

Robertson Scholars Leadership Program

Exploration Summer 2015

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Note: Many of these projects evolved over the summer. The following are the projects Scholars *proposed* for 2015.

Scholar and Mentor	Abstract and Goals
<p>Graham Adeson Alexei Salin – Head of Business Development, Norilsk Nickel</p>	<p>Norilsk Nickel, Moscow, Summer 2015 This summer I am working in business development at Norilsk Nickel in Moscow, Russia. The company is a fully Russian company with all communication in Russian itself. Through this experience I hope to learn much about corporate finance, the Russian workplace, and life/culture in Moscow. For the second part of my summer I hope to travel throughout Siberia and Japan, documenting in a written diary/blog, and hope to explore the vast expanse that separates East and West, and also completing a circumnavigation of the globe.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I hope to fully immerse myself and explore the city of Moscow, and also the Russian workplace 2. I hope to explore the realm of corporate finance, and possibly move about within the company to grasp the nature of the company as a whole 3. I hope to heavily improve my Russian language skills by speaking and interacting with people every day in the language
<p>Chinyere Amanze Amar Sarwal, Association of Corporate Counsel</p>	<p>Legal Policy in a Local and Global Context Finally, I've constructed a summer that introduces me to the legal field as well as expanding my world view. I will spend eight weeks in D.C. working for the Association of Corporate Counsel doing legal research on expanding the organizations presence on the Continent. By doing this, I will get the chance to utilize my specific interest in Africa by looking at the specific challenges of In-House Counsels in Africa, looking at ways the ACC can address these challenges, and creating a working plan for synergy between the two. Second, I will spend a month at the University of Ghana taking a course on Development and Underdevelopment in Africa which will give me first person context for my interest in the intersection between politics, culture, and international narrative when it comes to Africa. I believe this summer will provide me tangible skills in legal research, corporate context, and educated travel.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop professional work skills in legal research to determine if I really have a passion for law. 2. Learn how to travel and address my fear of travelling alone! 3. Find a mentor in the legal field that I can stay in contact with as I continue my journey as a Pre-Law and law student.
<p>Hunter Baehren Hannelore Jarausch, Dept. of French, UNC</p>	<p>Inspirational Leadership: Past, Present, and Future My summer will first begin through my great-grandfather's story of immigrating to the United States from Germany. The second portion of my summer will focus upon what inspires me in the present: healthcare reform. I will participate in a public sector internship geared toward domestic healthcare reform. Lastly, I will travel to London and participate in a study abroad program through the London School of Economics and Political Science. While taking courses, interacting with fellow students, and building connections with professionals and instructors, I will also be conducting an independent research project through interviews and data collection regarding domestic healthcare reform.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Focus upon personal growth in learning from my great-grandfather's journey 2. Build professional experience in the healthcare public sector 3. Build research/academic skills in the healthcare economic subjects
<p>Sebastian Baquerizo Emma Rasiel, Duke University</p>	<p>Exploration Summer Large amounts of Ecuadorian people are left without houses due to the lack of affordable options in my country. My overall goal is to eventually become a housing developer in Ecuador and provide affordable housing options. Given that housing development requires large amounts of capital, it is therefore extremely important for a developer to understand not only the engineering behind the soils and housing, but also the financing of all of these. I am hoping</p>

	<p>this summer will help me understand both of these fields better so I can continue to pursue them in the future, and one day go back to Ecuador and improve the housing situation (“greater good”). Therefore, my Exploration summer will consist of two parts: An investment banking internship at JPMorgan at the Latin American Group, where I hope to understand, experience, and explore the financial side of my career, as well as an experiential education backpacking trip through Europe, where I hope to leave the classroom and visit first hand some of the amazing structures I have studied.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3.
