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After a national search, Tim Chapin (center) was named as the new dean of the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy in May 2017. He stands in front of the Bellamy Building, which marks its 50th anniversary this year, with two of his predecessors, Marie Cowart, who served in the position from 1999 to 2003, and David Rasmussen, dean from 2003 until 2016. Prior to his appointment, Dean Chapin served as Chair of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning for six years and as the college’s Associate Dean for Development for two years.

“It’s an honor be part of the tradition, continuity, and progression of one of the nation’s finest schools of social sciences and public policy.” – Tim Chapin, Dean
Our Mission

“The College of Social Sciences and Public Policy is dedicated to providing students with the highest quality instruction, offering opportunities for professional development, and performing first class research to serve society.”

Our students and faculty generate new knowledge that enhances the discussion of important social, economic, and public policy issues and leads to innovations in industry, government, and nonprofit organizations. We prepare our students for meaningful careers, advanced professional training, and an active role in public life.

The college’s strategic plan is built on our existing strengths to:

- transform the educational experience for our most outstanding students;
- enhance new programs to help prepare tomorrow’s leaders in business, politics, government, and the nonprofit sector for a global society;
- build world-class research and teaching programs focusing on issues related to equality of opportunity, aging, and health that are critical to the state of Florida;
- develop an international research and teaching program on the impact of culture and social and political institutions on such issues as poverty, economic growth, terrorism, and international relations;
- use our path-breaking research to generate innovative solutions to economic, political, and social problems;
- achieve top quartile status among public institutions for all of our doctoral programs.

On the Cover

Units throughout the college, particularly the Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy, do important work and research on issues of concern to older adults. As the number of Americans over 65 continues to increase, this work becomes more vital. On Page 4, Pepper Institute Director Anne Barrett gives an overview of these issues and related faculty research.

Join us during our Policy Pub series for open discussion of Professor Barrett’s presentation, “Ageism in an Aging Society – Why Does it Persist and Why Should We Care?” Tuesday, November 14, 2017, 5:30-6:30 pm, at Backwoods Bistro, 401 E. Tennessee St., Tallahassee.

For more information on Policy Pub for Fall 2017, visit our web site (coss.fsu.edu). And find out more about the essential work and research of the Pepper Institute at pepperinstitute.fsu.edu.
Dear Friends,

I am proud, honored and humbled to have been chosen to lead the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy as the fifth dean in its history. In taking on this role, I am standing on the shoulders of giants, most notably my dear friends and mentors Dean Emeritus David Rasmussen and Dean Emerita Marie Cowart, and seeking to build on the great strides made since the college’s founding in 1973.

At almost 5,000 students and 150 faculty, our college is the third largest in the university. We are responsible for one in every six degrees granted by FSU in a typical year. Our students represent about 12 percent of the total student body, yet frequently account for 30 to 50 percent of academic honor society memberships, national award and fellowship winners, and student government officers.

But numbers alone don’t tell the whole story. We are an incredibly diverse college in terms of gender, race and ethnicity, and our programs span the full breadth of the political and academic spectrum. Diversity of people, ideas and disciplines is a core college value, one we will continue to advance in the coming years.

I also want to draw your attention to the important and impactful work of our faculty and students, some of which is featured in this issue of Engage. Research conducted at the college takes on the most pressing issues facing Florida, the nation and the world, including older adult quality of life; protecting coastal communities and environments; strengthening economic markets; changes in American and international politics; and the factors that define our relationships, social structures and life outcomes.

To continue making all these great advances in research and student success, we rely on a strong connection to alumni and friends who share with our outstanding faculty and dedicated staff a deep commitment to the college’s signature Get More Than a Degree initiative. We seek to provide opportunities for students both inside and outside of the classroom, and your time, talent, and treasure are important to this. I hope you will join me in this endeavor and support our students through professional connections, student mentoring, internship/job opportunities and financial contributions in support of the college and your home program.

One of my goals as dean is to bolster the reputation of the college as a valuable and timely source of insight and leadership on the challenges facing our world today. Here again, you can help us by thinking back to your days at FSU and sharing the profound ways the college shaped your life and career. Feel free to pass this magazine on to friends, colleagues, other FSU alumni, and potential students and supporters to show them our accomplishments as a center for change, policy and highly relevant scholarship.

I hope that during the next year you have a chance to visit FSU. Be sure to stop by the Bellamy Building, celebrating 50 years in 2017, and reconnect with your department or program. I would also encourage you to join us at one of our monthly Policy Pub community forums or attend one of our many lectures and social events. While this magazine gives you a sense of the energy and drive of our college, there is no substitute for seeing us in action.

All my best to you in the coming year, and Go Noles!

Tim Chapin
Dean
Dear Fellow Alumni,

When I applied to Florida State University, I was certain of two things: I would study International Affairs, and I would do so at the best university in the state. This certainty was not unfounded: the International Affairs program at FSU was not only award-winning, it also produced some of the best scholars in the field. I came into my freshman experience ready to soak in all the college had to offer. Apart from the myriad opportunities available for academic enrichment in the classroom, I found plenty of chances to get involved outside of my coursework, with student programs such as the World Affairs Program and Global Peace Exchange.

The College of Social Sciences and Public Policy quickly became an integral part of my identity as a student and the Bellamy Building my second home. Like many of you, I never strayed too far even as I became more involved on campus. I was fortunate enough to be part of the inaugural group of Social Science Scholars my senior year, which allowed me to work on a project of my own choosing alongside other scholars throughout the college. This and other opportunities for self-guided work supported by faculty members were some of the most academically and — I would later find — professionally enriching experiences I had.

At the NYC Mayor’s Office for Economic Opportunity, I have the chance to work in policy areas and on issues that affect more than eight million people. Like many of you, I rely every day on the skills I built both in and out of the classroom. Whether it is navigating complex relationships between a variety of stakeholders, digging into data to understand the story they tell, or crafting innovative policy solutions to some of the most pressing urban problems, there are countless ways in which I utilize the lessons taught by our stellar faculty to be a better public servant. No matter in which sector you work, the world class education we received empowers us to be active participants in public life.

It goes without saying that the strength of our diplomas relies not on what the college was like when we graduated, but on what the college is like today. Undoubtedly, it is thriving, in large part thanks to the shared vision of its leadership, faculty and staff. But it should come as no surprise that as alumni, we too have a hand to play in this continued success. Being engaged does not just have to mean financial contributions (though surely that is always appreciated). Donating your time, your mentorship and your voice is just as valuable.

Any investment you can make today in our future graduates will be well worth it.

In Seminole Pride and Spirit,

Rosalia Contreras
We’re getting old, America. In the 1950s, less than 10 percent of the population was 65 or older, a figure expected grow to 20 percent by the year 2050. The significance of this for the economy, politics, health care, family relationships and public policy – basically for everything – is increasingly the focus of attention.

At the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy, faculty and students from a range of disciplines and academic backgrounds are tackling the challenges of a greying America with research that examines who we are, how we live, and where we are headed. Much of this work is coming from researchers affiliated with the Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy housed within the college. In this article, the institute’s Director Anne Barrett provides an overview of the most recent research and its implications for the formation of public policy for an aging society.

For 40 years, the Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy has served as the hub for multidisciplinary aging research at Florida State University. The institute’s 13 associates and 17 affiliates, along with numerous graduate and undergraduate students, are examining an array of issues related to the social aspects of aging and exploring their implications for public policy. Current research focuses on four broad areas: pathways to later life, aging and health disparities, communities and transportation, and aging and health policies.

Pathways to Later Life
Our later lives are influenced by the accumulation of experiences across the life course. Researchers are studying, for example, how military experience at earlier life stages affects older adults’ mental health and how people’s positive or negative views of aging affect their well-being as they grow older.

Conducting research on themes in this area, the institute’s newest associate, Assistant Professor of Sociology Dawn Carr, examines how our engagement in meaningful and productive
activities – in particular, volunteering, paid work and unpaid care work – shapes well-being in later life.

In recent research with various colleagues (including Benjamin Kail, Assistant Professor of Sociology at Georgia State University and a Ph.D. graduate of FSU), Carr examined the effects of volunteering on loneliness among widows. Their study found that older adults who start volunteering two or more hours per week following spousal death are less likely to report feelings of loneliness, revealing the health-enhancing potential of engaging in new roles following the end of a role as a caregiver.

Such research can lead to greater efforts by communities to not only provide more opportunities for meaningful engagement in later life but also heighten awareness and assistance for people seeking to take advantage of those opportunities.

**Aging and Health Disparities**

Numerous social factors – among them gender, socioeconomic status, race/ethnicity and sexual orientation – shape our experiences in later life. At the Pepper Institute we are examining, for example, how the risk of disability differs for whites and persons of color and how the experience of ageism differs for women and men and for people of all sexual orientations.

Examining topics within this area, Associate Professor of Sociology Miles Taylor conducts research on change in functional health across later life and over time, including race and socioeconomic variation in these patterns.

Some of Taylor’s recent research examined trends in whites’ and African Americans’ functional health over the past four decades. This work revealed that the encouraging trend observed in the last years of the 20th century – the improvement of older adults’ functional health – has recently reversed, partially as the result of worsening health among minorities.

Along with doctoral student Stephanie Ureña, Taylor found clear evidence of functional gains over the years among whites but not African Americans. Their research has the potential to motivate the development and promotion of policies aimed at improving minorities’ health in later life.

David Rasmussen, the James H. Gapinski Professor of Economics and Dean Emeritus of the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy, has recently conducted research aimed at determining the extent to which individual actions, competitive markets and public policy can improve the financial well-being of those at lower income strata and thus reduce economic inequality in later life.

