

# 2013 Synthesis Summer Projects: Goals and Deliverables

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SCHOLAR AND PROJECT INFO		GOALS
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<p><b>Jakob Blomqvist</b></p> <p><b>Primary Advisor:</b> Robert Schiffer Managing Director, Indochina Capital <a href="mailto:schifferrl@hotmail.com">schifferrl@hotmail.com</a></p>	<p><b>Title:</b> Immersion and Research: Intensive Immersion in South East Asia and Research for Honors Thesis</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> Hong Kong, Jakarta, rural Indonesia</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> A three week intensive emersion in Asia with an academic and a</p>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b> Get first hand insight in culture/emerging markets related to my work in New York</p> <p><b>Goal 2:</b> Gather inspiration, research, and contacts to use academically for two fall courses and honors thesis</p> <p><b>Goal 3:</b> Immerse and explore new geographies within South East Asia and gain further insight in a region I am personally fascinated by</p>

<p>cultural component. I will travel to Hong Kong, Jakarta, and rural Indonesia for the opportunity to first hand research and explore potential topics for my academic work in the fall and my honors thesis—while, culturally, exploring what is outside the main city hubs—seeing first hand where the rubber meets the road in emerging markets.</p>	<p><b>Deliverable:</b> Travel Log with reflections and pictures (August 2013) Honors Thesis (Jan 2014)</p>	
<p><b>Abigail DelBianco</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b> Daniel Wallace UNC Department of Creative Writing dhwallac@email.unc.edu</p>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b> Apply the writing techniques that I have learned from Mr. Wallace in writing my new draft.</p> <p><b>Goal 2:</b> Apply the influences of F. Scott Fitzgerald and Cormac McCarthy, whom I have both studied extensively throughout college, in addition to the influences of my own experiences.</p> <p><b>Goal 3:</b> To finish the summer with a completed manuscript ready for agents and publishers.</p> <p><b>Deliverable:</b> A completed manuscript of my novel sent to agents and publishers.</p>
<p><b>Title:</b> The Garden Party</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> Paris; New York City</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> This summer, I plan to complete the novel that I began during my Community Summer. I completed the first draft that fall, and will be taking this summer to write an entirely new draft, this time employing all of the skills, knowledge, and techniques that I have learned in the past two years since through my studies, research and work with various mentors. I will be working closely with Daniel Wallace, author of Big Fish, to further hone my style and technique as I return to the writing process.</p>		
<p><b>Deo Fagnisse</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b> Orlin Vakalerov Duke Philosophy Department <a href="mailto:o.vakarelov@duke.edu">o.vakarelov@duke.edu</a></p>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b> Produce a review of the state on the Information Technology industry in Côte d'Ivoire</p> <p><b>Goal 2:</b> Read and analyze Christopher Alexander's work on design patterns and its influence on software communities (primarily US).</p> <p><b>Goal 3:</b> Evaluate to what extent "design patterns" thinking is applicable some local successes and articulate a framework for applying it.</p> <p><b>Deliverable:</b> A detailed proposal for Senior Thesis and a Personal Statement regarding my envisioned contribution to IT in West Africa and in the world in general.</p>
<p><b>Title:</b> Information Technology in Francophone West Africa</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. Lomé, Togo.</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> The growing population in West Africa presents both challenges and opportunities. In order to cater for the needs and wishes of their populations, west African countries need to come up with creative ways to leverage the power of computers and information technology.</p>		

During this summer, I will deepen my understanding of the concept of “Design patterns” and look at a few successful initiatives leveraging technology in order to improve social awareness and well being.

**Erika Ferguson**

**Primary Advisor:**  
 Dr. Anthony So, Duke Professor of Public Policy and Global Health and Director on Global Health and Technology Access

**Title:**  
 Intellectual property and Access to Treatment Project  
**Location(s):**  
 New York City  
**Organization(s):**  
 United Nations Development Programme

**Abstract:**  
 For the past two years, I have been working for the Duke Program on Global Health and Technology Access. One of my major projects is studying different multi-disciplinary strategies to create incentives along the value chain for large pharmaceutical companies to create and dispense drugs and technologies at low costs for developing countries. I have had the amazing opportunity to work with Dr. Anthony So at Duke who is an expert in this field that I have become passionate about. This summer, I have the chance to work with Dr. So's peer at UNDP where I will get to work at the forefront of creating new strategies using intellectual property, trade and innovations to create new mechanisms for access to treatment. I will now be able to transfer my knowledge from the past two years in an academic setting to an on the ground project at the UNDP. This experience will culminate into my senior honors thesis and potentially career goals.

