ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19

The Spencer T. and Ann W. Olin Fellowship for Women in Graduate Study
A LEGACY OF SUCCESS

The Spencer T. and Ann W. Olin Fellowship for Women in Graduate Study has supported women of exceptional promise since 1974.

Our vision to provide women with elite graduate preparation is built on the foundation of our core values:

**Leadership**
Fellows are encouraged to pursue opportunities that positively impact their experiences and the experiences of others.

**Service**
A culture of service within the fellowship community guides fellows to a lifetime of contributions to society.

**Integrity**
The ethical sensibilities of the Midwestern value system inspire our fellows, including honesty, cooperation, and hard work.

**Inclusion**
We are a community with different voices and perspectives, that contributes to creativity of thought and a robust learning environment for our fellows.
“The Spencer T. and Ann W. Olin Fellowship continues the legacy of supporting exceptional women in graduate and professional studies - across disciplines - at Washington University.”

WILLIAM F. TATE
Dean and Vice Provost for Graduate Education
Edward Mallinckrodt Distinguished University Professor in Arts & Sciences
“The ability to choose their career path absent a financial imperative gives them the opportunity to follow their interests, take risks, and pursue transformative innovations in their chosen fields.”

DIANA HILL MITCHELL
Associate Dean, Graduate School
Director, Spencer T. and Ann W. Olin Fellowship Program
HOW IT ALL BEGAN

MONTICELLO COLLEGE + THE OLIN FAMILY

In 1838, Captain Benjamin Godfrey established the Monticello College, an institution considered “a pioneer in women’s education and a milestone in the history of women.” Devoted to the “moral, intellectual, and domestic improvement” of women, the college found itself supporting and surrounded by stellar women. Mrs. Ann Whitney Olin advocated for the college, and served in a pivotal leadership role.

Following its eventual closing in 1971, the college transitioned into the Monticello College Foundation, where it continues to promote the education of women through philanthropic means. One of the foundation’s first contributions created a collaboration with Washington University in St. Louis—the Spencer T. and Ann W. Olin Fellowship for Women in Graduate Study named in honor of the time, talent, and resources the Olin family dedicated to women in higher education.

ABOUT THE OLIN FELLOWSHIP

The Spencer T. and Ann W. Olin Fellowship for Women in Graduate Study was founded in 1974, in collaboration with the Monticello College Foundation to honor Spencer T. and Ann W. Olin. From a group of seven, the Olin Fellowship Network has grown to encompass more than 400 women in medicine, social sciences, humanities, engineering, natural sciences, business, and law. No matter their path, the women supported by the Olin Fellowship are citizen scholars, committed to the betterment of humanity.

The fellowship experience includes networking, professional development, and research exchange. Our mission to develop the best and brightest women into leaders in society remains steadfast.

SUPPORT

annual stipend of $33,060* | $600 travel award per year for the length of study

- preferred housing
- leadership + professional development
- interdisciplinary networking with current fellows + alumnae

* for academic year 2019-20
2019 COHORT

WELCOME TO THE FELLOWSHIP

We are pleased to welcome these six talented scholars into the Olin Fellowship.

MARY CALLIER
The Writing Program, MFA
University of Georgia, BA

Mary Helen Callier received her Bachelor of Arts in English and Art History from the University of Georgia. Since earning her undergraduate degree, she has worked at a print shop, restaurants, and at a community college in east Alabama. She is the author of the chapbook, Spring and Stuff.

EMMA FRAWLEY
Evolution, Ecology and Population Biology, PhD
Bucknell University, BA

Emma Frawley is pursuing her doctorate in ecology, evolution, and population biology in the Division of Biology and Biomedical Sciences. Her research interests lie in exploring the natural genetic and phenotypic variation in crop wild relatives, ideally to contribute to their conservation and to diversifying agriculture.

ADMISSIONS AT A GLANCE

794 applications
16% increase from 2018
JAISAL MERCHANT
Psychological and Brain Sciences, PhD
Tufts University, BA

Jaisal Merchant is pursuing her doctorate in the Clinical Science Program, studying effort-based decision-making deficits in patients with psychotic disorders. For the last eight years, Jaisal has pursued her interest in psychological research working in social, cognitive, and clinical psychology labs. She has helped organize events to raise awareness about socio-cultural disparities and access to mental health resources.

EMILY MILLMAN
Earth and Planetary Sciences, PhD
University of Delaware, MS
Winthrop University, BS

Emily Millman is a scientist from Tega Cay, South Carolina. She has served as a peer tutor, mentor, and leader for university and community organizations. Emily has five years of research experience and her research interests include the prebiotic chemistry of the early Earth and teaching the next generation of scientists.

