

BRUMLEY NEXT GENERATION FELLOWS AND SCHOLARS

FALL 2020 - SPRING 2021

The Brumley Next Generation program continues to be a marquee attraction for both graduate

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

them.

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JON AND REBECCA BRUMLEY

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



JON BRUMLEY

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

REBECCA BRUMLEY

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

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

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

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

THE BRUMLEY NEXT GENERATION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

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

GRADUATE STUDENTS: NEXT GENERATION FELLOWS

Now in its sixth year, the Strauss Center's Brumley Next Generation Fellows program is an exciting opportunity open to graduate and Ph.D. students from any program at UT who share our interest in international affairs and who wish to participate more directly in the intellectual life of the Strauss Center.

This fellowship involves three key components:

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

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

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



UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS: NEXT GENERATION SCHOLARS

Launched in 2010, the Next Generation Scholars program's goal is to provide research and mentorship opportunities for promising UT undergraduate students interested in national security and law. The program includes a focus on civic engagement, expanding its reach by engaging students on a wider range of local, national, and international policy issues. The Scholars program for 2020-21 is being led again by Dr. Michael Mosser and Dr. Stephanie Holmsten.



This one-year program has two requirements:



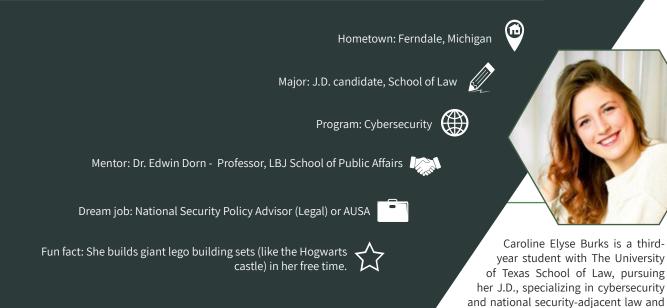
Students take a 3-credit research training and professional development course in the fall semester. This course is designed to introduce students to policy work, including basic skills in policy research, analysis, and writing. Training includes designing research strategies and proposals, conducting policy analysis, writing resumes and statements of purpose, crafting op-eds and blog posts, and planning for next steps in their career development.

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

BRUMLEY NEXT GENERATION GRADUATE FELLOWS



CAROLINE BURKS



National Security Law Brief and the International Journal of Intelligence and Counterintelligence. Caroline has worked as an intern for the Department of Justice at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Dallas and at a patent litigation firm. Prior to law school, Caroline worked in the role playing games industry as an event manager. Upon completion of her studies, Caroline intends to practice law and hopes to make a career in patent litigation, cybersecurity, and privacy law.

Jaime Cabrera is a second-year Master of Global Policy student at the LBJ School of Public Affairs where he specializes in internet governance. He graduated with a B.A. in International Business from Tec de Monterrey in Mexico. He has worked for the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the World Trade Organization as an assistant to the Delegate on Trade Facilitation and at the Consulate General of Mexico in Laredo, Texas, as the Press and Legal Affairs Coordinator. He serves on the LBJ School's Graduate Council

of Public Affairs' Executive Committee as the Financial Director for the 20–21 academic year. Jaime is particularly interested in the collaboration of private and public sectors for the global public interest and how technology can lead to better forms of governance.

policy. Caroline has (soon to be released) publications in the American University

Hometown: Monterrey, México

Major: Global Policy Studies, LBJ School of Public Affairs

Program: Cybersecurity and Disinformation

Mentor: Bryan Jones - Adjunct Professor, UT School of Law

Dream job: Center for the Fourth Industrial Revolution at the World Economic Forum

Fun fact: His favorite souvenirs when he travels are museum tickets and public transport receipts.

