

The University of Texas at Austin

A high-angle, wide shot of the University of Texas at Austin campus. The central focus is the tall, white, neoclassical tower of the Old Red building, which stands prominently against a clear, light blue sky. The surrounding campus is a mix of traditional red-tiled roofs and modern university buildings. In the foreground, there are lush green trees and the ornate, copper-roofed architecture of the Johnson Tower. The overall scene is bathed in the warm, golden light of late afternoon or early morning.

**BRUMLEY NEXT GENERATION
FELLOWS AND SCHOLARS**

FALL 2021 - SPRING 2022

“ The Brumley Next Generation program continues to be a marquee attraction for both graduate and undergraduate students at UT. We are truly fortunate to have such an amazing array of talented students competing for these positions. The 2020-21 class is, once again, packed with outstanding individuals who are destined for great things. We might not be assembling in person for now, but the program is as robust as ever thanks to them.



ROBERT M. CHESNEY
STRAUSS CENTER DIRECTOR

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MEET OUR SPONSORS

JON AND REBECCA BRUMLEY

The Brumley Next Generation Fellows and Scholars programs at the Strauss Center are made possible with the continued support of our benefactors, Jon and Rebecca Brumley of Fort Worth, Texas.



JON BRUMLEY

Jon 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 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, six of which he founded, 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 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 alumna of the University of Texas at Austin, having received a master's degree at UT. She obtained 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 Texas State Board of Education; vice-chairman of the Texas Council of Child Welfare Board; on the United Way of Texas Executive Board; vice-chairman of Paul Quinn College Board of Trustees, and part of the Texas Health and Human Services Coordinating Council.

In 1991, Mrs. Brumley and her husband established the Red Oak Foundation in Fort Worth, Texas. She serves as its Executive Director. The Foundation encourages reading to young children through programs in non-profit agencies and pediatric clinics, and also provides scholarships to prospective teachers. Currently, Red Oak Books has given over 585,000 new, hardcover books to disadvantaged families.

THE BRUMLEY NEXT GENERATION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Brumley Next Generation Fellowship 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 of preparing the next generation of leaders to develop solutions to the most pressing public policy challenges.

GRADUATE STUDENTS: NEXT GENERATION FELLOWS

Now in its seventh year, the Strauss Center's Brumley Next Generation Fellows program is an exciting opportunity open to graduate and Ph.D. 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.

This fellowship involves three key components:



Fellows are paired with a Distinguished Scholar at the Strauss Center to provide mentorship and help guide the Fellows as they conduct research relevant to their degree. This culminates in a final project which could be a scholarly article, data set, presentation, etc.



Maintain a deep level of engagement with the Strauss Center throughout the year, attending conferences and events. Each Fellow is given an opportunity to select an individual from the world of policy or academia, whom they view as an important figure in their prospective field, for a public talk that is then hosted by that student.



Attend and participate in the Strauss Center's monthly colloquia, during which Fellows have the opportunity to discuss both substantive issues and career development in a private setting with visiting guest speakers.



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS: NEXT GENERATION SCHOLARS

Launched in 2010, the Next Generation Scholars program's goal is to provide research and mentorship opportunities for promising UT undergraduate students interested in national security and law. The program includes a focus on civic engagement, expanding its reach by engaging students on a wider range of local, national, and international policy issues. The Scholars program for 2021-22 is being led again by Dr. Michael Mosser and Dr. Stephanie Holmsten.



This one-year program has two requirements:



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. Training includes designing research strategies and proposals, conducting policy analysis, writing resumes and statements of purpose, crafting op-eds and blog posts, and planning for next steps in their career development.



Students work closely in the spring semester with the program's faculty on a collaborative policy research project to further enhance their analytical abilities.

BRUMLEY NEXT GENERATION GRADUATE FELLOWS

Rubi Bledsoe is a second-year Master of Global Policy student at the LBJ School of Public Affairs. She graduated magna cum laude from Middlebury College where she earned a B.A. in International and Global Studies with a focus on the Middle East and Arabic. Rubi speaks four languages and has lived and worked in the Middle East. At the LBJ School, Rubi specializes in diplomacy and national security, and her research interests include the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and counterterrorism. As a Brumley Fellow, Rubi will be working with Dr. Bianca Adair.



Hometown: Washington, D.C.



Major: M.A. candidate in Global Policy Studies, LBJ School of Public Affairs



Program: Intelligence Studies Project



Mentor: Bianca Adair - Resident Intelligence Officer, LBJ School of Public Affairs



Dream job: U.S. Ambassador



Fun fact: She has a green thumb and can understand the chicken language.

