



CASA Fellows 2018-2019 in Amman

Fatoumata Bint Bah recently graduated from CUNY-Hunter College, with an Honors B.A. in political science and an Arabic minor. She is interested in pursuing graduate studies in Arabic linguistics and a J.D. in Islamic studies. As a Guinean-American immigrant, Fatoumata hopes to work with migrant communities in the U.S. and abroad, while teaching Arabic. Her research interests include topics in Arabic diglossia, Islam in the African diaspora, and the exchange of sociolinguistic resources and religious ideas across North and West Africa.

Aaron Burroughs graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in May 2018 with a degree in international relations and global studies with a focus in Middle Eastern studies. Aaron has lived and studied in Meknes, Morocco, and London, England. His academic interests include refugee policy, migration studies, and international human rights. After CASA, Aaron hopes to work in refugee advocacy before pursuing a Master's degree in forced migration studies.

Sonali Dhawan graduated from Georgetown University with a B.A. in Arabic and Islamic studies and in government. She previously taught English in Morocco and studied abroad in Jordan, where she also conducted research on the quality of education offered to Syrian refugees. Sonali also received the Critical Language Scholarship award to study in Oman. After CASA, she plans to pursue her J.D. in human rights law with a focus on civilian protection in conflict.

Daanish Faruqi is a Ph.D. candidate in history at Duke University, where his research addresses Islamic political thought, particularly the politics of Sufism. His present work examines the role of transnational Sufi rebel groups in revolutionary upheaval, most recently during the Syrian uprising of 2011. Previously a Fulbright student scholar in Morocco, Daanish has lived throughout the MENA region over several years, both as a researcher and as a journalist. He has published two books based on his experiences and recently published *Egypt and the Contradictions of Liberalism* (co-edited with Dalia Fahmy).

Andrew Fitzgerald is a PhD Candidate in the Department of Communication at Stanford University. His research combines political economic critique with an empirical study of the mediation of violence in fragmented algorithmic media systems, with a specific normative focus on the intersection of global discourses of terrorism and democratic theory.

Andrea Flinn holds a Bachelor's degree in communication from Cornell University and a Master's degree in teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL). She studied Ammiya at the Qasid Institute from 2016-2017, and she taught at the University of Jordan. Andrea is interested in applied linguistics, translanguaging, and TESOL, specifically Arabic. She is excited to further explore research on the potential of technology to support language acquisition.

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Ellis Garey is a PhD student in history and Middle Eastern studies at New York University. Her work focuses on Greater Syria during the late Ottoman period, and her broader research interests include labor history, social movements, and the history of capitalism. Ellis previously studied Arabic in Jordan and Palestine.

Robert Hildebrandt is a third-year anthropology PhD student at the George Washington University. He holds a Bachelor's degree in history from Carleton College and a Master's degree in social science from the University of Chicago. Robert has studied Arabic with CET in Jordan as well as at the Arabic Language Institute in Fez in Morocco, the Institut français du Proche-Orient in Lebanon, and al-Najah University in Palestine. Robert also spent two years teaching English with AMIDEAST in Tunisia. His dissertation research focuses on questions of race, gender, and national identity among Palestinian citizens of Israel employed in the Israeli labor force.

Jessica Lambert is a PhD student in anthropology at Boston University. She graduated from Emory University with a B.A. in Middle Eastern studies and French literature. Prior to beginning her doctoral program, she researched single motherhood through a Fulbright grant and worked with women's organizations in Morocco for several years.

Maria (Maru) Pabón was born and raised in San Juan, Puerto Rico. She received a B.A. in comparative literature from Brown University and is currently a Ph.D. student in comparative literature at Yale University, where she works on literary créoles and dialects in the Maghreb and Indian Ocean. Her developing interests include Islamic philosophies of language and the history of the Arabic language. In 2012, Maru spent a summer studying Arabic in Amman at Columbia University's Middle East Research Center. She has also studied Arabic in Morocco as a FLAS award recipient.

Paula Roetscher graduated from the University of Florida in 2016 with degrees in geography, sustainability studies, and Arabic. She previously studied Arabic at the Middlebury Summer Language School. Paula is interested in using GIS applications for refugee relief work and hopes to attend graduate school after her time in Jordan.

Jackie Salzinger is a recent graduate of Yale University, where she majored in sociocultural anthropology. Her research interests include workplace ethnography, transcultural psychiatry, and foreign language pedagogy. In addition to her passion for language studies and the liberal arts, Jackie enjoys any opportunity to engage with music, and she is glad to have discovered during her previous semester abroad in Jordan that Amman is home not only to many opportunities to learn about *tarab* music, but also to chances to sing Amy Winehouse with friends. In the future, Jackie hopes to pursue either a PhD in cultural studies or a career in immigration law.

Estevan Sanchez graduated as a University of California Regents Scholar from the University of California-Davis with a double major in History and in African American and African Studies. In 2014, he was awarded a Critical Language Scholarship to study Arabic in Oman. During the summer of 2015, he studied Arabic in Jordan with the support of a Benjamin A. Gilman Scholarship. After graduation, Estevan spent a year in Morocco as a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant. His research interests are Arabic dialects and hip-hop culture in the Middle East, specifically beat production.

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Jared Szuba is a journalist, editor, and independent researcher who earned his M.A. in Middle Eastern studies from the University of Chicago after conducting sociological ethnographic research on Cairo's urban religious networks. He graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.A. in Near Eastern Studies and German. Jared has previously studied Arabic at the University of Alexandria, Egypt, and al-Najah University in Nablus.

Junius Williams graduated from Harvard College with an A.B. in African Studies (cum laude) and a language citation in Modern Standard Arabic. He has studied Arabic in Oman and Morocco and has a deep interest in the political economy of the MENA region. After CASA, Junius will work as a business analyst at McKinsey & Company.

Michael Zanger-Tishler graduated from Yale University in 2018 with a B.A. in ethics, politics and economics as well as modern Middle Eastern studies. His research focuses on the punishment and policing of different minority groups, including Arabic speakers, in different democratic countries. After CASA, he plans to pursue a JD/PhD to study the comparative politics and sociology of punishment.