

2019 JESUIT VOLUNTEER BIOGRAPHIES

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## JESUIT VOLUNTEER COHORT

Jesuit Volunteers perform vital service among the poor and marginalized across 40 communities in six countries. And over 170 service agencies at the front lines of social justice rely on JVs to fulfill their missions. JVC is an international network of young leaders fighting for a more just and hopeful world together.

Meet the Jesuit Volunteers who will either start or continue serving as JVs in summer of 2019.

If you have any questions about our JV Biographies document, please direct them to <u>jvcprogram@jesuitvolunteers.org</u>.

## Andahuaylillas, Peru

Brooke Silvas Coordinator

Casa Antonio Ruiz de Montoya



#### Annie McHugh

Annie McHugh is from Manassas, Virginia. She attended Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, Indiana where she studied International Development, Business Administration, and Spanish. For the next two years she will be serving the San Pedro Parish in Andahuaylillas, Peru.



#### Sarafina San Miguel

Sarafina San Miguel hails from a small West Texas town called San Angelo. She attended St. Mary's University in San Antonio where she gained a Bachelor's degree in English Communications. Upon graduation she served in Ecuador for a year and has decided to follow a continued call and commit herself to serving with JVC at Fe y Alegria in Andahuaylillas, Peru.

#### Luis Melgar

Luis Melgar is from Scranton, Pennsylvania. He graduated from the University of Scranton with a degree in Exercise Science, minoring in Spanish and took a very alternative route his senior year receiving minors Theology, and concentrations in Peace & Justice Studies and Latin American Studies after his service trip to Managua, Nicaragua (which, naturally, changed his life forever). He is an avid soccer and basketball player and an inchoate guitar player. He joined "Urban Beats Dance Crew" his junior year as an attempt to improve his ability to dance freely to songs that don't have specific choreography, and is still working on it. Luis will be serving for his second year in a pastoral and campus ministry role with Fe y Alegria in San Ignacio de Loyola School in Andahuaylillas, Peru.



#### Phyllis Tonna

Phyllis Tonna is from San Francisco, California. She graduated from Regis University in Denver, Colorado with a degree in Sociology with a minor in Spanish and Community Food Systems. She loves to watch The Bachelor (and all that implies: creating a bracket, participating in a drinking game, and providing the best color commentary). While in college Phyllis was on the school's dance team and would dance at the club on Latin Nights! Phyllis will continue her service as the Head of the Library and Computer Lab at Parroquia de San Pedro Apostol in Andahuaylillas, Peru.

#### Albuquerque, NM Casa Carlo Carretto

#### Dianne Dragoo Coordinator



#### **Kirsten Anastasio**

Kirsten Anastasio is a New Jersey native and recent graduate of Fordham University Rose Hill, where she studied Economics and American Studies. It was in college that a deep commitment to social justice, equity and Jesuit values were first instilled, leading her to JVC. In her free time, she enjoys playing music, attending concerts, shooting photography and reading. This year she will serve at ACE Leadership High School in Albuquerque, NM.

#### Colin Crawford

Colin Crawford has proudly spent his entire life in South Bend, Indiana, where he majored in history at Holy Cross College. He loves language, backpacking, and Indian food. As a Jesuit Volunteer, he will serve as a shelter assistant at HopeWorks in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

#### **Grace Laria**

Grace Laria graduated from Georgetown University in May 2019, where she studied Culture & Politics with a focus on immigration, minored in Spanish, and completed a certificate in Latin American Studies. This year, Grace will serve as a Legal Assistant at the Santa Fe Dreamers Project in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

#### **Carlos Rodriguez**

Carlos Rodriguez is a graduate of Seattle University where he earned a BA in Public Affairs. As the former Student Body President, he has used his position to talk about issues related to immigration, state violence, and homelessness. He has been vocal of his status as an undocumented immigrant in the hopes of bringing awareness to the complexity of immigration in the United States. Carlos is known for wearing a scarlet "U" signifying how an undocumented status, which has been largely stigmatized in the U.S., is branded onto the lives of many Undocumented immigrants. This year, Carlos will serve at the New Mexico Immigrant Law Center in Albuquergue, NM as an Immigrant Advocate.

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#### Anna Sheridan

Anna Sheridan is from New Orleans, Louisiana and recently graduated from the University of Notre Dame. There, she studied International Economics with a concentration in Spanish, and developed a strong interest in immigration which led her to pursue a year of service with JVC. This year, she will serve at the New Mexico Immigrant Law Center in Albuquerque.

Jill Kress Coordinator

#### **Atlanta, GA** Sojourner Truth House

## Ella Bjurman Ella Bjurman is from Chicago, Illinois. She recently graduated from Xavier University in Cincinnati, OH where she majored in Political Science with a minor in Peace and Justice Studies. This upcoming year Ella will serve at the Southern Center for Human Rights in Atlanta. She also enjoys a warm cup of tea, spending time with friends & family, and watching a good movie! Sarah Brownell Sarah Brownell was born in Elorida and has lived all around the United States

#### Sarah Brownell was born in Florida and has lived all around the United States. Sarah attended Simmons College in Boston, MA where she received a degree in Data Science and Analytics. Sarah likes to Zumba dance, walk, and read. A fun fact about Sarah is she read parts of The Iliad in its original language of Ancient Greek. She also enjoys finding the joy in everyday tasks. Sarah's JVC placement is Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School in Atlanta, GA as an Academic Aide.

#### Julian Franks

Julian Franks was born in Pennsylvania and enjoys playing soccer, video games, podcasts, and cooking. He read all of the "A Song of Ice and Fire (Game of Thrones)" books. He attended Fordham University, a Jesuit school in New York City where he internalized the ideals of "cura personalis" and "being a man for others" while studying Business Administration and Law/Ethics. His dedication to the Jesuit tradition has led him to JVC, through which he will serve the International Rescue Committee in Atlanta, GA.

#### Gracie Palmer

Gracie Palmer is a California native who recently graduated from Loyola University New Orleans with a degree in Popular and Commercial Music. In addition to her music industry studies, she was highly involved in student organizations on campus, including leading Loyola's bi-annual Awakening retreat all four years of college, and was privileged to hold several leadership positions within the community. The ideals she gained from her Jesuit education were a few of the many influences that led her to JVC, and she thrilled to follow in her cousin's and father's footsteps as a JV. She will be serving in Atlanta, Georgia, with the Midtown Assistance Center this year.



#### Abigail Vogt

Abby Vogt grew up on Long Island in Northport, NY and recently graduated from Villanova University with a degree in Psychology and a minor in Peace & Justice studies. During her time at Villanova, she had the opportunity to engage in weekly service, alternative break trips, campus ministry, and a service learning community that helped ignite her passion for justice. This year, she will serve with Catholic Charities Atlanta as a Refugee Resettlement Specialist.

#### **Austin, TX** Casa Pier Giorgio Frassati

#### Lauren Kalbfell Coordinator



#### Elise DeGidio

Elise DeGidio attended Saint Louis University, where she obtained a double major in Public Health and Emergency as well as a minor in Health Care Ethics. She is grateful for the amazing friends and family that have encouraged her and supported her in her decision to serve with JVC this year. She will be serving at Central Texas Catholic Charities in Austin, Texas.

#### Chris Dunn

Chris Dunn is from the suburbs of Philadelphia and attended Georgetown University, where he studied US history and foreign policy. While at Georgetown, he was an editor for the school news magazine and played on the ultimate frisbee team. This year, he will serve at the Workers Defense Project in Austin, Texas.

#### Sabrina Malagon

Sabrina Malagon was raised in Orange County, New York and transitioned to life in Pennsylvania when she attended Bucknell University. At Bucknell she studied both Biology and Geography which enabled her to think about health and biology in a greater context including social and economic barriers to care. This idea flourished into working in public health and a greater understanding of how to serve a population without appropriate care, which eventually led her to JVC. Apart from her studies, Sabrina enjoys watching plays, traveling, and crafting when she gets the chance! This year, she is excited to serve at the Catholic Charities Central Texas Gabriel Project Life Center in Austin, Texas. **Nora Ryan** 



Nora Ryan attended Georgetown University, where her interest in children's development and family policy cemented while studying Psychology, Spanish and Government. Nora is from New Jersey and is one of six kids, falling in the middle with three older brothers and two younger sisters. This year she will serve at Saint Louise House in Austin, Texas.



#### Myriam Shehata

Myriam Shehata is an Atlanta native and recent graduate of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN where she majored in Biochemistry and minored in Spanish. In her quiet time, she loves reading, running, hiking, listening to podcasts, and studying languages. She traveled to Morocco this summer with her mom, which had long been a dream destination for her! She cannot wait to get started working at Casa Marianella, a shelter for homeless immigrants and asylum seekers in Austin, Texas.

#### Chris Bargeron Coordinator

#### Baltimore, MD Clare Furay House



#### **Christina Gibson**

Christina Gibson is originally from Los Angeles, CA. Yahvah (God) led her to travel far for college and she attended Wheeling Jesuit University, where she obtained her Bachelor's degree in Theology with a minor in Pastoral Studies. In the process of switching her major, her advisor shared his journey with her and introduced her to JVC. This year, Christina serves at St Vincent de Paul of Baltimore in Baltimore, MD. Her hobbies are dancing, writing poetry, playing basketball, and throwing for track and field.

#### **Brian Martindale**

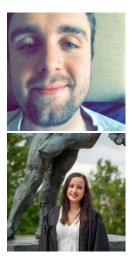
Brian Martindale is originally from Carmel, IN, but has spent the last 4 years in Milwaukee, WI at Marquette University. There, he majored in Biochemistry and Philosophy, with a minor in Peace Studies. He has enjoyed involvement with campus ministry through retreats, liturgy, service, and community building while at Marquette. He also loves singing and exploring the city of Milwaukee (or wherever he lives!). This year, he will be serving as the Outreach Coordinator at St. Vincent de Paul Roman Catholic Congregation in Baltimore, MD. Fun Fact: He has never broken a bone, but has had three teeth knocked out in one day. **Anna Reganis** 

Anna Reganis is from Salt Lake City, Utah and attended Boston College where she studied Sociology and Faith, Peace and Justice. Through her studies she was able to connect her passion for social justice with her faith, and was eventually led to JVC to truly live them out. This year, she is serving as the Client Contact Coordinator at Advancing Real Change, Inc. in Baltimore, MD.



#### **Becky Sigman**

Becky Sigman was raised in northern Massachusetts and attended Saint Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire. There, she majored in Peace and Justice Studies with a minor in French Language and Literature. At school she was involved in multiple dialogue facilitation programs and in service with refugee and immigrant populations of the surrounding city. She enjoys reading, yoga, cooking, debating politics, and is currently trying to learn the ukulele. Becky is excited to be serving as a paralegal at the Public Justice Center in Baltimore, Maryland!



#### Matt Strott

Matthew Strott was born and raised in Syracuse, New York. He attended Loyola University Maryland where he studied to receive a Bachelor of Business Administration. He played on the club frisbee team and he worked in the Campus Ministry department at Loyola. He will be returning to Baltimore for his year of service at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School. A fun fact about Matthew is that he once saved the life of a baby seahorse and would love to tell everyone about it.

#### **Cait Torrico**

Cait Torrico is from Cranford, New Jersey and enjoys traveling, reading, being in community, and listening to music. She attended the University of Scranton in Scranton, PA where she received her degrees in Exercise Science and Spanish. Cait has been to over 38 different cities around the world and has a pet fish named Benji. Cait will be working with the Loyola Early Learning Center in Baltimore, MD and cannot wait for the exciting and rewarding year ahead.

