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## American Rhodes Scholars-elect for 2009

*(Subject to ratification by the Rhodes Trustees after acceptance by one of the colleges of Oxford University)*

### DISTRICT 1

#### Connecticut

**Matthew L. Gethers III**, Waterbury, is a senior at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he majors in biological engineering and also has a concentration in political science. He has for three years worked in a lab analyzing the effects of recombinant protein expression on host cell growth rate. He is a varsity fencer, an active volunteer emergency medical technician, and a tutor for underprivileged students. He eventually plans to pursue a doctorate in biological engineering, but first will read for the B.A. in philosophy, politics and economics at Oxford.

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### Rhode Island

**Rakim H. D. Brooks**, Bronx, New York, is a senior at Brown where he majors in Africana Studies and also in ethics and political philosophy. He has interned at the Center for Law and Social Policy and the Brookings Institution, and has been appointed a scholar at several public policy institutes. At Brown, he has served as a writing fellow, on the undergraduate council, and a task force to re-evaluate the curriculum. Rakim plans to do the M.Phil. in comparative social policy at Oxford.

## DISTRICT 2

### New Jersey

**Joshua A. Lospinoso**, Sparta, is a senior at the United States Military Academy, with a double major in economics and operations research. He has done pioneering theoretical and applied research on social network analysis, has done top secret-level signals intelligence work at the National Security Agency, and has many publications in network analysis. He is a Regimental Operations Officer at West Point, and has competed three years in the Sandhurst competition. Joshua plans to do the M.Sc. by research in applied statistics at Oxford.

### New Jersey

**Timothy A. Nunan**, Palos Verdes, California, graduated summa cum laude from Princeton in 2008 where he majored in German. Currently on a Fulbright Scholarship to Germany, Tim has translated many articles and primary sources relating to the rise of the Third Reich. He is also an actor, has debated internationally, was a peer advisor and wrote regularly for a Princeton weekly cultural and intellectual newspaper. Tim will do the M.Phil. in modern European history at Oxford.

## DISTRICT 3

### New York

**David L. V. Bauer**, Bronx, is a senior at City College of the City University of New York, where he majors in chemistry. A student of the Macaulay Honors College of CUNY, David is both a Truman and Goldwater Scholar, and worked for eleven months in the nanogenomics

group in Human Genetics at Oxford. He is especially interested in basic research in single molecule DNA sequencing. David is also a student television anchor and maintains a website for Hungarian tourism. He will do a D.Phil in genetics at Oxford.

#### New York

**R. Jisung Park**, Shelton, Connecticut, is a senior at Columbia where is a double major in economics and political science. Jisung has done research in tropical rainforest studies in Australia and has developed a cross-disciplinary course of study at Columbia in sustainable development. He serves on the editorial board of a journal on sustainable development, is an a capella bass singer, has taught English in Korea, and spent a year studying at Oxford. He will return to Oxford to do an M.Sc. in nature, society, and environmental policy.

### DISTRICT 4

#### Delaware

**Caitlin E. Mullarkey**, Wilmington, is a senior at Swarthmore where she majors in biology and minors in chemistry. Captain of the varsity soccer team, Caitlin also has varsity letters in basketball and indoor and outdoor track. She has twice been awarded research fellowships at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, where she has worked on the pathway of a gene product implicated in glaucoma and glioblastomas. She is also a sportswriter and active in a community service project in Chester, Pennsylvania. At Oxford, she plans to do an M.Sc. by research in pathology.

#### Pennsylvania

**Abigail P. Seldin**, Tierra Verde, Florida, is a senior at the University of Pennsylvania where she majors in anthropology. Elected as a junior to Phi Beta Kappa, she is the first undergraduate to curate an exhibit at the Penn Museum, a major collaboration on the Lenape Tribe, based in part on her original ethnographic research. She also has field archaeological experience in Egypt and France, and is interested in preserving cultural heritages across the world and in cross-cultural collaboration in museums. At Oxford, Abby plans to do the M.Sc. in materiality and museum ethnology.

