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***The American Prospect* Writing Fellowship Alums**

Brittany Gibson ('19 – '21)

Brittany is a British-American journalist, who is currently a writing fellow at the *Prospect*. Before coming to the *Prospect*, she interned with the *New York Daily News* and CNN International in London. In 2019, she graduated from Rutgers University and has also studied at the Université de Paris 8-Vincennes Saint Denis and John Cabot University in Rome. While working with the *Prospect*, she received a Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting grant for her work on voter suppression and voting rights in the 2020 elections. After TAP, Brittany has secured a news writing position at *Politico*.

Marcia Brown ('19 – '21)

Marcia is a 2019 graduate of Princeton University, where she majored in history and served as editor-in-chief of *The Daily Princetonian*. Her earliest work in journalism was for her high school newspaper, *The Shakerite*, for which she also served as editor-in-chief. Her interests include migration, labor, and climate as well as legal and constitutional issues. Marcia grew up in Ohio. After TAP, Marcia has secured a news writing position at *The Capitol Forum*.

Kalena Thomhave ('17 – '19)

Prior to starting her fellowship at *The American Prospect* in September 2017, Kalena was the Emerson National Hunger Fellow at the New America Foundation. She has also worked at the USDA Food and Nutrition Service and AmeriCorps VISTA. Kalena's interests include poverty, hunger, asset-building, and community organizing and leadership. Since leaving the *Prospect*, she's been pursuing a master's in public policy at the University of Michigan.

Manuel Madrid ('17 – '19)

Manuel got his start in journalism at *The American Prospect*, working as an editorial intern for three print issues before becoming a writing fellow. Manuel's notable pieces have addressed the unprecedented use of a private security force by then-President-elect Donald Trump, the growing renewable energy industry in West Virginia, and several pieces about the abuse of immigrants. Manuel grew up in Florida, the child of Venezuelan immigrants. After the *Prospect*, he reported for the *Miami New Times*, and is currently working as an associate at ReThink Media.

Justin Miller ('15 – '17)

Justin, a graduate of the University of Minnesota, started as an intern at the *Prospect* in 2014. His internship was extended, and he was promoted to writing fellow in 2015. His writing focuses on money and politics and democracy, as well as coverage of the problem of income distribution and low wages. He spearheaded our Trickle Downers column. He now writes for the *Texas Observer*.

Rachel M Cohen ('14 –'17)

Rachel is a freelance journalist for several publications, including the *Prospect*, *The Intercept*, *Bloomberg Businessweek*, and *The Atlantic*. Her writing focuses on education, affordable housing, and reproductive rights, while also digging into labor and political issues.

Nathalie Baptiste ('14 – '16)

Nathalie is currently a reporter and columnist at *Mother Jones*. The daughter of Haitian immigrants, Nathalie is a graduate of Graceland University and East Carolina University. Her focus, both at *The American Prospect* and beyond, has been on race, policing and criminal justice reform, reproductive rights, the environment, and policy towards refugees.

Amelia Thomson-DeVeaux ('13- '14)

Amelia is currently a senior writer at FiveThirtyEight. Prior to the *Prospect*, she worked at the Public Religion Research Institute where her writing focused on religion, gender issues, drug policy, and health, including reproductive rights. While a writing fellow at the *Prospect*, Amelia primarily covered the intersection of religion and reproductive rights with public policy. She is a graduate of Princeton University and holds a master's degree in religious studies from The University of Chicago.

Patrick Caldwell ('11-'13)

Patrick is a news editor for *Mother Jones* in their D.C. office. Before joining the *Prospect* as a writing fellow, he wrote for *The American Independent* and worked at *The New Republic* and The Nation Institute (now known as the Type Media Center). While at the *Prospect*, Caldwell covered national politics, including the 2012 presidential election.

