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We were thrilled to have seven Robertson Fellows attend the American Academy of Diplomacy's annual awards luncheon in November. This year, the Academy honored former US Senator Richard Lugar with the 2012 Annenberg Award for Excellence in Diplomacy.

The Fellows attended at the invitation of Academy president and former U.S. Ambassador Ronald Neumann. The event, held at the State Department, was co-hosted by Deputy Secretary of State Bill Burns. The Fellows had the opportunity to meet numerous senior State Department officials and ambassadors that also attended.

Participation in these events is part of our ongoing commitment to our Fellows to help them connect with decision makers in Washington as they pursue careers with the federal government. Fellows in attendance were Grace Choi, Kathleen Donovan, Oliver Elliott, Andrew Flavin, Emily Haghghi, Marjorie Rapp, and Aurite Werman.

The American Academy of Diplomacy continues to play an important role in vocalizing support for a strong American diplomacy and continues to work with the Robertson Foundation for Government.

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for RFFG Fellows **Adrian Pavia** (UCSD/IRPS) and **Kent Elliott** (UMD). Both are PMF semifinalists. We're proud that among the 30,000 applicants, these two RFFG fellows have made it this far in the selection process.



Adrian Pavia



Kent Elliott

Investment Commentary by Billy Gridley and John Linnartz

We know you are eager to learn more about the federal economic outlook. So, we're excerpting some information from a recent Kiplinger Letter (Volume 90, No. 2) here for your information.

The next potential economic hit from Washington's fiscal follies is a big one. If the budget sequesters kicks in March 1, it will halve expected GDP growth over a 12-month period, hacking a gain of 2% in 2013 to only about a 1% increase. That's twice the wallop to the GDP growth from the loss of the payroll tax holiday for 2013, which will siphon about \$120 billion from paychecks this year, reining in spending.

The huge cuts to defense and domestic programs, totaling \$1.2 trillion over 10 years, would shear not just federal spending. They would also slice spending by businesses and consumers as they adjust to smaller government contracts and lower payments. Less painful would be a temporary government shutdown after March 27, when a short-term measure authorizing funding for government operations runs out.

The Washington, D.C., metro area economy would take the most significant blow. And failure to raise the debt limit would play out over a longer time frame. The Treasury Dept. figures it can finesse meeting financial obligations till mid-February. But even if Congress fails to act in time and credit rating agencies can act immediately to down grade the rating of U.S. sovereign debt...an unlikely worst-case scenario... Foreign buyers wouldn't rapidly desert Treasuries...still a safe haven in which to park the trillions held by China and others than alternative asset choices.

The Kiplinger Letter also goes on to state that the Department of Defense has placed a hold on any new hiring.

Fellows Update

Below is a detailed status report of each Robertson Fellow.

Please Note: *this graphic is dynamic and will be changing regularly as Fellows have internships, graduate and secure employment.*

What the Fellows are saying

From time to time, we would like to share with you thoughts and from our fellows.

Kasia is currently doing the Boren Fellowship in Egypt, we recently reached out to her to find out how she was doing and here is what she had to say, *“Everything is well. I know the US media gets pretty noisy around waves of political action here, but 95% of the city is calm and my studies remain unaffected. Life goes on as usual, except for keeping an even more watchful eye on the news reports.”*