## DISTRICT 5

### Kentucky

**Scott M. Moore**, Louisville, graduated from Princeton in June with highest honors in public and international affairs. He is currently on a Fulbright Fellowship in China in ecology and environmental studies. A Truman Scholar, Scott was co-chair of The Daily Princetonian editorial board and was active on University committees on sustainability, international studies, religious life, and equal opportunity. He has also published several articles in politics and international relations. Scott plans to do the M.Sc. in nature, society and environmental policy at Oxford.

### Kentucky

**Anthony Chase Palisch**, Calvert City, is a senior at Centre College where he majors in biochemistry and molecular biology. A Goldwater Scholar, Chase is president of the student government, editor-in-chief of the college newspaper, founding member of its science journal, and founder of its club soccer team. He has done research assistantships at Princeton and Duke, and has a strong interest in virology. Chase plans to do a doctorate in infection, immunity and translational medicine at Oxford.

## DISTRICT 6

### North Carolina

**Aisha I. Saad**, Cary, is a senior at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she majors in environmental health science and Spanish. A native of Cairo, she emigrated to the United States when she was six. Passionately committed to international environmental law and health sciences, she has published articles in two major medical and health care journals, and interned in the blood diseases ward at Cairo University's teaching hospitals and with the Peruvian Ministry of Health. Aisha has also been a leader of the Muslim Students' Association and has spearheaded important inter-faith dialogues. She plans to do the M.Sc. in nature, society and environmental policy at Oxford.

### North Carolina

**Alia Whitney-Johnson**, Leicester, will graduate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in December, majoring in civil and environmental engineering. A Truman Scholar, she was also named as one of Glamour Magazine's top ten college women in 2007. In 2005, Alia founded a nonprofit business, Emerge Global, which seeks to empower young Sri Lankan mothers made pregnant through rape and incest. She has remained its executive director as it has won worldwide recognition. Alia has also led many other programs relating to poverty, women's rights, and race relations. She plans to do the M.Phil. in development studies at Oxford.

### DISTRICT 7

#### Alabama

**Julia Parker Goyer**, Birmingham, graduated from Duke in 2007 with a major in psychology and a concentration in neuroscience. She is now pursuing a doctorate in education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, exploring ways to use neuroscience to enhance educational practices. Last year, Parker developed a program called Coach for College which provides interactive sports-learning camps for middle school students in rural parts of developing countries. She has many awards and publications in neuroscience, and was a member of the Duke varsity tennis team, which reached the Final Four indoors, and the NCAA quarter finals twice. She plans to do the M.Sc. in education at Oxford.

#### Florida

**Myron L. Rolle**, Princeton, New Jersey, is in his final year at Florida State University where he is a pre-medical student. He has won an award for his research on the metabolic profile of stem and cancer cells and studied last summer in London. Myron developed a program on diet and exercise for children at a Seminole Tribe reservation in Florida, serves on many university committees and has won myriad athletic and student-athlete awards as one of the top Division I football defensive players in the country. At Oxford, Myron intends to do the M.Sc. in medical anthropology.

## DISTRICT 8

### Texas

**Stephen J. Hammer**, Carrollton, is a senior at Princeton where he majors in classics. Stephen also serves in the Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps, soon expecting a commission as a platoon leader. He is an accomplished saxophonist, a leader in his campus Presbyterian ministry, and a student journalist. At Oxford, Stephen plans to do the M.Phil. in theology.

### Texas

**Malorie Snider**, Friendswood, is a senior at Harvard where she majors in biological anthropology. A junior member of Phi Beta Kappa and winner of many Harvard College academic prizes, Malorie is interested in medicine and psychiatry, and especially questions relation to how cultural beliefs shape understandings of truth in science. She intends to do the M.Sc. in medical anthropology at Oxford.

