



ELENA MARIE HABERSKY

FULBRIGHT ENGLISH TEACHING
ASSISTANTSHIP TO JORDAN



As a Fulbright teaching assistant, Elena Habersky will bring her extensive experience in teaching English as a second language to Jordan. Habersky has already spent a summer in Jordan and a year in Egypt studying Middle Eastern culture and teaching English.

A member of the University's Honors Program and the Special Jesuit Liberal Arts Honors Program, Habersky earned her bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, in 2013 majoring in international studies, with minors in philosophy, Arabic and theology, and a concentration in peace and justice studies. She received the Excellence in International Studies Award at graduation. She is a member of Alpha Sigma Nu (the national Jesuit honor society), Alpha Lambda Delta (the national freshmen honor society), Alpha Mu Gamma (national foreign language honor society), Phi Alpha Theta (national honor society for history) and Theta Alpha Kappa (national honor society for theology and religious studies).

Habersky was inspired to a life of international service when she went on her first service trip to Ecuador while a freshman at the University. From Ecuador, Habersky went to Amman, Jordan, where she became interested in the plight of refugees and decided to dedicate her career to aiding them. She studied abroad at the American University in Cairo, Egypt, during the Arab Spring and formed close bonds with Egyptians while working as a summer intern in Cairo for Better World, a non-governmental organization.

In addition to teaching English in Jordan as a Fulbright recipient, Habersky plans to augment her knowledge of Modern Standard Arabic with fluency in the Jordanian dialect and to volunteer at refugee camps.

At the University, Habersky was actively involved with the Justice Club, United Students for Fair Trade, Royal Historical Society and The Aquinas, serving as a staff writer for the Forum section. She also participated in the Scranton Emerging Leaders Program I and II.

In the future, Habersky would like to attend graduate school and focus on refugee and migrant studies and ultimately work for government or the private sector aiding refugee populations abroad.

She is a graduate of Dallas High School and is the daughter of Joseph and Karen Habersky of Dallas.