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HELEN R. ANDREWS | PART-TIME FELLOWSHIP

Project: “Eminent Boomers: The Worst Generation from Birth to Decadence”

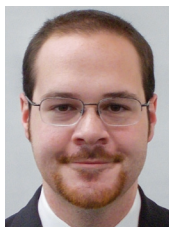
Helen earned a degree in religious studies from Yale University, where she served as speaker of the Yale Political Union. Currently a freelance writer and commentator, she served for three years as a policy analyst for the Centre for Independent Studies, a leading conservative think tank in suburban Sydney, Australia. Previously, she was an associate editor at National Review. Her work has appeared in First Things, Claremont Review of Books, The American Spectator, The Weekly Standard and others.



MADISON E. ISZLER | PART-TIME FELLOWSHIP

Project: “What’s Killing Middle-Aged White Women—and What it Means for Society”

Madison holds a master’s degree, cum laude, in political philosophy and economics from The King’s College. Currently, she is an Intercollegiate Studies Institute Reporting Fellow. She has interned for USA Today and the National Association of Scholars and was a reporter for the New York Post. Her work has appeared in numerous outlets, including the Raleigh News & Observer, Charlotte Observer, New York Post and Miami Herald. Originally from Florida, she resides in Raleigh, North Carolina.



RYAN LOVELACE | PART-TIME FELLOWSHIP

Project: “Hiding in Plain Sight: Criminal Illegal Immigration in America”

An Illinois native, Ryan attended and played football for the University of Wyoming. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in journalism from Butler University. He currently handles the Supreme Court beat for The Washington Examiner, where he was previously a political reporter. He was a William F. Buckley Fellow in Political Journalism at the National Review, an intern at The Weekly Standard and a contributing reporter to The College Fix. His work has appeared on The Drudge Report, Fox

News, Instapundit and Time magazine’s politics blog.



MATTHEW SCHMITZ | FULL-TIME FELLOWSHIP

Project: “The Revolt Against Progress”

Originally from O’Neill, Nebraska, Matthew resides in New York City. He earned a B.A. in English from Princeton University. He is literary editor for First Things, having previously served as deputy editor. He has worked in his family’s business for several years as an electrician’s apprentice. He also was a page in the U.S. House of Representatives. Matthew’s articles have appeared in The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Spectator, The Catholic Herald, The Hedgehog Review and others.



ROBBY SOAVE | PART-TIME FELLOWSHIP

Project: “You Can’t Say That: Censorship and the Selfie Generation”

Robby holds a B.A. in English from University of Michigan. He is an associate editor at Reason magazine and contributing columnist to The Daily Beast. He previously worked for The Daily Caller and the Student Free Press Association. He was named to the 2016 Forbes “30 Under 30” list for law and policy and, in 2017, was appointed to the District of Columbia Advisory Commission to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights for a four-year term. He has appeared on Fox News, CNN and National

Public Radio and his work has been featured in USA Today, New York Post, Newsweek, U.S. News & World Report, The Detroit News and others.



JASON I. WILICK | PART-TIME FELLOWSHIP

Project: “Not Your Parents’ Culture War: The New Battles Over Speech, Sex and Identity”

A California native, Jason earned a B.A. in history from Stanford University, having previously attended the University of California at Berkeley. He is a staff writer for The American Interest; before that, he was a research assistant at the National Review Institute, assisting National Review Executive Editor Reihan Salam, and an intern at the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE). His writing has been featured in RealClearPolitics, New York Magazine and National Review and cited in Slate,

The Atlantic, National Journal and other publications.

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Ryan T. Anderson

Part-Time Fellowship-2007

Project: “Reason and Religion in the Public Square” explores the alleged chasm between faith and reason. Ryan is the William E. Simon Senior Research Fellow at The Heritage Foundation and the founder and editor of Public Discourse, the online journal of the Witherspoon Institute of Princeton, New Jersey. He is the author of “Truth Overruled: The Future of Marriage and Religious Freedom” and the co-author with Princeton’s Robert P. George and Sherif Girgis of the book “What Is Marriage? Man and Woman: A Defense.” Ryan’s research has been cited by two U.S. Supreme Court justices, Justice Samuel Alito and Justice Clarence Thomas, in two U.S. Supreme Court cases. He received his bachelor’s degree from Princeton University, graduating Phi Beta Kappa and magna cum laude, and he received his doctoral degree in political philosophy from the University of Notre Dame. His dissertation was titled “Neither Liberal Nor Libertarian: A Natural Law Approach to Social Justice and Economic Rights.” Ryan has made appearances on ABC, CNN, CNBC, MSNBC and Fox News, including appearances on “This Week with George Stephanopoulos” and “Piers Morgan Live.” His work has appeared in The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, the Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy, the Harvard Health Policy Review, First Things, The Weekly Standard, National Review and the Claremont Review of Books. This spring, Oxford University Press will release Ryan’s new book, “Debating Religious Liberty and Discrimination,” co-authored with Sherif Girgis and John Corvino. Also in spring, the University of Notre Dame Press will release a book of collected essays, “A Liberalism Safe for Catholicism? Perspectives from ‘The Review of Politics’”, which he edited with Dan Philpott. Anderson is currently at work on a book titled, When Harry Became Sally: Responding to the Transgender Moment. Follow him on Twitter at @RyanTAnd.



Scott Thomas Anderson

Part-Time Fellowship-2010

Project: “Shadow People: How Meth-Driven Crime is Eating at the Heart of Rural America.” Scott is a journalist currently working as chief editor of The Roseville Press Tribune, Rocklin’s Placer Herald and The Granite Bay View, newspaper publications

in California’s capital region of Sacramento. He has also written for Sacramento News & Review and TheRealEdition.com. Primarily a crime reporter, Scott has been interviewed about homicide investigations nationally on the Travel Channel and internationally on Ireland’s Radio 1: Drivetime. Between May 2010 and October 2011, Scott spent 18 months as an embedded reporter with California law enforcement agencies, partnering with officers on night patrols, accompanying detectives on warrant searches and probation sweeps, observing SWAT operations and spending hundreds of hours with attorneys and victims’ advocates in small-town courtrooms. During this time, he also traveled to different rural communities across the United States. The result was his nonfiction book “Shadow People: How Meth-driven Crime is Eating at the Heart of Rural America,” an exploration of the nation’s modern methamphetamine crisis. In April 2015, his newest nonfiction book was released, “The Cutting Four-piece: Crime and Tragedy in an Era of Prison Overcrowding.”



Megan Basham

Alumni Fund Fellowship-2004

Project: “The Parable Principle: How Liberal Ideologues Use Film to Control Political Discourse.” Megan is a freelance journalist and film critic. She writes for such outlets as The Wall Street Journal, The Weekly Standard, National Review, Focus on the Family, The American Spectator, WORLD magazine and Townhall. She has made numerous appearances on the “Today” show, Fox News Channel and MSNBC. Megan’s book, “Beside Every Successful Man,” was published in 2008 by Random House.



Sheryl Blunt

Full-Time Fellowship-2009

Project: “The Assault on School Choice: How Teachers Unions Opposition to Vouchers is Impacting America’s Most Vulnerable School Children.” Sheryl is a freelance journalist whose work has appeared in Christianity Today, The Weekly Standard, the Journal Newspapers, The Stars and Stripes, National Tribune, Philanthropy Magazine and other publications. Prior to serving as a senior writer at Christianity Today, she wrote and reported for Congressional Quarterly. She has also worked as an investigative reporter for The Center for Public Integrity and has contributed to several books, including “The Buying of the President” (Avon Books, 2004) and “Readings for American Government, Power and Purpose” (W.W. Norton & Co., 2002). She holds a master’s degree from American University

and a bachelor's from Wheaton College. She currently lives with her husband and children in northern Virginia.



Max Borders

Part-Time Fellowship-2011

Project: "Superwealth: Why We Should Stop Worrying About the Gap Between Rich and Poor and Start Celebrating Wealth Creation." Max is

Executive Director at Social Evolution, a nonprofit organization dedicated to solving social problems through subversive innovation. He is former Director of Idea Accounts at Emergent Order and former Director of Content for FEE.org, where he remains a contributing editor. He is author of "Superwealth," which was supported by the Novak Fellowship and published in 2012. In 2013, Max co-founded Voice & Exit, an annual event dedicated to exploring the ideas of human flourishing. The event is now in its fifth year.



Chad Bowman

Full-Time Fellowship-1997

Project: "A study of the economic lessons to be learned from the revival of factories in the United States." His published fellowship work appeared in

Empire State Report magazine and the Watertown Daily Times. Before his fellowship, Chad was a staff writer for the Watertown Daily Times. Chad went on to cover international trade and the health care industry for the Bureau of National Affairs, Inc. (BNA), and then earned his law degree from Georgetown University in May 2003. He now practices media law, representing news and entertainment media in defamation, privacy, newsgathering, access, copyright, trademark, marketing and related First Amendment matters. He is a partner at Levine, Sullivan, Koch & Schulz, LLP, in Washington, D.C.



Brian Brown

Full-Time Fellowship-1998

Project: A series of articles on the loss of virtue in America. Brian had fellowship-related articles published in The Wall Street Journal, The American

Spectator, The Weekly Standard, American Enterprise and The Washington Times. Currently, Brian is working on startups in Silicon Valley and is on the boards of several companies. He is working on several fiction and nonfiction projects. Previously, he was deputy editorial page editor for The Wall Street Journal Europe. Brian earned a Juris Doctorate at the McGeorge School of Law, a master's degree from

Cambridge University and a bachelor's degree with honors from Vassar College.



Sonny Bunch

Part-Time Fellowship-2007

Project: "The Biggest Lie: 9/11 Conspiracy Theories and the Consequences of Bad Ideas." Sonny is executive editor of The Washington Free Beacon. He also is a weekly contributor to The Washington Post's website. Previously, he was an arts writer and film critic for The Washington Times, as well as the assistant editor for books and arts at The Weekly Standard. He got his start in Washington as an editorial assistant at Roll Call. In addition, Sonny has written for The Wall Street Journal, National Review, Commentary, Reason and elsewhere. He earned bachelor's degrees in politics and history at the University of Virginia where he served as editor-in-chief of the Virginia Advocate.



Evelina Shmukler Burnett

Full-Time Fellowship-2003

Project: "Pyramid Scheme: The Pitfalls and Possibilities of U.S. Economic Aid to Egypt." Evelina is now the Gulf Coast reporter for Mississippi

Public Broadcasting. After leaving Cairo, She traveled to Birmingham, Alabama, to cover a corporate fraud trial and then to Mississippi to cover the after-effects of Hurricane Katrina for The Wall Street Journal. She later visited the Gulf Coast repeatedly to volunteer in the recovery efforts. One of the projects she started was a newsletter for the citizens of Pass Christian, Mississippi, a small town hit hard by the storm. That newsletter eventually became a full-fledged newspaper, the Pass Christian Gazebo Gazette, a weekly newspaper which has been in continuous operation since 2006. In 2008 she received an Alumni Award from Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism in recognition of her efforts in Pass Christian. Evelina was editor and publisher of the Gazette until May 2013. Previously, Evelina was a reporter for Dow Jones Newswires in London and a staff writer at the Atlanta Business Chronicle. She received a master's in journalism from Columbia University and a bachelor's in English from Swarthmore College.



Amy Bushatz

Part-Time Fellowship-2010

Project: "Deployed: The Silent Sacrifice for Freedom and the Destruction of the Military Family." Amy is an associate editor for Military.com

and managing editor for the spouse and family blog, SpouseBuzz.com. She has written for Army Times newspaper, Runner's World magazine, Federal Times, Politico and The Washington Times and is a co-producer of the award winning documentary "To Remember." She is also the founder and editor of HumansOutside.com. An Army wife and mother of two, Amy has been featured as a military family subject matter expert on National Public Radio and in the New York Times. She earned a bachelor's in communications at Thomas Edison State College.