Jamelle Bouie ('10-'12)

After his fellowship at *The American Prospect*, Jamelle became a staff writer here. He later joined the staff of *The Daily Beast*, and served as chief political correspondent for *Slate*. His work, both currently and while writing for the *Prospect*, focuses on the intersection of politics and race, and he has appeared in numerous publications, including *The Nation*, *The Atlantic*, *The Washington Post*, CNN and NPR. Jamelle is admired for his depth of knowledge and writing talent. In early 2019, he became a columnist for *The New York Times* and continues to work as a political analyst for CBS News.

Brentin Mock ('08-'09)

Brentin is a writer and editor for *CityLab*, a publication of Bloomberg News. Prior to *CityLab*, he was a blogger and reporter for *Colorlines*. He has previously worked for *The Lens NOLA* and as the communications manager for Ocean Conservancy. During his time at the *Prospect*, Mock wrote about voting rights and voter identification laws, as well as about issues of environmental justice.

Tim Fernholz ('08-'10)

Tim is currently a senior reporter for the digital news outlet *Quartz* and a founding editor of the magazine *Tomorrow*. He previously served as the business editor for *GOOD Magazine*, and was an economic correspondent at *National Journal*. Fernholz's writing at the *Prospect* focused on the national economy and financial systems.

Adam Serwer ('08-'10)

Adam is currently a staff writer at *The Atlantic*, where he covers politics. After his fellowship at the *Prospect*, Adam went on to become a staff writer here, covering the criminal justice system and national security. He has worked at *BuzzFeed News*, MSNBC, and *Mother Jones*. During the spring of 2019, Adam left *The Atlantic* as a fellow for Harvard's Shorenstein Center, where he researched the historical role black voters have played "in advancing the foundational American notion that all people are created equal."

Kate Sheppard ('07-'08)

Kate is senior enterprise editor at *HuffPost* and an associate professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Previously, she covered environment and energy issues for *Mother Jones*, and came to the *Prospect* after working for *Grist*. At the *Prospect*, Sheppard continued to write about environmental policy and climate change, and also focused much of her work on the 2008 presidential election. She has also contributed work to *AlterNet*, *The Washington Independent*, and *Foreign Policy*.

Dana Goldstein ('07-'08)

Dana is currently a national correspondent for *The New York Times*, where she focuses on education policy. At the *Prospect*, Dana covered politics, education and women's issues. She is the author of *New York Times* bestseller *The Teacher Wars: A History of America's Most Embattled Profession* (Doubleday). She has contributed to *Slate*, *The Marshall Project*, *The New Republic*, *The Atlantic*, and many other publications. Dana writes about education, women's issues, social science, inequality, criminal justice, health, and cities. She received a Schwartz fellowship from the New America Foundation, a Spencer Foundation fellowship from Columbia University, and a Puffin fellowship from The Nation Institute (now known as the Type Media Center).

Ezra Klein ('06-'08)

After Ezra's fellowship at the *Prospect* ended he was promoted to associate editor. He then joined *The Washington Post*, where he founded the highly successful blog and newsletter *Wonkblog*. In 2014 he co-founded the news site *Vox*, under the flagship Vox Media. He is the author of *The New York Times* and *Wall Street Journal* bestselling book *Why We're Polarized* (Simon & Schuster). In 2021, Ezra joined *The New York Times* as an opinion columnist.

Mark Leon Goldberg ('04-'06)

Mark is the editor of *UN Dispatch*, a United Nations and global affairs blog, and hosts the *Global Dispatches* podcast. He is also the co-founder of the global news clips service DAWNS Digest. Mark came to the *Prospect* from the New America Foundation. As a fellow he covered foreign policy. Mark's work has been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *Newsweek*, *The New Republic*, and *The Daily Beast*, among other publications.

Matthew Yglesias ('04-'06)

Matthew began his internship at the *Prospect* after graduating from Harvard, where he had already gained notoriety for his blog which focused on public policy. He was promoted to staff writer after his fellowship ended, where he remained until leaving for *The Atlantic* in 2007. From there he joined the Center for American Progress, and wrote for its blog, *ThinkProgress*. In 2011 he left *ThinkProgress* to write for *Slate's Moneybox*, where he remained until he left to co-found *Vox* with Ezra Klein. He currently writes *Slow Boring*, a Substack newsletter on American politics and public policy.

