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Joanna Rozpedowski Receives Fulbright Award

Ms. Joanna Rozpedowski of the University of South Florida has been awarded a Fulbright Study Grant to study law at the University of Liverpool School of Law in Liverpool, England. Joanna is one of only 46 students to study in the United Kingdom under the Fulbright program this year.

Joanna will study for an LLM degree in International Human Rights Law under the mentorship of Professor Gaetano Pentassuglia. She received her master’s and bachelor’s degree in Philosophy and Political Science from USF. Originally from Poland (but considering New York City her hometown), Joanna has studied political philosophy at Fordham University and international law in Italy at the European University Institute and in the Czech Republic at the Center for Public Policy and participated in an NBC News/CNBC internship at the 2012 Republican National Convention. She is fluent in Polish and English.

As a Ph.D. student, Joanna represents the Graduate School, where her academic achievements have been noted inside and outside of the classroom. She has been an instructor for courses such as Introduction to Political Theory and Introduction to International Relations and a teaching and research assistant in the Department of Government and International Affairs and has been involved with the Citizenship Initiative Research Center led by Dr. David Jacobson. She is a USF Doctoral Student Leadership Institute Fellow assigned to USF World leadership-enhancing projects. Her research has been published in openDemocracy and Critique and her book review of Cosmopolitanism and International Relations Theory by Richard Beardsworth has appeared in the recent spring issue of Political Studies Review. Her book chapter on cosmopolitan jurisprudence for Ethics, Human Rights and Global Political Thought Routledge book series and an encyclopedia entry for the Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Political Thought are forthcoming.

In addition to her nomination for the summer internship at the United States Department of State, Joanna has been active in presenting her research at the Political Science Association (Midwest), the Florida Political Science Association Annual Meeting, the US-Japan Society for the Promotion of Science annual meeting, the International Studies Association (South, South-East and North-East) and the Illinois State University Conference where she has been awarded the International Studies Association John Winkates Graduate Student Paper Award and the Pi Sigma Alpha Award Best Graduate Paper Award, respectively. She has published book chapter translations, edited newsletters, journals and blogs and has been invited to guest lecture on topics as diverse as environmental policy, political sociology of
citizenship, modern political thought, and international law. Joanna is Vice-President of the Graduate Association for Political Science and was President and Founder of the Political Science Graduate Student Organization and is an active member of several university committees.

Upon her return to the United States, Joanna will use the one-year LLM to successfully complete her doctoral work at USF. The acquisition of the terminal LLM degree will allow her to achieve curricular interdisciplinarity and teach, in addition to political theory and international relations courses, university-level courses in international human rights law and diversify her academic research competences. The proposed project of study will undoubtedly generate an inter-continental discussion on the normative dimension of law and politics and encourage reflection on the impact and purpose of supranational courts and their growing relevance in international relations.

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