

Brett Morgan is a graduate student at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. Born and raised in Pittsburgh, PA, Brett had always dreamed of going to the University of Pittsburgh. In 2011, after graduating high school, Brett was accepted into the Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences and, after graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in history and political science, he continued on at Pitt now studying Urban Affairs and Planning in the MPA program. Though his undergraduate major was focused on international affairs, Brett would like write policy or become a policy analyst, specifically in increasing economic development in poor, urban areas. This came a direct result of policy focused classes in his senior year and from experience while working as an intern for Congressman Tim Murphy. Though in the MPA degree program, he is currently planning on getting a minor in international affairs due to his undergraduate major and relative interest. When he doesn't have his nose in a book, you can find him watching Pirates' baseball, Steelers' football, or practically any Pittsburgh sport, playing golf or frisbee, or struggling to teach himself guitar. If you have any questions or need to get into contact with Brett, his email is [brm99@pitt.edu](mailto:brm99@pitt.edu).



## Biography

Yuying Chen, born in China 1993, majored in MPA, non-profit management in University of Pittsburgh. She finished her primary school, junior high and senior high in Beijing, and find her interest in foreign language and social science. So she achieved her bachelor degree of economy from Beijing International Study University.

From 2011 to 2012, she took part in the Student Association of her college of the university, during which she helped to arrange a number of school events and college conference. In the year of 2013, she had a part time job in a pizza restaurant. From September 2013 to December 2013, she went to North Arizona University for an one – semester exchange program and impressed by the advanced education system of United States university, so she decided to go to United States for further education and obtain a master degree, which she expect as a good opportunity of acquiring knowledge and have a better access to a job that can realize her own value .

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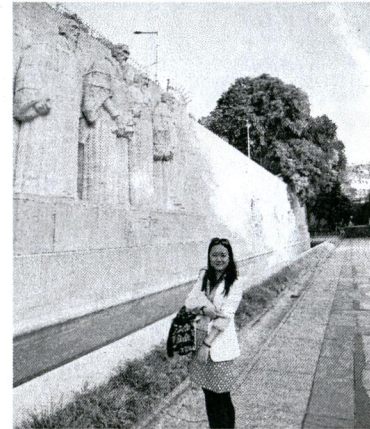
## Biography of Fiona (Yifeng) Gao

Fiona Gao (Yifeng Gao as her original Chinese name), has just started her first year as a GSPIAN majoring in MPA this fall semester. She gained her bachelor degree in University of International Business and Economics (UIBE), Beijing, China two month ago. During four years of undergraduate study, Gao has majored in International Economics and Trades, which is reputed to be the best among Chinese Universities. She also chose to minor in Spanish to meet her goal as an “International People” in either economical or administrative scale.

Gao’s interest about public administration has always combined with public health subjects. It is due to encouragement of her parents one as a specialist of social welfare and another in health insurance. They illumined her often that China has been facing more and more public health problems and there has been a huge need for people who knows well about the theme and has a administrative academic background.

So Gao decided to come to GSPIA in Pitt to fulfill her knowledge tank of administration especially in governance perspective. She also plans to apply an joint degree in Pitt’s School of Public Health to achieve her university goal to be a public administration-and-health complex person. Besides applied for these two master degree, Gao pursues her dream by attending program of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and interning in Gansu (a rural and relatively poor province in northwest China) Provincial Disease Control Center during her undergraduate years.

In the future, Gao plans to find an entrance position in a health related administration department in either UN or Chinese government, though she doesn’t refuse positions in private sector that has business with government, or some think tanks.



Fiona Gao standing by *Monument international de la Réformation* when she was in UNCTAD program in Geneva.

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Adame Frances is a first year student at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA) at the University of Pittsburgh. He is currently seeking a Masters of Public and International Affairs with a major in Security and Intelligence Studies. Mr. Frances is a recent graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University with a Bachelors of Arts in Political Science with a focus on International Relations and a minor in French.

