

Scholar and Coach (*Robertson alum)	Title Location(s)	Abstract
<p>Sreya Atluri Ravi Singh</p>	<p>Continuing to Explore Business Across Diverse Dimensions India, Sri Lanka, Dominican Republic</p>	<p>I was able to build a fantastic foundation in exploring various applications of business in finance and non-profit sectors during Exploration Summer! I would love to build on that perspective during this summer by continuing my work in investment banking as well as pursuing my passion for educational development through continuing to expand the non-profit work I do with Creating Awareness in Research and Education (CARE), specifically focusing on social entrepreneurship and sustainable business.</p>
<p>Ben Ayto Grace Oathout*</p>	<p>Marrying My Creative and Intellectual Passions: Charting a Course in Sustainable Fashion and Activist Storytelling</p>	<p>After being forced to suspend plans to intern in sustainable fashion in NYC for the summer due to health reasons, this re-imagined launch summer is designed to equip me with the knowledge, connections and skills to conceptualize and begin intervening in the unethical and environmentally unsustainable fast-fashion industry. Building upon previous experience working with sustainable textiles and craft traditions in Vietnam and China, I will be visiting a number of European centers for fashion and queer activism to learn about the ways that fashion and self-expression are being re-invented by queer performers and designers to deconstruct unsustainable, gendered approaches to clothing production and consumption. I will also be meeting with researchers and conducting site visits relevant to my senior thesis on Chinese investment in Africa; my bass connections project on gentrification, LGBT tolerance and creative industries; and a long-form journalistic project on political drag in the age of European populism.</p>
<p>Catalina Berenblum Dr. Michael Kappelman</p>	<p>Understanding the Biomedical Health Landscape New York City</p>	<p>This summer, I will be understanding the health arena from multiple angles. My primary focus will be conducting clinical research at Mt Sinai in New York City under Dr. Marla Dubinsky. Additionally, I will be working with the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation in their patient education department while preparing to apply to medical school and transitioning into being co-chair of the Patient Advisory Council for ImproveCareNow (ICN), a pediatric Inflammatory Bowel Disease learning network. . All of these experiences will help me understand the different players in the healthcare landscape in anticipation for my future in healthcare reform.</p>
<p>Lucy Best Stefanie Schwemlein*</p>	<p>Launching Phyta and Engaging on Chinese Affairs Beaufort, NC; Brooklyn, NY; Athens, Greece; Ashridge, UK</p>	<p>My Launch Summer will provide me with the resources and experiences necessary to make informed post-graduation decisions. I will pursue opportunities related to Phyta including rig construction, international networking, and the Hult Prize Accelerator. These activities will allow Emily, Eliza, and I to make crucial progress, supporting us to understand this venture's long-term feasibility. Additionally, I will complete a seven-week internship with SupChina, the leading English language source for information on Chinese affairs, to gain professional experience in this field. These components allow me to hone new skills, build on those I already have, and make headway on post-graduate choices.</p>

<p>Chaya Bhat Eric Stackpole</p>	<p>Social Impact & Storytelling: Pursuing Leadership in Global Development through Research and Photography</p>	<p>During my Launch Summer of 2018, I intend to pursue an enriching and challenging summer experience consisting of three distinct parts: data collection for a senior honors thesis on the feasibility of automated psychological support in Kenya, a photography for storytelling workshop in Sydney, and a management consulting internship with Bain and Co in Boston. Each component of my summer contributes to a unique facet of intellectual and leadership development. The proposed activities complement each other and, when combined, shape me to be successful in my final year as a student and in my career aspirations to be a leader in global economic development.</p>
<p>Jermaine Bryant Sharon James</p>	<p>Jermaine's Launch Summer Rome, Italy</p>	<p>I am preparing to apply for graduate school and hopefully enter the world of academia in classics. In order to prepare for this, I am working to approach the field from a policy perspective by working on the development and outreach team of the Paideia Institute (the nonprofit tasked with promoting the study of the classical humanities in primary and secondary schools) as well as working on my senior thesis, which will be self-directed research in the field, giving me my first real taste of the work that I am considering doing for the rest of my life, as well as preparing my writing sample for graduate schools. These projects involve me returning to Italy, as it is both where my internship is and it is the center of the Roman world, a useful place to be when conducting work concerning its politics and literary culture.</p>
