James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy Jesse Jones Leadership Center Summer in D.C. Policy Research Internship Program

The goal of this unique program is to offer returning Rice University undergraduate students hands-on experience in the world of public policy research and analysis in our nation’s capital. Since 2004, the program has provided stipends sufficient to support a select group of Rice undergraduates conducting policymaking research at government agencies, private think tanks and nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) in Washington, D.C., over the summer. A committee of Baker Institute researchers and Rice faculty select each year’s participants. Those selected attend a seminar on public policy and global affairs coterminous with their internships in D.C., write a research report for publication, give a presentation before Rice faculty and researchers and organize a public education activity for the following academic year. Applicants are individually responsible for selecting and establishing internships and residency in D.C.

The program is led by Steven W. Lewis, the institute’s C.V. Starr Transnational China Fellow and a professor of the practice in humanities at Rice. It is sponsored by a grant from the Houston Endowment Inc. Additional support has been provided by the Mattel Foundation; The Honorable Edward N. Ney; The Honorable Anne L. Armstrong and Mr. Tobin Armstrong; The Honorable Roy M. Huffington; The Honorable Kenneth Franzheim II; the Eason-Weinmann Foundation; and The Honorable Peter F. Secchia.

Since 2004, 51 students have represented the Baker Institute and Rice University at 38 government agencies, public policy think tanks and NGOs in Washington, D.C.

- Advocacy Project (Ms. Laura Szarmach, 2006)
- American Civil Liberties Union (Ms. Jordana Mosten, 2005; Mr. Daniel LaSalle, 2010)
- American Diabetes Association (Ms. Sanna Ronkainen, 2008)
- American Enterprise Institute (Mr. Mithun Mansinghani, 2007; Mr. Apoorva Shah, 2007; Mr. Dale Swartz, 2008)
- American Medical Student Association (Ms. Bhavika Kaul, 2007)
- America’s Promise Alliance for Youth (Ms. Shireen Nasir, 2008; Ms. Molly Goldstein, 2010)
- Center for American Progress (Mr. Vivek Gopalan, 2006)
- Center for Eurasian, Russian and East European Studies, Georgetown University (Mr. James Prohaska, 2005)
- Center for Strategic and International Studies (Mr. Navin Vij, 2004; Mr. Jason Lee, 2005)
- Coalition for American Leadership Abroad (Mr. Chris Aresu, 2006)
- Council of Economic Advisers (Mr. Joe Vavra, 2005)
- debt, AIDS, trade, Africa (Ms. Christine Lagos, 2006)
- Environmental Defense Fund Amazon Project (Ms. Rachael Petersen, 2010)
- Foundation for Middle East Peace (Mr. Evan Colton, 2004)
- Global Initiative for Cultural Diplomacy (Ms. Tara Slough, 2010)
- Globalsecurity.org (Mr. Sean Graham, 2009)
- Hudson Institute Center for Future Strategic Studies (Mr. Michael Feldman, 2008)
- Hudson Institute Center for Political-Military Analysis (Mr. Andrew Wang, 2010)
- Human Rights Campaign (Mr. Devin Glick, 2009)
- The Humane Society of the United States (Ms. Sarah Perelstein, 2006)
- Inter-American Foundation (Mr. Payton Odom, 2007; Mr. Patrick McAnaney, 2008)
- Interfaith Drug Policy Initiative (Ms. Emery Gulickson, 2007)
- Jacobs Institute of Women’s Health, School of Public Health and Health Services, The George Washington University (Ms. Casey Langwith, 2007)
- Middle East Institute (Ms. Noorain Khan, 2004; Ms. Saira Karim, 2006; Mr. John Kehoe, 2007)
- National Academy of Sciences — Board on Global Health, Institute of Medicine (Mr. David Liou, 2010)
• National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems (Ms. Kara Calhoun, 2009)
• National Alliance of Vietnamese American Service Agencies (Ms. Christina Tran, 2004)
• National Defense University (Ms. Janey Myers, 2010)
• National Science Foundation (Ms. Jingyuan Luo, 2009)
• Planned Parenthood Federation of America Inc. (Ms. Ashley Allen, 2007; Ms. Arthi Satyanarayan, 2010)
• Urban Institute (Ms. Ariela Schachter, 2008; Ms. Fiona Adams, 2009; Ms. Rachel Solnick, 2009)
• U.S. Congress — Office of Jim Gibbons, R–Nev. (Mr. Hrishikesh Hari, 2005)
• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services — Middle East Office (Ms. Victoria Zyp, 2004)
• U.S. Department of Health and Human Services — Health Resources and Services Administration (Ms. Kelly O’Connor, 2010)
• U.S. Department of State — Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs (Mr. Cort Malmberg, 2009)
• U.S. Department of State — Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES) (Ms. Kirti Datla, 2006; Ms. Diana Cahill, 2010)
• U.S. Department of State — Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (WRA), Bureau of Political–Military Affairs (Mr. Keith Henneke, 2004)
• U.S. Department of State — Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (Mr. David Brown, 2005)
• U.S. Department of State — Office of the Science and Technology Adviser (Ms. Katherine Wheat, 2006)

What are they doing now?

This is a young program, and most of the interns have yet to enter the workforce. Of the 51 students who participated between 2004 and 2009, 13 are still at Rice University. Among the 38 graduates, only 16 have begun working.¹

Nine are working in the public sector.
• American Civil Liberties Union Immigrant Rights Project extern, San Francisco, Calif.
• American Enterprise Institute researcher, Washington, D.C.
• American Enterprise Institute research assistant, Washington, D.C.
• American University of Cairo, assistant to the president, Cairo, Egypt
• Bridgespan Group nonprofit strategic consultant, Boston, Mass.
• Federal Reserve Bank, Global Monetary Policy Institute analyst, Dallas, Texas
• George Washington University health policy researcher, Washington, D.C.
• Organizing for America regional field director, Cincinnati, Ohio
• Urban Institute health policy researcher, Washington, D.C.