He has done some world traveling including places such as France, Senegal, The Republic of South Africa, and most recently Haiti. Mr. Frances has been to France numerous times but more importantly in the summer of 2013 he was there to sharpen his French language skills of which he is now fluent and also an independent project where he worked with African immigrants in the Ile de France region to learn of how they assimilate and adapt to the French way of life. Amongst his time there he learned of some of the struggles and problems that many of these immigrants face, which can also be related to many of the hardships that immigrants face trying to get to Europe in general nowadays.

During his time in Haiti, Adame worked alongside the Pittsburgh based group, Faith Literacy Ministries (FLM), to help train teachers over the summer with their teaching techniques for the upcoming school year and help translate English to French and French to English to facilitate this process. Although the main language spoken in Haiti is Creole, French and Creole are very similar and most Haitians speak both languages. Also in Haiti Adame got some experience with Hopital Albert Schweitzer and learn of the developments going on there in rural Haiti in regards to the provisions of affordable medical care for those in need.

Mr. Frances has also gained valuable internship experience as an undergraduate student. He worked for Delegate Ron Villanueva R-21 at the Virginia General Assembly during the 2014 session where he was able to gain insight on the Virginia state legislative processes and assist the delegate in numerous regards. Later in 2014, Mr. Frances interned for U.S. Senator Tim Kaine (D-VA) in his Richmond office. This was a great experience for him as he was able to travel across the state and D.C. to learn of what our elected representatives do on the local, state, regional and federal levels

Mr. Frances is eager to learn more in the field of security and intelligence to build a career within the intelligence community. Work with think tanks and learning how the private and public sector can and do work together is of large interest. He sees himself someday possibly working for the US State Department as a diplomat because it takes the right person with a great knowledge of history to strategically lead our nation forward.

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Katelyn Sives attended Marymount Manhattan College as an undergraduate, receiving her B.A. in International Studies. Her primary focus was on issues in development, more specifically, land rights and social justice in Latin America. During the course of her studies, she interned with MADRE, a women's international human rights organization and Community Voices Heard (CVH), an organization which through she worked on New York City's pilot Participatory Development Project.

In 2012 Katelyn won a scholarship to study economic development in Bangalore, India, where she examined the great paradox of development. She wrestled with questions including, who benefits from development and for how long? Who does not? Is it sustainable? During her time in India Katelyn visited with marginalized populations affected by HIV/Tuberculosis and leprosy. These experiences significantly affected how she viewed issues of health in the context of development.

In September of 2012 Katelyn traveled to the northeast of Brazil as a Boren National Security Education Program (NSEP) scholar to learn Portuguese and conduct research. Her research focused on the agricultural production of a group of Landless Workers' (MST) in the semi-arid northeast, and the consequence of drought. Through participant observation Katelyn found her subjects were suffering from not only lack of water, but lack of clean water. Many of the subjects studied suffered from dysentery and illness. Her research gave her a deep understanding of research ethics and a passion to advocate for underserved populations through public and health policy. Katelyn also traveled and lived in the Brazilian Amazon for four months and completed research on the participatory development of a Quilombola community (Afro-Brazilian slave descendant community).

After returning to the U.S., Katelyn completed a service year with AmeriCorps VISTA. She worked at the United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley. Her primary role was to conduct research and public policy analysis surrounding issues in early education. While at the United Way she created an early education policy platform and wrote and implemented a grant for a summer kindergarten camp, primarily serving at-risk children and their families making the transition into kindergarten.

Katelyn is currently studying in the MID Human Security program. She is studying on a FLAS Fellowship and completing credits toward the Global Health Certificate. This fellowship is an important vehicle for her to continue mastering the Portuguese language. She looks forward to applying to the joint MID/MPH program this semester and learning more about public health. Her goal for the next three years is to consider all issues in development transnationally to develop cross-cutting competencies and knowledge that will enable her to work in diverse regions around the globe. Upon completing her studies, Katelyn plans to work for a government agency to complete her Boren (NSEP) requirement and then with a NGO focusing on food security, land rights, water issues and policy. She wants to always work with the Portuguese language in every capacity.