**Kaitlin Gladney**

**Primary Advisor:**  
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**Goal 1:**  
 Develop a deeper understanding of the complex relationships between community, identity, social change, and leadership.  
**Goal 2:**  
 Improve my photography skills in order to create a documentary and master a new mode of communication and expression in order to strengthen my ability

<p><b>Title:</b> Leadership in community: Leadership dynamics and professional skills acquisition in the music and sports industries</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b></p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> My project is an examination of community. It examines the different manifestations of leadership in community, the way that community structures influence member interaction, and how communities can shape the development of their members' identity and values. I am studying a number of communities, and using myself as a case study to analyze their mechanisms of influence, in order to better understand how these complex dynamics can contribute to spaces for open and honest conversation and the destigmatization of struggle and issues such as mental health.</p>	<p>to create spaces for open and honest conversation in community.</p> <p><b>Goal 3:</b> Continue to expand my leadership skills by practicing the "being with" model (see Samuel Wells' The Nazareth Manifesto) of engaging with community to complement my ability to "work for" and "work with," in order to become a more complete, empathetic, and versatile leader.</p> <p><b>Deliverable:</b> A photo documentary portraying leadership in community and the way that community structures influence member interaction and members' development of identity and values. Also very likely a reflective paper synthesizing my findings.</p>
<p><b>John Guzek</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b> Michal Osterweil UNC Professor of Global Studies osterwei@email.unc.edu</p>
<p><b>Title:</b> Developing the Skillset for Social Justice</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> New York City</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b> Marwood Group</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> I will be working with Marwood Group, a healthcare advising and financial services firm operating in New York, and traveling to the International Youth Leadership Conference in Prague. Marwood's summer internship affords undergraduates the opportunity to rotate through the many branches of the business, which will expose me to the potential private sector opportunities I have graduating with an economics degree and an interest in market analysis. My goal is to develop my ability to develop strong research and communication skills and the ability to balance them in a business environment. I remain dedicated to a life of assisting the underprivileged and underrepresented, and such skills are the foundation to doing so. The International Youth Leadership Conference will to deepen my knowledge of international politics and institutions, develop my</p>	

analytical, communicational, and teamwork skills, and help me learn from real-world diplomats and international leaders how to address today's most significant global problems. Drawing in students from around the globe to participate in simulations that imitate various international bodies, the conference challenges attendees to understand and use their tools to resolve real world problems.

**Samantha Halle**

**Primary Advisor:**  
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**Title:**  
 Ogilvy and Mather + Camp Kesem  
**Location(s):**  
 Chicago, IL; Sophia, NC  
**Organization(s):**  
 Ogilvy and Mather and Camp Kesem  
**Abstract:**  
 The two-prong synthesis summer consists of a structured advertising and public relations experience with Ogilvy and Mather in Chicago and an unstructured management and fundraising experience as Camp Kesem North Carolina's director. Kesem work may be done remotely – with the help of an intern who I will be managing – from May to July. The Kesem experience will culminate with the two camp sessions in August. The 10-week Ogilvy and Mather portion of my synthesis summer will take place in Chicago.

**Goal 1:**  
 To gain additional exposure to integrated marketing skills required of a public relations or marketing professional;  
**Goal 2:**  
 Determine if I feel more challenged in a large or small agency experience; and.  
**Goal 3:**  
 Continue to carry out and manage Camp Kesem duties, while synthesizing my passion for activating support services and awareness for said services with developing tangible skills for future positions (how to advertise/publicize/market such services for varying publics)  
**Deliverable:**  
 Portfolio (as permissible) of work completed while at Ogilvy and Mather; summer Blog of experiences; Kesem tracking spreadsheets and an additional online crowdfunding campaign

**Andrew Hanna**

**Primary Advisor:**  
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**Goal 1:**  
 UN Meeting: Play a major speaking role at the UN High Level Panel and share my new insights regarding global youth challenges and potential solutions. (This was accomplished. My research came up many times during the