#### **Belize City, Belize** Beatrice Cayetano House

## Kristen Schenk

Coordinator



#### Erinn Halasinski

Erinn Halasinski attended Fordham University, where she studied digital media, photography, and film and was very involved in Global Outreach. She completed three service-learning projects to Ecuador, Haiti, and South Africa and was the team leader to Chicago her senior year. These trips, along with her study abroad experiences in Nicaragua, Chile, and Cuba, led to her interest in JVC and participating in international social justice work. In college, she also volunteered with preschools in the Bronx, drove the ambulance for the student-run EMS organization, and was captain of the rugby team. She will be serving at The Inspiration Center in Belize City, Belize.





#### Tate Mulligan

Tate Mulligan, a small-town girl at heart, grew up in McKinney, Texas. After graduating high school, she lived in Córdoba, Argentina for a year as a Rotary Exchange Student. She then attended Rhodes College in Memphis, Tennessee as a Bonner Community Service Scholar and received her Bachelor degree in International Relations and History. Tate Mulligan is excited to serve in Belize City, Belize at The Welcome Resource Centre!

#### **Cassidy Pelkey**

Cassidy Pelkey attended the College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University in her home state of Minnesota. There, she studied Political Science, with the goal of one day working in a social justice-oriented non-profit. Next year she will be fulfilling her love of traveling, meeting new people, and hands-on tackling a pertinent social justice issue in Belize City, Belize at St. Martin de Porres Primary School. Cassidy has been figure skating since she was six years old, and even skated with the College of Saint Benedict's Figure Skating Club while there!



#### Susie Han

Susie Han floated around the state of California growing up but considers San Francisco the last place she called home before her term with JVC. She graduated from Pepperdine University in Malibu, CA in 2016 with a degree in International Studies (Intercultural Communications emphasis) and Nonprofit Management. After graduating Susie worked to minimize the education and opportunity gap via college and career access with students from disadvantaged backgrounds in Philadelphia and San Francisco. She loves to travel, listen to and create music, and explore the endless magic of being outdoors. While in college Susie studied abroad in Florence, Italy and loves practicing dramatic Italian hand motions with mediocre Italian grammar but with stellar Italian food. She will continue her service this year at Saint Martin de Porres School in Belize City, Belize.

#### Virginia Scherer



Virginia (Ginny) Scherer was born in New Orleans, Louisiana but calls San Antonio, Texas home. She graduated in 2017 from the University of Texas at Austin with dual degrees in Journalism & Plan II Honors. During the year after college, she lived with her best friend Kate - who is in a wheelchair - as a caretaker. She loves to travel, to hike and swim, to practice yoga, read and write, meet new people, learn new languages and experience new foods and cultures. While living in Barcelona her junior year, Ginny joined a casteller group where she learned how to build and climb human towers (Google a picture or video, it's amazing!). Ginny will continue her service this year as a Case Manager at Hand in Hand Ministries in Belize City, Belize.

#### Berkeley/Oakland, CA Casa Thea Bowman

#### Pat Washington Coordinator



#### Caleb Blagys

Caleb Blagys attended Fairfield University in his home state of Connecticut where he received a degree in business management and marketing. During his time there he was able to play four years of collegiate rugby with the Fairfield University Red Ruggers. When Caleb is not on the field or in the gym he enjoys long boarding and staying active. A fun fact about Caleb is that he used to have incredibly long hair as a kid growing up, which he thought was very cool at the time, but now realizes in hindsight how greasy it was. Caleb will serve at Civicorps in Berkeley, CA.



#### Marena Casey

Marena Casey is from Scranton, Pennsylvania and graduated from Fordham University this past spring. She majored in Urban Studies and Humanitarian Studies, and minored in Biology. At Fordham, Marena was driven by a passion for health equity. She volunteered and worked to learn about the health disparities evident in the Bronx, and is excited to be serving in Berkeley/Oakland, California at the Native American Health Center.



#### Sarah Hardin

Sarah Hardin attended the University of North Carolina at Charlotte where she earned her nursing degree. After working as a nurse in Washington, DC for 2 years, she felt called to join JVC in order to grow a deeper sense of community with the people she lives with and serves. Sarah loves to run and bake desserts in her free time. She serves at the Native American Health Center in Oakland, California. A fun fact about Sarah is that she can make a platypus sound.

#### David Jaeger

David Jaeger studied Philosophy at Shawnee State University in Portsmouth, Ohio. He is excited to spend the year with JVC in Oakland, CA serving with Civicorps.

#### Izzi Lambrecht

Izzi Lambrecht attended the College of the Holy Cross where she studied public health and Africana studies. She loves to run, surf, and write. This year, she serves at Saint Mary's Center in Oakland, CA.

#### Kelsey McGee

Kelsey McGee attended Boston College, where she experienced transformative courses on social justice that led her to seek out JVC. She grew up in both Southern California and Northern New Jersey and is excited to live in a completely new place. This year, she serves at the Family Violence Law Center in Oakland, CA.

#### Kaela McKenzie

Kaela McKenzie is from Medfield, a small town outside of Boston, and attended the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. Kaela majored in Psychology and took various religious courses. Her time at Holy Cross blessed her with the opportunity to meet many people who are strong in their own faith and who gave her the grace of growing in her own spiritual life and forming a better understanding of what she has been called to do. Kaela enjoys being outside, running, yoga, cooking, going to the beach on Cape Cod and spending time with friends and family. She once worked at America's Test Kitchen and is in the background of some of the episodes! Kaela is excited to serve at St. Mary's Center in Oakland, CA, helping to transition individuals out of homelessness, as well as being a part time pre-school teacher.

**Boston, MA** Henri Nouwen House Chris Bargeron Coordinator









#### Lauren Carey

Lauren Carey is from Massachusetts and attended the College of the Holy Cross, where she studied music and education. Lauren has had a passion for music since she was young, and so you will find her singing and playing music at college and on her own time. During her time at Holy Cross, Lauren was a member of the College Choir, Chamber Singers, and an a cappella group, with whom she was able to sing around campus and the greater Worcester area. Another one of Lauren's hobbies is to go on adventures to find ice cream places! Lauren will be serving in Boston, MA at the Wilson-Kindelan School as a teaching fellow during her year with JVC.

#### Adrianna Corriveau

Adrianna Corriveau attended Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, right down the road from where she grew up in Potomac, Maryland. There, she studied international politics with a focus in international law, institutions, and ethics, and has always been interested in educational work, particularly with foreign populations. She loves being active and playing with her two dogs. She is an avid Washington Capitals fan and even got to take pictures with them and the Stanley Cup after their win in 2018. She is very excited to be serving at Casserly House as the after school coordinator in Boston, MA this year!

#### Ava Mickola

Ava Mickola was born and raised in Portland, Oregon. She graduated from the University of Oregon with a degree in Psychology in 2019. Ava's favorite activities include soccer, yoga, rock-climbing, movies, and traveling. Ava will be serving with Playworks in Boston, Massachusetts.

#### **Fiona Morrison**

Fiona Morrison was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois. She graduated from Fairfield University, having majored in English with a concentration in Creative Writing. At Fairfield, Fiona was an active participant in the Glee Club as well as Sweet Harmony, an all-female a capella group. She was also heavily involved in many facets of Campus Ministry including music ministry, various retreats, and service immersion trips. This involvement led Fiona to JVC, where she is excited to be serving at St. Stephen's Youth Programs in Boston, Massachusetts.

#### **Derek Paradis**

Derek Paradis grew up in Simsbury, Connecticut. He then went on to study Biology at Boston College. While at BC he spent a majority of his time hanging out with his Little Brother, Damond, through the BC Big Brothers, Big Sisters program. He also spent time playing games after school with elementary kids as a volunteer through the Eagle Volunteers program, as a mentor to freshman through the Freshman League program, and playing flag football with his friends. He learned about the JVC through his Exploring Catholicism teacher at BC, and he is excited to spend time with veterans and their families at the Home Base Program in Boston, MA next year!

**Camden, NJ** Lillian Santiago House Chris Bargeron Coordinator



#### Kaitlyn DeVeydt

Kaitlyn DeVeydt graduated from Boston College with a Bachelor's Degree in English with a French and Creative Writing Minor. She loves yoga, squishy dogs, and humor. This year, she will be serving as a Youth Coordinator at the Margaret Donnelly O'Connor Education Center in Camden, NJ.

#### Scott Henderson

Scott Henderson grew up in Massachusetts and graduated from Boston College as a Neuroscience major on the pre-medical track. He was involved in many opportunities on campus, including service-oriented organizations, acting as a Resident Assistant, completing internships in the health/neuroscience fields, participating and leading retreats on campus, and so forth. His hobbies include playing volleyball and other sports, reading, and watching movies. He has wanted to do a year of service since his freshman year, and is very excited to have the opportunity to do so in Camden, New Jersey at Margaret Donnelly O'Connor Center, which is an after school program serving low income families in the area.

#### Lexi Kizy

Lexi Kizy was born and raised in West Bloomfield, Michigan. She attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where she received a degree in Biomolecular Science. She enjoys trying new foods and spending time with family and friends. Most recently, she has survived her first skydiving experience and hopes to attempt many more adventures. Lexi is excited to be serving in Camden, New Jersey at Guadalupe Family Services.

#### Lia Paolucci

Lia Paolucci is from Havre de Grace, MD and graduated from Fordham University, where she majored in psychology and theology with a minor in peace & justice studies. She will be serving at Cristo Rey Philadelphia High School in Philadelphia, PA.

#### Melinda Renuart

Melinda Renuart attended Princeton University and comes from Akron, Ohio. She was inspired by the power of testimonies during a high school retreat to major in English, and she also ran for her college track and cross country teams. She serves this year at Hopeworks in Camden, NJ.

**Chicago, IL** Cardinal Bernardin House

#### Sarah Schufreider Coordinator





#### Peter Fantozzi

Peter Fantozzi grew up in Newton, MA and attended the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA. At Holy Cross, Peter majored in History and Working for Worcester, a student run nonprofit which inspired his work in development. Other interests include rugby, surfing, fishing, and reading. This year, he serves as an assistant affordable housing developer with the Interfaith Housing Development Corporation in Chicago, IL.

#### Ariana Giblin

Ariana Giblin attended University of Portland in Portland, Oregon where she studied Biology and Spanish. She likes to run and loves a good Netflix binge. She's passionate about making friends, drinking coffee, and social justice. This year, she will be serving at New Moms in Chicago, IL.

#### Stephanie Held

Stephanie Held was born and raised in Salt Lake City, Utah. She attended Westminster College, where she realized her passion for storytelling while studying history and communication. This year, she will serve as a communications specialist for New Moms, a nonprofit working with young mothers, in Chicago, IL. She loves swimming, drinking tart lemonade, and watching movies.

#### **Callie Powers**

Callie Powers grew up in Cleveland Ohio, and attended Miami University where she earned a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. She recently graduated with a Master's degree in Public Health from Ohio State University following a two year program and practicum experience. Callie enjoys reading, playing tennis, and walking her dog Riley. She will be serving as a Jesuit Volunteer at Girls in the Game in Chicago, IL.

