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## *Our* **MISSION**

The Young Initiative's mission is to participate in envisioning alternatives to the status quo in the Global Political Economy (GPE).

To that end, we have a vision of GPE as an interdisciplinary academic enterprise that takes as its focus both structures of exclusion and possibilities of political-economic transformation that are systematically overlooked in traditional academic approaches. We are advancing our mission by:

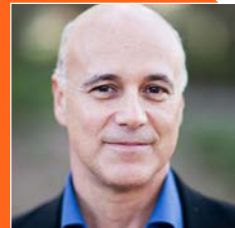
- **CONNECTING** the Young Initiative to Occidental students and faculty. This includes supporting impactful global research and stimulating campus intellectual conversation in order to give space for all members of our community to contribute to reimagining our political-economic status quo.
- **EXPANDING** our connections to Los Angeles. This is part of the Young Initiative's commitment to showing how sub-state actors might improve local policies by engaging with international norms and academic partners.
- **LINKING** our theoretical/practical work to global academic and policy conversations across disciplines, across theoretical-policy divides, and across geographical spaces. A more expansively constituted GPE can more imaginatively approach global/local crises in governance around the world.

# FOREWORD *from the Chair*



Each Young Initiative Annual Report gives a chance to reflect on both our commitments and our reinventions. This year's report shows how we have remained constant in our commitments to advance faculty and student research that challenge the Global Political Economy (GPE) field's disciplinary borders. This is core to the Young Initiative's mission. This plays out in the range of innovative faculty publications we enable, the remarkable independent student research we facilitate, and the broad range of events we sponsor that make clear the link between GPE and urgent issues across academic disciplines.

Reinvention is equally key to advancing the Young Initiative's mission and keeping it vibrant. As you will read, we are increasingly focused on expanding networks that connect global norms to local implementation, especially at the level of city government. In an era when international and national politics are increasingly paralyzed by polarization, cities present openings for imaginative politics that build on rather than deny our pluralism. For us, this has meant moving beyond Los Angeles to work with cities around the United States and around the world committed to reconstructing governance in ways that recognize how rights in the economic and political and social spheres are mutually dependent. In a world



**Anthony Tirado Chase**  
*Professor, Diplomacy and  
World Affairs and Chair,  
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hungry for alternatives to the status quo, these experiments present new possibilities for political-economic empowerment that can challenge that status quo in ways that are desperately needed.

I have been proud to play a part with my colleagues in advancing these commitments and reinventions since I began chairing the Young Initiative in 2018. This has been wonderfully rewarding (and fun!). During this period, along with Diplomacy and World Affairs colleagues, we hired Madeline Baer and Igor Logvinenko to join our faculty. These two Global Political Economy scholars will guide the Young Initiative toward fulfilling even more of its potential. It is very rewarding to pass on the Young Initiative's leadership next year to Professor Baer, who is uniquely qualified to carry our work forward. Her research seeks to understand and uncover alternative perspectives on topics ranging from water policy in Latin America, to the evolution of economic and social human rights, and now to the exciting role that cities are playing in advancing sustainable development, gender equity, and climate change solutions.

Professor Baer has already contributed enormously to the Young Initiative's innovative work over the past five years. She is looking forward to further building on that by deepening our collaborations with partners—academic, activist, and practitioner—to envision new ways to work together to move past the borders that normally constrain academic work. She plans to continue the Young Initiative's work with the City of Los Angeles, in particular by looking for new ways for Oxy students and faculty to collaborate with the Mayor's Office and with community partners to make L.A. a more inclusive, just, and sustainable city.



