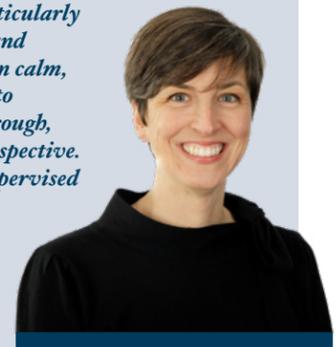
Job Description: Rebecca is primarily responsible for thinking of innovative ways to bring students into the work that the office does. She does this on a monthly basis by leading the Student Advisory Board, a meeting that fosters collaboration between students and staff to discuss campus safety issues. She also advocated for students' interests by putting together a student panel for the new Chief of Police search. Additionally, Rebecca coordinates with a range of stakeholders to compile the Annual Security and Fire Safety Report. She also spends a significant portion of her time working with the Office of Advocacy and Support which provides support to victims of crime within the GW community.

Placement Spotlight

Rebecca facilitates monthly Student Advisory Board meetings for over 15 students and staff, to create a platform for students to share their feedback about campus safety measures.

Preceptor: Kathleen Fox
Title: Assistant Vice President for Health & Safety

"Rebecca has been an outstanding addition to the Safety and Security team. She joined at a particularly dynamic time and has shown more maturity and poise than most people twice her age. She's been calm, focused, full of innovative ideas and the skill to implement them, determined in her follow-through, and a much-needed infusion of the student perspective. She's helped us complete our annual report, supervised Advocacy and Support student volunteers, helped recruit a police chief, and participated in an Emergency Operations Center activation. All that in just six months! We can't wait for the next six."



ABOUT REBECCA

Undergraduate Degree:
Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs

Hometown:
Salisbury, Maryland

Fun Facts:
If Rebecca ever got a tattoo it would say "I can and I will." Anytime she doubts herself or feels overwhelmed she reminds herself of this powerful mantra.

In undergrad, Rebecca created the GW Gala and hosted it for two years at the French Embassy! Now the event is an annual GW tradition celebrating the very talented and diverse GW community.

"Since becoming a Presidential Fellow, I have been blown away by the support and insight of the Second-Year Fellows, and the entire PAF alumni network. This incredible network has provided an invaluable community for me to personally and professionally grow and I can't wait to pay that forward with next year's class of Fellows."





CAROLINA FUENTES

Master's Degree: Anthropology
Columbian College of Arts & Sciences



FELLOWSHIP ROLES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Carolina is part of the 30th Anniversary Planning Committee, where she helped with its logistics, programming, and execution. Last fall, she was part of the Alumni Weekend Planning Committee, which recognized the contributions of past Fellows, celebrated the continuous legacy of the Fellowship and became a place where past Fellows were able to interact with the current ones. This spring, she served as the Communications Committee Chair, and was in charge of planning the weekly agenda and facilitating discussion among the members. Within this committee, Carolina creates postings and oversees the engagement for the Facebook PAF Alumni Group.



SPECIAL HIGHLIGHT

Carolina served as the Service Learning Partner for the Alternative Spring Break to Puerto Rico held by the Organization of Latino American Students. In addition, she continues to engage with the Latino undergraduate community through different forms, including Student Speaker for El Poder de la Mujer Gala. Outside of Foggy Bottom, Carolina volunteers her time with organizations such as Movimiento Cultural Salvadoreño- DMV, Fiesta DC, and Clinica del Pueblo.

PLACEMENT: THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF POLITICAL MANAGEMENT

Title: Presidential Fellow

Job Description: Carolina is the primary point of contact for GSPM Social Media Ambassadors. She helps populate the CustomViewbook, which is an online platform that can be accessed by prospective students to learn more about GSPM's resources. Further, she is a research assistant to Dr. Cornfield's Public Echoes Of Rhetoric in America (PEORIA) project.