Ayelish McGarvey ('03-'05)

Ayelish is a freelance journalist who covers the religious right. Her work has appeared in *The Nation*, the *Washington Monthly*, *Truthout*, and *AlterNet*, among other publications. As a fellow for the *Prospect* she wrote about politics and religion.

Drake Bennett ('02-'04)

Drake is a staff writer at *Bloomberg Businessweek*, where he covers a wide range of topics. Before that he wrote for *The Boston Globe*. His work has appeared in *The New York Times Magazine*, *The New York Times Book Review*, *Wired*, *Slate*, and many other publications. He was a finalist for the 2013 Gerald Loeb Award for magazine writing.

Alex Gourevitch ('01-'03)

Alex is currently associate professor in the Department of Political Science at Brown University. He has taught at McMaster University and at Harvard. He has written two books and several academic articles on labor, economics and international relations. He is the co-author of the political economy blog *The Current Moment*, and his work has appeared in *Jacobin*, *N+1*, *Salon*, *Dissent*, *New York* magazine, *Washington Monthly*, and other publications.

Sasha Polakow-Suransky ('01-'03)

Sasha is the deputy editor of *Foreign Policy*. After his fellowship with the *Prospect*, Sasha was a senior editor for *Foreign Affairs*, a staff editor for *The New York Times'* op-ed page and an editor for the *Times'* international opinion section. In 2016, he was a fellow with the Open Society Foundations. He is the author of *The Unspoken Alliance: Israel's Secret Relationship with Apartheid South Africa* and *Go Back to Where You Came From: The Backlash Against Immigration and the Fate of Western Democracy*.

Noy Thrupkaew ('01-'03)

Noy is a freelance journalist who specializes in human trafficking. Her work has appeared in *Slate*, *The Nation*, *The New York Times*, the *Guardian*, *National Geographic*, *AlterNet*, and many other publications. In 2010 she was an Open Society fellow, where she investigated human trafficking cases in the United States. She is the recipient of a Fulbright grant and an International Reporting Project grant.

Richard Just ('01-'03)

Richard is currently the editor of *The Washington Post Magazine*. After his fellowship at the *Prospect*, he began working at *The New Republic*, where he became the top editor. He left *The New Republic* in 2012 to join *Newsweek/Daily Beast*. At the same time he also edited *National Journal*, and edited a story about Alzheimer's that received a National Magazine Award nomination. Richard also co-founded the Princeton University Summer Journalism Program, which teaches journalism to students from under-resourced high schools.

Natasha Hunter ('01-'03)

Natasha was a fellow at the *Prospect* immediately following the 9/11 attack on the World Trade Center; she spent much of her fellowship covering the issue of civil liberties. She then became a freelance journalist who specialized in Russia and Bosnia. She left journalism to pursue a career in medicine, receiving her MD from Brown University. She is currently a breast cancer expert with the Seattle Cancer Care Alliance, and an assistant professor of oncology at the University of Washington School of Medicine.

Simon Rodberg ('01-'02)

Simon is currently a writer and consultant on school leadership, having previously served as the principal at DC International School. He has a Master's Degree in education from Harvard University. Prior to leaving journalism to pursue a career in education, Simon wrote for *The New York Times*, the *Village Voice*, *Salon*, and other publications. In 2020, he published a book titled *What if I'm Wrong? And Other Key Questions on Decisive School Leadership*. He is an adjunct professor at American University's School of Education.

Alyssa Rayman-Read ('01-'02)

After her fellowship with the *Prospect*, Alyssa went back to school, where she earned a law degree from Georgetown University. She clerked for a U.S. District Court Judge in Puerto Rico, then served as an attorney at the National Labor Relations Board. Most recently she was vice president and director of the Conservation Law Foundation.