**Madeline Baer**  
*Incoming Chair of the Young Initiative*



## Partnerships with the Human Rights Cities Alliance

### **CHANGE (City Hub and Network for Gender Equity) Annual Summit**

November 30 – December 2, 2022 • *Los Angeles*

CHANGE (City Hub and Network for Gender Equity) hosted its annual summit November 30 – December 2 in Los Angeles. CHANGE is a city-led network focused on gender equity and creating systemic change by identifying disparities, implementing initiatives to address needs across city operations, and tracking measures for success. The summit included presentations from member cities about specific initiatives undertaken or issues identified within their cities related to gender equity, roundtable discussions on feminist leadership, and working sessions with participants discussing a variety of issues including the expansion of the network and gender-based violence in cities. Member cities present included London, Barcelona, Freetown, Los Angeles, Buenos Aires, and Mexico City in addition to representatives from Melbourne, Bogotá, and Cape Town. Also attending were academics including Professor Madeline Baer (Faculty Associate, Young Initiative), community activists and organizers, and representatives from philanthropic organizations.



*Former L.A. Mayor/current Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti with Young Chair Anthony Chase and CHANGE leader Leslie Crosdale '14*

The summit was supported in part by the Young Initiative and Young Initiative student workers Olivia Duncan '23 and Will Powers '23. This is indicative of an ongoing partnership between Occidental College and CHANGE. Student task forces have previously completed research in partnership with the L.A. Mayor's Office and CHANGE on gender equity indicators and menstrual health equity. The two reports produced by task force students, "Toolkit on Menstrual Health Equity" and "Measuring Gender Equity in Cities: An Intersectional Set of Proposed Indicators," have been critical to the work of CHANGE.



## Global Change on a Local Stage: Lessons Learned and Paths Forward for City-Academic Partnerships

March 2, 2023 • *Occidental College*

On March 2, 2023, Professor Anthony Chase (Chair, Young Initiative), Sofia Gruskin (Director, Institute on Inequalities in Global Health, University of Southern California), and Gaea Morales (USC Ph.D. candidate, political science and international relations; Occidental College '18) co-hosted Global Change on a Local Stage: Lessons Learned and Paths Forward for City-Academic Partnerships at Occidental College. The workshop involved faculty from universities across the country, officials from the Los Angeles Mayor's Office, and representatives from various civil society and city network organizations, including the U.S. Human Rights Cities Alliance. This event marked the celebration of five years of collaboration with the Los Angeles Mayor's Office, which was officially launched by former Mayor Eric Garcetti at Oxy in February 2018. To



date, the partnership has resulted in over 20 task forces in which hundreds of students have provided hands-on research support to the L.A. Mayor's Office across a range of issue areas, including menstrual equity, just transitions, and truth and accountability.

The workshop opened with welcoming remarks from Occidental College President Harry Elam, Jr. and Professor Chase. Subsequently, the first roundtable discussed the lessons learned from efforts by cities to link international laws and norms to local policymaking, either in support of or despite what is occurring at the national level. This included discussions of the ways the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have shaped local political, government, and activist spaces. Key takeaways from this roundtable included the acknowledgement that unless global norms and laws truly speak to people and give power to communities, these frameworks are essentially meaningless.

The keynote speeches that followed the first roundtable featured Anthony Pipa (the Brookings Institute), Erin Bromaghim (Deputy Mayor for the Mayor's Office of International Affairs, Los Angeles), and Mandeep Dhaliwal (United Nations Development Programme). Each of the three speakers discussed the relevance of all SDGs to cities (not just SDG 11, which is explicitly about sustainable development of cities). Conversation also touched on the key



point of how international organizations are interacting at the local level with cities, bypassing nation-states.

The second and final roundtable expanded on this by focusing on these interactions between international organizations and cities, and what can be done to make these partnerships more effective. Key takeaways from this

conversation included the potential for international organizations to help cities facilitate integrating global norms into local policy, city networks functioning as a target of advocacy for international organizations, and the opportunities for international organizations to help bring information to smaller and midsize cities.



## **Human Rights Cities Leadership Summit**

May 18-21, 2023 • *Atlanta*

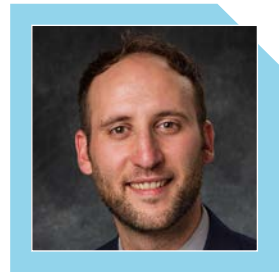
On May 18-21, 2023, the Human Rights Cities Alliance hosted the Human Rights Cities Leadership Summit in Atlanta. The summit focused on addressing increasingly urgent challenges related to climate change, affordable housing, increased racial polarization, and police brutality at the city level. The work of the summit and the Alliance centered around “bringing human rights home” and ensuring dignity and human rights for all people. The summit included participation from community activists, local policymakers, legal experts, and researchers and featured plenary speakers Justin Hansford (member of the U.N. Permanent Forum on People of African Descent; Executive Director of the Thurgood Marshall Civil Rights Center at Howard University) and Leilani Farha (former U.N. Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing; Global Director, the Shift-#Right2Housing).

