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PLACE Student Fellows are selected through a competitive application process each spring to serve in the following academic year. The Student Fellows work closely with the director, assistant director, and PLACE Faculty Fellows to organize events and learning experiences on campus. They generate ideas and publicity for PLACE, function as ambassadors for PLACE, and also organize their own events once or twice each year.

Amelia Warnock is a sophomore Political Science major. From Pahoehoe Hawai'i, she hopes to graduate Linfield a year early. After Linfield, she plans to attend law school, focusing on criminal law. Her hobbies include reading fantasy and historical fiction novels, swimming, and hiking. Amelia is the sustainability and community outreach liaison for PLACE and she hopes to encourage individuals to recognize the power they have to make a change in this rapidly changing world.

Benjamin Bartu is a senior Political Science / Creative Writing double-major. Born in Sydney, Australia, he moved to California at ten and set foot on Linfield campus at seventeen. Since then, he has been heavily involved at Linfield, working in both the Writing Center, and for PLACE director Pat Cottrell. He has a passion for poetry and theatre, and has acted in seven plays to date at Linfield College. When he isn't being a student, Ben enjoys deconstructing himself, introspecting without personal growth, and refining his many poor, poor impressions (See: Annie Hall, Manchester by the Sea). Ben Bartu hopes to work with his awesome fellow PLACE members to help integrate the program into Linfield's core curriculum. By the end of the year, he would like to be able to look back and find that some of the contributions he and his co-workers made changed the program and—with luck—the College for the better.

Chase Stowell is a senior Political Science major, History minor. From a small, conservative town in Oregon, Chase enjoys trying to understand every side of every argument. He hopes to take this passion into politics in the near future. Chase helped Professor Nick Buccola with his book on the debate between “the radical and the conservative” and hopes to bring similarly intriguing debates to the PLACE program as a Fellow this year.

Jeffrey Lee is a senior studying Biology with a minor in English Literature. With aspirations of going into the medical field, Jeff left the sunny California Bay Area for McMinnville three years ago, and hasn't looked back! To keep his mind off Oregon's perpetual rain, Jeff stays busy with his classes and extracurricular activities on campus such as Residence Life and student research. You may

catch a glimpse of him in scantily clad shorts from time to time, running for Linfield's Cross Country and Track team. As a PLACE Fellow, Jeff hopes to find better methods to engage students, especially STEM majors, with this year's theme!

Maddie Brunkhart is a sophomore International Business major and French minor from Missoula, Montana. When she's not re-reading *Harry Potter* or watching *The Office*, she's catching up on current events and forming strong opinions about everything from healthcare reform to the latest Snapchat update. After studying and living abroad, she hopes to pursue a career in politics. She is excited to share her enthusiasm for PLACE by making the program even more engaging and accessible for the Linfield community.