<p>Forest Cummings - Taylor Nate Wagner*</p>	<p>TBD</p>	<p>This summer, I want to get professional experience as a programmer with a technology-focused group (company or division within a company). I want to get experience in data analytics or machine learning, but the most important thing in my mind is that I get experience with back-end programming, which I think will get me a foot in the door with larger technology firms. To do that, I will work for Wylan Energy, a small company in the energy market. I'll be working in Durham on an AI/ML-focused natural language processing project designed to sift data about the products Wylan subsidizes. I also plan to write one short script in a series of short films I started last Fall.</p>
<p>Andre Domingues Robert Hamm</p>	<p>Cock the Shutter: Developing a Career in the Photographic Film Industry Los Angeles</p>	<p>This summer, I will be launching my career in the photographic film industry by participating in a pre-professional internship at CineStill, the US's 2nd largest photographic film manufacturer. Leveraging my academic background in entrepreneurship and marketing, as well as my fluency in Portuguese and Spanish, my roles will be to help expand into the Latin American market by identifying and creating relationships with overseas retailers, distributors, and logistics firms. Focusing on building long-term competitive advantage and presenting the organization with concrete deliverables will vastly increase my chances of receiving a full-time job offer after graduation from UNC's Kenan-Flagler Business School.</p>
<p>George Elliott Edward Nalbantian</p>	<p>Politics and Law in London and Mumbai London; Mumbai</p>	<p>My summer splits into two sections: six weeks of politics in London, and six weeks of commercial law in London and Mumbai. I will begin by working for the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, a policy organization based in London. This will be the culmination of my political science major, enabling me to translate my studies into practical action. I will then participate in a three week summer vacation scheme with a top-tier international law firm in London. Finally, I will work for a law firm in Mumbai to develop my interest in growth market opportunities..</p>

<p>Harry Elworthy Tom Prebble*</p>	<p>Policy and Data Once More Santa Cruz, CA</p>	<p>I will be working as a research assistant for Alex Tabarrok, a top-of-his-field microeconomist from George Mason University. We will be looking at Cost Diseases in American healthcare, education and food. I will work for Alex remotely, as he is moving around most of the summer. I will meet him at a conference at George Mason, but besides that am free to be living where I want. For a number of reasons, including health, mental health and academic environment, I would like to live in Santa Cruz, California for the summer.</p>
<p>Scott Emmons Peter Mucha</p>	<p>Developing Human-Compatible Artificial Intelligence Chapel Hill and Durham, NC</p>	<p>The development of artificial intelligence will have a profound influence on our future. As artificially intelligent agents enter our lives – self-driving cars that share the road with us, medical diagnosis algorithms that assist our doctors, personal robotic assistants that share our homes – we must ensure that their values align with human values. This “value alignment” challenge is part of the broader challenge of “AI safety” that a growing field of academic research is seeking to address. My project will be taking part in AI safety research at a research institution working on this challenge.</p>
<p>Henry Feng Lisa Farrugia</p>	<p>Maintaining Human Health in Space: Adapting the body for space exploration and settlement Mountain View, CA</p>	<p>There is perhaps no better representation of technological advancement than space exploration. Society stands on the verge of giant leaps forward, but we must remain cautious – our Earth adapted bodies, the product of millions of years of evolution on a changing Earth, have yet to experience anything like long term exposure to the conditions of space. We face a new set of problems out there – radiation, microgravity, resource scarcity, and psychological isolation to name a few. This project aims to introduce me to ways in which science and medical devices are assisting pioneers of 21st century space exploration.</p>
