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The Brumley Next Generation Fellows and Scholars program would not be possible without the generous support of Jon and Rebecca Brumley of Fort Worth, Texas.

Jon Brumley

Mr. Brumley has had a distinguished career in the energy business. After earning a BBA from The University of Texas at Austin in 1961 and an MBA from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, he has served in leadership positions at a number of successful oil and gas companies.

Throughout his tenure in the energy sector he has listed eight oil and gas companies, of which he founded six, on the New York Stock Exchange. He co-founded XTO Energy, which established Cross Timbers Royalty Trust, after working almost twenty years in various positions, including President, at Southland Royalty Company. He served as Chairman and CEO of Mesa Petroleum until it merged with Parker & Parsley to form Pioneer Natural Resources Company. Mr. Brumley served as Chairman of Pioneer until co-founding Encore Acquisition Company and Encore Acquisition Partners with his son, Jon S. Brumley. He is currently Chairman and CEO of Bounty Investments.

Mr. Brumley’s most recent accomplishments include a Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Texas at Austin, induction into the Petroleum Hall of Fame and, with his son, recognition as Forbes magazine’s 2005 “Entrepreneur of the Year”. Due to his commitment to public education, Governor Mark White appointed him Chairman of the Texas State Board of Education. In addition to education, Mr. Brumley has been involved in a multitude of philanthropic endeavors; most importantly, improving resources at children’s hospitals in Texas.

Rebecca Brumley

Rebecca Brumley is an alumnus of the University of Texas at Austin with a master’s degree and received a bachelor’s degree from Baylor University. Throughout her career she has been a leader and advocate for children and youth in education, children’s protective services and the juvenile justice system. She has served as superintendent of the Waco State Home, a Texas Youth Commission facility, vice-chairman of the State Board of Education, vice-chairman of the Texas Council of Child Welfare Boards, the United Way of Texas Executive Board, vice-chairman of Paul Quinn College Board of Trustees and the Texas Health and Human Services Coordinating Council.

In 1991 Rebecca Brumley and her husband established the Red Oak Foundation in Fort Worth. She serves as its executive director. The foundation encourages reading to young children through programs in non-profit agencies and pediatric clinics and provides scholarships to prospective teachers. Currently Red Oak Books has given over 585,000 new, hardcover books to disadvantaged families.
THE BRUMLEY NEXT GENERATION FELLOWS PROGRAM

The Brumley Next Generation Fellows program at the Strauss Center provides research training and mentorship opportunities to exceptional undergraduate and graduate students at the University of Texas at Austin. Involving students in international affairs early in their career is an important part of the Strauss Center’s mission to prepare the next generation of leaders to help develop solutions to the most pressing public policy challenges.

GRADUATE STUDENTS: NEXT GENERATION FELLOWS

Now in its fourth year, the Next Generation Fellows is an exciting opportunity open to graduate students from any program at UT who share our interest in international affairs and who wish to participate more directly in the intellectual life of the Strauss Center. Selection is highly-competitive in order to admit students whose research interests closely align with the Strauss Center’s programs.

Graduate Fellows are paired with a Distinguished Scholar at the Strauss Center to conduct research relevant to the Fellow’s degree. Fellows engage with their own research on a program-relevant topic, and also assist their Distinguished Scholar with his or her existing research initiatives. In addition to the research component, Fellows are expected to maintain a deep level of engagement with the Strauss Center, attending conferences and events. Each Fellow is given the opportunity to select an individual from the worlds of policy or academia whom they view as an important figure in their prospective field, and the Strauss Center then invites that person to UT to give a public talk (hosted by that particular Fellow). While visiting, the guest speaker participates in the Strauss Center’s monthly Colloquium, during which Fellows have the opportunity to discuss both substantive issues and career development in a private setting. During these colloquia, Fellows also share their own research and provide feedback on their peers’ projects.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS: NEXT GENERATION SCHOLARS

The Next Generation Scholars (NGS) undergraduate program was launched in 2010 with the goal of providing new research and mentorship opportunities for promising UT undergraduate students interested in careers in international security and law. This program now also includes a focus on civic engagement, expanding the reach of the program by engaging by engaging more students and involving faculty members on a wider range of local, national, and international policy issues.

