DATA ANALYTICS

CORRINE BRESKY
Psychology Major

As a novice data analyst, Corrine learned about the basics of data cleaning and management through programs such as OpenRefine and Microsoft Excel, in addition to learning the foundations of visualization techniques and skills through Tableau. Corrine is now transitioning to analysis focused on the data in FloridaOpenGov.org. She is responsible for analyzing gaps and trends in payroll data.

WINSTON LEE
FSU ’19 BS in Information and Comm. Technology

Winston was responsible for the HTML, CSS, and JS development of the front-end design for the updated FloridaOpenGov.org. He continued to enhance the efficiency of the website through reports related to web traffic. He gained programming skills that have carried into the professional environment. Winston now works as a web designer and consultant for UI/UX, but continues to volunteer his time and expertise.

BEN MAIRS
Business Analytics MS Student

Ben assured a successful semester at the DMC in his role as the Data Analytics group manager. He conducted weekly meetings with a cross-functional team (web design, data visualization, public policy) to ensure completeness and accuracy of government data. Ben’s multi-faceted role as project manager, educator, and analyst prepares him for success in the workforce as an FSU alumnus.

JIMMY MENDEZ
Economics Major

In addition collecting and tracking data in FloridaOpenGov.org, Jimmy also seized the opportunity to apply data to policy. On January 26, Jimmy published an article on the DMC blog: "The K-12 Wage Gap in Florida: Economic Implications and Future Outlook." He discusses the ways in which Florida is lagging behind the nation in K-12 teacher wages. Jimmy is now a research assistant at Princeton University.

ANGEL PURGANEN
Political Science and Philosophy Major

Angel is consistently applying herself to new, timely initiatives. In 2020, she discussed the importance of an interdisciplinary workplace in her blog, "Data Science and the Humanities: A Mutually Beneficial Relationship." In 2021, she applied her perspective to the Florida Bright Futures debate. Her op-ed, "Humanities graduates in high demand in business world," was published in the Tallahassee Democrat.

CHRISTIAN SCHLOTH
Finance Major

Christian joined our Data Analytics team in the fall of 2020. He pursued a DMC internship to support his post-graduate goals of working as a financial analyst. Christian applied his interests in financial markets, computer science, and analytics to current projects. Specifically, he contributed to the ongoing development of FloridaOpenGov.org. Like many, he volunteered his time to expand his professional skill set.
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**STEPHEN SCHNEIDER**
Economics and Political Science Major

Stephen gained significant skills as a data analyst through the workshops provided by the DMC and the resources available through OpenRefine. He contributed to the Data Analytics group through his analysis of K-12 payroll data. Stephen worked with the Editorial team to apply the payroll data to public policy analysis and commentary, which he hopes to publish and use to inform future policies.

**EDITORIAL & PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

**ANANDA CHATTERJEE**
High School Intern and Videographer

Ananda Chatterjee is the DMC’s first videography intern—and the first high school intern. He is responsible for developing high-quality videos that promote policy, people, and events relevant to the DeVoe L. Moore Center. Ananda continues to work with the Public Affairs team to improve creative outreach initiatives. Two of his video projects will be published on the DMC’s YouTube account this fall.

**JOY DANIELS**
English and Business Management Major

Joy is responsible for creating publications, editing reports, and assisting marketing efforts. She was involved in the editing process of multiple op-eds and blogs. Outside of the DMC, she researches the relationship between appearance and perception, and the resulting effects on communication. She plans to take her writing skills to law school where she will pursue her dream of becoming an attorney.

**AXEL RIZZO**
Finance Major

Axel assisted Dr. Staley with internal development materials and external networking. He was primarily involved with the DMC’s new digital newsletter: a weekly, professional email to a network of over two hundred constituents. Axel wrote articles for the newsletter, incorporated images and other aesthetic measures, and tracked statistics related to the readership. Next year, Axel will continue working with the center as he pursues his bachelor’s degree in Finance.
Mae Baltz
Economics Major, Mathematics and Statistics Minor

Mae joined our Public Policy group with an interest in health economics, urban and regional planning, and risk-related topics. This spring, Mae investigated the intersection of her interests in relation to vaccine policy. The Tallahassee Democrat featured her op-ed in April, titled “Desantis needs to strike a balance in Florida campus vaccination policies.” Her data-driven proposal is a testament to her work ethic and policy expertise.

De'Shawn Brundidge
Political Science Major

De'Shawn is an integral member of our College Town team responsible for data collection and analysis. Most recently, he analyzed a COVID impact survey on small businesses in Florida and extracted project-relevant data. He also worked with his peer in Public Policy, Clay Johnson, to analyze the effects of lockdown procedures on small businesses and unemployment in Florida.