Colleen Carroll Campbell
Full-Time Fellowship-2000

Project: "The New Faithful," examining religious devotion among young adults. Colleen is an author, print and broadcast journalist and former presidential speechwriter. Her critically acclaimed first book, "The New Faithful" (Loyola, 2002), was followed by her award-winning spiritual memoir, "My Sisters the Saints" (Random House, 2012), which has been translated into three languages. Colleen has written for such outlets as The New York Times, The Washington Post, First Things and America, and appeared on CNN, Fox News, MSNBC, PBS and National Public Radio. She served as executive producer and anchor of "EWTN News Nightly with Colleen Carroll Campbell," a television newscast airing worldwide on EWTN, the world's largest religious media network, and as creator and host of EWTN's "Faith & Culture" television and radio interview show. In 2013, she anchored EWTN's live television coverage of the historic election of Pope Francis in Rome. A former speechwriter to President George W. Bush, editorial writer and op-ed columnist for the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, and Ethics and Public Policy Center fellow, Colleen has received two honorary doctorates and numerous other awards for her work, including the Phillips Foundation's Distinguished Conservative Leader of the Year Award. She serves as a lay consultant on religious liberty to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and speaks to audiences across America and Europe. Colleen lives near Washington, D.C. with her husband and four children, whom she home-schools. Her website is colleen-campbell.com.



Reilly Capps
Part-Time Fellowship-2009

Project: "The Continental Divide: How the West's Geography Carves the Political and Cultural Future of America; or How the Nanny State Took over the Wild West." Reilly is a reporter for Rooster Mag-

azine, a magazine for millennials based in Boulder, where he reports about politics and drugs, especially the marijuana boom, the heroin epidemic and the psychedelic renaissance. On the weekends, he works as an EMT on an ambulance in Boulder, where he sees drugs' effects on the streets with his own eyes.



Tim Carney
Full-Time Fellowship-2003

Project: "Regulatory Robber Barons," investigating how some big businesses work with government regulators to stifle competition. The project became Tim's first book, "The Big Ripoff: How Big Business and Big Government Steal Your Money." The book was released in 2006 by John Wiley & Sons, and won first prize in the Intercollegiate Studies Institute's 2008 Culture of Enterprise competition as well as the 2006 Lysander Spooner Award for "best book on liberty" from Laissez-Faire Books. Currently, Tim is the senior political columnist at the Washington Examiner, where he writes two columns per week and blogs daily. Tim is also a visiting fellow at the American Enterprise Institute. Tim worked for the late columnist Robert Novak for four years, including as a reporter and editor for the Evans-Novak Political Report. Tim has also been an MSNBC contributor, an editor at Regnery Publishing, the Warren T. Brookes Journalism Fellow at the Competitive Enterprise Institute and a reporter at Human Events. His second book, "Obamanomics," was published by Regnery in 2009. He received a bachelor's in liberal arts from St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland. He lives in the D.C. area with his wife, Katie, and their six children.



Jonathan Cassidy
Alumni-Fund Fellowship-2014

Project: "A modern-day version of the Lincoln Steffens' classic 'The Shame of the Cities,' investigating how the pensions of public unions are bankrupting American cities." Jon is bureau chief and staff writer at Watchdog.org in Houston under the auspices of the Franklin Center for Government and Public Integrity. He previously worked as a reporter and editor at The Orange County Register. He earned a bachelor's in print journalism from the University of Southern California.



Damien Cave

Full-Time Fellowship-2002

Project: “Beach Blanket Capitalism,” focusing on four aspects of the Cuban government’s effort to increase tourism: American laws and their effect

on Cuban travel policy, the changing fortune of underground entrepreneurs, the effects of “tourism apartheid” on local citizens, and the role that tourism training schools play in exacerbating prejudices against race, class and political creed. Damien spent 18 months on assignment for The New York Times in Iraq. He is a foreign correspondent for The New York Times covering Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean. He previously worked as an associate editor at Rolling Stone, a senior writer for Salon.com and as a staff writer for the Keene Sentinel in New Hampshire. He received a bachelor’s in English from Boston College and a master’s in journalism from Columbia University.



Michael Chapman

Full-Time Fellowship-1995

Project: “An investigation into J. Robert Oppenheimer and his alleged involvement in passing atomic secrets to the Soviet Union.” Michael has

been published or cited in Investor’s Business Daily, New York Post, The Wall Street Journal, Boston Globe, Orange County Register, Human Events, The Moscow Times, Congressional Quarterly, National Review, Associated Press, Scripps Howard, Drudge Report, Fox Nation and on talk radio with Rush Limbaugh, Sean Hannity and Mark Levin. His research was utilized in the books “The Venona Secrets: Exposing Soviet Espionage and America’s Traitors” by Eric Breindel and Herbert Romerstein, “The Vision of the Anointed” by Thomas Sowell, “From West to East: California and The American Scene” by Stephen Schwartz, “Sacred Secrets: How Soviet Intelligence Operations Changed America” by Jeffold and Leona Schechter, and the “Encyclopedia of Libertarianism.” He graduated with special honors from the University of Chicago and was the co-winner of the 1989 Elsie F. Filippi Memorial Prize in Poetry at the University of Chicago. He is the managing editor of CNSNews.com.



Jeff Chu

Part-Time Fellowship-2004

Project: “Whine Country: Complaint in American Life,” investigating the history, culture and psychology of complaint in America. Jeff is an articles editor at Fast Company, where he leads their coverage of

emerging markets and design. He also curates Fast Company’s live events. His book “Does Jesus Really Love Me?” is an exploration of the intersection between Christianity and homosexuality in America, and was published by HarperCollins in the spring of 2013.



Cheryl K. Chumley

Part-Time Fellowship-2008

Project: “National Heritage Areas: A Blot against Property Rights or a Boon for the Nation?” Cheryl is the online opinion editor for the Washington Times, as well as a writer and public speaker.

Her past and present writing credits include news and opinion pieces at The Washington Times, the Blaze, Heartland Institute and PamelaGeller.com. Her latest book, “The Devil in DC: Winning Back the Country from the Beast in Washington,” with a foreword from former governor and presidential candidate Mike Huckabee, was published in March 2016. Her first, “Police States USA: How Orwell’s Nightmare Is Becoming Our Reality,” with a foreword from Rep. Louie Gohmert (R-TX), was published in May 2014. She has been a guest on hundreds of local and national radio and television shows, including Fox News, C-SPAN and CBN. She is an active Army veteran, currently living in Northern Virginia with her husband, Doug, and their four children.



Drew Cline

Alumni Fund Fellowship-1998

Project: “An examination of how journalism schools are doing an inadequate job of educating students in two vital areas: politics and economics.”

Currently, Drew is the chair of the New Hampshire State Board of Education. He is a former editorial page editor of The New Hampshire Union Leader and New Hampshire Sunday News in Manchester, New Hampshire. He received the New Hampshire Press Association Editorial Writer of the Year award in 2010 and 2011. Previously, he was a reporter and director of publications for the John Locke Foundation in Raleigh, North Carolina, and wrote a weekly column for The News & Observer of Raleigh. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Eric Cohen

Part-Time Fellowship-2000

Project: “The Next War of the Gods: Genetic Capitalism and the Future of American Politics.” Eric is executive director of the Tikvah Fund, a

foundation devoted to Jewish ideas. He is founding editor and editor-at-large of The New Atlantis and was director of the bioethics program at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C. He was previously a fellow at the New America Foundation, managing editor of The Public Interest and a senior advisor to the President's Council on Bioethics. Eric's essays and articles have appeared in The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, the Los Angeles Times, USA TODAY, The Weekly Standard, New Republic, The Public Interest, First Things, Commentary, the Hastings Center Report and elsewhere, and he is the co-editor, with William Kristol, of "The Future is Now: America Confronts the New Genetics" (Rowman & Littlefield, 2002). His book, "In the Shadow of Progress: Being Human in the Age of Technology," was published by Encounter Books in 2008.



Matthew Continetti

Part-Time Fellowship-2008

Project: "The Single Society: The Social Transformation Changing American Business, Politics and Culture." Matthew is editor-in-chief of

The Washington Free Beacon. Prior to joining the Beacon, he was opinion editor of The Weekly Standard, where he remains a contributing editor. He is the author of "The K Street Gang: The Rise and Fall of the Republican Machine" (Doubleday, 2006) and "The Persecution of Sarah Palin: How the Elite Media Tried to Bring Down a Rising Star" (Sentinel, 2009). Matthew's articles and reviews have appeared in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, the Financial Times, the Los Angeles Times and The Washington Post. He is a 2003 graduate of Columbia University, where he majored in history.



Brendan Conway

Part-Time Fellowship-2006

Project: "Running from Iraq: The Use and Abuse of War Veterans in the Coming Election and Beyond." Brendan is a vice president, exchange-

traded fund (ETF) strategist and senior financial writer at Goldman Sachs Asset Management. Previously, he worked as the "Focus On Funds" blogger for Barrons.com, the writer of Barron's weekly "ETF Focus" column and was a live market commentator on WSJ.com's "Market's Hub" and "Mean Street" programs. Before starting at Barron's in early 2012, Brendan was a stock-market reporter for Dow Jones Newswires, filing stories regularly to The Wall Street Journal and reporting on equity derivatives. Before joining Dow Jones in 2009, Brendan was an editorial

writer at The Washington Times and also served as managing editor of the quarterly journal "The Public Interest." He holds a master's in business journalism from New York University and a bachelor's degree from Harvard.



Ian Marcus Corbin

Part-Time Fellowship-2013

Project: "The Nature and Value of Conservative Cultural Criticism." Ian was a 2012 Bartley Fellow at The Wall Street Journal and served as managing

editor at Philosophy and Social Criticism. In 2016, he opened Matter and Light Fine Art in Boston, which showcases works by contemporary artists from around the world. He is the recipient of a presidential fellowship from Boston College where he is currently a doctoral candidate. He earned an M.A.R. in philosophy of religion, graduating magna cum laude from Yale University.



Elizabeth Corey

Part-Time Fellowship-2016

Project: "Diversity and Individuality in the Modern University." Elizabeth is an associate professor of political science at Baylor University. She has received

several awards for teaching excellence and has been awarded fellowships by the Earhart Foundation, Intercollegiate Studies Institute and Institute for Humane Studies. Her writing has appeared in First Things, American Political Thought and the Journal of Philosophy of Education, among others. She received a bachelor's degree from Oberlin College and her master's and doctorate degrees from Louisiana State University.



Aleksandra Corwin

Full-Time Fellowship-2010

Project: "Our Allies and Our Exit Strategy: Poland's Contribution to the War on Terror." Aleksandra is an executive editor at Round Table Companies, where she develops books and coaches writers. She has coauthored several books on topics related to conscious capitalism. As a freelance journalist, she has reported from around the world, including from Afghanistan, Burma and Tibet. Her work has appeared in The Wall Street Journal, The Atlantic, Foreign Policy Magazine and Forbes. She earned a master's degree in liberal arts from the University of Chicago and a bachelor's from New York University.



Paul Crespo
Part-Time Fellowship-2003

Project: “Dueling Allegiances: Multiculturalism vs. Patriotism after 9/11.” As the American-born son of Cuban-exile parents fleeing communist

tyranny, Paul’s topic was very personal to him. A former officer in the U.S. Marine Corps, Paul served in combat arms units and as an intelligence officer in the Far East and Europe. While assigned to the Defense Intelligence Agency he was posted as a Naval/Marine attaché and global troubleshooter at several U.S. embassies in hotspots in the Balkans, Middle East and Latin America. He has lived in five countries and visited over 50 worldwide. In 2010, Paul ran as a Tea Party Republican for the GOP nomination in a South Florida Congressional district. He has been a columnist and editorial writer for the Miami Herald, and been published in the Washington Times, Newsmax and American Legion magazine. A former radio talk-show host, Paul has appeared frequently on TV news shows on CNN, Fox News, Univision, Telemundo and Voice of America. Paul also taught politics at the University of Miami. A graduate of Georgetown University, he has a master’s degree in war studies from Kings College, London University and a master’s degree in international relations from Cambridge University. Paul is currently CEO of SPECTRE Global Risk, an international security and intelligence consultancy. He is also creating a new national security blog and advocacy group to support the conservative policies of the current administration.



