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## **U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT'S PICKERING FOREIGN AFFAIRS FELLOWS FOR 2006 ANNOUNCED AT WOODROW WILSON**

PRINCETON, N.J. – Thirty-nine outstanding students—20 undergraduates and 19 just entering master's degree programs, all committed to preparation for careers in the Foreign Service of the U.S. Department of State—have received Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowships to support their training, beginning in the 2006-07 academic year.

The Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship program, funded by the U.S. Department of State and administered by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, seeks to attract to the Foreign Service talented candidates from all ethnic, racial and social backgrounds. The program develops a source of trained officers who will represent the skill needs of the Department and who are dedicated to representing America's interests abroad.

“The world around us is rapidly changing, and the United States must have a diplomatic service comprised of dedicated people who are prepared to contribute their best to U.S. transformational diplomacy,” said Marianne Myles, Director of the State Department's Office of Recruitment, Examination and Employment. “Pickering Fellows will take up the rewarding challenge of representing America's interests abroad.”

The undergraduate component of the Pickering Fellows program, created in 1992, provides college sophomores with full funding to complete the bachelor's degree and pursue the master's in a field related to international affairs, and also offers a series of special training institutes and internships. The Pickering Graduate Fellowship, added in 1996, makes similar awards to interested candidates who are completing the bachelor's degree and preparing for master's degree programs. Twenty fellowships are available at each level annually.

“The Woodrow Wilson Foundation is extremely pleased to see the excellent quality of students who are participants in the Pickering Foreign Affairs and Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship Program and their dedication and commitment to serving the country in the future as Foreign Service Officers,” said Richard Hope, a Vice President of the Foundation and Director of the Pickering Fellowship Programs.

The 20 Pickering Undergraduate Fellows for 2006 are the 13<sup>th</sup> cohort in the undergraduate program, and come from 17 noted colleges and universities nationwide. The Pickering Graduate Fellows (10<sup>th</sup> cohort) will be going to 13 respected institutions for master's programs in international affairs, political science, economics, and related fields. (*See lists of Fellows, next page.*)

The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation has its origins in a now-famous fellowship program, begun in 1945, which helped the United States create a great generation of college teachers and intellectual leaders. Today's Woodrow Wilson continues to cultivate excellence in teaching and learning, promoting innovation and opportunity in order to meet national needs at every level of education.



## THE THOMAS R. PICKERING FOREIGN AFFAIRS FELLOWS, 2006

### **Undergraduate Fellows/ Home Institution**

LaSean Brown • Morehouse College  
Tabari Dossett • Stanford University  
Benjamin Fong • Stanford University  
Naima Green • Stanford University  
Larina Helm • Boston University  
Amanda Hope • Whittier College  
Michelle Kayser • Saint Michael's College  
Erica Landskroener • American University  
Young Lee • Rutgers University  
Peter Lossau • Georgetown University  
Michael McKenna • University of Notre Dame  
Meghan Mercier • University of Missouri  
Shamis Mohamud • Dartmouth College  
Meaghan Monfort • Syracuse University  
Anthony Parr • Morehouse College  
Carolyn Ratzlaff • LaSierra University  
Felix Sanchez • University of Chicago  
Denise Sewell • Randolph-Macon College  
Christina Tilghman • Hampton University  
Maro Youssef • University of California,  
Santa Cruz

### **Graduate Fellows/ Master's Degree Institution**

Beata Angelica • Georgetown University  
Ashley Barriner-Byrd • Pennsylvania State University  
Lisa Marie Campbell • American University  
Robert (Patrick) Contreras • Columbia University  
Stephanie Espinal • George Washington University  
Kimberly Giusti • Georgetown University  
Kerry Hyre • Syracuse University  
Tiffany Jackson • University of California, Los Angeles  
Sonia Kim • Columbia University  
Brittney McClary • American University  
Aaron Mitchell • Columbia University  
Andrew Nguyen • University of Washington  
Susan Quintana • St. Mary's University (TX)  
Regine Rene • American University  
Megan Tetrick • Columbia University  
Syga Thomas • The Johns Hopkins University  
Catherine Truong • University of California, San Diego  
Caroline Walters • University of Southern California  
Heather Wright • George Washington University