



**PROFILES:
Woodrow Wilson Georgia Teaching Fellows, 2017**

Morgan Akridge | Toccoa, GA | Will attend: Mercer University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Mercer University '17, biology
Biology supplemental instructor, university resource center; tutor; teaching assistant, elementary day care center; volunteer, bereavement camp for children; recipient, academic excellence award for biology majors; justice, university honor council.

John Alberts | Groton, MA | Will attend: Georgia State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Georgia Institute of Technology '16, biomedical engineering
Tutor, elementary school; intern, chemical and pharmaceutical profiling; volunteer, campus career development organization for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities; hospitality team, church.

Darby Bagwell | Grayson, GA | Will attend: Kennesaw State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Georgia College '17, mathematics
Tutor, mathematics; treasurer, university math club; vice president, university Association for Women in Mathematics; researcher, effects of writing in a math classroom; employee, high school after-school program.

Mars Berwanger | Houston, TX | Will attend: Kennesaw State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Georgia Institute of Technology '16, electrical engineering
Firmware engineer; rock climbing leader and instructor; summer program volunteer, rural schools in Kagadi, Uganda; software design team member, prototyping an underwater communication network for the U.S. Navy that can relay text messages for more than 50 devices up to one kilometer apart.

Carol Bowe | Hyde Park, MA | Will attend: Kennesaw State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Bryn Mawr College '17, physics
Tutor, mathematics; teaching assistant, quantitative analysis; undergraduate researcher, spectroscopy; grader, physics department; instructor, summer science program for rising high school sophomores; intern instructor for 6th–12th graders, community learning lab; recipient, women in STEM leadership scholarship.

Jami Brownlee | Gainesville, GA | Will attend: Piedmont College

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of North Georgia '16, physics
Teaching assistant, introductory physics; vice president, campus physics club; undergraduate peer mentor; member, campus math club; undergraduate researcher; co-leader, Science Olympiad.

Sara Brumbaugh | Kenova, WV | Will attend: Kennesaw State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Marshall University '17, applied mathematics and education
Tutor, high school math class; president and co-founder, university math club; treasurer, math honors society; recipient, multiple academic scholarships; undergraduate mathematics researcher; member, academic honors society; volunteer soccer coach.

Kireon Bunkley-Hill | Atlanta, GA | Will attend: Georgia State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Emory University '17, neuroscience and behavioral biology

Member and captain, multiple dance teams; founder, campus chapter of National Council of Negro Women; undergraduate researcher, retinas and proteins in primary visual cortex; volunteer coordinator, conference for Black activism on campus; recipient, multiple academic scholarships.

Jennifer Callison-Bliss | Littleton, CO | Will attend: Kennesaw State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Montana State University '16, organismal biology
- Research assistant, university entomology lab; head ballet instructor, local dance studio; camp counselor and curriculum coordinator, non-profit animal shelter; site coordinator and biology instructor, after-school program; scholarship recipient.

Colin Cederna | Saline, MI | Will attend: Piedmont College

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Vassar College '16, environmental studies
- Tutor, middle school mathematics and science; environmental science instructor, university ecological preserve; science, math, and computer skills teacher, NGO in Uganda; coach, lacrosse and swimming; volunteer, medical clinic.

Joey Chan | Marietta, GA | Will attend: Mercer University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Mercer University '15, biology
- Tutor, SAT/ACT prep, AP courses and middle school math/science; assistant director, tutoring franchise; phlebotomist; paralegal.

Robyn Chuck | Norcross, GA | Will attend: Piedmont College

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Georgia State University '12, biology
- Leasing administrator and purchaser, electronic sales corporation; administrative assistant, wholesale product and service company; store manager, hiring and onboarding, national retail chain.

Julius Collado | Darien, GA | Will attend: Mercer University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Williams College '16, mathematics
- Tutor, high school mathematics; volunteer, youth group in underserved communities; member, student education reform non-profit.

Monica Cooper | Drobeta Turnu Severin, Romania | Will attend: Georgia State University

- **Graduate institution and degree:** West University '07, M.A., family and couple counseling; Victor Babes University of Medicine and Pharmacy '01, M.D., general medicine
- Substitute teacher, K–12, biology and French; private tutor, math and French; volunteer, teen dating violence program; avid community volunteer; fluent speaker of multiple languages; former physician.