Seven are working in the private sector.
• Accenture consultant, Washington, D.C.
• Bracewell & Giuliani LLP labor and employment attorney, Washington, D.C.
• Civic Service international government relations consultant, Washington, D.C.
• Global Climate Strategies and Incenergy carbon offset project manager, Austin, Texas
• Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell LLP labor and employment attorney, Houston, Texas
• Piedra Capital investment manager, Houston, Texas
• Tycko & Zavareei LLP paralegal, Washington, D.C.

¹ We lack current data on two of the 51 participants.
Twenty of the 38 graduates are in graduate or professional school, or conducting academic research overseas.

- Two are conducting J. William Fulbright predoctoral scholarship research
  - Brazil: researching urban community recycling projects
  - Malaysia: researching U.S.-Malaysia-China relations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)

- Eight are in law school
  - Cornell University Law School
  - Harvard Law School (3)
  - Lewis & Clark Law School
  - New York University School of Law
  - University of California, Berkeley, School of Law
  - Yale Law School

- Five are in graduate school
  - Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government and Massachusetts Institute of Technology’s Sloan School of Management (M.Phil./M.B.A.)
  - The Johns Hopkins University’s Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies
  - Stanford University Department of Sociology
  - University College London Research Department of Epidemiology and Public Health
  - Yale University Department of Economics

- Five are in medical school or in residency
  - Baylor College of Medicine
  - Georgetown University School of Medicine
  - The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas
  - The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
  - University Hospitals Case Medical Center

Sixteen students have received 27 scholarships, fellowships and awards that represent hundreds of thousands of dollars in additional resources for their training and education. In many cases, students used their research and experiences in the D.C. internship program to develop proposals for these scholarships.

Albert Schweitzer Fellowship
- Ms. Bhavika Kaul (2009)

American Forensic Association, All-American
- Mr. Hrishikesh Hari (2008)

Blackstone Legal Fellowship
- Mr. Mithun Mansinghani (2009)

Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress, Presidential Fellow
- Mr. Hrishikesh Hari (2007)
- Mr. Jason Lee (2006)

J. William Fulbright Predoctoral Fellowships
- Mr. Michael Feldman, Malaysia (2010)
- Mr. Jason Lee, China (2007)
- Mr. Patrick McAnaney, Brazil (2010)
- Mr. Apoorva Shah, Brazil (2008)
Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program

Linda Faye Williams Prize in Social Justice of Rice University
- Ms. Jordana Mosten (2009)

National Parliamentary Debate Association, All–American
- Ms. Kirti Datla (2008)
- Mr. Hrishikesh Hari (2008)

National Security Education Program Boren Awards for International Study
- Mr. Michael Feldman, China (2008)

Reynolds Fellowship, Harvard School of Public Health
- Ms. Christina Lagos (2008)

Rhodes Scholarship

Rice University Asian Studies Advanced Undergraduate Research Award (AURA)
- Mr. Dale Swartz, China (2007)

Rice University CD Broad Exchange Trinity College at Cambridge University Scholarship
- Mr. Dale Swartz (2009)

Rice University Charles Garside Jr. Prize in History

Rice University Social Science Undergraduate Research Enterprise Award (SSURE)
- Ms. Shireen Nasir, Pakistan (2008)

Rice University Wagoner Study Abroad Scholarship
- Mr. Michael Feldman, Malaysia (2010)
- Mr. Christine Lagos, Argentina (2007)
- Mr. Jason Lee, China (2007)
- Mr. Patrick McAnaney, Brazil (2010)
- Ms. Shireen Nasir, Turkey (2009)
- Mr. Apoorva Shah, Brazil (2007)

Rotary International Scholarship
- Ms. Christine Lagos, Argentina (2007)

Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans

Thomas J. Watson Fellowship
- Ms. Sanna Ronkainen, Africa, Asia (2008)

Summer 2010 Participants

Diana Cahill, a senior from Dayton, Ohio, majoring in bioscience and global health, is interested in research on global health policy. Diana was an intern studying global health policy issues at the United States Department of State Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs in summer 2010. She presented the results of her research, “Intersections of National Global Health Policies,” at the Baker Institute in August 2010. Diana was recommended for participation in the program by economics professor Malcolm Gillis., and is from Baker College. She also has served as executive vice president and external vice president at Baker College. In spring 2010, she was an organizer and participant in the Nicaragua International Service Project, and in summer 2010 was also a medical participant in Operations Crossroads Africa in Gambia.
Molly Goldstein, a senior from St. Louis, Mo., majoring in policy studies and sociology, is interested in research on education policy. In summer 2010, she was a research intern at America’s Promise Alliance in Washington, D.C., looking at teacher evaluation programs across American states. She presented the results of her research, “Assessing State Initiatives on Improving Teacher Quality,” at the Baker Institute in August 2010. She was recommended for participation in the program by education professor Linda McNeil, and is from Lovett College.

