

Bio

Anthony Wagner is a doctoral candidate in the international education program at NYU Steinhardt and a current Fulbright grantee affiliated with the Universidade Federal de Minas Gerais in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. He was selected to participate in the inaugural cohort of Fulbright John Lewis Civil Rights Fellows. Anthony's research focuses on the public and democratic purposes of higher education in Brazil amidst the backdrop of changes to the country's public and private higher education sectors, as well as the political participation and civic engagement of the nation's university students. He has also published on the internationalization of higher education in Brazil. His advisor is Dr. Carol Anne Spreen. He is an active member of CIES, BAICE, and the Fulbright Association.

Anthony has professional and research experience working in various international education contexts. As an undergraduate student, he conducted research on youth civic engagement and the work of an education equity NGO in Durban, South Africa. He was a 2018-2020 Fulbright grantee at the Universidade Federal de São João del-Rei in Brazil. He served as a grantee leader in his second year, mentoring and assisting a regional cohort of Fulbrighters. Additionally, he has conducted research in North Macedonia, spent two summers teaching English to students in Jiangyin, China and served as a post-graduate fellow for the College Life Division at Gettysburg College, managing a task force on student mentoring and assisting with special projects. He has taught and co-taught courses in international education and sociology at NYU and CUNY Hunter College, respectively.

He has served in various roles – including associate director – of the largest higher education association in the Maryland, DC, Delaware, and West Virginia region dedicated to advancing the public purposes of higher education, Transform Mid-Atlantic. As associate director, he created the TMA Civic Fellowship student program, administered \$395,000+ in grant funding, and collaboratively leads various aspects of the organization's strategic plan, membership development, and programming, including its federal advocacy efforts in support of funding for service-learning and civic and community engagement programs in U.S. schools and universities.

Anthony grew up on a small family farm in Western Pennsylvania and enjoys reading, running, knitting, painting, baking, hiking, birding, and biking. He is a first-generation college graduate, earning a B.A. in anthropology and political science from Gettysburg College in 2017 and MEd in 2021 from the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education in the Education, Culture, & Society Program.