Placement Spotlight

Carolina coordinates the weekly analysis for The Public Echoes Of Rhetoric In America (PEORIA) Project for the 2020 Weekly Tweeterboard. She collects data from Twitter about presidential candidates using Crimson Hexagon, an online platform that tracks trending topics on social media. These data are used to evaluate how the electorate is engaging with information about their candidates.

Preceptor: Marie Rudolph
Title: Senior Marketing Strategist

"Carolina serves as a member of our Marketing, Communications, and Recruiting team. One of the research projects she is leading will identify the best practices and innovative approaches for graduate education marketing. Carolina also directly supports Dr. Michael Cornfield on The Public Echoes Of Rhetoric In America (PEORIA) Project. Through the PEORIA Project, the public will learn the main channels through which presidential aspirants' messages reach the electorate; how those messages are being received and passed on through individuals' personal networks; and who is getting the most "mainstream" and "social" media traction. We appreciate Carolina and her work."



ABOUT CAROLINA

Undergraduate Degree:
Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs

Hometown:
Long Island, New York

Fun Facts:
Carolina studied Italian for five years.

Carolina's #OnlyAtGW moment was meeting Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor at Lisner Auditorium, where she discussed her journey to the nation's highest court.

“My first year as a Presidential Fellow has gone by so quickly! I am grateful for my cohort, Second-Year Fellows, advisors, and the GSPM team. I am excited to continue to learn and enjoy my time at GW!”



HALEA KERR-LAYTON

Master's Degree: Global Communication
Elliott School of International Affairs & School of Media and Public Affairs



FELLOWSHIP ROLES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Halea served on the Fellowship's Communications Committee and the Academic Initiatives Committee. She coordinated the Fellowship's visual branding and strategic communications and took the lead on highlighting Fellow accomplishments on the Annual Report and Instagram. She also engaged with a PAF alumna, Michelle Yamin, who is also an alumna of the Global Communications program, to discuss career path resources.



SPECIAL HIGHLIGHT

This fall, Halea was among the Fellows invited to Secretary Hillary and Chelsea Clinton's event discussing their new book "Gutsy Women." Additionally, she was able to attend the "In Defense of American Democracy" forum where Secretary Clinton spoke. Halea says that these opportunities felt like #OnlyatGW moments as they were afforded to her by being here in DC, at the epicenter of U.S. governmental relations. Further, because she interned for Hillary for America during her undergrad, these PAF experiences felt like a full circle.

ABOUT HALEA

Undergraduate Degree:
Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs; Spanish and Latin American Languages, Literatures, and Cultures

Hometown:
Boulder, Colorado

Fun Facts:
Quote to live by is: "Recognize yourself in he and she who are not like you and me."
-Carlos Fuentes

Served as a Resident Advisor throughout her undergraduate years, and only ever lived in first-year residence halls!

“I've noticed how the Fellowship really is an ideal environment for academic and professional growth and excellence. Being supported and surrounded by such intelligent, hardworking, and impressive individuals is inspiring. As an overall cohort, we support and challenge each other to strive for excellence.”

PLACEMENT: SUSTAINABLE GW

Title: Strategic Outreach & Engagement Coordinator

Job Description: Halea liaises with Sustainable GW's research, academic, and operations offices to organize cohesive events and unified messaging. She supports stakeholder engagement initiatives in developing and executing communications and social media strategy for all Sustainable GW events. She works to socialize sustainability as a relevant and personal social and environmental cause within the GW community. Additionally, Halea represents student voices to university administrators to advocate for sustainability leading to the integration of sustainability into the university's orientation and student engagement programs.

Placement Spotlight

Halea organized this year's annual DC Climathon event in partnership with the University of the District of Columbia and the District Department of Energy and Environment. This event was a 24-hour hackathon held to develop innovative climate change solutions on the GW 2019 topic: "Closing the Loop on Textile Waste." She also organized GW's 50th Anniversary Earth Day Summit for over 300 guests and coordinated speakers such as Questlove and Senator Whitehouse.