Daniel LaSalle, a senior from Monroe, N.Y., majoring in cognitive science, is interested in research on conflict resolution. Daniel assisted Jennifer Bellamy, legislative counsel of the American Civil Liberties Union, on research on civil rights issues in summer 2010 in Washington, D.C. He presented the results of his research, “A Bottom-heavy Weed-out Feedback Loop: A New Model for Juvenile Rehabilitation,” at the Baker Institute for Public Policy in August 2010. He was recommended for participation in the program by policy studies professor Donald Ostdiek and is from Jones College. He has assisted in research on conflict resolution with the Institute for Sustainable Peace in Houston, and research on Harris County’s prison system with Ostdiek since 2009. In 2010, Daniel started assisting David Worth of the School of Humanities in research on conflict in Kashmir, Israel and Egypt.

David Liou, a junior from Albuquerque, N.M., majoring in biochemistry and policy studies, is interested in research on science policy. David assisted the Institute of Medicine’s Board on Global Health at the National Academy of Sciences in research on global health policy issues in summer 2010. He presented the results of his research, “The Critical Role of African Science Academies in Directing Long-term HIV/AIDS Strategy in Africa,” at the Baker Institute in August 2010. David was recommended for participation in the program by Baker Institute fellow in science and technology policy Kirstin Matthews, with whom he has worked as a research intern since 2009, and he is from Lovett College.

Janey Myers, a junior from Brookline, Mass., majoring in history and political science with a minor in African studies, is interested in research on the Middle East and Muslim world. Janey assisted in research on Middle Eastern affairs at the National Defense University in Washington, D.C., in summer 2010. She presented the results of her research, “A Strategy for U.S. Policy in Central Asia,” at the Baker Institute in August 2010. Janey was recommended for participation in the program by political science professor Clifford Morgan and is from Will Rice College.

Kelly O’Connor, a senior majoring in global health, policy studies and sociology, is interested in research on global health policy. Kelly assisted Dena Puskin in research on telemedicine and health policy at the Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C., in summer 2010. She presented the results of her research, “Barriers to the Implementation of Telemedicine and Possible Solutions: Lessons from the Field,” at the Baker Institute in August 2010. She was recommended for participation in the program by bioengineering professor Rebecca Richards-Kortum and is from Brown College. In spring 2010, Kelly studied in Geneva, Switzerland, and worked as a conference program intern at the International AIDS Society.

Rachael Petersen, a junior from Temple, Texas, majoring in anthropology and environmental policy, is interested in research on environmental policy. Rachael assisted in research by Chris Meyer and Stephan Schwartzman of the Amazon Project at the Environmental Defense Fund in Washington, D.C., in summer 2010. Rachael presented the results of her research, “Developing Effective Engagement of Indigenous Stakeholders in Forest Carbon Initiatives,” at the Baker Institute in August 2010. She was recommended for participation in the program by anthropology professor Dominic Boyer and is from McMurtry College. She assists Boyer and anthropology professor Cymene Howe in their research on the culture of wind energy use in Latin America.

Arthi Satyanarayan, a senior from Chandler, Ariz., majoring in biochemistry/cell biology and religious studies, is interested in research on medical policy. Arthi assisted in research on Medicaid reimbursement and disparities in women’s health at the Planned Parenthood Federation of America in Washington, D.C. She presented the results of her research, “Addressing Providers in Health Care Reform: Increasing Medicaid Reimbursement to Eliminate Women’s Health Care Disparities,” at the
Baker institute for Public Policy in August 2010. She was recommended for participation in the program by Baker Institute Fellow in Drug Policy William Martin, with whom she has assisted in research on drug policy, and she is from Sid Richardson College. Since 2008, she has also assisted Rebecca Drezek in the Department of Bioengineering in her research.

Tara Slough, a junior from Portage, Mich., majoring in music, is interested in research on arts and cultural diplomacy. In summer 2010 in Washington, D.C., Tara assisted Amb. Cynthia Schneider of the Global Initiative for Cultural Diplomacy in comparative research on the many cultural diplomacy projects of governments all around the world. She presented the results of her research, “Cultural Diplomacy: Counteracting Misunderstandings Between the United States and the Muslim World,” at the Baker Institute in August 2010. Tara was recommended for participation in the program by sociology professor Stephen Klineberg and is from McMurtry College. In summer 2010, she received a Loewenstern Fellowship to conduct music public education in rural Costa Rica. Since spring 2010 Tara has also assisted scholars of the Institute for Urban Research at Rice, preparing a study of arts and culture projects done by local governments, and helping construct a fall 2010 survey of the arts in Houston.

Andrew Wang, a junior from Tampa, Fla., majoring in history and political science, is interested in foreign and security policy. In summer 2010, Andy assisted Richard Weitz, director of the Center for Political–Military Analysis at the Hudson Institute in Washington, D.C., with research on the U.S.–China South China Sea conflict, Asian and European security relations, and the influence of new aerial weapons and surveillance systems on conflict in Central Asia. He presented the results of his research, “Brothers in Arms: Integrating China into America’s War on Terror,” at the Baker Institute in August 2010. Andrew was recommended for participation in the program by Congresswoman Kathy Castor, D–Fla., and is from McMurtry College. In summer 2010, he also assisted Steven Lewis of the Baker Institute in research on energy security and maritime security in the East China and South China Seas.

Alumni of the Program

Fiona Adams, an anthropology and policy studies major from Pittsford, N.Y., graduated from Rice in 2010. In summer 2009, she examined the impact of low levels of health insurance coverage for children with Embry Howell of the Health Policy Center of the Urban Institute in Washington, D.C. She presented the results of her research, “Hospital Use by the Uninsured: The Case of San Mateo County, Calif.,” at the Baker Institute in August 2009. She was recommended for participation in the program by political science professor Karoline Mortensen. From 2009 to 2010, Fiona was an intern at St. Luke’s Episcopal Health Charities, and after graduation she began work as a research assistant with the Urban Institute’s Health Policy Center.

