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“The DeVoe L. Moore Center internship provides exceptional experiential learning opportunities for students at Florida State University. Dr. Staley and his staff have flawlessly integrated the interns into the DeVoe L. Moore Center’s daily operations and ensure that the students have high impact experiences.”

“Through these experiences, students are provided with necessary skills and competencies that will aid them in their future endeavors, whether graduate school or employment opportunities.”

- Rebecca Rykard Lovett, Assistant Director of Experiential Learning and Career Liaison, College of Social Sciences and Public Policy
The DeVoe L. Moore Center prioritizes student mentorship and content production. These goals are achieved by directed individual studies and our Internship and Research Assistant Program.

**Since the center’s founding in 1998, we have achieved the following:**

- 30 symposia with the nation’s top scholars, policy analysts, and public officials on growth management, housing affordability, public transit reform, water management, and effective public-private partnerships.
- 40 research papers and policy briefs with a strong commitment to student involvement throughout the research and editorial process.
- Over 1,420 students educated on land use, economic development, and urban policy.
- Over 4,875 credit hours of high-quality instruction.
graduate and undergraduate students annually included in our internship program.

over 130 students have completed internships since 2012.

After graduation, DMC interns pursue the following:

- **Graduate School**: 33.3%
- **For-Profit Sector**: 33.3%
- **Nonprofit Sector**: 33.3%

Quantitative output is important to the DMC operation. However, numbers alone do not tell the full story or innumerate the extent of our impact. The following testimonials speak to the characteristics of the DMC that cannot be summarized by statistics, from professional preparedness to experiences unparalleled in the classroom environment.
"As an economics student at the Florida State University, I wanted a challenge to enhance my research and analytical skills. I know that thanks to my experiences working with the Devoe Moore Center, I have been equipped with the skills necessary for my professional pursuits. Working with the Devoe Moore Center will give you the chance to contribute research that can make an impact in your community and potentially even beyond."

**Cole Davidson,** FSU ‘16, B.S. Economics/ minor entrepreneurship. Cole is pursuing his M.S. in Finance at Florida International University and training as an analyst for the Miami-based private equity firm Transcendent Investment Management

"My internship experience at the DeVoe L. Moore Center helped me improve my research and writing skills. As an Editing, Writing, and Media major, I was given the role of staff writer for the social entrepreneurship group, I learned about different social enterprises and researched their impact in the marketplace as well as their impact on society. I received mentorship under a blog manager and I learned the process of editing blog articles for publication."

"I also received guidance and recommendations on my work from Dr. Staley, he played a vital role in shaping my writing and thought processes. My work consisted of writing articles, newsletters and reports, all of which gave me material to build a strong portfolio."

**Gianni Vasquez,** ‘19, former editorial intern
“My overarching assertion is simply that this think-tank’s best asset is the quality of talent that it attracts. I am both grateful and humbled as a result of the experience…. My experience in the DeVoe Moore Center is one of the main reasons I’m glad I chose Florida State University. Florida State University provides the opportunities to make the connection between the classroom and the real world.”

- **Dante Grieco**, Data Analysis Group, CRA Project, working with tableau & data visualization

“My experience as a public policy intern at the DeVoe Moore Center has been one of the most enriching components of my undergraduate career. I have worked through the process of drafting an op-ed article about the potential legislation of a Children’s Service Council in Leon County. While doing this, I have learned information about the functions of the local government and children and family service organizations in the community. **I have enjoyed the opportunity to research social issues that are important to me.**"

"In addition to improving skills as a researcher and writer, I have made meaningful connections with other interns and faculty members at the Center. The flexible, and remote nature of my work for the DeVoe Moore Center has encouraged me to be more organized, self-motivated and set realistic, measurable goals.”

- **Jordan Bellott**, Public Policy, Economics and International Affairs Major
“The DeVoe L. Moore Center provides exceptional entrepreneurial opportunities to its employees and interns. The DMC provides **real world work experience that pays off in the job market**. I accepted an offer as a Data Scientist, at Northrop Grumman in Los Angeles. In my interview, they were very impressed with my experiences with the Data Analytics Group and its founding. In fact, when I was touring the facilities one of our tour guides recognized me from my time at the DMC working on government transparency. We had a great conversation while I was a DMC rep and he brought it up to the hiring manager.”

**Tyler Worthington**, ‘16, former intern and manager of the Data Analytics Group

"The experience I gained was second to none, and it really gave me a sense of what a real job during research would entail. I was challenged heavily throughout the internship and it gave me an excellent idea of what I am good at and should pursue, and things I’m not so good at and should continue to work on so I can further my marketability to employers. If you are looking to further your skills in economic policy, quantitative analysis, writing and business communication, then look no further. The DeVoe Moore Center gives you those opportunities and more."

**Erik Winterkamp**, Economics ‘16, research assistant, Fall 2015 until June 2016
"The DeVoe L. Moore Center is a **fantastic resource** for FSU students! Professional development in areas of policy, data analysis, and social entrepreneurship, the DeVoe L. Moore Center is coming through strong!"

**Kevin Gomez**, Economics ‘16, DMC outreach coordinator, August 2015-June 2016, now program manager and instructor, Creighton University, Institute for Economic Inquiry

"I think that **the biggest thing I took from the DMC was critical thinking**. Due to your leadership style, there was never a pre-defined 'win' [not as such in the corporate world] which allowed me to diagnose and address problems myself. This is super important in both my work, but also how I work with other teams and allocate time."

**Austin Evvito**, Data Scientists, IBM, FSU BS, ‘18, MS ‘19, former manager, Data Analytics Group

"Absolutely, the Outreach Coordinator position **had a huge impact on me professionally, intellectually, and personally**. I am so glad to see the DeVoe Moore Center continue to be a resource for students. And thank you so much. Cornell was a great experience. It is hard to believe I accomplished and learned so much in so little time there. I feel very lucky to have had the opportunity to grow both there and at Florida State. Next, I am hoping to do more policy analysis and work on social or economic development issues."

