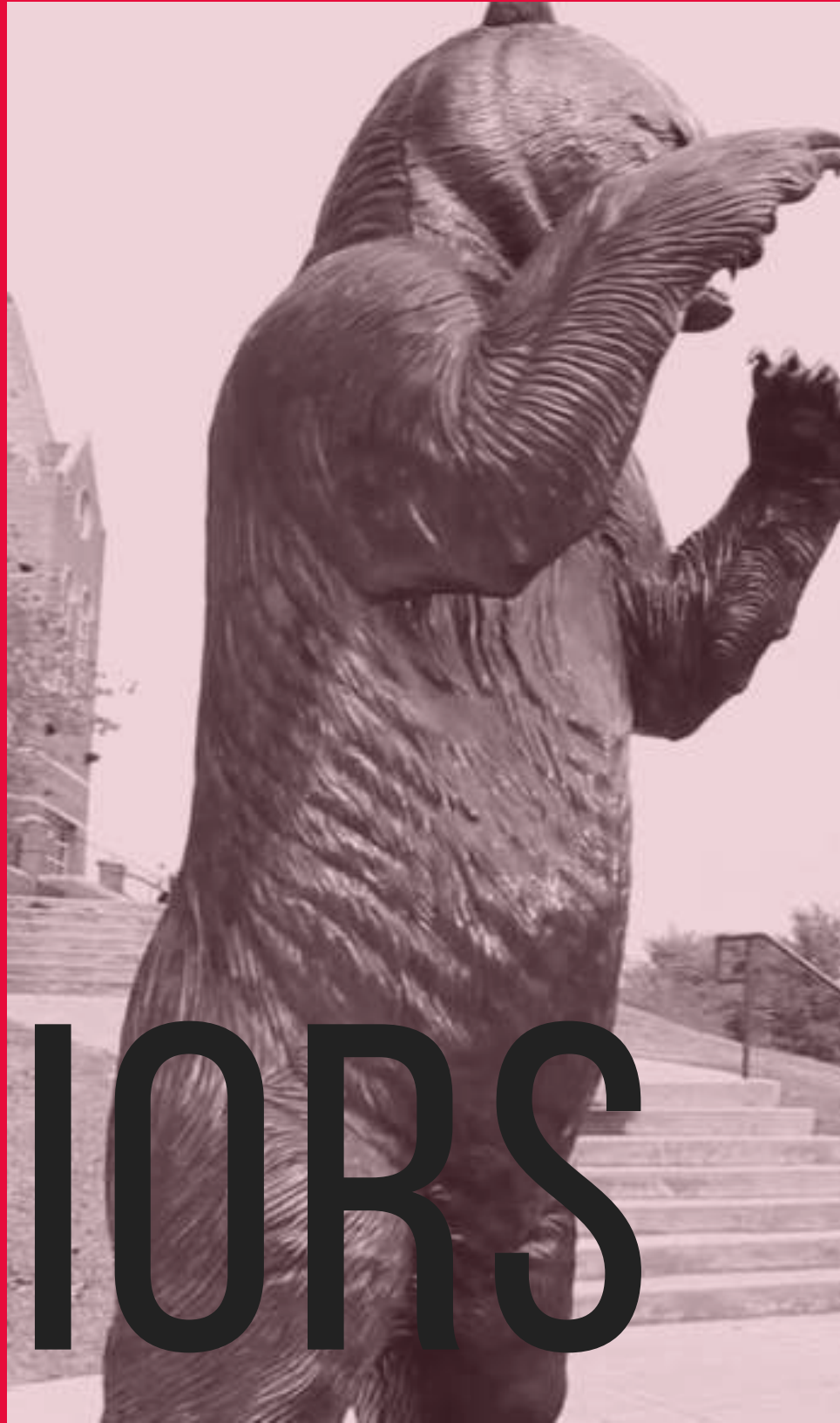


DEPARTMENT OF INTERNATIONAL
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ACCOMPLISHMENTS, ADVICE,
AND WHERE WE ARE GOING

IGS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The International and Global Studies Department (IGS) department congratulates the following students for their noteworthy accomplishments! We wish you all the best in your respective programs and future endeavours.

Congratulations

CONGRESSIONAL BLACK
CAUCUS FOUNDATION
INTERNSHIPS

MACIRE ARIBOT
NASSIM ASHFORD
DANIELLE COUNTRYMAN

"CBCF's internship programs prepare college students and young professionals to become principled leaders, skilled policy analysts, and informed advocates by exposing them to the processes that develop national policies and implement them - from Capitol Hill to federal field offices."

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

JAPANESE EXCHANGE AND TEACHING (JET) PROGRAM

MAYAH WALTOWER

"The Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme, is aimed at promoting grass-roots international exchange between Japan and other nations. Most participants serve as Assistant Language Teachers (ALTs) and work in public and private schools throughout Japan; some work as Coordinators for International Relations (CIRs) as interpreters/translators."

PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER

FABIAN KOPP - Kosovo

NISHI PATEL - Benin

NIDHI SHASHIDHARA - Malawi

EMILY CADLE - Zambia

DAVID STOKES III - Morocco

"The Peace Corps, offered by the US government, is a volunteer program for changemakers to immerse themselves in a community abroad and work with community leaders to tackle social and economic development through technical assistance, while promoting mutual understanding between Americans and populations served."

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

CONGRESSIONAL HUNGER CENTER ZERO HUNGER INTERNSHIPS

**ALYSSA FORTNER
HINAL PATEL**

"The Zero Hunger Internship immerses participants in anti-hunger policy work in Washington, D.C., for 10 weeks during which they gain work experience at global and domestic anti-hunger organizations, develop professional skills and grow as leaders."

FULBRIGHT U.S. STUDENT PROGRAM

ARIEL DANIELS - English Teaching Assistant, Morocco
MEG HICKS - English Teaching Assistant, Mongolia
SARAH HARRIS - Alternate ETA, Cote d'Ivoire

"The Fulbright Program aims to improve intercultural relations and cultural diplomacy between the people of the United States and other countries through the exchange of persons, knowledge, and skills. The program provides grants for individually designed study/research projects or for English Teaching Assistant Programs."

SPOTLIGHT



ELIZABETH ANDREWS

Major: Global Health Studies, Pre-Physical Therapy Track

Elizabeth plans to take a gap year following graduation!

"Make relationships with your teachers!"

KAILA BANKER



Major: International Affairs
Minor: Asian Studies

Kaila is look at opportunities in the US and abroad, but she intends on pursuing a Master's degree in the International Affairs/Security field and eventually working for the Department of State.

"Try to overcome your fears and do the things that interest and excite you even if no one else seems to be doing that. Sometimes you fail, but keep persevering. You will end up in the place you are supposed to be."



EMILY BRUNE

Majors: Global Health Studies and International Affairs

Emily plans to work at SOMPO International as a Cyber Insurance Underwriter in Atlanta.

"Don't limit yourself to careers that are directly tied to your major. If you are interested in doing something, go for it."

SPOTLIGHT



EMILY CADLE

Major: Global Health Studies

Emily will be a Peace Corps Volunteer in Zambia, working as a Maternal & Child Health and HIV/AIDS Educator from August 2020 to November 2022.

"Embracing Mercer's trips abroad will change your life. You will see what you have studied in classes come to life. Take classes that interest you, but also challenge you. Dive headfirst into what fears you the most. Growth cannot happen within our comfort zones."



ALYSSA FORTNER

Majors: International Affairs and Global Development Studies
Minor: Anthropology

Alyssa is a Fulbright semi-finalist to South Africa and is also waiting to hear back from Boren. If not, she will work for a year before going back to graduate school.

"My advice is to take advantage of all the great opportunities the IGS department will offer you. Also, continuously cultivate and make the most out of your relationships with your fellow IGS students and the faculty!"



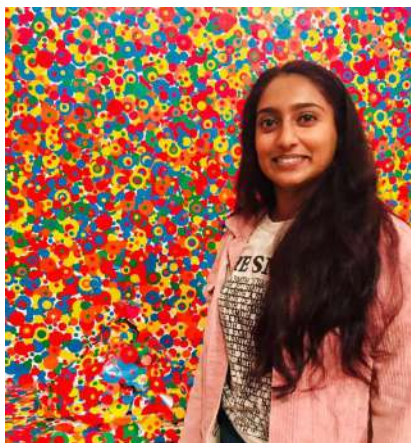
ARNELLE N. KONDE

Major: Global Health Studies
Minors: Africana Studies and Anthropology

Arnelle plans to pursue a Master's in Public Health (MPH), with a focus in Behavioral Sciences and Health Education. I have been accepted into Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health and Georgia Southern's Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health.

"Develop close relationships with the IGS faculty. They are here to help you. I would not have realized my passion for health education and promotion if it weren't for Dr. N-B and Dr. Obidoa."

SPOTLIGHT



SHREYA KANUKUNTA

Major: Global Health Studies
Minors: Chemistry and Business

I will be taking a gap year spent traveling, working, shadowing, volunteering, and applying to medical school.

"Take care of your mental health. It's okay to not be okay. Invest in yourself and do things that make you happy. There is more to life than school."



JOSIE JONES

Major: Global Health Studies
Minor: Psychology

Josie is moving to Thailand for 10 months to become an ESL teacher for Teach Thailand Corps.

"Get to know your professors. Ask them questions, visit their offices, and get their opinions. We have wonderful professors in the IGS department, so I regret not doing that sooner."



MAGGIE KOWALCHUK

Majors: Global Health Studies and International Affairs

Maggie will be taking the summer to travel and spend time with her family. She will also be applying to jobs in Georgia!

"Take every opportunity that you can to get experience. Internships and Mercer on Mission are awesome. Take time to listen to your professors and what they have to say in and out of the classroom."

SPOTLIGHT



DANIEL WILSON

Majors: Global Health and Spanish

Daniel will be working with Chick-Fil-A corporate.

"Don't worry, it's all gonna work out how it needs to"



MARCUS STRICKLAND

Majors: Global Health Studies and International Affairs

I will be pursuing a Master of Public Health in Health Policy & Management, on the Health Care Management track, at Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health.

