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2017-18 Impact of Gifts



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201
STUDENT GRANTS

25
COUNTRIES

82 Graduate Student Grants

From 17 academic departments out of 116 applications

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From 27 majors out of 175 applications

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Front Cover: With the support of the Nanovic Institute, second-year Notre Dame Law School students Megan Ball, Jackson Blais, Cristina Sanchez, and Lawrence Wesco traveled to Bologna, Italy to participate in the European Academy of Religion's 2018 Moot Court Competition in Law and Religion. Their team placed first overall, and Lawrence Wesco was awarded Best Oralist.

From the Director

One of the most gratifying things about teaching at Notre Dame is the opportunity to observe the intellectual and spiritual growth of our students.

As they develop their critical skills and deepen their curiosity, the students we see at the Nanovic Institute have also become more ambitious, thanks to the generosity of our benefactors, these students can act on their ambitions and realize them, sometimes in spectacular ways. We hear again and again how “a Nanovic grant” was the springboard to a serious academic career or the singled-out line on the resumé that set the student apart during a competitive job interview.

The brief stories in this booklet convey just a fraction of the success stories that come out of the Institute’s growing suite of grant programs.

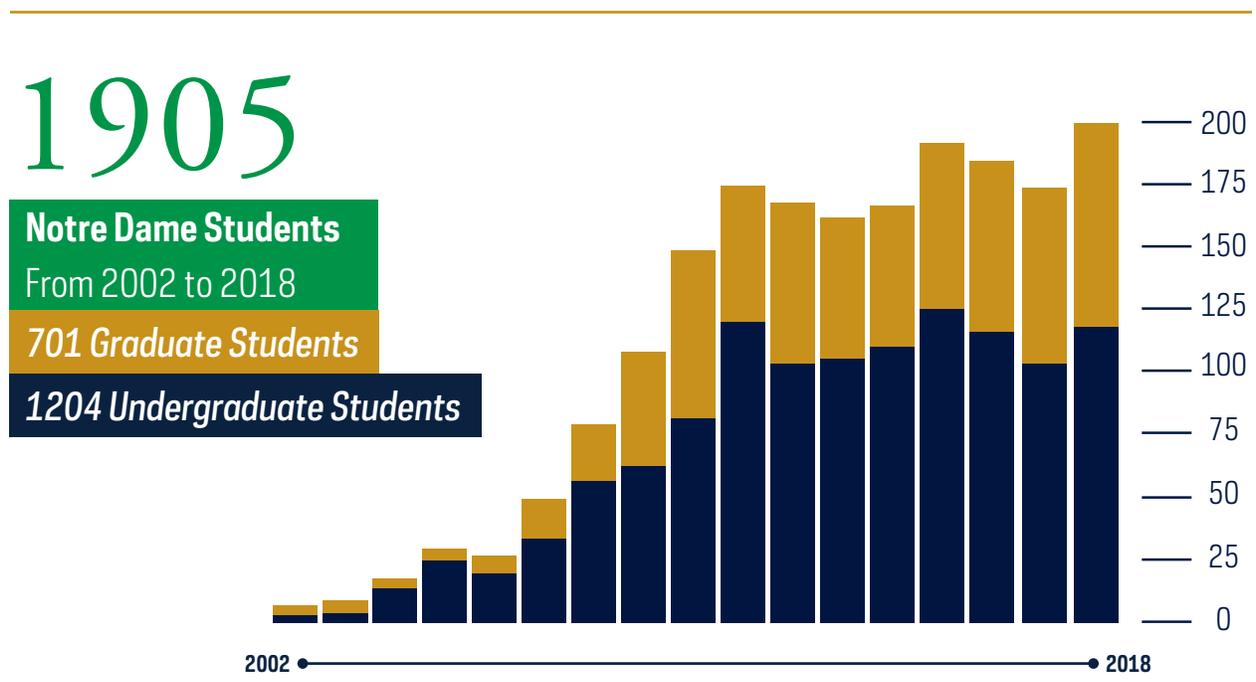
Please, during this holiday season, take a moment to get a sense of the significance of grant programs in the lives of students at Notre Dame, and raise a glass in celebration of their accomplishments.

Thank you for everything you do to make all this possible.



