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“The Florida State University College of Social Sciences and Public Policy is dedicated to excellence in creating and communicating social science and public policy knowledge through leading edge research, interdisciplinary programs and teaching. We inspire and create opportunities for our diverse student body to become the next generation of leaders, citizens and innovators to advance scholarship, engage communities and serve society.”

The college is dedicated to achieving our mission by advancing our collective core values that inform and shape our culture and programmatic areas. We:

- foster a diverse and inclusive college culture, welcoming all into a robust and free exchange of ideas;
- recruit and retain diverse faculty, students and staff of the highest quality;
- promote and clearly communicate evidence-based social science research and teaching to inform and shape public policy, empower and engage communities, and contribute to the advancement of social and economic mobility, equal opportunity and a sustainable world;
- empower students through innovative teaching, mentoring and advising; and
- facilitate critical thinking through a collaborative interdisciplinary approach to solving problems that confront society.

It is with great gratitude and much admiration for a distinguished career that we wish all the best to Dean Emeritus David Rasmussen, the James Gapinski Professor of Economics, on his retirement this past May after more than 50 years on the FSU faculty. In his 13 years as dean (2003-2016), Dr. Rasmussen instituted the college’s signature Social Science Scholars program, expanded educational opportunities and transformational experiences for students under our Get More Than a Degree initiative, and successfully steered us through difficult financial times – all with his firm, wise and warm approach to leadership.

Here’s Dean Rasmussen doing what he loved most – engaging with students (at an annual Get More Than a Degree event).
In last year’s issue, I wrote about Diversity as one of the core values of the college. This year, I’d like to introduce another of these key principles, Evidence-Based Decision-Making. In discussing this I need to harken back to the college’s creation in 1973, when a mix of traditional academic units with roots in the social sciences (Economics, Geography, Political Science and Sociology) were combined with two policy-oriented programs (Public Administration and Urban and Regional Planning).

The newly formed college focused on core knowledge of social, economic and political issues and the application of that knowledge to policy questions and public affairs. While the intellectual traditions and theoretical foundations of these units may differ, all share a common commitment to the idea that quality empirical analysis should inform and shape the actions and decisions of individuals and organizations.

Like our friends in the natural sciences, social scientists use experimental research design, large data sets, observation and sophisticated analytic methods. They apply these tools to research on issues as diverse as health care finance, transportation systems, gender and identity, coastal systems and government transparency. Unlike hard scientists, though, social scientists also embrace qualitative methodologies and operate in a messy world within which experimental research designs are infeasible or impossible.

Through these diverse methods and analytical approaches, the social sciences tackle issues and problems that impact the lives and well-being of the human species, based on the belief that empirical analysis is the key to the betterment of society and improved quality of life for all. Many of these are “Wicked Problems” – thorny, complex and deeply rooted in society – and must be approached in a systematic way.

So how do these methods apply to real-world problems? How does social science research yield insights into individual, organizational and societal behaviors and actions?

Let me offer up some examples:

If there are proposed changes in taxes or environmental policies, data can be mobilized to assess these proposals and recommend a course of action to decision-makers, as is evidenced by the work of faculty and students working in our Hilton Center and DeVoe Moore Center.

Similarly, data can be gathered and analyzed to assess the social, financial, health and transport needs of older adults in Florida. This type of research is undertaken in several of our academic programs and at the Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy, which works with nonprofits, businesses and the government sector to promote higher quality of life for this fast-growing segment of the population.

Put simply, Evidence-Based Decision-Making brings a systematic, rigorous and data-driven approach to analyzing problems and then taking action. Disciplines in the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy promote critical thinking, analytical methods and empirical skills as the path to understanding the issues that dominate our public discussions. Communities can then be mobilized to combat these entrenched problems in workplaces, schools and neighborhoods, informed by research on local issues and governance challenges.

It is my great pleasure to work with the 150+ social scientists on our faculty and more than 4,000 student social science majors to help create a world where quality data, excellent methods, meaningful analysis and insight are used to make our wicked world a little less so each day.

All the best to you and, as always, Go Noles!

Tim Chapin
Dean, Professor of Urban and Regional Planning
Dear Fellow Alumni,

From advancements in medicine to scientific breakthroughs to public policy impacts, building a foundation in evidence-based research is more powerful today than ever before. And the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy remains one of the best institutions where such a foundation can be built.