The Human Rights Cities Alliance works to build a network of local, national, and international human rights leaders to support activists and organizers who use the human rights-city organizing framework. The Human Rights Cities Alliance also promotes the development and sharing of knowledge and models for improving respect for human rights and dignity through a people-centered approach to human rights. Professor Anthony Chase (Chair, Young Initiative) is a current member of the Steering Committee of the Human Rights Cities Alliance and was instrumental in the organization of the summit. Gaea Morales (USC Ph.D. candidate, political science and international relations; Occidental College '18) also serves on the Steering Committee for the Alliance.



The research symposium **Courts and Authoritarian Populism: The United States in Comparative Perspective** took place on December 16 and 17, 2022. Comparative politics experts presented their position papers with our Americanist experts discussing these papers, raising questions, and drawing comparisons with the American case. Then, Americanists presented their position papers with the symposium's comparativist experts discussing these papers, raising questions, and drawing comparisons. The symposium's open-ended discussion allowed for summary and comment on anything the panelists learned and found interesting as well as new directions for research. Finally, a discussion of research gaps and possible future research initiatives unfolded.

**Michael A. Dichio** is an assistant professor in the department of political science at the University of Utah. He teaches classes on constitutional law, civil rights and liberties, law and politics, and American political institutions. His research centers on American political and constitutional development, specifically focusing on the U.S. Supreme Court and constitutional law. Dichio's book, *The U.S. Supreme Court and the Centralization of Federal Authority* (2018, SUNY Press), appears in SUNY Press' American Constitutionalism series. It traces how the court's constitutional jurisprudence has affected the growth of the federal government from the founding era forward and how this jurisprudence persistently centralizes and consolidates the reach and scope of the federal government. Dichio received his Ph.D. in government from Cornell University in 2014 and his undergraduate degree in political science and history from Boston College. Before joining the University of Utah, he was an assistant professor at Fort Lewis College, a public liberal arts college in Durango, Colorado.



**Berk Esen** is an assistant professor of political science at the faculty of arts and sciences at Sabancı University, Turkey. After receiving his bachelor of science degrees in political science and economics at Vanderbilt University, he completed master of arts programs in political science (Sabancı University), integrated social sciences (Jacobs University, Bremen), and government (Cornell University). He received his Ph.D. in government from Cornell University in 2015 and was a visiting researcher at New York University, Columbia University, Sabancı University, and Torcuato di Tella University. Before joining the faculty at Sabancı University, he served as an assistant professor and vice chair of the department of international relations at Bilkent University. His research and teaching interests include the political economy of development, party politics, and authoritarian regimes with a focus on Latin America and the Middle East. His research has been funded by the Science and Technology Institute of Turkey (TUBITAK) and published in top political science journals such as *Party Politics*, *Journal of Democracy*, *Third World Quarterly*, *PS: Political Science & Politics*, *South East European Society and Politics*, *Journal of Near East and Balkan Studies*, *Mediterranean Politics*, *Turkish Studies*, *Review of Middle East Studies*, and *Middle East Review of International Affairs*. Esen has received numerous prestigious awards, including the Sakıp Sabancı International Research Award for his work on democratic backsliding in Turkey and Hungary and the Turkish Science Academy Young Scientist Award (BAGEP).