#### **Nico Thompson-Lleras**

Nico Thompson-Lleras attended Boston College and studied International Studies with a minor in Philosophy. He was born in Mexico to a Puerto Rican family and currently resides in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. His passions outside of the classroom (and soon to be workplace) involve advocacy and leadership in the Latinx community - he served as co-President of Boston College's largest and oldest Latinx culture club. His dream is to one day continue to serve his community as an international lawyer specializing in immigrant rights. He loves to play the piano, read, get lunch with friends, go to concerts, ride his bike and cook. Nico is excited to serve at Taller de Jose in Chicago, IL.

**Chuuk, Micrconesia** Mau Piailug House Emily Ferron Coordinator







#### **Bryant King**

Bryant King is from Charlotte, North Carolina. He attended Georgetown University, where he received a Master of Arts in Security Studies, with a Certificate in Refugees and Humanitarian Emergencies, in 2019, as well as a Bachelor of Science in Foreign Service in 2018. He loves to read, run and watch college basketball and classic movies. He is serving at Xavier High School in Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia.

#### Hannah Klein

Hannah Klein is a passionate daughter of Christ who hails from Colorado. Hannah is humbled by the opportunity to be a classroom teacher at the Akoyikoyi School in Chuuk, the Federated States of Micronesia for the next two years. Her experiences inside and outside of the US, attending the University of Dayton in Ohio, the Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso in Chile, and interning as a volunteer English teacher in Cuenca, Ecuador, have taught her to be patient, attentive, and appreciative. She feels alive when speaking other world languages and looks forward to learning Chuukese. When not climbing mountains, cooking with others, or gazing in wonder at nature, Hannah appreciates a smoothie in one hand and a book in the other. Her favorite drink? Water.

#### Linh Nguyen

Linh Nguyen, from Worcester, MA, is an alumni of Sacred Heart University where she studied Healthcare Administration and Global Health. Through her diverse course work and extracurricular involvement, her passion to serve others and become a more intentional global citizen was nurtured. Linh is naturally competitive at heart so she loves anything involving team sports. This year, Linh will begin her placement at Xavier High School in Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia.

#### James O'Connor

James O'Connor is from Houston, Texas. After studying Art History at the University of St. Andrews and Cambridge, he worked as a programmer before joining JV Canada where he served as a high school retreat leader at the Martyrs' Shrine. James is a passionate scuba instructor who has taught hundreds of people to dive and has a serious enthusiasm for ocean conservation. He will continue his service as a high school teacher at Xavier High School, in Chuuk, Micronesia.

#### Kristan Saint Preux

Kristan Saint-Preux is a Washington D.C. transplant, where she studied briefly at Maymount University in Arlington, Virginia. Prior to JVC, Kristan worked in tandem with FEMA to register Florida residents for disaster assistance in the wake of Hurricane Irma. Kristan will continue her second year serving as a Teacher at Akoyikoyi School in Chuuk, Micronesia.



Krista Stribling is from Greenfield, Wisconsin and graduated from Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN with a degree in Civil Engineering. She's proud of the fact that she calls drinking fountains "bubblers," and loves sunny days, sports, and playing sports on sunny days. She will continue her service as a Teacher at Xavier High School in Chuuk, Federated States of Micronesia.



#### Cleveland, OH Merriman House



#### Ash Alunan

Ash Mari Veneracion Alunan grew up in Sacramento, California surrounded by their strong Filipino family and Catholic faith. They attended Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, where they were embraced by loving communities and learned more about social justice. As a biology major, they practiced critical thinking and appreciating all facets of life. They became involved in the Queer Trans People of Color (QTPOC) club, Disability Advocacy Club, and Mosaics Mentoring Program where they mentored marginalized first generation students of color. This year, they serve as a Home and Community Based Service Specialist supporting individuals with disabilities at Linking Employment, Abilities and Potential (LEAP) in Cleveland, Ohio! Challenge them to karaoke, and you can really get to know them!

Ben DeGarmo Coordinator

#### **Jack Barnes**

Jack Barnes just graduated from Saint Mary's College of California with a degree in Global and Regional Studies and a Minor in Creative Writing. He has considered Sacramento his home since 2004 when he moved there from Dayton, Ohio, but is excited to move back to 'the heart of it all' and experience a new city in Cleveland. In Cleveland, he will be working as a Program Assistant at the West Side Catholic Center, splitting time between the Workforce Development Program and the Expressive Arts Program. Hobbies include basketball and comedy television, but they don't stop there!

#### Alyssa Cole

Alyssa Cole graduated from the University of Portland with degrees in Psychology and Spanish, and minors in Chemistry and Neuroscience. Alyssa was born and raised in Salt Lake City, Utah, where her love of the outdoors was cultivated. Alyssa also enjoys playing sports and spending time with her family, especially her little brothers. This year, she serves at the Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy Center in Cleveland, OH.

#### **Erin Gill**

Erin Gill was born and grew up in Richmond, Virginia, before attending The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. In college, Erin majored in biology, played varsity soccer and researched wastewater treatment. Erin hopes to attend medical school to become a primary care physician but first wants to serve with JVC to broaden her perspective through this unique experience. This year, Erin serves at United Cerebral Palsy of Greater Cleveland.

#### Abbie Hair

Abbie Hair is from Kansas City, Missouri. She attended Benedictine College where she majored in Elementary and Special Education. She played soccer for the Benedictine College Women's Soccer team and was involved with several different choirs on campus. Abbie was also very involved with the Hunger Coalition during her time at Benedictine and became an officer for the organization during her senior year. Abbie will be serving as an Athletic Program Coordinator at Youth Challenge in Cleveland, Ohio, and will miss her two Labrador Retrievers, George and Rosie.



#### Joseph Jordan

Joseph Jordan studied Religious Studies and Philosophy at the University of Detroit Mercy, before making his way to an MA in English from Wayne State University. This year, he will be serving at Saint Martin de Porres High School in Cleveland, OH. He grew up in both Michigan and Alabama, and in his spare time, he likes to read the classics, fiction, watch classic films, and golf.

#### Ollie Kuo

Olivia Kuo is from Durham, North Carolina, and attended at Boston College for International Studies and Sociology. Olivia enjoys hiking, rock climbing, playing ultimate frisbee and reading. Olivia used to competitively jump rope in elementary school, and attended nationals twice! This year, she serves at Neighborhood Family Practice in Cleveland, Ohio.

#### Grace Riekkoff

Grace Riekkoff is from Milwaukee, Wisconsin and attended Mount Mary University. She graduated with a Bachelors of Social Work and will be serving with Arrupe Neighborhood Partnership at Saint Ignatius High School in Cleveland, OH. In her free time, she enjoys working out, spending time outside, singing, hanging out with family and friends, eating potatoes, and laughing until her stomach hurts. She was adopted from China when she was one year old!

**Dar es Salaam, Tanzania** Wangari Maathi House



#### Rebekah DuDevoir

Rebekah DuDevoir attended Saint Mary's College in South Bend, Indiana where she studied Psychology. She loved her courses and enjoyed her time working at the college's Early Childhood Development Center where she was inspired to continue working with children. She is currently serving in Camden, NJ at an after school education center. For the next two years she will be serving in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania at Gonzaga Preparatory and Primary School.

William Poling Coordinator





Claire Foster-Dow hails from Spokane, Washington, where she was gifted with a Jesuit education in high school. She then went on to study International Studies, French, Theatre, and Communication at Southern Oregon University. Claire participated in two study away experiences, one while in high school, and the other while attending Southern Oregon University. Through those experiences, as well as personal and spiritual growth, she heard her call to serve others all over the world, eventually leading her to JVC. She gleefully accepted her placement offer at Loyola High School in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania where she will serve until November of 2021. In addition to a passion and drive to build a more just and compassionate world, Claire, an avid storyteller, loves to pet dogs anywhere she can, and amuse herself and others by quoting Monty Python, Marcel the Shell with Shoes On, and other bits of media she finds funny. Claire strongly believes in the Jesuit philosophy of educating the whole person, and strives to implement it into her daily life by encouraging herself and others to pursue multiple aspects of themselves and their interests; she believes that a person should be given the opportunity to explore and grow all of their passions and intrigues, as well as be supported in that exploration. Learning is a lifelong endeavor, so, says Claire, it should be an enjoyable ride.



#### **Finola Hughes**

Finola Hughes is a Wisconsin native who attended Xavier University, a Jesuit University that allowed her to deepen her love of service through community action days, weekly service, alternative break trips, and service abroad. She majored in Economics, Sustainability, and Society with a minor in Peace and Justice Studies. She enjoys running and reading in her free time. She will be serving at Gonzaga Primary School in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

#### **Samuel Tarin**

Sam is a native of Albuquerque, New Mexico and graduate of Notre Dame (Computer Science). He will be serving for a second year in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania teaching at Loyola High School. Sam enjoys spending time outside especially discovering interesting places and playing sports. He likes learning about the world and finding out how little he knows. Sam once used a fire extinguisher to put out a fire, which highlights among other things his passion for helping others. He continues to seek out the glory of God and has fun doing it.

#### **Detroit, MI** Rosa Parks House

#### Ben DeGarmo Coordinator



#### Will Beatrez

Originally from Cleveland, Ohio, William Beatrez graduated from Fordham University with a chemistry major. During his time at Fordham, he worked as a resident assistant, served as a captain of the varsity squash team, and frequently attended campus ministry retreats. This year, he is excited to serve at Detroit Cristo Rey High School.



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#### **Patrick Boyle**

Patrick Boyle's hometown is Seattle, Washington. He attended Gonzaga University and graduated in 2019 with two Bachelor of Arts degrees in Sociology and Economics. During the Fall 2017 semester, Patrick had the privilege of studying abroad in Florence, Italy. His cooking skills and culinary knowledge greatly improved from his time abroad. Patrick continues to learn and practice his cooking skills today. In addition to cooking, Patrick LOVES playing basketball and watching sports like basketball and football. Go hawks (nickname for the Seattle Seahawks)! Patrick is excited to serve in Detroit, MI at the Urban Neighborhood Initiatives.

#### John Fitzgerald

John Fitzgerald is from Saint Louis, Missouri, and attended Georgetown University, where he studied Biology of Global Health and Mathematics. He likes going to the gym and playing basketball, and he serves at the Pope Francis Center in Detroit, MI.

#### Jacob Kammerer

Jacob Kammerer is a resident of Missouri, and attended Creighton University from 2015-2019. While there, he studied mathematics and chemistry. In his free time, he enjoys scuba diving and snow boarding, and he loves being at the lake. He is placed in Detroit, MI, as a home support specialist at Community & Home Supports.

#### Eva Lucchino

Eva Lucchino, originally from Pennsylvania, studied English at Georgetown University. This year, she will serve at Gesu Catholic School in Detroit, Michigan. An avid fan of books, TV shows, and movies, she is always interested in new recommendations for what to read or watch next.

#### **Billy Myers**

Billy Myers went to St. Norbert College in De Pere, WI. There he studied Instrumental Music Education and Theology. Billy plays saxophone and enjoys playing with many different groups in his community. He loves to share his passion for music by performing and by teaching. Billy also thoroughly enjoys studying theology and asking difficult questions which he hopes will continue to challenge the faith community. This year he will serve in Detroit at the University of Detroit Mercy as a campus minister.

#### Soleil Reed

Soleil Reed graduated from the University of Virginia, studying Politics with a concentration in U.S Government. Hailing from Virginia Beach, Virginia, Soleil will be serving this year in Detroit, Michigan at the United Community Housing Coalition.

# Dodoma, Tanzania

#### William Poling Coordinator

Nyerere House



#### Mallory Cranwell

Mallory Cranwell attended Creighton University where she studied History, Theology, and Women & Gender Studies. Originally from Greeley, CO, Mallory enjoys reading, hiking, working out, and talking social justice and spirituality. Mallory will be working at St. Peter Claver High School in Dodoma, Tanzania.