Preceptor: Meghan Chapple
Title: Director of the Office of Sustainability, Senior Advisor on University Sustainability Initiatives

"Halea is an integral part of the Sustainable GW team working across academics, faculty research, and student engagement. Halea's expectations for excellence and unwavering positive attitude improved our efforts to engage faculty, students, and staff in events to learn about the pressing issues of climate change, circular economy, sustainable food systems, and more. With her vision and leadership skills she built a coalition of student voices for sustainability in the student experience that has led to a positive impact on the GW community."





RENEA WILLIAMS

Master's Degree: International Development Studies
Elliott School of International Affairs



FELLOWSHIP ROLES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Renea served on the Communications Committee and the Service Initiative. As part of the Communications Committee she helped facilitate data collection for the annual report. Through the Service Initiative, Renea worked with a Second-Year Fellow, Tereese Smith, to host dialogues as a Fellowship with The Civic House community, to identify areas of the GW community in need of improvement and brainstorm ways the Fellows could contribute to positive change. Furthermore, Renea demonstrated her commitment to professionalism and ambassadorship by serving on the final round interview committee, which is tasked with selecting the candidates for the next Presidential Fellowship cohort.



SPECIAL HIGHLIGHT

Through her placement, Renea implemented two new signature programs to be added to the MSSC's annual calendar: a Diwali celebration in the Fall and a Lunar New Year festival in the Spring. Both events took place on the Mount Vernon Campus (MVC) in an effort to expand cultural programming to the greater student living communities, as well as faculty and staff. Renea formed a close partnership with the MVC special programs and academic experience department and advocated for greater representation of the diversity of Asian cultures through the MSSC. The Diwali celebration was the first of its kind at GW, where an official university affiliate brought campus-wide attention to an important festival in South Asian culture.

PLACEMENT: THE MULTICULTURAL STUDENT SERVICES CENTER (MSSC)

Title: Graduate Fellow Program Coordinator for the Pan-Asian Community

Job Description: Renea serves in several advisory, liaison, and project management roles to directly support 30 undergraduate and graduate student organizations. She provides identity-centered communication, leadership, programming guidance, scheduling coordination, and digital marketing support services to the MSSC and the greater student community. In addition to designing and managing two heritage months, Renea implemented new signature programming and started a social media campaign to help shape the MSSC brand, support programming by other GW departments, and stay connected with students.

Placement Spotlight

Renea was the project coordinator and lead designer for two of the biggest heritage months at GW: the South Asian Heritage Celebration (SAHC) in March, "Rooted in Culture: Made in the Diaspora," and the Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Celebration (APIHC) in April, "Broadcasting Ourselves." She worked with 20 undergraduate student organizations and various GW departments to cultivate the students' visions into two cohesive programs, inspiring collaboration among student leaders. Renea honed her project coordination, creative thinking, leadership, and teamwork skills during this first year planning heritage celebrations, and she was excited to bring the visions of next year's students to life!

Preceptor: Michael Tapscott
Title: Director of the Multicultural Student Services Center

"The Multicultural Student Services Center prides itself on modeling the values associated with 'our shared humanity' by being one of if not the most relational and affirming offices on campus. We strive for excellence by focusing our operational ideology on results that impact 'people before policy' and 'people before process.' Renea Williams joined our team with a history of high achievement and consistently excellent results in everything she takes on. We soon found out that her interpersonal attributes showed the same high-level capacity for warmth, humor, and care for others. She joined our team with all of the characteristics of a multicultural services professional, who just happened to have been part of the family for years."



ABOUT RENEA

Undergraduate Degree:
Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs

Hometown:
Queens, New York City, New York

Fun Facts:
Renea LOVES sloths!

Renea was captain of the South Asian fusion dance team, GW Chamak.