<p><b>Title:</b> Synthesizing and Launching Forward: Global Advocacy, Original Research, and Future Success</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> Bali, Indonesia Dubai, UAE Jacksonville, FL USA</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b> United Nations UK Department for International Development Restless Development UK</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> In synthesizing my main focus in my undergraduate career - youth policy - I represented global youth at the UN High Level Panel in Indonesia. This put both my expertise in youth issues and policy on display at the highest of tables. In continuing this synthesis, I will do original research in the UAE focused on Arab youth unemployment and the connection to the Arab Spring. This research is also a launching pad to prestigious post-graduate scholarships, just as my LSAT tutoring will be a launching pad into a top law school, where I can begin a career in public service and leadership.</p>	<p>sessions and I was the opening speaker at the High Level Panel youth meeting).</p> <p><b>Goal 2:</b> Original Research: Gather professional and complete data from surveys and open conversations with Arab youth that will then be synthesized and integrated into my ongoing project on the unemployment of youth, potential solutions, and its connection to social movements. This integration will be during the Fall as I enroll in another Independent Study with Dr. Krishna.</p> <p><b>Goal 3:</b> LSAT Preparation: Get to a point at which I am consistently and confidently achieving a 170+ score on my LSAT practice exams. With this score, my GPA, my extracurricular activities, and my potential recommendation letters, I believe I can get accepted into Harvard, Yale, or Stanford Law when I choose to apply.</p> <p><b>Deliverable:</b> I will provide the program with a reflection essay about each portion of my Synthesis Project. I will also craft a "Launching Forward" blueprint for my senior year based on my experiences this summer and the subsequent reflections. This will include a detailed, very specific plan of senior year and how I will capitalize on what I was given the opportunity to do through the Synthesis Project.</p>
<p><b>Ajeet Hansra</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b> Jeanne Kirschner, Director IGSP Administration Duke University Jeanne.kirschner@duke.edu</p>
<p><b>Title:</b> Leadership Boot Camp: A triumvirate of experiences designed to prepare a Scholar professionally, intellectually, and culturally for a lifelong career in the armed forces</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> New York City; France; Belgium</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b> Goldman Sachs, Operations Division</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> This project is designed to target three spheres of preparation for my anticipated career in the military. Intellectually and professionally, I will be working with the Operations Division of Goldman Sachs in their</p>	

New Jersey Office, ideally focusing on developing algorithms and automated systems to mitigate operational risk. Intellectually, I will also be preparing for the Law School Admissions Test, focusing on honing my ability to leverage my logical reasoning skills in a high-pressure, time sensitive environment. Culturally and intellectually, I will be following the Australian Remembrance Trail, producing geospatial assets to chronicle the journey and develop an insight into the sacrifices and cultural adaptation I must undertake in order to function as a member of the military.

**Ned Hardison**

**Primary Advisor:**  
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**Title:**  
 Preparing for Medical School  
**Location(s):**  
 Chapel Hill, NC

**Abstract:**  
 My project is to study for the MCAT and apply to medical schools. My main goal throughout my college career has been to work towards getting into a good medical school, and this is the final step. I know that I am going to have to devote a lot of time and energy towards studying, so for this reason I am going to remain in Chapel Hill for the entire summer where I will be able to work distraction-free.

**Goal 1:**  
 Complete a Kaplan MCAT study course  
**Goal 2:**  
 Get a good score (>35) on the MCAT examination  
**Goal 3:**  
 Finish all primary applications to Medical School

**Deliverable:**  
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**Annie Helbling**

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**Title:**  
 Interning on the Hill: A Commitment to Service  
**Location(s):**  
 Washington DC  
**Organization(s):**  
 United States House of Representatives

**Abstract:**  
 This internship is an opportunity for me to bring together my class work and summer intern experiences into a work environment that will

**Goal 1:**  
 Connect my academic aspirations with my personal goals by successfully completing an internship on the Hill  
**Goal 2:**  
 Step out of my comfort zone and expand my networking skills both in and out of the office  
**Goal 3:**  
 Have no regrets at the end of the summer

**Deliverable:**  
 The most tangible deliverable from this summer will be my documented insights into the network of D.C. and how the spider web of connections affects the outcomes of policy decisions.

propel me forward to new possibilities in the job sector. By exercising the knowledge I have gained from my internships and the Duke in D.C. public policy semester, I will be an asset to the House Foreign Affairs Committee while simultaneously cultivating relationships and further leadership development that will provide me with career opportunities after graduation.