**Janice Gallagher** is an assistant professor of political science at Rutgers University, Newark, New Jersey. She was previously a postdoctoral fellow at the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs. She holds a Ph.D. in government from Cornell University, an M.A. in teaching from Brown University, and a B.A. in political science and economics from Swarthmore College. She has conducted more than two years of fieldwork

in Mexico and Colombia and previously worked as a human rights accompanier in Colombia. Gallagher's dissertation, "Tipping the Scales of Justice: The Role of Citizen Action in Strengthening the Rule of Law," examines the role of organized citizen action and institutional pressure in affecting the provision of justice in Mexico and Colombia. This study is part of a larger research agenda of state-civil society relations, specifically how informal institutions, relationships, and mobilization shape judicial and human rights outcomes. Her research has appeared in *Comparative Political Studies* and in many popular venues such as the *Huffington Post* and *opendemocracy.net*.



**Stephen Gardbaum**

holds the Stephen Yeazell Endowed Chair in Law at UCLA



School of Law and is faculty director of the UCLA Law Promise Institute for Human Rights. Previously, he held the rotating MacArthur Foundation Chair in International Justice and Human Rights. An internationally recognized constitutional scholar, he was a 2011 Guggenheim Fellow and a 2012-13 Straus Fellow at New York University. Gardbaum received a B.A. with first-class honors from Oxford University, an M.Sc. from London University, a Ph.D. in political theory from Columbia, and a J.D. from Yale Law School. He is a solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales and teaches constitutional law, comparative constitutional law, European Union law, international human rights, and comparative law. Before joining the UCLA faculty, he taught at Northwestern University School of Law and has been a visiting professor at Melbourne Law School, Universidad Externado de Colombia, Panthéon-Assas University (Paris II), Aix-Marseille University, and the Radzyner Law School of the IDC Herzliya. He is an elected member of the Council of the International Society of Public Law.

**Thomas Keck** is a professor of political science at Syracuse University's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. He is also a research affiliate at the Centre on Law & Social Transformation, a joint initiative of the University of Bergen and the Christian Michelsen Institute. He is the author of *Judicial Politics in Polarized Times* and *The Most Activist Supreme Court in History*, as well as articles that have appeared in *American Political Science Review*, *Constitutional Studies*, *Law and Society Review*, and *Law and Social Inquiry*. He is currently leading a large-scale collaborative project, funded by Carnegie and the U.S. National Science Foundation, on the political beneficiaries of free expression jurisprudence worldwide.



**David Kosař** is head of the Judicial Studies Institute (JUSTIN) at the faculty of law of Masaryk University (Brno, Czechia). Kosař does research in judicial studies, international public law, constitutional theory, human rights, and transitional justice. His current project (ERC Starting Grant) studies the effects of judicial self-governance (“JUDI-ARCH – The Rise of Judicial Self-Governance: Changing the Architecture of Separation of Powers Without an Architect”).

**Robert Lieberman** is the Krieger-Eisenhower Professor of Political Science at Johns Hopkins University. He studies American political development, race and American politics, and public policy. He also has written extensively about the development of American democracy and the links between American and comparative politics. Lieberman served as provost and senior vice president of academic affairs at Johns Hopkins from 2013-2016. Before Johns Hopkins, he was on the faculty of Columbia University, where he served from 2012-13 as interim dean of the School of International and Public Affairs.





**Igor Logvinenko** teaches, researches, and writes about global political economy and its relationship to politics and policymaking in low- and middle-income countries. Logvinenko is an associate professor of Diplomacy and World Affairs and an affiliate of the John Parke Young Initiative on the Global Political Economy at Occidental College. His research and commentary have appeared in *Communist and Post-Communist Studies*, *Democratization*, *Europe-Asia*

*Studies*, *Review of International Political Economy*, *Just Security*, *The Moscow Times*, and other publications. His book *Global Finance and Local Control: Corruption and Wealth in Contemporary Russia* was published in the Cornell Studies in Money series by Cornell University Press in 2021. Logvinenko received a doctorate in government from Cornell University in 2015. Before coming to Oxy, he spent five memorable years in the department of political science at Wellesley College. He also has held appointments at the Cornell-in-Washington Program, the Harriman Institute at Columbia University, and the Monterey Institute for International Studies. He is a native of Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, where he attended the Physics and Mathematics Lyceum #61.