#### Cailin Touseull

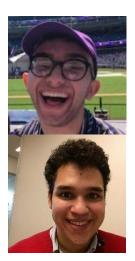
Cailin Touseull is from Indianapolis, Indiana and attended Saint Louis University where she majored in International Business and Marketing. She hates coming up with fun facts but she is excited to be a teacher at St. Peter Claver High School in Dodoma, Tanzania this coming year!



Stephen Dages is from Akron, Ohio. He graduated from the University of Mount Union in Alliance, Ohio, where he majored in Religious Studies and School Social Work. Stephen loves sports - he played soccer for all four years in college, but loves to play all other sports too. Stephen also loves to travel and adventure outdoors (hiking, backpacking, exploring). Reading and writing are on the list of things Stephen loves to do in his free time as well. Stephen will continue serving in his second year at St. Peter Claver High School in Dodoma, Tanzania.

> Houston, TX Casa Rutilio Grande

Jill Kress Coordinator



#### Simon Gagliardi

Simon Gagliardi is originally from Boston and attended NYU, where he was a math/pre-med major. This year, he will be serving at Open Door Mission in Houston, TX.

#### Marco Garcia

Marco Garcia, born and raised in El Paso, Texas, attended Georgetown University where he was able to rekindle his Catholic faith with the assistance of the campus community as well as his theology courses. He graduated with a degree in Culture & Politics from the School of Foreign Service, focusing on the intersection of government and religion. This year, he serves at the Catholic Charities Cabrini Center for Immigrant Legal Assistance in Houston, Texas.



#### **Claire Holmes**

Claire Holmes studied History at Fordham University, with a focus on print propaganda and on religion as applied to American social movements. During college, she worked as a Title IX activist, and tried to decompress with dancing and with improv comedy. This year, she serves at United Against Human Trafficking in Houston, TX.

#### Erika Ruhnke

Erika Ruhnke is from small-town Nebraska and attended college at Creighton University in Omaha, Nebraska. She doubled majored in Psychology and Theology with a minor in Spanish and Hispanic studies. She enjoys running, reading, and board games. She will be serving at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Houston. A fun fact is that Erika's hometown has a population of only about 250 people.

#### Isaac Wink

Isaac Wink attended University of Chicago, where he studied history and public policy with a specialization in immigration policy. Ever since visiting a Jesuit-run initiative supporting migrants at the U.S.-Mexico, he has sought to turn faith and research into action on the issue of immigration. He is excited to do just that as he serves as an Asylum Coordinator at YMCA International Services in Houston.

### Kansas City, MO Lazarus House

#### Rachel Mahlik Coordinator





#### Katie Blevins

Katie Blevins attended the College of Saint Elizabeth in her home state of New Jersey where she studied Psychology and Religious Studies. This year, Katie will be moving to Kansas City, MO to serve as an Academic Support Specialist at Donnelly College. Katie is excited to have the opportunity to share the support that she has received throughout her educational journey with the students at Donnelly College. Katie loves to travel and will be going on a pilgrimage this summer with her fiance and several other young adults, hiking the Camino in Spain!

#### Jennifer Dever

Jennifer Dever is from Canton, Massachusetts. She went to Boston College and studied Biology. When Jennifer is feeling aspirational, her hobbies are distance running and reading (mostly memoirs). She also likes to cook and listen to pretty much every genre of music. She is the oldest of her sisters and also the shortest, which they never let her forget! Jennifer will be serving at Journey to New Life in Kansas City, MO.



#### **Ryan Powers**

Ryan Powers is originally from Long Beach, NY on the south shore of Long Island. He attended the University of Notre Dame, where he majored in Science-Business on the pre-medical track. Ryan is hoping to attend medical school and is privileged to serve at KC Care in Kansas City, MO for the upcoming year. He has a twin brother and loves to sing and play on his guitar.

#### Izzy Shahmirza

Izzy Shahmirza was born and raised in Santa Cruz, California. She attended Saint Francis High School where she was introduced to her passion and love for service and developed the desire to pursue a year of service after graduating college. She attended UCLA where she studied Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology and pursued a minor in Global Health. Izzy learned about the biological processes behind cell and molecular biology, stem cell biology, metabolism, and cancer biology. She enjoyed her public and global health classes the most, which led her into the direction of wanting to pursue a Master's in Public Health before applying to Medical School. Izzy loves playing sports, especially basketball, soccer, and swimming. She enjoys spending time with her family and her dog, going on hikes or to the beach with friends, and enjoys trying new food restaurants. Izzy is proud to be the daughter of two immigrant parents--her mom is from Jalisco, Mexico, and her dad is from Tehran, Iran. Her passion to serve the Hispanic immigrant/refugee population, especially the youth, combined with her passion to fight for a just and equitable healthcare and public health system, led her to JVC where she will be serving at the Migrant Farmworkers Assistance Fund in Kansas City, Missouri.

#### Kathryn Sorenson

Kathryn Sorenson is from the state of Washington and is a recent graduate of Gonzaga University. As a Zag, she studied American and international politics along with environmental and leadership studies. This juxtaposition of topics helped develop her understanding of the interlocking systems of oppression and the cyclical nature of marginalization and led her to JVC. This year, she serves as a paralegal in the domestic violence unit of the Legal Aid of Western Missouri in Kansas City, Missouri. Kathryn is an avid sports fan and once traveled (nonstop) by train, bus, car, and plane from Spokane, WA to Phoenix, AZ to attend the Final Four. She made it just in time to shower at a truck stop and run down to the courtside student section by tip-off. That Final Four Zag win is her happy place.

#### Los Angeles, CA (Central) Casa Dorothy Kazel

#### Pat Washington Coordinator



#### Francesca Dahut

Francesca ("Chessie") Dahut is from Bethesda, Maryland and recently graduated from Washington University in St. Louis. She majored in Finance and Global Health, which furthered her passion for solving problems of healthcare inequity. She loves exploring new places, going to the beach, and practicing yoga. She loves Harry Potter and has listened to all of the books on tape! She will be serving as the Wellness Program Assistant for The Center at Blessed Sacrament in Los Angeles, CA.







#### Molly Fruland

Molly Fruland grew up in a small town called Morris, Illinois. She graduated from Marquette University in 2018 with a degree in Human Resources. Molly spent her first year out of college with JVC and will be returning to her placement for an additional year as the Christian Service/College Guidance Assistant at Verbum Dei High School in Los Angeles, CA. She is excited to continue hiking, hanging out at the beach, spending time in coffee shops, and exploring LA.

#### Sarah O'Donnell

Sarah O'Donnell attended Wayne State University, where she studied Public Relations and Art. After years of volunteering in Detroit and immersing herself in the rich artistic and spiritual community there, Sarah was inspired to join JVC. Starting in August, she will serve at My Friend's Place in Los Angeles, CA.

#### Mercedes Salazar

Mercedes Salazar attended Saint Louis University, where she studied Public Health. She is from Dallas, Texas. Her hobbies include writing, reading, singing, dancing, and traveling. Courses in public health and social justice and her experiences in St. Louis led her to JVC. This year, she serves at Central American Resource Center in Los Angeles. Mercedes is excited to meet the other volunteers and loves meeting new people; don't be afraid to reach out!

#### **Connor Trapp**

Connor Trapp grew up in Wilmette, Illinois. After graduating from Connecticut College, and spending a year working in education, Connor is excited to commit himself to a year of service. As an avid runner, Connor is thrilled to be serving at the organization Back on My Feet in Los Angeles.

#### Los Angeles, CA (East) Casa Ita Ford

#### Erin Politz Coordinator



#### Marcus Bockhorst

Marcus Bockhorst attended Boston College, where he studied International Studies with a focus on Ethics and International Social Justice. He is passionate about public service and public policy. This year, he serves at the Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice. In his free time, Marcus enjoys playing basketball and watching his favorite sports teams.

#### Jack Braumuller

Jack Braumuller is from Bronxville in Westchester County, New York. He had the privilege to study government and philosophy at Georgetown University, and graduated in the spring of 2019. He enjoys to read, as well as write creatively. He will be fulfilling his service with the JVC at Dolores Mission School in Boyle Heights, Los Angeles. It is his desire to make an impact in communities across the country through service in order to help develop a culture of empathy and inclusivity.





#### **Caitlin Matthews**

Caitlin Matthews is a recent graduate of John Carroll University where she studied Sociology/Criminology: Health, Human Service and Social Justice and minored in Political Science and Peace, Justice and Human Rights. Her Jesuit education and experiences on various immersion trips and retreats led to her desire to serve as a Jesuit Volunteer, and she is so excited to be serving as a JV at Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, California. She knows she will grow in her passion for social justice issues, as well as be able to continue her hobbies of exploring new cities and spending time outside through her time in Los Angeles!

#### Julia Regalbuto

Julia Regalbuto is a native of northern California, and graduated from Gonzaga University with a major in English and minors in Spanish, History, and Theatre Arts. Her extracurriculars included singing with both the GU Women's Chorus and student liturgical group, various acting and technical positions through the Department of Theatre and Dance, and assisting with the Office of Mission and Ministry's Search retreats. Julia loves to travel, and her study abroad experiences during her time at GU include time in Spain, Ireland, and Peru. Julia will serve as the Youth Ministry Assistant at Dolores Mission Church in Los Angeles, CA.



#### **Maura Wester**

Maura Wester is from New Jersey and attended Providence College, where she received her B.A. in history and a certificate in business studies. This year, she serves as a Workforce Development Associate at Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, CA.

#### Kayla Young

Kayla Young is from Omaha, Nebraska and graduated from Creighton University, where she double majored in Spanish and Journalism on a Public Relations Track. Kayla enjoys reading, working out, listening to music, cooking and exploring new places. She will be serving in at Proyecto Pastoral in Los Angeles, CA.

#### Milwaukee, WI Brother Booker Ashe House

#### Erin Brown Coordinator



#### Courtney Child

Courtney Child is a recent graduate of Creighton University's College of Nursing, originally from Olathe, KS. She loves to read, run, and drink coffee and tea. She will serve as a registered nurse at Bread of Healing Clinic in Milwaukee, WI. Courtney just finished her first marathon in May!



#### Jillian Hayes

Jillian Hayes is originally from Connecticut and attended Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, PA. She majored in Elementary and Special Education and participated in several weekly service and service immersion programs throughout Philadelphia, Camden, California, and several Appalachian communities. These encounters inspired her to continue serving in new communities and eventually led her to JVC. This year, she serves at the Notre Dame School in Milwaukee, WI.

#### **Ricky Matthews**

Ricky Matthews is from Petaluma, California. He attended Santa Clara University in Silicon Valley, and he studied Civil, Environmental, and Sustainable Engineering. He learned to love civil engineering after driving over the Golden Gate Bridge every morning during high school. He was very involved in the Ignatian Center For Jesuit Education at SCU and participated in immersion trips around the world. These trips he was privileged to go inspired him to seek out JVC and continue working and living with those working for justice. He also loved participating in intramural sports and working with environmentally focused clubs. This year, he is serving at Notre Dame School of Milwaukee as Assistant Director of Enrichment.

#### **Graham Vogt**

Graham Vogt is a native lowan who attended Saint Louis University, where he first encountered Jesuit spirituality and the wide world of craft beer. He loves sand volleyball, speaking Spanish, and the Minnesota Twins. This year, he serves at Catholic Charities Legal Services for Immigrants in Milwaukee, WI.