"Ultimately, I would like to work on projects and ideas that apply market and behavioral economics. As someone who enjoys experiencing new places, I am not tied to staying in Washington D.C., but cannot ignore the vast opportunities here. I am really excited for this next step and will be sure to keep you updated!"

**Jacqueline Stine**, FSU ‘16 (may), Economics, minors in French, business, and mathematics; Cornell, applied economics & management, May ‘17
"The DMC has allowed me to flourish at FSU. I was able to work with the College of Social Science’s top professors and produce meaningful research results, some of which have allowed me to present at an international conference. Overall the DMC has given me so much knowledge and also exposure to the real world that I feel very confident that I will succeed wherever I go."

■ Jason Blackthorne, MA in Applied Economics ‘20

"I have been able to focus in and learn what topics are most interesting to me, and create published pieces that I have used to build up my portfolio. Without the center, I would not have had a practical outlet to learn how to apply the theories from classes into an actionable career."

■ Shayna Cohen, Applied Economics Masters Student, Public Policy, BS in Economics and Actuarial Science

"As I’m looking back on my past, it was DeVoe L. Moore Center that got my foot in the door to get my first corporate internship with Citibank. Then from there, that internship and the DMC led me to get interviews with companies such as Apple, Microsoft, Cisco, and so on. They all asked about us. And now, this past semester with the DMC has led me to realize I love project management and I decided to go with a PM internship with Cisco."

■ Janelle Otero, Former Data Analytics Manager, BA Management Information Systems ‘20.
"The DeVoe L. Moore Center is the premier undergraduate resource for students looking to conduct both economic and entrepreneurial research. Students who work at the DMC gain experience in policy lab work, data analytics, and various social entrepreneurship projects. Since I started working for the center, I’ve learned a lot, gotten the opportunity to meet incredible people, and have watched numerous undergraduate students produce excellent work!"

Mike Avi, ‘18, outreach manager

"Working with the DMC has a more educational experience than some of the courses I’ve paid for at Florida State. The opportunity to bounce ideas off of aspiring and established economists has been so valuable. I’ve learned a lot about research, survey building, and the importance of establishing professional relationships with your colleagues. It has been a great experience and one that I hope to continue."

Stephany Bittar, ‘17, research assistant (social entrepreneurship)
“The DeVoe L. Moore Center was one of the most important parts of my Florida State University experience. I made friends, built connections, and learned what I’m truly capable of in an environment that felt less like an internship and more like a true career.”

"My tenure sorted me into a career that I equally felt I would enjoy and matched my capabilities. The DeVoe L. Moore Center was a crucial aid in my job search. I can say with the up most confidence that my placement in the professional world was largely impacted by my experiences and roles within the DMC. For those looking to get into research, data analytics, or even a mix of the two I cannot recommend the DMC enough for both your time at Florida State and your future career.”

**Dakota Davy**, FSU ’19, B.S., Economics, former manager, Data Analytics Group

"The success of the center is due to the focus and reliance on interdisciplinary collaboration. All projects involve some level of partnership, even for remote interns. **Shared productivity suites, team meetings, and a strong editorial process ensure that every student benefits from the range of skills that the center attracts.**"

"As a manager, I am learning the mechanics of collaborative work environments and what strategies produce the best products within them. The experience is irreplaceable in a classroom and is preparing me for future leadership positions."

**Amber Hedquist**, 2020 Editorial and Public Affairs Manager
“During my time as an Editorial intern with the DMC I have gained a tremendous amount of knowledge when it comes to editing, writing and media. This internship has not only aided me in becoming a better EWM student, but it has taught me new skills that will open up broader opportunities for me in the future. The DMC has also allowed me to make beneficial connections and expand my overall network. Overall, this internship has been an experience I won’t forget and I am grateful that I had the opportunity to be a part of something great!”

Joy Daniels, Editorial Team ‘20

“Working at the DMC allowed me the freedom to conduct my own independent research and make it relevant to my own personal interests. As well, being able to interact with so many students who all have starkly different life goals expanded my perception of the professional world and made me realize all of the amazing things that students are truly capable of achieving. Having come into the DMC unfamiliar with research, let alone how an economic think tank functions, I felt as if I had entered an entirely new world of people who have passions in topics that I have never even thought of before.”

Maia Hass, BS International Affairs and Marketing, Public Policy

"Being in this kind of environment made me realize how valuable my education was and I am thankful to have been a part of it!"
Attending APEE’s annual conference was undoubtedly one of the highlights of my college career. The research experience made available to me through the Devoe Moore Center was invaluable.


  "The DMC provides students with an awesome experience in anything from **undergraduate research to on-site evaluations in third world countries**. The work I do for the center is built upon my own passion for social entrepreneurship and allows me a ton of flexibility to think and work creatively."

- **Selene Caparelli**, International Affairs ’15, social entrepreneurship intern and project manager, Fall 2014-Spring 2016

  "I was given the flexibility and freedom to pursue a topic timely and local to the state in which I grew up and live. The DMC has also encouraged me to submit my work for **recognition at state and national conferences which were accepted - for which I am grateful**. I feel extremely confident the experience I gained through the interaction, development and support through the DMC will prepare me to be successful in the academic realm however I choose."

- **Arnel Garcesa**, Public Policy ’19-’20; Statistics Major, Economics Minor, SAS Certificate
Interested in the DMC Internship Program?

Prospective interns may contact Dr. Samuel Staley, the director of the center, through an email inquiry to sstaley@fsu.edu or leaving a written statement of interest in the center’s office at 150 Bellamy Building.