**Communities and Transportation**

Features of our physical and social environments influence our well-being in later life. Within this area, Pepper researchers are studying such factors as how the aging process influences technology use, how the transition away from driving affects older adults’ life satisfaction and how involvement in community activities impacts physical functioning.

Associate Professor of Sociology Amy Burdette recently completed a project examining the effect of participation in religious communities on older Mexican Americans’ functional health. Using a sample followed from 1993 to 2010, her research revealed that attendance at religious services is related to more favorable patterns in mobility over time, suggesting that this form of community engagement is important for protecting older adults’ well-being.

In addition to my role as director of the institute, I am also a professor of sociology currently conducting research with two of the department’s doctoral students, Rachel Douglas and Clayton Gumber, on driving patterns in later life, including their variation by gender. In a recent study, we found that older women are twice as likely as men to limit their driving in various situations, e.g., at night or in bad weather. This difference is partially explained by women’s greater willingness to use driving alternatives, the most common of which were rides from spouses and daughters or daughters-in-law.

By revealing some of the less visible, but widespread, care work provided by family members, this research could motivate policies both alleviating these demands and providing older adults with more transportation options.

The institute’s research interfaces with the work of the Safe Mobility for Life Coalition. Funded since 2010 by grants from the Florida Department of Transportation, this program develops and distributes educational materials to state legislators, health care providers, law enforcement officers, and older drivers and their family members. The coalition’s work also involves conducting dozens of presentations each year across the state and collecting data on aging road users.
Our team is also working with FSU-FAMU engineering faculty and graduate students on a project examining the need for more pet-friendly evacuation shelters in closer proximity to older adults, a group already at substantially heightened risk of non-evacuation and increased vulnerability to injury and death during weather-related emergencies.

**Aging and Health Policy**

Public policies related to aging emerge from interactions between social groups that often have different views, interests and resources. This points to the importance of research in such areas as the politics surrounding reproductive health policy, the effectiveness of case management for chronically ill patients, and the implications of public and private sector policies for economic security in later life.

Professor of Political Science William Weissert, director of the Master of Public Health program, has examined the efficacy of pay-for-performance (P4P) approaches to health care – one way that Congress has tried to make health care better and cheaper within the federal Medicare program.

Working with public health graduate student Lucy Frederick, he synthesized all the hospital, nursing home, and physician P4P studies conducted over the past several decades. Their analysis revealed that P4P has had some successes but fails more often than not. Further, the improvements tend to be quite limited.

Weissert is also working with doctoral student Jeffrey Swanson on the impact of case management on improving health care quality and containing costs for high-risk, high-cost patients, such as those with diabetes or heart conditions. Through a synthesis of all the case management studies conducted between 2000 and 2015, they found frequent, though not universal, success in meeting health care targets and goals for patients but very few successes in saving money or producing enough benefit to pay for themselves.

These findings could lead to a closer examination of the programs and processes our public health policy has relied on for many years.

In another area, Pepper Associate and Professor of Sociology Deana Rohlinger's work focuses on mass media's depictions of health and aging issues and how older adults can challenge stereotypes surrounding aging. She is writing a book that explores how baby boomers use their economic influence to incrementally change how they are depicted in advertising and media programs.

**Beyond the Pepper Institute**

Academic units within the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy are also working on aging issues. In the Department of Urban and Regional Planning (DURP), for example, Professor Rebecca Miles, who is affiliated with the institute, has conducted research on naturally occurring retirement communities (neighborhoods or complexes that house a concentration of older adults). Miles’ studies suggest a potential for collective action within these communities to facilitate aging in place, even in neighborhoods thought not to have supportive physical environments.

Faculty and students within DURP have also looked at the age-related transportation challenges facing older adults, such as the recent award-winning study of autonomous vehicles, aka robot cars, and their potential for improving the mobility of disadvantaged older drivers. (See DURP entry in Departments section of this issue on page 22.)

That study also involved Department of Geography Professor Mark Horner, who along with geography graduate student Brittany Wood, DURP Associate Professor Michael Duncan and others, published a study in 2015 that found that accessibility facilitated by well-organized, efficient transportation systems has not been fully explored in relation to aging and older populations.

A survey conducted by department Chair Jeff Brown and others in 2016 identified the types of public transportation options available to older adults residing in rural and small communities, where the proportion of adults over 65 is higher, as well as the strategies employed to finance, operate and/or market these services. The survey results highlight a need for more careful examination of the use and availability of these services.

**Research for Life Improvements**

The work at the institute and throughout the college supports one key overriding notion: Living longer is less important than having a good quality of later life characterized by meaningful social connections, active engagement and independent living.

Medical and psychological disciplines tend to contribute to older adults’ pursuit of “successful aging” by finding ways to enhance physical and cognitive ability. Social scientists, policymakers, city planners, and advocacy organizations make their biggest impact on policymaking that supports income security, health care access, increased accessibility, and other factors determining an enhanced quality of life.

Achieving these policy goals requires the broad-based, interdisciplinary approach at the very foundation of the Pepper Institute and the college.

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**The Pepper Institute supports the work of two organizations serving Florida’s aging community.** The Safe Mobility for Life Coalition, supported by the Florida Department of Transportation since 2010, aims to improve the safety, access and mobility of Florida’s aging road users through education and advocacy. The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at FSU is an educational program for adults 50 and older, offering about 100 courses a year to its more than 1,100 members.

Pepper Institute Director Anne Barrett gives a presentation on older drivers at the annual President’s College in September 2016.
The Changing Face of Health Care

by Jason Altmire

What an exciting time to be in the public health workforce! Never in history has there been a more accelerated move toward new and innovative technologies promising to revolutionize all aspects of our health care system. Florida State’s upcoming class of public health graduates will have limitless options to make a difference.

For decades, scientific and medical research has led to discoveries that have improved quality of life across the globe. These discoveries include everything from relatively low-tech devices like the nicotine patch to life-saving complex medical procedures like multi-organ transplants.

Next up are a new generation of miraculous technologies that are straight out of science fiction.

The human genome project has opened the door for the use of additive manufacturing and 3-D printing in medicine. It is not uncommon to use printing technology to create permanently implantable devices for human joints and the spine.

Likewise, biodegradable stents are being tested for use in esophageal cancer patients and victims of heart disease. In the future, with the combination of a patient’s own DNA and implantable medical devices and artificial organs, transplant rejection could be a distant memory.

Heady stuff, but the revolution with the most impact on public health will likely come with breakthroughs that empower consumers to take more control over their own health care.

In 2012, the Qualcomm Foundation joined with the XPRIZE Foundation to offer a $2.6 million prize for the team that produced the most accurate, portable and patient-friendly device to diagnose health conditions. The challenge was inspired by “Star Trek” character Bones McCoy’s Tricoder – the device he would wave over a patient’s body to diagnose any ailment.

After five years of research by 312 teams from 38 countries, Qualcomm recently announced the winning entry. The device includes a hand-held sensor the size of a baseball, designed to collect comprehensive data about a patient’s condition, which is then cross-referenced in real-time with electronic medical data to achieve the diagnosis. Eventually, the goal is to make the device available to people across the world to easily self-diagnose various conditions.

Today, smartphone technology is revolutionizing patient access to their physicians. Through the use of apps connecting patients to providers, health care consumers will soon have the ability to comparison shop, choosing their physicians based on cost, quality and immediate availability. The growth of this technology will be exponential and the potential benefits are limitless.

A new world awaits and we can only guess what the future holds, but FSU’s public policy students are sure to be leading the way.

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When we think of weather, climate and nature, we tend to assume the bulk of research in that area comes from such disciplines as physics and the atmospheric and environmental sciences. Of course, there is much to be learned about the physical world from these disciplines, but we know that what happens in the natural world has a major impact on humans, as individuals, communities and societies. It affects city planning and growth, the economy, emergency management, transportation, population patterns, public health and, as we have seen in recent years, politics – all well within the realm of the social sciences.
As the evidence for climate change grows, whether or not one is convinced of its anthropogenic (arising from human activity) origins, and as the rhetoric around it becomes more divisive and heated, faculty and students within the college are increasingly conducting relevant research and discussing related issues in coursework. The focus of this work is not to prove or disprove climate change or investigate scientific means to halt or slow it but on what effect it has on our human systems and how they may adapt to a potential drastic shift in the natural world.

In the Master of Public Health program, for instance, Teaching Professor Alan Rowan discusses climate change in his environmental health class.

“The focus is on the science of climate change, what we know, what the majority – 97 percent – of climatologists report, and why it is anthropogenic,” Rowan said. “We also discuss the consequences of climate change to human health and what we can expect from these changes over the next century.”

Public health is also the focus of recent work by Assistant Professor of Geography Chris Uejio. In September 2016, he received a $1 million grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to help county health departments across Florida adapt to changing environmental factors, including but not limited to climate change.

“Even though people have different opinions about climate change, certainly every department across the state knows it has to adapt for hurricanes, Zika, other mosquito-borne diseases, fires, drought, coastal flooding – a whole host of environmental problems,” Uejio said.

In a study published in February of this year, Uejio drew a link between climate change and the rate of gastrointestinal illness (GI) in children. The study is the first to examine how future increased rainfall resulting from climate change may impact human health.

Uejio tested the risk of childhood GI if climate change continues at its current rate without instituting additional drinking water treatment. The increased rainfall from climate change could amount to an illness increase between 1.5 and 3.6 percent. When considered against more aggressive rates of treatment, the study found the rate of illness dropped dramatically. The results, Uejio said, can inform future public policy.

“We have actual communities, many rural, many whose children are becoming sick because they are drinking water that is not filtered,” Uejio said. “We have the technologies to address this disparity, and really that’s much bigger than the impact climate change will have going forward. We just need the political will and the funding to follow through on that.”