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Susan Gilbert is a candidate in GSPIA's *Master of Public Policy & Management* (MPPM) program, with an anticipated graduation date of Spring 2017. This is Susan's fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) term in the program and she has successfully completed the following courses to-date:

- *Seminar in Research Design and Methods*
- *Strategic Management*
- *Economics of Public Affairs*

Susan received her B.S. in Finance/Economics from Indiana University of Pennsylvania alongside an M.B.A. from the Joseph M. Katz Graduate School of Business at the University of Pittsburgh with a concentration in Finance. She is currently employed with the University of Pittsburgh in their Office of Finance. Her primary responsibilities include oversight of the University's debt portfolio, assessment of capital needs, management of working capital, serving as the primary liaison to rating agency firms and commercial and investment banking partners, and playing a strategic role in negotiation of document terms/provisions. Prior to higher education finance, Susan also worked in healthcare finance, and with the Federal Reserve Bank as a bank examiner.

Susan is elated to add a complementary dimension of public policy to her finance background with the MPPM pursuit. Her first GSPIA class out-of-the-gate (*Seminar in Research Design and Methods*), was quite a shift in learning (a slightly different intellectual challenge), given her decades-long focus on capital market transactions, quantitative analysis (an obvious cross-benefit here), and general treasury management functions.

Regarding career aspirations, Susan is committed to the advancement of the University of Pittsburgh when measured against both its peer and aspirational research universities surrounding academic and research excellence. Should future career opportunities arise at Pitt – one which combines all of public policy, finance, strategy, and relationship elements – Susan will be well-suited to assume this type of position, with a demonstrated record of business leadership and professionalism.



**Saowaluk Srimungkla (Ying)**

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Saowaluk Srimungkla was born on March 22, 1991, in Bangkok, Thailand, and spent most of her life in its suburb. Her first name derived from Sanskrit, meaning a woman who has perfect characteristics. She was named “Ying” as her nickname meaning “a woman” in Thai language. Since her parents moved around the city due to job changes, she had to move from school to school frequently. It resulted that she had few friends in her childhood. Yet, she didn’t feel so lonesome because she had her two younger sisters as friends while parents was out of town. As she is an oldest sister born in an Asian environment, being a mainstay to look after family is expected. That is why she had been inculcated the value of extended-family tie.



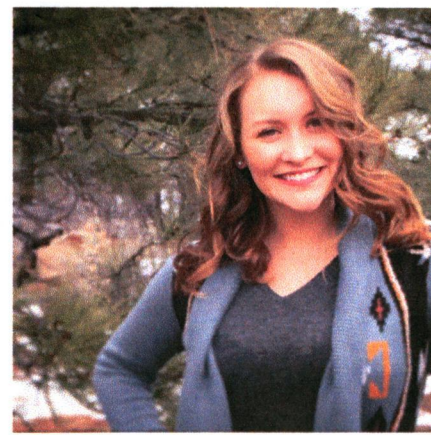
After finishing high school in Language-Art (Japanese) program, Ying went straight to Thammasat University, studied in Political Science with concentration of Public Administration and Minor in History in Thailand. In her university life, she attended several extra-curricular activities, mostly in her faculty. Because of many diversified interests, she signed up various classes which some of them sounded disconnected, such as Urban Policy and Management, Psychology of Socialization, or *Khon and Nang Yai* (Thai dance). However, the class that inspired her to further her study in Master’s was Environmental Policy and Management taken when she was a third-year university student.

This interest was re-stimulated after her graduation. Ying was offered a job as a research coordinator’s assistant in Thailand Research Fund by Assoc. Prof. Dr. Soparatana Jarusombat, the professor who gave instruction on Ying’s inspirationally environmental development class. Ying was responsible for coordinating with researchers, taking minutes, compiling data and composing progress and annual reports. Knowledge concerning Thai environment was gradually built upon all tasks she was assigned. She thus chose Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA) for her master’s degree with Energy and Environment major to answer her curiosity.

