

## Meet Your Trip Leaders:

### PROFESSOR JEFFREY AYRES

Jeffrey Ayres is a professor in the Political Science and International Relations Department, and director of the Institute for Global Engagement at Saint Michael's College. He is an alum of the U.S. Fulbright Program, and also an adjunct research professor at the Institute of Political Economy, at Carleton University, in Ottawa, Canada. A passionate advocate for campus internationalization, his work-life travels had recently taken him as far as South Korea, China, Japan, Australia, Slovenia, Austria, Vietnam, Ireland, the United Kingdom and Qatar, and as close as Mexico and Canada. Currently, in addition to co-leading the biennial academic study trip to Wales, he leads an annual study trip to Ottawa, Canada, collaborates in the management of the Freeman Foundation-supported International Internship Program in Asia, and serves on the campus Fulbright selection committee and the Peace Corps Prep advisory board.



### ASSISTANT PROFESSOR STEPHON BOATWRIGHT

Stephon Boatwright is a professor of Political Science whose teaching and research focus on political violence, extremism, constitutional law, and democratic theory. His scholarship examines how misinformation, conspiracism, and political myths sustain authoritarian populism and extremist networks. He has traveled to all 50 U.S. states and to dozens of countries across four continents, with international journeys including France, Tunisia, and Colombia. Beyond academia, Boatwright has advised political candidates and officeholders across multiple campaigns, experience that deepens his engagement with democratic practice. At Saint Michael's College, he also serves as a member of the Criminology Steering Committee, helping guide interdisciplinary approaches to justice studies. His teaching integrates experiential learning, research, and global perspectives, preparing students to engage the world through study abroad, field research, and encounters with international institutions.

