

Western Pennsylvania Conservancy Summer 2015 Interns



Dylan Deglau

Watershed Intern, WPC Indiana

I am twenty - one years old. I was born and raised in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, and I am currently a junior at Saint Vincent College studying Environmental Science. My passion for the environment started while I was in high school. I was involved in many different activities, mainly focusing on watershed conservation. In my free time, I will still be found along a stream bank fly fishing and exploring new stream sites. My drive to find opportunities to expand my horizons in this field has led me to my current position here at Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.



Lydia Ginter

Reinhold Family Preservation Intern, Fallingwater

I am a twenty - year - old architecture student at University of Maryland College Park and I hope to complete dual Masters degrees in Historic Preservation and Architecture in the future. For the past three summers, I have operated a landscaping/home repair business

and I am excited to be spending this summer using my skills to help preserve Fallingwater. In my spare time, I co - manage the fan Tumblr for author Gail Carriger, manage all social media aspects of the UMD Probing Club, and write novels. I am also an avid lover of cats and all things space.



Nathan Gowen

Katherine Mabis McKenna Foundation Landscape Intern, Fallingwater

I am twenty - one years old and from Buffalo, New York, and a sophomore at Cornell University studying Landscape Architecture with a horticulture minor. I began college at Rutgers University studying engineering on a lacrosse scholarship, but after fracturing my back during the spring season and spinal surgery that summer , I took a year off and interned with the landscape architects and archivist at Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy. The following summer I continued at the Olmsted - designed Riverside Park, where I was in charge of maintenance of the newly restored River Rock Gardens. This experience, as well as previous work for florists and landscape contractors, and my lifetime exposure to landscape architecture through my father's practice, prompted my interest and transfer to Cornell. I cannot wait to spend my summer working at Fallingwater and the beautiful landscape that surrounds it. Outside of school, my interests include hiking, sports, fitness, and eating good food.



Lauren Johnson

Robert and Harriet Kirkpatrick Education Intern, Fallingwater

I am currently a graduate student in Applied Archaeology at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, finishing my thesis this summer. My undergraduate major at Mount Holyoke College was Biology, focusing in botany, with a minor in Art History, focusing on modern architecture. I worked for several years at the Saint Louis Science Center and then at a family - owned children's museum in St. Louis. I enjoy teaching in an informal setting and am looking forward to working with the visitors at Fallingwater. I hope to gain more experience working with all audiences in a new setting that combines many of my interests.



Jessie Kisling

Pastry Intern, Fallingwater

I am currently a baking and pastry student double majoring in dietetics at Westmoreland County Community College. Originally from Branson, Missouri, I am the first person in my

family to attend college. I received ServSafe Certification in November of 2014, am currently a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, on the Dean's List, and achieved my Associate of Arts Degree from Ozarks Technical Community College in May of 2013. When not in the kitchen I enjoy painting, reading, and running. I am dedicated to learning as much as I can while in school and look forward to always learning the new techniques of the culinary industry.



Alexandra Salyers

Museum Store Web Photography Intern, Fallingwater

I am an upcoming senior at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, graduating in 2016 with a major in studio art and a minor in art history. I live in Mill Run, Pennsylvania, and am a teaching assistant for a freshman 3D art class. I love to explore three dimensional and functional forms through wood and other media. I am also an active member of the American Association of Woodturners. I'll spend the first part of my senior year in college as the graphic designer for the school run newspaper, The Penn , and plan to move after graduation to explore the field of graphic design. I am very excited to be a part of the team at Fallingwater.



Katie Swingly

Judy Cheteyan Collections Intern
Fallingwater

I am from a small town outside of Rochester, New York. I graduated with a B.A. in History in 2014 from St. John Fisher College. I am currently pursuing an M.S. in Library and Information Science at Syracuse University, where I work in the archives. I've had the opportunity to work in a lot of interesting places in the Rochester area, and I am excited about working in a new state. In my free time, I like exploring parks, reading, and traveling. I am looking forward to working with all of you!



Hakeem Wilson

Katherine Mabis McKenna Foundation Landscape Intern
Fallingwater

I am twenty years old and from Westminster, Maryland. Currently, I am a sophomore at Philadelphia University majoring in Landscape Architecture. In my time at Philadelphia University, I have developed an interest in architectural design and hope to obtain a minor in it. With landscape architecture I want to focus on urban design to become the connection between the built and natural environment because I believe nature can evoke social

change through its visual diversity and resilience. With this opportunity to come to Fallingwater, I hope to learn different strategies in which I can achieve that goal. However, when I am not submerged studio work I love to be active through sports, music, and having a good time.



Brooks Robinson, III

Land Conservation and Stewardship Intern, WPC Pittsburgh

A sophomore at The University of the South in Sewanee, TN majoring in natural resources, Brooks has a passion for protecting natural resources and the environment, and recently completed course work in forestry and geology. Brooks worked closely with WPC's land protection staff to understand how land trusts operate and get hands-on experience with land protection projects and activities. During his internship, he audited project files for accreditation requirements, conducted property field visits, completed trail maintenance with the stewardship staff, and compared and evaluated various conservation tools for protecting forests. During his junior year, he plans to take more advanced level forestry and environmental science courses to hone his skills in conservation. Brooks is a member of the university's men's lacrosse team, ice hockey club and Sigma Nu fraternity.