Ashley Allen, a philosophy major from Arlington, Texas, graduated from Rice University in 2008. She assisted in research on women’s health and reproductive rights at the Planned Parenthood Federation of America in the summer of 2007. She presented the results of her research, “Medicaid Citizen Verification Requirements and Their Impact on Family Planning Services,” at the Baker Institute in September 2007. Allen was recommended by George Sher of the Department of Philosophy at Rice. After graduating, she worked for MS Legal in Dallas, Texas, and began studies at Harvard Law School in 2009.

Chris Aresu, an economics and political science major from Houston, Texas, graduated from Rice University in 2008. He assisted in research on funding for public diplomacy at the Coalition for American Leadership Abroad (COLEAD) in summer 2006. He presented the results of his research, “Congressional Control of Foreign Policy,” at the Baker Institute in August 2006. Aresu was recommended by Jonathan Ludwig of the Center for the Study of Languages at Rice. Aresu also held an internship with the American Red Cross in summer 2006, and went on to study at the London School of Economics and Political Science in fall 2006. In 2009, he began work at Civic Service, an international relations consulting firm in Washington, D.C.
David Brown, a history major from Atlanta, Ga., graduated from Rice University in 2007. He assisted in research on immigrant resettlement policies at the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Population, Migration and Refugees in Washington, D.C., in summer 2005. He presented the results of his research, “Resettlement in the United States: How do the Economic, Political and Social Conditions of Local Areas Affect Refugees’ Success?,” at the Baker Institute in August 2005. David was recommended for participation in the program by John Ambler of the Department of Political Science at Rice University. From 2007 to 2009, David taught world history at YES Prep Public Schools in Houston, and in 2009 was a teacher in Nairobi, Kenya, for Global Volunteer Network. In fall 2010, he began master’s degree studies at the School of Advanced International Studies at The Johns Hopkins University.

Kara Calhoun, a senior from Tyler, Texas, majoring in anthropology and health care management, assisted Molly Singer of the National Association of Public Hospitals and Health Systems in Washington, D.C., with looking at public health care policies in summer 2009. She presented the results of her research, “Disproportionate Share Payments: The Safety Line for the Safety Net,” at the Baker Institute in August 2009. She was recommended for participation in the program by Baker Institute science and technology fellow Kirstin Matthews, with whom she has worked with as a research intern since 2008. In January 2010, Kara began work as a research intern at M. D. Anderson Cancer Research Center.

Evan Colton, a history major from Washington, D.C., graduated from Rice University in 2006. He assisted Amb. Philip C. Wilcox, Jr., with research on the Arab–Israeli conflict at the Foundation for Middle East Peace in Washington, D.C., in summer 2004. He presented the results of his research, “Engaging Hamas: Why American Foreign Policy Should Not Bypass the Islamic Resistance Movement,” at the Baker Institute in August 2004. Evan’s participation was recommended by Ira Gruber of the Department of History at Rice University. He worked as a researcher at the Foundation for Middle East Peace in Washington, D.C., in 2007, and as an analyst for networking device manufacturer Echelon in San Jose, Calif., in 2009. In summer 2010, Evan started as a project manager specializing in carbon offset projects in Latin America and smartgrid applications for Incenergy and Global Climate Strategies in Austin, Texas.

Kirti Datla, an environmental engineering and policy studies major from Houston, Texas, graduated in 2008. She helped conduct research on global initiatives to address environmental problems at the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs (OES) in summer 2006. She presented the results of her research, “Environmental Incoherence? Reform of the United Nations Environmental Program,” at the Baker Institute in August 2006. Datla was recommended by James Blackburn of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Rice. She interned at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s National Marine Protected Areas Center in summer 2007, and was named all-American in the National Parliamentary Debate Association in 2008. She worked at the Roosevelt Institution in Washington, D.C., from 2008 to 2009, and began an internship at the White House in summer 2009. Datla began studies at New York University School of Law in 2009.

Michael Feldman, an Asian studies and political science major from Baltimore, Md., graduated from Rice University in 2010. He assisted Richard Weitz of the Center for Future Security Strategies of the Hudson Institute in Washington, D.C., with research on relations between Europe, East Asia and Central Asia in summer 2008. He presented the results of his research, “ASEAN as a Security Institution,” at the Baker Institute in August 2008. Michael was recommended by William Reed of the Department of Political Science at Rice University. Michael held a National Security Education Program (NSEP) Boren Scholarship for International Study at East China Normal University in Shanghai, China, from fall 2008 through spring 2009, and had an internship in the Shanghai offices of Vinson & Elkins law firm in spring 2009. He interned in the Commercial Service at the U.S. Consulate in Sydney, Australia, in summer 2009, and as a research assistant on Internet diplomacy and Chinese cyber policy with Baker Institute fellows Christopher Bronk and Steven Lewis in spring 2010. Michael joined other Rice students traveling to Cairo in July 2010 to discuss public diplomacy with Egyptian students at American University in Cairo as part of the Baker Institute Public Policy and Global Policymaking in the 21st Century program. In fall 2010, he began research as a Fulbright predoctoral research fellow, examining Malaysian perceptions of free trade in Southeast Asia and the advancing
role of China in this arena at the Department of International and Strategic Studies at University of Malaya in Kuala Lumpur.