"After the first year of being in the Fellowship, I have grown so much, and so holistically, as an individual: academically, professionally within my placement, and as a leader both within and outside my team. I am so grateful for the support this Fellowship has shown me, and the relationships I have made along that way continue to inspire me. This has been the #OnlyatGW experience I am most thankful for and I am excited to see what awaits in my second year!"



Introducing the NEW COHORT

With much gratitude to current Fellows, alumni Fellows, faculty, and staff who spent innumerable hours during the 2019-2020 recruitment and selection process, the Presidential Fellowship welcomes the 2020-2022 incoming cohort.



Nana Addo

Master of Public Health in Global Health Program Design, Monitoring, and Evaluation Candidate

Hometown: Fort Wayne, Indiana
Undergraduate Degree: Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs



Adel Hassen

Master of Science in Business Analytics Candidate

Hometown: Washington, DC
Undergraduate Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Business Analytics and International Business



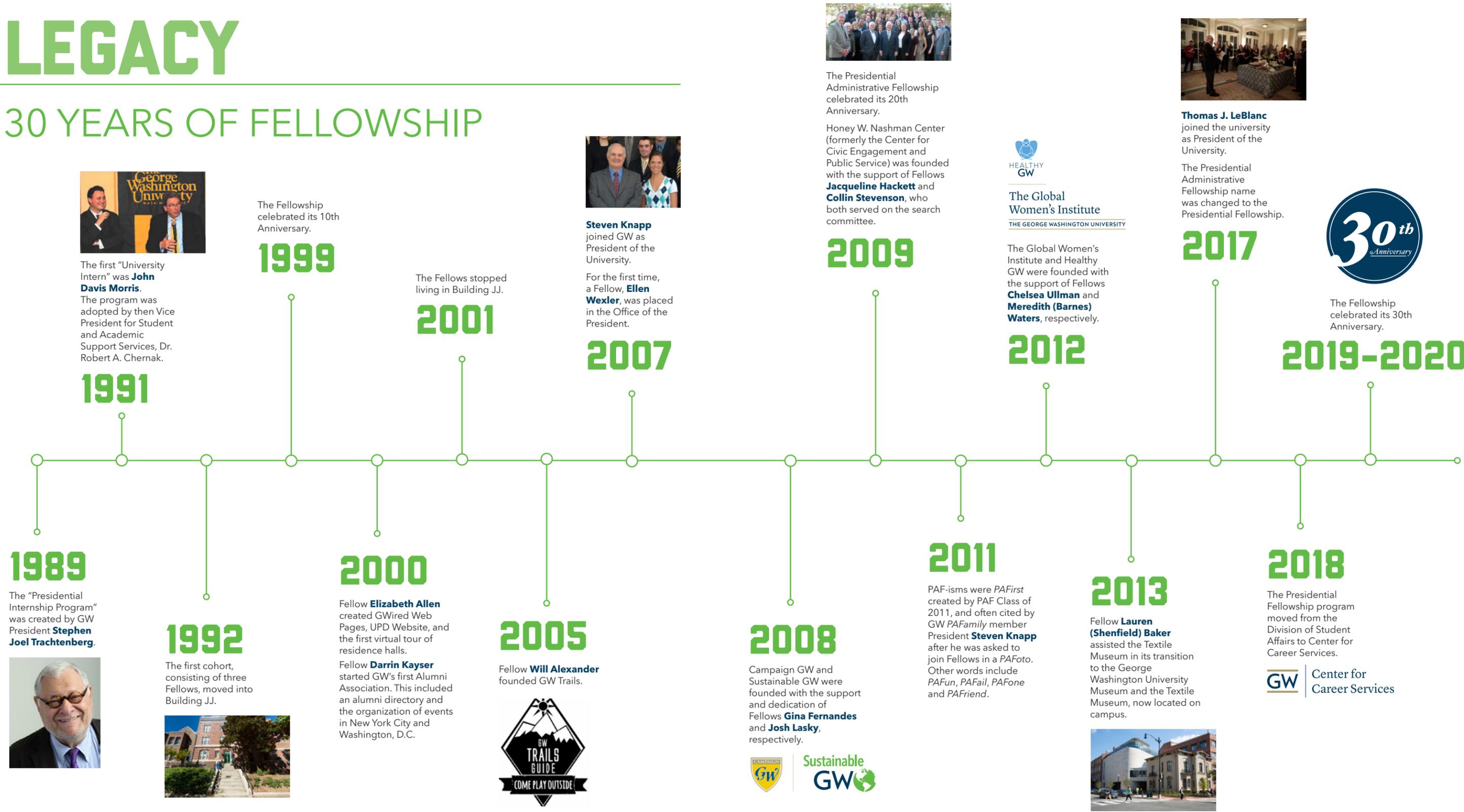
Rachel Yakobashvili

Master of Public Administration Candidate

Hometown: Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Undergraduate Degree: Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs

LEGACY

30 YEARS OF FELLOWSHIP



Thank you to the advising team and champions over the past 30 years who have helped make the Fellowship successful!

Over the course of this time, the following people worked with, and for, the Fellows on a day-to-day basis, providing guidance, mentorship, and/or program coordination, as well as strategic planning, in order to ensure the continual achievement of the Fellows and of the program:

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LEGACY

ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Rodney Salinas

Degree: B.A. '97, M.A. '99

Current Position: Market Leader, Fooda

"My time as a PAF not only taught me how to be a more effective leader and professional, I've also built lifelong connections to some of the most amazing friends and colleagues."