## DISTRICT 9

### Virginia

**Lucas M. Brown**, Leesburg, is a senior at Oberlin College where he majors in economics. Winner of a Udall Scholarship for environmental leadership, he helped found and design the only U.S. house to monitor its real-time total carbon footprint. Lucas is active in many other environmental, political, and community organizations, and is a jazz pianist. At Oxford, Lucas will do the M.Phil. in economics.

### Virginia

**Gregory E. Lippiatt**, York, Pennsylvania, is a senior at Virginia Military Institute, where he double majors in history and English, with a concentration in military history. Greg's scholarly interests are focused on the medieval period, and intends to pursue a doctorate in medieval studies following his study at Oxford and his service as an Army officer. He plays rugby, has edited a literary magazine, written for a military history journal, and has acted in four college plays. At Oxford, he plans to do the M.St. in byzantine studies. Greg is the first Rhodes Scholar to be elected from VMI in 42 years.

## DISTRICT 10

### Illinois

**Anna Yermakova**, Buffalo Grove, is a senior at Northwestern where she majors in biochemistry, piano, and history and philosophy of science and logic. Anna emigrated to the United States from Russia when she was 11. Since then she has won national awards for piano and French, has done research in chemical engineering and nanotechnology at the University of Washington, neuroscience at Northwestern, and biomedical engineering at the University of Chicago, and competed in ballroom dancing, salsa and flamenco. At Oxford, Anna will do a doctorate in mathematical biology.

### Indiana

**Sarah B. Kleinman**, Indianapolis, received a B.A. in history from Stanford in 2007, where she is now pursuing a master's in sociology. She is managing director of FACE AIDS, a California-based NGO dedicated to mobilizing American students to contribute to the fight against AIDS in Africa. As an undergraduate, she completed her degree in three years, with many academic distinctions and a concentration in race and ethnicity. She was a peer tutor coordinator, gave voice lessons to at-risk middle school girls, and founded a human rights forum at Stanford. At Oxford, she plans to do the M.Phil. in international relations.

## DISTRICT 11

### Kansas

**Vincent M. Hofer**, Franklin, graduated in May from Kansas State University, summa cum laude in agribusiness. He is currently a staff assistant in the office of Senator Sam Brownback. Vincent combines strong interests in macroeconomics, business, and agriculture with direct experience in rural agriculture in Central America. He also spent a semester in Australia. He has also led several campus and community service organizations. Vincent largely financed his own education with a small cow herd he owns. He plans to do the M.Sc. in economics for development at Oxford.

### Mississippi

**Shadrack T. White**, Sandersville, graduated this year from the University of Mississippi with a B.A. in economics and political science. Elected to Phi Beta Kappa as a junior, he wrote his thesis on Mississippi's history of funding public K-12 education. Shad is executive director of the Mississippi Federal of College Republicans, a Truman Scholar, and was inducted into the Ole Miss Hall of Fame. He has also worked as a policy fellow at the Pew Center on the States, the U. S. Department of Education, and the William Winter Institute for Social Reconciliation. At Oxford, he plans to do the M.Phil. in comparative social policy.

## DISTRICT 12

### Michigan

**Abdulrahman M. El-Sayed**, Ann Arbor, completed a joint degree in biology and political science in 2007 at the University of Michigan before entering a joint M.D./Ph.D. program in medicine and public health, also at the University of Michigan. A starting varsity lacrosse player and junior member of Phi Beta Kappa, he has won many academic awards in college and in medical school, has published in scientific journals, and was a leader in several students organizations. He also served as vice president of the Michigan Muslim Students' Association and Head Counselor of the Michigan Muslim Youth council. Abdul intends to do the M.Sc. in global health science at Oxford.

### Minnesota

**Brian J. Krohn**, Cloquet, is a senior at Augsburg College and is its first Rhodes Scholar. A Goldwater Scholar with an interest in renewable biofuels, he has been awarded a patent for his novel method of producing biodiesel fuel. In addition to his work in chemistry and environmental science, he founded a journal for undergraduate scholarship, and has worked as a tutor and a hurricane relief volunteer. Brian plans to do the M.Sc. in environmental change and management at Oxford.