Noah Dankner
Economics Major and Finance Minor

Noah represented the DMC at APEE’s 10th Annual Undergraduate Research Competition, capturing first place and the A. Herberg Memorial Prize. Noah presented his project on the effects of deregulating land use on housing supply, with Houston and Miami as case studies. With Dr. Taylor’s mentorship, Noah also joined four of his DMC peers as a presenter at the Florida Undergraduate Research Conference.

Shane Black
Applied Economics MS Student

Shane joined the DMC during the spring semester to supplement the skills, interests, and experiences he is attaining in the Economics MA program at FSU. Shane worked with both our Data Analytics and Public Policy teams this year and contributed to ongoing projects. His primary responsibilities were associated with the College Town project, both in the acquisition and analysis of data.

Maria Cespedes
Economics Major, Commercial Entrepreneurship Minor

Maria is one of the first students to benefit from Dr. Staley’s new seminar class: Social Entrepreneurship and Economic Development. Maria explored the relationship between property value and demographics, producing blogs, op-eds, and other genres of policy writing for the seminar. Her writing skills transferred to her work as a DMC researcher and will continue to pave her career path as a recent FSU alumna.

Jacob Doty
Applied Geographic Information Systems MS Student

Jacob works closely with Dr. Taylor and is engaged with the center’s research in College Town policy and infrastructure. As a scholar and researcher, he values research that adds a spatial component to policy analysis. He is currently completing his MS in Applied Geographic Information Systems and is responsible for creating and maintaining a geodatabase of parcel data from Leon County.
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NOELLE DU BOIS
Political Science and Economics Major

Noelle joined the DMC with a mission: to research how low-income individuals and families can improve their socioeconomic standing. Dr. Taylor helped her interest come to life in a recent project, titled, "Banking the Unbanked: Increasing Financial Service Access." She presented at the Florida Undergraduate Research Conference, where she suggested new policies that improve financial access.

LAUREN FORSYTEH
Interdisciplinary Social Sciences Major

As an interdisciplinary student, Lauren specialized in innovation, social entrepreneurship, and urban planning. She enriched her academic concentrations while working on the DMC’s eminent domain project. With Dr. Taylor’s guidance, the team analyzed the impact of eminent domain on Tallahassee’s landscape and residents. Lauren is now taking her DMC experience into a career in urban and regional planning.

CHELSEA GOW
FSU ’18 BS in Psychology

Chelsea is an FSU alumna and social entrepreneurship research assistant with the DMC. Her current project investigates the sustainable funding structures of free and charitable healthcare clinics in Florida. Dr. Taylor helped guide Chelsea’s first stage of quantitative data collection and analysis. Over the summer, Chelsea will be collecting a robust, qualitative dataset of interviews to inform her pending policy brief.

MAX EPSTEIN
FSU ’14 BS in Geography, ’17 BFA in Sculpture and Public Art

Max is a Tallahassee researcher concerned with historic preservation, environmental design, and affordable housing. He attends city meetings and engages in policy conversations to support legislative decisions that are just and community driven. Max utilized his DMC experience to hone his commentary skills and lead the eminent domain research team, which will continue next year.

ARNEL GARCESA
FSU ’20 BS in Statistics

Arnel is a successful and research-driven solar energy analyst. In July, Arnel co-authored a study with Dr. Taylor, titled ”Simulating Utility-Scale Solar Energy Profitability in Florida.” Their analysis explores if solar energy is an economically competitive option for Florida consumers. The answer, alongside their policy analysis and suggestions, is now available in the Journal of Multidisciplinary Research.

CLAY JOHNSON
Chemical Engineering Major

Clay is an FSU STEM student and a testament to the DMC’s interdisciplinary mission. When he’s not analyzing samples from a plasma reactor in the chemistry lab, Clay is contributing to the DMC’s data collection and analysis processes. He worked with a DMC peer, De’Shawn Brundidge, to conduct a study analyzing the impact of lockdown procedures on small businesses and unemployment in Florida.
PUBLIC POLICY

CARLOS LEON
Economics Major

Carlos joined the DMC to gain experience relevant to his law school ambitions. Early on, he expressed interest in economic research and criminal law. He worked with our eminent domain team to hone his skills in economic research. Although criminal law was not directly in the DMC’s scope, Carlos found a new passion for government transparency and the role legislators play in city planning.