Kasia Rada
The University of Maryland



Name	School	Graduating Class	Job Status
Chad DeLuca*	Maxwell School	2012	February 2013-Transition from IRS to Treasury's International Affairs Office; IRS - Corporate Planning Unit as an Economist
Christopher Grant*	Maxwell School	2012	Treasury Department - International Economist
Christopher Murray*	Fletcher	2012	Employed
Amy Truong*	Fletcher	2012	USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance
Andrew Chira*	Fletcher	2012	Working at Booz Allen Hamilton as a contractor for the DOD. Attended Diplomacy Retreat. Awaiting security clearance.
Grace Choi	Fletcher	2012	Still looking for a job - Currently working on Presidential Campaign with Organizing for America-Virginia in Norfolk, VA
Audrey Flake*	Fletcher	2012	Working for Senator Robb; Applied at the State Department. Awaiting security clearance.
Brittany Gleixner-Hayat*	Fletcher	2012	Graduated 2012; Contracting position USAID; Attended Diplomacy Retreat
James Trent*	University of Maryland	2012	Employed
Matthew Southerland*	University of Maryland	2012	Researcher at RAND
Chris Vorhis*	University of Maryland	2012	Employed
Kira West	University of Maryland	2012	Still looking for a job; has submitted 50+ applications
Chas Culverwell*	UCSD	2012	Has offers from DOD; awaiting security clearance
Kathleen Donovan	UCSD	2012	Still looking for a job; currently contract consulting
Sharon McCoy	UCSD	2012	Worked part time for the Univ of Georgia as the program assistant for their DC semester program.
Marian Nguyen	UCSD	2013	2012 Internship - US Embassy in Peru; Western Hemisphere Affairs - Interned in Economic Section
Adrian Pavia	UCSD	2013	2012 Internship at US Commercial Services (part of US Department of Commerce) - Office of Marketing and Communications
Jordan Wilson	UCSD	2013	2012 Internship at United States Southern Command (SOUTHCOM) - Foreign Disclosure Intern
Laura Alexander	Maxwell School	2013	2012 Rosenthal Fellow - Semester in Moscow attended Diplomacy Retreat; 2012 Department of State Summer internship working on the Corrections Team
Nathan Strand	Maxwell School	2013	Interned with the Conflict, Peace building, and Governance (CPG) team within USAID's Bureau for Africa in DC. He did research and analysis related to emerging trends in African democracy and governance, developed country briefers and communication materials, and reviewed grant proposals for security programs.

* Fellow is currently employed full-time by the government or working as a contractor.

Fellows Update *continued...*

"The Robertson family's commitment to public service is a true inspiration to young people across our great nation. This fellowship will allow me to live up to the family's principles while serving with men and women who have dedicated their lives to keeping the United States safe, strong, and free. Thank you to the Robertson Foundation for this wonderful opportunity."

Joseph Simons
The Fletcher School



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Anubhav "Andy" Gupta	Fletcher	2013	Interned at State Department, Office of India Affairs. He assisted in creating a briefing book for the U.S. Ambassador to the UN, Susan Rice's visit to India.
Leah Greenberg	Fletcher	2013	Served as a Robertson-Rosenthal Fellow in the Office of the Secretary of Defense - Policy. Was placed in the Office for Partnership Strategy & Stability Operations, within the Office of Special Operations / Low-Intensity Conflict.
Jamie Kraut	Fletcher	2013	Interned at the U.S. Mission to the EU in Brussels, Belgium, where she focused on strategic communications and the role of public diplomacy in shaping European perceptions of U.S. policymaking.
Joseph Simons	Fletcher	2013	This summer Joseph was hired as an independent consultant with Jorge Scientific Corporation at the COMISAF Advisory and Assistance Team (CAAT) at the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Kabul, Afghanistan. He wrote a report for former COMISAF Gen. John Allen and briefed officials on governance/development problems surrounding the Kajaki Dam project in northern Helmand province.
Thomas Buchanan	Texas A&M	2013	2012 Summer Internship Greater Houston Partnership - Public Policy Intern; Attended Diplomacy Retreat
Kerri Eisenbach	Texas A&M	2013	2012 Internship at Standard Chartered Bank, Singapore - Division of Fixed Income and Wealth Management
Danielle Menard	Texas A&M	2013	Has been offered a position at DOD; 2012 Summer Internship National GeoSpatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) - Imagery AnalystGeo
Kent Elliott	UofMD	2013	2013 PMF semi-finalist currently interning at the U. S. Forestry Service, International. Has been offered a full-time position upon graduation.; 2012 Internship at Asia & Pacific Technical Cooperation Programs of USDA Forest Service International Program.
Randolph "Taylor" Moore	UofMD	2013	2012 Internship - Office of United States Trade Representatives - Liason Research
Kasia Rada	UofMD	2013	2012 Summer Internship - Department of Defense - Student Trainee; Boren Fellow - Egypt
Caroline Smith	UofMD	2013	2013 - Caroline is currently a parttime contract employee for through May 2013. 2012 USAID Internship - Economic Policy Intern; attended Diplomacy Retreat
Kent Boydston	UCSD	2014	2013 - Rosenthal Finalist
Shannon Morrison	UCSD	2014	2013 Internship - State Dept. Economic Bureau awaiting clearance
Eli Yani	UCSD	2014	2013 - Rosenthal Finalist semi-finalist and State Dept.
Gordon "Oliver" Elliott	Maxwell School	2014	2013 Dropped Rosenthal opportunity due to baby that is due on May 27th; will go to summer school in Maxwell in Syracuse and intern in DC in Fall 2013/Spring 2014
Kate Simma	Maxwell School	2014	Summer 2013 - State Department - Central American Team-Conflict Stabilization and Ops Bureau (CSO)
Quinton Jones	Texas A&M	2014	2013 Looking for Internship
Kenneth "Ken" Krupa	Texas A&M	2014	2013 Internship - State Department - Serbia; awaiting security clearance
Emily Sue Mullins	Texas A&M	2014	2013 Internship - Department of State - Counter-narcotics in La Paz, Bolivia
Robert "Mark"	Texas A&M	2014	2013 Internship - Department of State Security
Dana "Rebekah" Redden	Texas A&M	2014	2013 Looking for internship
Andrew "Drew" Flavin	UofMD	2014	Fall Semester 2013 on leave; summer internship at State Department
Emily Haghighi	UofMD	2014	Withdrew from RFFG Fellowship Program
Marjorie Rapp	UofMD	2014	2013 State Department alternate - interested in Foreign Relations
Aurite Werman	UofMD	2014	2013 Internship at US Treasury - Office of International Affairs (Europe-Eurasia desk)