**Julie Novkov** is a professor of political science and women's, gender, and sexuality studies at the University at Albany, SUNY. She arrived in 2006 after spending 10 years on the faculty at the University of Oregon. Her research and teaching are situated at the intersection of law, history, U.S. political development, and subordinated identity. She views law both as a system of political and social control and as a site for reform through activists' pressure. She is particularly interested in the way that the law defines and translates categories associated with identity, such as race and gender, and the ways that these categories transform and are transformed by legal discourse.





**Katarína Šipulová** is the co-director of the Judicial Studies Institute within the law faculty at Masaryk University in Brno. She earned her Ph.D. in European studies at the faculty of social studies at Masaryk University and an M.St. in socio-legal research at the University of Oxford. Apart from her academic work, she held a position as the head of the analytical department at the Supreme Court of the Czech Republic and provided consultation to both the Supreme and Constitutional Courts of the Czech Republic, the Czech Ministry of Justice, and the Slovak Ministry of Finances, mainly in projects targeting the rule of law or international commitments.



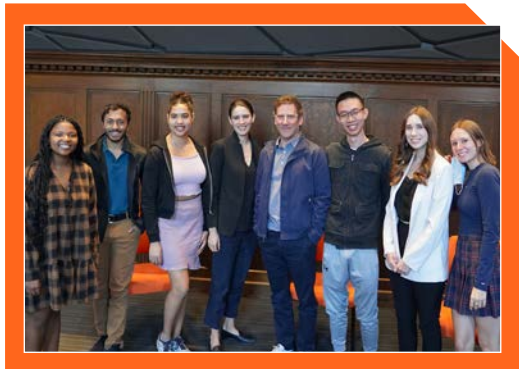


## From Likes to Votes: How Social Media is Changing Global Democracy

April 5, 2023

On April 5, 2023, the Young Initiative piloted its first independently organized event, **From Like to Votes: How Social Media Is Changing Global Democracy**, welcoming **Dr. Stuart Soroka** for a student-led Q&A. Soroka is a professor in the department of communication and political science

at UCLA, having earned his doctorate in philosophy and political science at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Soroka's research areas include political communication, political psychology, and the relationships between public policy, public opinion, and mass media. His more recent work handles negativity (and positivity) in news coverage and the role of mass media in representative democracy.







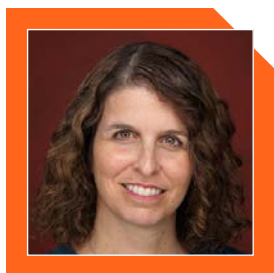
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# YOUNG-SPONSORED *Campus Events*



## Russia's War on Ukraine and the Global Liberal Order

October 22, 2022



**Hilary Appel** is the Podlich Family Professor of Government and George R. Roberts Fellow at Claremont McKenna College. Professor Appel is an expert on the politics of economic reform in Russia and Eastern Europe, having published in leading scholarly journals in political science and international relations. Her most recent book, co-authored with Mitchell A. Orenstein, is titled *From Triumph to Crisis: Neoliberal Economic Reform in Post-Communist Countries* (Cambridge University Press, 2018). Appel holds a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania.

## Understanding the World Cup

November 9, 2022

**David Goldblatt** is a sports writer, broadcaster, sociologist, journalist, and author. Goldblatt has taught Sociology of Sport at Bristol University and Pitzer College. In 2015, Goldblatt won the William Hill Book of Sports Award of the Year for *The Game of Our Lives* and was acclaimed by the *Sunday Times* as "the best football historian there has ever been."





## Iran: Human Rights at the Intersections

February 1, 2023



**Hussein Banai** is an associate professor of international studies in the Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies at Indiana University, Bloomington, where he is also a faculty affiliate in political science, Middle Eastern languages and cultures, and Central Eurasian studies. He is also a research affiliate at the Center for International Studies at MIT. Banai's research interests lie at the intersection of political thought and international relations, with a particular focus

on topics in democratic theory, non-Western liberal thought, diplomatic history and theory, U.S.-Iran relations, and Iran's political development.