When I was an economics student in the college, I gained the foundation necessary to successfully navigate the intricacies of business, politics and leadership, helping me become the person I am today. Molded in the halls of Bellamy, I was challenged to develop economic policy with an understanding of its real-world impacts on a wide array of audiences, stakeholders and communities. My studies tested me and what I thought I knew about the world around us. And for that, I was prepared to succeed and to lead.

The economics program brought out the best in me. But it hasn’t ended there.

I continue to hone my professional skills by remaining engaged in FSU’s alumni network. In fact, it was by leveraging our network and school administrators that I was able to pursue a master’s degree in public administration when I decided to go back to school.

Now, I serve as president and CEO of the National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions – a Washington, D.C.-based trade association that represents credit unions and the 116 million American consumers they serve. My job is not just about my association, and it’s not just about credit unions. My job influences policies that impact the entire financial services industry.

I equate being a trade association CEO and lobbyist to three-dimensional chess: a perfect convergence of business, policy and politics. My foundation as a Seminole and a graduate of the college helps me deliver real-world, practical solutions in my current role – solutions that I’ve been asked to present to the White House, Capitol Hill and just about every cabinet agency here in Washington. When the chairman of the Federal Reserve reaches out to ask our recommendation on best policy approaches in financial services, my organization is prepared with quantitative and qualitative data.

What I’ve learned at FSU and the College of Social Sciences has been passed on to the culture within my organization, helping it become the award-winning national advocacy organization it is today.

While I attribute much of my life and career growth to the foundation I gained at FSU, the alumni network continues to bring value to my life. It connects me to additional opportunities to share my experiences with the next generation of Seminoles and the communities they will one day lead.

This, among many other reasons, is why I continue to give back to the college through financial contributions and mentoring. If our college helped you like it helped me, consider paying it forward. Get involved. Contribute. Mentor. Volunteer. Do whatever it takes to stay connected to your Seminole family. Because when you do, your world becomes bigger and your future even brighter.

Florida State gave us the opportunity. The College of Social Sciences and Public Policy gave us the foundation. Now is your chance to pay it forward and lead the way.

Go Noles!

Dan Berger
By Earle Klay, Ph.D.

When George Washington stood on a New York City balcony in April 1789 to take the oath of office as the president of a newly established democratic republic, he was said to have been trembling.

He had repeatedly established a reputation for bravery under fire on battlefields, but the thought of becoming the new nation’s first chief executive worried him deeply. Like the other founders, he knew history well, so he was acutely aware of the fact that no prior republics, much less democratic ones, had survived. They had all succumbed, one way or another, to authoritarian rule.

Historians have written that Washington could be described as a “man of the Enlightenment.” Philosophers like John Locke, Frances Hutcheson, David Hume and Montesquieu had written extensively about how to structure representative legislatures and checks and balances to prevent usurpation of governments by tyrants.

The American Constitution reflects those ideas. But Enlightenment philosophers had said almost nothing about how to actually make a democratic government work. Nor does our Constitution give guidance.

“Public administration” was the term Washington used to describe the activities of making a government work, but he was essentially on his own in deciding things like the processes for hiring people and awarding contracts, assuring that objective analysis be done to inform policy makers, and whether there should be departments and how they should be organized.
The academic social sciences would not be founded until about a century after his death, so we are fortunate that Washington possessed a sound understanding of some basic social science concepts. He used the word “institution” much as we do today to describe patterns of organized behavior that are based on precedents that people emulate as being the right thing to do. Consequently, his writings reveal that he was somewhat preoccupied with assuring that he set the best possible precedents.

This man of the Enlightenment had an extraordinary insight – that the primary purpose of administering the affairs of a democracy is to do so in ways that encourage and enhance the trust and support of the people for their democratic institutions. Each of his precedents was intended to earn and enhance the trust of the public in their newly created democratic republic.

Our research has identified how Washington’s precedents can be summarized in several categories.

- **Rule of Law** – Public servants should exemplify acceptance and adherence to it.
- **Civilian Control of the Military** – This is now a fundamental norm in every democratic nation.
- **Accountability** – Government should be answerable to both the people and their elected representatives.
- **Obligation of Efficiency** – Waste undermines trust.
- **Merit Selection** – Every citizen has an equal right to compete for both jobs and contracts.
- **Public Service Motivation** – Administrators should hire people who are motivated to serve others.
- **Representativeness** – Administrators should reflect the origins of the people.
- **Community** – Public servants should promote a sense of ‘community.’
- **Education for Public Service** – Young people should be well schooled in the arts and sciences and civic values.
- **Objective Policy Analysis** – Public servants should do solid, preferably empirical analysis of problems.
- **Promote Economic Growth** – Public servants should enhance trust in democratic institutions by promoting economic opportunity, including partnering with businesses as long as the public interest is protected.
- **Enhance Liberty** – Government should be made to work in ways that enhance liberties.