<p>Brent Comstock Ted Zoller, PhD., Director of Entrepreneurial Studies at UNC Kenan-Flagler</p>	<p>Innovation On Tour: An adventure of economic development, entrepreneurship, and innovation from rural Nebraska to Venice, Italy</p> <p>Over the course of the last year, I have developed a passion for economic development and social enterprise in rural communities. Beyond my own community and the work we have done in Nebraska to establish rural accelerator programs, I have realized that my passion is truly unique: I have the entrepreneurial background in technology, typically reserved for urbanized areas, as well as the passion to connect technology with rural communities. This summer, I would like to further develop my experience and opportunities within rural communities.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish a network of rural community builders in rural Nebraska working collaboratively to revitalize the “drain” in rural economic development. 2. Explore the innovation and tech start-up scenes of Europe, specifically Venice, Italy while at H-Farm Ventures 3. Grow my own entrepreneurial experiences as I travel the country and the world looking to find a “secret sauce” or sauces to entrepreneurial success.
<p>Brooke Davies Jocelyn Chua UNC Cultural Anthropology</p>	<p>Exploration Summer</p> <p>Abstract</p> <p>None</p> <p>Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2. 3.
<p>Mark Dawson Michael Bernert, International Farm Corporation (Rob alum)</p>	<p>Urban and Rural Culture and Economics Systems</p> <p>This summer I will explore urban and rural economic systems and culture beginning in my home state of Mississippi. I will spend 4 weeks working with the clients of Hope Credit Union, which provides financial services to marginalized populations. By contrast, I will spend the next 8 weeks working at Oliver Wyman, which provides financial services to some of the largest corporations in the world. Finally, I will spend the last 2 weeks immersing myself along one of the most culturally diverse routes in Europe, the Camino de Santiago, to better understand the interplay between culture and economic systems.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Apply skills learned in Economics and Mathematics classes learned in a variety of context (Hope Credit Union and Oliver Wyman). 2. Become more aware of different cultures both close to home (marginalized communities in Mississippi) and far away (London and the Camino de Santiago). 3. Become more autonomous and resourceful in unfamiliar context (London and the Camino de Santiago).
<p>Rachel Freedman Elizabeth Wein, Novelist</p>	<p>Human and Machine</p> <p>My primary objective for this summer is to probe the nature of human cognition and perception by studying the relationships between humans and machines. The first avenue that I’m exploring this summer is studying the technical functioning of computing machines, with the hope of eventually designing artificially intelligent systems later in my career. The second avenue is creatively examining the relationship between human and machine through explorative writing and travel.</p> <p>Goals</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gain a greater understanding of how humans relate to machines and, in particular, why we have generated such pervasive gender biases around them. 2. Identify potential academic and professional avenues for reconciling my disparate interests and creating positive change in the world.
<p>Abby Gay Emma Rasiel</p>	<p>Work, Pray, Love: London and Bali</p> <p>I will travel to London to work at Oliver Wyman in financial consulting for six weeks. I hope to develop a specific professional skill set, to grow my network, and to explore the consulting profession. Additionally, I plan to explore British culture and practices including, but not limited to, teatime, polo matches, pub food, and the theatre. After completing my internship at Oliver Wyman, I will fly to Denpasar, Bali, to work with Kenny Haisfield with his new fashion brand, Kenny Flowers. I will further develop and implement a marketing strategy as well as get an in-depth look at running a new business.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work: consulting. Develop business skills while working in a professional setting and learning more about the consulting profession. Find out if I'm even interested in consulting as a profession. 2. Pray: travel. Reflect; live in the moment; understand that this is THE once in a lifetime experience. Travel everywhere and see places that I will most likely never get the opportunity to see again. Be grateful for the challenges and become stronger from overcoming them. 3. Love: fashion. Combine my love of fashion and style with my business interests to incorporate it into my overall story. Embrace Bali and a culture that is like nothing of which I have ever been exposed. 4. Eat: good food. Life is too short to eat mediocre food. Experience the culinary staples of a wide array of cultures and regions of the globe. Bonus points if I can still fit into my clothes by the end of the summer.
<p>Virginia Hamilton Cate Tidwell</p>	<p>Dream Summer!</p> <p>This summer is the culmination of many of my dreams.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Learn more about the differences in running a faith-based organization (New Day—China) and a secular organization (FoodShare NZ), and how Christianity is manifested in New Day's day-to-day operations. 2. Improve my Chinese! (It's very basic right now, so I can really only go up from here, but I do want to make learning the language a priority while I am there.) 3. This might sound like a weird goal, but I am excited to play things by ear a bit more. I am a really good planner, which is a good skill to have, but I also think it is valuable to learn flexibility, adaptability, and spontaneity. So a goal is to be adventurous and make a few impulse decisions (nothing crazy of course!)