Tonie Curry | Yonkers, NY | Will attend: Columbus State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** South Carolina State University '02, biology
- Personal tutor, science, math, vocabulary, and English; certified nursing assistant; volunteer Sunday school teacher; Bible study teacher; community volunteer; recipient, multiple academic scholarships.

Carlos Del Orbe | Passaic, NJ | Will attend: Columbus State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Thomas Edison State University '15, mathematics
- Tutor, mathematics; analytical chemist; lab assistant; technical sales engineer; founder, pharmaceutical support group; U.S. Navy veteran.

Victoria Doctor | Decatur, GA | Will attend: Georgia State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Spelman College '16, mathematics

Member, service organizations for early education in underresourced communities and urban schools; university student ambassador; undergraduate researcher; teaching assistant, project teaching eighth-grade students a different way to learn algebra; high school provisional educator.

Zanoria Echols | Olive Branch, MS | Will attend: Piedmont College

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** York College '16, mathematics

Tutor; teaching assistant, high school; substitute teacher; vice president, college honor society; recipient, multiple academic achievement scholarships; *summa cum laude* graduate; college athlete, basketball and track; community volunteer; intern, ministry for the ill; counselor, camp for children with cancer.

Justin Fairchild | Madison, WI | Will attend: Columbus State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Wisconsin '06, geology and geophysics

- **Graduate institution and degree:** University of Kansas '13, M.S., geology

Adjunct lecturer; geologist, natural gas exploration and production company; data technician, environmental studies program; research assistant, geological surveys; campus field assistant; middle school hockey coach.

Dezmon Gay | Atlanta, GA | Will attend: Mercer University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Savannah State University '15, biology

Tutor, biology; long-term substitute teacher; undergraduate researcher; college-level teaching assistant, chemistry; lab technician; leader/tutor, local community science club; community volunteer.

Felicia Goldsmith | Oceanside, NY | Will attend: Georgia State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Tulane University '08, cell and molecular biology

- **Graduate institution and degree:** Louisiana State University '10, M.S., molecular nutrition; '14, Ph.D., molecular nutrition

Teaching assistant, instructor, nutrition science; tutor, chemistry and biology; graduate researcher, colonic fermentation of cereal grains and its effects on the pathophysiology of obesity and diabetes; postdoctoral fellow, botanical approaches to combat metabolic syndrome; volunteer science fair judge.

Luke Green | Calhoun, GA | Will attend: Kennesaw State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Shorter University '17, biology, ecology and field biology

Tutor, multiple subjects; recipient, multiple academic scholarships; member, biology honors society; dean's list student; college athlete, football; assistant coach, youth football camp.

Craig Henning | Columbus, GA | Will attend: Columbus State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Georgia State University '14, actuarial science

Actuarial analyst; volunteer math tutor, middle school; volunteer coach, middle school math team; learning center instructor.

Sarah Hunnicutt | Athens, GA | Will attend: Piedmont College

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Georgia '12, agricultural engineering

Senior supplier quality engineer, inclusion and diversity education chair, global automotive manufacturing company; advisory board member, college mechanical engineering department; campus president and co-founder, Society of Women Engineers; judge, technology and science fair.

Rena Ingram | Augusta, GA | Will attend: Kennesaw State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Fort Valley State University '14, chemistry
 - **Graduate institution and degree:** Georgia Institute of Technology '17, M.S., chemistry
- Teaching assistant, biochemistry and chemistry; graduate researcher, analytical chemistry techniques; completed Ph.D. coursework; summer research intern; president, organization for the advancement of Black chemists and chemical engineers; science day volunteer; founder, LGBTQ-ally organization.

Jayla Johnson | Kingsland, GA | Will attend: Columbus State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** College of Coastal Georgia '17, biology
- Supplemental instructor, biology; tutor, SAT prep; environmental activist; ecological researcher, monitoring water quality in Georgia's rivers; poster presenter, university event regarding the importance of landscaping with native plants; member, university biology club.