NIKESH PATEL
Economics Major

Nikesh contributed to the success of the eminent domain research group. His primary responsibilities included researching locations, calculating land transaction costs, and taking photos from site visits. His DMC experience provided the skills necessary to pursue his MS in Applied Economics at FSU. In the fall, he will continue as a DMC researcher to complete the eminent domain project.

YOLANDA ST. FLEUR
Political Science and Music Major

Yolanda joined the DMC in partnership with the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP). With Dr. Taylor as her mentor, Yolanda is developing data acquisition and analysis skills. Her project investigates the effectiveness of housing policies for university students located within or near College Town. She also presented at FSU’s Undergraduate Research Symposium.

JESSICA MCCORMICK
Communication Science and Disorders Major

Jessica contributed to the DMC as Dr. Staley’s personal research assistant during the fall 2020 semester. Her primary research focused on Florida’s potential $15 minimum wage and its impact on labor markets in Florida’s metropolitan areas. Her DMC experience opened new opportunities in her field, where she is now exploring research related to communication science and disorders.

KYLE RINGERS
International Affairs Major

Kyle is inspired by the city around him. He conducted his first individual research project, with assistance from Dr. Taylor and our editorial team, titled, “Creating a Sense of Place in Midtown, Tallahassee, Florida.” He worked consistently with his mentors, who supported his conference presentations at the Florida Undergraduate Research Conference and the Undergraduate Research Symposium at FSU.

MATTHEW STOCKWELL
Finance and Economics Major

Matthew contributed to two research groups this year: the College Town team and the land use regulation team. He identified and analyzed over twenty years of historical planning documents, audits, and research papers throughout the semester. He also gained networking and professional communication experience reaching out to private big data companies such as Adstra and their CEOs.
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ANA VILLAMIZAR
Environment and Society Major

Ana is currently working with Dr. Taylor and Chelsea Gow to explore the impact COVID has had on free clinic operations. She intends to use her research experience with the Public Policy team to pursue her interest in biomimicry this summer as a research assistantship with the Land Institute. She will apply the skills she learned at the DMC to the institute's goal of growing perennial-inspired agricultural systems.

DANIELLE WAIDLEY
Economics and Spanish Major

Danielle started an individual research project analyzing how the availability of school choice programs affect local housing markets. With Dr. Taylor's mentorship, Danielle is assessing the quality of neighborhood schools and comparing them to the prices of houses in the respective school zones. She presented preliminary findings at FSU's Undergraduate Research Symposium.

PUBLIC POLICY TESTIMONY
Shayna Cohen | DMC Alumni

"Working at the DMC for the last two years has definitely been a highlight of my undergraduate experience. Not only have I learned about how to create ingestible policy research, but I have also been able to network with faculty, peers, and think tanks around Tallahassee.

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, BS in Economics and Actuarial Science, MS Student in Applied Economics

SCAN THE QR CODE TO FOLLOW THE DMC ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

The DMC is rapidly expanding its social media presence. Since 2019, the center added LinkedIn, Instagram, and Youtube accounts to build networks and distribute research through new mediums. These accounts now work in tandem with our strong Facebook, Twitter, and blog presence.

The Editorial and Public Affairs team creates a strong presence for the center and its mission on our platforms. They also catalogue statistics such as traffic and reach, which helps the DMC adapt.

We value engagement and hope to be a model for other think tanks and research institutes looking to increase their social impact. You can join our network by typing in our handles listed below, or by scanning the QR code above!

LinkedIn: @DMCFSU
Twitter: @TheDevoeLMooreCenter
**INTERN TESTIMONIALS**

"Essentially, the DMC added rocket fuel to my degree."

- MATTHEW S.

"The amount of attention given by the staff and their impressive effort make the DMC an entity that champions and develops its interns."

- KYLE R.

"The open, inclusive environment fostered creative workflows that helped build stronger relationships with my peers. I would not be where I am today without the support of a wonderfully collaborative and dedicated team."

- WINSTON L.

"Most importantly, my experience with the DMC served as a reassurance to myself that this is the field in which I belong."

- CORRINE B.

"Regular meetings with professionals and other pre-professionals, hands-on mentoring, and encouragement throughout research allowed for enrichment unlike any other."

- CHELSEA G.

**FACULTY & STAFF**

**DR. SAMUEL R. STALEY**
Director of the DeVoe L. Moore Center

Samuel R. Staley is the director of the DeVoe L. Moore Center. Dr. Staley's academic and professional expertise includes urban policy, economic development and redevelopment, social entrepreneurship, land use, and regulation. He is a film critic at the Independent Institute, a nationwide independent consultant, and former Robert W. Galvin Fellow at Reason Foundation in Los Angeles. He is the author, co-author, or editor of seven books on public policy and popular culture, including The Beatles and Economics: Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and the Making of a Cultural Revolution (Routledge 2020).