Being familiar with Thai environmental fact for a while, Ying saw several flaws in Thai environmental development. Most Thai environmental organizations are NGOs which have little impact on national policy on environmental issues. It isn’t only due to environmental problem ignorance of influential figures, but also a lack of knowledge to address the problems in order to raise awareness from Thais. In respond, the notion “building knowledge upon the strength and weakness from others” drives her to pursue experiences in other counties. Nevertheless, Ying has set working in a Thai environmental organization and, ultimately, putting environmental organizations into a critical rule in Thai environmental policy as her career goals.

What seems to be problem concerning development from Ying’s point of view is interpretation of the term “development” itself. In her country, when people mention development, they would think of skyscrapers, department stores, four to eight lanes of roads and ,most importantly, intense flow of money. People want their cities to be improved as similar as Bangkok or other perceived Modern cities where newly development problems are addressed all the time. Ying believes that the introduction and implementation of alternative choices to development policy are able to free countries from what so-called the mainstream development which somehow isn’t suitable for some places. A new challenging idea about main development such as Gross National Happiness measuring quality of people’s lives rather than money they have seems to be a promising idea toward future development.

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Student Biography

Emily Gwash is currently seeking a Masters in Public and International Affairs and majoring in Human Security, at GSPIA at the University of Pittsburgh. Emily recently graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs and a minor in Spanish from Northern Arizona University (2015) in Flagstaff Arizona.

Growing up in Washington D.C., Seattle Washington, and Northern Arizona, Emily spent a great deal of her childhood in transition while learning about the different parts of the country and the perspectives of different people she encountered. Prior to graduating high school, Emily traveled throughout Western Europe and fell in love with the art and history that is found so richly in countries like Italy and Greece. Furthermore, these trips allowed Emily to practice her French and Spanish language skills in real life situations.

While attending school Emily worked within the Political Science department as a World Politics tutor and teaching assistant. Additionally, Emily conducted research with Professor Stephen Nuño and contributed to the publication of an article focused on the local political history of the Women of East L.A., for NBCLatino. Meanwhile Emily studied Spanish during her four years as an undergraduate, and now is proficient in the language after performing in a Latin theatre production.

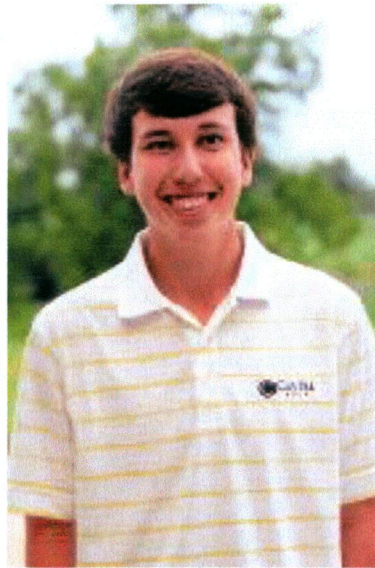
Furthermore, Emily returned to Greece and spent one summer of her undergraduate career on the island of Paros studying anthropology, specifically Mediterranean craft technologies. While encountering the many intricacies and elaborate nature of early inhabitants of the Cycladic Islands, Emily was inspired by the ways in which the Greek craftsmen created economies and livelihoods, fostering stability and security for their communities. Although the study of archeology and anthropology in Paros was not directly related to her major, Emily felt that the experience taught her a great deal about the various issues that are present in societies on both a small and large scale. It has helped to focus her educational interests on non-traditional threats that undermine the safety of people worldwide. Furthermore, the contentious political atmosphere that was present during her visits to Greece proved to be an eye-opening experience.

Aside from her studies, Emily is particularly interested in working with children to develop skills that will help them to become productive global citizens. The past two summers, she has had the opportunity to work with kids to establish leadership skills in an outdoor environment, through the YMCA.

