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Julia Biango Receives Fulbright Award

The U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board are pleased to announce that Julia Biango of Columbia University has received a Fulbright U.S. Student Program award to South Africa in sub-Saharan development policy research. Biango will support the teaching of English at the University of Pretoria as part of a project to investigate educational and community development efforts in the country.

Biango is one of over 2,100 U.S. citizens who will conduct research, teach English, and provide expertise abroad for the 2019-2020 academic year through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program. Recipients of Fulbright awards are selected on the basis of academic and professional achievement, as well as their record of service and leadership potential in their respective fields.

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