RUBI BLEDSOE

JON BUCHLEITER

Hometown: Fort Collins, Colorado



Major: Ph.D. candidate, Department of History



Program: Arms Control



Mentor: Jaganath Sankaran - Assistant Professor, LBJ School of Public Affairs



Dream job: Professor of history specializing in modern US foreign policy



Fun fact: He grew up helping run a pumpkin patch on his families farm.



Jon Buchleiter is a third-year Ph.D. student in the Department of History at the University of Texas at Austin. He received his B.A. in Peace, War, and Defense and Political Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, from which he graduated with

the highest honors and highest distinction in 2016. Before graduate school, Jon taught high school social studies in Charlotte, NC. His research focuses on nuclear arms control and disarmament in the United States. He is particularly interested in how different institutions in the US government promote or hinder these efforts.

Azeem Edwin is a Dual MGPS and J.D. candidate at the LBJ School. Azeem is a proud Texan and is originally from Humble, Texas. He went to UT as an undergraduate and is proud to say that upon graduation he will be a three-time Longhorn. Before coming to professional school, Azeem worked as a social worker and focused on the general homeless population, refugees, and asylees. Azeem currently serves as Student Body President at the LBJ School of Public Affairs and is extremely excited to be a Brumley Fellow. After graduation, Azeem is interested in practicing international law. His favorite restaurant is Waffle House.

Hometown: Humble, Texas



Major: J.D. candidate, School of Law; M.A. candidate in Global Policy Studies, LBJ School of Public Affairs



Program: Central America and Mexico Policy Initiative



Mentor: Stephanie Leutert - Director, Central America and Mexico Policy Initiative; Ricardo Ainslie - Director, Mexico Center at LLILAS Benson



Dream job: Secretary of State



Fun fact: He once sparred UFC fighter Melvin Guillard and was completely destroyed.



AZEEM EDWIN

JINGJING FENG



Hometown: Beijing, China



Major: M.A. candidate in Global Policy Studies, LBJ School of Public Affairs



Program: Artificial Intelligence



Mentor: Sam Woolley - Assistant professor, School of Journalism



Dream job: Professor or officer at an international organization



Fun fact: She has a dream that the world is full of love and there is no boundaries between countries and people's heart.

Dr. Jingjing Feng is a Master of Global Policy Studies student at the LBJ School. She received her Ph.D. in Physics from UT Austin in 2019, where she used statistical modeling to study quantum transport and solar cell material. Her research was published in American

Physical Society peer-reviewed journal articles and conference talks. She worked at the United Nations Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and Division for Sustainable Goals, where she conducted projects related to digital governance, and technology innovation policy. Jingjing's interdisciplinary experiences in both natural and social science allow her to go beyond the traditional scope and enter into the intersection between policy and technology.

Joseph Flores is a graduate student at the LBJ School pursuing a Master's in Global Policy Studies. He is currently interning with the International Program at the Migration Policy Institute. Joseph graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in International Relations and Global Studies, specializing in International Security and Latin American studies. After graduating, Joseph served as a Franklin H. Williams Fellow with the Council on Foreign Relations in Washington, D.C., interning with their International Institutions and Global Governance program. At the LBJ School, Joseph serves as an Editor with the Baines Report, the Chair of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, and a board member for the Policy Alliance for Communities of Color.



Hometown: San Antonio, Texas



Major: M.A. candidate in Global Policy Studies, LBJ School of Public Affairs



Program: Central America and Mexico Policy Initiative



Mentor: Ken Greene - Associate Professor, Department of Government



Dream job: Consultant on migration policy for foreign governments



Fun fact: He used to perform as a spoken word poet and won a national collegiate competition with the Spite Shine Poetry group at the University of Texas during his undergrad.

JOSEPH FLORES

TAYLOR HAM

Hometown: Wills Point, Texas



Major: M.A. candidate in Global Policy Studies, LBJ School of Public Affairs



Program: Intelligence Studies Project



Mentor: Steve Slick - Director, Intelligence Studies Project



Dream job: Foreign Service Officer or international travel photographer



Fun fact: In high school, she worked at a local peach orchard and learned about fruit farming in Texas, plus how to make fresh peach ice cream!



Taylor Ham is a first-year M.A. student at the Center for Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies. She received her Master of Global Policy Studies degree from the LBJ School, where she studied national security, counterterrorism, and intelligence.