David Burt

Degree: B.B.A. '01, M.S. '03

Current Position: Premier of Bermuda

"My favourite memory from my time as a PAF was learning life lessons from my Fellowship cohort. My PAF placement in the office of the Vice President for Student Services assisted in learning how to problem solve in the work environment which has been beneficial in my career in public service."



Bianca Garcia

Degree: B.A. '07, M.A. '09

Current Position: Assistant District Attorney, Travis County District Attorney's office

"PAF gave me the confidence and credentials to be successful in my legal career. I am grateful for the experience at GWU and PAF."



Sarah-Jo Lawrence

Degree: B.A. '08, M.S. '10

Current Position: Athletic Academic Advisor, Clemson University

"The most rewarding thing about the PAF experience for me has been the lifelong friendships I've developed and sustained for over a decade. From the 10k runs together back in grad school to now bachelorette gatherings and baby showers; getting to live life with one another has been both meaningful and incredibly gratifying."



Meaghan (Smith) Ransom

Degree: B.S. '10, M.P.H. '12, M.D. '17

Current Position: Resident Physician, Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt

"Being a PAF afforded me incredible opportunities for growth and career development through a variety of service and professional experiences. My mentor in the Department of Emergency Medicine exposed me to many areas of academic medicine I would not have been able to take part in if it weren't for PAF. This June, I will finish my residency in Pediatrics at Vanderbilt and have been inducted into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. In July I begin a Fellowship training program in Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine in the Division of Neonatology at Vanderbilt. This has been a long journey, but the accomplished people in my PAF cohort and the challenges we faced together taught me lessons that will last a lifetime and have tremendously helped me get where I am today."