Devin Glick, a junior from Houston, Texas, majoring in Asian studies, economics, policy studies and political science, researched civil rights in the workplace with Deena Fidas of the Human Rights Campaign’s Workplace Project in summer 2009. He presented the results of his research, “The Employment Non-Discrimination Act and its Effect on Employers,” at the Baker Institute in September 2009. He was recommended for participation in the program by Baker Institute energy fellow Amy Myers Jaffe. In summer and fall 2010, he is studying intensive Mandarin in Beijing and at Fudan University in Shanghai.

Vivek Gopalan, a history and political science major from Los Cruces, N.M., graduated from Rice University in 2007. He assisted in research on the funding strategies of American public policy think tanks while interning at the Center for American Progress in Washington, D.C., in summer 2006. He presented the results of his research, “Investing in Change: Think Tanks and the Marketplace,” at the Baker Institute in August 2006. Vivek was recommended for the program by Randy Stevenson of the Department of Political Science at Rice University. After graduation, Vivek worked as the AmeriCorps Vista representative at Rice University’s Center for Civic Engagement, and in 2009 as the legislative correspondent for Congressman Harry Teague, D–N.M. In fall 2010, he began studies at University of California Berkeley School of Law.

Sean Graham, a cognitive sciences major from Corpus Christi, Texas, analyzed defense security policy issues with Joseph Trevithick and John Pike of Globalsecurity.org. He presented the results of his research, “Fusion Centers: Adapting Domestic Security to Compete with Evolving Violence,” at the Baker Institute in August 2009. Sean was recommended by Baker Institute information technology policy fellow Christopher Bronk, with whom he worked as a research assistant from 2008 to 2010. He was one of the co-founders and chief organizer of the new Baker Institute Public Policy and Global Policymaking in the 21st Century summer 2010 Cairo colloquium. In fall 2010, he began work in the Presidential Internship Program at American University in Cairo.

Emery Gullickson, an English and sociology major from Houston, Texas, graduated from Rice University in 2008. She conducted survey research on the views of D.C. area clergy on needle exchange programs with the Interfaith Dug Policy Initiative in Washington, D.C., in summer 2007. She presented the results of her research, “Overdose Prevention Policy: Logistical and Ideological Barriers to Implementation,” at the Baker Institute in September 2007. Emery was recommended by Bridget Gorman of the Department of Sociology at Rice University. After graduation, Emery taught high school English and ESL at Lee High School in Houston through the Teach for America program, and in 2010 moved to Washington, D.C., where she works as a paralegal at Tycko & Zavareei.

Hrishikesh Hari, an economics, policy studies and political science major from Decatur, Ill., graduated from Rice University in 2008. He assisted in research on a range of domestic and international policy issues in the office of Rep. Jim Gibbons (R–Nev.) in Washington, D.C., in summer 2005. He presented the results of his research, “Beyond Structural Adjustment: What Domestic Political and Socioeconomic Factors Affect Economic Growth in Developing Countries?” at the Baker Institute in August 2005. Hari was recommended by David Worth, director of forensics at Rice. Hari was a presidential fellow at the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress in 2007, and was named all-American in both the American Forensic Association and the National Parliamentary Debate Association in 2008. He began study at Harvard Law School in 2008 and interned at the U.S. Trade Representative’s Office in Washington, D.C., in summer 2009.

Keith Henneke, an English and policy studies major from Kerrville, Texas, graduated from Rice University in 2004. He assisted in research on international policies controlling the proliferation of land mines and small arms in the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Political–Military Affairs’ Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement (WRA) in Washington, D.C., in summer 2004. He presented the results of his research, “Pragmatic Public Policy: Humanitarian Mine Action and Small Arms/Light Weapons Policy,” at the Baker Institute in August 2004. Keith was recommended for participation in the program by Donald Ostdiek of the policy studies program at Rice University. In 2007, Keith graduated from The University of Texas School of Law and began work as a law clerk in
the U.S. District for the Western District of Texas Law in Austin, Texas. In 2010, he became a labor and employment attorney at Bracewell & Giuliani in Washington, D.C.

**Bhavika Kaul**, a biochemistry and policy studies major from Katy, Texas, graduated from Rice University in 2009. She assisted in research on the brain drain phenomenon in health care and global AIDS policy with Dr. Vishal Patel at the American Medical Student Association in summer 2007. She presented the results of her research, “Access to Essential Medicines: Developing Nations Fight for Lower Drug Prices,” at the Baker Institute in September 2007. Kaul was a student research intern in the Baker Institute Science and Technology Policy Program in 2006, and she was recommended for the Jesse Jones Summer Program by Neal Lane, Malcolm Gillis University Professor and senior fellow in science and technology policy at the Baker Institute. Kaul began studying at Baylor College of Medicine in 2009 and received a Schweitzer Foundation Fellowship to work with Healthcare for the Homeless to improve health services for Burmese and Bhutanese refugees in Houston.

**John Kehoe**, an economics major from Austin, Texas, graduated from Rice University in 2008. He assisted with research on U.S. foreign policy toward the Middle East at the Middle East Institute in summer 2007. He presented the results of his research, “U.S. Advocacy for Palestinian Refugees,” at the Baker Institute in September 2007. Kehoe was recommended by Gregory Eow of the Department of History at Rice, and he assisted Baker Institute fellow Joe Barnes in research on international affairs in 2006. In 2008, he began a career in business strategy consulting for Accenture, for whom he is now working in Washington, D.C.

