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ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Camila Domonoske

Camila Domonoske is currently a senior at Davidson College, where she is pursuing a BA in English. In the summer of 2010, she traveled through the Philippines on an independent research project interviewing women's rights activists. In the fall of 2010, she studied British literature in London at London Metropolitan University. In the summer of 2011, she traveled the U.S. by train on a family research project. She is currently working on an honors thesis on ironic poetics in 20th-century American poetry. Her primary research interests are postcolonial theory, irony and satire, and creative nonfiction.

Will Evans

Will Evans is currently a senior at St. Andrew's Sewanee High School in Sewanee, TN. The research presented in this paper was conducted in Belize as part of a tropical ecology class offered by Sewanee: The University of the South. The research was first presented as a poster at the Annual Meeting of the Tennessee Academy of The Sciences in Jackson, TN on October 28, 2011. The poster won honorable mention for the zoology section.

Raisha Kasaju

Raisha Kasaju, born and raised in Kathmandu, Nepal, came to the United States to pursue undergraduate studies at Hollins University, Virginia. One of the valuable additions to her Bachelor's degree in Economics with a Math minor is her senior thesis on Nepal's electricity crisis. Kasaju's first-hand experience of daily sixteen hours of power cuts while she was in Nepal got her to work on this topic. Besides being a finalist for the school's Undergraduate Research Award, Kasaju's work is also one of the few showcased research papers at Hollins. Her intent to draw cooperative attention towards the problem continues, which can also be noticed through her thesis defense at her school, and presentation at James Madison University's MAD-RUSH Undergraduate Research Conference. Kasaju anticipates to be working on similar developmental researches in the near future.

Cecelia Parks

Cecelia Parks is a history and political science double major at Hollins University, where she is a member of the Class of 2014. She is an honor student as well as a member of the varsity riding team. She is the president of the Hollins chapter of STAND: A Student Anti-Genocide Coalition and senator for the Hollins University College Democrats. Cecelia enjoys reading, contra dancing, and Glee. Her areas of academic interest include educational policy, books and literacy, European history, and women's history. She aspires to be a librarian or archivist after attending graduate school.

Alyssa Sellers

Alyssa Sellers is a recent graduate from North Georgia College and State University, where she earned her Bachelors degree in English Literature with minors in Spanish and Business Administration. During her time at NGCSU, Alyssa became a member of the honors societies of Phi Kappa Phi and Sigma Delta Tau and also participated in a research assistantship with English professor Dr. Tanya Bennett. Her academic honors include having received the Siler Award as well as graduating Summa Cum Laude.

Anitra Van Prooyen

I graduated Acadia Christian Academy in New Iberia, Louisiana as valedictorian at the age of 16 but chose not to go to college at that time. Instead I entered a missions program based out of the Sunset International Bible Institute in Lubbock, Texas. I completed the three year program which involved classroom study as well as two years' work as a Bible and English teacher in Eastern Slovakia.

When I returned to the States, I spent some time as an assistant instructor at the Institute. I have also worked as a waitress, postal worker, communication assistant for a relay company, sign language interpreter, customer service representative, and most recently as a computer test analyst. I also have been involved in private tutoring at the University level and have done some acting and stage direction with the local weekend theater. In high school I competed in and won several oratory contests, including the Louisiana State VFW Voice of Democracy Oral Essay Contest. I went on to be a finalist at the national level. I was awarded the National Golden Scroll Student Award by the American Academy of Achievement and I have been on both the UALR Chancellor's and the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Science Dean's lists every semester I have attended UALR. I was recently awarded the Outstanding Student Paper award at the UALR Holocaust Memorial Day Student Symposium, first place in the Humanities division of the UALR Undergraduate Research Expo, and was invited to present my research at the Council for Undergraduate Research's Posters on the Hill event in Washington, D.C.

I am preparing to begin my final semester as an Undergraduate and though my original plan was to teach history at the high school level, I am now considering applying to several recommended Graduate programs.