GovLoop/RFFG Partnership Delivering Results

Since our September launch of the Path to PMF website and our partnership with GovLoop, our efforts are showing results.

- The website has received more than 65,000 hits.
- 1,700 website visitors have actually downloaded the Path to PMF Guide
- Students from more than 60 colleges and universities have viewed the website.
- RFFG's role in this initiative was mentioned in several articles about the program. Articles appeared in outlets such as Federal Times, Huffington Post, Federal News Radio, NextGov.com and Federal Computer Week
- We have received positive feedback about the program from the OPM, deans and applicants alike.

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Building on the success of this first effort, RFFG is working with GovLoop on yet another endeavor.

We know there are other options for high performers. But even they will tell you that navigating this job-hunting landscape can be confusing. USAJOBS, for example, can feel like a black-hole for resumes, and adding to the confusion are myriad job classifications, tracks, GS levels, selective and non-selective positions – the list goes on and on.

Our new guide will provide information on finding relevant openings for high-performers, tips on the USAJOBS application process, expert advice on composing a federal resume, and finding other programs, such as agency Pathways Program, that offer a more direct route into public service.

The Guide to Federal Jobs for High Achievers will inform graduate students of federal job openings outside of the PMF program, and help them navigate their federal career search. This is consistent with our effort to position the RFFG as a leader that helps to recruit and retain the next generation of government leaders.

Fellow Requirements

Some family members have asked about Fellow responsibilities. In general, Fellows must agree to a detailed Terms of Service agreement that, among other things, defines what his/her responsibilities are as a Robertson Fellow.

Below is a partial list of Fellow responsibilities as spelled out in agreements we have with each partner school. **Each Fellow must:**

- successfully complete the Master of Arts program within two years in the area of public administration or international affairs,
- comply with the RFFG's mission statement
- participate wherever possible in meetings or gatherings of the Robertson Foundation Fellows
- provide information, when requested, to the partner school's external relations team in preparation for stewardship reports to the Robertson Foundation for Government
- pass a foreign language proficiency test.
- remain free throughout the program from any infractions of academic integrity;

Further, each Fellow agrees to the following during their 1st year

- Attend the workshop "Getting a Head Start on Government Internships."
- Meet with the Career Services coach responsible for the public sector at least once quarterly.

- Secure a government internship the summer between the two years of study, or demonstrate a good faith effort through a minimum of 10 government or think tank internship applications.

