Educational Highlights: Throughout my time at the College of Charleston, I have maintained the requirements necessary for both the South Carolina LIFE Scholarship, as well as the College’s Presidential Scholarship, leaving the College with a cumulative 3.3 GPA. My studies have led me to complete coursework in both philosophy and classics, earning a Bachelor of Arts in the former and an Artium Baccalaureatus in the latter, the College’s traditional bachelor’s degree signifying extensive coursework in the languages of Ancient Greek and Latin.

Research Focus or Project: During the summer of 2011, I worked with Dr. Larry Krasnoff in authoring my paper, “Freedom as Self-Legislation in Hegel’s Philosophy of Right,” which was eventually published later that year in Chrestomathy, the College of Charleston’s undergraduate research journal. The paper explores the (often obtuse) political philosophy of Hegel with specific regard to his understanding of freedom, against such interpretations of freedom as offered by Immanuel Kant and thinkers of the liberal political tradition. Specifically, I argue that a Hegelian account of freedom is compatible with the liberal tradition, and in many ways is more useful than traditional liberalism in explaining certain political realities (e.g. the necessarily coercive element of the state) without compromising freedom as a value.

Future Plans: With the help of family, friends, and faculty, I have been accepted into the University of South Carolina School of Law. Beginning in the fall of 2013, I will pursue a J.D. degree at USC Law, remembering fondly those at the College of Charleston to whom I owe the greatest degree of thanks.