The Gathering Storm

“Climate change is often discussed in terms of how hot summers will get,” explained James Elsner, chair of the geography department. “Here in Florida, temperatures might soar above triple digits two or three times a year. In the future that number may double or triple. But it’s also about how powerful storms will be in the future.”

Elsner looks closely at the potential for climate change to affect people, built environments and the economy. He has become a go-to expert for national media seeking to understand and explain what we can expect from the weather in the future.

“As the oceans heat up, physics dictates that the energy gets turned into rapidly rotating winds,” he said. “Observations bear this out. In the past few decades we are seeing some of the strongest hurricanes ever recorded.”

Tornadoes are another problem. Florida gets hit by about 50 tornadoes each year, sometimes with catastrophic results. The average expected property loss across the state is on the order of $200 million, but losses vary widely depending on location, strength and size of the tornado strike.

Because they are relatively small – covering less than a square kilometer – it is difficult to anticipate what might happen with these devastating wind storms as the climate warms, but Elsner said clues are starting to emerge. For example, there is an upward trend in the distance they travel, making it more likely they will hit something. They also appear to be coming in bigger groups with a greater number of days having multiple tornadoes.

This year, Elsner collaborated with Tyler Fricker, a doctoral student in the department, and Adjunct Professor Thomas Jagger on a study building on Elsner’s ongoing work on the force and frequency of storms. The study found that the strength of a tornado has a significantly larger effect than population on the number of casualties.

Tyler Fricker surveys tornado damage in McLean, Texas.
“It’s somewhat surprising because we’re led to believe it’s just a problem with exposure—the more people in the way, the more casualties,” Elsner said.

That’s not the case, according to this research. Using a regression model, the researchers found that on average a doubling of the population under the path of a tornado leads to a 21 percent increase in the casualty rate, while a doubling of the energy dispersed by the tornado leads to a 33 percent increase in the casualty rate.

Significantly, the strongest tornadoes with the potential for producing the most damage tend to occur in the western United States where population density is lower.

Although the study is a starting point, Fricker said, the research can begin to inform emergency managers today.

“For instance, a county manager could look at this model and get some kind of estimate of the percent increase in casualties they could see, based on an increase in population,” he said.

Fricker plans to conduct further research to identify parts of the U.S. where higher rates of casualties can be expected. Poverty levels, education levels and even race might be determinants of casualties.

“If we can identify certain areas that are more susceptible to casualties, the next step is to think about what’s actually happening at the surface,” Fricker said. “What are the socio-economic and demographic variables that are affecting tornado casualties?”

“We want to try to understand this,” Elsner said. “I think the National Weather Service does a great job in warning people, but perhaps some people need to be warned a different way, at a different time of day. There are different ways to communicate the threat. In the future, I think the weather service will be able to use that information to pinpoint their watches and warnings even better.”

**The Vulnerability Factor**

Elsner and Fricker’s attention to the most vulnerable populations carries over into work done in the college’s Department of Urban and Regional Planning (DURP). In late 2015, several planning faculty members took part in a panel at the FSU Center for Global Engagement (CGE) on the heightened burden of climate change on vulnerable populations in expanding cities across the world. The discussion focused on topics ranging from sea level rise to population density, desertification, urban agriculture, and inequality.

One of the panelists was Assistant Professor Tisha Holmes, whose interdisciplinary work on the physical and social impacts of climate events on coastal areas explores ways to reduce the associated risks and build more resilient and adaptive communities. (Holmes is also working with Uejio on the public health department CDC grant.)

She is particularly concerned with disaster planning for vulnerable groups, among them low income households, minorities, differently abled persons, children and the elderly. Her research emphasizes active community participation in education and decision-making to address the present and potential impact of climate risks.

Holmes is also working with DURP Associate Professor William Butler on regional adaptation approaches to sea level rise in South Florida. The region already experiences the effects of climate change as flooding on sunny days during the highest tides of the year, rapid beach erosion, and saltwater intrusion into drinking water supplies.

Butler, who was also on the CGE panel, gave a presentation on sea level rise at the February 2017 session of the college-sponsored Policy Pub, highlighting approaches communities are taking to adapt to changes that threaten Southeast Florida, a region of more than 5.5 million people considered to be one of the most vulnerable areas worldwide. A three-foot rise in sea level—no longer an unthinkable occurrence—would submerge more than a third of the region, although when this could happen is still uncertain.

“To adapt to the effects of climate change, governments need to redirect development away from vulnerable locations and upgrade critical infrastructure, such as roadways, water supply, and wastewater and stormwater facilities, to better withstand coastal flooding from sea level rise,” Butler wrote in an August 2016 article in Business Insider co-authored with colleague Karen Vella from Queensland University of Technology.

The key to an effective response to the problem, according to the two scholars, is coordinated action between governments at all levels. Through the Local Governance Lab in the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy, the college is well placed to assess these needed cooperative government efforts. Under the direction of Askew’s Jerry Collins Eminent Scholar Richard Feiock, the lab is examining the effect of severe weather events on collaboration among local governments on climate adaptation and disaster management.

“The collective weight of coordinated multiregional climate action could be just what’s needed to strengthen the lobbying power and direct resources for supportive climate policies at the federal level,” Butler and Vella wrote.
The World at Your Doorstep

The college’s Get More Than a Degree initiative was established to give undergraduates opportunities for expansive and transformative educational experiences outside the traditional classroom. One of the key components of the initiative is bringing scholars and experts to campus for talks on a wide range of issues.

Undergrads gain from these programs, but they’re not the only ones. Faculty, staff, graduate students, members of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at FSU, and the wider local community frequently take advantage of free public presentations hosted by the college.

These are not hard-to-grasp, dryly academic lectures but relevant, engaging talks on topics that affect us all on a daily basis: politics and public policy, the environment, health care, international relations, population growth and changes, the economy, city planning, and much more.

In addition to many programs sponsored by individual departments, centers and institutes within the college, the past year has been particularly busy for our endowed lecture series with talks on Germany’s refugee situation, the political and cultural climate in Ukraine, U.S. challenges in the Middle East, foreign assistance and foreign policy, and presidential performance and legacy rankings.

Last fall, the college functioned as “Election Central,” with various perspectives and insights on the presidential campaign from such invited guest speakers as Pulitzer-winning journalist Cynthia Tucker and our 2016 Distinguished Alum Susan McManus, a noted political analyst and commentator.

An impressive range of expertise also came from our faculty, who spoke frequently about aspects of the election with local, state and national media, as well as at such public events as the university’s Faculty Lunch Series and the Tallahassee Village Square forum. Faculty from the departments of political science and sociology also fronted lively, provocative sessions of the college’s newest public outreach event, Policy Pub.

The great success of Policy Pub proved to be more than just an election phenomenon when sessions on robot car technology, sea level rise, and public health policy brought packed houses to the spring semester monthly sessions at Backwoods Bistro, a Tallahassee bar and restaurant.

Faculty and grad students from the college also brought a social sciences perspective to cultural events, including introductions to an exhibit at the FSU Museum of Fine Arts and a documentary screening at the Tallahassee Film Society.

All of these programs not only serve a valuable educational purpose for the campus and local community but also boost the college’s reputation as a vital center for ideas and practical application. Raising the awareness of the college’s unique potential as a policy resource is one of the primary goals of Dean Tim Chapin.

“Our faculty and students work together on a range of real-world issues, doing key research that not only advances our understanding but serves as a solid basis for sound, workable policy,” Chapin said. “We’re committed to bringing this information to the public through lectures and outreach programs that are geared not just to the academic community but to government officials, business and nonprofit leaders, and informed citizens alike.”

People outside of the immediate Tallahassee area can also access our programs. Video of most of the endowed lectures is posted to our YouTube channel and Facebook page, both of which can be accessed through the icons at the bottom left corner of our web site. They are also embedded within each individual listing on our web site’s lecture page (coss.fsu.edu/lectures).

Policy Pub is also recorded, although only on audio. The three spring sessions are available for listening online at coss.fsu.edu/node/335. Pub sessions throughout the 2017-2018 academic year will be posted on each individual listing on our web site.
Rob McDaniel (Emergency Management) and Whitney Bendeck (International Affairs) won Transformation Through Teaching Awards in the fall 2016 semester. The awards were established by FSU’s Spiritual Life Project to recognize faculty members whose contributions in the lives of their students go beyond conventional academic instruction. Honorees are nominated by their students for their dedication to helping students find their authentic selves and pursue their dreams.

Minority women who traditionally earn less than their white and Asian counterparts can earn just as much money, if not more, after serving in the military, according to a study by Irene Padavic, the Claude and Mildred Pepper Distinguished Professor of Sociology, and former FSU graduate student Anastasia Prokos. The study found that across the board, women veterans earned more than nonveteran women in the civilian workforce. They also found that disadvantaged racial and ethnic minority women showed the greatest gains in the civilian labor market after their military service.

“Iilitary life is changing dramatically for women,” Padavic said. “Last year, the Defense Department began opening all military positions to women. In an era when many women depend solely on their earnings and when the number of women veterans is rising, we need to know more about how they fare.”

The study, “Aiming High: Explaining the Earnings Advantage for Female Veterans,” was published in the interdisciplinary journal Armed Forces & Society.
Three members of the college faculty won Office of Distance Learning Awards in recognition of quality online course design, exceptional online teaching, and superior mentoring support: **Brandon Brice** (Introduction to Economics), **Crystal Taylor** (Introduction to Urban and Regional Planning), and **Lisa Weinberg** (Deviance and Social Control – Sociology). They were presented their awards at a reception and ceremony in November 2016.

**Carey Thomas** joined the dean’s office this year as senior administrative specialist after nine years as office administrator in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning. She replaced **Mary McNaughton**, who retired in January 2017 after more than ten years’ service in the dean’s office.