WILLIAM COLLINS DONAHUE

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PROFESSOR OF GERMAN
CONCURRENT PROFESSOR OF FILM, TELEVISION, AND THEATRE



Internship in ICELAND



ADAM KULAM '19

ECONOMICS AND ENGLISH

*The R. Stephen and Ruth Barrett Family
Endowment for the Nanovic Institute
Winner of the Barrett Prize for Best
Undergraduate Proposal*

Iceland suffered one of the worst bankruptcies in history after the Global Financial Crisis of 2007-2008. In response, the Icelandic government prosecuted and incarcerated bankers, politicians, and CEOs after the crisis—the only Western country to do so. Adam Kulam went to Reykjavík over the summer of 2018 to measure public risk preferences in finance and to test how they vary as financial legislation changes or other political events unfold.

"In addition to the financial backing, Nanovic provided the inspiration for my research product and recommended contacts to me. This summer will stand out as the most thought-provoking endeavor during my time at the University of Notre Dame."

Research in GERMANY



"Tomás Valle spent several very fruitful weeks in the summer of 2018 conducting preliminary research for his dissertation. The trip was indispensable. As a result of his proactive work and the support of the Nanovic Institute, both his dissertation proposal and his dissertation itself will be stronger than they would have been otherwise."

BRAD GREGORY

PROFESSOR AND DOROTHY G. GRIFFIN
COLLEGIATE CHAIR IN EUROPEAN HISTORY

TOMÁS VALLE

PHD STUDENT IN HISTORY

The R. Stephen and Ruth Barrett Family Endowment for the Nanovic Institute

What were Lutheran universities in the 16th and 17th centuries really like? How did professors teach, and how did their pedagogy and courses change as they came into contact with new sources and ideas? Historians have largely failed to ask these questions because of a persistent bias against these universities as rigid and repressive. However, I made a short summer visit to three archives, each containing the main holdings of major Lutheran universities like Wittenberg, Helmstedt, and Rostock. I worked through a large quantity of disputations — public academic exercises — and found a great variety of topics and a surprisingly diverse set of authors. Building on the foundation I've gained from this trip, I will work to write a dissertation that lays out this intellectual dynamism and call new attention to the role of Lutheran universities in the transformation of modern society. Thanks to the Institute, my dissertation and my future research are off to an excellent start.

Research in FRANCE



XIAOYU (LAURA) QI '19

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS

The Dan and Cheryl Commers Endowment for the Nanovic Institute

Since 2005, one hundred and forty châteaux in Bordeaux were sold to Chinese investors. What effects, if any, has this foreign direct investment had? This sell-off certainly marked a shift in French culture, since châteaux have always represented a family brand. Would wine-making practices change? Would export destinations change? Would the Chinese learn how French wines are made in order to replicate them in China at a lower cost? Would French consumers buy French wine made by Chinese owners? These are all questions at the heart of anxieties about globalization.

"Laura's project brings to light the benefits of an interdisciplinary major, combining the study Economics and French language and culture in a way that produces applicable and valuable outcomes."

SHAUNA WILLIAMS

DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES, ROMANCE LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

Research in IRELAND



ALEXA McCALL

PHD STUDENT IN HISTORY

The Dan and Cheryl Commers Endowment for the Nanovic Institute

My research in Dublin focused on the role of church lands in seventeenth-century Ireland. During this period, religious conflict and political upheaval led to the dispossession of communities across Ireland, as lands were confiscated and redistributed along religious lines. In my research, I intend to show how the lands and properties of the Church were an important but understudied arena in the struggle to reshape and reimagine Ireland in the seventeenth century.

"I made progress towards my PhD by honing my research questions and skills in ways I could not have done here on campus, or even in the United States. I acquainted myself with the archival resources available for a scholar in Dublin, so that when I return to continue my PhD research, I will already know how to navigate these spaces."

Research in ENGLAND, ITALY, GERMANY



MICHAEL ASSAF '20

MARKETING

The Katie Murphy McMahon Endowment for Excellence in Russian and East-Central European Studies

Why would Chevrolet agree to spend \$559 million to put its name on the jerseys of Manchester United's soccer team when Chevrolet only expected to make \$80 million a year on the deal?

As a marketing major, I knew the basic components of value creation but wondered what was driving companies like Chevrolet to invest so much. During my summer of research in England, Germany, and Italy, I came to two conclusions. First, sponsorship decisions are driven by the demographics and location. Second, the exponential growth in global sponsorships is being driven by a dozen or so elite teams in European soccer clubs that have become global brands. Learning from experts and gaining information not available to the public from within European soccer clubs was transformational for me. My research also made me develop life skills that I had to develop on the go.