Before attending UT, Taylor led the underwriting department at a bank in Waco, Texas where she worked as an Assistant Vice President and Credit Officer. She hopes to build upon the professional leadership and analytical skills gained in that role and apply them to a career in foreign policy and intelligence. She is specifically interested in studying Russian foreign policy in the Middle East, particularly in relation to Iran and Russia's intelligence operations and asymmetric warfare used in ongoing conflicts.

Nils Holst is a second-year Master of Global Policy Studies student at the LBJ School, where he studies national security and intelligence issues. As a Paul L. Leventhal fellow for international and nuclear security, he is particularly interested in nuclear nonproliferation policy and hopes to work in that field after graduation. He has a degree in journalism from Southern Oregon University and served in Morocco with the Peace Corps.

Hometown: Meadow Valley, California



Major: M.A. candidate in Global Policy Studies, LBJ School of Public Affairs



Program: Terrorism and Counterterrorism



Mentor: Paul Pope - Senior Fellow, Intelligence Studies Project



Dream job: Foreign Service Officer



Fun fact: He plays Irish fiddle music.



NILS HOLST

SIYUN JIANG



Hometown: Hangzhou, China



Major: Ph.D. candidate, Department of Government; M.A. candidate in Statistics, Department of Statistics and Data Science



Program: Asia Policy Program



Mentor: Sheena Greitens - Director, Asia Policy Program



Dream job: "Detective" political scientist



Fun fact: As a child, she began to be interested in politics because she shares the same surname with a censored historical figure.

Siyun Jiang is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Government and an M.A. in Statistics student in the Department of Statistics and Data Science at the University of Texas at Austin. She broadly studies political economy and judicial politics with causal inference methods and text analysis. Her dissertation is on the impact of political centralization and local bureaucratic resistance in China's judicial system. Before joining UT, she lived and studied in Mainland China, Taiwan, Thailand, and Hong Kong.

Destiny Moreno is a second-year graduate student at the LBJ School. She is passionate about mitigating harmful technology with interests in criminal and economic justice. Destiny earned her Bachelor of Arts in 2020 in Public Policy with a minor in Science, Technology & Society from the University of California at San Diego. She is currently a researcher for the Good Systems UT Grand Challenge on a project leveraging AI to improve the lives of people experiencing homelessness, and she will investigate the use of algorithms in government agencies as a Brumley Fellow under the Strauss Center's Artificial Intelligence Studies program. Upon graduation, Destiny plans to pursue a career in technology policy that centers the public interest.



Hometown: Seattle, Washington (but grew up in 7 different states)



Major: M.A. candidate in Global Policy Studies, LBJ School of Public Affairs



Program: Artificial Intelligence



Mentor: Bryan Jones, Strauss Center Cybersecurity Fellow



Dream job: Directing a federal oversight body that ensures tech and science investments are made by and for the public



Fun fact: She is on her 8th attempt at growing a tomato plant.

DESTINY MORENO

ELOY OLIVEIRA

Hometown: Belo Horizonte, Brazil



Major: Ph.D. candidate, LBJ School of Public Affairs



Program: State Fragility



Mentor: Ashley Moran - Director, State Fragility



Dream job: President of the Brazilian National Academy of Public Administration



Fun fact: He plays classical guitar in his free time and he loves it so much that he built his own guitar!



Eloy Oliveira is a Ph.D. candidate at the LBJ School. Eloy holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Columbia University and also a Bachelors of Law degree from Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais (Brazil). Before joining the LBJ School, Eloy led Republica.org, a Brazilian Think-and-Do-Tank focused on using data to improve the motivation, responsiveness and effectiveness of people working in government in Brazil. Since its inception in 2016, Republica.org has led and co-funded over 130 different projects, sparking real change in Brazilian public policy. Prior to Republica.org, Eloy served as a public servant at the Minas Gerais State Government in Brazil, where he led projects related to Public Private Partnerships (PPPs).

Elizabeth A. Rose (Alex Rose) is a graduate student at UT pursuing a Master of Public Affairs degree at the LBJ School of Public Affairs. A sixth-generation Texan, Rose has lived and worked in places like Austin, New York City, and Los Angeles as a project manager and communications strategist for companies like Disney, Netflix and GSD&M. She is also an independent musician who writes, releases and performs music under the name Canyon Counterpoint. Rose's current research at the LBJ School focuses on national security studies as it dovetails with cyber security and the media. She is particularly interested in understanding the effects of information confrontation like hacking and disinformation on the current landscape of media and public discourse in America.