**Noorain Khan**, a political science, religious studies and women, gender and sexuality studies major from Grand Rapids, Mich., graduated from Rice University in 2006. She assisted in research on secularism in Iran at the Middle East Institute in summer 2004. She presented the results of her research, “Reforming Iran: Trends and Prospects for Islamic Democracy, Religiosity and Shiite Identity,” at the Baker Institute in August 2004. Khan had also assisted the Energy Forum as a student research intern in 2003, and was recommended for participation in the program by Sarah Clarke of Amnesty International. Khan was a Rhodes scholar studying veiling and Arab women in the West at the University of Oxford in 2006 and was awarded a J. William Fulbright Scholarship and Rice University Wagoner Scholarship in 2008. She received a Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship in 2008 to support study at Yale University School of Law. In summer 2008, she interned at Google, and in summer 2009, at the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.

**Christina Lagos**, a policy studies and psychology major from Dunedin, Fla., graduated from Rice University in 2008. She assisted Christopher Lagan in research on health care in Africa at debt, AIDS, trade, Africa (DATA) in Washington, D.C., in summer 2006. She presented the results of her research, “The Health Care Worker Shortage in the Developing World: Examining National and International Policies to Mitigate the Crisis,” at the Baker Institute in September 2006. She was recommended by Christian Emden of the Department of German at Rice University. Christina participated in the Rice SOS Children’s Village project in Lesotho in 2007, and in 2008 received a Rotary International scholarship to study in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She was awarded a Reynolds fellowship to begin master’s program graduate study at the Harvard University School of Public Health in 2008. She graduated in 2010 and began work in Boston as a consultant for the Bridgespan Group, a nonprofit that specializes in helping other nonprofits and philanthropists in building organizations to implement social change.

**Casey Langwith**, a history and sociology major from Omaha, Neb., graduated from Rice University in 2009. She assisted with research on women’s health, poverty, preconception health care and health insurance at the Jacobs Institute of Women’s Health at The George Washington University (GWU) in summer 2007. She presented the results of her research, “Playing to Lose: The Role of Safe Urban Parks in Curbing America’s Obesity Epidemic,” at the Baker Institute in September 2007. Langwith was recommended for participation in the program by Bridget Gorman of the Department of Sociology at Rice. She was a research assistant for the Center for Race, Religion and Urban Life at Rice University from 2007 to 2009, and in summer 2008 she interned for Sen. Ben Nelson (D–Neb.) in Washington, D.C. In 2009, she began work examining public health policy and obesity at the Strategies to Overcome and Prevent (STOP) Obesity Alliance at GWU.
Jason Lee, a biochemistry and cell biology and political science major from Newark, Del., graduated from Rice University in 2006. He assisted with research on China’s military modernization relations with the Middle East for Bates Gill of the Center for Strategic and International Studies in summer 2005. He presented the results of his research, “China’s Growing Role in the Middle East,” at the Baker Institute in August 2005. Lee was recommended by Thomas Kirlin of the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress, where Lee was a presidential fellow and Rice representative from 2005 to 2006, conducting research on the regulation of foreign investment in the United States. In 2006, he received a J. William Fulbright Scholarship as a visiting research fellow at the School of International Studies at Peking University in Beijing, China, examining China’s energy development and foreign policy. In 2007, he worked at the law firm, Baker Botts, in Beijing, and in 2008 began a three-year joint master’s program in government and business administration at Harvard’s Kennedy School of Government and MIT’s Sloan School of Management. In summer 2009, Lee interned at the offices of the United States Department of Energy in Beijing.

Jingyuan Luo, a senior from Chandler, Ariz., majoring in biochemistry and policy studies, assisted researchers Alan Tessier and Rita Teutonico, of the National Science Foundation in summer 2010, looking at policies on the environmental impact of nanotechnology. She presented the results of her research, “Examining Trends in the Environment, Health and Safety, and Ethics and Societal Components of Nanotechnology Research,” at the Baker Institute in August 2009. She was recommended for participation in the program by Professor of Kinesiology Nick Iammarino. In summer 2009, she also received a Loewenstern Fellowship to support volunteer work with schools and museums in Xi’an, China. In spring 2010 she studied at Sciences Po in Paris and assisted in the nanotechnology policy research of the Health and Environment Program of the French Institute for International Relations. Jingyuan began a research internship with the Baker Institute Science and Technology Policy Program in summer 2010, and has been the chair of the Rice Undergraduate Research Symposium since 2008.

Cort Malmberg, an English and political science major from Kodiak, Alaska, graduated from Rice in 2010. In summer 2009, he assisted Bryan Marcus of the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs of the State Department in analyzing affairs in Ukraine, Moldova and Belarus. In August 2009, he presented the results of his research, “Europe’s Looming Crisis: Ukrainian Energy Dependence and Russian Neo–Imperialism,” at the Baker Institute. He was recommended for participation in the program by professor of political science Jerrold Rusk.

Mithun Mansinghani, a policy studies and political science major from McAllen, Texas, graduated from Rice University in 2008. He was a research intern at the American Enterprise Institute in summer 2007, assisting Douglas Besharov with research on the Special Supplementary Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). Mansinghani presented the results of his research, “WIC Eligibility and Participation Rates,” at the Baker Institute in September 2007. He was a research intern for the institute’s Transnational China Project in summer 2006, and was recommended for the program by Paul Brace of the Department of the Political Science at Rice. Mansinghani began studies at Harvard Law School in 2008, and in summer 2009 was awarded a Blackstone Legal Fellowship from the Alliance Defense Fund to assist Patrick Trueman in legal research on child exploitation in Washington, D.C. In 2009, he joined the editorial board of the Harvard Law Review.