"This grant taught Mick lessons that he will carry with him far beyond his time at Notre Dame. On top of the countless interactions that helped form who he is becoming as a leader and as a person, Mick gained great insight into the future of sports marketing and how sports marketing caters to cultural values."

CHRISTOPHER STEVENS

ASSISTANT PROFESSIONAL
SPECIALIST, MANAGEMENT &
OPERATIONS, MENDOZA COLLEGE
OF BUSINESS

Research in SERBIA



JELENA JANKOVIC-RANKOVIC

PHD STUDENT IN ANTHROPOLOGY

The Katie Murphy McMahon Endowment for Excellence in Russian and East-Central European Studies

Being a refugee is physically and psychologically stressful, but how do we measure their combination? With the Institute's support, I conducted a pilot study consisting of ten in-depth interviews, 350 surveys, and 70 fingernail samples from refugees in Belgrade, Serbia in order to examine and understand the effects of displacement and migration on immune systems, hormonal balance, and health.

I spent seven weeks with Bulgaria's Commissariat for Refugees and Migration and was invited afterwards to present my work at the Conference of Europeanists at the Columbia University Council for European Studies. I have now enlarged this study and am on my way to producing a dissertation that combines biomarker collection and ethnography in a way that enriches our understanding of the trauma of being a refugee.



Internship in IRELAND



ALEJANDRA BAUTISTA-MATA '21

NEUROSCIENCE & BEHAVIOR HEALTH

The Katie Murphy McMahon Endowment for Excellence

Rett syndrome is a genetic brain disorder that occurs almost exclusively in girls. The leading research laboratory studying this disorder is located in Dublin, Ireland, at the Trinity College Institute of Neurosciences. As a second-year pre-med student, I had the opportunity to work as a research assistant at that institute. The hope for research in these fields is to gain a better understanding of the neurobiology of neurodevelopmental disorders and thus have the necessary information to improve diagnostic tools and improve current treatments. As someone who is still contemplating her own future path and interest of study, this research assistantship was an amazing opportunity to be involved in a direct study with PhD students and get an inside look into the research process.



Research in ENGLAND



MAREA HURSON '19

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMICS AND HISTORY

The Dr. Charles C. Price Memorial Fund

About 200,000 Huguenots (French Calvinists) emigrated to Ireland after France revoked the Edict of Nantes in 1685. How did the Huguenots deal with a divided Ireland, which was itself at war at the time? I traveled to London this summer to examine family archival evidence as well as sermons in French Huguenot parishes and military records. This material has become the basis of my senior Honors thesis in History.



Research in ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, AND IRELAND



JACK KASPAR '19

SCIENCE BUSINESS

The Snider Family Endowment for Excellence in European Studies

The British and the Irish both have national healthcare services, but how do they differ, and how do they compare to the model of healthcare in the United States? By conducting in-depth interviews with medical professionals in London, Dublin, Belfast, and Edinburgh, I learned how each system worked, how they were problematic, and what aspects would be potentially transferable to healthcare in the US. I also learned how to engage myself in professional settings in a totally new environment. I struggled with this at first, but I not only achieved my academic goals but feel that I grew and matured. It was a wonderful way to experience Europe for the first time.

Language Training in GREECE



ABIGAIL STAYSA

PHD STUDENT IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Snider Family Endowment for Excellence in European Studies

While in Greece, I attended the Paideia Institute's "Living Greek in Greece" program, an unparalleled opportunity for improving my facility with the language. During the program, I undertook a complete study of the Euripidean tragedy *Orestes* and attended daily discussion seminars on the play conducted entirely in Attic Greek. Above all, this opportunity provided the language skill vital for my dissertation research.

"I wish to express my deep gratitude for the generous financial support to attend advanced language training in Greece this past summer."