## DISTRICT 13

### Arizona

**Noelle R. Lopez**, Tucson, is a senior at Santa Clara University, where she is majoring in philosophy. She is the first Rhodes Scholar from Santa Clara University. While compiling a near perfect academic record and winning many prizes for scholarship, she has been a leader in community service, with projects in Guatemala, Mexico, and rural California. Noelle is also an accomplished NCAA Division I cross-country runner, and was elected captain of the women's track team. At Oxford, she plans to do the B.Phil. in philosophy.

### Colorado

**Jarrad M. Aguirre**, Centennial, is a senior at Yale University majoring in molecular, cellular, and developmental biology. A junior member of Phi Beta Kappa, he has combined interests and research in bioscience with a focus on global health disparities, which he has studied first-hand in Latin America and Asia. Jarrad founded an organization at Yale to support Latino students interested in math and science, and is working to extend its reach nationally to encourage more Latinos to attend graduate school and to motivate them to apply their talents to social inequities. At Oxford, he plans to do the M.Sc. in medical anthropology.

## DISTRICT 14

### Iowa

**Lindsay M. Whorton**, Independence, Missouri, is graduating from Drake in December where she majors in English and secondary education. She is Drake's first Rhodes Scholar in 82 years. A first-team academic all-American and First-Team All-Conference basketball player and team captain, with a perfect academic record, Lindsay has worked on a South Dakota Indian reservation and is interested in a career in teaching. Lindsay plans to the M.Phil in evidence-based social intervention at Oxford.

### South Dakota

**Ashley L. Nord**, Rapid City, will graduate in December from the University of Minnesota with a triple major in physics, astrophysics and global studies, and a minor in Spanish. A pole vaulter who won fourth place in the Big Ten championships, she has conducted research in biophysics at ULCA and astronomy at the Universities of Hawaii and Minnesota. She has also been active as a tutor, and is writing a senior thesis on the drug trade between Latin America and the United States. At Oxford, Ashley will do a doctorate in physics.

## DISTRICT 15

### Washington

**Mallory A. Dwinal**, Gig Harbor, is a senior at Northwestern University with majors in Spanish, economics, and international studies. She also studied in Qinghua University in Beijing. In 2006, Mallory founded a program that coordinates and funds English as a second language education in Chicago elementary schools. Also since 2006, she has been leader of a daily meals program at a homeless shelter. She is ranked among the top college students in the country in impromptu and extemporaneous speaking. Mallory plans to do the M.Phil. in comparative and international education at Oxford.

### Washington

**Kyle Q. Haddad-Fonda**, Issaquah, is a senior at Harvard where he majors in history and near-eastern languages and education. Fluent in Mandarin and Arabic, he did research in China and Egypt for his senior thesis on Sino-Arab relations. Kyle was captain of the Harvard 2008 national college bowl championship team and plays the harp in the Mozart Society orchestra. He plans to do a doctorate in oriental studies at Oxford.

## DISTRICT 16

### California

**Scott W. Hugo**, Alamo, is a senior at the University of California, Los Angeles, where he majors in political science and history. A junior member of Phi Beta Kappa, he has done research on U.S.-China relations and other aspects of east asian affairs. He has been a starter

on the UCLA rugby team since his freshman year, and was captain as a sophomore. Scott is also president of his fraternity, a leader of youth groups against violence in Los Angeles, and was a leader in the Bruins for Obama campaign. At Oxford, Scott plans to do the M.Phil. in international relations.

### California

**Christopher D. Joseph**, Santa Barbara, graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 2008, summa cum laude in geography. A four-year varsity football player and three-year starter and team captain for ten of the twelve games before a season-ending injury in 2007, Chris amassed a near-perfect academic record with a focus on the complex social and scientific causes of deforestation. He has done ecological and geographic research involving exotic species in the broadleaf forests of Brazil, glaciers in arctic Canada, migration in Morocco, and inter-tribal trading in Micronesia. At Oxford, Chris plans to do an M.Phil in geography.