Patrick McAnaney, a history and policy studies major from Bethesda, Md., graduated from Rice University in 2010. In 2008, he assisted Gabriela Boyer, representative for Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay of the Inter-American Foundation in Washington, D.C., with research evaluating the effectiveness of local recycling initiatives in Latin America nations. He presented the results of his research, “From Rags to Riches: Community-based Recycling Initiatives in Latin America,” at the Baker Institute in August 2008. Patrick was recommended for participation in the program by Ronald Soligo of the Department of Economics of Rice University. In fall 2008, he studied in Bolivia, and in spring 2009 was elected president of the Student Association at Rice. In 2010, he began research on community recycling initiatives in Brazilian cities as a J. William Fulbright predoctoral research fellow.

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Laws


Saira Karim Najam, a policy studies and religious studies major from Houston, Texas, graduated from Rice University in 2009. She assisted fellows of the Middle East Institute in Washington, D.C., with their research on American and Asian energy relations with the Middle East in summer 2006. She presented the results of her research, “The Quest for Energy Security: A Case Study of the Sino-American–Iranian Triangle,” at the Baker Institute in September 2006. Saira was a student research intern for the Baker Institute’s Energy Forum in 2005 and was recommended for participation in the program by energy policy fellow Amy Myers Jaffe. Saira began study at University of Virginia School of Law in 2007, graduated in 2010, and began work as an attorney specializing in employment and labor law at Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell in Houston.

Shireen Nasir, a political science major and Spanish minor from Houston, Texas, graduated from Rice University in 2009. She assisted Shelby Gonzales of the All Kids Covered program at America’s Promise Alliance in Washington, D.C., in summer 2008 with research on increasing Medicaid and SCHIP coverage for children. She presented the results of her research, “New Federalism and its Lack of Influence in Health Policy,” at the Baker Institute in August 2008. Shireen was recommended by Lisa Balabanlilar, professor of history at Rice University. Shireen was a research intern with the Joint City County Commission on Children in Houston, Texas, in summer 2007, and from fall 2007 to spring 2008 received a Social Sciences Undergraduate Research Enterprise (SSURE) award from the Office of the Dean of Social Sciences at Rice University to conduct field research in Pakistan on the social empowerment of women. In spring 2009, she studied Turkish in Ankara with additional support as a Rice International Ambassador, and in summer 2009 worked as a research intern at the Baker Institute for Erika de la Garza, program director of the Latin American Initiative. She received a Rice University Wagoner Fellowship to return to Turkey in fall 2009 for additional study and work with Kader, a nongovernmental organization specializing in women’s rights issues.

Paytom Odom, a mathematical economics and political science major from McKinney, Texas, graduated from Rice University in 2009. He assisted in research evaluating microcredit strategy analysis projects by Brazil’s Getulio Vargas Foundation at the Inter-American Foundation in Washington, D.C., in summer 2007. He presented the results of his research, “Credit in Context: Examining Regulatory Impact on Community-based Microfinance Initiatives in Latin America,” at the Baker Institute in September 2007. In 2006, Payton was a research assistant for John Diamond, fellow of the Tax and Expenditure Policy Program of the Baker Institute, and was recommended for participation in the summer in D.C. program by Diamond. In spring 2009, Payton was a research assistant for Michael Lindsay of the Department of Sociology at Rice University, and in summer 2009, he worked as the Human Capital Summer Scholar for Deloitte in Dallas, Texas. In the fall of that year, he became a fellow of the Trinity Forum Academy in Royal Oaks, Md. In fall 2010, he started as a research analyst at the Globalization and Monetary Policy Institute of the Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas, Texas.
monitoring the global fur industry at the Humane Society of the United States, and in 2009 worked on
global strategies at Conservation International, also in Washington, D.C. In fall 2010, she began
studies in environmental law at Lewis & Clark University Law School.

James Prohaska, a history major from Sugar Land, Texas, graduated from Rice University in 2006. He
assisted in research on international relations in Eastern Europe at the Center for Eurasian, Russian
and Eastern European Studies (CERES) at Georgetown University in summer 2005. He presented the
results of his research, “Recent U.S. Foreign Policy in Central Asia: A Twenty-First Century ‘Great
Game’?” at the Baker Institute in August 2005. Prohaska was recommended by John Boles, professor
of history at Rice. In 2008, Prohaska began work as an investment analyst at Piedra Capital in Houston,
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Sanna Ronkainen, a biochemistry and cell biology major from Annandale, Va., graduated from Rice
University in 2008. She assisted in research on diabetes and Medicare policy at the American Diabetes
Association in summer 2007. She presented the results of her research, “Increasing Coverage to
Improve Diabetes Outcomes,” at the Baker Institute in September 2007. Ronkainen was
recommended by Rachel Winer of the Department of Psychology at Rice and the Department of
Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Baylor College of Medicine. In 2008 and 2009, she conducted
field research in Asia and Africa on Type I diabetes education with a Thomas J. Watson Fellowship,
and in fall 2009 began studies at Georgetown University School of Medicine.

Ariela Schachter, a policy studies and sociology major from Summit, N.J., graduated from Rice
University in 2009. She assisted Harry Hatry and Elaine Morley of the Metropolitan Housing and
Communities Policy Center of the Urban Institute in Washington, D.C., with research on the
performance of nonprofit organizations, in summer 2008. She presented the results of her research,
“Determining Impact: Nonprofits and Performance Measurement” at the Baker Institute in August
2008. Ariela was recommended by Roland Smith of the Sociology Department at Rice University.
In summer 2009, she began work as a volunteer coordinator for Asociacion Nuevos Horizontes, a shelter
for victims of domestic violence, in Quetzaltenango, Guatemala, and in fall 2009 and spring 2010 was
a research assistant to Michael Lindsay of the Department of Sociology at Rice University. In fall 2010,
she began doctoral study at the Department of Sociology at Stanford University.

