



Grinnell College

Rosenfield Program in Public Affairs,
International Relations, and Human Rights

The Rosenfield Program

*in Public Affairs, International Relations,
and Human Rights*

prepares students for a lifetime of civic
engagement and connects the Grinnell
community to the broader social and
political issues that define the world
beyond Grinnell.



*Students on rooftop of House of Sweden on
the Georgetown riverfront.*

The Rosenfield Program, endowed in 1979 by a generous gift from the Grinnell College Board of Trustees, is a tribute to the Rosenfield family, particularly Joseph Rosenfield '25, whose generosity and vision shaped the College. 2021

The Rosenfield Program provides opportunities to engage with the political and social world. Rosenfield events are a central part of the Grinnell experience, bringing scholars and practitioners to campus. These intellectual interactions challenge and inspire students - preparing them for meaningful and productive lives. Keeping a close eye on current affairs, the Program provides a platform for discussion of controversial topics.



Above: Rosenfield Program Director Barbara Trish, Dr. Laura Ferguson '90, former Chicago Bear Mike Adamle, and Kim Adamle ready to discuss CTE.



Above: Students fill the chairs in JRC 101 to participate in the community reading of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 'Letter from Birmingham City Jail.'



Above (L): Grinnell's Xavier Escandell is a co-host of a discussion on Brexit. Above (R): Rabbi Abraham Skorka visits Grinnell to talk about his dialogue with Pope Francis.

Rosenfield Program Events make a bold contribution to the intellectual life of the college, exploring issues and drawing attention to ideas which will affect the public discourse in the future.

- Distinguished lecturers address and interact with the college community.
- Informal discussions and activities capture campus energy and enthusiasm.
- Themed symposia and panels bring together individuals who explore issues from multiple perspectives.



Above: Grinnell's Eliza Willis and Greg Thielmann '72, retired foreign service officer and Senior Fellow at the Arms Control Association, discuss U.S. Military intervention in Venezuela.



Above (L): DC communications expert Josh Dorner '03 discusses the politics of the Supreme Court.

Above (R): Russian Journalist Maria Lipman presents about "Commemorative Statues in Russia."

Internships are work-based opportunities which allow students to explore the connection between their academic pursuits and career paths in public affairs, international relations, and human rights. Grants supported by the Rosenfield Program have funded student internships across the globe.

Student Involvement is a critical component of the Rosenfield Program.



Above (L): Aru Fatehpuria '21 is tabling to promote Rosenfield Program events.

Above (R): Sophie Mero '22 is interning at the Christian Institute of Health Sciences and Research (CIHSR), which is a mission hospital in Dimapur, India.



Above (L): Paul Hill '23 had an internship with Firelight Media, which allowed him to create documentaries focused on black lives and experiences.

Above (R): Farah Omer '19 and Runyao Yin '20 were awarded fellowships to attend the Summer Human Rights Institute at Fordham Law School's Leitner Center for International Law and Justice.

Study Tours

The Rosenfield Program sponsors themed study tours, bringing together students from a variety of majors. Study tours offer students a window on how an ecosystem of private, public, and non-governmental organizations defines the real-world space of a theme. Introducing current students to alumni, the tours create bonds across multiple generations of Grinnellians.

FA'19 Iowa Caucus Economy *Des Moines, Iowa City*

SP'19 International Affairs *Washington D.C.*

FA'18 Off the Field *Minneapolis*

SP'18 Our Urban Future *Chicago, Washington D.C.*

SP'17 Technology/Human Rights *Baltimore, Washington D.C.*

SP'16 Policy *Washington D.C.*

SP'15 Human Rights & International Relations *New York City*

(R): Students learn about sports-related brain injuries at the Brain Injury Research Lab. "Off the Field" w/Minneapolis



(L): A hands-on small group experience at the Arms Control Association stimulated thought about nuclear weapons and international security. "International Affairs" DC



Above: Tour participants standing in garden grounds of Walker Art Center. "Off the Field" Minneapolis

Get Involved!

Contribute to the intellectual life of Grinnell College:

- Attend Rosenfield Program events on campus and interact with alumni and other distinguished visitors.
- Plan Rosenfield events and manage the program by serving on the Rosenfield Program Committee.
- Apply for Rosenfield summer internship funding to support your summer internship experience.
- Explore public affairs, human rights, and international relations on Rosenfield-sponsored study tours.

Rosenfield Program Organization



Professor of political science **Barbara Trish** became director of the Rosenfield Program in the summer of 2017.

Professor Trish holds a doctorate from Ohio State University.

Her professional work and her personal life have been enriched by the program in countless ways since arriving at Grinnell in 1990.

The program committee is composed of the director, faculty and staff members, students, and Rosenfield Program coordinator Lauren Van Wyk.

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