Rachel DiCarlo Currie
Full-Time Fellowship-2005

Project: “The Great Train Snobbery: Why Liberal Ideologues are Wrong About Rail Transit, Highways, SUVs and the Suburbs.” Rachel is a senior

fellow at the Independent Women’s Forum. From 2009 to 2013, she worked in the U.S. Senate leadership as chief speechwriter for then-Sen. Jon Kyl of Arizona, the Republican Whip. Before that, she served as managing editor of the Hudson Institute. She has also been an assistant editor at The Weekly Standard. Her bylined writing has appeared in The Wall Street Journal, The Weekly Standard, National Review, The Washington Times, Books and Culture, the Washington Examiner and other publications. She holds a bachelor’s in English literature and lives with her family in Bethesda, Maryland.



Duncan Currie
Part-Time Fellowship-2006

Project: “Seizure Salad: The Revolution and Counterrevolution in Eminent Domain Law.” Duncan is senior

speechwriter and communications advisor at BP, where he writes for executives based in the United States and the United Kingdom. His previous position was chief speechwriter and senior policy advisor for Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, the assistant Republican leader. He has also worked as a writer and editor at National Review, the American Enterprise Institute and The Weekly Standard, and as editorial director of the Bush Institute. His articles and essays have appeared in a variety of publications, including The Wall Street Journal, the Sydney Morning Herald in Australia and The Claremont Review of Books. Duncan has been a Claremont Institute Publius Fellow, a media fellow with the Hoover Institution and a member of the Foreign Policy Initiative’s Future Leaders Program. He graduated from Harvard with a bachelor’s degree in history and now lives with his family in Bethesda, Maryland.



Brett Decker
Part-Time Fellowship-2003

Project: “Terror’s Backyard: The New Threat to America from Southeast Asia,” focusing on the growing terrorist threat in countries such as Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines. He is presently

consulting director at the White House Writers Group. Prior to his position at the WHWG, Brett was editor-in-chief for Rare, the conservative social content hub, for its April 2013 launch, where he led the digital publication from its Washington, D.C. headquarters. Prior to the launch of Rare, Brett was the editorial page editor of The Washington Times. He spent the previous five years as senior vice president at the Export-Import Bank and Pentagon Federal Credit Union. He served as editorial page writer and editor for The Wall Street Journal in Hong Kong and for the Far Eastern Economic Review and was speechwriter to House Majority Whip Tom DeLay of Texas. An adjunct professor of government at Johns Hopkins University and a media fellow at Stanford University’s Hoover Institution, he received a master’s in military strategy from the U.S. Naval War College, a master’s in government from Johns Hopkins and a bachelor’s in political science from Albion College. Brett’s first book, “Global Filipino,” was published by Regnery Publishing in 2008. His latest book, “Bowing to Beijing,” was published by Regnery in 2011.



Jesse James DeConto
Full-Time Fellowship-2004

Project: "Navidad: Hispanic Christmas Tree Workers in the North Carolina Mountains" focused on part of the South's fast-growing immigrant population. Jesse is a writer and musician living in Durham, North Carolina. He is author of the spiritual memoir "This Littler Light: Some Thoughts on NOT Changing the World," (Cascade Books, 2013). He is co-pastor of worship arts at Durham Church. He writes regularly for The Christian Century, Prism, Huffington Post, Paste and other magazines. He writes songs and performs with The Pinkerton Raid, an indie pop band. Jesse spent 11 years working for newspapers, most recently at The News & Observer in Raleigh from 2006 to 2011. His website is jessejamesdeconto.com.



Lila de Tantillo
Full-Time Fellowship-1999

Project: "The Toll of Feminism on American Women and Society" Lila examined the material effects of feminism on its supposed beneficiaries. She is a registered nurse, as well as a Ph.D. nursing student at the University of Miami. She has been an adjunct professor of journalism at St. Thomas University in Miami Gardens, Florida and a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation scholar. She is certified as a CPC medical coder by the American Academy of Professional Coders. Her background in journalism includes The Washington Post, The Miami Herald and USA TODAY. Lila received a bachelor's degree from Yale University, a master's from Columbia School of Journalism and a bachelor's in nursing, summa cum laude, from the University of Miami.



David Donadio
Full-Time Fellowship-2008

Project: "The Free Press in the Free Market: A Study of How the Internet is Transforming the Newspaper Business" David runs Iambic, a consultancy that specializes in communicating complex subject matter, from the revolutionary 3D modeling technologies that enabled pediatric neurosurgeons to separate the McDonald twins, who were born conjoined at the head, to advanced treatments for heart disease and neurological disorders, new payments technologies, cybersecurity, pension fund finance and more. David's work has appeared in The New York Times, Financial Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, The Atlantic, Slate, CNN, Fox and dozens of other outlets. He has

written for members of Congress, senior U.S. officials, Fortune 100 CEOs and more. David graduated from Kenyon College.



Michael Brendan Dougherty
Full-Time Fellowship-2009

Project: "Blowup: The Contradictions of the Economic Crisis." Michael is senior correspondent for The Week. He also is the editor and founder of the popular baseball newsletter The Slurve. He previously worked at Business Insider as politics editor and The American Conservative as a national correspondent. His work has also appeared in ESPN Magazine, The New York Times Magazine, Slate and The Washington Monthly.



Ryan Ekvall
Alumni Fund Fellowship-2013

Project: "The Rise and Fall of Public Sector Collective Bargaining in America: How Scott Walker's Act 10 Marked the Peak of Public Unionism in America." Ryan is director of communications for Local Choice Spirits (localchoice.us), a family owned and operated premium spirits business in Charleston, South Carolina. He previously worked as a multimedia journalist at Wisconsin Reporter, part of the Franklin Center for Government & Public Integrity, in Madison, Wisconsin. He graduated from Columbia College with a bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in financial services.



Ashton Ellis
Part-time Fellowship-2015

Project: "The Policy Aspects of Legalizing Physician-Assisted Suicide: Implications for the elderly and disabled, suicide prevention, conscientious objectors and healthcare rationing." Ashton is a California-based consultant working with higher education clients. Currently, he is developing a curriculum to train doctors and lawyers how to apply the appropriate standard of care when complying with assisted suicide laws. Ashton received bachelor's and master's degrees from Baylor University, graduating Phi Beta Kappa and magna cum laude. He earned a juris doctorate from Pepperdine University and a Ph.D. in political science from Claremont Graduate University. His dissertation was the first to use interviews with disability rights leaders about their opposition to assisted suicide, and then test the argument's persuasiveness in an online, randomized survey. His writings have appeared in The

Public Discourse, The Federalist and The Orange County Register. He is currently working on a book review of Judge Neil Gorsuch's book, "The Future of Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia," to be published by the National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly.



Gary Emerling
Full-Time Fellowship-2009

Project: "Police State or Probable Cause? The Employment, Effectiveness and Legal Validity of Law Enforcement Checkpoints in the United States." Gary is an assistant managing editor in the news section at U.S. News & World Report in D.C., where he helps coordinate and edit both daily and longer-term coverage. He previously worked as a senior digital editor at WTOP Radio in D.C., serving as a content manager, content editor and writer for the website of the nation's top-billing radio station. He also has worked as a metro desk reporter for The Washington Times, where he covered the administrations of D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty and Virginia Gov. Tim Kaine. He received a bachelor's degree in journalism from Biola University in La Mirada, California.



Mario Fantini
Full-Time Fellowship-2003

Project: "An examination of the cultural and political transformation of the State of Vermont from a conservative, Republican state to a liberal, Democratic one." Mario is the editor-in-chief of The European Conservative and secretary general of the Hayek Institute in Vienna, Austria. He previously worked for The Far Eastern Economic Review, Bloomberg New Energy Finance, The Wall Street Journal Europe, Bridge News/Telerate and the World Bank. His articles, book reviews, commentaries and interviews have appeared in The American Conservative, The American Spectator, The American Thinker, Catholic World Report, Crisis, Front Page Magazine, MercatorNet, The Wall Street Journal and The Washington Times. Mario serves on the boards of The Dartmouth Review, the Center for European Renewal (Netherlands), European Dignity Watch (Belgium), the Columbia Institute (Italy) and the Nicolas of Cusa Institute (Estonia). He earned a bachelor's from Dartmouth College and has master's degrees in international development, public policy and financial journalism.



Marc Fitch
Part-Time Fellowship-2014

Project: "Men without Qualities" explores the use of "experts" in the media and how they not only limit critical thinking but also sell ideology in the guise of science. Marc is the author of "Shmexperts: How Power Politics and Ideology are Disguised as Science" and "Paranormal Nation: Why America Needs Ghosts, UFOs and Bigfoot." His work has appeared in The Federalist, World Net Daily, American Thinker and Lifezette. He currently works as an investigative reporter for The Yankee Institute for Public Policy and is the author of several novels. He lives in Connecticut with his wife and four children.

John Gehring
Part-Time Fellowship-1998

Project: "Study of the challenges facing urban public schools, and what their failure means for a democracy entering the 21st century, through the prism of Baltimore's public school system." John Gehring is Catholic program director at Faith in Public Life, a contributing editor at Commonweal magazine and an adjunct professor of journalism at American University. He is the author of "The Francis Effect: A Radical Pope's Challenge to the American Catholic Church." His analysis has been featured in the Washington Post, The New York Times, USA TODAY, Los Angeles Times, CNN.com, TIME, Politico, Crux, Commonweal, America and the National Catholic Reporter. His television and radio appearances include MSNBC, Fox, Bloomberg, National Public Radio and the BBC. A former associate director for media relations at the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, Gehring has been a staff writer at The Catholic Review, The Frederick Gazette and Education Week. He contributed essays to "Pope Francis and the Future of Catholicism in the United States: The Challenge of Becoming a Church for the Poor," and "Voting and Holiness: Catholic Perspectives on Political Participation." Gehring is a graduate of Mount Saint Mary's University in Maryland and Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism.



Michael Goldfarb
Part-Time Fellowship-2007

Project: "The Upside of Global Warming." Michael is senior vice president at Orion Strategies where he does communications and media relations on behalf of political candidates and foreign governments. Before that, he was online editor at The Weekly Standard. In 2008, Michael served as deputy director of communications for the McCain-Palin

campaign. He received a bachelor's in history from Princeton University with a concentration in war, revolution and the state.



Tony Gonzalez

Alumni Fund Fellowship-2011

Project: "Buying Barbecue Sauce by the Truckload: How Entrepreneurs Find Profit in the Uncertain World of Lost and Unclaimed Freight." Tony reports for Nashville Public Radio in Tennessee, where he lives. An economics graduate from Hillsdale College in Michigan, Tony began his fellowship while reporting and editing at The News Virginian newspaper. He completed the work in Nashville, where he has been covering city government and telling offbeat stories since 2011 – first for The Tennessean newspaper and now for WPLN. His work also airs on National Public Radio, Marketplace and Here & Now.



Alexander Halperin

Full-Time Fellowship-2007

Project: "Business Off the Grid: Free Enterprise and the Brighter African Future." Alex is a freelance business reporter based in Denver. He has written for Rolling Stone, BusinessWeek, Fortune, Fast Company, The New Yorker and numerous other national publications. His Saturday morning newsletter WeedWeek is a free and confidential briefing on America's most interesting and fastest growing industry.



Nathan Harden

Part-Time Fellowship-2011

Project: "The Higher-Ed Bubble: The Sad, Sorry Story of How the Government Over-subsidized Student Loans and Produced a Generation of Under-educated, Over-credentialed, Debt-saddled Graduates Who Can't Find a Job." Nathan is author of the book "Sex and God at Yale: Porn, Political Correctness, and a Good Education Gone Bad" (St. Martin's Press, 2012). Nathan is editor of The College Fix and is a columnist for the International Business Times. He is a regular contributor to National Review Online. Nathan has written for numerous publications including The Weekly Standard, The American Spectator, Huffington Post, New York Post and The Washington Times. He is a regular contributor to Huffington Post and he blogs about higher education for National Review Online. Nathan graduated with a B.A. in Humanities from Yale in 2009.