In her 1991 book “The Origins of American Social Science,” Johns Hopkins University historian Dorothy Ross explored the origins of several social sciences in the United States, primarily in the late 19th and early 20th centuries when the Industrial Revolution was transforming the lives of people in fundamental ways. She concluded that the goals of the founding social scientists were quite different than the goals of natural scientists.

Natural scientists seek to discover and explain what already exists in nature. But social scientists, Ross explained, seek knowledge that can be applied to enhance the functioning of social institutions. Sociologists, for example, seek knowledge that might enhance the functioning of social institutions, e.g., families. Economists seek knowledge that might enhance the functioning of institutions that are collectively called an economy. Political scientists and public administration scholars seek knowledge that might enhance the functioning of governments.

George Washington began his presidency two centuries before Ross published her book. But he would likely agree with her conclusion that “the central problem of American social science (is) the fate of the American republic in time.”

We who are scholars and practitioners of public administration can be thankful that we have the theoretical framework of Washington’s precedents to work from. And we social scientists can be thankful that our predecessors have given us solid underpinnings from which we can seek knowledge to enhance the functioning of the social institutions to which we are devoting our lives.

Earle Klay recently retired from the faculty of the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy, where he served as director for 12 years.
In 2009, Congress established the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program (CFLRP) within the U.S. Forest Service to encourage the collaborative, science-based restoration of priority forest landscapes. This program offers an extraordinary opportunity to explore questions of collaborative governance in public lands management involving multiple cases over a long time period.

CFLRP requires collaboration throughout the process of planning, implementing and monitoring national forest restoration projects, joining agency staff and interested stakeholders in a sort of “marriage.”

Dr. Courtney Schultz of Colorado State University and I have been researching and engaging with professionals involved in the program for almost a decade now and edited a book released earlier this year. “A New Era for Collaborative Forest Management” (Routledge, 2019) explores various aspects of collaboration through an examination of 23 cases involved in CFLRP.

This book identifies lessons learned for planning, policy and management through a new and innovative approach to collaborative public lands management by offering the social science and policy researcher perspective.
We examine questions about the dynamics of trust, accountability and capacity in collaboration; how scientific information is used in making decisions and integrated into adaptive management processes; and the implications and dynamics of engaging in collaboration through implementation.

By bringing the chapter authors together with high-level practitioners for a two-day symposium at the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy in November 2017, we were able to identify practice and policy implications of the work. This approach aligns with the college’s emphasis on creating evidence-based, policy-relevant research.

A key goal of the research is to dig into the nuances and challenges of engaging in collaborative environmental management at large scales and over long periods of time. One of the underlying tensions we explored in our book is that the CFLRP mandates collaboration in a lands management context where the authority and responsibility of the U.S. Forest Service are rather clearly laid out in the law, but not easily shared.

This led to some accountability problems and disgruntled stakeholders, especially early on when the agency spent implementation dollars on short timelines often without sufficient input from collaborative groups. On some projects, these challenges continued over the 10-year timeframe, and stakeholders felt that communication did not occur at the levels they expected.

Over time, the processes on each landscape evolved and, in a number of places, led to some rather extraordinary accomplishments on large-scale project planning, creative and effective restoration implementation and inclusive multi-party monitoring of socioeconomic and ecological outcomes.

Part of what fostered restoration achievements was deeply tied to the relationships between collaborative partners and the Forest Service. It is no surprise that relationships can either facilitate or stall progress in collaboration, and while we explore these different relationships throughout the book, concepts of trust and accountability feature prominently.

Trust is a multifaceted concept and involves not only interpersonal trust, but also trust in systems, organizations and procedures. Trusting relationships were over and over again the grease on the wheels of restoration agreements and actions. Diverse types of trust can help collaborative processes weather changes over time, and the concepts in this book shed light that can help agency personnel and stakeholders manage through times of transition, limited capacity and personnel turnover.

