Jonas Tungodden, The 2016-2017 Norway House Gateway Fellow at International House, UC Berkeley

Jonas did his undergraduate degree in Mathematics and Economics at the University of Bergen, where he spent time on exchange at University California Berkeley, University of McGill and Renmin University of China. During his undergraduate studies Jonas also worked as a teaching assistant and did fieldwork in Tanzania as a research assistant. In 2013, he enrolled in the Economic PhD program at University of California Berkeley. He aims to specialize in Development Economics and Behavioral Economics, and apply insights from economics and psychology to shed light on real world problems in both developing and developed countries. Upon finishing his degree Jonas hopes to continue doing research at an academic institution.

Jonas has been an active member of the International House, taking part in both formal and informal events including fall retreat, Sunday Supper, road trips to Yosemite and other sights in the Bay Area, I-House Superbowl and I-Crawl, and also assisting with events such as the International House Gala and Norwegian coffee hour. He is truly happy with his stay at International house and for meeting so many great people from around the world.

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