Emily Zona is from Medfield, Massachusetts. She studied neuroscience and medical humanities at Boston College. Emily is an avid dancer (jazz, hip-hop, ballet, contemporary) and recently learned how to rock climb in Utah. This year, she serves at Walker's Point Community Clinic in Milwaukee, WI.

Nashville, TN Bishop Joseph Durick House

#### Matthew Brooks

Matt Brooks is originally from Queens, New York but is now living in Seattle, Washington. He was a Behavioral Neuroscience major at the University of San Diego. His hobbies include going on retreats, adventuring with friends, beaching and finding all the good eats in any town he's in. Additionally, he has a dog named Snoop. Matt will be serving at the Martha O'Bryan Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

Brent Fernandez Coordinator







#### Sarah DeGenero

Sarah DeGenero is from Averill Park, New York and attended Gordon College in Wenham, Massachusetts, where she majored in psychology and sociology. Sarah enjoys running, reading and music, and has never traveled outside the U.S. (except for Canada). This year, she serves at the Oasis Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

#### **Brogan Feeley**

Brogan Feeley grew up in Los Angeles but attended Boston College where he studied history and theology. Brogan combined his passion for music and spirituality through his involvement with the Liturgy Arts Group and the Marching Band. He served and led with the Appalachian Volunteers and participated in the Christian Life Community. He will serve as a Project Services Coordinator with Project Return in Nashville, TN.

#### Lauren Healy

Lauren Healy is from Colorado and attended Boston College where she majored in Political Science with a minor in Ancient Civilizations. She was captain of the club figure skating team and enjoys running and being active. She will serve at Catholic Charities of Tennessee as a Youth and Elder Refugee Specialist.

#### Nora Hendricks

Nora Hendricks grew up in a small town called Edmonds, outside of Seattle, Washington. She attended the University of Portland where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in biology with a minor in Spanish. She was fortunate enough to spend her sophomore year of college studying abroad and being immersed in the culture of Salzburg, Austria. In her free time, she enjoys distance running, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. Nora is so excited to be spending her upcoming year as a Jesuit Volunteer in Nashville, Tennessee, working at the Tennessee Justice Center!

Annie Rooney Coordinator

#### **New Orleans, LA** Henriette Delille House



#### Connor Crinion

Connor Crinion attended Seattle University where he studied sociology and public affairs. He is excited to move to New Orleans to begin his placement in the Orleans Public Defenders office. Originally from California, Connor loves running and eating chocolate ice cream.











#### **Christian Frederickson**

Christian Frederickson was born in Bethesda, Maryland and currently calls Peoria, Illinois home. He was a science-business major at the University Notre Dame and will be serving at the Harry Tompson Center in New Orleans. His service experiences while in college, particularly a summer in Roanoke, Virginia, led him to choose to spend a year with JVC after graduation. His hobbies and interests include cycling, hiking, photography, and reading.

#### **Amy Gately**

Amy Gately is from Massachusetts and just graduated from Boston College where she studied International Studies with a concentration in Ethics and Social Justice, which allowed her to take courses that transformed her view of the world. She also participated in weekly service and reflection, inspiring her to join JVC to continue these practices. This year she is serving at Cafe Reconcile in New Orleans.

#### Joanna Haug

Joanna Haug is originally from New Orleans, Louisiana. She attended the University of Texas at Dallas, graduating with a degree in Sociology and a minor in Gender Studies. She enjoys reading, cooking, and watching bad reality TV. This year, she is thrilled to be heading back to her hometown to serve at Unity of Greater New Orleans.

#### Kelley McCaffery

Kelley McCaffery attended the University of Portland, where they were inspired by community organizing on and off campus. Studying in the communication department gave them a greater understanding of how to hear and see people fully, while their degree in English exposed them to a range of human stories. They were drawn to JVC because it provides the opportunity to learn from other Americans and get a fuller sense of how to make connections and meaningful changes. This year, they serve at the YMCA Educational Services (YES!), a branch of YMCA Greater New Orleans.

#### Lana Ray

Alana Ray is from the Mississippi Gulf Coast and attended bible college, where she felt heavily impressed to live a life of service. This experience of selfdiscovery and biblical teaching led her to discover a passion for service through an AmeriCorps year which then led her to learn more about JVC. She considers herself an Enneagram wiz and loves to engage in intellectual conversations regarding self-care and love. She will be serving in New Orleans, Louisiana at Project Lazarus.

#### **Michael Winters**

Michael Winters was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois which resulted in him becoming a die-hard Cubs fan and a connoisseur of classic Chicago foods like deep-dish pizza and Italian beef sandwiches. Michael was raised Irish-Catholic, a background from which his love for community and desire for social justice has stemmed. These interests led him to Saint Louis University where he studied Economics and Marketing as well as Urban Poverty Studies. Michael's college experiences greatly shaped his outlook on the world and eventually attracted him to JVC. He will be working with the Promise for Justice Initiative in New Orleans.

#### New York City, NY Ella Baker House





#### Chris Bargeron Coordinator

#### Maria Garcia

Maria Garcia is from San Francisco, CA. She attended Saint Louis University, where she double majored in Health Management and Sociology with a minor in Urban Poverty Studies. Within her college career, she was an active participant in the McNair Scholar program, MLK scholar program, and an advocate for social justice issues. In her free time, she enjoys dancing, hiking, and spending time with her loved ones. This year, she serves at Catholic Migration Services as a Legal Assistant in New York City.

#### **Emily Hespeler**

Emily Hespeler, from Massachusetts, attended UMass Amherst, where she studied environmental science and was grateful to study abroad for a semester at the Universidad de Costa Rica. She enjoys playing pick up soccer, practicing Spanish, and embarking on adventures, solo or with friends or family, to hike, listen to live music, or see new cities. She was inspired by her aunt and uncle, who met in JVC, to apply to our organization. This year, she will serve at BronxWorks in Bronx, NY. She is excited to embark on a trans-formative opportunity to connect with individuals from all backgrounds and provide necessary services to marginalized communities.

#### Emi Montenegro

Emi Montenegro is serving at Catholic Migration Services in New York City. Prior to this, she studied International Studies at Seattle University, as well as French and Spanish. A longtime resident of Washington state, she enjoys hiking and exploring the Pacific Northwest accompanied by her 13-year old Bichon. She also enjoys NPR podcasts, completing jigsaw puzzles, and eating Nutella straight from the jar.

#### Jessie Moriarty

Jessie Moriarty attended Bates college where she majored in Sociology and minored in Spanish and Education. The combination of these three studies and the theology within the classes and community engaged work outside the classes have pushed her towards wanting to work in social services. This year, she serves at Part of the Solution in New York City.

#### Aengus Nelson

Aengus Nelson, a Sacramento, California native, studied political science at Xavier University. He played rugby at Xavier and enjoys travel, trying new foods and playing and watching just about every sport. He will be serving at South Bronx United in New York City.



#### **Jonathan Picos**

Jonathan Picos, a San Diego, CA native, attended Georgetown University and studied Human Science on a Pre-Medicine track. His service work in healthcare and education led him to his JVC placement this year with Advocates for Children of New York. He enjoys spending time outdoors and catching baseball games during his free time.

#### Chie Wach

Chie Wach attended Carnegie Mellon University, where she studied Creative Writing and Physics and participated in a capella, journalism, and various cultural and religious clubs. She was raised in New York and is eager to return to Manhattan to work at the Tanenbaum Center for Interreligious Understanding.

#### **Tracy Werick**

Tracy Werick, originally from Buffalo, NY, recently graduated from Georgetown University in Washington, DC. At Georgetown, she completed a major in Anthropology and minors in Sociology and Spanish. In her free time, Tracy loves to dance. She has taken ballet lessons since the age of three, but has more recently focused on tap dancing. During her four years at Georgetown, she was a dedicated member of Tappin' Jacks, the school's only tap dance club. Tracy decided to join JVC because of her experience working with a JV in homelessness outreach programs at Georgetown's Center for Social Justice. The opportunity to work closely with a current JV proved to Tracy that a year with the JVC would allow her to center her life around service and engage in meaningful work. This year, she looks forward to her JV placement at Make the Road New York in New York City, working as a housing and benefits advocate.

#### Newark, NJ Saint Oscar Romero House

#### John Ross Coordinator



#### **Kyle Bowman**

Kyle Bowman was raised in Newtown Square, Pennsylvania. He attended Boston College, where he studied English Literature. His experiences working at Saint Francis House and with his 4Boston group led him to a year of service with the JVC. This year, he is serving at NJ LEEP in Newark, NJ.

#### Thomas Flynn

Thomas Flynn is a Virginia native who attended the College of the Holy Cross, where he majored in political science. Thomas' hobbies include watching his beloved New England Patriots and playing tennis. This year, he serves as the Alumni Impact Coordinator for Link Education Partners, located in Newark, NJ.





#### Zach Herford

Zachary Herford, currently living in Bournemouth in the United Kingdom, and originally from Australia. He is a University of Notre Dame class of 2019 graduate, where he double majored in Political Science and International Peace Studies. Zach will be serving with NJ LEEP in Newark, New Jersey, as a Legal Education Coordinator. An interesting fact about Zach is that he grew up in multiple locations, having lived in 7 cities, in 4 countries, on 3 continents.

#### Sophie Palumbo

Sophie Palumbo was born and raised in Golden, Colorado, and graduated from the University of Portland in Oregon with a degree in Environmental Science. Sophie loves the outdoors and has been skiing since she was two! She played club lacrosse in college. Sophie will be serving at the Greater Newark Conservancy in Newark, NJ. She looks forward to spending time on the farm and with the people of Newark.

#### **Rob Paquette**

Robert Paquette is from West Linn, Oregon, a small city just outside of Portland. He attended Gonzaga University and pursued a degree of Psychology with a minor in criminal justice and aspires to be a school psychologist someday. He loves baseball, being active and doing anything outdoors. This year, he will serve at Link Community Charter in Newark, New Jersey. One fun fact about Robert is that he was born on his due date.

#### **Gracie Stagliano**

Originally from Atlanta, Georgia, Gracie Stagliano moved to Pennsylvania to attend Villanova University where she received a Bachelor of the Arts in English literature with a second major in French and Francophone studies. Gracie's main passions include social justice, music, and poetry. This year, she will be serving at Link Community Charter School in Newark, NJ as the Student Life Coordinator.

Chris Bargeron Coordinator

#### **Philadelphia, PA** Thomas Merton House



#### Dot Brown

Dot Brown is from Jacksonville, FL and attended Spring Hill College where she earned a bachelor's degree in Psychology while also minoring in Gender Studies and English. From attending Spring Hill, she was able to take classes and take part in service experiences that incorporated justice issues into the conversation. The strong focus on justice, service, and faith in the academic setting helped her discern the path to JVC. Dot will be working as a Social Services Case Aide with the Nationalities Service Center in Philadelphia, PA. Dot enjoys hiking, crafting, the smell of coffee, watching rom coms, and traveling. She has been to 18 countries and 27 states and once went to mass with Pope Francis in a soccer stadium in Italy.





#### Elizabeth Erkkinen

Elizabeth Erkkinen attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Michigan, majoring in Neuroscience. Next year she will serve in Philadelphia, working as a Case Manager with Women Against Abuse. She is pursuing a future career in medicine, hopefully as an OB-GYN, and is excited to support and empower women. She has a dog named GiGi (short for Good Girl).

