



Emily Stewart '16
Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust

Psi Upsilon Environmental Fellow

"This summer I learned how inspiring it is to work in a nonprofit organization that is committed to fostering collaboration and resilience in communities. It was constantly inspiring to work with people who were dedicated to their communities on both a personal and a professional level. I also learned how to translate vast amounts of data into a format that would be useful for people on the ground, which is a skill that gave all of my research purpose and applicability."



Kaitlyn Theberge '16
Maine Coast Fishermen's Association

Psi Upsilon Environmental Fellow

"Working at the MCFEA has given me the opportunity to see one of Maine's biggest industries and tourist draws in action. Fisheries are so much more complicated than they appear, and are saturated in culture, science, and policy. I really enjoyed seeing what it takes to make it all happen. And seafood—the part of the process the everyday person sees—has its own surprising set of complexities and issues."



Alex Thomas '16
Maine Migrant Health Program

Denning Fellow

"My experience this summer has left an indelible impression on me of Maine's migrant farmworkers. Getting to meet these amazing individuals and see where they live and work has opened my eyes to the realities of farm work in America, and made me appreciate the blueberries and other produce at the grocery store so much more. Working alongside this extraordinary staff to provide health services to this often invisible population has been an opportunity that I will not soon forget."



Bridger Tomlin '17
Town of Brunswick

Psi Upsilon Environmental Fellow

"Through this fellowship I experienced the real world of local government and all the joy, and hard work that accompanies it. From naming trails on a nature preserve, presenting to the Town Council, and conducting conservation easement inspections, this experience had a bit of everything. I really enjoyed getting a behind the scenes perspective on the town of Brunswick and municipal planning."



Hunter White '17
Stantec

Psi Upsilon Environmental Fellow

"I've experienced every part of the environmental consulting industry, from remote field work to drafting reports and proposals. This internship was certainly a useful experience and allowed me to see how I can apply my Environmental Studies knowledge in a practical way. After having this experience, I can definitely see myself pursuing a career in environmental consulting after graduating from Bowdoin."

We are grateful for our community partners who have welcomed student fellows into their organizations and worked with them to create a strong learning experience while introducing them to important issues facing communities today.

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the Cooke Environmental Research Fellowship,
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the Logan Environmental Studies Fund, and
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Bowdoin

COMMUNITY MATTERS IN MAINE SUMMER FELLOWSHIP



Fellowship Celebration

**Wednesday, July 29, 2015
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

**Main Lounge, Moulton Union
Bowdoin College**

The Community Matters in Maine Summer Fellowships provide students the opportunity to work and serve in the local community through a placement in a specific organization to address community issues while strengthening campus-community partnerships. Meant to capitalize on students' interests, the fellowships allow students to explore work in the public sector while applying their academic studies to real-life problems at the local level.

Cooke Environmental, Logan Environmental, Forest Foundation/Strong~Gault, and Psi Upsilon Environmental Fellows work with organizations addressing issues related to the environment at the local level, and *McKeen Community* and *Denning Fellows* work with organizations addressing issues of social/civic concern. Broadening their placement experience, fellows participate in an orientation to the program and convene regularly with other fellows and staff to identify ways to connect their summer work with their academic program and to explore common themes among participating agencies that might be addressed in the future.



Mariette Aborn '17
The Mitchell Institute

McKeen Community Fellow

"Working at the Mitchell Institute allowed me to explore my interest in the state of access to higher education in Maine and increased my sense of connection to place. I am so thankful to have had the opportunity to work with such a dedicated staff, interact with motivated Maine students, analyze statewide data, and learn a lot of Maine geography along the way."

Julian Andrews '17
ArtVan

McKeen Community Fellow

"My experience at ArtVan has been a wild, creative, incredible experience. I've loved working with the kids at programs, and learning more about the inner workings of nonprofit organizations. My day-to-day work varied and each program presented unique challenges, but the thread of creativity, collaboration, and positive energy wove it all together."

Julia Berkman-Hill '17
Town of Topsham

Psi Upsilon Environmental Fellow

"This opportunity has given me much respect for the intricacies of local government and how planners must connect the current interests of landowners, residents, and developers to a long-term vision. Walking the streets of Topsham, meeting with committees, and using GIS, I have gained useful professional skills, gotten to know local community members, and have come to appreciate how the small details of zoning and planning really contribute to a sense of place."

Dana Bloch '17
Maine Coastal Program

Cooke Environmental Fellow

"The exposure to field science and the opportunity to work with MCMI, a program geared towards gaining an understanding of the great resource that is the Gulf of Maine, has been an incredible experience. I have learned basic GIS, have had the privilege of spending most days on a boat, observing animals, and have realized that the complexity of the ocean is far beyond our understanding and is thus exceptionally beautiful."

Madeline Cole '16
Immigrant Legal Advocacy Project

McKeen Community Fellow

"My experience at ILAP was fascinating because it gave me the chance to work as an intermediary between immigration authorities and immigrants themselves. This role lends a unique perspective to learning how immigration law works in the U.S., and perhaps more importantly, understanding how it affects new Mainers."