**Eli Hornstein**

**Primary Advisor:**  
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**Title:**  
 Global Conservation Policy

**Location(s):**  
 Mongolia, Nairobi

**Organization(s):**  
 United Nations Environmental Programme  
 Wildlife Conservation Society  
 National University of Mongolia  
 Guur Mongol Xelnii Sorgool  
 Research Institute of Swahili Studies of Eastern Africa

**Abstract:**  
 I will complete a project that covers the biological, political and language aspects of international conservation policy. By studying Mongolian and Swahili, supplemented by Foreign Language and Area Studies grants from the US government, I will gain skills that are both immediately useful to my internships and to my long-term prospects. I will use those language skills in concurrent environmental policy work in both countries.

**Goal 1:**  
 Build connections and experience in the international conservation field

**Goal 2:**  
 Progress to a high-advanced level of language proficiency in Swahili and an intermediate level of proficiency in Mongolian

**Goal 3:**  
 Directly improve my applications and sponsor institution connections for the Fulbright application next year, as well as for other potential postgraduate opportunities either in grad school or as an employee

**Deliverable:**  
 I will document and summarize my work in Mongolia related to World Environment Day and future conservation projects in Dornod province through the national university. I will undergo US government language proficiency evaluations when I return from the summer to determine my success in meeting my goals. I will additionally pursue work in language exchange and relevant biological research via the Duke language partner program and both Duke and UNC labs throughout my senior year.

**Jordan Imbrey**

**Primary Advisor:**  
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<p><b>Title:</b> Motion Picture Indie-stry</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> Los Angeles, CA; Cannes, France</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b> Several</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> I will be spending the summer learning about motion pictures in three ways. First, I will attend the Cannes Film Festival to learn about the broader industry, and especially distribution networks, as I will be attempting to sell my short film while there. Secondly, I will participate in an internship in Los Angeles, furthering my understanding of how production companies operate and allowing me to make stronger contacts in this industry. Finally, I will make a short film that ties together my new perspective with my creative visions.</p>		
<p><b>Soroush Jamali Pour</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b> Professor Carl Nordgren Duke University carl@creativepopulist.com</p>	
<p><b>Title:</b> Start-up Silicon Valley</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> San Francisco, CA</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b> Rocket Space Technology Incubator</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> We (with Fabio Berger) will be spending the summer in Silicon Valley, the start-up hub of America, working in the RocketSpace technology incubator working on a start-up in the high-tech robotics space. We have been admitted into the Duke Summer Innovation program and will thus be having weekly seminars on entrepreneurship as well as guest speakers who have successfully started companies. In our free time we will be attending conferences on start-ups and technology in order to immerse ourselves into the surrounding tech community and to start meeting the game-changers of tomorrow.</p>		
<p><b>Erika Keil</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b> Denise Betts betts5939@att.net</p>	

<p><b>Title:</b> An Exploration into the State of Women's Healthcare</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> Bangkok and Chiang Mai, Thailand and Durham, North Carolina</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b> Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> Conceived from a deep personal interest, I am looking to evaluate the relationship between women's productivity and their status in their society – particularly as it relates to their healthcare opportunities. I am evaluating this through a two-pronged experience: 1) A professional internship with the largest healthcare issuer in the State, Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina. 2) A set of conversations with individual intimately involved in a specific subset of women's health issues in an international setting.</p>		
<p><b>Aaron Lutkowitz</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b> Liat Srur, Israel Fellow UNC Hillel lsrur@nchillel.org</p>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b> Expand my competence in analyzing data. I used my classroom in New Orleans and my research in Hanoi to develop some data analysis techniques; I want to continue this trend and delve further in Tel Aviv</p> <p><b>Goal 2:</b> Understand the local market. In New Orleans and Hanoi, I spent more time exploring and less time trying to understand the individual consumer. In Tel Aviv, I will be matched with an Israeli peer that will help take me into the mind of the locals.</p> <p><b>Goal 3:</b> Appreciate and engage in economic diversity. By spending a final week in Amsterdam and Berlin and touring the most important economic institutions in Europe, I will be able to contrast American, Asian, Middle Eastern, and European markets and theorize about similarities and differences among them.</p> <p><b>Deliverable:</b> The primary deliverable that I will provide is the completion of a consulting project for a firm. Although I enter my summer with little knowledge of the firm, of consulting, or of the Israeli market, over the course of the summer, I will expand my knowledge in all three and provide a product that will be useful to the firm.</p>
<p><b>Title:</b> Economic Evolution: How Data Impacts Different Macro-Economic Models</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> Tel Aviv, Amsterdam, Berlin</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b> Birthright Excel</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> I will be spending ten weeks interning as a research consultant to an Israeli firm and attending some of Israel's most important economic and political events. In my final week, I will travel to Holland's and Germany's capitals to compare the differences between European and Middle Eastern economic models.</p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b> Dr. Dianne Ward</p>	
<p><b>Paula Munoz</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b> Dr. Dianne Ward</p>	