Further, each Fellow agrees to the following during their 2nd year:

- Provide a complete summer internship write-up, complete with photos taken during the internship, to the Robertson Foundation.
- Provide Career Services with an internship evaluation by September of their second year of study, and to share their internship experiences through a series of panels and career events with students from the incoming class.
- Meet with the incoming class of Robertson Fellows early in the Fall Quarter of their second year to share best practices,
- Meet with the Career Services coach responsible for the public sector at least once quarterly.

Finally, each Fellow agrees to the following subsequent to graduation from the program:

- Demonstrate a good-faith effort to secure government employment through a minimum of 50 job applications over a three-year period.
- Report to the School and the Foundation on an annual basis for three of the five years following graduation, supplying them with contact information and place of employment.

Providing Additional Resources for Robertson Fellows

We have been developing a list of fellowships that we think our Fellows would like to pursue. We have made contact with officials at each of these fellowships. Also, note that all fellowships listed below are relevant to careers in international public service and are US government-sponsored.

Below are briefly described several fellowship/internship opportunities to enhance the Fellows experience and skills in international affairs. These are substantive career enhancements and will add to their network of contacts. Competition is also quite stiff, so early and careful consideration of your application will make a difference. Consult with your faculty adviser and career services staff about eligibility, the need for university sponsorship and other criteria.

Also included are several opportunities funded by other governments. And of course, we continually have the Fellows check out the Pathways programs offered by federal agencies and departments.

www.usajobs.gov/JobSearch/Search/GetSavedSearchResults/2395152

The Boren Fellowships provide up to \$30,000 to U.S. graduate students to add an important international and language component to their graduate education through specialization in area study, language study, or increased language proficiency.

www.borenawards.org/boren_fellowship

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program provides grants for individually designed study/research projects or English Teaching Assistantships. A candidate will submit a Statement of Grant Purpose defining activities to take place during one academic year in a country outside the U.S.

www.us.fulbrightonline.org/fulbright-us-student-program

Of special interest to the Fellows might also be the new **Fulbright Public Policy Fellowships**, which provides opportunities for U.S. citizens to build mutual understanding and contribute to the strengthening of the public sector abroad.

www.us.fulbrightonline.org/fulbright-public-policy-fellowships

NNSA Graduate Program is administered through the **National Nuclear Security Administration**. Fellows work on programs designed to counter nuclear proliferation and maintain nuclear security and are administered by **Pacific Northwest National Laboratory** in Richland, Washington. It is a 12-month, full-time, salaried fellowship program.

Rhodes Scholarships are the oldest and most celebrated international fellowship awards in the world. Each year, 32 young Americans are selected as Rhodes Scholars through a decentralized process representing the 50 states and the District of Columbia. Applicants from more than 300 American colleges and universities have been selected as Rhodes Scholars.

www.rhodesscholar.org/

Marshall Scholarships finance young Americans of high ability to study for a degree in the United Kingdom. Up to forty Scholars are selected each year to study at graduate level at an UK institution in any field of study.

As future leaders, with a lasting understanding of British society, Marshall Scholars strengthen the enduring relationship between the British and American peoples, their governments and their institutions.

www.marshallscholarship.org/about/generalinfo

The Japan Exchange and Teaching Programme promotes grass-roots international exchange between Japan and other nations. The number of countries sending participants has risen over the years, as has the number of participants. In 2012, the Programme welcomed 4,360 participants from 40 countries.

www.jetprogramme.org/

DAAD Study Scholarships (German Academic Exchange Service) -- offers varied opportunities for study and research in Germany.

www.daad.org/?p=gradstudy

The Harold W. Rosenthal Fellowship offers qualified students pursuing a career in international relations the opportunity to spend a summer in professional fellowship positions with a Member of Congress or in the State Department.

www.rosenthalfellowship.org

Global Health Fellowships sponsored by USAID

Below is a link to the summer Global Health Fellowships sponsored by USAID that might be of interest to some of you:

<http://www.ghfp.net>

Please note that the deadline for submission is usually in January.

There are undoubtedly other non-USA government sponsored programs and as we come across them, we will share that info with the Board, Fellows and Partner Schools.