This one-year program includes two key components: First, students take a 3-credit research training and professional development course in the fall semester. This course is designed to introduce students to policy work, including basic skills in policy research, analysis, and writing. Students will be trained on designing research strategies and proposals, conducting policy analysis, writing resumes and statements of purpose, crafting op-eds and blog posts, and planning for the steps in their career development. Second, the Next Generation Scholars will work closely in the spring semester with the program’s faculty lead on a collaborative policy research report to further enhance their analytical abilities.
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Jake Beach

- Law Student, School of Law
- Program: National Security Law
- Faculty Mentor: Stephen Vladeck

Jake Beach is entering his third year at the University of Texas School of law where he serves as the Editor in Chief of the Texas Review of Law & Politics. His research involves the law surrounding foreign affairs, national security, democracy. Jake will work with the National Security Law Studies Program under which he will be paired with Strauss Center Distinguished Scholar Stephen Vladeck. Prior to law school, Jake interned with the Department of Defense Office of Legislative Counsel and participated in the White House Internship Program. Upon completion of his JD, Jake plans to pursue a career in law and policy.

Diana Bolsinger

- Ph.D. Student, LBJ School of Public Affairs
- Program: Security Institutions and Technologies
- Faculty Mentor: Mark Lawrence

Diana Bolsinger is a doctoral student at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Policy. Her current research examines the assumptions and influences shaping US policy towards the Muslim world, particularly Pakistan. Before coming to UT Austin, she served in a variety of analytical and policy support positions in the US Federal Government, including assignments in Islamabad, Pakistan; Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina; and Seoul, Korea. She holds an MA in International Affairs from George Washington University, an MEd from Marymount University, and an MA in Government from New Mexico State University.
Courtney Broderick is currently a History PhD student at The University of Texas at Austin, specializing in Mexican American history, history of US-Mexico relations, and history of securitization of the US-Mexico border. Courtney graduated with a BA in History and a BA in Philosophy, with Summa Cum Laude honors, from The University of Texas at Arlington in December 2015, at the age of 21. Before beginning her PhD, Courtney served as a Summer Fellow for the Dallas County Democratic Party, and interned, then subsequently worked for, Senator Rodney Ellis (D-Houston) in Spring 2016 through the Texas Legislative Internship Program (TLIP). Courtney has also worked in the Texas Legislature as a Legislative Aide in education and finance policy for Texas State Senator Sylvia Garcia (D-Houston) through the Senator Gregory Luna Scholars and Fellows Program. She ultimately aspires to a career in public policy after receiving her PhD.

Kingsley Burns is a master’s student in Global Policy Studies at The University of Texas at Austin LBJ School of Public Affairs. He previously studied international business and management of information systems as an undergraduate at the University of Oklahoma before turning towards public affairs.
John Gormley

- Master's of Global Policy Studies, LBJ School of Public Affairs
- Program: Mexico Security Initiative
- Faculty Mentor: Jake Dizard

John Gormley is a second-year Master’s of Global Policy Studies student at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs. He received a BA in Political Science from the University of Chicago, where he studied abroad in Oaxaca, Mexico for a quarter. John will intern with the State Department at the US Embassy in Brasilia for the summer 2018 semester and is interested in joining the Foreign Service. His areas of interest include American diplomacy and security and crime in Latin America.