"One piece of advice that I would give to IGS underclassmen is to try and fit in a few business courses while at Mercer. Introductory courses in accounting, finance, marketing, and management can equip you with baseline knowledge and skillsets that can help you in any professional setting post-graduation."



CEFARI D. LANGFORD

Majors: Africana Studies and Global Health Studies

Cefari will be interning in Germany for a year!

"Be prepared for several personal 'a-ha' moments."

SPOTLIGHT

ANGELA MENSAH



Major: Global Health Studies

After graduation, Angela will be participating in a few internships and research programs both in the US and in Ghana. She will also be pursuing a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree starting in August 2021.

"A slight change in your original plan isn't the end of the world. Adapt and work smarter towards your new goal(s) and they'll pay off!"

DAVID STOKES III



Majors: International Affairs and Religion
Minor: French

David is semi-finalist for a Fulbright ETA in Bahrain and was also accepted to the Peace Corps in Morocco as a Youth Development Specialist. His long-term plans are to pursue a PhD and teach at the university level.

"Mercer University offers several incredible study abroad programs; take advantage of every opportunity to travel abroad! Take a journal with you and reflect on how your experiences are changing your perspectives, for these opportunities are truly life-changing."

BRIANNA LEVIN



Major: Global Health Studies, pre-nursing

Brianna is planning to enroll in National Taiwan University's Master of Global Health program. She is excited to explore Taipei while she learns about global health from a different perspective.

"Keep an open heart and open mind. There are so many things you can do with any of the IGS majors, so don't worry if you take a different path than you originally planned."

SPOTLIGHT

HINAL PATEL



Majors: International Relations and Global Development
Minor: Political Science

After graduation, Hinal is hopefully interning in DC (she's hearing back soon!) She plans on attending law school eventually.

"Challenge yourself in every way. Don't just take the easy classes or the easier option. You will be surprised as to how much you will learn. There's a whole world out there and stepping outside your comfort zone is the key to being able to initiate real change in the world!"

JIBRI SHABAZZ



Major: Global Development

Jibri hopes to join an aviation program and work within an international agency after graduation!

"Plan to travel abroad to make the class work have meaning and come alive."

MACKENZIE PFAFF



Major: Global Health Studies
Minor: Sociology

Mackenzie plans to attend graduate school to receive Master of Public Health.

"Get to know your professors in the department! They have the best advice and are always there to listen to you and support you."

SPOTLIGHT

FANTA MITCHELL



Majors: International Affairs and Global Health Studies
Minor: Psychology

After graduation, Fanta will be and AmeriCorps volunteer Birmingham, Alabama with a non-profit organization that addresses the effects of people living with poverty. After her service year, she plans to attend graduate school and receive a Master of Public Health.

"Never doubt yourself, be confident in your goals and intentions and most importantly to travel abroad and learn from others."

NISHI PATEL



Majors: Global Health Studies and Spanish
Minors: Biology and Chemistry

Nishi plans to serve in the Peace Corps in Benin as a rural health volunteer.

"See every opportunity and experience as a way to learn something (even something small) about yourself."

PERI STAPLES



Major: International Affairs
Minor: Global Development Studies

Peri plans on taking a gap semester with hopes of traveling before entering graduate school

"Join clubs, travel abroad, and attend on campus discussions. Most importantly enjoy your college experience to the best of your ability. :)"

SPOTLIGHT

LINDSEY SMALLWOOD



Majors: International Affairs and Political Science
Minor: Law and Public Policy

Lindsey is applying for summer internships in public policy, after which she will be attending Mercer Law in the fall. She also plan to eventually adopt a retired racing greyhound.

"Meet with your advisors and professors and read all the emails they send out. Tell them about your future plans, and be sure to ask about possible study abroad, internship, and research opportunities. They are so helpful, and can help you figure out possible career paths, as well as discover unique opportunities!! You've got this, good luck to you all. :)"

MORIAH ROYCROFT



Majors: Global Health Studies and Global Development Studies
Minors: Biology and Chemistry

Moriah is thrilled to be attending my dream school, the University of North Carolina School of Medicine/Gillings School of Global Public Health, this fall where she will be pursuing my MD/MPH!

"Never give up on a good idea. College is mostly about figuring out what engages and excites you as a person. Believe in your abilities and find space to strengthen your weakest points -- they may even surprise you and become your strengths. Take opportunities to travel, begin and join clubs, learn from your professors (even outside of the classroom), and don't be afraid to push the boundaries a little."

CONGRATULATIONS



**TO OUR CLASS
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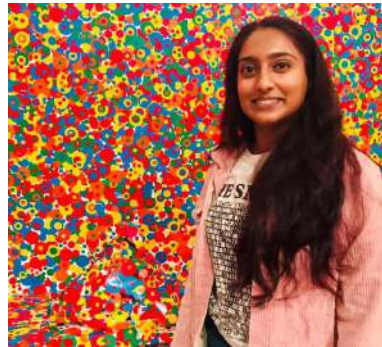
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