David Jones | Huntington, WV | Will attend: Mercer University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Marshall University '17, mathematics
- Tutor, mathematics; secretary, university math club; awardee, university's highest academic and leadership scholarship; member, mathematics and academic honor societies; undergraduate researcher; Eagle Scout; volunteer, Boy Scouts of America.

Molly Lichtner | Langhorne, PA | Will attend: Columbus State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Delaware Valley University '17, conservation and wildlife management
- Technician, bioassay lab; environmental and animal education intern, Philadelphia Zoo; tutor, writing, reading, and effective speaking; dean's list student; research presenter; member, international honor society; mentor, Big Brothers/Big Sisters; certified environmental educator.

Jonathan Long | Cornelia, GA | Will attend: Piedmont College

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of North Georgia '17, physical science
- Volunteer assistant, occupational therapy; volunteer aide, special needs classroom; volunteer instructor, mission trips; volunteer coach, high school; dean's list student; recipient, leadership scholarship.

Nidhi Loomba | Kennesaw, GA | Will attend: Kennesaw State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Georgia State University '97, biology
 - **Graduate institution and degree:** Georgia State University '99, M.S., organic chemistry
- Environmental scientist, toxicology; environmental auditor; marketing and sales, green chemicals; tutor, math lab; university instructor; graduate researcher, cell biology and cardiology; school volunteer; hospital volunteer, coronary care unit, pediatrics, and labor and delivery.

Austin Lord | Toccoa, GA | Will attend: Mercer University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Mercer University '17, mathematics
- Math tutor, pre-calculus; recipient of multiple scholarships; university baseball team member, two-time American All-Southern Conference; volunteer, international service organization building homes; volunteer, baseball league for children and adults who are physically or mentally handicapped.

Sammuelle Mangibin | Shelton, WA | Will attend: Columbus State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Redlands '05, biology
- Associate scientist, multinational pharmaceutical company; scientist, chemical and biological analytical laboratory network company, environmental branch; English instructor in the Philippines; paraeducator, high school level, working with special needs students.

Bethany Manning | Kirksville, MO | Will attend: Columbus State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Truman State University '15, biology
- **Graduate institution and degree:** Purdue University '17, M.S., biochemistry

Lab instructor, genetics; undergraduate and graduate researcher, structural biology; research laboratory mentor; undergraduate research grant recipient; member and leader, biology honor society and chemistry fraternity; coordinator, undergraduate biology tutoring; teacher, preschool and elementary Bible classes.

Benjamin Manning | De Pere, WI | Will attend: Piedmont College

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Michigan Technological University '17, physics
- Tutor, physics and computer science; teaching assistant and lab manager, physics; outreach specialist, science lab; outdoor skills director, summer camp; training coordinator and volunteer, search and rescue; treasurer, campus physics organization; Eagle Scout.

Angela Monetta | Loganville, GA | Will attend: Mercer University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Georgia Gwinnett College '17, biology
- Undergraduate researcher, avian biodiversity, conservation, and awareness; high school nest box installer, involving students in research and bird conservation; STEM night volunteer; member, environmental club and ornithological society; parent representative, student council; amateur photographer, focusing on birds and nature.

Rebecca Morrissey | Marietta, GA | Will attend: Georgia State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Georgia Institute of Technology '17, biochemistry
- Coordinator and curriculum writer, freshman leadership program; director, freshmen orientation experience; trip leader and instructor, sea kayaking; undergraduate researcher, decisions processing and drug capsule systems; data analytics intern; laboratory technician.

Janeé Nealey | Hinesville, GA | Will attend: Georgia State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Georgia State University '15, biological science
- Lab participant, multiple scientific studies; site leader, federal program focused on child welfare outside of school; honors college graduate; member, youth organization utilizing social media to build community engagement in social justice dialogue; community volunteer.

Jiyou Oh | Macon, GA | Will attend: Mercer University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Mercer University '12, biochemistry/molecular biology
 - **Graduate institution and degree:** Mercer University '16, M.S., biomedical science
- Tutor, middle and high school level math, science, and English; interpreter; volunteer, Korean school instructor, summer school instructor, and mission trips.

