

## About the Authors



### Alexander Rose

Alexander Rose is a senior majoring in Environmental Biology. Besides spending a summer in Australia doing field work, he has worked in a frog laboratory on campus involved with studying amphibian disease, and participated in a summer research program at the University of Idaho looking at potential native predators of insect pests on economically important timber tree species. Alexander aims to study forestry in a master's degree program with a focus on disturbance ecology, and then to potentially further specialize in forest entomology.



### Nicole Moody

Nicole Moody will graduate in May 2015 from Tulane University with a Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience and Ecology and Evolutionary Biology. Nicole's interests lie in the broad realm of animal behavior, and she plans to take some time off after graduation to explore different aspects of the field before pursuing graduate studies. After spending the summer doing field research in Australia, Nicole has realized that her passion lies outside with the birds. In addition to her academic pursuits, Nicole likes to spend her free time watching horror movies and hanging out with her dog.



### Stephanie Chen

Stephanie Chen will graduate from Tulane University in May 2015 with an English major (Creative Writing concentration) and Public Health minor. She plans to attend medical school after college and someday work as a medical doctor, medical journalist, and fiction writer. Her interests are varied by tend towards understanding the minutiae of contemporary living and relationships, especially through studies of Theory of Mind, healthcare in urban medically underserved populations, and contemporary poetry. Her poems are published or forthcoming from the *Tulane Review*, *Bayou Magazine*, and *Killer Whale Journal*. She likes black coffee and bad puns.



### Amelia Esenstad

Amelia Esenstad graduated *summa cum laude* from Tulane University in May 2014 with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and minors in Political Science and Spanish. She works as a Program/Research Assistant at the Center for the Study of Social Policy in Washington, DC. There, she provides support to CSSP's child welfare team. Her work includes assisting with the monitoring of child welfare systems operating under federal consent decrees, the getR.E.A.L initiative to improve healthy sexual and gender identity development for youth in the child welfare system, and the expectant and parenting youth program. She has held internships at the Center for American Progress, D.C. Public Schools, and Americans for the Arts.

**Jacob Grodsky**

Jacob Grodsky will graduate from Tulane University in May 2015 with a Bachelor of Science in Anthropology and a minor in Psychology. As one of Tulane's Community Service Scholars, Jacob is extremely passionate about giving back to his community and making a difference in the lives of others. He spends time volunteering each week at Children's Hospital in New Orleans and plans to attend medical school after college. In addition to working as a research assistant in a psychology laboratory on campus, Jacob has worked in a lab at The Research Institute for Children, studying the human fungal pathogen *Cryptococcus neoformans*.