She hopes that by pursuing a graduate degree in international affairs, she will be able to continue to work within the realm of helping children, as well as women, and to aid in constructing a more secure future for forthcoming generations. She believes that a greater global understanding of new and non-traditional threats in our international system, will aid in the development of solutions to mitigate instability, insecurity and crises. Work within the federal government or with a nonprofit organization on an international basis would be ideal, however Emily believes that these issues can be found here at home as well. Chiefly, a job that seeks to better the quality of life for those who are plagued by the non-traditional security issues of today, would fulfill Emily's career goals.



## Tyler O'Daniel



### **Bio**

Tyler O'Daniel was born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky where he attended Pleasure Ridge Park High School and later graduated Cum Laude from Centre College with a BA in Government. During his undergraduate studies, Tyler played NCAA Division III golf, serving as Captain and winning 2nd team All-Conference honors his senior season, and was active in the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, holding numerous leadership positions. He now attends the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public and International Affairs pursuing a degree in International Development. During his graduate studies Tyler is planning on being heavily involved via working groups in the Ford Institute for Human Security and the Leadership Portfolio Program conducted by the Johnson Institute for Responsible Leadership. After graduation Tyler plans to pursue a PhD in Public and International Affairs from GSPIA and enter the workforce as a development professional. He has many goals to accomplish throughout his career. He would like to obtain either a Presidential Management Fellowship or another fast-track leadership program in a development organization before working full-time as a development professional specializing in international political economy, economic development policies, and good governance. While serving in the development community, Tyler wants to expand his professional obligations—teaching courses at a university, possibly joining a think tank or research institute, publish, and travel around giving lectures on development policies. Above all Tyler wants to help people and reduce extreme poverty, undemocratic and abusive governance, and reverse failed economic policies meant to benefit the developed world at the expense of the underdeveloped.

### **Education**

BA Government, Centre College, 2014

MID, University of Pittsburgh, 2017



Emma Wallis is from the small college town of Oxford, Ohio, home of Miami University. She attended The Ohio State University from 2004-2008, where she received her Bachelors of Arts in Philosophy and Italian. Throughout her college career Emma worked with various University departments in an administrative and operational capacity. Emma studied abroad in southern Italy during her final summer as a student at OSU and graduated Cum Laude in the winter of 2008. Upon graduation Emma continued to work with The Institute for Materials Research at OSU, shifting from her student position to the title of Information Associate. In this position she worked

with multiple research centers, as faculty support staff, and in managing operations of the research institute. At this time Emma also began volunteering with the Columbus Literacy Council, and teaching Italian to primary students.

One year into her position as information associate Emma was craving something more. She remembered a long time aspiration to join the Peace Corps and realized that this would be an optimal time to apply. It took nine months from the time that she applied to the Peace Corps until she left for a small country in southern Africa (Swaziland) to be a Non-Formal Education Volunteer.

In two years of service with the Peace Corps Emma became immersed in a new culture and began to understand what could be done and sustained in her rural Swazi community. Throughout her Peace Corps service Emma worked regularly with teachers, school administrators, community leaders and community members, as well as a nearby NGO to initiate and facilitate multiple English clubs, a soccer and healthy living club, a GLOW (girls leading our world) club, regular swimming lessons, and establish a library in the primary school, among other things.

One year into her Peace Corps Service, the Non-Formal Education program was dropped and a specially developed Youth Development program was adopted. As a part of this mid-service program change, a task analysis team was assembled, and Emma was invited to be a part of it. It was a two-day analysis with volunteers, staff from the Peace Corps office in Swaziland, and regional Peace Corps consultants. The synergism of the analysis process, focused on giving future volunteers and communities the best possible chance for success with the new program, and helped Emma to see the effort that goes into effective program development.