**DR. CRYSTAL TAYLOR**
Public Policy Director

Dr. Crystal Taylor is the Director of Research at the DeVoe L. Moore Center. She leads applied research projects and the Data Analytics Group (DAG) on real estate, mapping, and regulatory processes. Dr. Taylor has published in peer-reviewed journals with a focus on active travel infrastructure and how the arts facilitate community capacity building. She is an AICP certified planner who has collaborated on educational program evaluations and environmental plans for the State of Florida. As an award-winning instructor, she has taught and mentored students on urban planning and applied economics topics.

**JUDY KIRK**
Business Manager

A South Florida native, Judy Kirk came to Tallahassee to attend Florida State University in 1978, earning a BS in Business Management. For many years she used this degree in management in a dynamic, applied setting while raising her seven children. She began her career on the FSU staff in 1999, joining the DeVoe Moore Center in 2008 as a grant specialist, became office administrator in 2013 and then business manager in 2016. In April 2021, Judy retired from her position to allocate more time to her family. The students and staff wish nothing short of the best for Judy in the years to come, and there is no doubt she will pop into Bellamy for updates on our projects.
DR. KEITH IHLANFELDT
Eminent Scholar

Keith Ihlanelft is an internationally recognized scholar in urban and regional science, having been elected a Fellow of the Regional Science Association International in 2009. He has contributed foundational work on housing segregation, job accessibility, residential mobility, growth management, impact fees, and state and local public finance. In addition to his academic work, he has conducted research for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, US Department of Commerce, the Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, the Russell Sage Foundation, the Federal Transit Administration, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, and others. He has served on the editorial boards of leading research journals, including The Review of Regional Studies and Economic Development Quarterly.

DR. RANDALL G. HOLCOMBE
Professor of Economics

Randall Holcombe is a leading scholar on public finance and public policy. He is the author of more than fifteen books, including Political Capitalism (Cambridge University Press), Entrepreneurship and Economic Progress (Routledge), and Producing Prosperity: An Inquiry into the Operation of the Market Process (Routledge). He is a former member of Florida Governor Jeb Bush’s Council of Economic Advisors, former president of the Public Choice Society, former president of the Society for the Development of Austrian Economics, and a Senior Fellow with the James Madison Institute. His scholarly articles have appeared in leading economics journals, including the American Economic Review and National Tax Journal.

AMBER HEDQUIST
Public Affairs and Editorial Manager

Amber is the 2019-2021 Public Affairs/Editorial manager for the center. She is responsible for editing research reports, conferencing with students, and coordinating events. In short, Amber’s role oversees all public-facing material at the center. She spent a significant portion of the fall and spring helping students prepare for research conferences and polish their manuscripts. In the summer, she is managing the DMC’s First Annual Summer Writing Program in partnership with the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy (COSSPP). She created a team of three undergraduates who will produce 50+ blogs related to COSSPP students and their work. In the fall, she will attend Arizona State University to earn her PhD in English with a concentration in rhetoric. Amber attributes her acceptance to her two-year tenure at the DMC, and she looks forward to being an active alumna in the DMC network.

KATHERINNE PERALTA
Social Impact Program Manager

Katherinne is the manager of the center’s new Social Impact Program. She helped pioneer the program, which endeavors to create high-impact campaigns that foster attendance at pro-liberty and free market events while simultaneously attracting long-term attention. As “movies with a purpose” become more common, social impact campaigns are increasingly used to develop grassroots support for independent films and the ideas embedded in their stories. She successfully created and implemented the center’s first social impact campaign for 2021’s Annual Symposium on Film and Public Policy. She is currently working with our videographer to publish a recording of the event. Katherinne is also invested in developing a Social Impact Campaign Guide, which will serve as a how-to guide for organizations interested in repeating our success and learning from our experience.
ABOUT OUR INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

As the working and leveraging arm of the DeVoe L. Moore Center, the Internship and Research Assistant Program is responsible for a substantial portion of the center’s output for publications and analysis on government regulation and public policy issues. The program welcomes undergraduate and graduate students who are interested in areas of government, public policy, and entrepreneurship.

Interns are expected to be a part of a professional public discussion on key policy concerns in Tallahassee, Florida, and at the national level. Integrated into the program is an optional academic credit-based system that is applied toward the interns’ academic progress.

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