**Inken von Borzyskowski** (Political Science) spoke at the United Nations in August 2016 in a special brown bag seminar sponsored by the UN Policy and Mediation Division of the Department of Political Affairs. Her talk, “Trust Us: Election Assistance and Post-Election Violence,” examined whether technical electoral assistance reduces post-election violence.

She also served as a panelist at a U.S. Institute of Peace event (USIP) in Washington, D.C., March 23, 2017, discussing past and upcoming elections that illustrate the risk of violence in such countries as the Philippines, Gambia, Haiti and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Borzyskowski specializes in international organizations, elections and conflict, and international mediation. She has been a research fellow at the International Foundation for Electoral Systems and the U.S. Institute of Peace. Her dissertation received the Peace Dissertation Prize from the International Studies Association. She has been with the department since 2014.

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**Highlights of recently published works from the college**

- **Deana Rohlinger** (Sociology): “Did the Tea Party Movement Fuel the Trump-Train? The Role of Social Media in Activist Persistence and Political Change in the 21st Century” (Social Media + Society)

- **Daniel Fay** (Askew School): “Moves and Countermoves: Countermovement Diffusion of State Constitutional Amendments” (Policy Studies Journal)

- **Matthew Pietryka** (Political Science): “It’s Not Just What You Have, But Who You Know: Networks, Social Proximity to Elites, and Voting in State and Local Elections” (American Political Science Review)

- **Karin Brewster** (Demography), **Brian Knop** (Sociology): “Family Flexibility in Response to Economic Conditions: Fathers’ Involvement in Child-Care Tasks” (Journal of Marriage and Family)


- **Sarah Lester** (Geography): “Capacity Shortfalls Hinder the Performance of Marine Protected Areas Globally” (Nature)

- **Paromita Sanyal** (Sociology): “Associational Participation and Network Expansion: Microcredit Self-Help Groups and Poor Women’s Social Ties in Rural India” (Social Forces)

- **Paul Beaumont** (Economics): “Time Series Simulation with Randomized Quasi-Monte Carlo Methods: An Application to Value at Risk and Expected Shortfall” (Computational Economics)

- **Dmitry Ryvkin** (Economics): “I Paid a Bribe: An Experiment on Information Sharing and Extortionary Corruption” (European Economic Review)

- **Dmitry Ryvkin, Anastasia Semykina** (Economics): “An Experimental Study of Democracy Breakdown, Income and Inequality” (Experimental Economics)

- **Miles Taylor** (Sociology): “The Structural Burden of Caregiving: Shared Challenges in the United States and Canada” (The Gerontologist)

- **Koji Ueno, Teresa Roach, Abraham Peña-Talamantes, Lacey Ritter** (Sociology): “Sexuality-Free Careers? Sexual Minority Young Adults’ Perceived Lack of Labor Market Disadvantages” (Social Problems)
Graduate Student Receives Grant to Study Health Policy

Last fall, a doctoral student in the college was awarded a $120,000 grant through a new program to diversify the future generation of policy development leaders. **Patrice Williams** is one of 40 traditionally underrepresented students to join the first cohort of Health Policy Research Scholars, a new program led by Johns Hopkins University and supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF).

Through the program, she will join scholars from across the country to collaborate and innovate to solve persistent challenges and advance a culture of health — one that places well-being at the center of every aspect of life.

Williams earned a Master of Public Health degree at FSU and is now pursuing her Ph.D. in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, studying how gentrification affects the health of people in disadvantaged populations.

“I’m looking at all the health effects on this particular group,” she said. “Gentrification does have a lot of positives, but it should be something that benefits all and not just the people who can afford to live in these new areas.”

She drew from her own experiences growing up in Sunrise, Fla., for inspiration in her studies.

“I was diagnosed with a condition, and I saw it in my own life,” Williams said. “I saw I lived in a food desert. I had to drive over ten miles to get to the nearest grocery store that had reasonably priced food I needed to eat to keep my condition under control.”

In addition to taking a required online course relating to health policy each semester, Williams will conduct research at RWJF partner institutions such as Johns Hopkins or the University of California and spend a summer in Washington, D.C., learning about federal health policy and how it’s created.

“The Jamaican motto is ‘out of many, one people’ so my family has always seen that their community is much bigger than them,” Williams said. “With that engrained in our household, I’m making sure I can help others achieve the same or better.”

**Kara Irby/FSU Communications contributed to this article.**

World Affairs Program Ranks in Nation’s Top 25

The FSU World Affairs Program (WAP), housed within the college, finished off a successful year with its annual banquet, April 29, and a ranking among the top 25 teams on the Model UN circuit.

The student-run WAP promotes an increased awareness of the global community and encourages personal, social and political growth through mentor programs and campus political activity. The organization is kept busiest, however, participating in Model UN and Crisis Simulations throughout the country.

In December 2016, the Model United Nations (MUN) Institute ranked the college teams in the World Division, consisting of those attending about a half dozen college-hosted conferences per year, with a majority of them being crisis simulations. MUN ranked FSU WAP #21, just behind Emory University, thanks to its top 10 performances and delegation awards at several conferences.

The organization was awarded Outstanding Small Delegation at McMun, hosted by McGill University in Montréal, Canada, in January 2017; won Best Delegation at the Florida Crisis Simulation in Gainesville in February; and finished the year off strong by winning Outstanding Small Delegation at Model United Nations Emory in April. FSU team members captured a number of individual prizes throughout the year.
Student’s Social Enterprise Wins Entrepreneurship Challenge

In March, FSU’s Jim Moran School of Entrepreneurship announced the winners of the annual entrepreneurship competition, InNOLEvation. Mayan Traditions, founded by international affairs major Hannah King, took first place in the division for social entrepreneurship.

Mayan Traditions seeks to preserve the artisan culture in Guatemala through the sale of textile products, aiming to open up markets, stimulate the economy and provide sustainable incomes for partner merchants.

King’s interest in the Mayan culture and in helping those in need dates back to her childhood. Her Greek-American father met her Guatemalan mother in the early 1990s, and they soon settled in Guatemala to run a home for neglected and abandoned children. Hannah was born in Guatemala and spent her early years there, often visiting the local artisan markets. She plans to use the prize money to grow Mayan Traditions, partnering with local businesses and retail stores to carry the products and eventually expand throughout the U.S.

“Hannah has taken full advantage of the evolving FSU social entrepreneurship and innovation ecosystem through classroom learning, research, an internship and co-curricular opportunities,” said Bruce Manciagli, instructor and entrepreneur-in-residence at the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy. “She has developed an innovative, impactful and scalable approach to the empowerment of indigenous artisans and the preservation of their culture through a sustainable social enterprise.”

Crediting her experience in Manciagli’s entrepreneurship courses as “enriching and eye opening,” King now plans to expand her academic focus and double major within the college in both international affairs and interdisciplinary social sciences with a concentration in social entrepreneurship and innovation.

“Winning this competition means a hope and a future for my people,” King said. “It means that I can continue to pursue my dreams, to innovate more and to grow more as a student, individual and now business owner.”
DEPARTMENTS AND INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAMS

ASKEW SCHOOL OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY
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The Askew School held a ceremony at Dodd Hall, February 24, 2017, to dedicate a new stained glass window to former Gov. Reuben Askew. Guests on hand included the late governor’s wife, Donna Lou Askew. The new window, located in the historic Workmeister Reading Room, is one of many created by the university’s Master Craftsman Studio to pay tribute to FSU’s history and legacy.

The evening also featured awards to graduate students in the Askew School: Michael Alfano (Malcolm Parsons Award for Best Master of Public Administration Paper), Jiasheng Zhang (Raul P. de Guzman Award for Best Ph.D. Paper), Eliel Cotz (Augustus B. Turnbull III Memorial Scholarship Award) and Adela Ghadimi (Neil S. Crispo Community Service Award).

Public Administration’s Section on Ethics and Integrity in Governance in March. The award is given for excellence in public affairs ethics scholarship, teaching and service during the course of a career in academia or public service.

On October 16, the Askew School’s annual Joe Cresse Ethics in Government Lecture Series hosted Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Cynthia Tucker, a University of Georgia visiting professor. Tucker took part in a panel discussion moderated by Askew School Professor James Bowman, “Economics, Demographics, Elites: Why Are Voters So Angry?” Joining her on the panel were Leroy Collins Institute Director Carol Weissert and political science professors Brad Gomez and Bob Jackson. Later the same day, Tucker delivered a lecture on “Diversity, Demographics and the Age of Donald Trump” at the FSU Law School Rotunda.

ECONOMICS
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The department is fast rising in the rankings of the best graduate schools in the country. In an October 2016 survey of 157 top economics schools, TFE Times (formerly The Financial Engineer) ranked FSU’s program #29 overall in the nation, up from #33 last year. The numbers are even more impressive when broken down further.

The program is #18 among all U.S. public universities, and of the 26 departments identified specifically as graduate programs in applied economics, FSU is #5, coming in close behind such respected universities as Johns Hopkins and Georgetown.

TFE determines its rankings based on GRE/GMAT scores, starting salaries for graduates, undergraduate GPA, acceptance rate, number of full-time graduates employed upon graduation and number employed three months after graduation.

The Master in Applied Economics is a hands-on program intended for students seeking a terminal degree with which to enter the work force and not intending to pursue a Ph.D. Students learn statistical tools and how to communicate economic concepts through hands-on experience using SAS, STATA, REMI, and other statistical software. Each year, the program concludes with a capstone project analyzing real-world policy issues in both the public and private sectors.

Igor Lukashevich, Julio Alvarez, and Connor Holcombe, winners of the Michael Norrin Outstanding Project Award at the annual applied economics symposium in summer 2016, make their presentation.
The program benefits greatly from the alumni and professionals who come to campus to share their experiences and expertise with students. Last October, several alums participated in a career panel: Steven Rybicki and Kyle Wood of Seminole Electric Cooperative, James Sweeney of Credit Suisse, Bill Desvousges of Desvousges and Associates, Carrie Amidon of Berkeley Research Group and Keith Leslie of Oldcastle.

