

About the Authors



Sophia Leonard

Sophia Leonard will graduate in May 2015 with a Bachelor of Arts in English and History. She plans to pursue her Master's degree in English literature at Tulane. Sophia is interested in learning as much as she can about Southern literature, religion, and culture. During her time at Tulane, she served in leadership roles as a Building Manager at the Reily Student Recreation Center and an Orientation Team Leader with the Office of Orientation and Parent Programs. Outside of class and work, Sophia enjoys reading, cooking with friends, and exploring the many beautiful and quirky corners of New Orleans!



Jonathan Solomonow

Jonathan Solomonow will graduate in May 2015 with honors from Tulane University with a Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience and a Bachelor in Arts in Jewish Studies. He plans to attend Louisiana State University Health Science Center School of Medicine in the fall. Jonathan has spent over two and a half years as a research assistant studying anxiety behavior in rodents. He also spends his time volunteering in the emergency department at Touro Infirmary and as a Sunday school teacher. Outside of his academic pursuits, Jonathan spends his time ardently following professional basketball and sharpening his cooking skills.



Rachel Herschlag

Rachel Herschlag will be graduating in May 2015 with a Bachelor of Science in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and a minor in Public Health. Her interests include plant science and agriculture, and she has spent the past few summers interning to increase food access in urban areas, as well as conducting botanical research. Rachel will be attending LSU in the fall to pursue a PhD in plant pathology.



Erik Iverson

Erik Iverson is a recent graduate in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology. He interns with the Nature Conservancy, restoring longleaf pine forests, and is spending the summer working with biocontrol agents for invasive species at Jean Lafitte National Park & Preserve. His research interests include sexual selection, invasion ecology, landscape & spatial ecology, and conservation. In the fall, Erik will return to Tulane as a Master's student in Environmental Biology with the Karubian Lab.

**Meredith Cherney**

Meredith Cherney graduated magna cum laude from Tulane University in May 2014 with a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies and Communications. After graduation Meredith accepted a full-time position as an AmeriCorps VISTA in coordination with Tulane University and the Aspen Institute. Through the program she works at the Urban Conservancy to further the organization's mission of promoting wise stewardship of the urban environment. In addition, Meredith has always had a passion for the ocean and has traveled the world SCUBA diving and worked as an instructor.