



Name: Remesh Shemir Adams

Major/Area of Study: Political Science and Spanish

Faculty Adviser: Dr. Unislawa Williams

Thesis description:

My thesis assesses the importance of race in governmental responses to natural disasters.

Post-graduation plans: I will pursue my JD in Human Rights and Immigration with an LLM in National Security at Georgetown Law.



Name: Taylor Branch

Major/Area of Study: Economics

Faculty Adviser: Dr. Romie Tribble

Thesis description: The effect of racial and gender discrimination on women's annual income



Name: Brean Derrett

Major/Area of Study: Biology

Faculty Adviser: Dr. Mentewab Ayalew

Thesis description: I studied the behavioral changes that occur in the model organism *C. elegans* when exposed to various ethanol concentrations.

Post-graduation plans: Post-baccalaureate research programs. Meanwhile, I will be working for *Accenture* as a consulting analyst.



Name: Jasmin Eatman

Major/Area of Study: Biology/Neuroscience

Thesis description: My thesis focuses on the threat of combinational metal toxicity and seeks to identify the molecular basis of neurotoxicity as a result of cross exposure to multiple environmental contaminants.

Post graduation plans: As a dual degree graduate in Neuroscience (Spelman College/ Morehouse School of Medicine) I plan to complete my Masters degree at Morehouse School of Medicine and pursue a MD-PhD extending my current research as the basis of my doctoral study.



Name: Mikaela Funn

Major/Area of Study: International Studies

Faculty Adviser: Dr. Moon Charania

Thesis description: West African migrant integration in Switzerland.

Post-graduation plans: Strategy and Operation Business Analyst at Deloitte Consulting



Name: Chelesa Fearce

Major/Area of Study: Biochemistry

Thesis Adviser: Dr. Yassin Jeilani

Thesis description: My research focuses on the formation of biomolecules under prebiotic conditions. I study how small molecules, such as formamide and urea, can form complex molecules using free radical mechanisms. These simple molecules can produce many different biomolecules under relatively low energy barriers.

Post-graduation plans: I have a 2-year fellowship at the National Institutes of Health. Afterwards, I plan to apply to graduate school.



Name: Erin Ferguson

Major/Area of Study: Psychology

Thesis Advisers: Dr. Sandra Patterson & Dr. Afekwo Ukuku

Thesis description: My thesis investigates the body image and sexual behaviors of middle-aged African American women. The purpose of my thesis is to explore the role of body image in the sexual experiences of women aged 40-65.

Post-graduation plans: My plan is to enter a clinical psychology PhD program. I am currently making a decision between University of Florida and University of Virginia.



Name: Micah Henson

Major/Area of Study: Mathematics

Thesis Adviser: Dr. Monica Stephens

Thesis description: A modeling study of global and surface temperatures using a hierarchy of layered models

Post-Graduation Plans: Doctoral applied mathematics program



Name: Ashley Kirby

Major/Area of Study: Economics

Thesis Adviser: Dr. Romie Tribble

Thesis description: My thesis analyzes the impact of the real minimum wage on unemployment levels in the United States and the differential effects a change in the minimum wage has on the unemployment levels of Blacks, Whites, and Hispanics between the years 1979 and 2013.

Post-Graduation Plans: After graduation I will be attending Wake Forest University to pursue my Masters degree in Accounting.



Name: Easlynn Lee

Major/Area of Study: Economics

Thesis Adviser: Dr. Romie Tribble

Thesis description: My thesis, “Jumping the Broom Versus Tying the Knot”, investigates the changing economics of marriage by comparing the Baby Boomer generation and Generation Y to determine how race, income, and labor force participation influence marriage.

Plans following graduation: Undecided



Name: Danielle Marshall

Major/Area of Study: Political Science

Thesis Adviser: Dr. Unislawa Williams

Thesis description: My research examines whether and how receiving government assistance affects African American voter participation.

Post-graduation Plans: Howard University School of Law



Name: Monica McGee

Major/Area of Study: Biology/Pre-Med

Thesis Adviser: Dr. Jacqueline Hibbert

Thesis Description: Assessing the effects of a chemotherapy agent and anti-inflammatory drug on hypoxia-induced cell damage in sickle cell disease

Post-Graduation Plans: Medical School



Name: Mirabella Nwaka

Major/Area of Study: Political Science

Thesis Adviser: Dr. Unislawa Williams

Thesis description: My thesis seeks to address the problems African immigrants (women specifically) face in the labor force when coming to America. It is important that we address the institutions that systemically encumber women of color.