LAUREL SCOTT
Law, JD
University of California - Los Angeles, BA

Laurel Scott graduated cum laude from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). While there, she wrote over a hundred news stories for the student newspaper. After graduation she worked as a legal assistant at an immigration law firm in San Diego, assisting the firm’s attorneys on cases involving clients at risk of deportation, or whose families had been separated due to deportation or inadmissibility.

JEAN SPRINGSTEEN
Mathematics, PhD

Jean Springsteen is from Lisbon, Iowa. She graduated summa cum laude from Coe College where she studied mathematics and economics, and was a cross-country track and field athlete. During college, she worked for several non-profits, was a math tutor for Kids on Course, and a writing tutor for ESL students. She also served as editor for two literary magazines.

10 offers made
1.3% selectivity

6 accepted
60% yield

[2017] [2018] [2019]
2019 FISCAL YEAR

96% of funding goes directly to fellows

$2,170,158 in total program support

2018-2019

MONTICELLO FOUNDATION FUNDING

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SPENCER T. AND ANN W. OLIN ENDOWMENT

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WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY FUNDING

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TOTAL FELLOWSHIP FUNDING  $2,170,158
THE FUTURE OF FELLOWSHIP

With a transformative funding structure and newly designated housing, the Spencer T. and Ann W. Olin Fellowship is building a community of fellows with the passion to pursue careers of impact in their fields.

“We have taken to heart the charge to provide an elite graduate education to women, so that they will have an impact and lead in society.”

- DIANA HILL MITCHELL

Under the 2018-19 funding structure, all incoming Olin Fellows - irrespective of their degree program - receive full tuition remission and a stipend of $33,060. This model makes it possible for all Olin Fellows to complete their graduate program without incurring debt.

In a continued effort to support a robust and collaboritive environment, preferred housing in The Dos is available to Olin Fellows. The Dos is conveniently located within one mile of the Danforth Campus and provides fully furnished studio, one bedroom, and two bedroom apartments.

These changes provide impact through the expansion of financial and community support available to our fellows.
CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR RECENT
OLIN ALUMNAE
ANNA FAUBION, MD  
Medicine

Anna is currently a resident psychiatrist at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. Following residency, she will complete a fellowship in child and adolescent psychiatry, with a projected graduation date of June 2024.

ASHLEY KUYKENDALL, MPH/MSW  
Public Health and Social Work

Ashley is currently working as program manager for the Missouri Family Health Council. She provides professional development, technical assistance, and funding support to family planning healthcare centers with the aim of administering high-quality health care, and reducing health disparities.

ELLEN LARSON, MD  
Medicine

Ellen works in peripheral nerve surgical research, and is looking forward to her surgical residency beginning summer 2019 in Wisconsin for the Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals.

OLIVIA MARCUCCI, PHD  
Education

Olivia is an interdisciplinary scholar whose research draws on sociological, psychological, and anthropological constructs and methods to understand how to promote just and rigorous schools within the United States. She is an assistant professor in the clinical faculty at the Johns Hopkins School of Education.

KATHERINE RAPIER, PHD  
Philosophy-Neuroscience-Psychology

Katie is currently an assistant professor in philosophy at Boston College. She represents the department in the university’s new Global Health Program through her research and teaching in biomedical ethics. She continues to explore the relationship between morality and mental illness.

CYNTHIA WANG, MD  
Medicine

Cynthia cultivated an interest in dermatology and took an additional year to research leukemia cutis, a cutaneous manifestation of leukemia. She is currently completing a residency that focuses on internal medicine and dermatology at Barnes Jewish Hospital and the Washington University School of Medicine.
1976
Nancy Mattson MBA, Business Administration: Nancy received the Lucia Russell Briggs Distinguished Achievement Award from Lawrence University in 2016 and a Distinguished Alumni Award from Washington University in 2018.

1977
Laura Ham MA, Architecture: Laura is looking forward to catching up with others at the 45th Olin Anniversary Conference in St. Louis in October.

1978

1982
Debra Carlson-Wood JD, Law: Debra recently retired to Oaxaca, Mexico where she married her first love, Victor Tenorio Vasconcelos. After a 40-year separation, the pair rediscovered one another and finally made a permanent commitment. They welcome Olin Fellows as guests in their home to see a part of Mexico that many people miss.

1986
Jill Zitzewitz PhD, Chemistry: Jill was diagnosed with multiple myeloma in March 2017, and is currently in remission since a stem cell transplant two years ago. She likes to use her story in the classroom, where she talks about proteostasis therapeutics and the development of the first proteasome inhibitor, which coincidently is the drug that put her protein misfolding disease into remission.

1991
Rhonda Stroud PhD, Neurosciences: Rhonda is excited to be part of the Apollo Next Generation Sample Analysis program, and on Hayabusa2, the asteroid sample return analysis team.

