

## University of Cincinnati 08-09 Graduate Student Fulbright Scholars

### Jillian Weise

PhD, English & Comparative Literature (Poetics)

#### ***Parables from Patagonia: Darwin, the Megarthe and the Legacy of Eugenics***

Already a published poet, Jillian Weise's first book, *An Amputee's Guide to Sex*, was well received by critics, and the same can be expected of the work that will follow as a result of her upcoming Fulbright study in Tierra del Fuego, Argentina. While there she will study at the Universidad de Buenos Aires with Delfina Muschietti, who translated Sylvia Plath's work into Spanish, and complete independent field research in the very place that Darwin began to theorize transmutation. She plans to use Darwin's journals to write futuristic parables on the effects of genetic engineering on a small town. Jillian says that she hopes this poetry will "***invite a conversation between disciplines—biomedical engineering, disability studies, and ethics. Conversations [on the legacy of eugenics] between these fields are necessary and right now, at this time, more necessary than ever before.***" This fall Jillian will begin a tenure-track position as an Assistant Professor in Poetry at Clemson University.

### Mitchell Sipus

MCP Community Planning & MS Architecture

Building on his previous study in Kenyan refugee camps, Mitchell will use his Fulbright to support completion of a one-year Post-Graduate Diploma in Forced Migration and Refugee Studies at the American University of Cairo. He will also work with a local NGO to assist refugees with housing needs. He says, "***Ultimately, I hope to determine how to better construct refugee camps in a manner that identifies the needs and interests of the refugee population while remaining consistent with the imposed demands of international politics.***" Given this delicate balance of politics and human need that often makes refugee populations vulnerable to violence, hunger, and other human rights violations, he believes that there are many unexplored and creative solutions to improve the quality of life for those who call these spaces home. Mitchell intends to continue working and living within refugee settlements throughout Africa, Asia, and the Middle East for the next several years (upon the completion of his Fulbright).

### George Potter

PhD, English & Comparative Literature

Having once directed an adaptation of *Macbeth* with a cast of maximum security prison inmates, it is not surprising to learn that George does not shy away from controversy. His research focus is contemporary drama and film, particularly cross-

cultural representations of the “war on terror.” What better place to study his subject than in Cairo, Egypt? The Fulbright will allow him to live in the city and conduct research on contemporary political theater in Cairo. He looks forward to *“attending shows and other cultural events, conducting archival research on scripts and reviews, and, where possible, meeting artists and scholars.”* Post graduation, George hopes to continue as a professor where he will specialize in global drama and film and/or possibly doing public policy or human rights work.

Daniel Osland  
PhD, Classics

While most 10 year olds are climbing trees and skinning their knees, Daniel was beginning to develop his passion for Roman archeology after his family moved to Portugal and he has never turned back. His research focuses on the Iberian Peninsula A.D. 400 to 700. At that time the Roman Empire was gradually receding from Western Europe. As a result, new powers stepped in to fill the void. This process is particularly evident in Daniel’s case study of Mérida, Spain and other important centers in the current Roman administration. The Fulbright will allow him the time he needs to study Merida’s material remains and artifacts as they become available. In turn Daniel hopes to reconstruct the city plan as evidence of how the city’s physical appearance changed between A.D. 400 and 700. If his successful track record of obtaining funding resources and publishing in the field is any indicator, it will not be surprising to see Daniel achieve his goal of a tenure track faculty position in the field.

Lynne A. Kvapil  
PhD, Classics

Lynne’s research period is the Late Bronze Age of prehistoric Greece (1600-1200 BC). Specifically, she is studying the non-state administered economy at the site of Mycenae in southern Greece. Her Fulbright support will take her back to Mycenae (and Athens) to examine the changing relationship between the urban center and the rural population. Lynne’s focus on the terrace walls surrounding Mycenae (a fortified citadel site) will provide integral information on the nature of this relationship. The opportunity to devote an entire nine months to her research completion, in a rather expensive part of the world, is very much welcomed. Lynne plans to return to defend her dissertation and seek a tenure-track position in Classics.