The program receives major funding from the Kaul Foundation of Tampa, which helps support student research projects and capstone courses, as well as the Ralph Kaul Lecture Series within the department.

Graduate student Brandon Brice was awarded the John F. Liseno Graduate Student Award for Instructional Excellence by the Program for Instructional Excellence (PIE) of the FSU Graduate School. Brice also won an Office of Distance Learning Award in recognition of quality online course design, exceptional online teaching and superior mentoring support for his course, Introduction to Economics.

In the spring, graduate student Steve Landgraf and department alum Phil Brookins were selected to participate in a meeting with 19 Nobel Laureates in economics, an honor afforded to top young researchers in a highly competitive worldwide process. The two attended the 6th Lindau Meeting on Economic Sciences in Lindau, Germany, August 22-27, 2017. Landgraf is a doctoral student in the department whose dissertation examines competitive issues in broadband internet markets. Brookins, who came into the department as an undergrad, received his Ph.D. in economics at FSU in 2016. He currently has a post-doctoral position at the Max Planck Institute in Bonn, Germany.

**GEOGRAPHY**

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Assistant Professor Tyler McCreary, who joined the department in fall 2016, gave a timely talk last October at the Center for Leadership and Social Change. As activists sought to block construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline, McCreary’s talk, “Blockage in the Pipeline: Indigenous Struggles against Carbon,” drew on his current research examining indigenous resistance to tar sands pipeline development in Western Canada and the links between movements for environmental justice and historic opposition to colonialism.

Victor Mesev has been named the Harrison V. Chase Distinguished Professor of Geography for his work in transforming the department’s undergraduate Environment and Society program to a STEM discipline. A portion of the endowment for the recognition came from Professor Emeritus Mort Winsberg. The new program officially took over from the major in environmental studies.

Mesev and department Chair James Elsner visited the FSU branch in the Republic of Panama last fall to learn more about their environmental studies program and their interest in converting it to the Environment and Society program offered in the department on the FSU campus. They got the chance to meet Rector Carlos Langoni and some of the geography faculty and took a tour of the new locks on the Panama Canal.

Ph.D. student Brittany Wood received an Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship for her dissertation research under the supervision of Professor Mark Horner.

Professor Chris Uejio was honored with the Emerging Scholar Award in Health Geography by the Association of American Geographers. He also received a $1.07 million grant from the CDC to address climate impacts on health. (See article on page 8.)

Graduate student Jihoon Jung was awarded the Korea-America Association for Geospatial and Environmental Sciences Student Paper Award at the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting last April.

The Master of Science program in Geographic Information Science had a 26 percent rise in enrollment from the previous academic year.

Professor David C. Folch received a $176,000 supplementary award from the National Science Foundation to continue his ongoing research on data uncertainty in the American Community Survey. As part of a team of investigators from 13 institutions, Folch was also awarded a $5.9 million two-year grant from the National Institutes of Health to study early life stress and the environmental origins of disease among children in rural poverty.
INTERDISCIPLINARY SOCIAL SCIENCE
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Interdisciplinary Social Sciences held a professional panel and networking reception in the 2016/17 academic year. The panel discussion offered students an opportunity to meet various alums who are working on the forefront lines of social change. ISS students and others came to build networks and discuss the connections between school, career and leadership.

Panelists shared inspiring experiences of how they found their career passion. Moderated by Dustin Daniels, panelists included Evan Ernest (Who We Play For), Lucas Lindsey (Domi Station), Alyssa Hernandez (Florida Department of Juvenile Justice), Jessica Lowe-Minor (Institute for Nonprofit Innovation and Excellence), Brian Bautista (AirBnB), Samantha Sexton (Personal Insurance Federation of Florida), Kimberly Diaz (Planned Parenthood Florida), Ryan Hurst (FSU Foundation), Sara Clements (Step Up for Students), Michelle Avaroma (Florida Network of Youth and Family Service), Adner Marcelin (Parks and Crump Law Firm) and Akhenton Thomas (Tallahassee City Commission).

In spring semester, the ISS program launched the Interdisciplinary Public Policy Certificate, a program developed by Dean Emeritus David Rasmussen and Associate Dean and ISS Director Robert Crew. The certificate program is crafted to develop student exploration and engagement as policy advocates and analysts in four areas of policy study: Health and Aging, Poverty and Inequality, Risk Management, and Government Regulation.

Students pursuing the certificate gain an interdisciplinary view of specific areas of social interests, research methods and professional interaction as they learn the role of public policy and its processes in assessing and addressing social needs and problems. This certificate is available to students of all disciplinary backgrounds and encourages the exchange of student interests and experiences as part of a diverse, interdisciplinary environment.

The ISS program’s Social Entrepreneurship and Innovation (SEI) concentration has developed a full curricular spectrum ranging from classroom learning to field work to co-curricular opportunities. Opportunities for field work, which allow students to tie theory to practice, include local and international internships and independent work through Directed Individual Study (DIS).

Local Internships:
Shelby Prendergast interned with Be the Solution, a nonprofit that facilitates affordable spay and neuter surgeries. After researching laws and regulations, building relationships with vendors and suppliers, and conducting market research, Shelby laid the groundwork for a dog treat micro-enterprise within Be the Solution to create a sustainable revenue stream to further the organization’s mission.

William Dewar is conducting research on the Women’s Microfinance Initiative (WMI) in Uganda, where he volunteered during summer 2017. William is studying the effectiveness of WMI’s microfinance model in promoting economic empowerment and developing a set of case studies on several micro-enterprises. The case studies will be incorporated into the SEI curriculum to enhance students’ understanding of microfinance’s strengths and potential pitfalls.

International Internships:
Kiele Cabrera interned with Compassionate Women, a women-led social enterprise focused on generating economic empowerment through the creation of micro-enterprises.

Dempsey Weber interned with the African Innovation Prize, helping to provide business-development workshops and mentoring to students at universities in Rwanda with the goal of spurring innovation, entrepreneurship and social impact.

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INTERNATIONAL STUDIES/INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
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The Program in International Affairs inaugurated a new foreign film series in spring 2017. The Dr. Robert C. Dailey Foreign Films Series was established to bring to campus and the public outstanding documentaries and feature films that provide insights on the unique traditions and values of countries and cultures throughout the world.
The series was established by a gift from Dr. Mary Dailey in honor of her husband, who passed away in 1999. Robert Dailey was chair of the Department of Anthropology from 1971 to 1975 and again from 1981 to 1984. He was a respected member of the university faculty for 25 years, celebrated for his pioneering work in forensic anthropology and archaeology. The first film of the series was “Embrace of the Serpent” (2015), nominated for a Best Foreign Language Film Academy Award.

International affairs seniors Kelly Baker, Christine Fleitas, and Ljubica “Kiki” Nikolic were among 194 undergraduates nationally to be awarded David L. Boren Scholarships, which provide scholars up to $20,000 for 12 months of study in areas of the world critical to U.S. national security.

Boren Scholars study less commonly taught languages in regions such as Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America and the Middle East. The program is designed to help students learn foreign languages and gain valuable insights about global issues. In exchange for financial support, award recipients commit to work in the federal government for at least one year after graduation.

Baker is now studying Arabic in Jordan. Fleitas begins her study of Arabic in Morocco in October 2017. Nikolic, who also majored in political science and interdisciplinary social science, is studying Albanian in Tirana, Albania.

International affairs undergraduate Paula Moreno presented a paper at the Florida Society of the Social Sciences (F3S) Conference of the Social Sciences in Gainesville, Fla., during the spring 2017 semester. Based on her research on the rise of nationalism and the change powerful nations have made to their positions on migration, her paper examined the shift away from the protection of human rights on an international scale.

F3S is a graduate student organization that facilitates professional development and research within the social sciences and creates space for interdisciplinary dialogue on campus at the University of Florida. The annual conference is an opportunity for graduate and undergraduate students from a variety of different academic fields to present innovative research, brainstorm ideas and collaborate with peers from several Florida colleges and universities.

POLITICAL SCIENCE
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Students in the Master in Applied American Politics and Policy (MAAPP) program held an event at Tallahassee City Hall in July 2016 as the final project of their course in earned media. The class contacted then-Congresswoman Gwen Graham and helped her organize a roundtable on school safety featuring parents, school officials, students and law enforcement officers. Graham introduced a bill in Congress (HR 5787) that would authorize the Department of Justice to make grants to local school districts to acquire and install technology for classrooms nationwide that would allow teachers to immediately alert emergency officials in case of incidents at their schools.

Political science undergraduate McCayla Sica was chosen to present her research at the 2017 National Collegiate Research Conference at Harvard in January.

Sica’s honors thesis investigated whether first and second grade students who are exposed to a classroom reading and activity on multiculturalism alter their perceptions of race (and gender) and their beliefs about leadership. In the process of conducting this work, Sica has also won two research grants.
Rowan at a December 2016 STEM event at Chipola College and Betsy Wood at the Calhoun County, Fla., Chamber of Commerce meeting in February. Rowan and Wood were joined by MPH alum Arianna Waddell and student Paula Kreutzer at a meeting of community health practitioners convened by the Leon County Health Department in January to discuss ways to collaborate on improving health outcomes.

Former U.S. Rep. Jason Altmire (B.S. Political Science ’90) made his annual visit to a meeting of the Public Health Student Association (PHSA), April 13, to present the Congressman Jason and Kelly Altmire Endowment Student Achievement Prize in Public Health Policy to outgoing PHSA President Antraneise Jackson “in recognition of her academic success, demonstrated ambition, maturity, leadership, internship and community service.” Altmire also spoke to students about the future of health care in Florida and the nation. (See article on page 7.)

