



Studying in London Leads to IAFS Student Thesis

On March 22, 2017, a terror attack occurred at the Palace of Westminster in London, England. For [Global Grant](#) recipient Fallon Porter (IAFS, CMCI '18), this felt too close to home—she was sitting at a desk, less than three miles from the palace. For her spring 2017 semester, Fallon took classes through the [CAPA England: London](#) program, studying the city's history, culture and politics. This experience would serve as a catalyst for graduating CU Boulder with magna cum laude honors.

2017 saw multiple major terror attacks in the U.K., negatively affecting London's image and industries. It was a pivotal semester for Fallon to be there. "I spent many evenings conversing with Londoners, learning their historical account and interpretations of events happening in their country," explains Fallon.

[Continue reading to find out how Fallon applied her study abroad experience to her honors thesis](#)



Fallon Porter (IAFS, CMCI '18)

Pushing Beyond the Comfort Zone as an Intern



Jeffrey Nonnemacher (IAFS, PSCI '19)

Going door-to-door and talking to strangers isn't typically an introvert's favorite thing to do, and Jeffrey Nonnemacher (IAFS, PSCI '19) does it often. As an intern for a local political campaign in the fall 2018 semester, Jeffrey has spent hours canvassing and calling Colorado residents.

Jeffrey's passion for politics has been shaped by news, classes, and conferences. In 2016, headlines were nonstop about the United Kingdom EU membership referendum (Brexit) and the United States presidential election. After seeing the dramatic events unfold for both, Jeffrey found himself invested in politics, particularly political behavior. "For me, it is fascinating to see how information is relayed to voters and its impact on how they participate in a political event," says Jeffrey.

His internship with the [Jared Polis for Colorado Governor campaign](#) provides him with academic credit and offers hands-on experience with civic engagement. Academically, his internship is an easy, natural fit, but socially, it forces him beyond his comfort zone. "Having to knock on doors and talk to people I have never met, about politics no less, is challenging," explains Jeffrey. "As an introvert, it isn't easy, but it has shown me that I can overcome my limitations." He also says the internship is giving him better problem-solving techniques and a stronger ability to think on his feet. Jeffrey credits his internship with teaching him more than just how to ask people questions—it is showing him the confidence he needs and has for a future career in politics. After graduation, he plans to travel to Europe,

enroll in graduate school, and study EU politics and political behavior.

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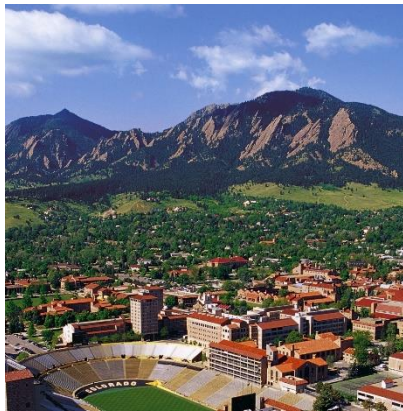
Maya Friedli-Schroeder (IAFS, SPAN '18) is excited to teach English in Columbia, which has been her dream since she learned Spanish. She believes that speaking a second language provides a valuable skill for people, and believes in the power of international education in promoting understanding and peace. She studied abroad in Argentina and Spain, and has taught Spanish classes in Colorado.

Jordan Thomas (IAFS '17) applied to teach in Spain to nurture her deep love of learning. She hopes to gain new cultural experiences in Spain, a place that has influenced her studies, but where she has not yet been. While at CU she studied abroad in the Dominican Republic. Jordan plans to pursue graduate school and work with immigrant and refugee populations.



Left to Right: Maya Friedli-Schroeder (IAFS, SPAN '18) and Jordan Thomas (IAFS '17)

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Zach Livingston, IAFS '10 alum and member of the IAFS Advisory Board was recognized in the 2018 [33 Under 33 Competition for NYC Entrepreneurs](#).

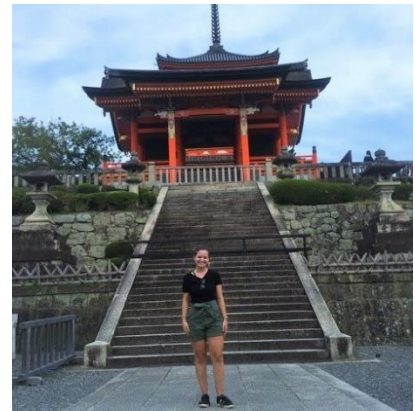
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