



# CCW News

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## Meet the Spring 2021 Conable Award Winners

by Alex Payne '09

The Barber B. Conable Scholarship is awarded to students enrolled in the Cornell-in-Washington Program (CIW) <https://sce.cornell.edu/ciw>. The scholarship honors Barber B. Conable '43, former Congressman and former President of the World Bank, for his contributions to our government and international relations. This stipend helps defray the cost of living in a major metropolitan area and the student's potential loss of income from being unable to hold a work-study job while living in DC and working in an internship. Students are selected based on their academic achievements, service commitment, and contributions to Cornell life. The Scholarship Committee selected two winners for the Spring 2021 semester, Cassandra Zhen and Jessies Brooks, as recipients of the Conable Award.

Cassandra is a third-year student in the American Studies program at Cornell. Coming from an immigrant family with Chinese-Colombian parents who do not speak English and are unfamiliar with American Studies, Cassandra likes the interdisciplinary major that incorporates aspects of Government, Sociology, Ethnic Studies, and History. Some of her favorite American Studies classes include: Introduction to Asian American Performance; Politics of Public Policy in the U.S.; and Introduction to Cultural Analytics. As a work-study intern at the Women's Resource Center Cassandra has grown both personally, academically and professionally through the mentorship and guidance of the Cornell staff and faculty. She decided to attend the CIW Program for the Spring 2021 semester because she wanted to gain internship experience while taking classes from the CIW professors, especially the Associate Historian for the U.S. Senate and Cornell Professor Katherine Scott, Ph.D. from whom Cassandra hopes to learn, build relationships and develop her knowledge, skills and professional abilities.

Jessie is a returning third-year student who started in the American Studies program at Cornell. After spending a gap semester volunteering in upstate New York agriculture, sheep and organic permaculture farms, as well as learning first hand about U.S. food systems, Jesse transferred into CALS in order to major in Global Development, concentrating on food security and nutrition. Jesse hopes to learn more about legislation that affects agriculture, food production and distribution, and how the U.S. can combat global malnutrition and hunger. Jesse chose the CIW program to grow both as a student and as an individual, as well as to attend Dr. Christine Leunberger's "Making Science Policy: The Real World", which will afford Jesse the unique opportunity to learn from a leading authority on a critical subject amid the global pandemic.

CONGRATULATIONS!

### Save the Date May CCW Board Elections

#### CCW Board of Directors

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# Events at a Glance

CCW is Cornell's largest all-volunteer regional club and one of its most active. Membership helps local alumni connect through social events and service programs advancing Cornell's mission through community-engaged discovery and learning that contribute to solving many of the local and world's challenges. CCW offers engaging programs and activities for alumni, students, and friends in the greater Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. CCW Events at <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/events>. Virtual Tours at <https://cornellclubdc.org/page-1862736>.

## Cornell University Virtual Events, Webinars and Live Streams

Cornell University hosts hundreds of virtual events, lectures, seminars, webinars and live streams every day.

- Cornell University Events Website: <https://events.cornell.edu/>
- Cornell University Alumni Events Website: <https://alumni.cornell.edu/events/>
- Weill Cornell Medicine Events Website: <https://events.weill.cornell.edu/>
- Recent Live Streams from Cornell. Log in to access at: <https://live.alumni.cornell.edu/>
- Cornell University Official Athletics Website: <https://cornellbigred.com/>

## CCW Monthly Board & Programming Meetings Virtual Event

April 13th 7:00PM - 8:30PM <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-3971108> and <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-3971135>. Monthly CCW Board and Planning meetings, open to all members and others. Contact: Matt Nieman [president@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:president@cornellclubdc.org). Jim Schoonmaker [programming@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:programming@cornellclubdc.org)

## CCW Pints & Purls - Knit a Big Red Scarf Virtual Event

Come join us for an evening session of knitting and good conversation on Monday, April 5th at 8pm <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-4112069> and Monday, April 19th <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-4112076>. Contact: Grace Tucker [gkt25@cornell.edu](mailto:gkt25@cornell.edu)

## CCW Book Club - "Transcendent Kingdom" by Yaa Gyasi Virtual Event

April 11th 6:00-7:00pm ET. The April CCW Book Club selection is a deeply moving portrait of a family of Ghanaian immigrants ravaged by depression and addiction and grief--a novel about faith, science, religion, love. New members and guests welcome. Register at: <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-4174535>  
Questions: Contact Liz Pomper ([ehp3@cornell.edu](mailto:ehp3@cornell.edu)) for more information.