<p>Hannah Godefa William Darity</p>	<p>Empowering Women Through Independent and Documentary Filmmaking</p>	<p>I plan to pursue an unpaid internship for the Sundance Institute under Director Keri Putnam (who I connected with at a conference) for their feature filmmaking program. Recently, the conversation in Hollywood has been about both safety (sexual harassment issues) and equity (equal representation and pay) and opens up a bunch of opportunities to be involved in groundbreaking strides for women.</p> <p>Sundance’s interest is in the area of advancing the representation of women as artists and storytellers. I want to be a part of the many years of research on the barriers and opportunities facing women in independent film and documentary, and I have come to understand that the issues are the same across fields to a large extent (mainly access to capital, perception of men as better suited to 'lead', male-dominated networks of people hiring, perception that female content is not as universal or commercial).</p>
<p>Wilson Guo Morris Weinberger</p>	<p>Launch Summer at the World Health Organization Geneva, Switzerland</p>	<p>I will be working with Dr. Richard Johnston and the Joint Monitoring Programme team at the WHO Water and Sanitation department in Geneva. The JMP is a collaborative effort between the WHO and UNICEF in monitoring water, sanitation, and hygiene indicators across countries. My work with the JMP team will mainly consist of collecting and analyzing data from China, Macau, and Hong Kong to evaluate their progress in meeting the Sustainable Development Goals set by the UN.</p>
<p>Eliza Harrison Kurt Ribisl</p>	<p>Unexpected Entrepreneurship</p>	<p>In an attempt to refine my future career and professional ambitions, I will return to the Faroe Islands to continue my study of the business strategies and processing techniques associated with macroalgae cultivation. Building on my entrepreneurial aspirations, I will spend the latter half of the summer in London participating in the Hult Prize</p>

	Beaufort, NC; Faroe Islands; London	Accelerator Program for Phyta, which is a new venture that I co-founded this semester. Phyta is a temperate water macroalgae farming company that promotes marine conservation and sustainable food production. Through my collaboration with Ocean Rainforest, coupled with my work developing Phyta, I will be challenged to embrace entrepreneurship and social innovation to my fullest capacity.
Ian Jaffe Steve Haase	Practical Emergency Preparedness at United Airlines and Other Opportunities Chicago	I will be spending the majority of my summer as an intern with the Emergency Preparedness and Business Continuity Team at United Airlines, where I will have the opportunity to use my experience in emergency management and analytical skills to evaluate and improve emergency preparedness for the corporation. I also plan to attend conferences relating to my interests in emergency management and infectious diseases research and policy and prepare to apply to medical school next year.
Kalif Jeremiah Ali Shumar	Music on His Mind New York City	Since I began this musical journey eighteen months ago, I have made significant progress. As much as I've done so far, I understand how much more I have left to do. While the creative aspect of my music has seen much growth, there are still many technical aspects of music that I wish to improve. My ability to read or play music, for example, would be extremely beneficial to my creative process. By honing these skills and creating connections in the music world, I can set myself up for long term success.
Erica Johnson Tierney Marey*	Erica and Marketing in Italy Florence, Italy	I have been chosen for a marketing internship with the video advertising platform, Viralize, in Florence Italy. I am planning to acquire experience in marketing and further practice my Italian so I will be able to get a marketing-related job in Italy after college.
Mia King Colleen Scott	Language and the Law Seattle; Atlanta; Madrid	For my Launch summer, I would like to complete a number of tasks crucial to my preparation for life after undergrad. These include continuing to learn Spanish, studying for the LSAT, shadowing attorneys and judges, and completing a pre-professional internship. This list has been largely influenced by a class I am currently enrolled in, Professor Bonilla-Silva's Sociology of Racism in America. I have done meticulous outreach both within and beyond the Robertson community to ensure that each segment is both feasible and conducive to my post-graduate plans.
Brennan Lewis Jasmine Beach-Ferrara	Building Community in the LGBTQ South Portland OR, New York City, and multiple locations in Southeastern US	This summer I will connect with LGBTQ activists across the South while continuing my work with the Campaign for Southern Equality and Peace First. I will also work on an audio documentary on LGBTQ pride parades in small Southern communities, based on research and a series of long-form interviews with LGBTQ organizers and community members in towns across the South. I'm interested in exploring the concept of home, particularly in how LGBTQ people in small towns envision themselves as an important part of their communities and navigate the intersection of identity and culture.
