

# about the authors

## Emily Sanchez

Emily Sanchez is a rising senior at Princeton University from Clifton, NJ. She is pursuing a concentration in History and certificates in Latinx Studies and Latin American Studies. She is interested in researching the relationship between the development of Latino identities in urban spaces and the context of the Civil Rights Movement and urban decline in the 1960s and 1970s. Emily is currently studying the development of Peruvian identity in the city of Paterson, NJ from 1960 to 1980.

## Jordi Amaral

Jordi is a George Washington University undergraduate double majoring in International Affairs and Latin American studies, with a concentration in International Development and a minor in Spanish. His interests include politics, migration, human rights, conflict and security, economics, and the hispano-lusophonic world, and he hopes to leverage his studies in order to gain a holistic grasp of migration's contexts and causes. He currently works with the Latin America Initiative at the Migration Policy Institute (MPI), and has previously worked with the Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA), United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), and the Central American Resource Center (CARECEN DC). All views expressed here are his own, and not those of any current or former employers.

## Ian Rice

Ian graduated in 2020 from Pacific Lutheran University with a B.A. in Hispanic Studies and Global Studies (Transnationalism emphasis). As a student, Ian studied away multiple times, including a semester at Oxford University researching forced migration and a semester in Oaxaca, Mexico studying Indigenous literature and anthropology. In Oaxaca, he interned with SiKanda, a non-profit focusing on community empowerment and sustainable development. Ian hopes to volunteer or work internationally, and is interested in pursuing graduate research on migration, borders, materiality, and green colonialism.

## Paige Skaff

Paige is a rising senior at Otterbein University majoring in Sociology and Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies (WGSS) with minors in Political Science and Race and Ethnic Studies (RES). She is interested in the exploitation of the human body at the intersections of identity, especially as it pertains to the history of colonization and economic exploitation. Her work on forced sterilization and birth control testing in Puerto Rico was presented at Rollins College's 2021 Latin American and Latinx Studies Symposium. She is hoping to continue her studies on this topic by interning in Puerto Rico at a politically affiliated women's rights and survivor support organization, applying her trauma informed training certification from the Sexual Assault Resource Network of Central Ohio (SARNCO). She is trained and practices in peer counseling and non-mandatory reporter trauma response at Otterbein's Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Resource Center. Before graduating in December 2021, Paige will have completed an undergraduate thesis that examines the phenomenon of sexual violence from a global perspective, through an intersectional lens of Critical Animal Studies, WGSS, and Psychoanalysis.

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## Kevin Ramsey

Kevin Ramsey is in the final year of his B.A. History degree at The George Washington University. Originally a member of the Class of 2013 at GW, he left school and ended up finding a calling for hospitality. After five years of managing restaurants and business operations in the Washington, D.C. area, he decided to return to GW and complete his degree. He currently works at the American Hotel & Lodging Association, where he has combined his passion for hospitality with his business acumen and knowledge of public affairs. He lives in Washington, D.C. with his wife, dog, and two cats.

## Felipe Deidan

Felipe Deidan, a rising senior at The George Washington University from Quito, Ecuador, is majoring in International Affairs with concentrations in Latin America and a minor in Economics. He has actively worked on several initiatives in the region, including social and development projects for indigenous groups through the Fundación Simon Bolivar in Quito. Furthermore, Felipe has interned at several Latin American organizations including the Washington Office on Latin America (WOLA), the Wilson Center's Mexico Institute, and the Citizens' Climate Lobby Hispanic Outreach branch. As a native of Ecuador, he focuses on a people-first development approach and structured distributive leadership models influenced by marginalized communities. He hopes to promote social responsiveness through policy advocacy in Latin America.

## Andrea Newman-Rivera

Andrea is a rising senior at Johns Hopkins University pursuing a B.S/B.A degree in Molecular and Cellular Biology and Public Health Studies. Born to a Puerto Rican mother and Pennsylvanian father in Corozal, Puerto Rico — while residing in Ames, Iowa for both her elementary and middle school years in between — she has had the privilege of experiencing a bicultural upbringing. Andrea's interests include understanding the root causes of education and health disparities as they pertain to United States and, more specifically, Puerto Rico. Following her studies, she intends to return to Puerto Rico as a physician-scientist and mentor to serve her community in Corozal and other rural municipalities on the Island.