Ian Tang

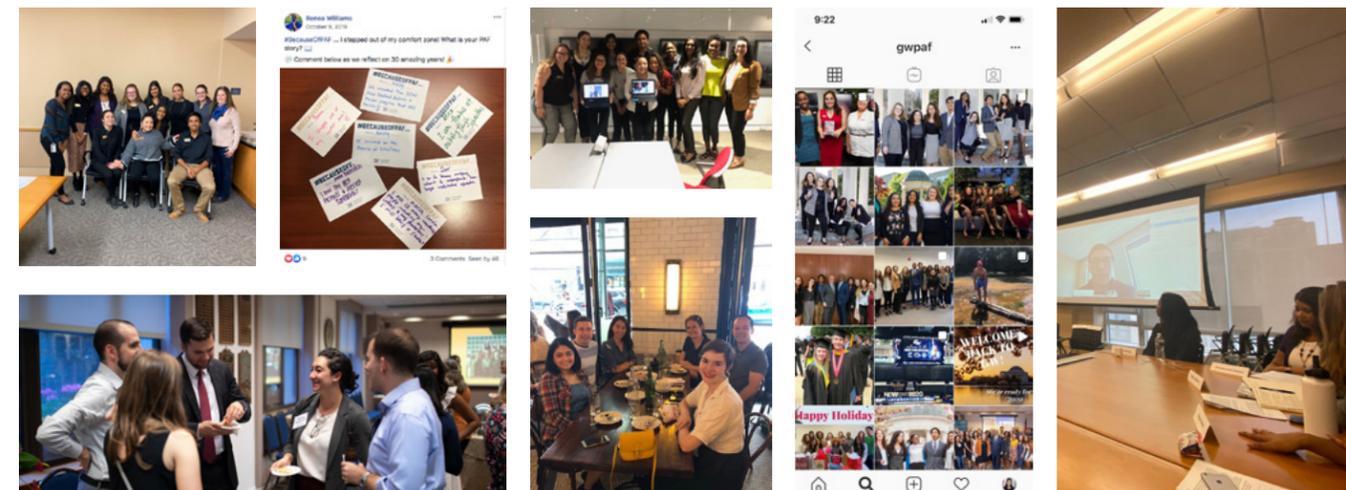
Degree: B.A. '17, M.P.P. '19

Current Position: TMT Associate, Cornerstone

"Through the Presidential Fellowship, I learned how to operationalize my core strengths in my daily life, whether for work or play. Discovering insight into these abilities through StrengthsFinder, taking time to understand what each meant through weekly Professional Development workshops and practicing within a supportive community, sometimes in fun ways, enabled me to know how I can maximize my success in the workplace today. On every project I take on at work, I realize how I can best contribute because of my 'connectedness' and 'input' strengths and where I can challenge myself."

LEGACY

STAYING CONNECTED WITH THE PAFAMILY



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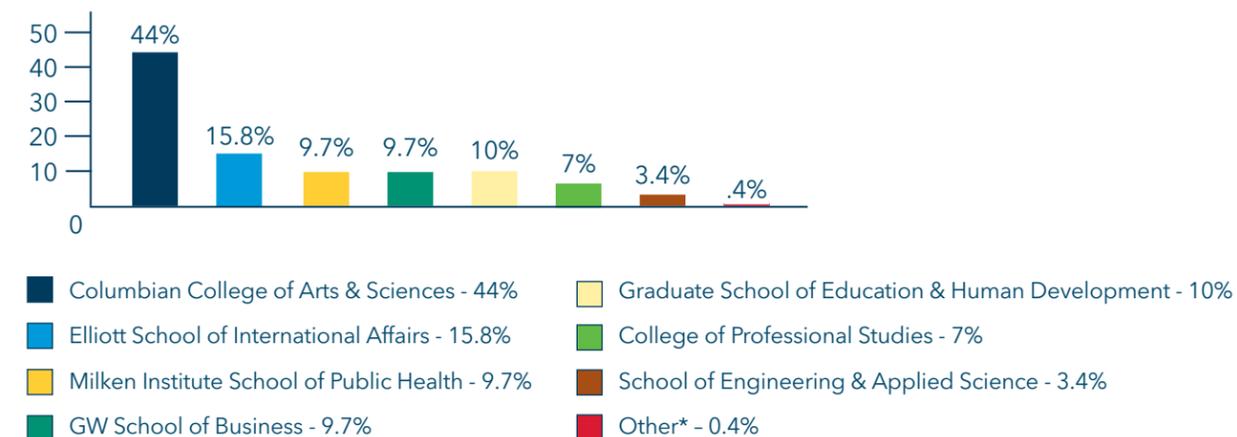
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