<p>Kassra Homaifar Steven Hartley, Director of Sales at Quid</p>	<p>Buenos Aires- Work Hard, Dance Hard</p> <p>I will be working with SaferTaxi, specifically contributing to their brand strategy initiatives and marketing analytics. During this time, I will also learn key insights on the <i>international</i> startup funding process for technologies and businesses looking to commercialize with domestic and foreign investments. My experience will also grant me the opportunity to become professionally proficient in speaking Spanish, a language I have unfortunately foregone since high school, and explore the rich history and geography of Argentina.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Learn and develop a skillset for marketing & brand strategy within startups spaces, while networking in a completely unique Latin American startup environment. 2. Immerse myself within the rich Argentinian culture, through routine tango lessons, hiking and sightseeing its world-renowned geographical landmarks, and more. 3. Attain general professional proficiency for the Spanish language.
<p>Shafali Jalota Louise Toppin, UNC</p>	<p>Singing in the Birthplace of Opera: A Summer of Music in Arezzo, Italy</p> <p>In this project, I will learn and perform the role of Carolina in <i>Il matrimonio segreto</i>, an opera by Domenico Cimarosa, with the Oberlin in Italy Summer Opera Program. I will travel to Arezzo, Italy, where I will live and work for six weeks. During this time, I will hone my knowledge of Italian in addition to building a network with respected faculty, coaches, conductors, and directors. Each day, I will have valuable staging and music rehearsals with these distinguished musicians. This experience will further my professional career and give me the opportunity to explore Italy, the birthplace of opera.</p>

	<p>Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop a professional network of voice teachers, coaches, directors, conductors, and fellow singers. 2. Gain important professional musical skills such as vocal technique, role preparation, stage movement, language ability, and acting in a structured, professional environment. 3. Explore an area of the world that is unfamiliar to me, learning how to negotiate solo international travel and build community with people that I do not know.
<p>Frank Jiang Michelle Sheran-Andrews, UNC Economics</p>	<p>Oliver Wyman and the Camino de Santiago This summer, I will be spending eight weeks in London, UK completing an internship for Oliver Wyman (Financial Services industry). The first half of the internship will be composed of working with Tom Wanty, a Managing Partner working within Partner Development. The second half of the internship will be composed of working on a case with actual consultants. After those eight weeks, I will then spend approximately two weeks backpacking the Camino de Santiago, from Sarria, Spain, to Santiago de Compostela, Spain, a total distance of 113 km.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop hard, quantitative skills in finance, spreadsheet manipulation, etc. 2. Develop soft skills in teamwork (working with professional consultants), approachability (meeting strangers on the Camino de Santiago), and spontaneous decision-making (figuring out a new place to stay/places to eat on a daily basis). 3. Explore new settings and environments and interact with people of different backgrounds.
<p>Nick Johnston Mendee – owner, Stepperider’s</p>	<p>“Going Nomad – Mongolia from Horseback” or “Traditional Spice - I’m on a Horse” Mongolia’s traditional nomadic culture is currently undergoing an evolution into capitalism and its associated sedentary lifestyle. Yet this change is not always positive. For such a traditionally spiritual people to become disconnected from the land of their ancestors and caught up in the torrent of modern living, great sacrifices must be made. This sacrifice has, on the whole, been comprised of the people’s identity, causing a large number of social issues in the area. My aim is to explore this divide and discover what it means to live like a true nomad and how the wisdom of this life can improve that of its fellows.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop skills to survive while leading a nomadic lifestyle. Essentially, live by my own actions 2. Appreciate the wisdom different lifestyles have to offer about the human condition, particularly in terms of how sedentary living has impacted the Mongolian quality of life 3. Experience another culture by living it directly from horseback
<p>Kasper Kubica Ben Feldman, Jay Mebane, and Chris Work- Bootstrap Advisors</p>	<p>Exploration Summer This summer, I will be staying in Durham and working with our three investors and mentors (Ben Feldman, Jay Mebane, and Chris Work) to launch and market our product. This will consist mostly of a lot of long days and late nights working on something I’m very passionate about – a venture with a lot at stake that will take every ounce of my problem-solving ability to steer through its time as a fledgling startup. I’m incredibly lucky to have such a rare exploration opportunity this early in my life – many entrepreneurs don’t run a startup until their middle age, and I just turned twenty.</p> <p>In addition to running the company under the guidance of my mentors, I will travel to visit our manufacturing facilities (located in China), and other startups/companies in the same vertical as us, across America, Europe, and potentially New Zealand. Which specific companies depend on what my mentors recommend as the summer goes on. I’ll learn both in practice what it takes to grow a real, thriving company, as well as how successful entrepreneurs run theirs every day.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Learn and develop the skills it takes to grow a startup into a self-sustaining, profitable company.