2002
Jessica Church-Lang PhD, Physics: Jessica received tenure and promotion in spring 2019 at the University of Texas at Austin College of Liberal Arts.
2005

2008
Lisa Mason PhD, Social Work: Lisa received tenure and promotion to associate professor at the University of Tennessee’s College of Social Work, where she works as a doctoral program director as well. Her co-edited book, *People and Climate Change*, was released in 2019 by Oxford University Press, and is rich with case studies of people’s lived experiences with climate change and ideas for policy solutions urgently needed to address the climate crisis.

2010
Erica Majumder PhD, Chemistry: Erica began a faculty position in August 2019 as assistant professor of biochemistry at SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, New York. She looks forward to establishing her research program and teaching new courses.

2012
Elissa Bullion PhD, Anthropology: Elissa finished her doctoral degree in May 2018, got married the following August, and moved to Jena, Germany, in September 2018 to undertake a year-long postdoctoral opportunity at the Max Planck Institute. During the summer of 2019, she spent a month doing fieldwork in Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan. In September 2019, Elissa began postdoctoral research and teaching at the University of Pittsburgh.

2014
Kelsey Peterson MFA, Writing Program: Kelsey was chosen as one of twelve winners of the 2019 PEN/Robert J. Dau Short Story Prize for Emerging Writers. Her story will be anthologized in *PEN America Best Debut Short Stories 2019*, published by Catapult.

Jennifer Gaviria MSW, Social Work: Jennifer co-founded the Latino Mental Health Network of Rhode Island (LMHNRI) in 2017. LMHNRI’s mission is to recruit and retain aspiring and current Latinx/multilingual mental health providers by providing support and professional development. Jennifer also welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Alexandra Celeste Marin, with her husband David Marin on February 17, 2018.
SHE LEADS

45TH ANNUAL OLIN CONFERENCE
October 24 + 25, 2019

The Spencer T. and Ann W. Olin Fellowship is celebrating 45 years of fellowship for women in graduate study with the She Leads Conference.

She Leads is a premiere event providing opportunities for women to learn from, and network with, world-renowned thought leaders, disrupters, and leading industry professionals. The She Leads conference centers around four key themes: wellness, wealth, impact, and career. With over 70 speakers and two days of programming, She Leads is an opportunity for women to gain insight from successful and talented women across disciplines, and around the country.

No matter where you are in your studies or career, the She Leads Conference will provide you with tools, and tips for achieving greater success throughout your journey.

OCTOBER 24

Brittany Packnett in Conversation with Kayla Reed

OCTOBER 25

From Side Hustle to C-Suite
Women in Washington
Tending the Garden
Strategic Planning 101
She Can STEM Too
Show Her the Way
Yes We Still Can
Finding Your Place in Silicon Valley
Securing Bigger Bags
#youatwork
The Strange Fruit of our Politics
Money is Power + So Is Knowledge
Speak Up So We Can Hear You
Better Ways to Avoid Burnout
A Conversation on Ferguson
Billions
The HR Handbook
Trail Blazers
Funding Hidden Treasure
Moving the Needle Through Art
Her Seat at the Table
VIP Meet and Greet with Jill Biden
Evening with Keynote Speaker

OPENING SPEAKER
Brittany Packnett (LA ‘06)

Brittany Packnett is an activist, educator, writer, and leader in social justice. Brittany is co-host of the award-winning Pod Save The People and co-founder of Campaign Zero, a policy platform to end police violence.

Brittany has graced the cover of Essence Magazine, was listed as one of Time’s 12 New Faces of Black Leadership, and is a member of the Gucci Changemaker’s Council and the board of Rise to Run.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Dr. Jill Biden

Dr. Jill Biden, wife of former vice president Joe Biden, is a lifelong educator. With the 2017 launch of the Biden Foundation, she and her husband have continued their commitment to support families, and education in America.

Jill will discuss her new book Where the Light Enters: Building a Family, Discovering Myself. An intimate look at the love that built the Biden family and the delicate balancing act of the woman at its center.
ENGAGE WITH THE OLIN FELLOWSHIP

SHARE

Inspire others through your own story. Update fellows and alumnae on recent accomplishments, positions, and career moves. Have your work featured on our website, and in our Annual Report.

CONNECT

Are there calls for funding proposals, internship opportunities, or open positions in your organization? Keep us in the know. Meet a promising individual? Encourage prospective students to apply.

MENTOR

Imparting knowledge and experience to those just emerging in their fields is such a rewarding experience. Help guide the next generation of fellows to reach their full potential.

PARTICIPATE

We encourage you to attend the annual conference, get involved with the alumnae outreach committee, and interact with fellows and alumnae at regional events.

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

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Your donation to support the Olin Fellowship* will allow Washington University to attract and educate the most talented women, folding them in to our community of women leaders.

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