Stephen F. Hayes

Part-Time Fellowship-2000

Project: "Old-Time Politics in a New Century: Race and the 2000 Elections." Stephen is editor-in-chief of The Weekly Standard and a Fox News contributor. He is a regular member of the "All-Star Panel" on "Special Report with Bret Baier." Stephen previously served as a CNN commentator and appeared daily on "The Situation Room with Wolf Blitzer." He was part of the CNN team that won a Peabody Award for 2008 campaign coverage. He is the author of two New York Times best-sellers: "The Connection: How al Qaeda's Collaboration with Saddam Hussein Has Endangered America" and "Cheney: The Untold Story of America's Most Powerful and Controversial Vice President." His work has been featured in The Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times, Reason, National Review and many other publications. He is a regular commentator on politics and policy, with appearances on National Public Radio's "Talk of the Nation," the "Today" show, "Good Morning America," "Meet the Press," "Fox News Sunday," "This Week," "The O'Reilly Factor," HBO's "Real Time with Bill Maher" and "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart." Stephen is a native of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, and a graduate of DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana. He studied public policy at Georgetown University and received his master's from Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism. He previously worked as a senior writer at National Journal's Hotline and as director of the Institute on Political Journalism, a program sponsored by The Fund for American Studies. He lives near Annapolis, Maryland, with his wife, three children and their black lab.



Mark Hemingway

Full-Time Fellowship-2002

Project: "Anti-Everything: Anti-Globalization, Anti-War, Resurrected Radicalism and its Un-American Roots" Mark is a senior writer for The Weekly Standard. Previously, he worked as a columnist and editorial writer for the Washington Examiner and as a staff writer at National Review Online. He has also worked at the Hudson Institute, USA TODAY and Market News International. He has been a Global Prosperity Initiative Fellow at the Mercatus Center at George Mason University and was a 2014 Lincoln Fellow of The Claremont Institute. He and his wife, Novak Fellow Mollie Ziegler Hemingway, were Eugene C. Pulliam Distinguished Fellows in Journalism at Hillsdale College in 2016. They have two daughters, Evangeline and Linden.



Mollie Ziegler Hemingway
Full-Time Fellowship-2004

Project: "Interfaith Is No Faith: How Religious Relativism Is Destroying the Church." Mollie is a senior editor at The Federalist. Previously, she was

a columnist for Christianity Today, a senior writer for GetReligion.com and an editor at Ricochet.com. Her work has appeared in The Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times, National Review, First Things, and the Claremont Review of Books. She regularly appears on CNN, MSNBC, Fox News, and National Public Radio. She graduated from the University of Colorado with a bachelor's in economics. Mollie was a 2014 Lincoln Fellow of The Claremont Institute. Mollie and her husband Mark were named the Spring 2016 Eugene C. Pulliam Distinguished Fellows in Journalism at Hillsdale College.



Daniel Indiviglio
Part-Time Fellowship-2011

Project: "Fixing the U.S. Mortgage Market: How Less Government Will Make it Stronger and More Stable."

Dan is a senior writer focusing on fixed income at Capital Group. Formerly, he was the Washington columnist for Reuters Breakingviews, where he wrote on the intersection of politics, business and economics. He previously worked as an associate editor at The Atlantic and as a reporter at the Forbes Washington bureau. Prior to that, he worked as an investment banker and structured finance consultant in New York. He graduated from Cornell University with a bachelor's in economics, philosophy and physics. He currently resides in Los Angeles with his wife Amy, daughter Liberty and dog Olive.



Jeffrey Jackson
Full-Time Fellowship-2005

Project: "Equal Opportunity for Men: Why a Men's Movement is Forming."

Jeffrey writes for the Taunton Daily Gazette in Massachusetts. He previously worked as a freelance journalist for two Rhode Island newspapers, The Chariho Times and The Warwick Beacon. He has also contributed articles to the New Oxford Review. Jeff received a bachelor's in political science from Rhode Island College.



Zachary Janowski
Alumni Fund Fellowship-2012

Project: "Price Fixing: How Government's Obsession with What We Pay Taxes Us All." Zachary is director of external affairs at the Yankee Institute

for Public Policy, Connecticut's free-market think tank. He is the founding editor of Raising Hale, Yankee's investigative reporting blog, and has discussed his stories more than 300 times on the radio. In addition to his work at Yankee, Zachary has written for Philanthropy magazine, City Journal online and a number of other publications. His website is zacharyjanowski.com.



Charles C. Johnson
Alumni Fund Fellowship-2011

Project: "Enemies, Domestic: An Investigation into the Appeasement of Evil by America's Colleges." Charles

is an investigative journalist and has contributed to The Daily Caller and The Blaze. He has been published in The Wall Street Journal, the Los Angeles Times, Investor's Business Daily, The American Spectator and numerous other magazines and websites. He has appeared on Fox News with Megyn Kelly and Lou Dobbs and on numerous radio programs, including John Batchelor, Mark Levin and Larry Kudlow. His first book, "Why Coolidge Matters," was published by Encounter Books in 2013. He was both the Eric Breindel and the Robert L. Bartley fellow at The Wall Street Journal in 2011. In 2012, he was a Claremont Institute Publius Fellow. Charles is a graduate of Milton Academy and Claremont McKenna College.



Judith Jolma
Full-Time Fellowship-2005

Project: "Murder Capital: An Examination of D.C.'s Criminal Record."

Following her Novak Journalism Fellowship, Judie worked as the deputy director of communications for Shared Hope International, a nonprofit that combats human trafficking. She previously worked as a metropolitan reporter and columnist at The Washington Times and has freelanced for World magazine. She currently enjoys staying home full-time with her four young children.



Elise Jordan
Part-Time Fellowship-2010

Project: "Muslim Girls and Women as Equal Americans" Elise is a political analyst for NBC and MSNBC. Elise was most recently an advisor to Senator

Rand Paul's presidential campaign. During the Bush administration, Elise worked in the White House Office of Presidential Speechwriting and at the State Department as speechwriter to Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. In 2007, she joined the

National Security Council, where she worked on press and communications strategy for Afghanistan, Iraq and Pakistan. While at the White House, Elise also worked for extended periods at the U.S. Embassy Baghdad and for the Commanding General's Strategic Advisory Group at the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) headquarters in Kabul, Afghanistan. Elise's writing has been featured in publications such as the Atlantic, BuzzFeed, The Daily Beast, Marie Claire, National Review, TIME and The Wall Street Journal. Elise was born and raised in Holly Springs, Mississippi, and is a graduate of Yale University.



Jennifer Kabbany
Part-Time Fellowship-2002

Project: "A Critical Analysis of the Facts and Myths Surrounding Abortion." Jennifer is editor of The College Fix and a contributor to National Review. She previously worked for the North County Times as a city hall, schools and features reporter, as well as a weekly education columnist. Prior to that, she served as associate editor of FrontPageMagazine.com, and held editorial positions at The Weekly Standard and The Washington Times. Jennifer graduated in 2000 from San Diego State University, where she served as editor-in-chief of The Daily Aztec.



Travis Kavulla
Full-Time Fellowship-2008

Project: "Africa's New Christianity and the Future of American Influence." Travis is the chairman of the Montana Public Service Commission, which regulates electric, natural-gas, water and pipeline utilities in the state. He recently concluded a term as President of the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners (NARUC). His by-line has appeared in publications such as the Wall Street Journal, Catholic World Report, Dallas Morning News and Journal of Eastern African Studies, among many others. He also served as associate editor of National Review. He writes periodically on issues pertaining to energy and environmental policy and the regulatory state. He earned a bachelor's in history at Harvard, where he was editor of the conservative Harvard Salient and an executive editor of and longtime columnist for The Crimson. In 2008, he was a Gates Scholar at Cambridge, where he received a Master of Philosophy.



Meghan Keane
Full-Time Fellowship-2006

Project: "Shameless-How America Lost Its Sense of Decency and How to Get It Back." Meghan is vice president of women's content at Defy Media, overseeing the company's female-focused properties, including Mommyish, The Gloss, Gurl, Crushable and Teen. With a focus on voice, quality opinion writing and social media outreach, Meghan has grown the network from 4 million to over 11 million monthly visits and earned the network a reputation for producing reliably smart and funny content for women. Before coming to Defy, Meghan helped launch and build the properties that are the backbone of Defy's female properties at B5Media. Prior to that, she helped create an American presence for British marketing brand Econsultancy. She has also worked as a digital consultant, with projects that include organizing and digitizing The New York Times' 2008 inauguration party for President Obama and launching a digital small donations initiative for the charity Goods For Good. In addition, her writing has appeared in Wired, The Wall Street Journal, the New York Sun, New York Magazine and National Review. Her website is meghankeane.wordpress.com.



Caitrin Nicol Keiper
Part-Time-Fellowship-2012

Project: "Seeking the Soul in American Medicine." Caitrin is editor of Philanthropy and a senior editor of The New Atlantis. She has been published in the Weekly Standard, First Things, Commentary and other outlets, as well as in books by Harper, Templeton Press and Assouline Publishing. Under her leadership, Philanthropy has won several FOLIO, min, and other industry awards. Her essay "Do Elephants Have Souls?" received a 2013 Sidney Award.



David Keyes
Part-Time Fellowship-2010

Project: "The Impact of Technology on Democratic Dissent" investigated how technology, and the internet in particular, have impacted the phenomenon of democratic dissent. David is co-founder and director of CyberDissidents.org, which supports pro-democracy Internet activists in the Middle East. He served previously as coordinator for democracy programs under former Soviet dissident Natan Sharansky. Keyes has written for the Washington Post, Wall Street Journal, New Republic, The Daily Beast, National Review, The Jerusalem Post and oth-

er publications. He completed his master's in diplomacy at Tel Aviv University and received a bachelor's in Middle Eastern Studies at UCLA.



James Kirchick

Part-Time Fellowship-2009

Project: "Transnational Progressivism and the Threat to America." James is a journalist and foreign correspondent currently based in Washington.

He is a fellow with the Foreign Policy Initiative in Washington, D.C., a correspondent for The Daily Beast and is a columnist for Tablet. His first book, "The End of Europe: Dictators, Demagogues and the Coming Dark Age," was published by Yale University Press. His writing has appeared in The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, Ha'aretz, Newsweek, TIME, Foreign Policy, Foreign Affairs, Slate, The Weekly Standard, The American Interest, The Virginia Quarterly Review, World Affairs Journal, National Review and Commentary, among other publications. Around the world, his writing appears regularly in the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Germany's leading newspaper, and has also been published in Britain's Prospect and Spectator, Italy's Internazionale, Canada's Globe & Mail, National Post, and The Walrus, the Czech Republic's Lidove Noviny and The Australian. James previously worked at The New Republic, then moved to Prague to become writer-at-large for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, where he wrote about the politics and cultures of the 21 countries in RFE/RL's broadcast region. James has previously worked for The New York Sun, the New York Daily News and The Hill. He has been a Robert Bosch Foundation Fellow in Berlin, a Hoover Institution Media Fellow and is a professional member of the PEN American Center and a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He has spoken at the Oslo Freedom Forum, the Geneva Summit for Human Rights and Democracy, the Stockholm Free World Forum, the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung and Yale, Columbia and Princeton Universities, among other venues. He is a frequent commentator on television and radio. James is a graduate of the Roxbury Latin School and Yale College. His personal website is jameskirchick.com.



Andrea Kirk Assaf

Part-Time Fellowship-2003

Project: "The Pontificate of John Paul II and the Administration of George W. Bush: Points of Convergence and Divergence in Social and Foreign Policy." Andrea is the author of the 2016 book

"Pope Francis' Little Book of Wisdom: The Essential Teachings," part of a series published by Harper Collins. She home-schools her children and blogs about home-schooling and family culture formation at www.thekirkoscaravan.com. Andrea's fellowship topic was on the relationship between the George W. Bush administration and the pontificate of John Paul II, particularly during the Iraq war. During the time of the fellowship, Andrea was a freelance writer for Inside the Vatican magazine, as well as other international and U.S. publications. Her family resides on a farm in Michigan half the year and in Rome, Italy the other half, where Andrea's husband edits the Arabic edition of the website Aleteia.org and administers the Rome program of the Thomas More College of Liberal Arts.



Emily Krone

Full-Time Fellowship-2008

Project: "Uncharted Territory: Can Entrepreneurial Charter Schools Achieve the Scale and Sustain the Quality to Transform the American

Public School System?" Emily works as associate director at the Consortium on Chicago School Research at the University of Chicago. Prior to starting her full-time fellowship, Emily worked as senior education and immigration reporter at the Daily Herald in Arlington Heights, Illinois. Prior to that, she was Washington correspondent for the Durham Herald-Sun. She interned for Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter Pam Zekman at the CBS 2 Chicago Investigative News Team. She received a master's in journalism from Northwestern University and a bachelor's in history from Princeton University.