<p>Monique LaBorde Bill Ferris, Center for Study of the American South Chiara Williams, Southern Oral History Project</p>	<p>Strength, Power, and Radical Leadership: Explore Summer 2015</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Live in Eatonville, Florida in an effort to connect Eatonville with 4 other historic, all-black townships settled after the Civil War. I will be taking oral histories, doing archival work, digitizing documents, and creating a digital system for which to share documents between the four other black townships. 2. I will be participating in Operation Groundswell’s backpackivist corps programming in NW India. We will be focusing on learning about gender constructions in India, especially as these constructions relation to religious traditions of Sikhism and Hinduism.

	<p>Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create something useful for the community-driven progress of Eatonville and/or the Historic Black Towns Project. 2. Explore and hone my practice of the documentary tradition in Eatonville. 3. Gain a deeper understanding of the context of activism and action in India, especially related to violence against women and women’s organizing, leadership, and resistance.
<p>Jaclyn Lee</p>	<p>Exploration Summer</p> <p>This summer, I want to travel to Peru and Rwanda to better understand the lives of those living in poor and marginalized communities and document the stories of those who have been stricken by conflict.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Live spontaneously. I'm a very structured person who plans everything so I'd like to learn to let go and go with the flow. 2. Have a better understanding of how NGOs operate, what their purpose is and whether or not they are effective and beneficial to their communities. 3. Explore outside the bubble we call the United States. My whole life I grew up very sheltered and haven't experienced other cultures firsthand so I'd like to see what it's like!
<p>Tierney Marey Franca Alphin, Director, Nutrition Services, Duke University</p>	<p>The Confidence “Crash” in High-Potential University Women</p> <p>The “Confidence Crash” that high-potential undergraduate women face, calls for greater exposure. This crash is often a complete destruction of a woman’s confidence with serious present and future ramifications.</p> <p>My research aims to elucidate the crash’s origins, prevalence and impact upon women. I intend to interview high-potential women, university faculty and administration and mental health professionals at top universities. In addition I will survey numerous women online. My research will span across universities in Australia, America and England.</p> <p>I aim for my research to expose how this phenomenon comes to thrive and also provide guidance as to how to challenge the “crash”.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gain insight from a variety of sources into what factors cause/influence this crash 2. Become more aware of low-confidence levels in my peers and myself and use this knowledge to uplift myself and those around me 3. Produce a research paper that outlines my findings and presents ideas on how to combat this crash.
