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### Rangel Fellow Plans Graduate Study at Harvard's Kennedy School

(March 24, 2021) Smith Alumna Idia Irele '16 (Government, Spanish) was selected as a 2021 Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Fellow following a highly competitive nationwide selection process. The Rangel Fellowship, funded by the U.S. Department of State and administered by Howard University, supports extraordinary individuals who want to pursue a career in the Foreign Service of the U.S. Department of State. The fellowship will support Idia through a two-year master's degree in an area of relevance to the Foreign Service. As part of the Rangel Program, Idia will intern with a Member of Congress on issues related to foreign affairs in summer 2021. In summer 2022, the U.S. Department of State will send her overseas to intern in a U.S. Embassy or Consulate to get hands-on experience in U.S. foreign policy and the work of the Foreign Service. Idia was a Fulbright ETA in Andorra in 2016-2017 and completed her Ed.M in International Education Policy from the Harvard Graduate School of Education in 2018. Idia was also recognized as a 2020 finalist for the Pickering Fellowship.