Internship in ITALY



GIANNA VAN HEEL '19

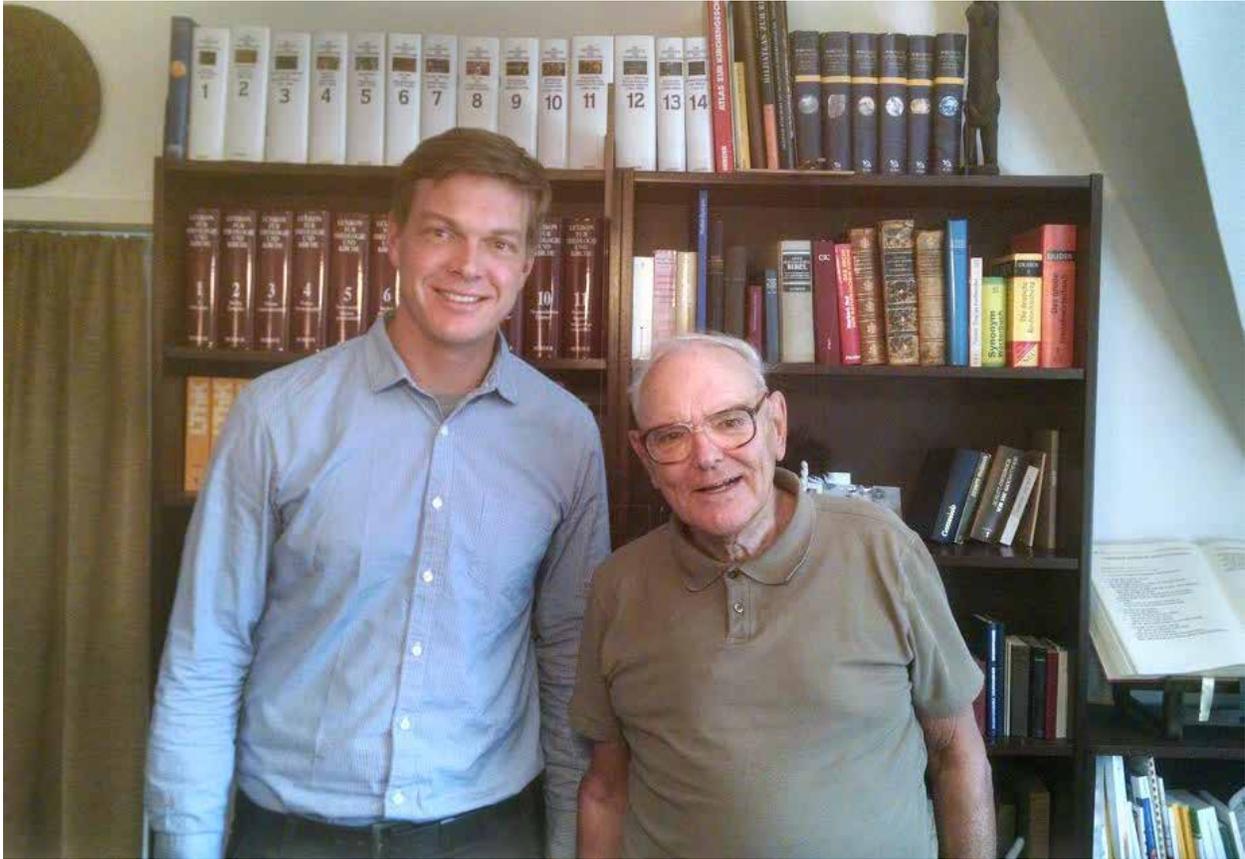
ITALIAN LITERATURE AND CULTURE

The Snider Family Endowment for Excellence in European Studies

This past July, I was an intern at the Civic Museums of Ancient Art in Bologna, Italy. Specifically, this internship was under the guidance of Giancarlo Benevolo, curator of the Museum of Textiles and Tapestries. I prepared specialized guided tours, translated documents into English, and cataloged antique books in the historical archives. The translation work I did on a book of photography on a fountain of Neptune will be published, and I will receive official credit. Before working at this internship, museum curation was a field I never thought would seriously interest me. However, I have been surprised by how personally interested and passionate I have become about the work I am doing!



Research in AUSTRIA AND SCOTLAND



REV. NATHAN O'HALLORAN, S.J.