<p>Charlotte McKay Pedro Lasch, Dept. of Visual Arts Studies, Duke</p>	<p>The Intersection of art + community in Street Art Festivals around the world</p> <p>My project is divided into three overlapping areas of interest: the professional art world, street art festivals, and community development. I will begin my summer by participating in the Andrew W. Mellon Curatorial Summer Academy, before spending 6 weeks meeting with street art festival organizers around the world in order to gain an understanding of the logistics and coordination of street art festivals. I will end my summer working on a community development project in Vietnam. I hope to use what I have learned about street art, festival organization, and community development to better the Duke and Durham community.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Move outside of my comfort zone to explore parts of the world that I am completely new to me 2. Gather knowledge about street art festivals in a thorough and in depth way that will allow me to apply what I have learned to my own community of Duke and Durham 3. Contribute and become a part of a community that has different values, culture, and needs to any I have been a part of before
<p>Anna Mukamal Anne Light, Assistant to the Executive Vice President, Duke</p>	<p>Exploring the Multidimensional Professor: Research, Creativity, and the Realm of Academia</p> <p>My dream is to become a stellar professor—helping to intellectually shape a generation. My work at YWC will allow me to determine whether I want to pursue an editorial avenue between college and graduate school, and the King’s Summer Programme will give me insight into a non-American university setting. By working directly with my current and past professors, I will also further my goal of immersing myself in the world of academia. Finally, the RSLP NOLS trip will allow me to challenge myself physically while reconnecting with Robertsons, sharing my goals and seeking advice and encouragement.</p> <p>Goals</p>

	<p>1. Experience the university system (higher education model) outside of Duke and UNC-Chapel Hill, both domestically and internationally. Compare to experiences at Duke and UNC-CH. Use observations at all summer components to plan not only what kind of professor I want to be, but also where I want to teach and at which kind of university.</p> <p>2. Delve deeper into English language and literature (before spending next semester devoted to Spanish in Barcelona) in order to determine what my post-graduation goals should be. Determine: What should I do between Duke and becoming a professor? This may involve developing my poetic persona at Yale Writers' Conference or learning about other editing opportunities while exploring semantic and stylistic fluidity in poetry to make progress on my third book.</p> <p>3. Explore the multidimensional career of a professor: What are their responsibilities outside of the classroom? In what kind of research are my professors involved? What have they published? How did they go about publishing it? What conferences do they attend? Is this 100% what I want to be when I grow up?</p>
<p>Jacob Olliffe Tom Wanty, Oliver Wyman</p>	<p>Oliver Wyman in London For this project, I intend to work in the capacity of a summer analyst in Oliver Wyman's London office's Partner Development branch. I will spend time both before and after the project, as well as on weekends, travelling throughout the United Kingdom and immersing myself in the cultures that I am descended from.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gain a concrete understanding of my professional strengths and weaknesses that I can reference in planning my future studies. 2. Develop a close working relationship with a professional mentor and gain a greater understanding of what constitutes effective corporate leadership. 3. Expand and consolidate my existing professional skill set
<p>Sanmi Oyenuga Theodore Sutherland, African Leadership Academy, and Beth Dembitzer</p>	<p>Part I: Investigating the Individuality and Community of Skateboarding Communities Part II: Exploring the Young West African Tech Startup Industry.</p> <p>I am hoping to use an interest of mine as a tool to push my social boundaries by shooting a documentary surrounding the Skate Culture of a particular for the first part of my summer (4-6 weeks). The underlying aim is to uproot and transplant myself into a new community forcing me to learn about the history of the city and its sub cultural communities through actual physical interactions in an attempt to improve upon my weak social skills.</p> <p>The second part of my summer entails grounding my academic interests in real life experiences through a professional internship in Nigeria as well as exploring the young booming technological industry in Nigeria in an attempt to gain knowledge about an industry I hope to be a part of in the future.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stretch my social comfort level and challenge by fully immersing in a skate community/city I have little previous knowledge of. 2. Build upon this immersion and test my new relationships through an accurate and detailed documentary portrayal of the skate communities I interact with. 3. Acquire practical professional knowledge of the structure of the young technology start up companies in West Africa to help with my future transition back to the continent
<p>Sumeet Padwardhan Kiran Bhardwaj, Graduate Student in Philosophy at UNC</p>	<p>Research Assistantship in Philosophy and Personal Poetry Writing Project</p> <p>I will be a research assistant for Professor Thomas Simpson at Oxford, to help with his personal research on the ethics of surveillance and his Master's course in the Foundations of Ethics in Public Policy. Furthermore, I plan to write a poem a day for every day that I'm in Oxford, or at the very least, a poem every other day, culminating in 35-70 new drafts which I can later revise. My poetry professor from last semester, Alan Shapiro, has said that if he has time, he will send comments and suggestions via email.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Explore my future trajectory of philosophy professorship; get a glance into the life of a philosophy professor 2. Practice writing page and performance poetry 3. Challenge myself by living alone in a foreign country for an extended amount of time
<p>Arjun Raghavan Adrienne Erickcek and Rosa Branca, UNC Physics</p>	<p>Exploration Summer 2015 This summer, I hope to develop my skills in preparation for further graduate studies in Physics. I also am striving to gain first-hand experience of how in-depth work in physics takes place and</p>

	<p>to get a preview of how graduate school may be like. I shall be pursuing a 9-week research internship as part of Princeton University's Undergraduate Summer Research Program (USRP).</p> <p>Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I hope to develop my skills in preparation for further graduate studies in Physics. 2. I also am striving to gain first-hand experience of how in-depth work in physics takes place and to get a preview of how graduate school may be like.
