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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. — Illinois Wesleyan University has announced the 2019 recipients of the [Robert S. and Nell B. Eckley Scholars and Artists Program](#) fellowships. Established by President Emeritus and Mrs. Robert S. Eckley, the recognition provides a stipend of \$4,000 for each scholar to spend the summer on campus conducting scholarly research or artistic activity under the mentorship of a faculty member. The program is designed to develop and deepen a student's creative and research competencies.

Students selected for the fellowship, their projects, and their faculty sponsors are:

Student: Kayley Rettberg '20 (Carol Stream, Ill.)

Project: "Criminal Record Expungement Policy and its Consequences"

Sponsor: Greg Shaw, Professor and Chair of Political Science

Student: Adam Cady '20 (Rock Island, Ill.)

Project: "Redressing the Tragedy: The Place of Otho the Great in John Keats's Letters"

Sponsor: Michael Theune, Professor of English and Writing Program Director

Student: Leah Bieniak '21 (Saint Charles, Ill.)

Project: "Determining Species Abundance and Habitat Preferences of Breeding Birds in Bloomington/Normal, Illinois"

Sponsor: Given Harper, George C. and Ella Beach Lewis Endowed Professor of Biology

Student: Henryken (Minzhao) Liu '21 (Dalian, China)

Project: "Quantum State Separation and Demonstration of High-Dimensional Entanglement"

Sponsor: Gabe Spalding, B. Charles and Joyce Eichhorn Ames Professor of Physics

Student: Julia Chen '21 (Ocala, FL.)

Project: "Unlocking the Secrets of Two New Viruses With a Unique Type of Blueprints"

Sponsor: Richard Alvey, Assistant Professor of Biology