Sarah Hampton

- Master’s of Global Policy Studies, LBJ School of Public Affairs
- Program: Integrated Cybersecurity Studies
- Faculty Mentor: Robert Chesney

Sarah Hampton is entering the final year of her Master’s degree in Global Policy Studies. Her research focuses on how the advent cyber capabilities may change the nature and likelihood of aggression. Sarah will work under the Center’s Integrated Cybersecurity Studies program, mentored by Robert Chesney, director of the Strauss Center. Upon graduation, Sarah plans to work as a cybersecurity consultant or lawyer for data-rich companies, and eventually pursue a PhD focused on cybersecurity and data privacy.
David Kneeland

• Master’s of Global Policy Studies, LBJ School of Public Affairs
• Program: Integrated Cybersecurity Studies
• Faculty Mentor: Matt Tait

David Kneeland is entering his second year of his Master’s degree in Global Policy Studies at the LBJ School of Public Affairs. His research focuses on cyber security and emerging technology and their impact on international security. In his Brumley Fellowship, David will work under the Center’s Cybersecurity program with the guidance of Professor Matt Tait. Upon graduation, David aspires to continuing his career in national security.

Daniel Michon

• Law Student, School of Law
• Program: Satellites and Space Policy
• Faculty Mentor: Moriba Jah

Daniel Michon is a second-year law student at the University of Texas School of Law. He received his AB from the Interdisciplinary Project in the Humanities at Washington University in St. Louis with a concentration in international space law. Prior to UT, Daniel worked as a court reporter in Washington, DC, where he wrote executive summaries and meeting minutes for private and public clients. His research interests include regulatory approaches to space traffic management, legal aspects of space debris mitigation, and the delimitation of outer space.

As a Brumley Next Generation Graduate Fellow, Daniel will be working in the Satellites and Space Program with Dr. Moriba Jah from the Department of Aerospace Engineering and Engineering Mechanics.
Robyn Morse

- Master’s in Middle Eastern Studies, Center for Middle Eastern Studies
- Program: State Fragility
- Faculty Mentor: Ashley Moran

Robyn is entering her third year in the Dual-Language (Arabic and Persian) Master’s in Middle Eastern Studies. Her research focuses on the Persian Gulf and the relationship between religion and politics in the modern nation-state. After the completion of her degree, she plans to continue her education in a history doctoral program to deepen her understanding of the political and religious factors governing the Middle East.

Kelsey Ritchie

- Master’s of Global Policy Studies, LBJ School of Public Affairs
- Program: Terrorism and Counterterrorism
- Faculty Mentor: Samy Ayoub

Kelsey is a second-year graduate student at the LBJ School of Public Affairs where she is pursuing her Masters in Global Policy Studies. She is studying Security, Law, and Diplomacy with a focus in national security and ideological studies. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Texas Christian University with a double degree in Political Science and Journalism. Kelsey has interned for a nonprofit that worked with the homeless population, the refugee community, and victims of human trafficking. She wrote her undergraduate thesis on the relationship between media coverage and humanitarian aid concerning the Syrian refugee crisis and spent time studying migration in Eastern Europe. Kelsey is currently the Graduate Assistant at the Clements Center for National Security, a researcher with the Innovations for Peace and Development lab on a project focusing on terrorist recruitment in Columbia, and serves as the Head Global Writer for The Baines Report.
Melanie Scruggs

- Master’s of Global Policy Studies, LBJ School of Public Affairs
- Program: Complex Emergencies
- Faculty Mentor: Josh Busby

Melanie Scruggs is a second-year master’s student in the LBJ School of Public Affairs’ Global Policy Studies program. Originally from Houston, Melanie grew up in Memphis, Tennessee before returning to her home state to enroll in the Plan II Honors program at the University of Texas at Austin. After graduating in 2012, she started a career in non-profit advocacy, working for a statewide environmental organization from 2012-2017. Melanie is interested in diplomacy and environmental justice, especially how conflict related to natural resources affect human rights.