Upon returning from the Peace Corps, Emma applied to MPA/MID graduate programs, while once again working for The Ohio State University. This time at OSU Emma worked as program assistant to the Graduate Studies office in the Physics Department. In this position she was able to continue to gain administrative skills, while also managing the progress and development of the department's new Masters to PhD Bridge Program. Emma was also elected to be the administrative advisor for the department's Society for Women in Physics organization and upcoming Conference for Undergraduate Women in Physics.

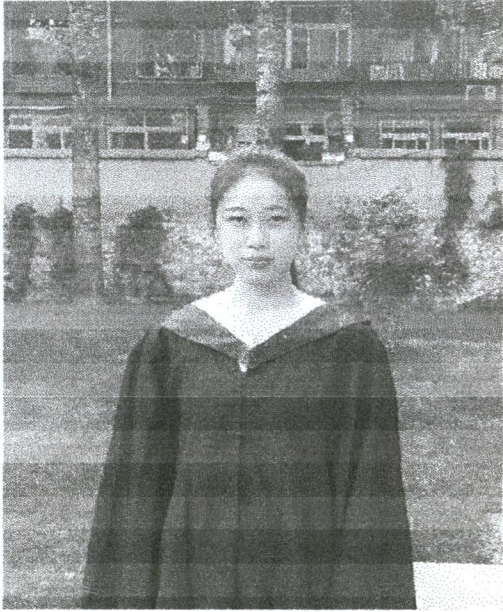
Emma's long-term professional goals are to work with NGOs and Non-Profit organizations both in the U.S. and abroad to develop, evaluate, initiate, and facilitate effective, efficient, and sustainable community development programs. Emma looks to gain focused knowledge and skills in program evaluation, policy analysis, research design, and program development, as well as to broaden the depth and breadth of knowledge and understanding regarding her region of interest, Southern Africa, while at GSPIA. She would like to use her degree from GSPIA to continue to work in community development and understand the processes of development from all levels.

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Junyan Wang received her undergraduate degree in international politics from the University of International Relations. Her original dream was to be a successful diplomatist. However, this plan was completely changed after her participated in several organizations which focused on the welfare and policy for people.

In order to practice about policy making and policy implementation, she has done plenty of academic preparation and acquired four precious projects of social policy analysis and investigation themed on caring and supporting Shidu Parents and refugee crisis management etc... In addition, her capabilities of practical investigation and policy analysis ability were strengthened quickly as an intern for the State Council of China. She fortunately participated in the policy making process of the refugee resettlement program and was allowed to coordinate the director of the department to make the planning scheme of resettlement policy.

Now, she is doing a master degree in policy research and analysis to pursue a career development in the social policy field. And her career goal was extremely clear that she wants to become a policy analyst even a policy maker who can truly do something for the vulnerable groups.

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Bio                                Yuelin Yang is a full-time master student in Public and International Affairs with a major of International Political Economy.

She completed her undergraduate study in the School of Political Science and Public Administration at Wuhan University in China and received her Bachelor's degree in Diplomacy.

She has worked as admin interns for a luxury goods company and a study center in university, and also as an editor for a website.

Yuelin Yang is interested in foreign policy and the regional study of East Asia, and she wish to engage in an affiliated career in the future.



Benjamin Kistler was born on August 6<sup>th</sup> 1992 in Allentown, Pennsylvania. He spent most of his childhood in North Wales, Pennsylvania, where he attended the North Penn school district. After graduating high school in 2011, Ben began his undergraduate work at the University of Pittsburgh. At the university, Ben grew an appreciation for political science and philosophy, which he hoped to parlay into a career. During his time as an undergrad, Ben enrolled in classes that challenged the status quo on such topics as income distribution, political accountability, and democratization. Through these classes, Ben developed a particular interest in income inequality, which he saw as a systematic injustice centered on poor/unequal policy decisions. Graduating in April 2015, Ben sought to expand his education by enrolling in the Masters of Public Administration program at the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. At G.S.P.I.A. Benjamin majored in Urban Affairs and Planning, which he believed to be central to the issue of income inequality. Benjamin's future is quite uncertain. While he knows that he wants to work to decrease income inequality, he does not know which way

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Marisa Bopp is a first-year Master's of Public and International Affairs candidate with a major in Security and Intelligence Studies at the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. She graduated in May of 2015 from Duquesne University with a degree in International Relations, as well as minors in Chemistry and Political Science. She studied standard modern Arabic for two years while at Duquesne. She also spent a summer studying in Italy through a study abroad program at Duquesne.