JAIME CABRERA

GABRIEL CORTEZ

Hometown: San Diego, California

Major: Global Policy Studies, LBJ School of Public Affairs



Mentor: Stephen Slick - Director, Intelligence Studies Project

Dream job: U.S. Ambassador or Peace Corps country director

Gabriel Cortez graduated from Northern Arizona University with a bachelor's degree in Public Administration with *summa cum laude* honors. As a Charles B. Rangel Fellow with the U.S. State Department, Gabriel will join the Foreign Service after completing his

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Fun fact: He's lived in four countries, traveled to 33 countries, and visited 32 U.S. states.

Master's in Global Policy Studies at the LBJ School. Gabriel has an extensive history with the U.S. federal government, working and interning with different offices and agencies such as the U.S. Helsinki Commission, U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Department of Health, and U.S. Department of State at its General Consulate in Milan, Italy. He has lived abroad in several countries, including Japan and Italy, and served in the Peace Corps in Ukraine for three years as a Volunteer Leader.

Alyssa Goessler is a second-year graduate student pursuing dual master's degrees in Global Policy and Middle Eastern Studies at the LBJ School of Public Affairs and the Center for Middle Eastern Studies. Prior to joining the UT community, Alyssa worked in foreign policy in New York City—first, at the Mission of Jordan to the United Nations, and then in the Executive Office of the Council on Foreign Relations. Alyssa's research aims to increase transparency, predictability, and accountability in space by employing natural language processing to better understand Arab

 Ianguage processing to better understand Arabstate behaviors in space. This research could help decrease the likelihood of conflict and aid in the creation of international norms by providing further clarity on the motivations of MENA nation-states in space.
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ALYSSA GOESSLER

BRIANNA KABLACK



receiving a Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs from The George Washington University, Brianna analyzed Russian and Chinese economic warfare strategies before spending a year teaching English in Thailand. Brianna is passionate about addressing emerging threats holistically and hopes to advance U.S. foreign policy that aligns immediate security interests with long-term international development.

Marigny Kirschke-Schwartz is a second-year Master of Global Policy Studies candidate at the LBJ School of Public Affairs. She received a Bachelor of Arts in Peace, War, and Defense and a minor in Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies from UNC-Chapel Hill. Her current research examines the efficacy of counterterrorism policy and reforms in the U.S. Intelligence Community, with broad interests in covert action and national security. She is spending the summer of 2020 working as a Research Associate

for Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, focusing on terrorism and nuclear nonproliferation policy. Upon completion of her degree, Marigny plans to pursue a career in public service.

Diplomacy with interests in Middle East security and domestic terrorism. After

Hometown: Wilmington, North Carolina

Major: Global Policy Studies, LBJ School of Public Affairs

Program: Counterterrorism

Mentor: Paul Pope - Senior Fellow, Intelligence Studies Project 🏼

Dream job: Director of a research program or head of an intelligence division

Fun fact: She's hoping to get her A-license in skydiving this year!

MARIGNY KIRSCHKE-SCHWARTZ

RAVEN LANGHORNE



Fun fact: He played ice hockey throughout his childhood but is now an avid yogi.

MATTHEW ORR

JONATHAN ROBERTS



Major: Public Affairs, LBJ School of Public Affairs

of the world.

Program: Complex Emergencies and Political Stability in Asia

Mentor: Dr. Joshua Busby - Associate Professor, LBJ School of Public Affairs

Dream job: Consultant or advisor on public healthcare systems (U.S. and abroad)

Fun fact: She loves learning foreign/ancient languages and have spent time learning Spanish, French, Urdu, Farsi, Arabic, Latin, and Ancient Greek.