## Cornell Saturday and Sunday Mixers Around the World

Join Tony Chen ([lc465@cornell.edu](mailto:lc465@cornell.edu)) Cornell Mixers. Register at:

- Saturday, April 3rd 9pm ET <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-4082909>
- Sunday, April 18th 2pm ET <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-4082956>

## AMST 2001: The First American University with Corey Ryan Earle '07

Every Monday Night 7:30PM - 8:45PM This popular course on Cornell history explores Cornell's identity and unique role as a coeducational, nonsectarian land-grant institution with a broad curriculum and diverse student body. Each spring semester, Cornellians gather on Monday nights to learn about Cornell history, traditions and lore through this course. Come learn about historic campus happenings, share Cornell trivia and ask questions. Listen to one or all remaining lectures. Questions: Corey Earle at [cre8@cornell.edu](mailto:cre8@cornell.edu). Register at:

April 5th: <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-4171374>

April 12th: <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-4171378>

April 19th: <https://www.cornellclubdc.org/event-4171380>

# Volunteer Corner

The organizations below are all accepting **donations of masks, non-perishable food, and other healthcare/household supplies.**

- **SOME (So Others Might Eat):** SOME is an interfaith, community-based organization that exists to help the poor and homeless of our nation's capital by addressing immediate needs and offering services to break the cycle of homeless. Learn more here: <https://www.some.org/>
- **N Street Village:** N St Village empowers homeless and low-income women in Washington, D.C. to claim their highest quality of life by offering a broad spectrum of services, housing, and advocacy. Learn more here: <https://www.nstreetvillage.org/get-involved/>
- **Salvation Army - National Capital Area:** The Salvation Army is a charitable Christian organization serving those in crisis in the District; from providing hot meals to bill assistance. Learn more here: <https://salvationarmynca.org/volunteer/>

## Communications

Are you a fan of Instagram and Facebook? Help CCW with our communications efforts including our social media and email updates. Contact Steve Piekarec at [communications@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:communications@cornellclubdc.org)

## Community Service

Are you currently involved in any remote or socially distanced volunteering? We'd love to hear from you! Reach out to Julia Buffinton and Drew Zukosky at [communityservice@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:communityservice@cornellclubdc.org)

## Editorial

Interested in assisting CCW with its newsletter and informing the local Cornell community about local goings-on? What to be published? Contact Claudia Benack at [newsletter@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:newsletter@cornellclubdc.org)

## Finance Committee

Do you have a background in accounting or tax law? Or want to become more familiar with these areas and how they work in the non-profit context? Contact Mel Zurn at [treasurer@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:treasurer@cornellclubdc.org)

## Membership

Invite your Cornell classmates and alums to join CCW. Renew/update your membership, contact, newsletter and email preferences. Contact Annalise Schoonmaker and Justin Kondrat at [membership@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:membership@cornellclubdc.org)

## Programming

Want more Programs? The CCW Programming Committee welcomes suggestions for programs and volunteers to help with them! Contact Jim Schoonmaker at [programming@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:programming@cornellclubdc.org)

## Technology

Looking for people with website experience to help in the redesign of the CCW website. Contact Webmaster at [webmaster@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:webmaster@cornellclubdc.org)

## Nominations

Interested in serving on the 2021-2022 CCW Board of Directors? Consider being nominated to serve CCW. Contact Terry Horner at [nominations@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:nominations@cornellclubdc.org)

## CCW History

We need your help whether you are a past or present CCW Board member, Cornell alumnus at large and interested in CCW history from 1966 to the present. Contact CCW Historian, Gladys Stifel, at [gl23@cornell.edu](mailto:gl23@cornell.edu)

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Moved? New email? Update your member profile at [www.cornellclubdc.org](http://www.cornellclubdc.org)

Do you have ideas for CCW News? Or corrections? Email us at: [newsletter@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:newsletter@cornellclubdc.org)

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### Event Venues and Speakers Wanted

Do you have a meeting space that CCW could use for lectures or receptions?

Do you know a local Cornellian who would be a great speaker?

Contact Jim Schoonmaker at [programming@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:programming@cornellclubdc.org)

### SAVE THE DATE: 2021 CCW Board Nominations & May Election

The Nominating Committee will share its proposed slate to the CCW Board in April. Under CCW Bylaws ARTICLE VIII Section 3, The CCW Board authorizes that the 2021 election be held by electronic vote and e-mail ballot in the month of May under the joint supervision of the Secretary and the Chair of the Nominating Committee.

### New CCW Members

Nicole Ang ('20)	David Medeiros ('20)
Juliette Ovardia ('20)	Junghee Mun ('91, '94)
Grace Shen	Phillip Smith ('01)
Noah Brozinsky('08)	

### CCW News

Do you know a local Cornellian who should be featured in a future newsletter?

Contact Claudia Benack at [newsletter@cornellclubdc.org](mailto:newsletter@cornellclubdc.org)