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<p><b>Title:</b>  Translational Health Internship in Argentina</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b>  Buenos Aires, Argentina</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b>  Georgetown University  School of Nursing and Health Studies</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b>  This summer I will be participating in a program that will provide me with the opportunity to fully engage in hands-on lab research that reinforces the scientific knowledge I have acquired in the classroom at both UNC and Duke. I will use this summer to explore various realms of medicine by shadowing physicians at both large and small hospitals and I will conduct research on respiratory diseases.</p>		
<p><b>Blake O'Connor</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b>  Olita Terry, Youth Leadership Program Manager  Bezos Family Foundation</p>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b>  Develop a strategic plan for scaling the Aspen Challenge</p> <p><b>Goal 2:</b>  Develop a toolbox for creating the I Feel the Need to Read literacy project.</p> <p><b>Goal 3:</b>  Realize a direction I want to pursue personally, professionally, and/or academically post-graduation..</p> <p><b>Deliverable:</b>  Pending legal restrictions, I will share the toolbox for scaling the Aspen Challenge and I Feel the Need to Read.</p>
<p><b>Title:</b>  Scaling the Aspen Challenge – A National Model for Project-Based Learning</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b>  Aspen, Colorado</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b>  Bezos Family Foundation and  The Aspen Institute</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b>  In Aspen, I will work with a small team of thinkers from the Aspen Institute, Bezos Family Foundation, and IDEO to develop a strategic plan for scaling the Aspen Challenge – project-based learning program “provides a platform, inspiration, and tools for young people to design solutions to some of the most critical and complicated problems we face.” Eventually, I will take the lessons learned to scale my own project-based learning/service-learning program, I Feel the Need to Read, which galvanizes high school students to inspire and put books in the hands of Title I second grade students.</p>		

<b>Michael Oliver</b>	<b>Primary Advisor:</b> Professor Ellen Hemphill Duke University Department of Theater Studies Erhemphill@gmail.com	
<b>Title:</b> My Two Sides of Leadership <b>Location(s):</b> France and Istanbul <b>Abstract:</b> There are two sides to leadership that I see: 1. personal leadership and 2. Larger-scale leadership This summer will be about developing and combining both kinds of leadership. Firstly, in France, I will spend time in a Zen monastery cultivating an inner composure and ability to act peacefully. Then, I will develop my skills as a theater practitioner whilst considering deeper questions of what it means to practice Zen Buddhism from a philosophical lens. Finally, I will help coordinate a two week long intensive course in Istanbul for youth from Europe and the MENA region thus engaging with larger-scale leadership.		
<b>Wilson Orr</b>	<b>Primary Advisor:</b> Prof. Bill Weld UNC Kenan-Flagler	
<b>Title:</b> Reaching My Goals <b>Location(s):</b> Argentina; New York City <b>Organization(s):</b> JP Morgan Investment Banking Division <b>Abstract:</b> I will begin the summer traveling in Argentina with four other Robertson Scholars for two-weeks in May to build upon my ongoing dedication to friendship/community, international exposure, and leadership development. I will move to New York City for a nine-week internship in investment banking with JP Morgan.		
<b>Thomas Pendlebury</b>	<b>Primary Advisor:</b> Keith Simmons UNC Department of Philosophy	<b>Goal 1:</b> I hope to expand greatly my acquaintance with the tools of formal epistemology, and especially those of decision and game theory, which I