<p>Christina Schmidt Eric Green, Duke Global Health Institute</p>	<p>Perinatal Depression</p> <p>This summer I will be working on a research on Perinatal Depression in Eldoret, Kenya with Professor Eric Green of the Duke Global Health Institute. Specifically we be developing and validating new screening tools for women with perinatal depression. These could include traditional provider-administered questionnaires, questionnaires delivered directly to patients via automated phone calls, and potentially voice-biometric screening. Ultimately the goal is to integrate a valid and straightforward tool into the local primary health care system, which can be administered by lower-skilled providers to all women, regardless of their level of education. In turn, increased screening will promote the uptake of perinatal depression services into primary health care services, and increase efficacy of treatment through early identification of women with depression.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Better understand the barriers to accessing mental health care for mothers during pregnancy years and the years after childbirth. 2. Understand how health challenges are differentially framed and understood in different cultural contexts. 3. Gain experience working on quantitative and qualitative research projects, and develop necessary skills for independent research endeavors in the future.
<p>David Spratte David Boyd, Duke Global Health Institute</p>	<p>The Role of Patient-Physician Interpersonal Relationships in Patient Satisfaction</p> <p>The purpose of this study is first to determine the current level of patient satisfaction in La Paz, Bolivia, then to analyze the role that interpersonal relationships between patients and physicians play in patient satisfaction levels, and finally, to implement a sustainable system of gauging patient satisfaction in the hospital in which I will be focusing my efforts.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Complete the research and analysis 2. Complete a paper that will be submitted for publication 3. Implement a sustainable system of gauging patient satisfaction
<p>Sophia Stafford Tony Brown, Professor Emily Teitsworth, Director of Programs, Let Girls Lead</p>	<p>Let Girls Lead Internship</p> <p>The Let Girls Lead Summer 2015 internship will support the programmatic and communications objectives of our work in Central America and Africa, with geographic emphasis on Honduras. This engagement will build the intern's skills in global public health programming with a focus on girls' and women's rights and advocacy, as well as strengthen specific skills in social media and communications.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Familiarize myself with the non-profit world and how international policies (specifically regarding girls' and women's rights) are passed and enforced. 2. Explore my interest in the intersection of communication, storytelling, and global health 3. Continue to build on experience from last summer of living in and exploring a big city, but this time completely independently with no pre-existing "built in" community
<p>Andrew Tan-Delli Cicchi Tony Brown, Professor of Public Policy at Duke University Chelsea Koglmeier, Founder at Bikes of Reckless Optimism</p>	<p>Social Entrepreneurship: Documentary Storytelling and Community Service in America My exploration summer will be dedicated to learning about social entrepreneurship through two lenses of action. I want to explore the question of what it means to produce social good and to follow a social project through with self-awareness, integrity and responsibility. My experience with Bikes of Reckless Optimism - a for-profit bike manufacturing company - and Student U - an education non-profit in Durham - will give me both contrasting but complementary insights into the world of social entrepreneurship. My differing roles within them, as a documentarian traveling America to find narratives of the bicycle, and then a middle school teacher, will expose me two alternative processes of producing social value.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To experience the landscape and narrative texture of small-town communities across America

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. To learn how social value can be generated in the various modes of documentary and volunteer service 3. To gain an understanding of the dimensions of brand and culture building within social entrepreneurship ventures
<p>Griffin Unger Kirstin O’Sullivan, ELMA Philanthropies</p>	<p>Freedom Struggles in the 20th Century: A Comparison of the Civil Rights Movement in the American South and South Africa’s Anti-Apartheid Struggle</p> <p>I will be working for ELMA Philanthropies, a Cape Town---based foundation that partners with South African organizations in education, health and special projects. I will be working on ELMA’s education team, helping to design a teacher apprenticeship program for educators in Cape Town.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In joining ELMA’s education team, I hope to learn about the systems and policies that influence nonprofit work in education. I will strive to be a valuable team-member and listen as much as I can along the way. 2. I hope to spend a significant portion of my free time learning about South African Apartheid and the anti-Apartheid struggle, focusing on a comparison between this time period and that of the American Civil Rights Movement. 3. I hope to gain meaningful insights into my career goals in education, this being my first time in the field not teaching. I will reflect often on what it means to “make a change” in the education sector and seek clarity regarding my personal desire/ability to do so.