Joshua Kwan

Full-Time Fellowship-2004

Project: "In the Shadows Cast by North Korea: An Examination of the People, Politics and Economic Forces at Work along the Borders of the

Hermit Kingdom." Josh is the founder of Praxis, a community- and education-oriented venture group focused on equipping and resourcing faith-motivated entrepreneurs committed to cultural and social impact. Previously, he was the Director of International Giving for the David Weekley Family Foundation. He continues to advise DWFF on grant-making and impact investing. Josh is a founding board member of Village Schools International, a ministry that has started more than 30 high schools in Africa. He also served on the founding executive committee of the Big Bang Philanthropy Group. Josh has been published in The San Jose Mercury News, The Wall

Street Journal, Newsweek, and Stanford Social Innovation Review. He worked for five years as a metro and business reporter at the San Jose Mercury News and in 2005, interned at The New York Times in its strategic planning department. He is the co-founder and serves on the board of Carpenters Code. He graduated from Harvard and earned an MBA from Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management. He lives with his family near San Francisco.



Jacob Laksin

Full-Time Fellowship-2007

Project: "Killing with Kindness: How Extreme Multiculturalism Impacts the War on Terror." Jacob served as a reporter, editor and editorial writer at

Aufbau in New York and Berlin. Jacob is co-author, with David Horowitz, of "One-Party Classroom: How Radical Professors at America's Top Colleges Indoc-trinate Students and Undermine Our Democracy" (2009), and also of "The New Leviathan: How the Left-Wing Money-Machine Shapes American Politics and threatens America's Future" (2012). He earned a bachelor's in journalism from Boston University and a Juris Doctor from Fordham University School of Law, where he was a member of the law review. Jacob is currently an associate attorney with the law firm of Chadbourne & Parke, LLP in New York.



Jonathan V. Last

Part-Time Fellowship-2008

Project: "The Fertility Rate and Amer-ica's Future." Jonathan is a senior writer at The Weekly Standard, author of "What to Expect When No One's Ex-

pecting: America's Coming Demographic Disaster" (Encounter Books) and editor of a number of essay collections. His work has been featured in The Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times, Washington Post, Philadelphia Inquirer, New York Post, Claremont Review of Books, First Things, The Week, Salon, Slate, TV Guide and elsewhere. He is a regular commentator on both television and radio and has appeared on outlets ranging from ABC, CBS, CNN and Fox News to PBS, National Public Radio, CNBC, Sky News and the BBC. His website is jonathanlast.com



Joseph Lawler

Part-Time Fellowship-2013

Project: "Red Tape and Redlining: The Problem of Overregulation in Poor America." Joseph is economics writer for the Washington Examiner.

He has held editorial positions at RealClearPolitics,

The American Spectator and earlier in his career he was an intern at the Center for International Trade and Economics at the Heritage Foundation. He graduated cum laude from the University of Notre Dame with a bachelor's in economics.



Christian Lowe

Part-Time Fellowship-2009

Project: "Answering the Call: Why Some Millennials Abandon a Life of Comfort and Prosperity to Risk Everything and Fight America Wars."

Christian serves as managing editor for news at U.S. News & World Report. He worked as a senior writer at Army Times and as a reporter at Defense Week. He graduated from the University of Virginia with a bachelor's in government and international relations.



Rachel Lu

Part-Time Fellowship-2015

Project: "Prison Reform in America: A study of how effective criminal justice reform can be implemented in a way that remains true to small-govern-

ment principles." Rachel is a freelance journalist in St. Paul, Minnesota. She is a senior contributor at The Federalist and writes for Ricochet and Aletheia, among other news sites. Previously, she served in the Peace Corps and as an adjunct professor at the University of St. Thomas in Minnesota. She received a bachelor's degree in philosophy and theology at the University of Notre Dame and a doctorate in philosophy at Cornell University.

Sam MacDonald

Full-Time Fellowship-2002

Project: Sam explored the conflict between loggers and environmentalists in the Allegheny National Forest in northwestern Pennsylvania. Rowman & Littlefield published Sam's fellowship as a book, "The Agony of an American Wilderness," in March 2005. His next book, a memoir called "The Urban Hermit," was released by St. Martin's Press in December 2008 and received positive reviews in the Los Angeles Times, New York Post, The Boston Globe and a host of other media outlets. He lives with his wife and four children in rural Ridgway, Pennsylvania, where he was born and raised. He currently works in economic development, but continues to write and teach.



Aaron MacLean

Part-Time Fellowship-2014

Project: “Left Face: The Progressive Transformation of the U.S. Military.”

Aaron is a freelance journalist and an officer and master instructor in the U.S. Marine Corps. His work has appeared in The Washington Post, The Weekly Standard, The Washington Free Beacon and other news outlets. He graduated from the University of Oxford with a Master of Philosophy and from St. John’s College in Annapolis with a bachelor’s degree.



Shawn Macomber

Full-Time Fellowship-2006

Project: “Another Worthy Victim: Preaching Class War Lite to the Bourgeoisie.” Shawn is a contributing editor at The American Spectator magazine and a freelance journalist in South Florida. He previously worked at the AP. He received a bachelor’s, summa cum laude, in English/journalism from the University of New Hampshire.



Katherine Mangu-Ward

Part-Time Fellowship-2005

Project: “How 25 Environmentalists Set Out to Save the Planet – and Wound Up Making Everyone’s Lives Just a Little Bit Worse.” Katherine

is editor-in-chief of Reason, the magazine of “free minds and free markets.” She started as Reason intern in 2000 and has worked at The Weekly Standard and The New York Times. Her writing has appeared in The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times, Slate and numerous other publications. She is a frequent commentator on radio and television networks such as National Public Radio, CNBC, C-SPAN, Fox Business, Fox News Channel and MSNBC. She is a Future Tense Fellow at New America. Katherine is a graduate of Yale University, where she received a B.A. in philosophy and political science. She lives in Washington, D.C.



Cara Marcano

Part-Time Fellowship-2005

Project: “A Path Out of Purgatory? How a Few States are Building on The Reagan Legacy of Helping the Mentally Ill Transition from Silent Suffering to Independent Lives in Today’s America.”

A bilingual journalist, Cara is the CEO, founder and publisher of Reporte Hispano, a WBENC-certified (woman-owned) and Hispanic-owned independent media company. Reporte Hispano runs

New Jersey’s Hispanic newspaper and website, reportehispano.com. Cara has worked for the Associated Press and Bloomberg News and has written for The Wall Street Journal, The Arizona Republic and The International Herald Tribune. In 2004, she helped found Marketing Y Medios, a national business publication on marketing, advertising and Hispanic media in the U.S. for ADWEEK magazine. Cara is from Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, and graduated from Columbia University with a master’s in journalism and a bachelor’s from Columbia College, Columbia University in Latin American studies and English.



Diana Marrero

Full-Time Fellowship-2004

Project: “Thriving Ties: An Exploration of the Connections between People in the United States and Cuba Despite a Decades-old Embargo and

What These Ties Mean for Future Relations between the Two Countries.” Diana is director of the newly launched English-language Latino vertical on the-hill.com, The Hill Latino. Serving in a business capacity, she focuses on business development and sponsorship opportunities for this start-up within The Hill. Previously, she was an award-winning journalist with a decade of reporting experience. Her journalism work has appeared in The Washington Post, The Miami Herald and The Arizona Republic, among other publications. She has a Master’s of Business Administration from Georgetown University’s McDonough School of Business and an undergraduate degree in political science and journalism from Barry University in Miami Shores, Florida. She lives in the DC area with her family.

Stacy Mattingly

Full-Time Fellowship-1996

Project: “Reporting on a First Amendment Lawsuit in Northern Mississippi.” Stacy has written several books for newsmakers, including The New York Times best-seller “Unlikely Angel: The Untold Story of the Atlanta Hostage Hero” with Ashley Smith.



Daniel McAdams

Part-Time Fellowship-1998

Project: “Post Cold War U.S. foreign policy in Central Europe.” Daniel is executive director of the Ron Paul Institute for Peace and Prosperity and co-host of the “Ron Paul Liberty Report,” a daily live broadcast. He served for 12 years on Capitol Hill as foreign affairs and national security advisor to former U.S. Rep. Ron Paul of Texas. Daniel completed the

bulk of his fellowship project in Budapest, Hungary, where for seven years he worked as a journalist and human rights monitor before coming to Washington. He completed coursework for a master's degree in international relations from San Francisco State University and he holds a bachelor's in English from the University of California, Berkeley.



John McCormack

Part-Time Fellowship -2011

Project: "Citizens Divided: How the Supreme Court's 2010 Campaign Finance Ruling has Affected American Politics." John works as a staff writer

at The Weekly Standard, where he previously served as online editor. He received a bachelor's in international affairs and history at George Washington University, where he served as editor-in-chief of The GW Patriot.



Lewis McCrary

Full-Time Fellowship-2014

Project: "Almoners and Oilmen: The Pew Family, American Charity, and the Rise of Global Philanthropy." Lewis is executive editor of The American Con-

servative. Prior to that, he served as managing editor at The National Interest, special projects editor at Next City and senior editor at The American Conservative. He received a Master of Philosophy from the University of Cambridge and a bachelor's in philosophy and politics from The Catholic University of America.



Meg McDonnell

Full-Time Fellowship-2011

Project: "Marriage and Young Adults: Understanding the American Struggle to Get to I do." Meg is the executive director of the Chiaroscuro Institute,

a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit with a mission to assist especially lower middle-income Americans to reconnect sex, marriage and childbearing for the sake of reducing social ills such as entrenched poverty, non-marital pregnancies, abortion, single-parenting – father absence, in particular – and the deinstitutionalization of marriage. As executive director, in addition to managing the growth of the young nonprofit, she plays instrumental roles in the Chiaroscuro Institute's programs, Women Speak For Themselves and IBelieveinLove.com. In 2013, Meg was named one of FOCUS' (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) "30 under 30 Young Catholics." Meg's writing has appeared in The Washington Post, National Review Online, The Public Discourse,

Acculturated.com, MercatorNet.com (an Australian web-based magazine), Verily Magazine, Conscious Magazine, The International Business Times, CatholicVote.com, AltCatholicah, Our Sunday Visitor, Family Foundations and other secular and religious news outlets. Meg is an alumna of the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota with undergraduate degrees in Catholic studies and psychology, with a minor in theology, and a Master of Arts in teaching.



Ashley McGuire

Part-Time Fellowship-2011

Project: "The End of Women: The Cultural Disempowerment of Girls, College Students, Mothers and Poor Women." Ashley's first book, "Sex

Scandal: The Drive to Abolish Male and Female," was released in February 2017. Her writing has appeared in The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, TIME, USA TODAY and The New York Times, among others and she has appeared on almost every major radio and television outlet. She is a senior fellow with The Catholic Association and the Richard John Neuhaus Fellow with The Becket Fund. She lives in Washington, D.C. with her husband and soon to be three children.



William McMorris

Part-Time Fellowship-2010

Project: "Fraud by Any Other Name: Public Pension Neglect and the Coming Panic." Bill is a staff writer for The Washington Free Beacon. He joined

the Beacon from the Franklin Center for Government and Public Integrity, where he was managing editor of Old Dominion Watchdog. As part of his 2010 Robert Novak Fellowship, he studied state pension shortfalls. His work has been featured on CNN, Fox News, The Economist, "The Colbert Report" and numerous print publications and radio stations. He is a 2008 Cornell University graduate and lives in Alexandria, Virginia with his wife and daughter.



Tony Mecia

Part-Time Fellowship-2001

Project: "The Impact of Anti-Sprawl Policies on America's Cities," focusing on the "smart growth" movement and the effects of "smart growth" policies

on cities across the nation. Tony is a senior writer with The Weekly Standard. Before joining the magazine in March 2017, he spent more than a decade as a business reporter and editor at the Charlotte Observer in North Carolina, where he won several

awards from the Society of American Business Editors & Writers (SABEW) for his coverage of manufacturing and airline sectors. He holds a bachelor's in political science and history from Duke University and a master's in journalism from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is also a graduate of The Fund for American Studies' (TFAS) Engalitcheff Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems (ICPES), and his first job out of college was as the inaugural staff director of TFAS' American Institute on Political and Economic Systems (AIPES) in Prague. He lives in Charlotte, North Carolina, with his wife and three children.