The idea of accountability is often associated with punishment and compliance, but in the case of collaboration, relational accountability fostered through social interaction and informal connections motivates many actors to perform their tasks in support of the collective.

These findings are contextual and dependent upon the characteristics and interactions of those involved. Yet, our book reveals that there are ways to help strengthen relationships, such as repeated interactions in various types of settings; to focus on common tasks and building shared experiences; and to design collaborative groups that legitimize the diversity of voices within them.

Our research also contributed to understanding the dynamics that arise when undertaking collaboration through the implementation phase. Herein lies another key tension—one the plan lays out the vision, how can we work together to implement the plan when responsibility falls on the shoulders of a single public agency?

Many of the CFLRP groups figured out ways to navigate that tension and contribute to these projects on various levels, often indirectly, but in substantive ways. In many cases, CFLRP groups broadened the time and space within which adaptive management could occur. In a few cases, CFLRP groups ended up out in the field together, working on joint projects for restoration, such as prescribed fire or stream restoration projects.

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There are many lessons derived from this body of work, a few of which I’ve shared here, but there is much more to be learned from research on large-scale, long-term, collaborative efforts. We live in a time when uncertainties are growing, divisiveness is the order of the day, and climate change is impacting ecological integrity throughout the world. The need for adaptive visions for resilience, collectively determined trajectories and effective ways of working together over the long term could not be more important.

Studying these long-term collaborative groups yields applicable lessons that can help shape a future in collaborative environmental management based on adaptive management, resilience, ecological integrity, learning and collective action.

In doing so, we share a message of inspiration, hope and technique that demonstrates how we can work together effectively to respond to complex problems in productive ways, even when we come to the table with differing views about how to get there.

William Butler is an associate professor and the master’s program director in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning.
Most people who immigrated to the United States for a chance to live the “American Dream” are more satisfied with their lives in the “land of the free” than those who were born here, according to research co-authored by Assistant Professor of Sociology Dawn Carr.
Carr and two colleagues from Boston College found immigrants from white, Hispanic and other racial groups have higher levels of happiness and overall life satisfaction than those born in the United States.

Their findings were recently published in the Journal of Aging and Health.

"We discovered that people who are foreign-born and living in the United States do have higher levels of life satisfaction," Carr said. "We examined life satisfaction because it is a useful global measure for understanding how people are doing on the whole with regard to how they feel about their life. It’s a good way of capturing their overall well-being."

Scholars found Hispanic immigrants in the U.S. had the highest overall life satisfaction of any racial group. Study participants had lived in the U.S. for an average of about 30 years.

"The older adult immigrants in our sample adjusted to life in the United States, and they’re thriving more than their native-born counterparts," Carr said. "This is particularly true for Hispanics, who maintain their well-being despite having fewer resources than their native-born counterparts. They seem to have developed a life that provides a good old age."

In the past 50 years, scholars have examined a concept known as the “Hispanic Paradox,” which refers to the observation that older Hispanic immigrants in the U.S. tend to have better health outcomes than non-Hispanic whites despite their more limited socioeconomic resources.

"We wanted to see if this was also true for overall well-being," Carr said.

The paradox is believed to stem from cultural and social factors specific to immigrants of Hispanic origin.

"It might be that those cultural factors are quite beneficial in terms of maintaining well-being," Carr said. "For instance, it may be their overall spirituality or sense of community. Studies have shown there are expectations for support in the Hispanic culture. However, we were unable to identify specific mechanisms that explain these effects."

Researchers examined data from more than 7,000 participants 60 years and older who were surveyed for the most recent wave of the Health and Retirement Study in 2014. This study is the largest and most comprehensive study of older adults in the U.S.

The team also found that foreign-born blacks did not report the same increases in overall life satisfaction as compared to other races.

"It was very discouraging to see this outcome for the black sample," Carr said. "Blacks in general have lower levels of life satisfaction than everybody else and foreign-born blacks do not experience any better outcomes."

Carr and her colleagues also studied how levels of education were linked with overall life satisfaction. For whites, higher levels of education translated to higher levels of life satisfaction. However, they found for both native and foreign-born blacks, the more education they had, the lower their life satisfaction.

"That was a puzzling discovery," Carr said. "This means that education does not seem to enhance the lives of minorities like we might expect. We do not know the reasons for these trends, but we might guess that factors like discrimination are involved, detracting from their overall happiness. For instance, someone who has a college degree and is in a job with similarly educated individuals who are not minority might be more overtly aware of the discrimination they’re experiencing."