**Pardis Mahdavi** is the incoming president of the University of La Verne after having served as the provost and executive vice president at the University of Montana. An Occidental alumna, Mahdavi has focused her academic career on gendered labor, migration, sexuality, human rights, youth culture, transnational feminism, and public health in the context of changing global and political structures. She has consulted for a wide array of organizations, including the U.S. government, Google Inc., and the United Nations. In 2018, she was appointed by Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper and reappointed by Gov. Jared Polis to serve on the Colorado Commission on Higher Education.





## Weaponizing History

February 9, 2023



**Katie Stallard** is senior editor for China and global affairs at *The New Statesman*. She is also a non-resident global fellow at the Wilson Center in Washington, D.C. Her writing has been featured in *The Atlantic*, *Foreign Policy*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Diplomat*. Drawing on first-hand, on-the-ground reporting as a foreign correspondent for Sky News, Stallard's research focuses on domestic affairs in China, Russia, and North Korea.

## Subversion of Democracy in Poland: Populists, Judges, and Activists

February 28, 2023

**Sylwia Gregorczyk-Abram** is an attorney-at-law and social activist who is focused on developing a civic society and protecting the rule of law. Throughout her career, Gregorczyk-Abram has provided pro bono legal advice to NGOs that promote the rule of law and advocate for systemic reform of Poland's judiciary. She regularly participates in the Polish Parliament's legislative processes as an expert in parliamentary groups. Gregorczyk-Abram also presents on the state of the Polish justice system to the European Commission.





## Russian Information Warfare

March 30, 2023



**Bilyana Lilly** is a cybersecurity expert and adjunct researcher at the RAND Corporation. She holds a Ph.D. in cyber/electronic operations and warfare from Pardee RAND Graduate School. Previously, she studied at several European universities, including the University of Oxford. Lilly's research includes Russian foreign and domestic policy, NATO, U.S. foreign policy, and international security, with a special focus on the tools, tactics, and methods the Russian government uses to promote

inaccurate and false information in online public forums.

## Ralph Bunche and the Rise of U.N. Peacekeeping

April 12, 2023

**Kal Raustiala** serves as the Promise Professor of Comparative and International Law and director of the Ronald W. Burkle Center for International Relations at UCLA. Raustiala's research focuses on international law, international relations, and intellectual property. His most recent work—a 2022 biography of diplomat Ralph Bunche, the first Black American to win the Nobel Peace Prize—is a timely reminder of the United Nations' role in the liberation of colonized people.





## **The Young Podcast**

The Young Podcast engages speakers from around the world, bringing community voices and specialists' experiences into conversation around salient political and economic topics.

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## ERICA MARAT: THE WAR AGAINST UKRAINE AND THE LEGACIES OF RUSSIAN COLONIALISM

### Season 4, Episode 1

**Erica Marat**, a faculty member at the National Defense University, discusses Russia's invasion of Ukraine in the context of Russia's colonial legacies and imperial ambitions in post-Soviet states, including in her native Central Asia. Her work contributes to understanding Eurasianism, a Russian brand of ultranationalism that has greatly influenced the Kremlin's recent decision-making.



## STUART SOROKA: FROM LIKES TO VOTES

### Season 4, Episode 2

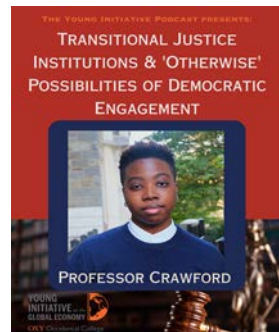
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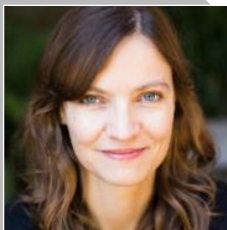
## CLAIRE CRAWFORD: TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE INSTITUTIONS

### Season 4, Episode 3

**Claire Crawford**, a visiting instructor in Occidental's critical theory and social justice department, shares her work on transitional justice, social movements, human security, and political identity formation. Having worked in sub-Saharan Africa, Crawford also explores ideas in the United States and the Global South about freedom and democratic engagement in post-violence and post-transitional justice settings.