Jillian Melchior

Full-Time Fellowship-2011

Project: "Cross-Cultural China." Jillian writes for National Review as a Thomas L. Rhodes Fellow for the Franklin Center for Government and

Public Integrity and is a senior fellow for the Independent Women's Forum. As a 2011 Novak Fellow, she reported on Christianity in China, traveling extensively and writing for The Wall Street Journal, The Weekly Standard, Newsweek Japan, Doublethink and The Daily. She has previously worked as an opinion writer and history page editor at The Daily and a Bartley Editorial Page Fellow at The Wall Street Journal Asia. She is a graduate of Hillsdale College.



John Meroney

Full-Time Fellowship-1994

Project: "A study about the beliefs and opinions of Generation X." John graduated from Wake Forest University. He is a contributing editor of Playboy

and Garden & Gun. His writing has appeared in The Atlantic, Architectural Digest, The New Republic, The Washington Post, The Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times and San Francisco Chronicle. He is completing a book titled "Rehearsals for a Lead Role: Ronald Reagan in the Hollywood Wars."



Cheryl Miller

Full-Time Fellowship-2007

Project: "Modern Parenthood: How Biotechnology is Changing the American Family." Cheryl works for the Hertog Foundation and directs

WhatSoProudlyWeHail.org. Previously, she managed the American Enterprise Institute's Program on American Citizenship and worked as head news clerk and editorial researcher at The New York Times. She has also served as deputy director of

research in the White House Office of Presidential Speechwriting. Her work has appeared in such publications as The Wall Street Journal, The Weekly Standard, Commentary and the Claremont Review of Books. She is the author of the AEI report "Underserved: A Case Study of ROTC in New York City" and co-author, with Robin Lake, of "Strengthening the Civic Mission of Charter Schools."

Marlon Millner

Special Fellowship-1999

Project: A magazine article about the black Pentecostal experience and the role of Pentecostalism in inspiring social and political upward mobility for African Americans. Marlon served as a reporter with Washington Business Journal and later as a contributing editor with LocalBusiness.com, a business news service focusing on private and small publicly traded emerging growth companies. He received a Master of Divinity degree at Harvard Divinity School and serves as senior writer and managing editor for International Ministries of the American Baptist Churches USA. In 2013, he became pastor of McKinley Memorial Baptist Church in Willow Grove, Pennsylvania. Marlon earned a bachelor's degree from Morehouse College.



Paulette Chu Minitier

Full-Time Fellowship-2006

Project: "Home of the Brave-How the World's Refugees Become American Patriots." Paulette is a litigator at the law firm of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer

& Feld LLP, in Dallas, where she represents corporate clients and maintains an active pro bono practice focused on human and civil rights. She will serve as a law clerk to Judge Catharina Haynes at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, during the 2017-18 term. Her article, "Willa Cather's My Ántonia and Legal Thought in the Late Nineteenth Century," is forthcoming in the Creighton Law Review in December 2017. Paulette graduated Order of the Coif from the University of Virginia School of Law. She holds a master's degree from Skidmore College and graduated summa cum laude from the University of Texas at Austin. Previously, she worked as a journalist in Washington, D.C. and New York. Her writing appeared in The Wall Street Journal, USA Today and Far Eastern Economic Review and others.



Kathleen Monaghan

Alumni Fund Fellowship-2007

Project: "Political Celebrities: Celebrating Mediocrity in America." Kathleen is currently communications

director for the National September 11 Memorial and Museum in New York City. Previously she was campaign communications director for the restoration of St. Patrick's Cathedral and assistant communications director for the Archdiocese of New York. Prior to moving to New York, she was communications director for the election campaign of Congressman Tom Graves of Georgia and senior writer at H.E.R.O. (Human-rights Education and Relief Organization.) She graduated from Thomas More College of Liberal Arts with a bachelor's degree in philosophy.



Stephen Robert Morse
Part-Time Fellowship-2009

Project: "My Two Census" examined why the 2010 census could become the most controversial data-gathering process in history. He was the founder

and executive editor of MyTwoCensus.com, the non-partisan watchdog of the 2010 U.S. Census. In 2012, Stephen became a Tow-Knight Fellow in Entrepreneurial Journalism at the Graduate School of Journalism of the City University of New York (CUNY). He earned a bachelor's in English and history at the University of Pennsylvania and an Erasmus Mundus dual master's from a consortium of European universities. He recently sold a firm that he founded, Skillbridge.co, a technology and talent startup that connects companies with freelance management consultants, to Toptal. Stephen also produced a documentary about Amanda Knox that appeared on Netflix in 2016. He is now pursuing his MBA at Oxford University in England.



Anna Moya (deceased June 2010)
Full-Time Fellowship-2005

Project: "Democracy in the Birthplace of Communism." Anna spent a year in Moscow writing for her Novak Fellowship. She died tragically in June of

2010. She was the founder and CEO of Moya Productions, an international TV production company with bureaus in Brussels, Sofia and, most recently, Buenos Aires. After completing her fellowship, Anna covered the 2008 U.S. presidential election for Russia Today TV as a Washington correspondent. Anna's broad international experience included reporting from Beslan on the anniversary of the terrorist hostage crisis in Beslan's public school. She monitored the presidential election in Belarus in March 2006 as an assistant to a Wall Street Journal correspondent. Anna had articles published in various American publications. Born in Bulgaria, she became a U.S. citizen. Anna earned a bachelor's from Dartmouth College.



Erin Mundahl
Part-Time Fellowship-2016

Project: "Pipe Dreams: America's Shifting Attitudes Towards Addiction." Erin is a reporter at InsideSources, where she covers a variety of topics including in-

frastructure development, energy policy and environmental protests. She has reported extensively on the DAPL protests in North Dakota with a particular focus on tracking the funding behind various groups. Prior to joining InsideSources, she worked as an editorial assistant for The Weekly Standard. Her work has been published in The Washington Free Beacon, The Minneapolis Star Tribune, The Weekly Standard and by the Center of the American Experiment in Minneapolis.



Lygia Navarro
Full-Time Fellowship-2008

Project: "Civil Society and Democracy in Latin America." Lygia is a freelance writer focused on foreign coverage, particularly of Latin America and

Latin American issues in the United States. She has reported from Mexico, Cuba, Chile, Argentina, Germany and China for outlets such as the Virginia Quarterly Review, MSNBC.com, Associated Press, The Christian Science Monitor, FRONTLINE/World, Religion Dispatches, Afar and the public radio programs "The World," "Marketplace" and "Latino USA." Lygia is a graduate of the University of California, Berkeley.



Maura O'Connor
Full-Time Fellowship-2010

Project: "Misguided Benevolence: Three Case Studies in American Aid." Maura is a freelance foreign correspondent and magazine journalist

who has reported from Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Africa and Haiti. Her work has appeared in Foreign Policy, Columbia Journalism Review, Slate, National Public Radio and TIME.com. Maura also covers criminal justice issues for the investigative site The New York World based in New York City. She is a graduate of Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism.



Gracy Olmstead
Alumni Fund Fellowship-2015

Project: A study of the decline of family farming in America and the vital role played by family farms in the continued economic and cultural wellbeing

of America. Gracy is the associate managing editor for The Federalist. Her writings can also be found

at The American Conservative, National Review, The Week, Christianity Today, Comment Magazine and others. She is also the Thursday editor for BRIGHT, a daily newsletter for women. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in political journalism from Patrick Henry College.



Shai Oster

Full-Time Fellowship-2000

Project: "Mao's Muddle? China's Attempt to Embrace American Prosperity and Reject American Ideals," looking at the problems and solutions

prompted by Chinese government policy. Shai is the Asia bureau chief for The Information, based in Hong Kong, where he covers technology companies in Asia. He has spent nearly two decades as a journalist in China, Europe and the U.S. Oster was previously reporter-at-large for Bloomberg News in Asia. In 2013, he won his second Asia Society Osborn Elliott Journalism Prize and George Polk Award for his role in Bloomberg's groundbreaking coverage that for the first time documented the fortunes amassed by China's leaders. Before joining Bloomberg, Oster was a Beijing- and Hong Kong-based correspondent for The Wall Street Journal, covering energy and the environment. In 2008, he was the recipient of both the George Polk Award for environmental reporting and Asia Society's Osborn Elliott Award for a series of stories exposing environmental problems linked to China's Three Gorges Dam project. He was also part of a team of Wall Street Journal reporters that won a Pulitzer Prize in 2007 for International Reporting on China for reports on the adverse impact of China's growth. Previously, he covered OPEC for Dow Jones Newswires in London and served as Beijing bureau chief for Asiaweek magazine. A graduate of the Columbia University Journalism School, Oster was born in Jerusalem and speaks Hebrew, French and Chinese.



Tiffany Owens

Part-Time Fellowship-2013

Project: "Bohemian Backlash: How trickle-down urban policies that favor the creative class hurt cities and what conservatives can do about it."

Tiffany graduated from the King's College in 2016, where she was editor of The Empire State Tribune, the student newspaper. She also has been a reporter for WORLD magazine and a reporting intern for the Brooklyn Reader. She is currently living in Providence, RI and working as a freelance writer, focusing mostly on urban issues, and develops content for books, websites and magazines.



Madison Peace

Alumni Fund Fellowship-2015

Project: "Breaking Free: The damaging effects of incarceration on the family and how prison reform can help stop the cycle of intergenerational crime."

Madison is the manager of communications at Avail NYC, a pregnancy care network that serves New Yorkers facing unexpected pregnancies. Previously, she was the assistant to the editor at National Review and the editor of In Earnest Mag, an online magazine for intentionally minded women. She has a degree in politics, philosophy and economics from The King's College.



Jessica Peck

Part-Time Fellowship-2010

Project: "Victim Nation: How We Can Rescue Our Children from America's Oppression-Inventing, Self-Hating, Overspending, Multi-Billion Dollar

Diversity Industry." Jessica Peck, formerly Jessica Corry, is an attorney, columnist and policy/crisis communications strategist. In addition to her private legal practice, she is a principal with Henley Public Affairs and serves as executive director of the Open Government Institute, a Denver-based government watchdog organization that includes an investigative journalism component. The Denver Business Journal awarded her its "40 Under 40" award in recognition of outstanding civic achievement, and ColoradoBiz named her one of Colorado's "25 most influential young professionals." Recent media appearances include "Inside Edition," NBC, CBS, "Human Events" and Fox News. She earned her Juris Doctor on full scholarship from the University of Denver, a master's in government from Johns Hopkins University and a bachelor's in journalism from the University of Colorado. She serves on the U.S. Civil Rights Commission's Colorado Advisory Committee and as a mentor for the U.S. State Department Young African Leaders program. An avid traveler and mother of two, Jessica has traveled to nearly 50 countries and nearly all 50 states.



Tom Peter

Full-Time Fellowship-2013

Project: "How Lessons from Iraq and Afghanistan Should Change America's Border War." Tom is a contract overseas correspondent for The Christian

Science Monitor in the Middle East. He previously worked as correspondent for the Global Post and Kuwait Times, covering political, cultural and economic affairs throughout Jordan and Iraq. He earned

a bachelor's in Middle Eastern languages and civilizations from Northwestern University. His website is tomapeter.com.



Joshua Peterson

Alumni Fund Fellowship-2016

Project: "Will Robots Want to Vote? An Investigation into the Implications of Artificial Intelligence for Liberty and Democracy." Josh is a freelance writer

who contributes frequently to Watchdog.org, a network of public interest news websites sponsored by the Franklin Center for Government and Public Integrity that report on state and local governments. Previously, he was the national technology reporter for the Franklin Center and technology editor for The Daily Caller. He has contributed to The Washington Free Beacon, The Federalist and other periodicals and is a 2011 graduate of the Heritage Foundation's Computer-Assisted Investigative Reporting Workshop. He received a bachelor's degree in religion and philosophy from Hillsdale College.



