

About Our Contributors

Melody Allison graduated from Methodist University in 2016 with a degree in Psychology and is now a graduate student at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, pursuing a master's degree in Social Work. Her anticipated graduation date is May 2018, and her professional aspirations include working with the mentally ill.

Lin Baumeister is majoring in History and plans to graduate in May of 2017. Born in Southern California, she has lived in North Carolina for about six years now. Her academic accomplishments include presentations at Longwood University's "Meeting in the Middle" Undergraduate Medieval Conference and at Methodist University's Undergraduate Symposium. She plans to pursue graduate school following graduation.

Hannah Boyles, a junior majoring in both Music Education and percussion performance, will graduate in the spring of 2018. Born in Vale, North Carolina, Hannah is an instructor and player for the Grandfather Mountain Highlanders Pipe Band. At Methodist University, Hannah took her first percussion lessons. She is the principal percussionist of the Fayetteville Symphonic Band as well as the percussion section leader of the Marching Monarchs. Off campus, Hannah has worked with high schools in the area, helping them with musicals and marching bands. She plans eventually to work as an elementary school music teacher while teaching at the North American Academy of Piping and Drumming.

Olivia Bundy graduated from Methodist University with a major in Health Care Administration.

Miguel da Silva Guterres plans to graduate in May of 2017 with a bachelor's degree in Health Care Administration. His professional aspiration is to work as a human resources administrator at a hospital in his homeland, the southeast Asian island nation of Timor-Leste.

Jason Deramo graduated from Methodist University with a bachelor's degree in Political Science in December of 2015. As a senior, he was selected on behalf of Methodist to attend the Student Conference on US Affairs (SCUSA) 67, which was held at the United States Military Academy in West Point, New York. He serves as a staff sergeant in the Headquarters 139th Regiment (CA) and also serves in the North Carolina Army National Guard. A resident of Raeford, North Carolina, Jason currently attends graduate school at the Grace College of Divinity where he is pursuing a master's degree in Christian Leadership.

Thomas Edwards is pursuing a double major in Health Care Administration and Nursing (BS-Nursing to registered nurse), and plans to graduate in August of 2017. He aspires to become a nursing administrator, either with the hospital where he currently works or, because of his love for the military, as a military contractor.

Donnie Fann completed a bachelor's degree in Health Care Administration and graduated from Methodist in December of 2015. A twenty year veteran (retired) in the United States Army and a native of North Carolina, he aims to obtain a master's degree in Health Care Administration. His career aspiration is to develop Veterans' Administration programs that will improve the overall quality of health services to veterans.

Anthony Fish graduated in May of 2016, majoring in Health Care Administration. Although born in Ohio, he considers Fayetteville, North Carolina, his hometown. He plans to pursue a career in the financial operations of health care organizations.

Miranda Jade Friel is the founding editor of the *Monarch Review* and served as the senior student editor of the journal for almost three years. She graduated *summa cum laude* in May of 2016 with a bachelor's degree in English and a minor in Business Administration. Among her academic accomplishments are the presentation of papers at Longwood University's "Meeting in the Middle" Undergraduate Medieval Conference, the State of North Carolina Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium (SNCURCS), and Methodist's Undergraduate Symposium. Currently employed as a professional writing consultant at Methodist's Writing Center, she plans to eventually find her way in the world.

Ben Gold is a senior majoring in Health Care Administration and will graduate in December of 2016. He is currently interning at Robeson Pediatric Clinic in Lumberton, North Carolina, and hopes to continue his career in Washington, DC, after he graduates.

Katlin Harris will graduate in May of 2017 with a major in Music Performance and a minor in History. A native of Fayetteville, Katlin performs regularly on campus as a flute soloist in the Music Department's student recitals, a saxophonist in the Jazz Monarchs, and a piccolo player for the Concert Band and the Marching Monarchs. She was principal flute for the Fayetteville Symphony Youth Orchestra for their spring 2016 season, and she has also been a member of the pit orchestra for Harnett Regional Theatre for the past few years. Her plan is to continue her passion for music in graduate school, pursuing master's degrees in both Music Performance and Musicology.

Berlain (Ronnie) Hatfield is majoring in Health Care Administration with a minor in Health Information Management, and will graduate in May 2017. He aspires to earn a Ph.D. and work in public health policy development or in another capacity in the health care system.

Emilie Ingram graduated from Methodist University in 2016 with a major in Health Care Administration.