Apoorva Shah, a Hispanic studies and policy studies major from Sugar Land, Texas, graduated from
Rice University in 2008. He assisted in research on private sector international development and
community development, with a focus on Latin America, working with research fellow Mauro de
Lorenzo of the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) in Washington, D.C., in summer 2007. He
presented the results of his research, “Promoting SME Development through Venture Philanthropy,”
at the Baker Institute in September 2007. Apoorva’s participation in the program was recommended
by Kellie Sims-Butler of the Office of International Scholarships and Fellowships at Rice University.
He received a Rice University Wagoner Fellowship in 2007 to study in Brazil, where he was a visiting
researcher at Ashoka: Innovators for the Public. In 2008, Apoorva began work as a research assistant
in foreign and defense policy with Nicholas Eberstadt at AEI. In 2010, he was appointed a research
associate and Jacobs Associate at AEI, examining the political economy of emerging countries,
international security and development policy focusing on South Asia and Latin America. He is also a
Washington Fellow at the National Review Institute and a Publius Fellow at the Claremont Institute.

Rachel Solnick, a film, policy and psychology major from Potomac, Md., graduated from Rice
University in 2010. She assisted Barbara A. Ormond of the Health Policy Center at the Urban Institute
in looking at local health care coverage systems in the United States, in summer 2009. She presented
the results of her research, “Understanding Participation in Senior Fitness Programs,” at the Baker
Institute for Public Policy in August 2009. Rachel was recommended for participation in the program
by Professor of Biochemistry Michael Gustin. She received a Rice University Wagoner Scholarship to
start master’s degree study in public health in the Department of Epidemiology and Public Health at
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Dale Swartz, an Asian studies, history and political science major from Richmond, Va., graduated
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Christopher Griffin of the Foreign Defense and Securities studies group of the American Enterprise
Laura Szarmach, a history major from San Antonio, Texas, graduated from Rice University in 2007. In summer 2006, she interned with Iain Guest and Mendi Njonjo at the Advocacy Project, where she examined efforts to develop international networks of local nongovernmental organizations to alleviate poverty. In addition, she also looked at international and American efforts to combat human trafficking. She presented the results of her research, “Assessing the Comprehensiveness of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act,” at the Baker Institute in September 2006. Szarmach was recommended for the program by Thomas Haskell of the History Department at Rice. In 2008, she began studies at Cornell University Law School.

Christina Tran, a biochemistry and cell biology and German studies major from Atlanta, Ga., graduated from Rice University in 2004. She assisted with research on public health care services and the Vietnamese-American community at the National Alliance of Vietnamese American Service Agencies (NAVASA) in summer 2004. She presented the results of her research, “Disparities in Health Care: Barriers to Access and Policy Recommendations,” at the Baker Institute in August 2004. She was recommended for the program by Lauri Andress of the Texas Program for Society and Health. In 2004, Tran began studies at The University of Texas (UT) Southwestern Medical School in Dallas, Texas, and in 2008, she became a resident in emergency medicine at Parkland Hospital and UT Southwestern, also in Dallas.

Joe Vavra, a mathematical economics and statistics major from Lucas, Texas, graduated from Rice University in 2006. He assisted in macroeconomic policy and tax policy research at the Council of Economic Advisers in summer 2005. He presented the results of his research, “Modern Unemployment Insurance Reform,” at the Baker Institute in September 2005. He assisted George Zodrow of the Economics Department and John Diamond of the Tax and Expenditure Policy Program of the Baker Institute in 2004 and was recommended for the D.C. internship program by Zodrow. In 2006, Vavra began doctoral studies in economics at Yale University.

Navin Vij, a political science major from Fox River Grove, Ill., graduated from Rice University in 2005. He assisted Ambassador Teresita Schaffer of the Center for Strategic and International Studies with research on AIDS in Southeast Asia and the pharmaceutical industry in summer 2004. He presented the results of his research, “The HIV/AIDS Epidemic: U.S. Policy Regarding Access to Drugs,” at the Baker Institute in August 2004. Vij was recommended for the program by Schaffer. He began studies at Baylor College of Medicine in at Houston in 2005, and in 2009 began residency at University Hospitals Case Medical Center in Cleveland, Ohio.

Kathryn Wheat, a philosophy major from Houston, Texas, graduated from Rice University in 2007. She assisted in research on international and domestic funding and regulation of stem cell research at the Office of the Science and Technology Adviser of the United States Department of State in summer 2006. She presented the results of her research, “Stem Cell Research: A Look into the Legislative Issues,” at the Baker Institute in September 2006. In 2005, Wheat was a research intern for Neal Lane, senior fellow of the Baker Institute’s Science and Technology Policy Program, who recommended her for participation in the D.C. internship program. In 2007, she began studies at The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

Victoria Zyp, an art history, economics and policy studies major from Cincinnati, Ohio, graduated from Rice University in 2005. She assisted in research on health policy and public diplomacy at the Middle East Office of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C., in
summer 2004. She presented the results of her research, “Using Health as Diplomacy: Globalizing Public Health,” at the Baker Institute in August 2004. Victoria was recommended for participation in the program by Kenneth Medlock and Peter Mieszkowski of the Department of Economics at Rice University. After graduation, Victoria worked as the international programs coordinator at Streetlaw in Washington, D.C., and in 2009 graduated from Georgetown University with a master’s degree in Arabic studies. In 2009, she began work as a regional field director for Organizing for America in Cincinnati, Ohio.