PHD STUDENT IN THEOLOGY

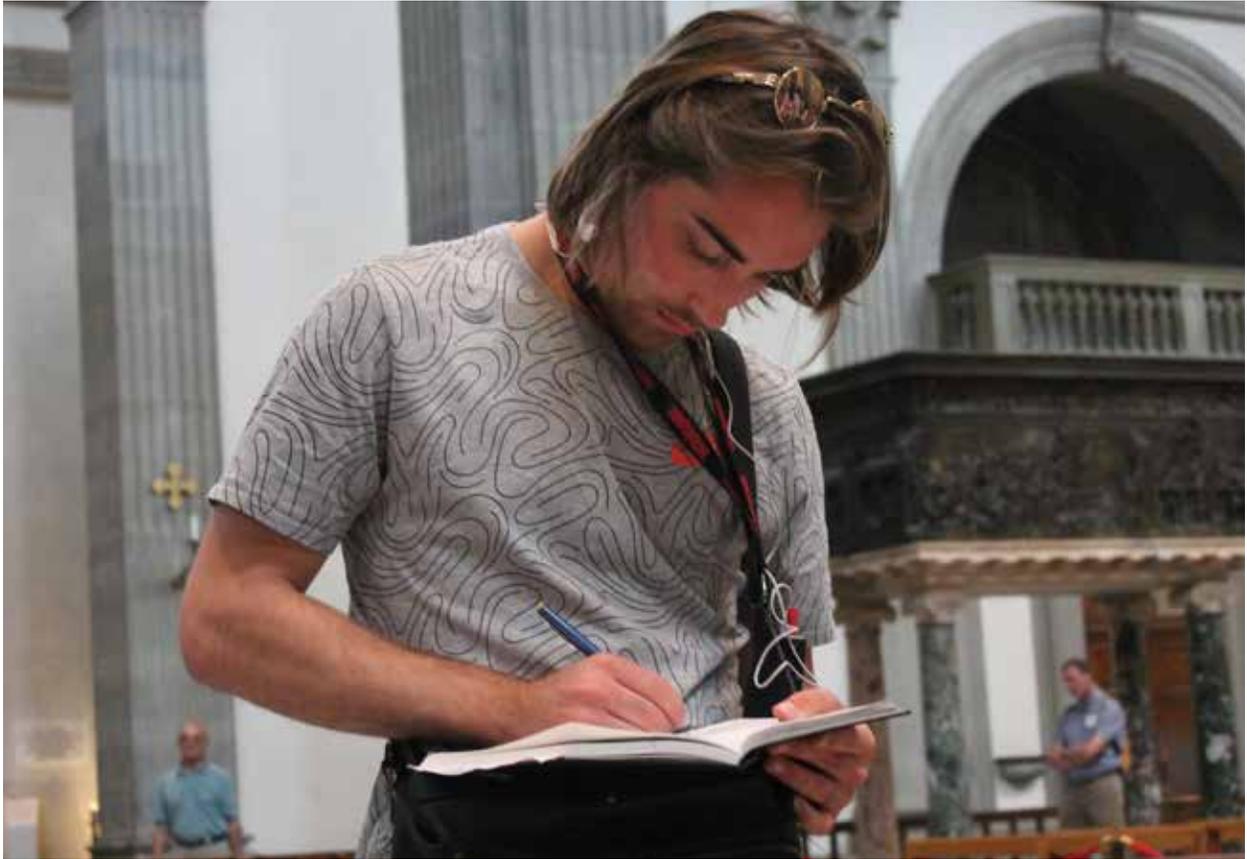
The Sean Reilly Nanovic Endowment for Excellence

I first visited the eminent German theologian, Gisbert Greshake, in his small second floor apartment on Goethe Street in Freiburg, Germany, where we conversed at length about issues related to my topic of purgatory. I then attended a conference on atonement theology at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland, where I both gave a paper and heard personally from N.T. Wright, a leading English New Testament scholar, Pauline theologian, and retired Anglican bishop, about why eschatology matters so much to soteriology.

My dissertation aims to develop the Catholic doctrine of purgatory as an experience of the healing of victims, especially victims of abuse. In my work as a priest and spiritual director, I have become more and more aware of the degrees to which past abuse makes it difficult for people to receive God's love.

"The trip was significant for helping me to craft and refine my thesis."