# YOUNG-SPONSORED *Faculty Research*



## **Madeline Baer**

The Young Initiative supported Madeline Baer's research and teaching in a number of ways during the 2022-23 academic year. Young Initiative funds supported Baer's research about how cities are becoming important actors in international relations, particularly on the topics of climate change, the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and gender equity. She used Young funds to conduct fieldwork in Mexico City, where she met with members of the mayor's office who are working on these issues at the local level. She is drawing on Young funds for an upcoming fieldwork trip to Barcelona, London, and Bristol, U.K., where she will meet with members of mayor's offices, local city council members, and people working in global networks such as the C40 Climate Change Group and United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG), among others. Young funds also supported Baer's participation in the annual International Studies Association meeting in Montreal, where she hosted a panel of scholars working on cities and international relations. The panel included a presentation of her work-in-progress on how Los Angeles is implementing the SDGs at the local level, "Measure, Mobilize, Connect: Los Angeles and the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals," which will appear in an edited volume in fall 2023.





### **Lesley Chiou**

The Young Initiative supported Lesley Chiou's research on a new project, "Entry and Liberalization of the International Airline Industry." Funding was used to hire an undergraduate research assistant who applied quantitative and qualitative methods to analyze international airline agreements. International air travel often is governed by a complex web of bilateral air service agreements

between countries. Over time, countries have amended air travel agreements to promote the globalization of trade by creating new routes and allowing new airline carriers. Chiou analyzes how liberalization affected the price and passenger flow of air travel between the U.S. and China from 2005 through 2017. Understanding the economic consequences of open skies can bring further understanding of the factors of globalization.



### **Lan Chu**

This past year, the Young Initiative has contributed to research assistance that has resulted in a piece titled "The Vicissitudes of Church-State Relations: The Catholic Church in Post-1975 Vietnam." The piece focuses on the state's recent seizure of church property and the passing of the Law on Belief and Religion (January 2018), both of which have escalated the historic tensions between

the communist state and the Vietnamese Catholic Church. The chapter, currently under review with Brill University Press, is part of *The Handbook on Vietnamese Christianity*, which includes prominent scholars studying religion in Asia.



### **Jorgen Harris**

The Young Initiative supported several of Jorgen Harris' research projects while he was on an early career leave. One project estimates the effect of Temporary Protected Status on the economic well-being of recipients, finding that obtaining even a very limited legal status results in sustained increases in income and asset ownership among formerly undocumented immigrants. With support

from the Young Initiative, Jorgen was able to present this work at several conferences this year. He has released preliminary results as a working paper with the Center for Growth and Opportunity. Another project looks at the effect of being randomly assigned to hear cases with nonwhite colleagues on the hiring decisions of white federal judges. Funding from the Young Initiative has supported the work of three research assistants on this project.

## Laura Hebert

Support from the Young Initiative was once again invaluable to Laura Hebert's teaching, research, and professional activities during the 2022-23 academic year. The Young Initiative supported various activities relating to the publication of her book *Gender & Human Rights in a Global, Mobile Era* (Routledge, June 2022), including publicity. It allowed for the hire of two student research assistants to continue collecting data from U.S. government documents and to build databases that are being used to track how the government has allocated federal funding for anti-trafficking activities domestically and abroad from 2003 to the present. The databases for the fiscal years 2017-2021 are being used as a foundation for the journal article, "Human Rights, Anti-Trafficking Funding, and the Discourse of Prevention," which will be submitted for peer review at the end of the year. Young Initiative support also allowed for the purchase of books, materials, and office supplies related to Hebert's teaching and research, and for annual memberships to the American Political Science Association, International Studies Association, Western Political Science Association, and Association of Women's Rights in Development.



## Igor Logvinenko

With the support of Young Initiative funding, Logvinenko organized a workshop titled "Authoritarianism, Populism, Courts, and Democratic Erosion." The workshop brought together leading scholars of the judiciary and populism from the United States and around the globe. Support from the Young Initiative also allowed Logvinenko to present his paper "Norms

and Procedures: Courts and Democratic Backsliding in the United States" at the European Consortium for Political Research meetings held in Toulouse, France. In early 2023, Logvinenko published the article "Why Did Financial Openness Reforms Succeed in Russia and Not in China?" in *Russian Politics*. Furthermore, Logvinenko's book *Global Finance, Local Control* (Cornell University Press), completed using Young Initiative funding in 2021, was recognized as the Best Book in International Political Economy in 2023 by the International Studies Association at its annual meeting in Montreal.