Noah Mancuso Breana Castonguay	Academic and Athletic Launch Summer	My Robertson Launch Summer will be split in half with foci on both my academic career and my developing role in the world of athletics. I will start in Chapel Hill with two internships: one at the UNC Center for AIDS Research where I will be doing social sciences research on HIV/AIDS diagnostic tools, and the other at the Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center where I will be doing biological and chemical lab research on breast cancer and benign breast disease. The

	Chapel Hill; Germany; Czech Republic	second half of my summer will be spent around the US and Europe, where I will be competing with the newly recognized Carolina Jump Rope Sports Club and also running multiple World Jump Rope sponsored camps.
Rachael Murtagh Jefferson Sinclair*	Cultural and Business Language Immersion in Germany Frankfurt am Maim, Germany	I will shadow with the IBM Business Analytics Unit in Frankfurt am Main in an unpaid position to gain the exposure I require. This project will improve my linguistic fluency and cultural understanding of German Business to strengthen and support my skill-set with my German major at Duke and with my professional goals for the future as a consultant. Particularly with Brexit on the horizon, as a British citizen I want to prove my international proficiency to heighten my employability and keep up with rapidly changing work environments in global markets.
Duncan Parsons Uzoma Bailey	Crimson Education, Portuguese Language, Silicon Valley Start-Up Summer	
Raymond Pryor Kate Gluckman	Community Summer 2.0 – A New Lens on Sunflower and the Mississippi Delta Sunflower, MS	This summer I will be returning to the Sunflower County Freedom Project in the Mississippi Delta where I spent my Community Summer as a Teacher/Adviser. I will serve as a data analyst (creating and managing data for Freedom Summer programming), mentor for summer interns (lesson planning, curriculum development), and support the staff with recruitment of new students and families. This experience will allow me to develop key skills and experiences in youth/student support and programming, teaching, data analysis, nonprofit management, and community engagement that will serve as the foundation for my career launch as a change agent.
Vishnu Ramachandran Neal Thomas	Smart Cities: An International Perspective Bangalore, India	I will be working with Centre for Internet and Society (CIS) and possibly the Center for Excellence of IoT (COE) – both in Bangalore, India. At CIS, I will be researching Prime Minister Modi’s Smart Cities Mission to see how the technology can be equitably deployed. At COE, I would likely be working on helping create a connected and automated vehicle strategy for India or assisting the startups they are incubating.
Elina Rodriguez Seth Kotch	Seeking Justice: Examining Different Strategies of Justice Defenders New York City	This summer I’m looking to jump into the criminal justice world, having gained experience my past two summers being exposed to public defenders and reentry programs. I want to get a final taste of what the criminal justice world looks like and what it means to fight for and defend the rights of those who have been systemically marginalized, disenfranchised, and exploited while studying and preparing for graduate school. I’m hoping to hone in on my interests within the field to help point me in the direction of a concentration or specialization in the professional world.
Kyra Rubin Jan Schakowsky	Ms. Exterovich-Rubin Goes to Washington	For my Launch Summer project, I hope to better understand the day-to-day operations of the U.S. Senate, gain hands-on political experience, and explore the role that women play in political decision making. The United States faces a critical political moment in which many cases of sexual misconduct have recently come to light regarding many male U.S. Representatives and Senators; this places women in political leadership in a unique position in history, in which the power of women is both heightened as well as questioned. By interning in Washington D.C., I will better

		understand if the worlds of policy and politics are worlds I want to work within -- both as a woman and as an individual.
Rohan Sheth Devin Solanki*	Exploring Education Equity with the Thai Public Education System through a partnership with UWC Thailand	I am going to visit various schools and communities in Thailand to speak with administrators and students about the values of education, in order to have a better understanding of the pedagogy involved in eastern educational practices. I want to capture my findings in photographs throughout the country. The project will include using UWC Thailand in Phuket as a launching pad to get inside local public schools.
Visrut Sudhakar Bob Stocking	The Role of Technology and “Social Good” in Business Dubai	The purpose of this summer is to understand the impact of technology strategy on a rapidly growing business venture, the role of “social good” in the workplace, and finally the intersection of both. As a computer scientist, as well as a leadership scholar, I will use this summer to understand how to leverage technology to make an ethical impact on an established, corporate business. I set out to accomplish this goal by joining a team implementing technology strategy at Forbes Middle East in Dubai, with an intent to advocate and create platforms which encourage more ethical business, increase the visibility of small business in the Middle East, and finally to build a career pathway for myself in this field.