<p><b>Title:</b> Representation and Conception</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> Pittsburgh; Ann Arbor</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b> Carnegie-Mellon University; University of Michigan</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b></p> <p>There are two important ways in which I shall exploit the summer in preparation for graduate school in philosophy. The first involves the development of technical skills; for this, I'll attend the summer school in formal epistemology at CMU and the linguistic institute in Ann Arbor. The second involves displaying philosophical promise: for this, I'll work with Keith Simmons over the summer—and next year—on my thesis, and on shorter pieces that will serve as writing samples.</p>	<p>have not had occasion to study in a robustly philosophical context.</p> <p><b>Goal 2:</b></p> <p>I hope that my exposure to current work in formal semantics and pragmatics will be such that I can begin to exploit these tools in my own thinking, in particular in the revision of work I've already done on definite descriptions in English, and perhaps in (future) work on systems of semantic interpretation for minimalist grammars.</p> <p><b>Deliverable:</b></p> <p>I shall submit at least one essay that is ready to serve as a writing sample for a graduate application. This will be a piece of work that very clearly displays my intellectual and, in particular, philosophical development. The length will be approximately twenty pages.</p>	
<p><b>Jacob Robinson</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b> Richard Griffiths Vice President and Senior Editorial Director, CNN Richard.t.griffiths@turner.com</p>	
<p><b>Title:</b> The Narrative of Leadership</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> Atlanta, Georgia</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b> CNN</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b></p> <p>This summer, I am looking to explore the use of narrative on a macro level. As an intern on CNN's The Row, I will fact-check and research information for scripts, in order to ensure they are fair, accurate, and balanced. An internship at CNN intrigues me because I endeavor to make a positive impact on my community and the world. I am committed to bringing awareness to the experience of the disadvantaged and giving a voice to the voiceless. I believe an internship at CNN will give me the opportunity to explore using stories and storytelling as a means to educate, mobilize, and lead others.</p>		
<p><b>Stefanie Schwemlein</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b> Ryan Cronk UNC ryan.d.cronk@gmail.com</p>	

<p><b>Title:</b> Research Assistant at the UNC Water Institute</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> Chapel Hill, NC</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b> UNC Water Institute</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> This summer I will be working as a research assistant in the UNC Water Institute, one of the world's leading institutions for the translation of water and public health research into international policy and practice. I will be working on my senior honors thesis as well as contributing to existing projects in the Water Institute.</p>		
<p><b>Robert Sewell</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b> Angela Dickerson Associate Dean, Global Program, Kenan Flagler Business School Angela_Bond@kenan-flagler.unc.edu</p>	
<p><b>Title:</b> Argentina Enterprise and Management Consulting</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> Argentina and Atlanta, Georgia</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b> Deloitte Consulting LLP</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> This synthesis summer will include traveling through Argentina for three weeks with other Robertson Scholars, Caiti Slattery, Zack Zlatev, and Wilson Orr. We will engage with nature and push our comfort zone while also engaging in reflection activities in a variety of environments, including rain forest and desert. From there, we will travel to Buenos Aires to learn about Argentina's urban economy and more about its culture. Then, I will complete a 10-week management consulting internship in Deloitte Consulting LLP's Strategy &amp; Operations Group.</p>		
<p><b>Caitilin Slattery</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b> Elliott Wolf (switched mentors during the summer)</p>	

<p><b>Title:</b> Argentina Enterprise, Individual Business Ventures, and Private Equity</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> Argentina; Santa Monica, CA; New York City</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b> Levo League Credit Suisse, Private Fund Group</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> The program use to conduct a Personal Effectiveness Retreat to increase self-awareness and build practical fundamental leadership skills. In the absence of this retreat and my main activity for the summer being a finance internship in NYC, I wanted to assure I still dedicated a portion of my summer to further cultivating leadership, collaboration, and self-awareness traits. Moreover, neither of my previous summers have been particularly community heavy and I would be remiss to not dedicate at least some of my synthesis summer to the Robertson community. My synthesis summer has aims at enhancing personal, professional, and social development.</p>		
<p><b>Daniel Strunk</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b> Prof. Peter Feaver Duke University pfeaver@duke.edu</p>	<p><b>Goal 1:</b> Better understand/observe how Think Tanks formulate policy recommendations.</p> <p><b>Goal 2:</b> Develop my human capital by becoming a better researcher.</p> <p><b>Goal 3:</b> Educate myself on international relations and foreign policy issues facing the U.S.</p> <p><b>Deliverable:</b> Under development.</p>
<p><b>Title:</b> Daniel's Synthesis Summer of Excellence!</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> Washington DC</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b> The American Enterprise Group</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> Daniel Strunk will be spending the summer interning in Washington, D.C. for the first time. He will work for the Marilyn Ware Center for Security Studies at The American Enterprise Institute, helping Resident Scholars Gary Schmitt and Thomas Donnelly analyze present day security threats that face the U.S.</p>		
<p><b>Colin Ward</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b> Carmella La Bianca Duke University cl209@duke.edu</p>	

