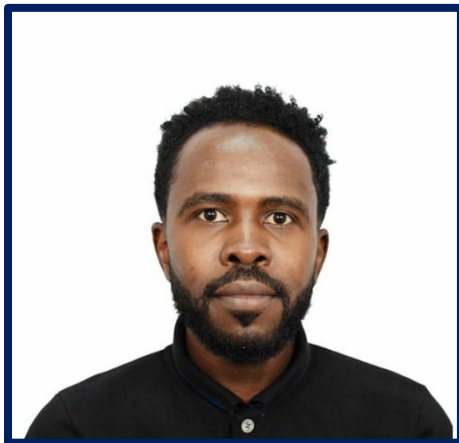


Spring 2023

## SPS Academic & Professional Development Grant Recipients

**The SPS Office of Student Support is pleased to announce its Spring 2023 Academic and Professional Development Grant Recipients.**

Previously recognized as the Global Impact Award, the grant is intended to support students in pursuing tailored, hands-on learning experiences aligned with their academic programs that include, but are not limited to: graduate research, capstone projects, and experiential learning/professional development opportunities.



**Yousif Adam**

*Sustainability Management*

Yousif Adam will be completing a PRé Sustainability practical training program on SimaPro, a popular software that performs Life Cycle Assessment (LCA). Yousif's goal is to use his learnings from the training to finalize a research project he is working on regarding a wastewater treatment plant in Egypt, where he is investigating the applicability of the LCA approach to assess the environmental implications associated with a wastewater treatment plant in an arid environment.



**Carly Besser**

*Narrative Medicine*

Carly Besser is making a short film exploring various topics she has been drawn to in the Narrative Medicine program particularly around dementia, illness, dying, and end of life care. She plans to lean on narrative ethics skills in the filmmaking process and incorporate elements of humor and drama in the story. This opportunity will support Carly's goal of writing and producing a creative project that intersects her academic and professional interests in film, media, health, and storytelling.



**Priyata Bhatta**  
*Sustainability Management*

Priyata Bhatta will be pursuing the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Associates certification, which provides essential tools and knowledge to look at sustainability holistically while decreasing the carbon footprint of the built environment and promoting energy efficiency. This certification will equip Priyata with the necessary knowledge of sustainable building practices while connecting her with an international network of sustainability advocates. With the help of this certification, she will be a better fit in providing consulting services in the green building construction and operational integration field in the future.



**JaVe Bonner**  
*Narrative Medicine*

JaVe Bonner will be attending the Xavier University of Louisiana (XULA) 16th Health Disparities Conference in New Orleans, LA, where she will be presenting a poster, titled, GeneHouse: Where Family Health History and Future Care Connect. With a desire to improve health outcomes in Black communities around the world, JaVe combined her passion for family health history and improving social justice to create GeneHouse Inc., a mobile app meant to empower people to take control of their health through the connection of family health history and personalized care. JaVe is excited to share her developments and learn from leaders in the field of precision medicine.



**Christopher Brown**  
*Sports Management*

Christopher Brown will be attending a weeklong executive education program at the Real Madrid Graduate School, Universidad Europea. This exchange program will provide an immersive experience in the business of international soccer with one of the most storied and iconic clubs in the world. As a student from the United States who wishes to live and work in the sports business in Europe, Christopher will use this opportunity to make connections with leading professionals and actively pursue career opportunities in the field.



**Eric Cyphers**  
*Bioethics*

Eric Cyphers will be attending the European Conference on Interventional Oncology (ECIO) where he will be presenting his research that seeks to improve the ethical treatment of vulnerable cancer patients near the end of life. Eric's research, Futility in Interventional Oncology, will be the first known presentation at ECIO regarding bioethical standards. Inspired by his clinical ethics courses at Columbia, Eric focused his research on two important clinical bioethical topics in interventional oncology (IO): futility and goals of care. Eric aspires to begin a fulfilling life and career that fuses IO with bioethics and serves to elevate patient care for this vulnerable population.



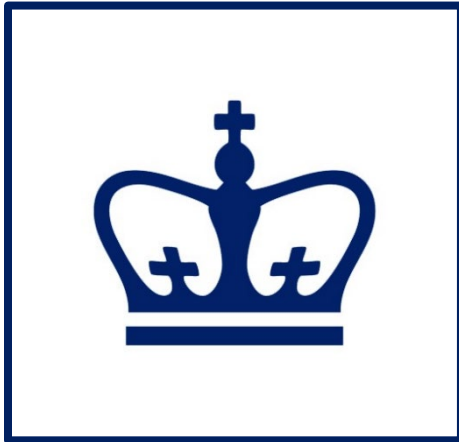
**Hedyeh Elahinia**  
*Narrative Medicine*

Hedyeh Elahinia will be attending a Risograph workshop at the School for Visual Arts (SVA) RisoLab taught by the RisoLab's founder, Panayiotis Terzis, titled, "Zines and Small Publishing". Her goal is to use the Risograph medium to convey visual narrative, techniques which will directly enrich her summer capstone project and creative research in narrative and graphic medicine.



**Yamuna Krishna**  
*Human Capital Management*

Yamuna Krishna will be pursuing the Society for Human Resource Management Certified Professional (SHRM-CP) credential, with the goal of implementing positive change in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) initiatives as an HR practitioner. Yamuna is passionate about identifying innovative approaches and improved solutions to business challenges and believes that fresh perspectives and new techniques allow businesses to evolve. With this credential, Yamuna hopes to deepen her knowledge in the field of human resources in order to contribute positively as it relates to diversity, healthy workplace culture and overall efficiency in the best interest of employees.



**Madhumitha Sriram**

*Applied Analytics*

Madhumitha Sriram will be attending the Effective Altruism Global conference in Oakland, CA. Madhumitha is currently working on an initiative with Conjecture and the Centre for Governance of AI on a lecture series to host at an institute in India and hopes that this conference will allow her to connect with AI safety researchers who will be able to provide technical expertise. Her goal is to play a part in changing the status quo regarding AI safety, where the rapid benefits of AI development often outweigh the immediate potential risks, leading to a lack of incentive to prioritize long term safety.