### **Jesse Mora**

The Young Initiative has been instrumental in supporting Jesse Mora's research this year. He was able to allocate all his funds toward two new projects, with the majority going toward working with three students: Toni Thompson '24, Ashley Muranaka-Toolsie '23, and Mariah Peguero '25. Together, they conducted extensive research on trade in various countries, with a particular focus

on the Dominican Republic and South Africa. The Young Grant provided Mora with the resources to delve deeper into different research topics, allowing him to work on two separate manuscripts that explore trade in these two countries. The manuscripts will offer valuable insights into the economic conditions of the Dominican Republic and South Africa, highlighting the various factors that impact trade in these regions. Overall, the Young Grant has had a profound impact on his research and academic pursuits, and he is grateful for the opportunity it has given him to work with students and produce valuable research.



### **Movindri Reddy**

Young Initiative funding allowed Movindri Reddy to travel during the winter break in 2022-23 to South Africa for fieldwork that she had postponed because of the pandemic. This was a fruitful trip, and Reddy observed the dramatic changes brought on by civil unrest in KwaZulu-Natal and the chaos that reigned in Johannesburg during load shedding (when electricity delivery is interrupted

for one to eight hours per day). In addition, the aftermath of corruption and state capture reverberates throughout the country, visible in the increasing numbers of people who are houseless or living in makeshift accommodations. This field trip enabled Reddy to write the last two chapters of the book manuscript that she is currently completing. She also is writing an article for a conference presentation in Suriname in June 2023. It expands on her expertise in the South Asian Diaspora; the article is titled "Indigenization of the Indian Diaspora in South Africa: Culinary and Religious Resonances."



### **Ambassador Derek Shearer**

In 2022-23, Derek Shearer returned to an earlier area of interest and research—Russia—reading extensively on current literature, hosting events on Russia’s invasion of Ukraine and on Russian disinformation, and writing an article reflecting on his relations with Russia, “Is There Hope for Russia,” for the winter issue of the Canadian journal *Inroads*: <https://inroadsjournal.ca/author/derek-shearer/>.

He closely followed developments in sports and international politics, hosting an event on the Qatar World Cup and speaking at a conference on the topic at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. He also gathered new research materials to support his course on Sports, Diplomacy, and Globalization which he will teach again in the fall of 2023. In addition, Shearer supervised senior comps on topics related to sports and politics by three DWA seniors, all of whom received distinction. He also oversaw research on Oxy’s involvement with the world in a task force class and published the results on the McKinnon Center for Global Affairs website. One of his senior students produced an honors comps project on U.S.-Japan relations viewed through the careers of two Oxy classmates, an American diplomat and a Japanese diplomat: <https://jonathanjfang.com/dwa-project/>.



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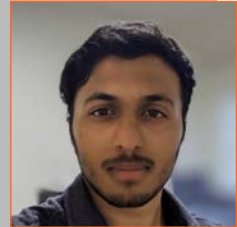


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**Conference:** IPI World Congress;  
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**Research:** Urban Spaces  
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*Spain*

## **Leela Cullity Younger '24**

**Conference:** World Conference  
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Conference  
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## **Jacob Koretz '26**

**Internships:** Quito, Ecuador

## **Katherine Potvin '24**

**Internship:** Volvo Group  
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*Gothenburg, Sweden*

## **Nasratullah Elham '25**

**Internship:** House Foreign  
Affairs Committee  
*Washington, D.C.*

## **Peter Vartanian '25**

**Research:** Historical,  
Post-Nazi, and Digital  
Right-Wing Extremism  
in Austria  
*Vienna, Austria*

## **Liisa Halloran '24**

**Documentary:** Transnational  
Identity in Sicily  
*Sicily, Italy*

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**Research:** Public Health  
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