Upon completion of her Master's, Marisa aspires to work in the United States Intelligence Community, specifically focusing in counterterrorism. Her regions of interest include the Middle East and both Northern and Sub-Saharan Africa. Much of her coursework in her undergraduate career focused on the history of conflict in these regions, as well as the various terrorist groups that operate in these realms of the world.

Marisa currently works in the Records Department at Clark Hill PLC, a law firm located in downtown Pittsburgh. In addition, Marisa is a host for the Pittsburgh Pirates. She was born and raised in Pittsburgh, so she is a loyal fan of the Pittsburgh sports teams. In addition to her current jobs, she completed two internships of note with the Honorary Consulate of Italy in Pittsburgh and with The Claro Group, LLC in Chicago. She assisted the Consulate with visa applications, certificates, filing and other office duties. For The Claro Group, she conducted research on global healthcare reimbursement systems in order to identify potential new markets for the services of the company.

Marisa is highly interested in politics, and consequently participated in both local and national election campaigns. She was a local intern and canvassing team leader for a 2012 presidential candidate's campaign. She also assisted in campaigns for Butler County Commissioner. Marisa's interest in politics also drove her to join a national YMCA program called Youth and Government, which allows students to model and take on the positions of state and national government. She began the program during her freshman year of high school, which focused on the Pennsylvania state government. The program eventually began a new branch for college students that focused solely on the national government. Marisa participated in the first three national college conferences and was selected to serve in a leadership position at all three conferences. She served as a Supreme Court Justice for the first two conferences, and then served as the Secretary of Defense at her final conference. She co-founded the Youth and Government chapter at Duquesne University and served as the delegation's Vice-President for two years.



Brian Liston is a 22 year-old, first year graduate student at the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public and International Affairs. A native of Uniontown, Pennsylvania and a recent alumnus of nearby Duquesne University, where Brian spent four years studying Political Science and minoring in History, he is now looking to obtain a master's degree in Public and International Affairs with a major in Security and Intelligence Studies. For the next two years, Brian will be attending the University of Pittsburgh in hope of further advancing his academic career to better prepare and equip himself for a professional career, desirably in the fields of intelligence, counterterrorism, disaster and emergency management, and even perhaps in academia upon graduation either through government, the private sector, or even 'think tanks' that analyze real world problems and develop solutions to these current events. Working in the intelligence community has been a dream of Brian's for several years where he has had a strong passion and desire to maintain and strengthen the security of the United States and the powerful morals that it stands for, especially witnessing and growing up in the post 9/11 world. He feels that with his solid work ethic, desire to learn, and his analytical skills, he has a strong foundation to enter this profession. Yet, as the workplace becomes further saturated with bachelor's and associate's degrees, he understands that a four-year degree with little experience in this field will not be enough to accomplish these goals. He believes that continuing education the University of Pittsburgh will be the best option to ready himself for his career path. He looks to do well at Pittsburgh by gaining a strong education in this field by doing well in his courses, networking with classmates, faculty, and professionals, and getting the most out of the graduate experience. His primary goal while at Pitt is not just this alone, but at graduation in 2017, be able to look back and be entirely satisfied that he did all that he could to place himself in the best position that he could so that his career can be rewarding, enjoyable, and strong.