#### **Emmy Kepner**

Emmy Kepner was born in Colombia but now resides in California. She recently graduated from Portland State University with a Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice. In her free time, Emmy likes to go out for a run, go on a hike, enjoy the outdoors, grab a bite, listen to music, and hang out with friends and family. She is an adventure seeker who hopes to be able to travel and enjoy all the different cultures and countries the world offers. Emmy will be serving in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania as a Health Access Liaison at Nationalities Service Center.

#### Bridget MacDonald

Bridget MacDonald is serving at Providence Center in Philadelphia. Originally from Maryland, she graduated from St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, where she studied Social Work. Bridget was also a student leader in Campus Ministry programs that taught her invaluable lessons about justice and community and eventually led her to JVC.

#### Annelieske Sanders

Annelieske Sanders attended Georgetown University, where she studied Justice and Peace Studies and Government. This year, she serves at HIAS PA in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Outside of work, you can find her exploring the trails around Philadelphia, reading a book, or trying a new breakfast recipe.

#### **Zoe Silsby**

Zoe Silsby is originally from Washington, DC and attended Boston College. At BC she majored in Biology and worked as a volunteer EMT in addition to a variety of other involvements. This year, she serves at Women Against Abuse in Philadelphia.

**Phoenix, AZ** Casa Antonio Ruiz de Montoya

Pat Washington Coordinator







#### Amanda Fischer

Amanda Fischer attended Augustana College where she majored in Elementary Education and met one of her very good friends through her sorority, who introduced her to JVC. During college, she had the opportunity to abroad in Jamaica. She loves doing anything outdoors, sports, reading, and arts & crafts! She will be serving as an education specialist at St. Matthew Catholic School in Phoenix, AZ.

#### **Gabriel Marcelo**

Gabriel Marcelo was born in the Philippines and grew up in the Bay Area. He graduated from the University of Oregon in 2018, double-majoring in Business and Economics. Gabriel is passionate about food and hopes to start a social enterprise within the industry that truly helps the world. Gabriel enjoys cooking food, rollerblading, and almost any activity outside to stay healthy. Gabriel felt called to serve in Phoenix, Arizona with Catholic Charities as a Community Coordinator, to manage a garden and engage the community and volunteers. Gabriel is extremely excited for this upcoming year, because he feels it will truly get him closer in achieving his dreams.

#### **Tom McDevitt**

Tom McDevitt was born and raised in Drexel Hill, PA. He attended Penn State University for two years, and then transferred to Immaculata University, where he majored in Theology. His time at Immaculata led him to JVC. This year, he serves at St. Joseph the Worker in Phoenix, AZ.

#### Annie Silk

Annie Silk attended Boston College where she was inspired and motivated by the Jesuit motto "Men and Women for others." Growing up in the town of Fairfield, Connecticut contributed to Annie's mission to serve others as she observed the vast inequalities between her town and neighboring towns. In her free time, Annie enjoys photography, cooking, and spending time outdoors. This year, she will be serving at St. Matthew Catholic School in Phoenix, Arizona.

#### James Stormzand

James Stormzand went to Michigan State University where he majored in International Relations. With this major he could combine his interests in History and Public Policy to learn about the dynamic nature of foreign affairs. He wrote his Senior Thesis on Poverty in China following the Deng Xiaoping Era, and is very excited to be working for Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement program in Phoenix, AZ.

**Pohnpei, Micronesia** Paulino Cantero House William Poling Coordinator



#### Martha Espinoza

Martha Espinoza was born and raised in Mexico and moved to Denver at the age of 11. She attended the University of San Francisco, where she obtained her degree in Sociology and developed a passion for serving others and helping immigrants and survivors of domestic violence. After completing her undergraduate education Martha lived abroad in Rome, Italy and worked for the John Felice Rome Center of Loyola University. Her time working and living abroad further ascertained her love of people and cultures and spiked her thirst for more knowledge. As a result, she obtained her Masters degree in Sociology from Loyola University Chicago. While completing her degree, Martha worked with underrepresented communities and as an immigration paralegal. Her years of receiving a Jesuit education and working to help others is what led Martha to the JVC. She will now be able to carry her passion for people and education to Pohnpei in the Federated States of Micronesia, serving at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School. This is officially the longest and the furthest Martha has ever been from home, but she is excited for the exposure to a new culture and people.

#### Bekah O'Donnell

Rebekah O'Donnell is a recent graduate from Creighton University with her Bachelors in Social Work. She is originally from Kansas City, Missouri but is headed to Pohnpei, Micronesia for two years of service working at Pohnpei Catholic School as a teacher. Rebekah has had the privilege to work in the Schlegel Center for Service & Justice at Creighton University as well as had the opportunity to study abroad and take time to solo backpack. Through her social work practicum Rebekah was able to serve as a counseling intern for Girls Inc., aligning with her passion of working in youth development.

#### Emily Curran

Emily Curran is originally from Richland, Washington. She graduated from Gonzaga University in 2016, with a degree in Criminal Justice and a degree in Sociology. Right after graduating, she served as a JV in Woodburn, Oregon for JVC NW ('16-'17). She taught PE during that year, and broke her foot twice in the same place (she got way too into kickball). Prior to JVC, Emily lived in Lyon, France with her family. She will continue her service as an English teacher in Pohnpei, Micronesia. She is always ready to crack a joke, try new things, meet new people, and go on an adventure.

#### **Reis Haitsuka**

Reis Haitsuka, who also goes by Kilohana, is from Hawai'i. She graduated from the University of Portland in Oregon with degrees in Social Work and Psychology. She loves to hike, travel, and go to the beach. She loves to hear about other cultures and religions. In her second year as a JV she will be serving as a teacher at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School on the island of Pohnpei, Micronesia.

**Punta Gorda, Belize** Julian Cho House Will Poling Coordinator











#### **Erin Breen**

Erin Breen attended Saint Joseph's University, where she studied Theology and English. Originally from the suburbs of Philadelphia, PA, Erin participated in Campus Ministry and Immersion experiences throughout college which made JVC the perfect fit for her first years out of school! She will serve at St. Peter Claver Parish in Punta Gorda, Belize.

#### Eric Stolar

Eric Stolar attended Fordham University, where he studied Environmental Studies and political science with a concentration in environmental politics, government, and regulation. He spent much of his free working as a part time Campus Ministry employee for the university and was heavily involved with Fordham's domestic and international service programs. He is incredibly excited to be serving as a retreat coordinator for St. Peter Claver parish in Punta Gorda, Belize where he will continue to explore his passion for the Jesuit mission.

#### Monica Parr

Monica Parr is originally from Oneida, Wisconsin. She studied Architectural Studies at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Monica enjoys traveling and embracing other cultures through food. Some of her favorite foods that she experienced through places traveled or from friends of other ethnicities are paella, cacio e pepe, sushi, arepas, and Indian tacos. Monica also enjoys swimming in either open waters (including the ocean) or competitively swimming freestyle or breast stroke in closed waters. Monica is continuing her service in Punta Gorda, Belize at St. Peter Claver Parish.

#### Rebecca Ries-Roncalli

Rebecca Ries-Roncalli is from Helena, Montana. She graduated from John Carroll University in 2018 with a degree in history and Italian. Some of her hobbies include knitting, reading, traveling, and watching calming ceramic videos online. She enjoys the outdoors, especially hiking in the mountains. Rebecca loves puns, musicals, and drinking tea. A fun fact about her is that she has spent 7 years living outside the United States. Rebecca is serving for her second year in Punta Gorda, Belize at St. Peter Claver Parish.

Windi Mitchell Coordinator

#### Sacramento, CA Casa Ignatius of Loyola



#### Meghan Ashley

Meghan Ashley is a recent graduate from Adelphi University where she majored in Criminal Justice and Psychology. She is originally from Queens, New York and is so excited to move across the country to Sacramento, California for JVC. She will serve as a teacher to young children at the Mustard Seed School. She is fluent in American Sign Language and hopes it may be useful during her service. Meghan enjoys hiking, yoga and caring for her many plants. She can't wait to explore her new surroundings in California!









#### **Caroline Body**

Caroline Body attended College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts, where she was a history major and peace studies minor. Between her course of study, community-based learning opportunities, and several domestic immersion trips, she was able to delve into important conversations about social justice, peace and conflict, and human rights, all of which collectively led her to JVC. This year, she will be serving at Waking the Village in Sacramento, California.

#### **Morgan Crawford**

Morgan Crawford is originally from Shawano, Wisconsin. She graduated from St. Norbert College in DePere, Wisconsin with a degree in Psychology with a minor in Biology. She is currently a JV (2018-2019) in Mobile, Alabama and works as an Activity Center Team Member at L'Arche Mobile. Next year, she will call Sacramento, California home and will be working at TLCS, Inc. as a Clubhouse Activities Coordinator. When she is not at work, Morgan enjoys going on long walks and watching movies.

#### Francesca Gill

Francesca Gill studied marketing at the University of Delaware in her hometown, Newark, DE. During her college years, she enjoyed her first two years as a UD cheerleader but was excited to focus on more service-oriented activities in her later years. Francesca also enjoys music and her cats. This year, she serves at Sacramento Cottage Housing in Sacramento, CA.

#### Laura Lynch

Laura Lynch grew up in Hingham, Massachusetts before attending Fordham University in New York City. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in English and in French Studies, and participated in service-leading, cultural immersion projects that inspired her to apply to the Jesuit Volunteer Corps. This year, she will serve at St. HOPE Public School in Sacramento, California. In her free time, Laura enjoys swimming, hiking, photography, and reading.

#### Mary Kate McGraugh

Mary Kate McGraugh is very excited to serve with the Jesuit Volunteer Corps! She is from St. Louis Missouri, and she has her Masters and Bachelors degrees from St. Louis University, both in Social Work. Mary Kate studied abroad in Madrid, Spain for an entire summer semester. Mary Kate enjoys swimming, reading, and salsa dancing. This year, she is serving at the Mustard Seed School in Sacramento, California.

#### Joseph Wendt

Joseph Wendt, a Cincinnati native, attended St. Louis University in Missouri where he studied biology on the pre-medical track. His pursuit to serve others in the medical field also led him to JVC where he works at PS7 St. HOPE Middle School in Sacramento.

Santiago, Chile Casa Raúl Silva Henríquez Megan Sheehan Coordinator





#### Leanna Nichols

Leanna Nichols is from Long Island, New York. She attended Fordham University where she majored in International Studies and Spanish, and minored in Latin American studies and Peace and Justice studies. She also played on the women's club rugby team and in the university band. During her time at Fordham, she was able to participate in and lead cultural immersion and service projects that helped influence her path to JVC. This year, she serves at the Servicio Jesuita a Migrantes in Santiago, Chile.

#### Hope Vaughn

Hope Vaughn is a Connecticut resident who recently graduated from Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island. She completed her four years with a degree in social work and a degree in Spanish. Throughout her four years of college, Hope took an interest in international work through study abroad programs in both Seville, Spain and Santiago, Dominican Republic. In her free time, she enjoys being active through outdoor activities and also likes to spend time with friends and family. Her spiritual life has remained a core value to her throughout her whole life and has led her to the JVC. As a result, she will be serving as a pastoral assistant at the Colegio San Alberto in Santiago, Chile for the next two years.

#### **Tommy Schubert**

Tommy Schubert is from Geneva, IL, a suburb of Chicago. He attended Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri. His majors were Spanish, French, and International Studies. Tommy loves to travel, journal, and get lost while hiking. While in college, Tommy was able to study abroad in France and in Argentina, and check some things off his bucket list like skydiving in Spain and hiking in the Patagonian mountains. Tommy will be serving in his second year as a Case Manager at Hogar de Cristo in Santiago, Chile.

