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Stanley A. Hamel Traveling Scholarship 2015

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Stephanie Kuhn is the second recipient of the Stanley A. Hamel Traveling Fellowship. Stephanie graduated from UNH in May 2015, with a double major in Women's Studies and Communication, and a minor in Race & Ethnic Studies. She traveled to the United Kingdom for 6 weeks to investigate women's political participation in British Parliament and draw connections between UK and American women's political activities.



Stephanie Kuhn '15 in London

The fellowship, established in 2013 and funded by an endowment from Stanley A. Hamel through the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, provides **\$3800 for travel in Europe to observe and absorb the culture that influenced the history of the United States**. It is open to UNH graduating seniors and recent (within five years) graduates. For more information and this year's deadline, please visit the CIE scholarships page (</global/scholarships-fellowships>).

“One of the best and most fascinating experiences I had while over in England was being able to witness a live debate in the House of Commons. It was politics unlike I had ever seen before, mostly because the Members of Parliament and their constituencies interacted in a way that was rambunctious and even fun (I was laughing out loud for many parts of it!). It was amazing to see how accessible the debates were and that it was easy to get a free ticket and go into the building for the debates, which happen every day during the week. I was impressed by how honest and assertive both the men and women were in that space, and that many women were leaders of those debates. Many of the comments sounded harsh and abrasive, yet comical, because of how the members were

unrestrained in how they could call people out. I was able to see them debate about social support issues (such as daycare opportunities for new parents, work rehabilitation programs for those who are currently unemployed, and food accessibility for lower income families) and environmental problems the government is working on. Whether it was food stamps or access to job training for the unemployed, there was a great emphasis on the country's taking responsibility for the well being of all its people."

~ Contributed by Stephanie Kuhn '15

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