Dean’s Fellows

Dana Kaufman
Highland Park, Illinois
DMA, Frost School of Music- Student Composition

Dana Kaufman hails from the Chicago area, and the works of this composer and Frost School of Music DMA student can be heard throughout North America, and in Estonia (where she was a Fulbright Fellow), the Czech Republic and Italy. In fact, this year her opera Diary of Madman was a Semi-Finalist for The American Prize in the Opera/Theatre/Film Division. The magna cum laude graduate of Amherst College and New England Conservatory has always dreamed of pursuing her doctorate while on the path to becoming a professor and having a career as a professional composer, and the University of Miami Dean’s Fellowship makes this pursuit possible. In addition to completing her DMA, Dana hopes to eventually receive a commission (or two!) from the Metropolitan Opera.
David Anderson
West Lafayette, Indiana
PhD, School of Communication-Communication Studies

David is new to the sunshine state! Born and raised in West Lafayette, Indiana, he received both his BA in Psychology and MA in Health Communication from Purdue University. Before joining the PhD program in Communication Studies at the University of Miami, David furthered his professional and personal growth, as a school-based case manager and managed an independent record store. As a first year PhD student, David’s focus is on health communication in general, health campaigns and interventions in particular. He is interested in using mixed methods (qualitative and quantitative) in order to generate targeted messages aimed at behavior change. Current research projects include working on Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center-partnered projects to increase cancer clinical trial accrual, and helping firefighters understand health risks related to cancer and change behaviors around cancer risk.
Joseph Wilson

Long Island, New York
PhD, Clinical Psychology

As a first year PhD student and Long Island, NY native, Joseph Wilson is most proud of his admittance into the Clinical Psychology program at UM. His acceptance is currently allowing him to research health and lifestyle behavior modifications while integrating his passions. With a focus on marginalized and minority communities, Joseph is working toward taking his research to the classroom to become a fulltime psychology professor upon his PhD completion. With dreams having his own psychology lab and moonlighting as a moderately successful film critic, there’s no doubt that the Dean’s fellowship has strengthened his resolve to continue working toward his goals.