Laura Sigelmann

- Master’s of Global Policy Studies, LBJ School of Public Affairs & Jackson School of the Geosciences
- Program: Complex Emergencies
- Faculty Mentor: Mike Findley

Laura Sigelmann is entering the second year of her dual-degree Masters program at the LBJ School of Public Affairs and the Jackson School of the Geosciences. Her focus is on international environmental security, climate change, and conflict - she is particularly interested in the ways that the environment and fragile political systems interact. In her Brumley Fellowship, Laura will work with Michael Findley on the Center’s Complex Emergencies and Political Stability in Asia program. Upon completion of her program, Laura plans to pursue a career in environmental security, specifically focusing on climate change and vulnerable states.
Wenhui Yang

- Ph.D. Student, Department of Government
- Program: Understanding China
- Faculty Mentor: Joshua Eisenman

Wenhui Yang is entering his third year of doctoral studies in the Department of Government. His research interests lies in comparative politics, political economy and Chinese politics. Wenhui will work under the Center’s Understanding China Program, supervised by LBJ school assistant professor Joshua Eisenman. After completing his PhD, He plans to pursue a career in academic world.

BRUMLEY NEXT GENERATION SCHOLARS

William Acheampong

- Business Honors and History

William Acheampong is second-year double majoring in Business Honors and History. His academic interests in global health and migrations studies led him to establish Doctors Without Borders at UT Austin, a student-driven parallel to Médecins Sans Frontières that serves Austin’s immigrant and refugee populations. At the completion of his studies, William plans to pursue a career in nonprofit management with a focus on public policy and global health, with the intention of eventually joining the United States Foreign Service.
Jeremy Doran

- **Government Honors, Liberal Arts Honors, and Political Communication**

Jeremy Doran is a senior in the Liberal Arts Honors Program majoring in Government Honors and Political Communication with a certificate in Security Studies. In Austin, Jeremy has interned with a Texas State Representative as well as political advocacy organizations Battleground Texas and Focused Advocacy. During the summer of 2017, he interned with the National Immigration Forum: a nonprofit in Washington, DC that advocates for the value of immigrants and immigration in America. The following semester, as an Archer Fellow and intern with the US House Committee on Homeland Security, he spent his days analyzing legislation for the subcommittee on border and maritime security. During the 2018-19 academic year, Jeremy will write an undergraduate honors thesis in the Government Department, with a focus on researching the United States’ role in Mexico’s enforcement of its southern border in the years since 2014.

Quiberley Jasso

- **Liberal Arts Honors and International Relations & Global Studies**

Quiberley Jasso is a senior International Relations and Global Studies major with a minor in Asian Studies and a track in International Security. She has previously held internships as a Breakthrough Teaching Fellow and as a Legislative Intern for Senator Zaffirini. In the summer of 2018, Quiberley was a Foreign Service intern at the US Department of State in the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, and will then have the opportunity to work at a US Embassy overseas in the summer of 2019. She is a Liberal Arts Honors student and is writing her senior honors thesis on the impact of western influences on East Asian youth and potential regime changes. Quiberley is passionate about studying cultures, foreign relations, and encouraging stronger diplomacy between the US and China.
Abigail Kuchek

- Politics, Philosophy, and Economics

Abby Kuchek is a rising junior earning a degree in Politics, Philosophy, & Economics and a certificate in Human Rights & Social Justice. Abby's interest in international relations and human rights led her to serve as a research affiliate for Innovations for Peace and Development's Global Indices Network project. She also volunteers with Liberal Arts Refugee Alliance and anti-violence advocacy groups Voices Against Violence and Interpersonal Violence Peer Support. After graduating, Abby plans to attend law school and pursue a career in international or human rights law.