SOCIOLOGY
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Ph.D. student Haley Gentile introduced a film screened in August 2016 by the Tallahassee Film Society. “The Witness” is a documentary about the infamous Kitty Genovese murder in Queens, N.Y., in 1964. Gentile spoke on the social psychological phenomenon called the...
“bystander effect” and its relation to the case, which gave rise to largely erroneous reports of people watching the murder without helping in any way.

Sociology professors Miranda Waggoner and Anne Barrett, who is also the director of the Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy, participated in a panel at the FSU Museum of Fine Arts in September 2016 in conjunction with the exhibit “Judy Chicago’s Birth Project: Born Again.”

Waggoner discussed how Judy Chicago’s work doesn’t shy away from the value and reality of the birth process, including the violence and the magic of birth—aspects that the medicalization of birth has sought to erase and control. She noted that the Birth Project reminds us of the value of birth and re-centers the authority and authoritative knowledge of women’s bodies in the process.

Barrett’s presentation centered on the implications of the Birth Project for revisioning women’s lives, particularly beyond their reproductive life cycles. She drew analogies between two archetypes of women’s lives in matriarchal belief systems, the mother and the crone. She argued that this extrapolation of the Birth Project suggests a framing of women’s aging that contrasts with the frailty, dependence and loss our culture tends to attribute to older women. Such an alternative framing, she said, would make women’s aging bodies more visible and highlight positive aspects of aging, particularly how accumulated experiences broaden perspectives, enriching and strengthening women’s lives.

The department hosted two events this year focused on hip hop culture. Hip Hop Is Life, held in October 2016, brought together educators, cultural critics, artists, producers, students and community leaders to discuss and demonstrate the ways hip hop affects specific communities and the culture at large.

The two-day event included a workshop focused on ways hip hop can promote positive social change through education, bring awareness to social issues and connect individuals from various backgrounds. In addition to a performance night, there was also a panel discussion on how hip hop can address health disparities and promote better health practices and outcomes.

The Symposium on Hip Hop and Education in March 2017 was geared toward educators who use innovative and culturally relevant instructional methods to enhance student engagement. The symposium featured a panel examining the potential incorporation of hip hop music and culture into a wide range of classes and subjects and the implications of this approach for educational policies, particularly those aimed at closing the achievement gap.

Both events were organized by faculty member Lisa Weinberg, who teaches the course Sociology of Hip Hop Culture.

The department presented its annual awards in spring semester to students David Butter (Undergraduate Research Paper Award), Kristen Erichsen (Graduate Research Paper Award), and Lacey Ritter (Graduate Student Teaching Award) and to Associate Professor Amy Burdette (Faculty Teaching Award).

Professor Deana Rohlinger was elected chair of the American Sociological Association’s section on Communication, Information, Technology and Media Sociology in June 2017. She was also awarded a seed grant from the National Institute for Civil Discourse for her project, “Crises and Civility: Social Media Discourse after School Shootings.”

**URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING**

Jeff Brown, Chair
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Ph.D. students Joel Mendez and Shaleen Miller were awarded U.S. Department of Transportation Dwight David Eisenhower Fellowships for 2016-2017 for students pursuing degrees in transportation-related disciplines. This program advances the transportation workforce by attracting the brightest minds to the field through education, research and workforce development. Mendez and Miller are the 12th and 13th students from the department to receive Eisenhower Fellowships in the past six years.

Department Chair Jeff Brown received the Charley V. Wootan Award for Best Paper in Transportation Policy by the Transportation Research Board (TRB) at the organization’s annual meeting in January 2017. The paper, written with two co-authors, examines the debates and maneuvers that led to the ultimate passage of California’s Collier-Burns Highway Act, which created a trust fund-based finance...
Kayla Costello, who received her master’s degree in planning in 2016, was selected as the American Planning Association Florida Student of the Year. She was presented her award during the APA Florida conference in Tampa in September 2016. Costello was selected on the basis of her all-around exemplary performance as a student, planning intern and research assistant while at FSU.

The American Planning Association (APA) awarded its top student honor to the department’s graduate-level applied studio, the Florida Planning and Development Lab (FPDL). The student group was awarded the AICP (American Institute of Certified Planners) Student Project Award for Contribution of Planning to Contemporary Issues for its key participation in a study of the future of autonomous vehicles (AV), aka self-driving vehicles or robot cars, funded by the Florida Department of Transportation.

The FPDL contributions to this project have garnered other awards for the group. In 2016, the studio received the Florida Planning and Zoning Association’s Innovation Award and the Student Project Award from the APA Florida chapter. The project and awards were reported in the 2016 issue of Engage.

On November 18-19, 2016, the FPDL studio for fall 2016 semester unveiled the fruits of student efforts to transform the urban environment of the historic Frenchtown neighborhood in Tallahassee.

The Better Block Tallahassee project was designed to demonstrate to the city and local policy makers how economic development and infrastructure improvements can create the foundations of a more pedestrian-friendly, livable, and economically and socially viable area. By making changes in the built environment of a key busy intersection within the greater neighborhood, the project aimed to foster reinvestment and focus more city attention and resources on the once vibrant area.

Students in the studio collaborated with city agencies, urban design students from FSU, architecture students from Florida A&M University, and the FSU Master Craftsman Studio and Facilities Department, with input from the national Better Block Foundation. Improvements included bike lanes, mini-parks, features to increase pedestrian safety and prevent speeding, market kiosks, a greenhouse, new sidewalks, a mural and outdoor entertainment stage and the activation of previously shuttered storefronts. All of the changes were based on community input.

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The course is currently offered only to graduate and upper-level undergraduate students enrolled in FSU’s urban and regional planning and real estate programs. The goal is eventually to make the course available to students in other related disciplines such as law, finance, economics and public policy.

Sarah Kelty was named the Florida Planning and Zoning Association’s Outstanding Student, a competitive merit-based award open to all students currently enrolled in a Florida college or university urban planning undergraduate, graduate, or certificate program. She was presented with her award at a luncheon during the FPZA State Conference in Naples, June 9. She also received a free conference registration and two-night hotel stay at the Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort conference site.

The department announced, June 8, the appointment of Dennis J. Smith as Planner in Residence. Smith, a 1994 DURP graduate, has 23 years of planning experience in the public and private sectors. Prior to his appointment, he was Growth Management Coordinator at the Florida Department of Transportation. Before joining FDOT, he spent 12 years in the private sector with Atkins, NA, where he managed disaster recovery and emergency planning projects nationwide. Smith started his career in community development as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Liberia. His interests include natural hazards, infrastructure, and community sustainability.
The center celebrates its 50th anniversary October 6 and 7, 2017, with academic and social events.

On Friday afternoon, October 6, the annual Charles B. Nam Lecture in the sociology of population will be delivered by alum Jeralynn (Lynne) Sittig Cossman, a medical sociologist and demographer who chairs the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at West Virginia University.

The next morning, an alumni panel will talk about how their experiences at the center facilitated their careers. At press time, details were still being finalized, but the aim is to feature one alum per decade and a mix of master's and Ph.D. students, many of them with applied experience in such institutions as the U.S. Census and the Urban Institute. The panel will be moderated by Robert Hummer (Ph.D. ’91), the Howard W. Odum Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Faculty Fellow of the Carolina Population Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Saturday evening Professor Emeritus Charles Nam will offer his comments and insights at a celebratory dinner. Throughout the months leading up to the anniversary, Nam has issued social media posts about the center’s history, going back to 1967 when the Population and Manpower Resource Center, the precursor to today’s center, was established at FSU with participating faculty from sociology and economics. This research organization changed titles a couple times over the next few years and expanded its scope to also include geographers, urban and regional planners and political scientists.

In the late 60s, David Sly and Bob Weller (Sociology) and Tom Espenshade (Economics) were recruited and given joint appointments in the center, bringing academic skills that strengthened the center’s research and training program. In 1970 the officers of the Population Association of America invited Charles Nam, then director of the center, to assume editorship of Demography, at the time the PAA’s still young journal. With Sly, Espenshade, and Weller as associate editors, the journal was edited at FSU for three years. The success of that undertaking helped the center achieve greater recognition in the profession and laid the foundation for its continued growth and development.

For many years the center faculty guided students interested in population analysis in their quest for graduate degrees; however, the degrees were awarded not by the center but by academic departments. In the early 1980s, as the job market for people with comprehensive training in demographic techniques expanded, it became clear that an interdisciplinary master’s program in demography was justified.

The Florida Board of Regents approved a Master of Science in Demography (MSD) in 1984. Because of its interdisciplinary character, the MSD program was housed in the center, establishing formal training and research functions. Initially a two-year program, the MSD was later tailored to make it the intensive one-year program it is today.

In 1985, the Center for Demography and Population Health was recognized as an independent unit of the College of Social Sciences. Students in the program are trained as applied demographers in preparation for jobs requiring advanced skills in data analysis and data management. Graduates of the MSD program are located in both government and private sector positions in the U.S. and throughout the world.


Each year, since 2005, the center presents an award named for longtime Director Bill Serow for outstanding performance by a student in the program. In 2015, the center added an annual scholarship. This year, both the Serow Prize and the Serow Scholarship went to Nathan Chase.
In summer 2016, EMHS students participated in a unique opportunity to make a positive impact on vulnerable populations in the Atacama Desert in Chile. EMHS partnered with Candelaria Mining Company in Tierra Amarilla, Chile, and the University of Chile in Santiago. Over the course of five days, students led trainings in disaster preparedness and provided instruction to community members on a communication plan designed specifically for the location by EMHS students, advised by faculty and staff about the physical and technological constraints of communication in the region.