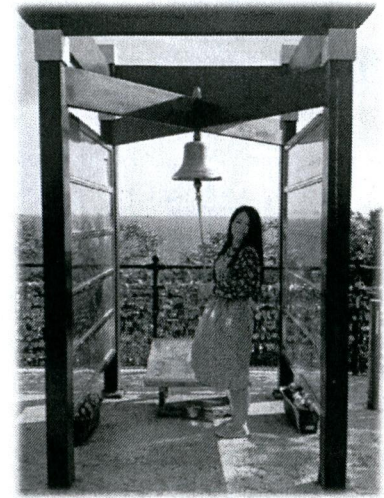
# Biography

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**Xiaoying** Yu was born in Qinghai province, China. During her childhood, her father always believes that different experiences will expand one's outlook and encourages Yu to try various things such as playing the piano, painting, dancing, playing the game of Go and being involved in various kinds of social activities.

**When** she attended China Youth University of Political Sciences, major in political science. she took the enthusiasm to participate in kinds of social activities. She seized the chance to assist a professor to finish research that concerned on Survival Condition of Migrant Workers. She also worked as a volunteer for the 17th National Congress of Communist Youth League and got a good opportunity to get in touch with government administrators and to observe how the formal national congress operates.



**During** her college life, she started the internship in *Beijing Committee of China Communist Youth League*. She organized the activity of mutual help between high school students in Beijing and in Xinjiang province, the rural area of China. She also did an internship in Beijing Sunshine Charity Foundation, which aims to help Leukemia patients in China, and worked for Doctor Assistants Program, Sunshine and Children Patients Program. Based on these experiences, she started a research and finished the thesis-*The Participation of NGO in Policy Making In China-taking Beijing Sunshine Charity Foundation as an example*.

**Above** all, Yu develop her interest in Non-profit field and all her experiences become the motivation for her to attend GSPIA.





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The young man positioned in the right frame of the photo pasted above is named Thomas Connelly and, although he is an attractive and nice young man, the focus of this short biography is on the gentleman sitting to his left. His name is Jonathon Saucier, and at the time that this photo was taken, he was spending two weeks in the beautiful country of Vietnam as part of a school trip.

Jon considers himself a lucky man. He is an only child, and the product of a modest household located in the suburbs of Cape Cod. His mother is a social worker and his father was formerly the department head of public health for the town of Dennis, but recently retired to contract work. Jon graduated Sandwich High School in 2011 with honors and as a varsity wrestler amongst some other achievements. After high school, he chose to extend his education at Mercyhurst University in Erie PA and eventually graduated in 2015 with a double major in Intelligence Studies and International relations. During his program of study, Jon was fortunate enough to complete a 6 month internship as a global security analyst for Monsanto. With the Co-Op located in Saint Louis it would extend from June to December 2014. During his tenure, he witnessed a variety of world catastrophes, including but not limited to: Ferguson Riots during that summer, Operation protective edge and the conflict between Israel and Palestine, the Russian "incursion" into the Ukraine, the Ebola outbreak and finally Ferguson 2.0- the late November riots. There he learned a lot, both about himself and about the world of intelligence as a whole. Upon the end of his internship he returned to Mercyhurst and completed his last remaining semester. Part of that semester was the capstone course known as "Strategic Intelligence", in which the various seniors would be separated into "random" groups and receive a real world project. Random is emphasized because it was universally known but not addressed that the teachers would place potentially conflicting personalities in the same group as to induce and increase drama. As luck would have it, Jon was placed into a very.... Dynamic group with a variety of personalities that often clashed, including his own. Their project was with an Air Force division known as NASIC, and sadly that is all he is allowed to discuss since they asked for his discretion, but he can say that the project was an outstanding success. After Mercyhurst he decided to attend the University of Pittsburgh within the GSPIA program with a Security and Intelligence studies major.

All in all, Jon is a hardworking individual who is often known for his direct and honest nature, quick wit, and boisterous laugh. He has a relaxed personality, often so relaxed that many people misconstrue his behavior as apathy. Really though he uses this attitude to cope with anxiety and relax/bond with the people around him. He would say that his greatest flaw is his propensity to get distracted during assignments and in some cases procrastination. Nevertheless, he is eager to apply himself to the GSPIA program and advance his career. See the heading for contact information.