Kyle Peterson

Part-Time Fellowship-2014

Project: "In or Out: How would Britain's Exit from the European Union Affect U.S. Interests and the Special Relationship?" Kyle is a deputy op-ed

editor at The Wall Street Journal. He previously served as managing editor of The American Spectator. He graduated from Iowa State University with bachelor's degrees in journalism and marketing.



Mike Porath

Full-Time Fellowship-2003

Project: "Opening a Closed Society: Reform in Saudi Arabia," examining the recent social, political, economic and educational reforms in Saudi Arabia.

Mike is founder and CEO of The Mighty, an online resource of inspirational and self-help articles for people with chronic illnesses or disabilities. Previously, he was executive vice president of BuzzMedia, editor-in-chief of AOL News and worked in a variety of writing, editing and producing roles for ABC News, NBC News and The New York Times. He holds a bachelor's from the College of William and Mary.



Joy Pullmann

Part-Time Fellowship-2013

Project: "What Common Core Means for American Education." Joy is managing editor of The Federalist, an education research fellow at The

Heartland Institute and author of the forthcoming "Coretastrophe: What Common Core Means for America's Future" from Encounter Books. She has spoken for numerous state and national conferences, appeared on national media such as "Fox and Friends" and "Larry King Now" and taught history, literature and debate classes. An honors program and journalism graduate of Hillsdale College, Joy lives with her four children and husband in the great Midwest.

Dan Richardson

Part-Time Fellowship-1996

Project: "An investigation into the Patriot movement in America." Dan now writes and edits New West Columbia Gorge, a regional news and arts blog found at newwest.net/gorge. Prior to his work with New West, he was the publisher of The Goldendale Sentinel, a 137-year-old weekly paper in Washington State. He is also helping to raise his young daughter, Zora Joy Richardson. Previously, Dan launched The Current, an independent alternative newspaper in the Columbia River Gorge. He worked as a reporter for the Inlander Newsweekly in Spokane and as a daily newspaper reporter in New England. Dan earned a bachelor's in history and graduated from the honors program at the University of Puget Sound.



Naomi Schaefer Riley

Full-Time Fellowship-2001

Project: "Combining Faith and Reason: The Revival of Religious Higher Education in America." Naomi is a columnist for the New York Post and a

former editor and writer of The Wall Street Journal whose work focuses on higher education, religion, philanthropy and culture. She is the author, most recently, of "The New Trail of Tears: How Washington Is Destroying American Indians," (Encounter, 2017). Her book, "'Til Faith Do Us Part: How Interfaith Marriage is Transforming America" (Oxford, 2013), was named an editor's pick by The New York Times Book Review. Naomi's writings have appeared in The Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, Boston Globe, Los Angeles Times and Washington Post, among other publications. She appears on Fox News and Fox Business, as well as CNBC. She has also appeared on "Q&A with Brian Lamb" as well as the "Today" show. She graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University in English and government. She lives in the suburbs of New York City with her husband, Jason, and their three children.



Matthew Robinson
Full-Time Fellowship-1999

Project: “Mobocracy: How the Media’s Obsession with Polling Twists the News, Alters Elections, and Undermines Democracy.” Matt’s fellowship work culminated in a book by the same title published in January 2002 by Prima Publishing, a division of Random House. He has served as a special assistant for speechwriting to President George W. Bush. He has also served as a special assistant to two U.S. attorneys general, managing editor of Human Events and guest opinion editor and writer for Investor’s Business Daily in Los Angeles. He graduated summa cum laude from the University of California at San Diego. From 2008 to 2016, he wrote speeches and managed executive communications for Chairman Rex W. Tillerson and the management committee of ExxonMobil. He is currently director of executive communications at Lockheed Martin, working with the chairman, president and CEO, Marillyn A. Hewson. He lives with his wife and three children in Maryland.



Catherine Edwards Sanders
Full-Time Fellowship-2001

Project: Catherine devoted her fellowship to researching a book on Wicca and Neopaganism in America. Her book, “Wicca’s Charm,” was published in the autumn of 2005 by Shaw Books, a division of Random House. She has written for The Washington Times, The Weekly Standard, Insight magazine, World magazine, National Review, Prism magazine, The Christian Research Journal, Coastal Living and “The McLaughlin Group” television program. Her writing has generated local and national television and radio appearances. Catherine has worked in government service at the Department of Justice and at the Corporation for National and Community Service. She worked for four year as a speechwriter to the secretary of veterans affairs and is currently director of executive communications at Walmart. She is a graduate of Wake Forest University and lives in northwest Arkansas with her husband and two children.



David Sanders
Full-Time Fellowship-2005

Project: “The Reluctant Convert: Why Arkansas Has Not Joined the South’s Republican Realignment.” In 2012, David was elected to the Arkansas State Senate after serving a term in the Arkansas House of Representatives. He previously served as a political

columnist for Stephens Media and the producer and host of “Unconventional Wisdom,” a public affairs program carried by the Arkansas Educational Television Network (PBS). In 2008, his television program earned an Award of Distinction from the International Academy of the Visual Arts. He graduated from Ouachita University with a bachelor’s in political science and communications. His website is is.gd/SenDavidJSanders.



Read Mercer Schuchardt
Special Fellowship-1995

Project: “An analysis of the ‘Babies as Dolls’ phenomenon, also known as the ‘Cult of the Baby,’ that has become a part of American culture.” Read is associate professor of communication at Wheaton College. He earned his doctorate in media ecology under Neil Postman at New York University. His fellowship work, covering babies as commodities in the American 90s, was published in Regeneration Quarterly and reprinted in Human Life Review. He is the co-author of “Understanding Jacques Ellul” and editorial chair of Second Nature Journal found at secondnaturejournal.com. He and his wife, Rachel, have 10 children and one grandchild.



Todd Seavey
Part-Time Fellowship-1997

Project: An essay series on “Tradition and Reason,” examining areas such as architecture, music, folk medicine and psychology. Todd is the author of “Libertarianism for Beginners” and has ghostwritten other books. He has also written or edited for various libertarian-friendly figures and venues, including John Stossel, the American Council on Science and Health, Judge Andrew Napolitano, Reason, National Review, New York Post, New York Press, LibertyIslandMag.com, SpliceToday.com and others. He has also written skeptical, pro-science pieces for Skeptical Inquirer, Spiked-Online and others. He has done voiceovers for television commercial and political commentaries for WFUV radio and appeared on multiple TV shows. His non-political, non-science writing has included Justice League comics, featuring Batman, Superman, Wonder Woman and more, as well as humor pieces for Spy magazine and Radar. He hosts occasional debates and related events in New York City. He can be found on Blogger as ToddSeavey.com, on Twitter as [@ToddSeavey](https://twitter.com/ToddSeavey) and at [Facebook.com/toddseavey](https://facebook.com/toddseavey), and he sometimes produces TV. He is a Brown University alumnus.



Bretigne Shaffer
Part-Time Fellowship-1997

Project: “A series of articles examining Hong Kong as a model for a free-market economy.” Bretigne is a writer, filmmaker and mother. She served as an editorial page writer for The Asian Wall Street Journal in Hong Kong and has published in The Asian Wall Street Journal, The Wall Street Journal, Barron’s and Reason magazine. She blogs at bretigne.com. Bretigne is the author of “Memoirs of a Gaijin,” “Why Mommy Loves the State” and “Urban Yogini (A Superhero Who Can’t Use Violence).” She studied economics at the University of California at Santa Cruz. She lives in Los Angeles with her husband and two children.



Carrie Sheffield
Part-Time Fellowship-2006

Project: “Latter-day Saints in the Policy Arena-The Political Influence and Climate of Modern Mormonism.” Carrie is the founder of Bold, a digital news and culture network. With Clay Aiken, Carrie co-hosts Bold TV, produced by Al Roker. She appears on Fox News, Fox Business Network, CNN, MSNBC, CNBC, HBO’s Real Time with Bill Maher, CBS, Fusion and The Blaze. Carrie has published in The Wall Street Journal, TIME, USA TODAY, The New York Times and Washington Post. She interned for Robert Novak, later covering Congress for The Hill. A POLITICO founding reporter, Carrie contributed on political economy at Forbes, wrote editorials at The Washington Times under Tony Blankley and advised digital women’s site Bustle.com. Carrie earned a master’s in business policy from Harvard University and analyzed credit risk at Goldman Sachs and Moody’s. She researched for Edward Conard, Bain Capital founding partner and American Enterprise Institute scholar, and was a Warren Brookes Journalism Fellow at Competitive Enterprise Institute. She earned a B.A. in communications at Brigham Young University and completed a Fulbright fellowship in Berlin. Media liaison for Silicon Harlem, Carrie is a New York Leader with the Foreign Policy Initiative and Tribeca Disruptive Innovation Awards Fellow.



Justin Shubow
Part-Time Fellowship-2015

Project: “The Architecture of American Democracy” explores the crucial connection between public architecture and American civilization. Justin is a blogger at Forbes and president of the National Civic Art Society. Previously, he was assistant edi-

tor at Commentary magazine and founding editor in chief of Manolo for the Men, a popular men’s fashion blog. He served as director of social media and alumni relations at The Federalist Society. He earned a bachelor’s degree at Columbia University, a master’s degree at the University of Michigan and a Juris Doctor at Yale University.



Thomas Sileo
Alumni Fund Fellowship-2010

Project: “The Unknown Soldiers: How the Media Celebrates American Idols and Ignores American Heroes.” Tom is an author and award-winning military writer who spent more than eight years in local and national newsrooms. He is a contributing senior editor at The Stream and co-author of Brothers Forever (Da Capo Press, 2014) and Fire in My Eyes (Da Capo Press, 2016). Tom is currently writing his third book with Medal of Honor recipient Flo Groberg; “8 Seconds of Courage” will be published by Simon & Schuster in November 2017. Previously, Tom wrote a nationally syndicated newspaper column about the heroism of U.S. troops, veterans and their families. Before his independent writing career, Tom worked at CNN, Tribune and two local TV stations. You can follow him on Twitter at @TSileo.



Stephanie Slade
Part-Time Fellowship-2016

Project: “The Politics of Religious Liberty: How the Left is Driving a Wedge Between Faith and Free Enterprise.” Stephanie is the deputy managing editor of Reason Magazine. Prior to that, she was a freelance writer-editor and a regular contributor to U.S. News & World Report. She was deputy research director at Freedom Partners in Arlington, Virginia, and a project director at the Winston Group in Washington. She served on the editorial staff of the Independent Florida Alligator, a University of Florida student publication. In 2013, she was a finalist for the Bastiat Prize for Journalism. Stephanie earned a bachelor’s degree in economics and political science from the University of Florida and a master’s in political communication from the American University School of Public Affairs.



Nick Slepko
Alumni Fund Fellowship-1999

Project: “To analyze philanthropy and the faith community in the Pacific Northwest, where church attendance is the lowest in America.” Nick divides his time between Seattle and Istanbul where he works on several entrepreneurial ventures ranging

from providing wireless fiber to the world's major metro areas, to developing infrastructure in the Horn of Africa. He received a bachelor's in geography from the University of Washington, and studied business and theology in Singapore and the Netherlands.



Jaime Sneider

Alumni Fund Fellowship-2002

Project: "Notes From an Ivy League Asylum." Jaime has written articles for The New York Times, New York Daily News and New York Post. After graduating from Columbia University in 2002, he held a variety of positions including deputy associate director of the White House Communications Office, speechwriter to Bill Simon and researcher to William F. Buckley, Jr. He graduated from Columbia Law School in May 2008 after which he served as a law clerk to Chief Judge Danny J. Boggs of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. He is now a lawyer in New York.