Hometown: Austin, Texas and Los Angeles, California



Major: M.A. in Public Affairs, LBJ School of Public Affairs



Program: Journalism and World Affairs; Cybersecurity



Mentor: Eric Greenwald - Strauss Center Cybersecurity Fellow



Dream job: President of the United States or Ambassador to France



Fun fact: She loves live music. In 2013, she saw more than 400 bands perform!



ALEX ROSE

WESTON WEBER



Hometown: Corpus Christi, Texas



Major: M.A. candidate in Global Policy Studies, LBJ School of Public Affairs



Program: Space Security, Safety, and Sustainability



Mentor: Moriba Jah, Associate Professor of Aerospace Engineering and Engineering Mechanics, Cockrell School of Engineering



Dream job: Advocating for space sustainability at the UN Office of Outer Space Affairs



Fun fact: He once spent a whole Saturday grilling chicken, playing games, and baking pancakes at a country house outside of Moscow, Russia, while jamming to Billie Eilish.

Weston Weber is a second-year graduate student pursuing a degree in Global Policy Studies at the LBJ School. Prior to joining the LBJ community, he received his B.A. in International Relations and Global Studies, specializing in Russia and Eastern Europe and security. Weston's interests include climate security, sustainability, and their potential intersection on space management and sustainability. He is also interested in advocacy work for contemporary space issues.

Fei Guo is a fifth-year Ph.D. student in the history department. He specializes in Modern China and East Asia. He is broadly interested in digital humanities, economic history, state-building, nation-state systems, geo-politics, and development. His current research focuses on China in the early 1950s. Upon completion of his doctoral studies, Fei plans to be a professional academic and hopes to continue to bridge the gap between academic research and public policy.



Hometown: Hohhot, Inner Mongolia, P.R. China



Major: Ph.D. candidate, History Department



Dream job: Writer



Fun fact: He really loves Apple products.

FEI GUO

BRUMLEY SENIOR FELLOW

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ALYSSA GOESSLER

Hometown: Portland, Oregon



Major: M.A. candidate in Global Policy Studies, LBJ School of Public Affairs; M.A. candidate in Middle Eastern Studies, College of Liberal Arts



Dream job: DOD Analyst



Fun fact: She was homeschooled until the 6th grade.



Alyssa Goessler is a graduate student pursuing a dual-degree. Prior to joining the UT community, Alyssa worked in foreign policy in New York City—first, at the Mission of Jordan to the United Nations, and thereafter in the Executive Office of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Alyssa’s research aims to increase transparency, predictability, and accountability in space by employing natural language processing to better understand Arab state behaviors in space. This research will ideally help to decrease the likelihood of conflict resulting from a misunderstanding of state behaviors in space and will aid in the creation of international norms in space by providing further clarity on the intentions and motivations of MENA nation-states in space.

Willy Vasquez is entering the fourth year of his Ph.D. program in Electrical and Computer Engineering. His research is at the intersection of cryptography and systems security, designing provably secure systems based on advanced cryptographic primitives. Upon completion of his Ph.D., he plans to pursue a position in academia and transition his research into a startup.

Hometown: Mesquite, TX



Major: Ph.D. candidate, Cockrell School of Engineering



Dream job: DARPA Program Manager



Fun fact: He can whistle like a bird.



WILLY VASQUEZ

BRUMLEY SENIOR FELLOW

BRUMLEY NEXT GENERATION UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARS

Isabel Ayala is a rising senior majoring in Government and Asian Studies with a specialization in East Asian security and foreign policy. Her academic and professional interests revolve around the security implications of bilateral and multilateral relationships in the Asia-Pacific region. As a Spring 2021 Archer Fellow, she researched various initiatives to participate in vaccine diplomacy, increase diversity in the State Department, and engage in Japan and ASEAN diplomatic endeavors as an intern for both the Office of Congressman Joaquin Castro and the U.S. House Committee on Foreign Affairs under the Subcommittee on International Development, International Organizations, and Global Corporate Impact. Isabel is also actively involved in promoting civic engagement and has interned in both chambers of the Texas Legislature.



Hometown: Houston, Texas



Major: Government and Asian Studies



Dream job: International Arbitration Lawyer



Fun fact: She loves to garden, cook, and hike!

ISABEL AYALA

KATHERINE BIRCH

Hometown: Spring, Texas



Major: International Relations and Global Studies; Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies.