Amanda Long

- Liberal Arts Honors and International Relations & Global Studies

Amanda is a rising senior pursuing a BA in International Relations & Global Studies and Liberal Arts Honors with a minor in European Studies. Particularly interested in the relationship between state fragility and mass migration, her concentration is in International Security. Amanda is a Research Affiliate at Innovations for Peace and Development as well as an Undergraduate Fellow with the Clements Center for National Security. She is also a member of the Liberal Arts Senate of College Councils. On the weekends, Amanda volunteers with the Liberal Arts Refugee Alliance at La Casa Marianella and the Multicultural Refugee Coalition where she tutors refugee families in their English language skills. Amanda is fluent in Spanish and is learning French at UT. After graduation, she plans to pursue a dual Master's degree in Policy Leadership and Human Rights.
Jonathan Markel

- Aerospace Engineering

Jonathan Markel is a senior in aerospace engineering at The University of Texas at Austin, pursuing an interdisciplinary certificate in public policy. In Fall 2017, he participated in the Bill Archer Fellowship in Washington DC, where he worked full-time on security and emergency response in the Office of the Secretary of Transportation. Previously, Jonathan has interned at Texas Star Alliance Public Affairs Firm, advocating for education and transportation policy during the 85th Texas Legislative Session, as well as at NASA Langley Research Center, investigating and designing multiagent unmanned aerial systems. On campus, he founded the UT Austin Chapter of the Students for the Exploration and Development of Space, helped build three unmanned aerial vehicles with UT Austin’s Design/Build/Fly team, and has served as an associate editor of the Student Engineering Council’s Vector Magazine. He is passionate about technology and security policy and upon graduation plans to attend graduate school and pursue a career in space technology research.

Jillian Pflederer

- Plan II Honors and International Relations

Jillian is a senior majoring in Plan II and International Relations & Global Studies. She is pursuing a Certificate in Security Studies and also a member of the Arabic Flagship Program. Her interest in foreign affairs took root after a gap year between high school and college. Jillian interned with an organization working in inner-city Chicago that reached out to Syrian and Afghan refugees. Since arriving at UT, Jillian has enjoyed working at Stratfor a geopolitical intelligence platform and interning in the Texas House of Representatives for Chairman Dan Huberty. Last spring, she was an Archer Fellow living in Washington DC and interning with the Bureau of Populations, Refugees, and Migration at the US State Department. Jillian hopes to use her experience working on refugee policy and the classes and mentorship of the Brumley program to equip her for working on humanitarian law after she graduates. In her free time, she enjoys biking around Austin and quoting lyrics to Hamilton the musical.
Nicole Pownall

- **International Relations & Global Studies**

Nicole Pownall is a rising junior majoring in International Relations and Global Studies with minors in Core Texts & Ideas and Conflict Resolution & Peace Studies. She has contributed to research on campus through her work with Innovations for Peace and Development and will be continuing to enrich her interests in education through an internship with Ubongo this summer. Nicole hopes to apply the skills she has learned from those endeavors to the Brumley Next Generation Scholars Program and collaborate with the Mexican Security Initiative to participate in a policy research project concerning migration and education. After graduation, Nicole plans to pursue a career in the foreign service and is open to any opportunities that may come her way.

Ainslie Tisdale

- **International Relations & Global Studies**

Ainslie Tisdale is a senior pursuing a major in International Relations and Global Studies as well as a minor in Middle Eastern Studies and Arabic. Ainslie grew up in Maryland, in a suburb of Washington DC, but now happily calls Austin home. When she is not in classes, Ainslie works as a research intern at UT’s Clark Center for Australian and New Zealand Studies. She spent this last summer studying national security policy in Warsaw, Poland along with a small group of UT students. Through her internships at the Amala Foundation, a local non-profit in Austin, Texas, and the O’Neill Institute for Global Health Law at Georgetown Law, she has cultivated an interest in the intersection of human rights and global development and hopes to one day work for an international organization researching and further advocating for the protection of human rights on a global scale. When Ainslie is not studying or working, she loves to hike, eat vegan food, and make new friends with the dogs at Zilker Park.
For more information on the Strauss Center’s Brumley Next Generation Fellows Program, please visit www.strausscenter.org/brumleyfellows.

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