Myla Swallow Tierney Marey* Jeffrey Moe	Increasing Access Accountability of Medicine Designed to Treat Neglected Tropical Diseases Amsterdam; Delhi and Jaipur, India	The FDA grants Priority Review Vouchers to companies that develop cures or treatments for neglected tropical diseases (NTD). But, the pharmaceutical companies are under no obligation to help get these drugs to the people for whom their development was intended to help. The FDA is currently considering a proposal to regulate the issue however this will likely cause huge market inefficiencies. I would be working with the Access to Medicine Foundation (ATMF) to firstly assist with their annual review of pharmaceutical companies and then I would be translating their methodology to specifically target the drugs developed under the FDA priority review voucher program and find an alternative to regulation in increasing drug access.
Kat Tan Rachael Massell*	Community Stories Manzini, Swaziland. Mars Hill, NC.	My project will launch me into my gap year occupation between college graduation and matriculation to medical school. I’m interested in exploring the intersection of art, activism, and medicine. This interdisciplinary passion arises from the synthesis of my various occupations: I’m a performance poet, songwriter, story circle facilitator, and novelist. I’m a birth doula, end of life advocate, psychiatrist-to-be, and future reformer of culturally-informed mental healthcare. All these occupations have directed me toward a dedication to narrative medicine—the re-framing of healthcare and provider-patient relationship as a story filled with autonomous individuals. I want to learn the skills and build the network needed to make me a knowledgeable, innovative, and effective pioneer in the field of narrative medicine, and Launch Summer will be designed to help me accomplish just that

<p>Daya Uppal Susan Pennybacker</p>	<p>The Makings of a Female Entrepreneur New Delhi, Mumbai, New York City</p>	<p>The final summer of my undergraduate career will be focused on gaining a creative, business-oriented experience. My primary goal is to intern within an organization wherein I am granted the ability and freedom to create new content that positively affects a larger audience. In addition, inspired by Million\$, my favorite podcast that features female entrepreneurs, my final deliverable will be a project that focuses on self-made women and their ventures so as to highlight the ventures these women leaders have created.</p>
<p>Trey Walk Adam Cohen</p>	<p>Learning Strategies to End America's Affordable Housing Crisis Washington, DC; Durham, NC</p>	<p>This summer I will augment my passions of community organizing and advocacy by focusing on building on my policy knowledge. I will work with the National Low Income Housing Coalition in Washington D.C. to learn more about affordable housing, anti---poverty programs, homelessness, and community and economic development. AT NLIHC, I will serve as a field intern where I will be "creating email campaigns focused on important federal policies, writing blogs, managing [NLIHC's] database of membership records, mobilizing the field for the legislative efforts, and reaching out the new and existing members."</p> <p>In Durham, I will be conducting research for my senior honors thesis on community land trusts (a permanent source of affordable housing) and their longer history in cooperative economic thought and black land and wealth dispossession.</p>
<p>Elle Winfield Martin Miller</p>	<p>Merging Foreign Policy & Women's Empowerment: A Pre-Thesis & Post Graduation Summer Engagement Washington DC; York, United Kingdom</p>	<p>The project will aim to combine three major components directed towards my academic success in Senior year and Beyond. The first, is an internship with the Feminist Majority Foundation under the mentorship of Eleanor Smeal, a world re-known advocate for women's empowerment. The program was chosen for its pre-professional development program, and networking environment, which will allow me to develop relationships in the DC policy community- where I intend to work post-graduation. Secondly, I will be completing a one week honors program with the American Enterprise Institute based on American Grand Strategy, led by Thomas Donnelly. The course will allow me to access the DC think tank environment, which directly relates to my interests in foreign policy and American Grand Strategy. Additionally, both during and following the completion of my internship at FMF on July 20th, I will be working with Auerbach International on a private start up that engages my passion for wealth inequality distribution. Finally, I will be finishing up the summer at my home in England, where I will spend 3 weeks preparing for the LSAT exam. Every opportunity listed above has been prioritized both due to their significant pre-professional advantages and academic contributions to my thesis, which will explore the relationship between US foreign policy and the rights of low-income, minority women.</p>