Jetnor Kasmi studied Political Science at Methodist, with a concentration in International Relations, and will graduate in December of 2016. Originally from Tirana, Albania, Jetnor attended the United World College in Norway. At Methodist, he co-founded the university's chapter of Amnesty International, worked as a research assistant and a History teaching assistant, and tutored his fellow students in History, Italian, and Spanish. During his senior year, Jetnor pursued his studies in South Korea for a time and later spent three months in China; in both places, he taught English to local residents. He will return to South Korea in February of 2017 to begin graduate studies in either development policies or political science.

Manin Keo graduated from Methodist University in May of 2016, completing a major in Political Science with a concentration in International Relations and a minor in Accounting. Orphaned in Cambodia at a young age, Manin attended the International School of Phnom Penh and went on to graduate from the United World College of the Atlantic. While at Methodist, Manin earned the Political Science Outstanding Student Award from the Department of Government Studies, served in the university's Amnesty International Club, and participated in the Model United Nations. She is currently an intern at the United Nations Foundation. Manin plans to pursue graduate studies in International Relations.

Cheri Molter is majoring in English, History, and Writing, with minors in religion and women's studies, and will graduate from Methodist University in the spring of 2017. She has been recognized for academic excellence by membership in several honor societies. The student editor of both the 2016 and 2017 issues of *Tapestry*, Methodist's journal of creative writing, Cheri is also the current senior student editor of the *Monarch Review*. Her writing has appeared in the *Monarch Review* and *Tapestry*, and she has had a scholarly research paper published in *Aletheia: The Alpha Chi Journal of Undergraduate Scholarship* and a poem published in *Kakalak 2016*. Employed as a student writing consultant at the Writing Center at Methodist, Cheri is happily married with one son and two daughters, and lives in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Edith Olivarez earned a bachelor's degree in Health Care Administration and graduated in 2016.

Aaron O'Neil will graduate in December of 2016 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Care Administration. He plans to pursue a graduate degree in the field of health care administration.

Loreto Oreckinto was born in Chile, lived in Canada for much of her childhood, and moved to the United States at the age of sixteen. Having to move from one country to another has inspired her to paint what she cherishes most—her family. Loreto earned a bachelor's degree in Arts with a concentration in Painting from Methodist University in 2015. While at Methodist, she received the Anthony J. Delapa Art Achievement Award and the Lois Ferrari Memorial Art Scholarship.

Stacy Pifer spent her early years in Lawton, Oklahoma, with her parents and four siblings. After receiving an Associate of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education, Stacy earned her bachelor's degree in English from Methodist University in 2016 while her husband, a soldier in the U.S. Army, was stationed at Fort Bragg. Blessed with a young daughter, she loves to hunt and fish with her family, and also enjoys reading and writing in her leisure time.

Tracy Raupp is graduating in December of 2016 with a double major in Business Administration and Management, a double minor in Marketing and Organizational Communication & Leadership, and an associate's degree in Leadership & Management. Among her accomplishments at Methodist are completion of the Leadership Fellows program, enrollment on the Dean's List, and membership in the National Leadership Society, the Veterans Honor Society, and the National Society of Leadership and Success. She is currently composing two books and compiling two photography books for future publication. With a range of interests as diverse as cosmogony and cognitive science, Tracey aims to gain insight into the business world, pursue a career in the aerospace industry, and eventually start her own company.

Jorge Luis Rivera graduated in May of 2016 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design. He has been recognized for academic excellence in several academic societies, and his black and white print, *Ants Go Marchin'*, is featured on the cover of volume three of the *Monarch Review*. Jorge's artworks are a reflection of his curiosity to learn more about the mediums he is using while remaining focused on developing his digital and traditional art. Jorge plans to advance his education in art by attending a graduate program outside North Carolina.

Kartik Sharma majored in Health Care Administration and graduated in May of 2016. He plans to pursue a career in hospital management.

Volha Sviarkaltsava graduated in May of 2016, having majored in Psychology with a concentration in counseling and clinical psychology, and minored in Accounting and Business Administration. A native of Minsk, Belarus, she attended the United World College—Mahindra College before matriculating at Methodist. At Methodist, she received the Shelby Davis Academic Scholarship, was inducted into the Psi Chi International Psychology Honor Society and the Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society, and graduated *magna cum laude*. She plans to pursue a graduate degree in psychology.

Heather Swenson expects to graduate in December 2016, completing a major in Art with a concentration in Painting, and a minor in Biology.