NIMRAH SIDDIQUI

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CLAIRE HUITT



Hometown: Mildred, TX

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

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Dream job: General Counsel at an intelligence agency or working in the Office of the Legal Advisor at the State Department

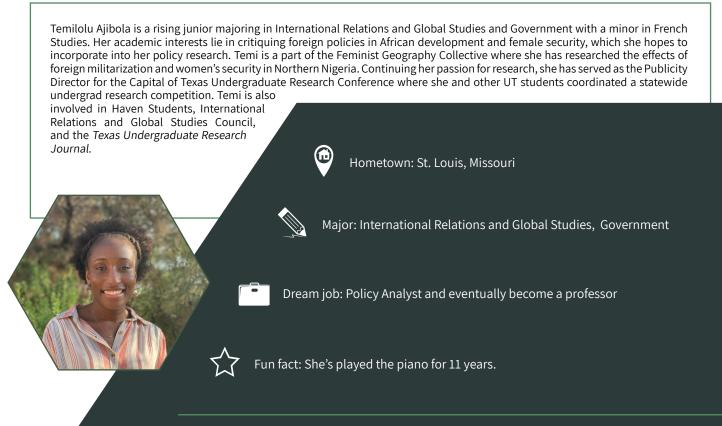
Fun fact: In college, she spent a few weeks on an archeology study in Israel. At one excavation site, she recovered an intact Roman-era pot, which they unfortunately did not let her keep. Claire Huitt is a joint degree student pursuing her J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law and her Masters in Global Policy Studies from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs. Claire graduated from Southern Methodist University in 2017 with

her B.A. in economics, political science, and public policy. She holds a Graduate Portfolio in Security Studies from the Clements Center for National Security. Claire has interned with the Department of State at U.S. Embassy Tokyo and the Department of Justice with the Office of International Affairs' team for Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. Following graduation in May 2021, Claire will be joining the global law firm Norton Rose Fulbright as an associate in the firm's Washington D.C. office.

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

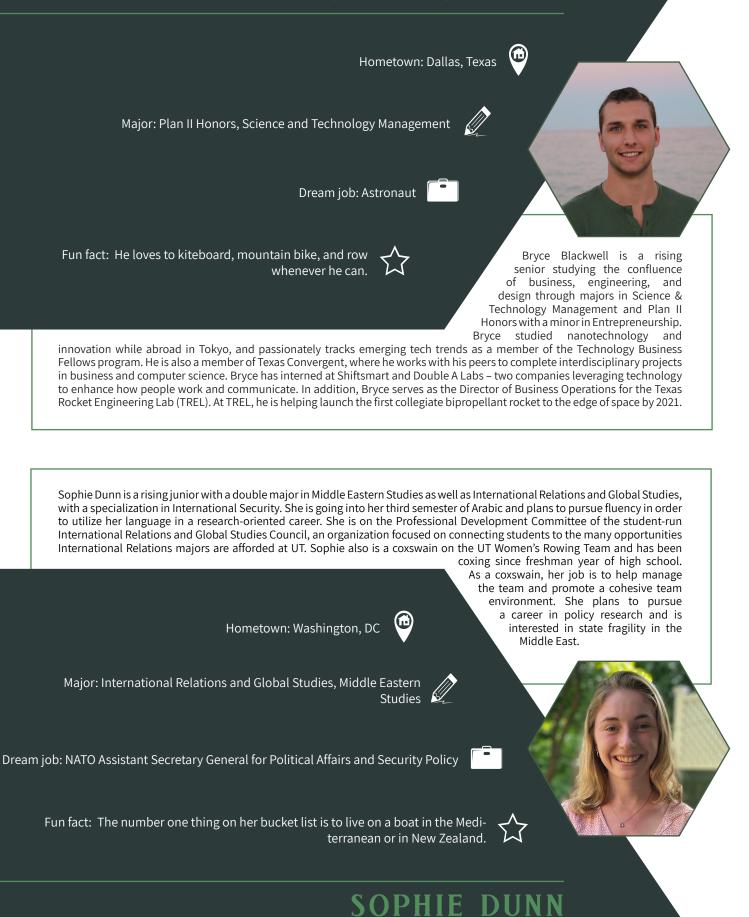


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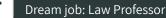
JARED HREBENAR

Hometown: Houston, Texas



Major: International Relations and Global Studies, Government, Economics, Chinese

Fun fact: He speaks 6 languages!