Diane Overton | Smyrna, GA | Will attend: Kennesaw State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Notre Dame '94, mathematics
- Programmer, computer systems; substitute teacher; volunteer, community and academic programs; service project volunteer, campus center for social concerns; recipient, college scholar award; project manager.

Stephen Owensby | Cornelia, GA | Will attend: Piedmont College

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Piedmont College '16, biology
- Tutor, biology and chemistry; undergraduate researcher, ecological character displacement of cryptic species; recipient, multiple scholarships; community volunteer; community basketball, football, and wrestling coach.

Michael Peterson | Kansas City, MO | Will attend: Georgia State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Missouri—Kansas City '83, mathematics
- **Graduate institution and degree:** University of Missouri—Kansas City '89, M.A., economics; Colorado Technical University '13, D.M., environmental and social sustainability

Adjunct and visiting professor, 10+ years; vice chairman, housing authority; state university board advisor; director, religious transformation center; published writer and presenter, national and international business conferences and seminars.

Aharon Poorman | Seattle, WA | Will attend: Piedmont College

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Washington '07, science, environmental science and resource management

Lab technician, microbiology; substitute teacher; elementary and middle school teacher, Japan; analyst, forest inventory; clinician, client learning processes.

Elizabeth Quinche | Smyrna, GA | Will attend: Georgia State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Georgia '15, mathematics
- Math tutor; volunteer, middle school Science Olympiad team; undergraduate teaching assistant, pre-calculus; volunteer math tutor; scholarship recipient; international music fraternity member; university marching band member.

Antonio Rainey | Arlington, VA | Will attend: Columbus State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Norfolk State University '17, biology
- Volunteer student instructor, anatomy; mentor, freshman biology; undergraduate researcher; member, campus honors and biology society; dean's list student.

Morgen Ricketts | Woodbine, MD | Will attend: Georgia State University

Undergraduate college, class, and major: Washington College '17, chemistry

Teaching assistant, general chemistry; tutor, college-level calculus, statistics, and chemistry; member, chemistry honor society; volunteer, campus chemistry club; captain, club field hockey.

Chelsea Robinson | Clarkston, GA | Will attend: Mercer University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Wesleyan College '12, mathematics/advertising & marketing communication

Math teacher, advanced algebra; private math tutor; community volunteer; assistant basketball coach; assistant golf coach; junior varsity volleyball coach; president, vice president of finance, and vice president of membership, professional business fraternity; member, coeducational service organization.

Shakevia Robinson | Atlanta, GA | Will attend: Mercer University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Spelman College '17, mathematics
- Math tutor, middle school; senior intern, service learning scholarship program; summer teaching fellow, elementary charter school; teaching assistant, accelerated pre-calculus and applied calculus; summer undergraduate research educator; volunteer elementary school tutor.

Jose Ruiz | Simi Valley, CA | Will attend: Columbus State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Pomona College '16, economics
- Tutor, high school; AmeriCorps member; undergraduate summer program fellow, American Economic Association; research intern, federal bank; captain, campus swimming and diving team; magazine writer and editor.

Lynetria Sanders | Columbus, GA | Will attend: Mercer University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** College of Coastal Georgia '17, biological sciences
Supplemental instructor, biology; tutor, math and biology; teaching assistant, elementary school summer program; mentor, university academic success center; undergraduate researcher, genetically modified corn studies; volunteer, campus ministries and annual beach clean-ups.

Jose Santana Villa | Conyers, GA | Will attend: Mercer University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Mercer University '16, mechanical engineering
Certified tutor, calculus; substitute teacher; youth mentor; recipient, multiple academic awards and scholarships; technical designer; manufacturer, household products, force meters, and mechanical goniometers.

John Sexton | Newnan, GA | Will attend: Piedmont College

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Emory University '17, physics
Physics tutor, mechanics and electromagnetism; teaching assistant, math and physics, high school; private math tutor; executive board member, university physics society; painter.

Jared Siler | Douglasville, GA | Will attend: Georgia State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of West Georgia '17, mathematics
Tutor, mathematics; student assistant, curriculum development and implementation for visiting teachers, education department; clinical assistant, classroom instruction and evaluation for multiple grade levels; volunteer, food bank; youth pastor; U.S. Army veteran.