<p><b>Title:</b> International Organization for Migration: Geneva Internship</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> Geneva, Switzerland</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b> International Organization for Migration</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> Colin Ward will be interning this summer at the International Organization for Migration (IOM). The IOM is the leading inter-governmental organization in the field of migration. I will support the WHO Global Malaria Programme and IOM MHD collaboration through web-based research, regional overviews and case studies of malaria and population mobility. Under guidance of the MHD's Senior Public Health and Research specialist, Global Migration Health Support Unit, Manila Administrative Center (MAC), I will assist with research on access to healthcare for migrants. Lastly, I will participate in targeted multi-sectorial international events related to migration and health.</p>		
<p><b>Katherine Zhang</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b> Priscilla Wald <a href="mailto:pwald@duke.edu">pwald@duke.edu</a> Duke University</p>	
<p><b>Title:</b> Creative Writing, Thesis Research, and Spiritual Retreat</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b> Seville, Spain; Shanghai, China; Pine Hurst, New York</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b> A summer of creative fermentation and spiritual exploration. My plan is to honor the quiet and solitary time indispensable to sharpening artistic, intellectual, and personal goals. Three projects await: a writing project, focusing on memoir and literary non-fiction; an academic project, incorporating preexisting interests in Asian and Asian American themes; and a stint at Blue Cliff Monastery, an extension of spiritual practices cultivated at Duke's Buddhist Meditation Community. This diverse array of experiences will place me in a collected and high-energy position to embrace the opportunities and challenges of senior year.</p>		

<p><b>Angela Zhou</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b>  Mark Rosman  Director's Guild of America &amp;  University of Southern California</p>	
<p><b>Title:</b>  Launching "Angela Zhou the Creative Professional"</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b>  Auckland &amp; Wellington, New Zealand; Los Angeles; &amp;  Beijing, China</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b>  Launching a self-prescribed career as a creative professional through the synthesis of my academic pursuits and internship experiences, the emphasis is on building my own entrepreneurial experience in the nebulous motion picture industry, rather than continuing down the clear linear paths I've been clinging to—i.e., academia and corporate internships. I will be pursuing the roles of director, writer, and producer while also developing further understanding of my regional niche in the US-New Zealand-China film triangle.</p>		
<p><b>Alex Zhu</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b>  Dr. Michael Zavlanos  Duke University  Pratt Fellows advisor  michael.zavlanos@duke.edu</p>	
<p><b>Title:</b>  Research on Autonomous Flight using Sensor Based Quadrocopters</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b>  Durham, NC, Washington DC, Berlin, Germany.</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b>  Duke University Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b>  Through the Pratt Research Fellows Program at Duke, my summer will be spent conducting research with the Robotics and Manufacturing Automation lab at Duke under Dr. Michael Zavlanos. In the lab, we are working on developing a team of quadrocopters, with which we will be designing control algorithms to create depth maps of their environment to allow the quadrocopters to navigate autonomously. In addition, I will be attending two conferences on controls and robotics, where I will be able to explore the top research in the field and network with other</p>		

<p>researchers.</p>	
<p><b>Zachary Zlatev</b></p>	<p><b>Primary Advisor:</b>          Angela Dickerson, Associate Dean,          Global Program,          Kenan Flagler Business School</p>
<p><b>Title:</b>          Argentina Enterprise and Energy Banking: Comprehending finance, energy, and the environment through hands-on learning</p> <p><b>Location(s):</b>          Argentina; Houston, Texas</p> <p><b>Organization(s):</b>          Citi Investment Banking, Global Energy group</p> <p><b>Abstract:</b>          This synthesis summer will include traveling through Argentina for three weeks with other Robertson Scholars, Caiti Slattery, Robert Sewell, and Wilson Orr. We will engage with nature and push our comfort zone while also engaging in reflection activities in a variety of environments, including rain forest and desert. From there, we will travel to Buenos Aires to learn about Argentina's urban economy and more about its culture. Then, I will complete a 10-week investment banking internship in Citi's global energy coverage group.</p>	