Dream job: Attorney working in the field of National Security Law or International Human Rights Law



Fun fact: Korean cuisine is her favorite!



Katherine Birch is a rising senior at UT Austin, double majoring in International Relations and Global Studies as well as Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies. Her professional research and policy background focuses on international

security, with a particular interest in Russian hybrid warfare, disinformation campaigns, and the transatlantic security of the United States and its Central and Eastern European allies. Throughout her junior year, Katherine contributed to several research initiatives within the Department of Government and UT's Global (Dis)Information Lab on projects relating to Russian disinformation campaigns in Central Europe and the Russian Federation's manipulation of certain cultural figures' legacies to legitimize its great power agenda.

Jake Cosgrove is a rising sophomore majoring in International Relations and Global Studies and Middle Eastern Studies with a minor in Arabic. Jake is currently involved with Central Texas Model United Nations, and sits on the Office of the Secretary-General as the Under Secretary-General of Committees. He also serves on the leadership panel of the International Relations and Global Studies Council as the chair of the International Security team. Jake's interest in international relations and related fields can be traced back to high school. Starting his freshman year, he became involved in Jerusalem Peacebuilders (JPB)—a program that brings together Muslim, Jewish, and Christian teens from Israel, America, and Palestine to discuss and explore identity, service, leadership, and conflict resolution. His path forward includes graduate school and a career-long focus on Middle Eastern affairs.

Hometown: Houston, Texas



Major: International Relations and Global Studies, Middle Eastern Studies



Dream job: State Department or National Security Advisor



Fun fact: He owned and operated a traveling WWII museum throughout high school.



JAKE COSGROVE

PETER DENHAM



Hometown: Pasadena, California



Major: Plan II Honors



Dream job: National Security Advisor to POTUS



Fun fact: He grew up attending Bluegrass camp, where he played the fiddle and mandolin.

Peter Denham is a rising senior from Pasadena, California, majoring in Plan II Honors and pursuing the Clements Center's certificate in Security Studies as well as a minor in Business. Peter's professional interests lie in public service and in the nexus of national security policy and law. Over the pandemic summer of 2020, he interned remotely with ACERTAS Analytics, a decision analytics firm specializing in predictive modeling of geopolitical and business risk. At ACERTAS, he researched global security, political and environmental trends, and helped prepare strategic analytical reports and risk assessments for private and public sector clients. Peter is a 2021 Summer Fellow at the Hertog Foundation, where his studies and research will focus on free speech. Peter's additional academic pursuits include international relations, constitutional design, and nation building.

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Caleb Ford is a rising senior pursuing a BSA in Mathematics with minors in Economics and Government and a certificate in Elements of Computing. He currently serves as the Internal Editor-in-Chief for Catalyst, the College of Natural Sciences' official student publication. Before transferring to the University of Texas, Caleb attended Lone Star College in Houston, where he was Vice President of the Honors College and represented Lone Star at the 2018 National Model UN Conference in New York City. He has presented research on the representation of Iroquois and Moroccan ideals in the U.S. Constitution and the Italian Five Star Movement's e-democracy advocacy at conferences around the country and continues to be interested in the ways technologies can revolutionize, and damage, the governing process. Caleb has aided for Texas Rep. James Talarico while at UT.



Hometown: Houston, Texas



Major: Mathematics



Dream job: Data Scientist at Stanford RegLab



Fun fact: He owns a chinchilla named Max.

CALEB FORD

MARY ANN HURTADO

Hometown: Houston, Texas



Major: Government, International Relations and Global Studies



Dream job: U.S. Congresswoman



Fun fact: She writes her own music!



Mary Ann Hurtado is a Venezuelan-American rising senior majoring in Government, International Relations and Global Studies and pursuing a certificate in Security Studies through the Clements Center for National Security. Mary Ann

currently serves UT's International Relations and Global Studies Council (IRGC) as Co-President and Central Texas Model United Nations (CTMUN) as Under-Secretary-General of Logistics. Before transferring to UT, Mary Ann conducted undergraduate research projects on topics ranging from climate change history to nuclear proliferation, became an award-winning international delegate at National Model United Nations (NMUN), traveled to Normandy, France for a human rights boot-camp sponsored by the French Embassy in the U.S., and interned at the City of Houston's Mayor's Office of Trade and International Affairs.