EMHS students, faculty and staff provided valuable assistance in several capacities to support response and recovery efforts when Hurricane Hermine struck North Florida, September 1, 2016. Ten EMHS students volunteered to monitor social media as part of the program’s FSU Virtual Operations Support Team (FSU.VOST) helping response organizations understand what was happening in the disaster impact area and greatly aiding decision-making and communication.

Before and after Hurricane Hermine, EMHS staff and students in the unmanned aerial systems program worked with FSU Facilities to record images of the roofs of all campus student housing, checking for storm damage. This rapid assessment provided facilities managers with a view of these buildings in a way that was not possible a few years ago.

Beyond the university, a UAS team assisted the post-impact reconnaissance of Alligator Point, an area severely impacted by the storm. Videos from these flights were transmitted to the State Emergency Operation Center in near-real time for use in official briefings.

EMHS faculty assisted the State Emergency Response Team (SERT) throughout the activation of the Florida Virtual Business Emergency Operation Center (VBEOC), a web application designed, developed, and maintained by EMHS that allows businesses to receive direct communication from the state during emergencies and to update their business status.

Finally, three EMHS students applied their classroom learning to a real-world experience as volunteers with the American Red Cross and Leon County Emergency Management. They were teamed with personnel from both organizations and assisted with door-to-door damage assessments of homes and businesses using a damage assessment tool to catalogue buildings based on the amount of damage they sustained. The teams also determined utility and power status at each location. This work tied directly to the principles of disaster declarations taught in the EMHS program.

Kristofer Ettman won the 2017 Dil-ling McDaniel Scholarship for Veterans and Active Duty Service Members. The scholarship gives veterans or active duty members of all branches of the military the ability to take courses to begin or further their careers in emergency management or homeland security. Named after EMHS faculty Janet Dilling and Robert McDaniel, who have dedicated their entire careers to service, emergency management and education, the scholarship pays for four EMHS courses for undergraduate students or five EMHS courses for graduate students.

Mark McNees joined the center this year as the Director of Social Entrepreneurship. He is part-time faculty teaching Social Entrepreneurship and Economic Development, mentoring student social entrepreneurs, coordinating and supervising internships, and providing curriculum support to the new Jim Moran School of Entrepreneurship.

McNees is the founder and president/CEO of RedEye Coffee, a social enterprise that has won awards for excellence and innovation and has provided internships for social entrepreneurship students. He is also the founding pastor of Element3 Church located in Tallahassee.
The center continued to produce an abundance of policy briefs and reports based on studies by faculty, staff and students. Within this academic year, policy briefs have covered such topics as local development permitting processes, local government responses to recessions, industry tax incentives, the sharing economy, economic development and "crony capitalism" in Florida, the effects of price-gouging laws on disaster recovery, and Community Redevelopment Agencies.

The center’s reports and studies can be accessed from its FSU website (above) or its blog page at devoelmoorecenter.com.

The Devoe Moore Center celebrated Entrepreneurship Month last November with the screening of the documentary “Generation Start-Up” in conjunction with the Social Entrepreneurship Group. Directed by Academy Award winner Cynthia Wade and award-winning filmmaker Cheryl Miller Houser, the film captures the struggles and triumphs of six recent college graduates who put everything on the line to build start-ups in Detroit. In spring semester, the center sponsored the screening of another film about social entrepreneurship, “Who Cares?”

LEROY COLLINS INSTITUTE
Carol Weissert, Director
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The Collins Institute released a new report in its Tough Choices series in summer 2016, “The State of Higher Education Planning in Florida — And How We Got There.” The report examines the growth of Florida universities and college systems along with the state’s population boom over the last 60 years.

“Individual institutions, atypically large 20 years ago, continue to expand, often with branch or joint-use campuses, but this growth has been frequently ad hoc and buffeted by politics,” the authors noted. “Major decisions are often made in-the-moment, without benefit of careful, comprehensive, forward-thinking strategic plans.”

The report outlines the history of Florida higher education planning and makes the case for strengthening it. In doing so, it describes in detail one exemplary planning effort that existed in the state for 21 years and an outside review of the state’s higher education operation, governance and vision that was intended as a blueprint for long-term planning.

PEPPER INSTITUTE ON AGING AND PUBLIC POLICY
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Three members of the institute’s affiliated faculty have been elected this year as fellows of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA), the world’s oldest and largest interdisciplinary organization devoted to research, education and practice in the field of aging.

The institute announced May 11, 2017, the GSA election of Associate Professor Miles Taylor and Assistant Professor Dawn Carr, both of the Department of Sociology. Earlier this year, Associate Professor of Psychology Walter Boot was also named a fellow of the organization.

Fellowship — the highest class of membership within the society — is an acknowledgment of outstanding and continuing work in the field of gerontology.

The majority of Taylor’s work to date focuses on racial and economic variations in health among older adults and on outcomes with broad demographic and population health relevance, including functional health, chronic conditions and mortality. She received the 2017 Busse Research Award, given to one social-behavioral and one biomedical scientist per year to recognize significant contributions to research on aging.

Carr’s election as a GSA fellow is especially noteworthy at such an early stage in her career. This recognition of her research on social engagement and healthy functioning in later life signifies her as a leading expert in this area.

Boot has been an integral part of the Pepper Institute’s multidisciplinary work, contributing his expertise on cognitive aging and transportation, an important focus of the institute. In April 2017, Boot and another Pepper-affiliated faculty member, Professor of Psychology and Director of FSU’s Institute for Successful Longevity Neil Charness, published a study that found no evidence to support the claims of the growing “brain training” industry that brain games can stave off memory loss or cognitive disorders as people age.

Taylor, Carr and Boot join four other Pepper-affiliated faculty members as GSA Fellows: Charness; Pepper Institute Director Anne Barrett; William Weissert, director of the Master of PublicHealth program within the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy; and Professor of Social Work Amy Ai, who was selected in late 2016 as a fellow of the American Psychological Association.

For more on the institute’s work on aging, see the article on page 4.

GUS A. STAVROS CENTER
Joe Calhoun, Director
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The center presented its annual workshop, Creative Ideas for Your Basic Economics Course, at Miami Dade College Center for Economic Education in February. The workshop featured Stephen Kay, director of the Federal Reserve of Atlanta’s Americas Center; Matthew Rousu, professor and Warehime Chair in the Department of Economics at Susquehanna University; Michael Munger, director of the interdisciplinary Philosophy, Politics and Economics program at Duke University; and Gloria Guzman, senior economics and financial education specialist at the Federal Reserve of Atlanta.
At a ceremony last November, the FSU Alumni Association honored its 2016 Notable Noles (formerly the Thirty Under 30), recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of young alumni. Six of the 15 honorees were graduates of the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy: Max Haney (B.S. Social Sciences ’12), Candace Lerman (B.S. ’09 and M.S. ’10 International Affairs), Danielle Quercia (B.S. Political Science ’07), Jay Revell (B.S. ’09 and M.S. ’12 Political Science), Anisha Singh (B.A. Political Science ’09), and Zachary Sobeck (B.S. Economics ’13).

Kathy Mears (B.S. ’03, MPA ’11) who served as chief of staff to two consecutive Florida House speakers and deputy chief of staff to former Gov. Charlie Crist, was named FSU’s chief legislative affairs officer, the top in-house lobbyist for the university, beginning September 19, 2016.

The Jim Moran School of Entrepreneurship showcased seven successful entrepreneurs who have started businesses before the age of 30 in their 7 Under 30 event in fall 2016. One of them, Alexandra Gramatikas (B.A. International Affairs ’09), founded the company ALTR for personalizing clothing and accessories, winning the Joust Business Plan Competition and SCORE Pitch Fest. Gramatikas received a patent for her custom button covers and secured a partnership with custom retailer Zazzle.com.

A graduate of the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy earned one of Florida’s top business awards this year. Gov. Rick Scott presented the Governor’s Young Entrepreneur Award to James Stage (B.A. ’15), who created the educational software business Queralyze, which helps students improve critical thinking skills in research and writing. Stage received his undergraduate degree in international affairs and political science and minored in entrepreneurship.

Two alumni of the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy were inducted into the Florida State University Athletic Hall of Fame, September 9, 2016. Alex Barron (B.S. Social Sciences ’04) became FSU’s seventh two-time consensus All-American when he was selected for virtually every All-America team as an offensive tackle in 2003 and 2004. He was selected in the first round of the 2005 NFL Draft by the St. Louis Rams. He played in the league until retiring in 2012. Garrett Johnson (B.S. Political Science ’05) is one of the most decorated scholar-athletes in the university’s history, earning equal honors for academic achievements. The FSU and Atlantic Coast Conference shot put record holder, he was a two-time NCAA champion and four-time conference champion.
Jean Accius (M.S. '03) was honored at the 30th anniversary celebration of the National Academy of Social Insurance, June 7, 2017, as one of the country’s “new generation of social insurance leaders.” Accius earned his master’s degree in aging studies from the Pepper Institute and his doctorate at American University. He serves as vice president of the Long-Term Services & Supports and Livable Communities Group within the AARP Public Policy Institute. In November 2016, Accius came to FSU to deliver a talk sponsored by the Pepper Institute, “Pressures, Policies and Politics: The Endless Possibilities of an Aging Society.”

We love when our alumni come back to campus and engage with students, imparting the knowledge and experience they’ve gained in the professional world. Josh Mikels (M.S. ’03), who earned his master’s degree in applied economics at FSU, spoke with the current cohort of applied econ students about conflict resolution. He is also co-sponsor (along with Stan Shaffer) of the annual award honoring the program’s outstanding student.