Bridget Smith | LaGrange, GA | Will attend: Columbus State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Columbus State University '15, biology
- **Graduate institution and degree:** Columbus State University '17, M.S., natural science/biology
Student mentor, molecular techniques; graduate teaching assistant; graduate researcher, molecular neuroscience; undergraduate researcher, molecular oncology; recipient, undergraduate scholarship and graduate assistantship; *magna cum laude* graduate; member, biological honor society.

Jennifer Lynn Smith | Mount Airy, GA | Will attend: Piedmont College

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Piedmont College '96, mathematics; Georgia Institute of Technology '00, industrial engineering
Certified and licensed pharmacy technician; operations manager, custom medication packer and trainer, retail drug pharmacy; college teaching assistant; math tutor; physics lab technician; member, industrial engineering honor society and professional multinational organization; Sunday school teacher.

Martina Smith | Stone Mountain, GA | Will attend: Piedmont College

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of West Georgia '16, biology
Assistant, helping to create activities for a children's activity book that relates science to racecars; study abroad participant, history of science in Europe; science and math education intern; STEM research assistant, presented semester results at competition-style conference.

Michael Steinagel | Avon, CT | Will attend: Columbus State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Duquesne University '94, athletic training
- **Graduate institution and degree:** University of Virginia '95, M.A., education
Founding partner, New York health care company; member, non-profit organization for youth sports safety; trademark owner; tenure awardee, university assistant professor; former head athletic trainer, university level.

Ashley Stirgus | Detroit, MI | Will attend: Mercer University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Clark Atlanta University '11, biology
Chemistry tutor, after-school enrichment program; math tutor; scholarship recipient; forest product laboratory intern; university laboratory intern; community volunteer.

Katherine Thornton | Suwanee, GA | Will attend: Kennesaw State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of North Georgia '14, biology
- **Graduate institution and degree:** Georgia State University '16, M.P.H., epidemiology
Undergraduate teaching assistant, biology lab; graduate teaching assistant, biology; early college study coach, program for Atlanta public high school students; environmental advocate; biology honor society member; certified nursing assistant.

Hannah Tompkins | Woodstock, GA | Will attend: Georgia State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Berry College '15, environmental science
- **Graduate institution and degree:** Kennesaw State University '17, M.S., integrative biology
Graduate researcher, aquatic ecology; graduate teaching assistant, biology; undergraduate researcher, aquatic biology; published author; outdoor summer camp counselor, 4th and 5th grade; science and math tutor, middle and high school; volunteer leader, high school youth group; certified scuba diver.

Theresa Trice | Cornelia, GA | Will attend: Piedmont College

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Georgia '13, animal science
Teacher assistant, animal companionship; dean's list student; academic quadrathlon participant; volunteer, equine therapy; full-time nanny; horse care, management, and riding instructor; volunteer swim coach.

Dustin Williams | Clarksville, GA | Will attend: Piedmont College

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** University of Georgia '07, cellular biology and genetics
- **Graduate institution and degree:** Ohio State University '14, Ph.D., molecular genetics
Teaching assistant, developmental biology and molecular genetics; researcher, cellular biology labs; recipient, science studies fellowship; research associate, cancer center.

Starrissa Winters | Atlanta, GA | Will attend: Kennesaw State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Spelman College '09, biology and biochemistry
- **Graduate institution and degree:** Vanderbilt University '16, M.S., cell and developmental biology
Biomedical researcher, with Ph.D. coursework completed; STEM education coordinator; mentor and tutor; research assistant, department of teaching and learning; co-review, academic journal for urban education; founder, educational technology and social innovation company.

Jessica Wise | Marietta, GA | Will attend: Kennesaw State University

- **Undergraduate college, class, and major:** Kennesaw State University '05, English
- **Graduate institution and degree:** University of West Georgia '09, M.A., English
Mentor, social growth and development program for non-degree students with disabilities; undergraduate presidential fellow; math tutor, high school; teaching assistant, freshman composition; published author; English studies dean and teacher, academic institutions in Taiwan.