Research in FRANCE AND AUSTRIA

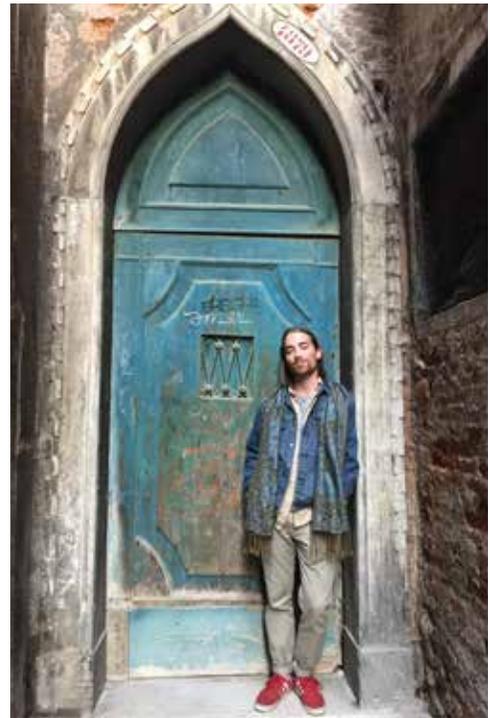


JACOB GILLESPIE '21

ARCHITECTURE

The Vill Family Endowment for Excellence in the Nanovic Institute

In the late nineteenth-century, there existed a remarkably unified group of artists working in all kinds of media — architecture of greatest interest to me — who rejected the approach and authority of institutions like the Académie des Beaux-Arts in Paris. There is a period in the aesthetic history of Europe then between Neoclassicism and Modernism that offers a rich but relatively-unexplored language and set of design decisions about materials, style, iconography, minimalism, and adaptation of classical forms. This period could be called “secessionist.” Vienna contains especially vivid examples of this approach, so I spent the entire month of June visiting, reading, drawing, and talking about it so as to write a senior thesis that will provide the foundation for my further study and practice of architecture.



Internship in GREECE



"While sorting clothing donations I came across this Notre Dame jacket! ND truly has a global reach! Go Irish!"

FABIOLA SHIPLEY '21

POLITICAL SCIENCE AND ARABIC

The Vill Family Endowment for Excellence in the Nanovic Institute

Located only miles from the Turkish coast, the island of Lesbos (Lesbos) has been a main thoroughfare for migrants and houses Europe's largest refugee camp. I worked there this summer for an NGO called Refugee4Refugees, founded by a Syrian refugee. With my limited Arabic and their limited Arabic, we communicated in ways that pushed me to think critically about my experience. Our work on the ground for example made me keenly aware of NGO politics: small non-profits must compete for the same limited resources and project areas, often creating friction rather than cooperation. The best way to understand the operations and roles of organizations in this complex web is to situate yourself within this ecosystem. I am now better informed and better equipped to address this global issue.

Dissertation Fellowships



ELISABETH KINCAID

PHD STUDENT IN THEOLOGY

The Paul G. Tobin Fellowship for European Studies

Kincaid completed and defended her dissertation in Theology and accepted a position for the fall as Assistant Professor for Moral Theology at the Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis. Her research focused on conceptions of legal equity in the writings of Francisco Suárez, SJ (d. 1617), an important writer in the philosophy of international law. During her fellowship year, she was also able to complete new projects and publications related to Suárez's writings and to present her findings at the International Colloquium on Jesuit Studies in Seville, Spain.

"I am very excited about the future and am so thankful to have had the last year to finish my dissertation well and to set myself up for future academic success."



LUCIA MANZI

PHD STUDENT IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Frank and Dominica Annese Fellowship for European Studies

Manzi completed and defended her dissertation in Political Science and has accepted a position for the fall as Assistant Professor of Political Science at SUNY Plattsburgh. Her dissertation examined the conditions under which effective judicial prosecution of political corruption and organized crime can occur by focusing on Italian cases. Related research focused on the interaction between judicial politics and party politics in Italy. During this past year, she presented her work at the 25th International Conference of Europeanists in Chicago.



Dissertation Fellowships



BRANDON SEPULVADO

PHD STUDENT IN SOCIOLOGY

The Frank and Dominica Annese Fellowship for European Studies

Sepulvado is helping to clarify the emergence of neurology as a discipline by describing the growth of its professional network in France. On the strength of previous research and language acquisition supported by the Institute, Sepulvado won a Fulbright Fellowship to spend 2016-17 collecting data about these networks in Paris. He also won a National Science Foundation grant to recruit students to assist him in computational methods and social network analysis as he writes his dissertation.

"The work I have been able to undertake because of my dissertation fellowship has resulted in an offer for a post-doctoral position at the University of Manchester and multiple invitations to work or collaborate with colleagues in France."



ANA PETROVA

PHD STUDENT IN POLITICAL SCIENCE

The Frank and Dominica Annese Fellowship for European Studies

Petrova spent the year conducting 130 interviews in Spanish and Bulgarian and gathering statistical data on over 200 political parties in twenty countries in order to explain why new political parties in Eastern Europe and Latin America spend so much time constructing strong party organizations when state subsidies and inexpensive media weaken the incentives to do so. Petrova also wrote her dissertation's introduction, finished nearly two case studies, and put herself in a position to complete a third this summer. She expects to defend her dissertation this coming fall.

"This fellowship has made a great impact on both my career at Notre Dame and on my future development as a scholar."

Our Mission



The Nanovic Institute for European Studies enriches the intellectual culture of Notre Dame by creating an integrated, interdisciplinary home for students and faculty to explore the evolving ideas, cultures, beliefs, and institutions that shape Europe today.

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