non-partisan journalism as well as use new technologies to deliver more open and educated media to the Congo. Samba Bouesso endeavors to introduce to Congo a style of journalism that is unbiased and dynamic.

Mr. Murat Shukurov – Turkmenistan – (muratsh@vt.edu): Shukurov is a freelance consultant who works with international and national non-governmental organizations, institutions, and companies on medical, health and safety issues. In his most recent role, Shukurov conducted research on medical health insurance issues, laws and state policies in the healthcare sector. He served as a consultant on various health-related issues and facilitated meetings on social, medical and educational issues. Shukurov will perform coursework at Tulane University in Public Health Policy and Management. He hopes to obtain knowledge about the practices of efficient and effective non-governmental organizations working in public health management, including different types of fundraising techniques. Shukurov strives to strengthen the role of non-governmental organizations in public health sectors through training activities and media resources.

Ms. Magdeld Smith – South Africa – (magdeld@vt.edu): Smith is a medical-social researcher for the University of the Free State, South Africa. She is an advocate for efforts to improve the conditions of people with disabilities, specifically those with Disabling Hearing Impairment (DHI). The founder of Voices of Change: Transformation for People with Disabilities Project, Smith has created a public forum for the discussion of disability-related issues. She will perform coursework at the University of Minnesota, Humphrey Institute, in Public Health Policy and Management. Concerned to address problems associated with measuring the economic cost of DHI, Smith seeks to compare the cost-effectiveness of different forms of rehabilitation. The ultimate aim of her project is to design rehabilitation programs and economic cost measures of three communication methods for people with DHI, including sign language, hearing aids, and cochlear implants.

Ms. Madeleine Sialou – Cote D’Ivoire – (smade12@vt.edu): Sialou is the Assistant Manager of Continuing Education in Arts and Culture at the Ministere de la Culture et de la Francophonie. She is responsible for providing continuing education opportunities, with the aim of strengthening the quality of cultural and artistic activities and services. She is a specialist in archival techniques and knowledge, records management, resource management, and information sciences. Sialou is concerned with the modernization and standardization of library practices, including both theoretical and practical aspects. Sialou will perform coursework at Syracuse University in Human Resource Management. She intends to implement innovations in library practices with the objective of bringing library administration management methods in line with international library management standards.

Dr. Arolid Simpreux – Haiti – (arolid5@vt.edu): Simpreux is a medical doctor working for the Ministry of Health. He is concerned with the impact of sexually transmitted diseases on the welfare of youth living in underprivileged communities affected by migration, family dislocation and insufficient sexual education programs. Simpreux is responsible for providing healthcare to communities lacking in material resources and infrastructure. He will complete his fellowship at Johns Hopkins University in HIV/AIDS Police and Prevention through courses emphasizing policy development and the implementation of small-scale healthcare units in remote areas. Simpreux seeks to interact with colleagues who have expertise in providing healthcare to remote communities in developing countries. He intends to contribute to healthcare programs and health information systems focusing on prevention and education.

Mr. Mustafa Uckuyu – Turkey – (mustafa@vt.edu): Uckuyu is a senior administrative inspector for the Ministry of Interior. He is part of a committee leading investigations, such as honor killings and political assassinations, and inspections on various government branches. Uckuyu investigates complaints and allegations about law enforcement officials, mayors and governors, and coordinates international projects on behalf of the Ministry of Interior. His responsibilities also involve the evaluation of violations of human rights and gender equality issues. Uckuyu will perform coursework at the University of Minnesota in Law and Human Rights, where he intends to learn about the U.S. judicial system and the practices of U.S. law enforcement agencies. Uckuyu aspires to transfer and adapt his knowledge to local conditions with the objective of transforming the Turkish judicial and legislative systems and preventing corruption in the political system.

Mr. Mohamed Yunus – Burma (Myanmar) – (myunus@vt.edu): Yunus is a community leader for Rohingya, an ethnic minority group, an English language teacher for the English Access program, and director of the Smile Educational Organization. He also manages six madrassas (Islamic religious schools). In this latter role, he develops and coordinates trainings on civic education, peace education, business ethics, and environmental education. Yunus will perform coursework at the University in Educational Administration, Planning and Policy. He intends to develop his administrative skills through exposure to pedagogical theory and curriculum design. In order to complement his education with a practical training component, Yunus hopes to observe and participate in U.S. Muslim schools that combine religious elements with secular, non-extremist viewpoints and lessons. His objective is to revamp and mitigate extremist elements of madrassa curricula in Rohingya schools.

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Mr. Ali Abbas Al Naseri – Iraq – (anaseri@vt.edu): Al Naseri is a public lawyer working in the Legal Department of the State Company of Iraqi Ports at the Ministry of Transport. He is responsible for advising, investigating, prosecuting and offering legal opinions on domestic and international maritime law. As the only state employee with a credentialed specialization in international maritime law, Al Naseri has developed a robust knowledge base, including the new Iraq Shipping Act. He has also drafted and reviewed a large number of public contracts. He regularly represents Iraq at international maritime legal conferences. Al Naseri will conduct coursework at American University where he will focus on Law and Human Rights. He aspires to gain a broader appreciation for how legal concepts evolve into and from public policy considerations.