#### Margo Scott

Margo Scott is originally from Minneapolis, MN and graduated in 2018 from Creighton University in Omaha, NE. She studied Psychology and Spanish and Hispanic studies at Creighton and is interested in possibly pursuing Public Health or Social Work in the future. She loves meeting new people, swimming in the many Minnesotan lakes and will never turn down a competitive game of cards. A fun fact is that she once climbed to the highest point in the Caribbean, Pico Duarte. Margo will continue her service in Santiago, Chile as part of the Pastoral and Formation team at Colegio José Antonio Lecaros.

Jill Kress Coordinator



San Antonio, TX

Casa Guadalupe

#### Shannon Conroy

Shannon Conroy attended Emmanuel College, where she traveled to both Cuba and Greece while she was in college. She majored in International Studies with a minor in Spanish. She also was a part of the Emmanuel College chapel choir all four years of college. She will be serving in San Antonio, TX at the Catholic Charities Guadalupe Community Center.







#### Liz FitzGeraldf

Elizabeth FitzGerald attended the University of Cincinnati, where she had the opportunity to study Chemistry and Gender Studies. She had the opportunity to work with the Ohio Innocence Project where she explored the many injustices happening in our world every day. Her work inspired her to seek a path of service through the JVC. This year, she serves at Catholic Charities in San Antonio.

#### Nicolas Medina

Nicolas Medina is originally from Bogota, Colombia. He moved to Los Angeles to attend Loyola Marymount University, where he studied History and Political Science. While at Loyola Marymount he worked as a Teacher's Assistant and formed part of the History Honor Society, and became interested in politics and American society. This year he serves at the Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid in San Antonio, Texas. Some of his hobbies and interests include listening to electronic music, watching documentaries, and reading.

#### Elizabeth Pritchard

Elizabeth Pritchard is an Iowa native who just graduated from the University of Iowa with a B.S. in Human Physiology and a B.A. in Biology. She was privileged to be a member of the Women's Rowing Team at Iowa and is a huge Hawkeye fan. She Ioves books, movies, eating good food, and going on Iong runs/walks. She has wanted to be a JVC volunteer since learning about the program two years ago and is excited to be fulfilling her dream! This year she will be serving at the Respite Care of San Antonio, in San Antonio, TX.

#### **Bridget Shepherd**

Bridget Shepherd is from Crofton, Maryland and attended Mount Saint Mary's University where she majored in Health Science. This year, she serves at Respite Care of San Antonio in San Antonio, TX.

#### San Diego, CA Casa Celina Ramos



#### Nicole Antonacci

Nicole Antonacci is a passionate photojournalist and spoken word poet from Syracuse, NY. She attended St. Bonaventure University, where she received her B.A. in Psychology and Masters in Business Administration (MBA). Since she was young, Nicole has felt called by faith to shine light on people, places, moments and ideas that go unnoticed on a daily basis. Her desires to serve and give voice to the voiceless are what led her to JVC. In her free time, Nicole enjoys coffee-shop hopping, going to the movies and spending time with her grandma. This year, she serves at Outside the Lens in San Diego, California.

Erica Palmer Coordinator





#### Jose Gonzalez

Jose Gonzalez majored in sociology at UC San Diego, and is originally from the San Fernando Valley in Southern California. He spends most of his time as a student minister at the Newman Center at UC San Diego and plays soccer whenever he finds the time. Jose feels truly blessed to have been told about JVC from two spiritual directors, Fr. Boom and Fr. Manh. Jose will be serving at Nativity Prep Academy in San Diego, California.

#### **Kelly Heilman**

Kelly Heilman is from New Jersey and attended Sewanee: The University of the South, took semesters at Georgetown and the University of New South Wales in Australia, and has a degree in politics with a minor in philosophy. She will be serving at South Bay Community Services in San Diego this year. Kelly is currently training for the Chicago Marathon and loves reading books!



#### Corinne Saul

Corinne Saul majored in Psychology and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, with a concentration in Political Change and Social Activism at Otterbein University. Through her engagement in the classroom and involvement with campus organizations, she had the opportunity to learn from others and develop a passion for social justice, which motivated her to join JVC. She is excited to serve at South Bay Community Services as a Family Development Associate in San Diego this year. Matt Scott



# Matt Scott is coming fresh off a year as a JV in Cleveland, but one year of JVC just wasn't enough! Hailing from the Milwaukee area, Matt attended the University of Wisconsin (Go Badgers!) where he studied biology and global health. Matt loves spikeball and can often be heard yelling "Y'all can catch this spike action whenever you want" at anyone in his vicinity (not a great way to get people to play spikeball with you). This year, Matt will be serving at Father Joe's Villages in San Diego, CA.

Matt Carroll Coordinator

#### **San Francisco, CA** Casa Martin Luther King, Jr.



#### **Harrison Clifford**

Harrison Clifford graduated from Pacific University in 2019 with a bachelor's degree in journalism. During his collegiate career he worked on the university newspaper and served on the Undergraduate Student Senate. Harrison is from Portland, Oregon, and enjoys listening to music, riding his bicycle and spending time with friends and family. Next year Harrison will serve at the Eviction Defense Collaborative in San Francisco, where he looks forward to helping provide aid to individuals facing homelessness. He is thankful for the support he has received from family and friends throughout the years, and is excited to begin this new journey in life.







#### Galen Comerford

Galen Comerford is from Marshfield, MA. While studying sociology and religious studies at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, MA, she became invested in understanding and dismantling systems of oppression. This year, she is excited to serve at the Homeless Prenatal Program in San Francisco.

#### Josie Fay

Josie Fay attended Marquette University and graduated with a degree in nursing and a minor in Spanish. She is very excited to grow in JVC through service, faith, and adventure. She is originally from Minnesota and is excited to be in sunny San Francisco next year serving at the Native American Health Center as a registered nurse.

#### Jon Gladding

Jonathan Gladding was born and raised in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He spent his undergrad years at Aquinas College. There, he was shaped by numerous service-learning experiences and his Community Leadership and English studies, which led him to JVC. This year, he serves at the Homeless Advocay Project of the Justice and Diversity Center in San Francisco.

#### **Devrey Martin**

Devrey Martin is from South Ogden, Utah. She attended Gonzaga University and received a B.S. in Human Physiology with a Psychology Minor. Like any Gonzaga alumni, she holds a lot of love in her heart for GU, her fellow Zags, Jack & Dan's, and the Kennel. She will gladly talk your ear off about all of her Zag moments if you give her the chance. Devrey also loves tennis, reading, and spending lots of quality time with her friends and family. She is very excited to take a year to be in community with others, grow deeper in her own spirituality, and become a better advocate for social justice. This year, she will serve in San Francisco, California as a case manager at the Friendship House Association of American Indians.



#### Eliza Oak

Eliza Oak attended the College of the Holy Cross where she volunteered for various non-profits with a focus on homelessness. These experiences were transformative in leading her to apply to JVC. This year, she serves at the St. Anthony's Foundation in San Francisco.

#### **Elizabeth Rudigier**

Elizabeth Rudigier attended Creighton University. She majored in medical anthropology and minored in Spanish and Hispanic studies, theology, and graphic design. She proudly calls Stilwell, Kansas, her home. Her servicelearning study abroad experiences in Peru and Uganda and work at Jackson Elementary School led her to JVC. This year, she serves at Raphael House in San Francisco. Her fun facts include that she loves Scooby Doo and has an identical twin sister and bent pinky fingers.

#### San Jose, CA Casa Pedro Arrupe, SJ



#### Pat Washington Coordinator

#### **Owen Brier**

Owen Brier is from Pennsylvania and a recent Boston College graduate. At BC, he studied international relations and participated in the 4Boston weekly service organization for four years. As a Jesuit Volunteer, Owen will be serving in San Jose, California, at the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley. At the law foundation, Owen will be doing economic rights advocacy for adults with developmental disabilities. He is a huge Red Sox/ Boston College sports fan as well.

#### **Porter Crapps**

Porter Crapps comes to JVC after earning his degree in Religious Studies at Stetson University. Some of his hobbies include reading, scuba diving, hiking, camping, and photography. His service is in partnership with the Recovery Cafe of San Jose, California.

#### Joe Eckert

Joseph Gregory Eckert is originally from Omaha, Nebraska and attended Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri, where he studied Finance. He loves to play and watch sports, and has his pilot's license. Joseph will be serving at Catholic Charities in San Jose, California.

#### Kathleen Gallagher

Kathleen Gallagher attended Georgetown University where she studied Healthcare Policy and Government. She is from New York and is excited to be serving as a Patients' Rights Advocate with the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley this year!

#### Jenna Morgan

Jenna Morgan is from Corning in Upstate New York and attended the University of Notre Dame where she graduated with a chemistry-business major and theology minor. Her work with Campus Ministry and programs focused on student formation and mentorship helped lead her to engaging in a year of service with JVC. This year Jenna will serve at Cristo Rey San Jose Jesuit High School in San Jose, California as an assistant campus minister and academic support coach. Jenna loves the arts! She has been a dancer and visual artist all her life exploring modern, tap, ballet, pointe, jazz, and partnering dance, as well

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as ceramics, watercolor, oil, acrylic, colored pencil and stained glass art mediums.

#### **Carmel Stralen**

Carmel Stralen attended Gonzaga University, graduating with a bachelors degree in Sociology and an Elementary Education teaching certificate. During her time at Gonzaga she fell in love with Ignatian spirituality and was inspired to continue to live out her faith through JVC. Originally from Sacramento, CA she will be serving in San Jose, CA as an educational aide at Sacred Heart Nativity school. She loves to play soccer and hopes she can play soccer with some of her future students! Carmel also plays piano and guitar and loves to sing. **Andy Touhey** 

Andy Touhey from Washington attended Gonzaga University, where he was honored to serve as a student minister and study human physiology, which informed him about the wonder of the human body. This year, he serves at Cristo Rey San Jose Jesuit High School in San Jose, CA.

#### Allie Volcheck

Allie Volcheck is from Minnesota and studied Community Health at Marquette University. She is excited to work at Recovery Cafe in San Jose where she can work with people on their road to recovery as well as use her barista skills!

Cathy Seymour Coordinator

**Scranton, PA** Guadalupe House



#### Jamie Bange

Jamie Bange is from Long Island, New York. She attended Boston College, where her major studies in Biology and Catholicism led her to JVC. She will serve at the St. Joseph's Center in Scranton, PA.

#### Ashlynn Doyle

Ashlynn Doyle was born and raised in sunny San Diego, CA. She attended Baylor University in Waco, TX where she studied political science and leadership studies as well as taking courses in philosophy and law, which helped further ignite a passion for social justice. Ashlynn also has a passion for helping others and building interpersonal relationships. These passions ultimately called her to JVC and she will be serving at the Women's Resource Center in Scranton, PA. Ashlynn enjoys sports, food, music, dancing, the outdoors, and being creative.





#### **Katie Reilly**

Katie Reilly is from Lexington, Massachusetts. She attended Fairfield University and majored in sociology and had minors in health studies and women, gender, and sexuality studies. During her time at Fairfield University, she was a goalie for the women's club lacrosse team, attended two service trips, and studied abroad in Galway, Ireland. This year she will serve as a community health assistant with the United Neighborhood Center in Scranton, PA.