James Sweeney (B.S. Economics and Political Science ’99), Global Head of Fixed Income and Economic Research at Credit Suisse, spoke to student members of the National Association of Business Economists about his studies and participated in a panel on careers in economics. Sweeney joined Credit Suisse in 2000, having previously worked as a political speech writer. He graduated magna cum laude from FSU and went on to earn his master’s degree from the London School of Economics.

Tim Gunning (B.S. Economics ’00), partner at Ernst and Young in New York, met with students in the master’s program in applied economics in February 2017. Gunning and two colleagues gave a presentation on international transfer pricing at the DeVoe Moore Center. In 2013, Gunning and his wife Katharine, also an FSU alum, established the Thomas S. McCaleb Scholarship Endowment Fund in honor of his mentor, the undergraduate director of the economics department.

Two graduates of the college were among the six FSU alums honored November 12, 2016, with the annual Reuben O’D. Askew Young Alumni Award: Max Haney (B.S. Political Science ’12) and Zachary Sobeck (B.S. Economics ’13).

Caitlin Strawder (B.S. Political Science and Interdisciplinary Social Science ’13), a conflict resolution mediator at the New York Peace Institute, was awarded a 2017 Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship by the U.S. Department of State. The fellowship will help her pursue a master’s degree at Columbia University in international relations focusing on security policy. She will also complete internships with the U.S. State Department in Washington, D.C., and overseas. In her junior year at FSU, she was selected to be a member of the first cohort of the college’s Social Science Scholars program, which made it possible for her to teach English in El Salvador one summer, a transformative experience that led to her interest in international development.

SukJoon Hwang (Ph.D. ’16), a graduate of the Askew School, was selected as a 2017 Founders Fellow of the American Society of Public Administration (ASPA). The Founders’ Fellows program celebrates the accomplishments of the next generation of those serving the public good in the academic or practitioner communities, or both.
Marshall Cohn (BS ‘81) has been engaging with FSU for years in many capacities, so a little more than five years ago when then Dean David Rasmussen told him about a new program for undergraduates he was establishing at the college, Marshall was one of the first to “hop aboard.”

The Social Science Scholars program provides unique and valuable opportunities for the most outstanding students in the college, chosen through a highly competitive process. Thanks to financial support from Marshall Cohn and alums like him, these students are able to take leadership seminars, develop service projects they want to carry out in the summer after their junior year, and travel throughout the globe to complete these projects designed to improve the economic, educational, and social well-being of the communities they serve.

“I’ve always been impressed by the caliber of the typical FSU student, but these Social Science Scholars are truly exceptional,” he says. “I’m convinced that many of them are going to change the world.”

Marshall believes so strongly in the program that he also serves as an interviewer, helping to choose the annual cohort of 18 students from dozens of applicants.

He also gives back in a way we encourage all of our alumni to do: by sharing his professional expertise with students who hope to follow career paths similar to his.

In 1989, he and partner Robert Winters founded The Dunhill Companies, a boutique commercial real estate firm providing personalized services to both institutional and private clients in the Central Florida market. Today he credits his success to his time at FSU, where he earned his undergraduate degree in economics and real estate.

“My introduction to and education in real estate was the random result of needing a business elective course as an undergrad and having a friend suggest one he was enrolled in,” he explains. “The professor, John Lewis, was an illuminating speaker and encouraged me to seek a career in the commercial real estate industry.”

Marshall, who earned his master’s degree from the University of Central Florida, looks back fondly on his four years at FSU – “among the happiest of my life” – and appreciates what he calls “the unique esprit de corps” among students and faculty that he still finds is so strong when he returns to campus to lecture and mentor students.

For several years, he has been involved in teaching classes at FSU because, he says, “I wouldn’t want students going out into the industry without an exposure to some practical uses of real estate analytics.”

He is a teaching assistant for an online MBA class in real estate finance and this fall began doing the same for a real estate valuation course. For the past 16 years, his company has been a sponsor of the university’s annual Real Estate Trends Conference, and he has made legacy gifts to the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy and the College of Business.

For his service and distinction in his field, Marshall Cohn was awarded the Florida State University Real Estate Network Award in 2014. And now he is our Distinguished Alumnus of the year.

“I am truly honored to be selected and humbly accept this accolade not as an indication of what I have done or will do for Florida State University, but as an inspiration to other alumni who are considering contributing to an institution which I hold in esteem and affection.”

— Marshall Cohn
DEVELOPMENT

ESTABLISHING A CULTURE OF STUDENT PHILANTHROPY

Few students may be aware of the impact they can make on educational opportunities through their own donations, however small. Kevin DiMatteo, a political science major with a passion for philanthropy and a commitment to supporting academic and student programs, wants to change that.

“They may be very familiar with a range of programs and projects available to them, but they may not know that many of these programs exist largely because of private funding,” he said. “For instance, when undergraduates need financial support to attend conferences vital to their academic and career interests, the college has to turn to private funding, because of a state law prohibiting public funding for undergraduate travel.”

Working with the college’s Development Officer Ryan Hurst, DiMatteo hopes to launch multiple student fundraisers to support the college.

“It’s not about pressuring students to give; it’s about showing the importance and impact of private support,” he said. “I want all Social Science and Public Policy students to know how important private support is to maintain existing programs and create new opportunities. My experience is that students will then ask, ‘How can I help?’”

The Boynton Beach senior built his substantial experience over the past few years as the vice president of sponsorship and fundraising for the biggest Greek-run student philanthropy. “Line Dance 2017: Showcase of the Arts” last year raised $72,000 to create a team collaboration lab in the future home of the College of Business.

DiMatteo also sits on the FSU Student Foundation as a trustee member and director of corporate sponsorship. Peer-to-peer fundraising is the cornerstone of the FSU Student Foundation, and DiMatteo wants to see this model replicated within the college.

“A one-time donation of $100 from one student is not as impactful as 100 students donating a dollar,” he said. “If we can show students that small continuous donations make up the majority of gifts that nonprofits and educational institutions rely on, we can begin to cultivate a philanthropic spirit.”

HIGHLIGHTS

One in every six dollars spent in support of the college’s academic programs and student activities comes from private donations. The generosity of our alumni and friends allows us to provide students with experiences under the umbrella of our Get More Than a Degree initiative that cannot be supported by tuition or state/federal funding. These opportunities include domestic and international travel awards, professional development trainings, and special events with renowned faculty and guest lecturers.

In FY 2016-2017, 976 donors contributed $2,449,300 to the college. Of that total, $1,279,500 was cash or securities, $656,800 in bequests and other planned gifts and $513,000 in new pledges.

College-Wide/Department Support

The Kaul Foundation of Tampa, Fla., continued its support for the Applied Economics master’s degree program with an outright gift.

Bruce McNeilage, of Brentwood, Tenn., made a pledge to support a new interdisciplinary class in Urban and Regional Planning and Real Estate co-taught by faculty of our college and the College of Business.

Howard Frank of Hollywood, Fla., made a bequest for general support of the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy.

Unique Programming

David Rasmussen and Joanne Oliveri-Rasmussen of Tallahassee, Fla., added a charitable gift annuity to the David W. Rasmussen Scholarship Endowment Fund that supports the Social Science Scholars program. Rasmussen served as dean of the college for 13 years.

Nick and Angela Bergan of West Palm Beach, Fla., made a pledge supporting a Social Science Scholar for the next five years.

Marshall Cohn of Orlando, Fla., made a bequest to endow two Social Science Scholars on an annual basis and additional gifts for outright support of this program.

Student Scholarship Opportunities

April Davidson of Pensacola, Fla., made a deferred gift to endow a scholarship at the college to benefit students from Escambia County.

Charles B. Nam of Tallahassee, Fla., made a gift to endow the Charles B. Nam Scholarship fund in the Center for Demography and Population Health.

Mary Lou Mandell of Stone Mountain, Ga., made a bequest supporting the Charles B. Nam Scholarship fund in the Center for Demography and Population Health.

Keeping Our Promise to Student Veterans

Charles and Sylvia Haworth of Tallahassee, Fla., made a gift supporting our first group of student veterans enrolled in master’s degree programs in the college during the 2016-2017 academic year.

Tom and Eileen Culligan of Bonita Springs, Fla., created a new endowed fund for student veterans. The earnings from the endowment will support student veterans enrolled in master’s degree programs in the college.
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As always, we express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to the many alumni, friends, and organizations who made charitable gifts during FY2016-2017 to help support the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy. To each of you we say thank you very much for your ongoing interest and generous investment in our students, faculty, and programs.

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– Lauren Matzke (MSP ’06), planning manager in the Long-Range Planning Division, City of Clearwater, Fl. Lauren’s recent generous gift supports student professional development and financial assistance in the form of awards and scholarships.
The venerable old **Bellamy Building** turns 50 this year! Completed and dedicated on October 30, 1967, the college's present-day home was built specifically to house social sciences classes. It was named for longtime FSU Professor Raymond Bellamy (see back cover). Students, faculty, staff and alumni of the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy have so many great memories of their time in the halls of Bellamy; share yours on our Facebook page or Twitter feed (@FSUCOSS).
WHO WAS RAYMOND BELLAMY?

Every year, hundreds of students sit under the portrait of Dr. Raymond Bellamy in the Bellamy Building atrium, but does anyone really know much about the man for whom the college's home is named?

Raymond F. Bellamy (1885-1970) was the founder of the Department of Sociology and chair from 1918, when the university was still the Florida State College for Women, until his retirement in 1956.

He was also the instructor of the first anthropology course offered in the South, according to his obituary in the Florida Flambeau student paper, and taught the first statistics course in Florida. Over the course of his long career, Dr. Bellamy also taught courses in economics, political science and history.

He collaborated with three other FSU professors on the book “A Preface to the Social Sciences.”

“Florida State has suffered a great loss,” the obit quoted Stanley Marshall, FSU president at the time. “Generations of our students have profited from his brilliant insight into all manner of student concern.”