<p>Nate Wagner Johannes Muller, Lighthouse Bremen</p>	<p>Politics, Arts, and Entrepreneurship: Summer 2015</p> <p>My Exploration Summer has been designed to further my personal leadership development in two complementary ways: 1) networking and skill development pertaining to my academic and professional career, and 2) goal-oriented artistic collaboration as a globally minded musician. My summer will take me to locations in Germany, Austria, Finland, and Ireland for four unique stages – mentorship, internship, collaboration, and community – each designed to give me experience in leadership in unique communities.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The development of leadership skills in representative politics and political campaigning in the context of an internship with Austrian political party, Neues Österreich (NEOS). 2. The creation of a professional-quality audio recording in the modern experimental music tradition and its subsequent physical and digital publication in the first quarter of 2016. 3. The production, promotion, and successful execution of a musical showcase in Dublin featuring professional musicians from the international DIY (do-it-yourself) community.
<p>Elle Wilson Anne Light, undergraduate advisor</p>	<p>West Coast, Best Coast</p> <p>This summer is a perfect balance between an exploration of my professional dreams and goals and a manifestation of my goal to lead a healthy and informed lifestyle and to help others do the same. I hope to get a taste of what it takes to succeed in corporate America during this summer project, but I also don’t want to forget about all of the growth and leadership skills that I learned last summer in New Orleans. I consider myself an informed consumer when it comes to living an active and healthy lifestyle and I am passionate about helping others do the same; thus, a lot of my planned experiences revolve around outdoor activities and explorations of the city I am living in.</p> <p>Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Finish the San Francisco Half Marathon 2. Push myself to stand out and not be intimidated by working in a male dominated field— have confidence in my abilities. 3. My switch has been a real test of my ability to live in the moment and embrace the situation I am living in. It’s been a hard semester for me because I feel like I am constantly “stuck between” both schools since I’m not heavily involved at neither Duke nor UNC currently. I’m excited for this summer because I think it will allow me to really test my independence and push me to grow since I will have very few ties or temptations to fall back on my “comfortable” life in North Carolina.
<p>Savannah Wooten Benjamin Meier, UNC, and Suzanne Katzenstein, Duke</p>	<p>Exploring a New Field in a New Continent</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Independent Research Project—“The Impact of Rising Non-Western Powers (BRICS) on the Norm Evolution of the UN Responsibility to Protect Mandate.” 2. Summer-Long Virtual Internship at the International Committee on Missing Persons in Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina.

	<p>Week-Long Visit to the Western Balkans Programme. 3. Burch Seminar on Human Rights and International Criminal Law in The Hague and Rwanda.</p> <p>Goals</p> <p>1.</p>
<p>Muna Yussuf Sarah Russell, Duke</p>	<p>Zeyana: Hijabi Fashion</p> <p>The first of my exploration summer I will be working on Zeyana, a Hijabi fashion start up that aims to produce fashionable clothes that are in line with Islamic principles of modesty for Muslim women in East Africa. The second phase of my summer will be dedicated to identifying the strategic ways in which Qatar aligns investments and cultural gaps/opportunities to acquire and exert influence in and through Art and Sports..</p> <p>Goals</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Understand how Qatar is using its resources to acquire and exert soft power through art and sports 2. Improve my Arabic while in Qatar 3. Reconnect with the business environment in Kenya and rekindle my passion for working on entrepreneurial ventures that satisfy a market gap in African markets.