Sterling Mosley is a junior studying International Relations & Global Studies, Government, Economics, and History with a minor in Portuguese and certificates in Security Studies and Business Spanish. He is particularly interested in territory policy as he pursued a history honors thesis on Puerto Rican Nationalism and a International Relations honors thesis on the various differences on how different countries administer their territories. Outside of class, Sterling is involved in the Innovations for Peace and Development research lab as a member of the Political Economy and Sovereignty Team and is co-lead for the Governance Team. Sterling is also the vice-president of International Relations & Global Studies Council, co-president of Intercultural Conversations, internal director for Students for Central and Eastern Europe, and an officer in UT Young Historians.

Hometown: Prosper, Texas



Major: International Relations & Global Studies, Government, Economics, and History



Dream job: Foreign policy advisor on Capitol Hill



Fun fact: She marched trombone in high school and they placed 11th in the country. She also marched in the Longhorn Band her freshman year.



STERLING MOSLEY

TANYA RAGHU



Hometown: Irving, Texas



Major: Plan II Honors, Middle Eastern Studies, and Middle Eastern Languages & Cultures



Dream job: National Security Council staff



Fun fact: She is a certified yoga instructor.

Tanya Raghu is a rising senior majoring in Plan II Honors, Middle Eastern Studies, and Middle Eastern Languages & Cultures. Her academic interests focus on U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East region with an interest in diplomacy and state fragility. She spent the summer prior to her enrollment at UT, studying Arabic in Amman, Jordan through the U.S. State Department National Security Language Initiative for Youth (NSLI-Y) program. This experience led her to be a scholar in the Arabic Flagship Program and, additionally, be selected for a Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship to continue her Arabic coursework for the fourth and final year. This summer, she will be returning to Amman as part of a winning student-faculty team for the 2020-21 President's Award for Global Learning (PAGL) for a project pertaining to water scarcity in Texas and Jordan.

Jujhar Singh is a rising junior studying International Relations and Global Studies with a focus on security studies. He is also part of the Arabic Flagship program with the goal of reaching superior proficiency in the language. Jujhar's interest in the Middle East began in high school where he learned about its global importance and current plight in his Human Geography class. His interest in public service also began at the same time as he participated in service projects in the Boy Scouts. To study Arabic in an immersive environment, he spent a gap year in Morocco with the National Security Language Initiative for Youth Scholarship which was facilitated by the State Department's Bureau of Cultural Affairs. At UT, Jujhar is involved in the International Affairs Society, a student organization committed to connecting students with an interest in foreign affairs.



Hometown: Houston, Texas



Major: International Relations and Global Studies



Dream job: National Security Advisor



Fun fact: He loves to travel! He lived in Morocco for 9 months and hopes to do more once everything is back to normal.

JUJHAR SINGH

NIKOLA SKERL

Hometown: Houston, Texas



Major: International Relations and Global Studies



Dream job: General Counsel



Fun fact: He recently ran his first half marathon.



Nikola Skerl is a rising senior studying International Relations and Global Studies with a minor in Arabic and a certificate in Applied Statistical Modeling. A previous senior fellow at the Clements Center for National Security, he is deeply fascinated by the

intersection of ethics, decision making, and public policy. On campus, Nikola dabbled with Model United Nations, Student Government, and worked with Innovations for Peace and Development on anti-terrorism financing. In response to COVID-19, he helped found the College Health Alliance for Texas which connected over a dozen Texas universities' student governments to synthesize student activism. Furthermore, Nikola is passionate about giving back to his community and serves as the current Chair of the Texas Blazers, an honorary service organization acting as official hosts for the University of Texas.

William Tran is a rising senior majoring in International Relations and Global Studies as well as Government and pursuing certifications in Security Studies and Core Texts and Ideas. William has also been an Undergraduate Fellow for the Clements Center for National Security since June 2020 and a researcher on the Innovation for Peace and Development's Data4Peace Team since September 2020, focusing on analyzing territorial control and disputes in Afghanistan. Throughout his college career, William has served as a member and logistics officer for Texas Model United Nations, helping to schedule conferences for UT Austin's competitive Model UN team, and senior mentor for the Texas Global Macro Team, researching implications of power and the Chinese financial services industry. He also serves as an Undergraduate Member of UT Austin's Student Conduct Board.

Hometown: Bedford, Texas



Major: Quantitative Finance, Plan II Honors



Dream job: Intelligence analyst for the Central Intelligence Agency or U.S. Ambassador to China



Fun fact: He speaks four different languages (Cantonese, Vietnamese, Mandarin, and English).



WILLIAM TRAN



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