

BAKER INSTITUTE INTERNS GO GLOBAL

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More than two dozen Rice students experienced public policy on a national and global scale this summer as part of Baker Institute internship programs in Washington, D.C., Africa and, for the first time, France and Belgium.

Thanks to the Jesse Jones Leadership Center Summer in D.C. Policy Research Internship Program, seven students assisted research at prestigious think tanks and government agencies in the nation's capital. In this sixth year of the program, students also participated in policy seminars led by Baker Institute fellow Steven Lewis and prepared an original research project.

Five students headed for Africa as part of the Lesotho Sustainability Assessment Project, an ongoing effort to work with the local communities to identify challenges to sustainable development through survey assessments, and to design and implement small-scale solutions that can be adopted and maintained locally. The project is sponsored by the Baker Institute Energy Forum and by Rice 360°: Institute for Global Health Technologies.

And, as part of a new arrangement with the French Institute of International Relations (IFRI), three students researched policy in France, and a fourth student in Belgium.



Rice University interns in the joint Energy Forum-Rice 360° internship worked with volunteers in Lesotho to build gardens that conserve water and maximize yields. Pictured above with local participants are interns Kelley Liao (third from left) and Mark Hoffman (fourth from right), and Eugenia Georges (third from right), a professor and chair of the Rice Department of Anthropology.



Rice students participating in the 2009 Jesse Jones Leadership Center Summer in D.C. Policy Research Internship Program gather outside of the National Archives and Navy Memorial. Left to right: Jingyuan Luo, Rachel Solnick, Fiona Adams, Cort Malmberg, Kara Calhoun, Sean Graham and Devin Glick.

All interns were nominated by Baker Institute and Rice faculty on the basis of their accomplishments and potential. A list of interns, their current class years and their summer internships follows.

Washington, D.C.:

Fiona Adams, a senior from Pittsford, N.Y., majoring in anthropology and policy, studied the impact of low levels of health insurance coverage for children with Embry Howell of the Health Policy Center of the Urban Institute. Fiona was recommended by Rice political science professor Karoline Mortensen.

Kara Calhoun, a junior from Tyler, Texas, majoring in anthropology and health care management, assisted Molly Singer of the National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems in looking at public health care policies. Kara was recommended by Baker Institute fellow Kirstin Matthews.

Devin Glick, a sophomore from Houston, Texas, majoring in economics, policy studies and political science, researched civil rights in the workplace with Deena Fidas of the Human Rights Campaign's Workplace Project. Devin was recommended by Baker Institute fellow Amy Myers Jaffe.

Sean Graham, a senior from Corpus Christi, Texas, majoring in cognitive science, analyzed defense security policy issues with Joseph Trevithick and John Pike of Globalsecurity.org. Sean was recommended by Baker Institute fellow Chris Bronk.

Jingyuan Luo, a senior from Chandler, Ariz., majoring in biochemistry and policy studies, assisted researchers Alan Tessier and Rita Teutonico in looking at policies on the environmental impact of nanotechnology at the National Science Foundation.

Jingyuan was recommended by Rice professor of kinesiology Nick Iammarino.

Cort Malmberg, a senior from Kodiak, Alaska, majoring in English and political science, worked with Bryan Marcus of the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs of the State Department in analyzing affairs in Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus. Cort was recommended by Rice professor of political science Jerrold Rusk.

Rachel Solnick, a senior from Potomac, Md., majoring in film, policy studies and psychology, assisted Barbara A. Ormond of the Health Policy Center of the Urban Institute in looking at local health care coverage systems in the United States. Rachel was recommended for the program by Rice professor in biochemistry Michael Gustin.

France:

Everette Kreider, a senior from Helotes, Texas, majoring in political science, studied "Africa and the Changing World of Conflict."

Claire Newman, a senior from Sugar Land, Texas, majoring in English and policy studies, focused on "The Middle East and Maghreb."

Ruchir Shah, a sophomore from Barrington, R.I., majoring in energy studies, studied "European Governance and Geopolitics of Energy."

Belgium:

Joyce Yao, a senior from Taipei, Taiwan, majoring in history and political science, studied "European Governance and Geopolitics of Energy."

Lesotho:

Marielle Schweickart, a sophomore from Seattle, Wash., majoring in social sciences, and **Margaret Murphy**, a senior from Chicago, Ill., majoring in civil engineering, coordinated the building of rainwater catchment systems for garden irrigation.

Mark Hoffman, a junior from Austin, Texas, majoring in civil engineering, and **Kelley Liao**, a senior from Houston, Texas, majoring in ecology and evolutionary biology and earth science, focused on sustainable urban homestead gardening practices.

Amanda Hu, senior from Seattle, Wash., majoring in psychology, installed roof insulation at a primary school to promote a healthy learning environment and energy efficiency.