Post-Graduation Plans: I will join the 2018 Teach For America corps and then subsequently attend law school.



Name: Asia Payne

Major/Area of Study: Neurobiology

Thesis Adviser: Dr. Mark Lee

Thesis description: Identification of Novel Biomarkers for Traumatic Brain Injury

Post-Graduation Plans: Completing my Masters in Neuroscience and pursuing medical school



Name: Princeanna Price

Major/Area of Study: Psychology

Thesis Adviser: Dr. Sandra Patterson and Dr. Danielle Dickens

Thesis description: My thesis focuses on the use of mindfulness meditation as a coping strategy in response to perceived experiences of prejudice and discrimination among Black college women.

Post-graduation plans: I intend to work full-time at *Aon*, a leading human resource company in Atlanta, GA, as a benefits delivery specialist. I also intend to eventually obtain my Master's degree in Industrial/Organizational Psychology or Human Resources.



Name: Kierra Parker

Major/Area of Study: Biology

Thesis Adviser: Dr. Hong Qin

Thesis description: Determining the factors affecting metric proficiency, scientific literacy and attitude.

Post-graduation plans: Pursuing an MD/JD dual degree



Name: Gabrielle Porter

Major/Area of Study: Economics

Thesis Adviser: Dr. Romie Tribble

Thesis description: My thesis examines the determinants of violent crime victimization for black women over a ten year period. I found that overall rates of victimization declined from 2005 to 2015. Significant factors that increase the likelihood of being the victim of a violent crime are age, employment status, and if an individual resides in a two parent home.

Post-graduation plans: Following graduation, I will be an assistant brand manager at Newell Brands.



Name: Ashley Reid

Major/Area of Study: Politics, Philosophy, and Economics

Thesis Adviser: Dr. Romie Tribble

Thesis description: My thesis analyzes companies from the Fortune 500 and Forbes Magazine's lists of top socially responsible companies to determine if CSR spending affects key financial indicators such as share price, profitability, or revenue (Domestic & Revenue), or if CSR spending is a result of key financial indicators.

Post-graduation plans: Google, Marketing Manager



Name: Dru Spiller

Major/Area of Study: International Studies

Thesis Adviser: Dr. Moon Charania

Thesis description: I analyzed how post-colonial French identity construction, concepts of equality, and a culture of color blindness affect how people of color are portrayed in French media.

Post-graduation plans: I'm currently interning at the Bureau of Democracy, Labor and Human Rights at the US Department of State. I will be attending law school in the fall.



Name: Kyana Waters

Major/Area of Study: International Studies Major (Latin America Concentration)/Music Minor

Thesis Adviser: Dr. Anastasia Valecce

Thesis Description: Written and presented in Spanish. I investigate the development of rap in Cuba and its role as a tool for social change and resistance through the analysis of two songs by two independent rap groups, Los Aldeanos and Las Krudas, that are currently part of the Cuban diaspora. My work is important because it provides new knowledge about Cuban rap (a seldom studied subject) and the relationship between the state and rappers with regards to artistic and intellectual expression. The two independent (i.e. not state-sponsored) rap groups that I investigate have represented afro-cubans, women, poor communities, LGBT communities, and other marginalized groups in Cuba.

Post-graduation plans: Return home to Washington D.C. Metro Area to pursue a career in international exchange/study abroad management.



Name: Irris Joyce Williams

Major/Area of Study: Political Science

Thesis adviser: Dr. Unislawa Williams

Thesis description: My thesis research uses the 2016 Democratic primary election to determine whether or not the voting tendencies of black millennial women are more liberal than those of black Baby Boomer women.

Post-graduation plans: I will be attending University of Memphis Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law.



Name: Taylor Williams-Hamilton

Major/Area of Study: Biology

Thesis Advisor: Mark Maloney

Thesis Description: In my research, my aim was to identify similar Gb3-binding sites on proteins that have not yet been realized . Gb3 binding sites are receptors for Shiga toxins, which are potent virulence factors produced by bacterial pathogens such as E. coli that have the potential to induce disease in humans and other animals.

Post Graduation Plans: Attend medical school