Ella Driscoll '17
Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust

Forest Foundation/Strong~Gault Fellow

"I have been ever-so fortunate to have received funding to spend my time working with the exceptional staff at the BTLT. While collecting data on our regional food system, attending food council meetings, and making personal connections with local farmers and restaurant owners, I have been humbled by the number of individuals who are thrilled to collaborate with me on my project. The local food movement is vibrant and lively. I could not be more excited to see where my work this summer will take me."

Brooke Goddard '17
Bicycle Coalition of Maine

Psi Upsilon Environmental Fellow

"My fellowship with the BCM was a hopeful and energizing experience because I saw that biking is a catalyst for individual lifestyle changes and community rejuvenation, while also being contagious and accessible to all. My experience was also valuable in that it required me to step outside of my comfort zone. I've learned a lot from the experience, and gained a new bobby too!"

Allisen Haggard '17
Maine Center for Economic Policy

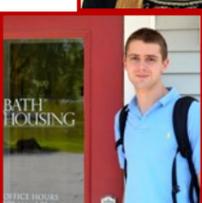
McKeen Community Fellow

"It was valuable to see how the abstract economic concepts I've learned in class actually manifest themselves in the real world, and the ways in which they can be utilized to improve the lives of Mainers. I really enjoyed learning how state government functions from the perspective of a nonprofit advocacy group."

Calvin Henry '16
Bath Housing Authority

Denning Fellow

"My fellowship at BHLA allowed me to learn about the people who live in public housing and the challenges they face. Conversations with residents showed me ways in which external circumstances interact with personal variables to shape the quality of life for individuals. I enjoyed listening to many kind and interesting people, and I am grateful for increased awareness of the impact of complex personal stories on housing choices and access."



Ryan Herman '17
Mid Coast Hunger Prevention Program

McKeen Community Fellow

"The level of my direct involvement with clients this summer gave me a personal insight into the lives of low-income families living right outside our campus, an experience I found both enlightening and rare. This fellowship was inspiring, highlighting the prevalence of food insecurity and poverty among people from all walks of life. The collective determination of the leaders of MCHPP and other food assistance providers ensures me that the plight of food insecurity is being addressed more and more everyday."

Eliza Huber-Weiss '17

Cooke Environmental Fellow

"Studying the food system within Aroostook County allowed me to hone my skills in GIS and research, and also pushed me to immerse myself in the culture of The County, an experience that provoked new questions. I met incredible people that helped me see the issues from multiple angles, which helped me realize and appreciate the complexity of food systems and the work it takes to create a sustainable one."

James Jelin '16
Maine Center for Economic Policy

Denning Fellow

"My short ten weeks at MECEP have taught me more about policy than I thought possible. From studying and advocating for the recently updated overtime regulations to writing about the nuances of the Affordable Care Act, the support of their intelligent and delightful team has given me the skills to understand the intricacies of government and the confidence to trust my own research in the coming years."

Bridget Kranz '16
ArtVan

Denning Fellow

"I haven't drawn in my sketchbook for about two months now, afraid of producing something bad. Meanwhile, during our programming at Oliver Place, I asked Hunter if he had drawn anything in his sketchbook since last week. He had done a colored pencil rendition of a wooded scene, filling a whole blank page. ArtVan has taught me to be open: to open myself up to others, and to be thoughtful and patient when they open themselves up to me."

Shannon McCabe '17
Preble Street

McKeen Community Fellow

"This summer at Preble Street working with the Maine Hunger Initiative has been both challenging and fulfilling. I worked directly with clients through the soup kitchen and indirectly through advocacy work and researching best practices to be implemented at the community and state level. I am incredibly grateful for my time at MHI and for all the inspiring, dedicated people that have strengthened my passion for and understanding of solutions to food insecurity."

Max Miao '17
The Nature Conservancy

Logan Environmental Fellow

"Working at TNC this summer has allowed me to see what it would be like working in a global conservation organization full-time. I really enjoyed the variety of projects and field work I participated in and the in-depth conversations I had with experts in the wide field of conservation science and policy. It was a pleasure to work with TNC's dedicated and passionate staff and I felt that even during my short time at TNC I was already making a difference."

Marysol Newton '17
Maine Migrant Health Program

McKeen Community Fellow

"I have had the unique opportunity to gain first hand experience of the daily operations at a Federally Qualified Health Center while becoming better informed of America's domestic health care needs. The staff at Maine Migrant has inspired me with their level of sensitivity for their patients and their passion for providing excellent culturally competent care to migrant workers in Maine."

Ali Ragan '16
Sexual Assault Support Services of Midcoast Maine

Denning Fellow

"To be a part of such inspiring and important work has fueled my passion for sexual violence prevention and advocacy for its survivors. Whether I was completing work in client services, contributing to SASSMM's community outreach efforts, or accompanying any of SASSMM's awesome staff to their educational presentations, each day was a huge learning experience. I am confident that the skills and relationships I formed during my time at SASSMM will serve me well into the future."

Samantha Stalder '17
Maine Audubon

Psi Upsilon Environmental Fellow

"This fellowship with the Least Tern Project opened my eyes to the legal, economic, and environmental aspects that go into protecting an endangered species. I was inspired by my coworkers' dedication to the cause and had so much fun and gained so much experience working alongside them. Not only did I learn an incredible amount about birds, but also how to effectively engage the public sector and communicate with many different types of people."