Jared Hrebenar is a rising senior majoring in International Relations and Global Studies, Economics, Government, and Chinese. He is also pursuing a certificate in Core Texts and Ideas through the Jefferson Scholars Program. Jared is actively involved in

UT's Model United Nations program, having participated in the UT conference since high school and is currently serving as the organization's 27th Secretary-General. He also serves on both the executive boards of the International Relations and Global Studies Council and the directorate of the Chicago International Model UN Conference. Outside of academics, Jared has worked as a Communications Director in the Texas Legislature, and as the Digital Director for the 2018 Democratic Lt. Governor's campaign. Jared hopes to one day attend graduate school and lead a career in academia.

Jonah Isaac is a rising junior at UT Austin, where he is pursuing a Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures degree in History, Arabic, and Information Studies. His professional interests pertain especially to social media, data privacy, and defense policy. For nearly the past year, Jonah has had the honor of interning at the Department of Defense AFRICOM, where he has produced analysis of African social media trends and regional geopolitical developments. Outside of school, Jonah enjoys powerlifting and reading. In the future, he would like to examine how communities across Africa and the Middle East can respond to Internet-related security threats.



Hometown: Oakland, California



Major: Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures



Dream job: Lead U.S. social media manipulation mitigation efforts related to election security



Fun fact: Once he graduates, Jonah plans to build his own house by hand.

JONAH ISAAC

AVERY LEAKE



MAYSON OBRIEN

Hometown: Austin, Texas

Major: International Relations and Global Studies



Dream job: Federal Court Judge

Mayson OBrien is a rising senior studyingInternational Relations and Global Studies with a specialization in European and Environmental Studies. Her research interests center on global environmental policy and environmental issues of distribution. She is particularly Fun fact: She loves to sing with her a cappella group in her free time.

passionate about critically assessing the ways in which certain environmental policies disadvantage marginalized groups. In 2019, Mayson conducted research on various forms of environmental policy and the potential for their application in democracies, which was published in the Yale Review of International Studies. Mayson hopes to pursue a career in public service in order to help ensure that environmental policies benefit society in equitable ways. In order to achieve this goal, she plans to attend law school after her undergraduate studies and specialize in international environmental law.

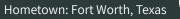


Dream job: Director of Ethical A.I. Systems

Fun fact: He plays water polo on the UT club team.

COLIN PHILLIPS

JANAE STEGGALL



Major: International Relations and Global Studies

Dream job: Foreign Service Officer (Consular, Political, or Public Diplomacy)

Fun fact: She's learning how to cross-stich in her free time!

Janae Steggall is a rising junior pursuing a degree in International Relations and Global Studies, a minor in History, and a Security Studies certificate. Janae is the incoming President of TX Votes, an awardwinning nonpartisan civic engagement

organization that devotes itself to registering, educating, and encouraging students and faculty to participate in democracy. She is the outgoing Chair of the Civic Engagement Alliance, a collection of organizations working toward greater civic engagement, especially for groups that vote at historically low rates. As a Dedman Distinguished Scholar, she has gained mentorship and support from the Dedman family to delve into and explore her passions. Through the Normandy Scholars Program at UT, Janae has enhanced her ability to analyze history and the ethics of modern-day commemoration efforts.

William Wallock is a rising junior pursuing degrees in both Plan II Honors and Quantitative Finance. He is also a student of the Jefferson Scholar Program where he is earning a certificate in Core Texts and Ideas. He hopes to devote his professional career to working in the intersection between climate security and international law. He is acutely interested in the ways that the changing environment will influence the world's political and social order. Before beginning undergrad, William spent a year in Israel where he worked as an EMT with Magen David Adom and studied the geopolitics of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Since his time in

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Israel, he has devoted his professional time to working in the realm of environmental policy and law. He worked as a case clerk at Lloyd Gosselink with the water and energy practice group.

Hometown: Austin, Texas

Major: Quantitative Finance, Plan II Honors

Dream job: Senior Fellow at CSIS

Fun fact: He worked as an EMT in Tel Aviv.

WILLIAM WALLOCK



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