



## Allison Connolly \*

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In early 2001, Allison Connolly, 32, was writing her graduate thesis about how the European Union was poised to become a political and economic force that the United States would need to cooperate with rather than compete with, particularly on the sensitive subject of intelligence. Then 9/11 happened, exposing just how critical the need for cooperation really is.

During her Burns fellowship, she hopes to see just how formidable the economics of Germany and the EU have become, and whether their relationship with the U.S. has improved since 2001. As manufacturing reporter for the Baltimore Sun, she wants to see firsthand how the Germans became known for their manufacturing skills. She

plans to tour Germany factories owned by Maryland companies on her beat, including Black & Decker Corp. and W.L. Gore & Associates, which makes Gore-Tex lining for waterproof apparel.

Prior to the Sun, she worked for the Virginian-Pilot newspaper in Norfolk, Va., where she created a business beat covering defense companies. A Massachusetts native, she previously worked for the Boston Business Journal and the MetroWest Daily News. Allison earned her undergraduate degree in English from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst in 1996 and her master's degree in International Relations from Boston University in 2002-