#### **Robert Starkenburg**

Robert Starkenburg, a native of Silver Spring, Maryland, attended Gonzaga College High School, a Jesuit high school in Washington D.C., where he learned the value of serving others by volunteering at the on-campus soup kitchen and delivering meals to low-income residents through the school's Campus Kitchen program. From there, he attended University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland, majoring in psychology and growing in his Catholic faith at the Catholic Student Center. These experiences led Robert to serving with JVC. Robert enjoys movies and tv shows, such as Star Wars, Marvel, anime, and Doctor Who as well as spending time at the zoo and in nature. This year, he serves with Friends of the Poor in Scranton, PA.

#### **Ben Stegbauer**

Ben Stegbauer attended Xavier University in Cincinnati, where he studied theology and worked with people with disabilities. These experiences forced him to grow and led him to JVC. This year, Ben serves at the St. Joseph's Center in Scranton, PA.

Syracuse, NY

**Berrigan House** 

#### Joel Hotovv

Joel Hotovy was raised in Omaha before attending the University of Notre Dame. When he was not playing basketball at the gym, he could sometimes be found in the classroom studying towards degrees in Marketing and Peace Studies. After graduating in 2015, Joel worked in Chicago at CDW-G before eventually joining JVC. This coming August, he will serve at the Center for Community Alternatives in Syracuse.

Beth Scanlon Coordinator

#### **Erik Ridley**

Erik Ridley, from Allentown, Pennsylvania, graduated from the University of Scranton with a Bachelor's Degree in History. He will be spending the year as an Emergency Services Outreach Worker at Catholic Charities of Onondaga County in Syracuse, New York, as part of the Berrigan House community. He is an avid golfer, a die-hard football and soccer fan, and is fond of everything Harry Potter who loves National Parks, traveling, hiking, reading, and playing both board games and video games.







#### Lupe Sanchez

Lupe Sanchez attended Boston College to study nursing. Throughout the course of her four years she participated in numerous service trips, including trips to Virginia, Baton Rouge, Mexico, the DR, Haiti, and Guatemala. Such trips encouraged her to explore her faith further by taking theology courses and eventually picking up a minor in theology. In the coming year she will be working as an assistant in the Syracuse L'Arche community. Lupe has worked with children of special needs for the past three years as both a classroom aide and in the nurses station at The Campus School at Boston College. She is looking forward to fostering a community with the core members and other assistants of the L'Arche community. In her spare time, Lupe enjoys reading, listening to music, and spending time with friends and family.

#### Shelby Smyth

Shelby Smyth grew up in Mississippi and attended Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama. She was extremely blessed with an awesome Psychology Department that helped her realize that she can incorporate what she learned in class with her passion for social justice and service. She loves the community of diverse people and personalities that she has gotten to know in her past four years in undergrad, and she is really looking forward to build another community to learn and grow with. In her spare time, Shelby enjoys drawing and painting, watching Netflix with her friends, or walking around listening to folk music. This year, she is excited to serve as a Refugee Youth Worker for Catholic Charities in Syracuse, New York.

#### **Jumel Villacarlos**

Jumel Villacarlos attended University of Portland where he majored in Biology with a minor in Psychology. Jumel is originally from Fallon, Nevada which is a small town east of Reno. He enjoys playing tennis, hiking, and taking photographs. During his time at University of Portland, he got heavily involved in community service through the university's Moreau Center. Through this involvement, he learned about JVC and after much discernment decided to apply. This year, he will serve at the ACR Health (Aids Community Resource Center) in Syracuse, New York.

Brooke Silvas Coordinator

#### Tacna, Peru Casa Fred Green



#### Kristen Somerville

Kristen Somerville is a recent graduate from the College of the Holy Cross, where she double majored in Political Science and Spanish, and had the opportunity to play collegiate volleyball. Born and raised in Chicago, IL, Kristen developed a love for Jesuit spirituality while attending Saint Ignatius College Prep. Her Jesuit education over the past few years played a major role in her decision to apply to JVC. She loves to play sports, cook and travel, and is thrilled to serve at Colegio Miguel Pro in Tacna, Peru later this year. **Wes Vanderburgh** 

Wes Vanderburgh (he/him/his) is originally from St. Augustine, Florida, but grew up in southern New Hampshire. Wes attended Saint Anselm College in Manchester, NH, where he studied international relations. Wes was initially led to JVC by a campus minister at Saint Anselm and is now thrilled to be an incoming JV at the Centro Cristo Rey del Niño y Adolescente in Tacna, Peru.





Wes enjoys reading, playing soccer, cooking, travelling, and getting to know new people.

#### **Catherine Bruno**

Catherine (Cat) Bruno is from Westfield, New Jersey. She graduated in 2018 from The University of Scranton in Scranton, Pennsylvania with a B.S. in International Studies and French. She is an avid runner and enjoys being outdoors, especially during the summertime. She also loves to travel and has been to 18 countries! When Cat was 10 years old, she was on her town's swim team and took first place in an all-boys backstroke race. She will continue service as an English teacher at Fe y Alegria in Tacna, Peru.

#### **Maggie Thompson**

Maggie Thompson is from Cincinnati, Ohio. She graduated from Loyola University Chicago with degrees in Global and International Studies and Political Science. She loves traveling, dogs, and ice cream. Maggie also enjoys running and has completed three Chicago marathons. A fun fact about Maggie is that she knows every state capital. She will continue serving for a second year as a teacher at Colegio Cristo Rey in Tacna, Peru.

Pat Washington Coordinator

**Tucson, AZ** Casa Ignacio Ellacuria



#### Bella Arostegui

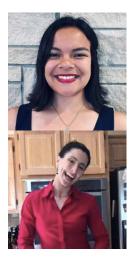
Bella Arostegui is from Sacramento, California and journeyed across the country to attend the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts to study English. She enjoys photography, running, watching soccer, and trying new food. Her experiences at Holy Cross led her to decide on a year of service at Our Family Services in Tucson, AZ.

#### **Beatrice Connaghan**

Beatrice Connaghan attended St. Louis University where she studied Political Science and International Studies. While there, she had the opportunity to be a resident advisor, intern at the Center for Service and Community Engagement, and help run the university's immersion program. She enjoys exploring new places and taking long walks with friends. This year, she will be living in Tucson, AZ and working at the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona as their Abundant Harvest Coordinator.

#### **Belen Fresno Caturla**

Belen Fresno lives right outside of Philadelphia. She graduated from The University of Scranton with a Bachelor's in Exercise Science. She enjoys traveling and meeting people from all over the world. She also loves doing service and being "a woman for and with others." These passions of hers have led her to JVC. She will be serving as a Client Advocate at the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona, in Tucson, Arizona. Her goal for next year is to be open to new experiences and learn how to be comfortable with the uncomfortable.



#### **Jazmine Luebbert**

Jazmine Luebbert attended Benedictine College, where she was privileged to live in a Regnum Christi household, go on a mission trip to Belize, and take theology and sociology courses that formed her and led her to JVC. This year, she serves at Casa Alitas in Tucson, AZ.

#### Libby Turner

Libby Turner attended Donnelly College in Kansas City. She will be continuing her pre-med course in the fall of 2020. In her free time, she enjoys swimming, hiking, reading, and dancing. This year, she will serve at the Pio Decimo Center in Tuscon, AZ, helping with School Readiness and Success.

#### Twin Cities, MN Jack Morris House



#### Nora Marino Coordinator

#### Maria Heiman

Maria Heiman is a native of Axtell, Kansas. She enjoys solving soduku puzzles, taking leisurely bike rides, playing cards, reading, and catching up with friends over coffee. While a students at the University of Notre Dame, Maria studied accountancy and became involved with the Center for Social Concerns on campus, where she learned to advocate for the dignity of every individual and the importance of intentional relationships. The importance of forming and cultivating relationships soon pointed her towards choosing JVC. This year, she serves as a Client Services Assistant at Small Sums in the Twin Cities. A fun fact about Maria is that she grew up on a farm which allowed her family to raise a baby raccoon and a baby doe in two separate summers.

Leah Killian was born in Buffalo, New York where she grew up and attended Syracuse University for International Relations. She enjoys reading, yoga, and rock climbing as well as playing with her dog and cat! Leah will be serving at

Open Access Connections in the Twin Cities, MN.



**Kevin Miller** 



Kevin Miller hails from Burbank, California and attended UCLA where he studied Psychology and was co-chair of the University Catholic Center's Social Justice Committee. During the last social justice event of his senior year, Kevin met Fr. Michael Kennedy SJ and the Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative (JRJI) at Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall in Sylmar, California. He went on to work for JRJI for the next two and a half years helping to facilitate Ignation retreats within maximum security California State Prisons and providing ministry to Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall. In his free time, Kevin enjoys bodysurfing at the beach, basketball, reading spiritual books, journal writing, board games, practicing his Spanish and eating Mexican food. This year, he serves at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Twin Cities, Minnesota as a campus minister.

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#### Joe Wolfram

Joseph Wolfram graduated from Temple University with a degree in biology. While at Temple University, he took health-related sociology classes that taught him about disparities in healthcare. Joseph, who is originally from NJ and plans to attend medical school in the future, decided to do a year of service with the JVC after undergrad to serve marginalized communities facing injustices. He currently serves at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Minneapolis, MN as the student health services coordinator. Despite being far from home, Joseph continues to support and root for Philadelphia sports teams.

Laura Elkins Coordinator

#### Washington, D.C. Ramos House

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## Katherine Adams

Katherine Adams is from McHenry, Illinois. She graduated from Marquette University where she majored in biomedical sciences. Her dream is to attend medical school and become the orthopedic surgeon for a major sports team! In her free time, she loves to go for a run, play volleyball, sing along to/play the ukulele, and just have a good time with friends. She also has a pet hedgehog! This August, she will begin serving at The Northwest Center in Washington, D.C.

#### Zach Chambers

Zachary Chambers was a Physics major at Harvard University. He was an active member in his community as he organized the intramural sports for Adams House. This year, he serves at a L'Arche community in Washington, D.C.



Lane Eisenmann is originally from Shrewsbury, Massachusetts. She attended Boston College where she studied International Ethics and Social Justice and Women and Gender Studies. Her classes as well as her extracurriculars and the relationships she formed over her four years at BC inspired her to serve with the JVC as a way to gain valuable experience and get in touch with her spirituality before she (with luck) goes on to attend graduate school. She loves to read, run, spend time outdoors, eat good food, and have long conversations with friends. This year, she serves at Miriam's Kitchen in Washington, D.C. **Madison Hokans-Csurilla** 

#### Madison Hokans-Csurilla was born and raised in Huntington Beach, California where she developed interests in running, outdoor activities, and travel. She received a Jesuit education at Santa Clara University, where she studied psychology and child studies. She discovered JVC through an Oakland immersion trip and pursued her passions volunteering, teaching, and conducting research in Rwanda and Uganda. She is excited to pursue her passions as she serves at The Asylum Seeker Assistance Project in Washington, D.C.





#### **Brianna Ledsome**

Brianna Ledsome was born and raised in Youngstown, OH, and was privileged to attend Xavier University in Cincinnati, OH for undergrad. She received an Honors Bachelor of the Arts in Philosophy, Politics, and The Public, and Political Science. In her free time, she loves to read, hike, and experience new music. She will be serving this year in Washington DC at Georgetown University.

#### Joe Smith

Joe Smith, an Illinois native, attended Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI and graduated with a bachelor's degree in Cognitive Science. This year, he is serving at the Father McKenna Center in Washington, D.C. He is excited about living in a new city and working with people in the community. In his free time he enjoys biking and hanging out with his family.