Ms. Johanna De Los Angeles Castillo Coronado – Panama – (johadc2@vt.edu): Castillo Coronado is a tax lawyer working in the office of International Taxation and Information Exchange in Panama’s Internal Revenue Service. As the head of the legal department, Castillo Coronado works closely with lawyers, accountants, and government agencies to implement agreements with other countries to combat tax evasion. Her duties include issuing sanctions related to tax evasion, responding to queries and providing information to the national and regional offices in Panama. Castillo Coronado will perform coursework at Michigan State University in Public Policy Analysis and Public Administration, with the objective of expanding her knowledge of international taxation policies and procedures. She intends to complement the academic component of her Fellowship by participating in seminars and conferences organized by the International Fiscal Association.

Mr. Ali Abbas Al Naseri – Iraq – (anaseri@vt.edu): Al Naseri is a public lawyer working in the Legal Department of the State Company of Iraqi Ports at the Ministry of Transport. He is responsible for advising, investigating, prosecuting and offering legal opinions on domestic and international maritime law. As the only state employee with a credentialed specialization in international maritime law, Al Naseri has developed a robust knowledge base, including the new Iraq Shipping Act. He has also drafted and reviewed a large number of public contracts. He regularly represents Iraq at international maritime legal conferences. Al Naseri will conduct coursework at American University where he will focus on Law and Human Rights. He aspires to gain a broader appreciation for how legal concepts evolve into and from public policy considerations.

Ms. Lucileye Danciguér – Brazil – (lucile6@vt.edu): Danciguér is the founder of the Group of Interdisciplinary Application to Learning (GAIA). This non-governmental organization is dedicated to projects that promote sustainable development, social inclusion, and collective solutions for socio-environmental challenges. GAIA develops and carries out public and private social investment policies with a focus on socio-environmental accountability. The objective of GAIA is to promote the development of communities close to large public and private economic enterprises.

Danciguér is responsible for strategy building and project guidance in complex contexts, involving a variety of interest groups and partners. She will conduct coursework at Cornell University in Natural Resources, Environmental Policy, and Climate Change. During her Fellowship, Danciguér plans to work with national and international agencies that promote local and regional sustainable development.

Mr. Henri Claude Desormes – Haiti – (henrid3@vt.edu): Desormes is an agronomist and agricultural sector coordinator for Actions for Local Development (ADEL). In this capacity, Desormes interacts with many international institutions financing development in Haiti for the benefit of rural communities. Desormes initiates and maintains strategic partnerships with non-governmental organizations, public and private sector entities, and donors associated with agricultural development, food security, social and rural development and risk management. He will perform coursework at Cornell University in Agriculture and Rural Development in order to expand his knowledge of public office management and agricultural policy implementation. Desormes aspires to develop his own non-profit organization in order to promote activities and projects linked to environmental protection and agricultural production sectors.

Ms. Darys Julie Jimenez – Venezuela – (daryj80@vt.edu): Jimenez is a political scientist for the Government Department of the State of Lara. Her duties include the analysis of security policies and financial analysis of government programs. Jimenez is also responsible for preparing statistical records based on crimes committed in the state of Lara. She will perform coursework at Syracuse University in Public Policy Analysis and Public Administration, and has the intention to complement her coursework by interacting with representatives from various political and public offices. Jimenez hopes to contribute to the welfare and progress of Venezuela through the implementation of new policies aimed at strengthening democracy. She aspires to satisfy the needs of her country through the concerted action of various sectors with the aim of ensuring public safety.

Mr. Jean Pierre Aristote Nziragutinya – Rwanda – (jeanpie@vt.edu): Nziragutinya is a lawyer, human rights activist, and a bills and policy researcher for the Rwanda Parliament. His duties include providing research support to the Bureau of the Chamber of Deputies, Committees, Members of Parliament, and Senior Officials. Nziragutinya is responsible for analyzing government policies and assessing their viability. Nziragutinya has represented the Rwanda Parliament and the Chamber of Deputies in technical and strategic meetings on legislation and media policy issues. Nziragutinya will perform coursework at American University in Law and Human Rights, focusing on methods and techniques of legislative research, judicial terminologies, legal drafting, and legal translation. Nziragutinya aspires to gain knowledge on the U.S. legislative process, from sponsorship to approval.

Mr. Borgia Miguel Samba Bouesso – Congo (Brazzaville) – (borgia12@vt.edu): Samba Bouesso is a journalist for the national television of Congo. He conducts research and information for television programs, hosted personally or by others. Some of these programs are of interview format in which Samba Bouesso engages in dialogue with political authorities, experts from diplomatic missions, artists, and members of civil society. He will perform coursework at Arizona State University in Communications and Journalism, focusing on investigative journalism, information analysis, and live broadcast techniques. He hopes to learn how to perform rigorous investigative,