Leah Platt Boustan ('01)

Leah is currently a professor of economics at Princeton, where she teaches the intersection between economic history, labor economics and urban economics. She is a published author, and her latest book, *Competition in the Promised Land: Black Migrants in Northern Cities and Labor Markets*, looks at how black migration to urban areas changed labor markets.

Chris Mooney ('00-'01)

Chris is a reporter for *The Washington Post*, covering climate change and the environment. In 2020, he won a Pulitzer Prize for explanatory writing. He is the author of four books, including *The Republican War on Science* which earned him guest appearances on *The Daily Show* and *The Colbert Report*. Before taking a job at the *Post*, Chris was a correspondent for *Climate Desk* magazine, and for *Mother Jones*. His work has appeared at *Slate*, *Salon*, *Reason*, *Washington Monthly* and *The Boston Globe*, and in many other places, where he wrote about environmental, scientific and political issues.

Alexander Ngyuen ('00-'01)

Alex is now general counsel at Roivant Sciences, and was previously a partner with Edelson PC, a law firm in Chicago, where he worked on privacy, technology and consumer fraud cases. Earlier he served as an assistant United States Attorney in Philadelphia. In addition to law, he is an accomplished writer and journalist, and his work has appeared in publications such as *The New Republic*, *Hartford Courant*, and *Washington Monthly*. He co-founded *InTheFray* magazine, and in 2000 he won a national award for education reporting.

Laura Maggi ('00-'01)

Laura is the natural resources editor for E&E News. Previously, she was the managing editor for *Route Fifty*, where she covered policy, innovation and everything else in state and local government, as a division of Atlantic Media. She was previously the Metro editor of *The Advocate*, the Baton Rouge, Louisiana, daily newspaper, and covered criminal justice and health at *The Times-Picayune*.

Mark Greif ('00-'02)

Mark is an associate professor at Stanford, as well as an author, culture critic, and co-founder of the literary magazine *N+1*. His books include *The Age of the Crisis of Man: Thought and Fiction in America, 1933-1973*. His writing has also appeared in the *London Review of Books*, *Dissent*, and *Village Voice*, among other places.

Jeremy Derfner ('00-'01)

Jeremy began as an editorial assistant at *Slate* before coming to the *Prospect* as a fellow in 2000. He then served as the head speechwriter at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, where he worked closely with Bill and Melinda Gates. He now leads the writing consultancy firm Derfner and Sons.

Tara Zahra ('99-'01)

Tara is a professor of East European history at the University of Chicago, where among her specialties she includes modern European affairs. She is a published author, and her most recent book is called *The Great Departure: Mass Migration from Eastern Europe and the Making of the Free World*. Her writing has also appeared in numerous scholarly articles. She received a MacArthur Fellowship in 2014.

Nicholas Confessore ('99-'01)

Nick is a political correspondent and investigative reporter on the national desk of *The New York Times* and the *Times Magazine*. After his fellowship with the *Prospect* he became a staff writer, and was later an editor at *Washington Monthly*. His work has also appeared in *The Atlantic*, *Rolling Stone*,

Los Angeles Times, *Salon*, and more. In 2009 he won the Pulitzer Prize for breaking news reporting for his role in covering the downfall of New York governor Eliot Spitzer.

Josh Marshall ('97-'99)

Josh's tenure at *The American Prospect* was both as a writing fellow and as Washington editor. He left in 2000 during the Florida election recount to found *Talking Points Memo*. He is a widely-respected writer and editor who invented a whole new genre, the political blog/website. He has either been profiled in or been a contributor to *The New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Financial Times*, *The New York Times Magazine*, *The New Yorker*, and NPR, as well as in many other outlets. In 2007, he won a Polk Award for Legal Reporting.

Jedediah Purdy ('97-'99)

Jed is now a law professor at Columbia University and widely published essayist. He received his law degree from Yale University. As a *Prospect* fellow, he covered culture, technology, politics and the environment. He is the author of several books including *This Land Is Our Land: The Struggle for a New Commonwealth*, which shows how land has historically united and divided Americans; and *Being America: Liberty, Commerce and Violence in an American World*, which looked at America's perception globally.

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