

**Yale Summer Debate Program  
2016 Staff Bios**

## Henry Zhang



Henry Zhang is a senior from Los Angeles, majoring in Ethics, Politics, and Economics. He is the current president of the Yale Debate Association, a coach at West Haven High School, and Director of the 2016 Yale Summer Debate Program. He is also the reigning North American Champion. Outside of debate, he enjoys playing ukulele, soccer, and eating.

## Victorio Cabrera



Victorio Cabrera is the current president of Urban Debate League New Haven. In high school, he competed nationally in Congressional debate and now competes in Parliamentary debate at the collegiate level as a member of the Yale Debate Association. He studies History (or Political Science--not sure yet!) and will graduate in 2018. He also likes to write, make bad jokes, and create self-referential three-item lists. This is his second year at the Yale Summer Debate Program.

## Miles Saffran



Miles is a rising junior from Orlando majoring in computer science. He is currently a member of the Yale Debate Association and an Urban Debate League coach for Betsy Ross Middle School. Miles was the national champion in international extemporaneous speaking in 2014 and he enjoys debating about politics, economics, and international relations. Miles learned a lot from debate camps and great coaches, and hopes to pass along what he's learned. Outside of debate, Miles enjoys playing tennis, reading, and spending hours on Pokemon Go.

## Adela Lilollari



Adela is a junior in Davenport College from St. Petersburg, Florida, majoring in Ethics, Politics, and Economics. She's a current coach for Betsy Ross Middle School and serves as UDL treasurer. Adela competed in Public Forum debate in high school and is a current debater for the Yale Debate Association.

## Jane Zhang



Jane Zhang is a sophomore from New Jersey currently residing in Shanghai, China. Her interests include environmental issues, political theory, and international relations. Currently a UDL coach at Hillhouse High School, she debated Parliamentary, Cross- Examination, and Lincoln-Douglas on Choate's debate team. After seeing her Hillhouse students grow, she's excited to continue encouraging interest in debate, public speaking, and critical thinking through UDL's summer program. In her free time, she likes learning languages, pondering, and music.

## Abhi Sharma



Abhi is from Overland Park, Kansas. He is going to be a sophomore at Yale, and studies electrical engineering and economics. Abhi is a member of the YDA, and is also a UDL co-coach at West Haven High. He debated for 4 years at Blue Valley West High School and has experience in policy debate, PFD, and congress. Since he was a debate nerd in high school and spent many weeks over the summer debating, he can't wait to help create a week of camp that makes everybody feel like they came out a better debater and have fun in the process. Outside debate, Abhi enjoys playing guitar, reading books, writing about baseball, and building things.

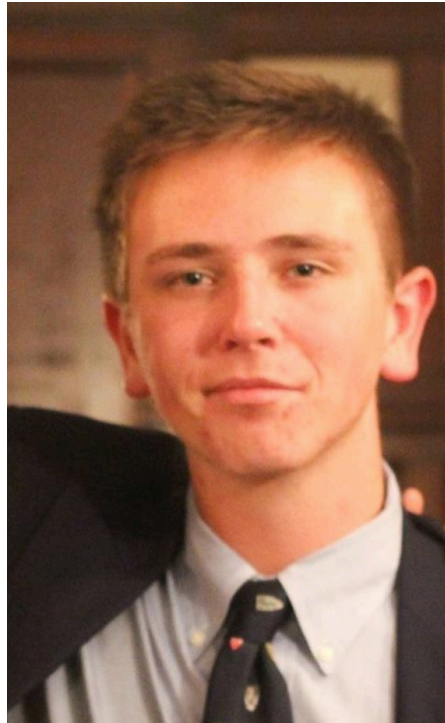
## Xavier Sottile



Xavier Sottile is a rising sophomore at Yale studying History/Economics/something useless. He's from New Haven, where he attended Cooperative Arts and Humanities high school and concentrated in creative writing. He joined the debate team because his mother said it would look good on college applications. In 2015, he was New Haven UDL's champion. Since coming to college, he has taught UDL back at Co-Op and has debated with Yale's debate team. He's really interested in European politics and history, as well as HBO's critically acclaimed series *Game of Thrones*.



## Charles Vojta



Charles Vojta is a rising Sophomore at Yale from Minneapolis. He is in Pierson college, and plans on majoring in Poli Sci or Philosophy. On campus, he's involved in the Debate team, as well as the Rugby team and greek life. While he didn't debate in high school, he has experience debating this year on the APDA circuit. Charles is excited to help teach at the UDL camp because he loved getting involved with debate this past year, and wants to pass on that excitement and enthusiasm to others. Outside of school and activities, you can find him running, cooking, reading or watching sports (Eagles fan for life). He's pumped to get back to campus and can't wait to meet all of you.