Mary Rose Somarriba

Part-Time-Fellowship-2012

Project: "Exploring the Connections between Pornography and Sex Trafficking." Mary Rose is a writer and culture editor for Verily magazine, a women's fashion and lifestyle magazine based in New York (verilymag.com). She was honored in 2009 with the Susan B. Anthony List's Young Leader Award. Mary Rose received a bachelor's in philosophy from Providence College. She has spoken on her fellowship topic at such venues as Princeton University, Yale University, the University of Notre Dame and the College of William and Mary. Her writing has appeared in Verily Magazine, First Things, The Human Life Review, Public Discourse, Acculturated, and National Review Online. She currently lives in Cleveland with her husband and two children



Andrew Staub

Part-Time Fellowship-2015

Project: "A Legacy of Prohibition: The fight to privatize Pennsylvania's archaic liquor monopoly by introducing a free-market system to benefit state consumers." Andrew is the communications specialist at the York County Convention & Visitors Bureau in York, Pennsylvania. He is also a freelance writer for Our York Media and formerly worked as a reporter at the Pennsylvania Independent, a Watchdog.org public interest journalism website covering state government in Harrisburg. He previously worked as

a city government reporter at The News Journal in Wilmington, Delaware and at The Citizens' Voice in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. His work has also appeared in The Wall Street Journal and on FoxNews.com, among other media outlets. Staub graduated with a bachelor's degree in journalism from Penn State University and resides in New Freedom, Pennsylvania.



Mark Stricherz

Alumni Fund Fellowship-2003

Project: "The Rise of the Latte Liberals: How the Democrats Embraced Identity Politics and Abandoned their New Deal Base." Mark is the capital-markets reporter for Congressional Quarterly. His work has appeared in The Atlantic, RealClearPolitics and The Weekly Standard, among other publications. He is the author of "Why the Democrats are Blue: Secular Liberalism and the Decline of the People's Party" (Encounter Books, 2007), which grew out of his 2003 fellowship. A native San Franciscan, he lives in Washington, D.C. with his two daughters.



Peter Suderman

Part-Time Fellowship-2010

Project: "Markets in Medicine: The Virtues of Free Enterprise in Medical Practice." Peter is a senior editor of Reason magazine, where he writes regularly on health care, the federal budget, tech policy and pop culture. He is also a film critic for The Washington Times. Before joining Reason, Peter worked as a writer and editor at National Review, the Competitive Enterprise Institute, FreedomWorks, Doublethink and Culture11. His writing has appeared in The Wall Street Journal, New York Post, Newsweek.com, theAtlantic.com, Washington Examiner, The Washington Times, The New Atlantis, The American Conservative, Orange County Register and numerous other publications. He lives in Washington, D.C.



Katherine Timpf

Part-Time Fellowship-2012

Project: "As California Goes, So Goes the Nation: The Consequences of Following Golden State Policy." Katherine is a journalist and commentator in New York City. She currently works as a reporter at National Review as well as a contributor to Fox News, making most of her appearances on The Greg Gutfeld Show. She's also the host of The Kat Timpf Show, with new episodes airing every Monday on Barstool Sports. Previously, Katherine worked as a

reporter for Campus Reform, was a digital editor for The Washington Times, the news anchor for NASA's Third Rock Radio and was a producer and reporter at Total Traffic Network in Santa Ana, California. Katherine has been a contributor to publications including The Orange County Register, Investor's Business Daily and The Washington Times, and a featured comedian on the morning drive radio show on Baltimore's 98 Rock. Prior to beginning her career in journalism, she held internships with Fox Business News and KFI News in California. She graduated magna cum laude from Hillsdale College with a B.A. in English. She's also performed stand-up comedy at clubs throughout the country, including Gotham Comedy Club in New York and The Improv in Los Angeles.



Katherine Truesdell
Alumni Fund Fellowship-2009

Project: "Caught in the Web: An Exploration of the Left's Power Online and What It Means for the Right."

Katie is a 2012 graduate of New York University's Summer Publishing Institute and an independent editorial and writing professional based in Chicago. She previously held positions at the Chicago-based Illinois Policy Institute, Sam Adams Alliance and Americans for Limited Government. Katie earned a bachelor's in American Studies at Hillsdale College where she was editor of The Hillsdale Collegian.



Rich Trzupek
Part-Time Fellowship-2004

Project: "An Examination of the Effect of Environmental Regulatory Excess on Small to Mid-size Businesses, in the Context of 30 years of

Continued Environmental Progress in the United States." Rich writes for Big Journalism, Big Hollywood, FrontPage Magazine and is a columnist and reporter for Examiner Publications, a chain of newspapers serving Chicago's northwest suburbs. He has two decades of experience in environmental science and regulation and holds a bachelor's in chemistry from Loyola University of Chicago.



Laura Vanderkam
Full-Time Fellowship-2006

Project: "Full Court Press: The 25-Year Battle to Win the Judiciary."

Laura works as a freelance writer in the Philadelphia area. Her work has appeared in many publications including Fast Company, Fortune, USA TODAY and The Wall Street

Journal. She is the author of "I Know How She Does It," "What the Most Successful People Do Before Breakfast," "168 Hours" and "All the Money in the World: What the Happiest People Know About Getting and Spending," all published by Portfolio. She graduated from Princeton University with a bachelor's from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. Her website is lauravanderkam.com.



Robert VerBruggen
Alumni Fund Fellowship-2009

Project: "Race and the American Academy." Robert examined how American universities study racism and discrimination and what their results

mean for public policy. Robert is managing editor of The American Conservative. He previously worked at RealClearPolicy, National Review, The Washington Times and The National Interest. He received a bachelor's in journalism and political science from Northwestern University, where he was editor-in-chief of the Northwestern Chronicle.



Matthew Walther
Part-Time Fellowship-2016

Project: "They Couldn't Have Done the Math!: What the Decline of the WASP Establishment and the Rise of Meritocracy Means for American Institutions."

Matthew is national correspondent for The Week. Previously, he was an associate editor at The Washington Free Beacon and an assistant editor at The American Spectator. His freelance articles and essays have appeared in The Spectator of London, First Things, National Review, The Weekly Standard, The American Conservative, The Daily Beast, The Washington Times, Prospect and Touchstone. He holds a bachelor's degree in English from Northern Michigan University.



Michael Warren
Part-Time-Fellowship-2012

Project: "Race to Opportunity: How Modern Liberalism is Failing Minorities and What Conservatism Has to Offer."

Michael is a staff writer at The Weekly Standard, where he primarily covers the White House and the new administration. A graduate of Vanderbilt University, his writing has also been featured in The Wall Street Journal, National Review Online, Acculturated.com, The Washington Times, Washington Examiner and City Journal. He makes regular appearances on television and radio and has been a guest on Fox News, CNN, MSNBC, C-SPAN

and EWTN. Michael lives with his family in northern Virginia.



Tate Watkins

Part-Time Fellowship-2012

Project: "Open Borders as Engines of American Wealth and Innovation Creation." Tate is a research and publications fellow at the Property and

Environment Research Center in Bozeman, Montana. Watkins worked with small-scale farmers in the Haitian coffee sector for two years, helping set up an initiative to boost growers' coffee production, quality and livelihoods. Prior to that, he worked as a freelance journalist in Haiti reporting on economic development, foreign aid and immigration for a variety of print and web outlets. He earned M.A. and B.A. degrees in economics from Clemson University, served in the Peace Corps in Senegal and spent two years researching economics and public policy in Washington, D.C.



Beth Henary Watson

Part-Time Fellowship-2002

Project: "No More Favorites?" She produced a series of articles on the state of racial preferences in college admissions and the rise of the diversity rationale for affirmative action. Beth is a practicing financial advisor and writes on financial topics under her own name and as a ghost writer. Prior to her entry into the financial services industry, she served as the executive director of a trade association in Texas. After college, she began her writing career as an editorial assistant at The Weekly Standard and has held other editorial positions in daily and weekly journalism, leading teams to numerous media awards from state press and trade associations. Her writing and reviews have appeared in The Weekly Standard, Planning, Dallas Morning News and Houston Chronicle. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin and her master's from the University of Texas at Arlington.



Sarah Westwood

Part-Time Fellowship-2015

Project: "Robbing Robin Hood: How insider firms make billions off the U.S. Agency for International Development." Sarah's fellowship project

explores the nexus of international goodwill and virtually unlimited funding and the contractors that exploit the system to profit immensely. Sarah works as a White House correspondent at the Washington Examiner, covering the new administration. She

studied political science at the George Washington University in Washington, D.C.



Christopher White

Part-Time Fellowship-2013

Project: "How Reproductive Technologies Pose Serious Threats to the Traditional Family Unit." Christopher is the director of Catholic Voices USA

and a contributor for Crux. He holds an M.A. in ethics and society from Fordham University and a B.A. in politics, philosophy and economics from The King's College. His writings have appeared in The Wall Street Journal, USA TODAY, Forbes, Washington Post, New York Daily News, International Business Times, The American Interest, First Things, and Human Life Review, among many other print and online publications. He lives in New York City.



Heather Wilhelm

Alumni Fund Fellowship-2005

Project: "Unholy Alliance? Government, Religion, and Ideology in America." Heather is a weekly columnist for RealClearPolitics.com and a

senior contributor at The Federalist. Her syndicated column appears in the Chicago Tribune, Dallas Morning News, The Stream and additional outlets nationwide. Heather's work also appears in National Review, Commentary magazine and The Wall Street Journal. She sits on the board of governors for Opportunity International, a Chicago-based microfinance group providing small business loans to impoverished entrepreneurs around the world. She holds a master's in social sciences from the University of Chicago and graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a bachelor's in English from Northwestern University. Her work is available at heatherwilhelm.com.



Jonathan "Yoni" Wilkenfeld

Part-Time Fellowship-2016

Project: "Long Gone: Civil Asset Forfeiture in the 21st Century." Yoni is a researcher, writer, editor and marketer for Iambic Enterprises in Washington,

D.C. He previously was an intern at Poland Today in Warsaw and also wrote freelance articles on Polish life and culture for PL Journal, The Forward and The Jewish News. He also interned at the New York Press, publishers of neighborhood newspapers in New York City. In college, he served as executive editor of The Kenyon Observer. Yoni graduated magna cum laude from Kenyon College with a bachelor's degree in political science.



Pamela Winnick
Part-Time Fellowship-2001

Project: “Examination of How Media and Established Scientists Treat the Subject of Evolution,” analyzing the dispute over the teaching of evolution.

Pam is now a freelance journalist whose first book, “A Jealous God: Science’s Crusade Against Religion” was released in 2005. Previously, she was a reporter for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. She received a bachelor’s in English from the State University of New York at Buffalo, a master’s in English from the University of Virginia and a Juris Doctor from Columbia University, where she was an editor of the law review and a Stone Scholar. After practicing law for several years, Pam decided to pursue a journalism career, earning a master’s in journalism from Columbia University in 1999. Pam and her husband, syndicated columnist Jack Kelly, are working on a historical novel about the American Revolution. Her website is pamelarwinnick.blogspot.com.



Isaac Wolf
Alumni Fund Fellowship-2006

Project: “A magazine-length article on America’s efforts to replace petroleum as the transportation industry’s mainfuel source.” Isaac is a national

reporter at Scripps Howard. Covering consumer issues, he has written about topics ranging from food stamp fraud to children held for years in adult jails to radioactive ladies handbags. Isaac’s reporting focuses on Freedom of Information requests and data analysis, primarily through SPSS and Microsoft Excel. He also conducts interviews for Scripps’ TV affiliates and edits wire content for the Scripps Howard News Service. He has received multiple awards from the Society of American Business Editors and Writers (SABEW). In 2010, Isaac was named a finalist in the Livingston Awards for young journalists for an investigation of how loose radioactive material has made its way into various consumer products. Prior to joining Scripps Howard in 2008, Isaac was a staff writer at the Daily Southtown newspaper in suburban Chicago. He received first place in the Illinois Press Association’s news reporting contest for exhaustive interviews with a firefighter who claimed for years to have been serving in the U.S. military but was actually working for a contractor. Isaac attended the University of Chicago, where he studied economics. He lives in Washington, D.C. with his wife.



Christine Won
Full-Time-Fellowship-2012

Project: A book project, “North Korea: - A Better Understanding.” Christine was based in Asia while working on her 2012 fellowship project. Currently

she is an editor at The ABIS Group. Previously she covered city government and crime at The Journal Times in Racine, Wisconsin. Christine has won the Wisconsin Newspaper Association’s 2012 Open Records Award as well as the 2011 Open Records Scoop of the Year Award. She held reporting internships at the Orange County Register and Indianapolis Star. Christine received a bachelor’s in news-editorial journalism with a minor in English from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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