Researchers found higher levels of education for native-born Hispanics were also associated with lower life satisfaction.

Carr said further research needs to take place to determine what factors are at the root of these varying levels of happiness in later life.
Should Democrats try to add more justices to the Supreme Court?

Some 2020 presidential candidates are discussing the idea. Beto O’Rourke, in his first day as a presidential candidate, said changing the composition of the court was “an idea we should explore.” Kamala D. Harris, Elizabeth Warren and Kirsten Gillibrand have all expressed at least some interest. Pete Buttigieg embraced the idea, suggesting six more justices.

While many observers have argued that reshaping or stacking federal courts for political reasons ends up hurting those who try it, our research suggests otherwise.

Citizens often reject attempts to reshape their high courts

In the U.S. and elsewhere, the public often resists efforts to alter the courts for political motives. Franklin D. Roosevelt’s infamous court-packing plan failed in the 1930s. Just three months ago, after intense public and international opposition, Poland’s government reversed its controversial plan to purge members of its high court.

Political scientists have come to a consensus: Given widespread public support for the judiciary, incumbents tend to leave the courts alone, fearing they’ll be punished in the next election.

But would they be?

To be sure, Americans strongly support the Supreme Court and the federal court system.
But many are more tolerant of proposals to change the courts’ compositions than the conventional wisdom suggests. A sizable minority says they might even vote for incumbents who advocate such changes, particularly when they are proposed by fellow partisans and/or justified in apolitical terms.

How we did our research
Last fall, we surveyed a nationally representative sample of 1,000 Americans as part of the Florida State University module of the Cooperative Congressional Election Study. Embedded in the survey was an experiment about a hypothetical court-packing attempt.

We told participants that an incumbent senator from a nearby state “recently introduced a bill in the U.S. Senate that would expand the size of the federal judiciary, adding 64 new federal circuit court (appellate) judges (a 37 percent increase), and 189 new district court (trial) judges (a nearly 30 percent increase).” To make our experiment more realistic, we based the proposal’s details on an actual court-packing proposal that a Federalist Society co-founder made last summer.

We randomly changed two aspects of the proposal: the party of the senator who proposed the bill and the proposal’s rationale. Some respondents read a scenario in which “legal experts” called the proposal benignly bureaucratic and said it would help the courts manage a growing caseload. For other respondents, the “legal experts” said the bill was an attempt to stack the judiciary with like-minded judges.

After they’d read about the proposal, we asked people both if they would vote for the senator in an upcoming election and how they felt about the proposal.

Who is doing the packing, and why is the court being packed?
Overall, respondents were lukewarm on increasing the size of the federal courts. Only 23 percent said they supported the hypothetical court-packing proposal.

However, when court packing was proposed by a member of their own party, support nearly doubled to 40 percent. Similarly, respondents were 36 percent more likely to report wanting to reelect a senator who proposed a court-packing bill and was a member of their own party than a senator from the other party with a similar proposal.

Respondents were also sensitive to the proposal’s rationale: 36 percent of our respondents said they would vote for an incumbent who introduced a court-packing bill to help the judiciary manage an increasing caseload. When the bill’s purpose was to stack the judiciary, only 17 percent of respondents said they would reelect the senator. Similarly, 33 percent of respondents approved of the bureaucratic version of the proposal while only 14 percent approved of the politicized version.

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This finding supports existing research suggesting that introducing proposals to enhance the judiciary’s efficiency would be more effective, whatever the actual motives.

Which is more important, shared partisanship or the stated motivation? Our data suggest it’s the former. Support for proposals and incumbents was always higher when the court-packing proposal was advanced by a co-partisan, regardless of whether the proposal was described in political or bureaucratic terms.

Stated differently, much of the public appears willing to accept fundamental changes to judicial institutions if these changes are advanced by members of their own party.

These proposals might be electorally useful
Political scientists have long assumed that widespread public support for the judiciary acts as a shield, deterring incumbents who might otherwise seek to undermine the judiciary. Our research documents a limit to this logic: Even for one of the most esteemed national political institutions worldwide, a sizable minority of the public would reward an incumbent for seeking to change that institution, especially if the proposal was advanced by a co-partisan and framed in a politically neutral way.

Our results, of course, come with some caveats. Americans might think differently about an attempt to pack the Supreme Court than they do about the lower courts. Also, it remains to be seen how these proposals would be viewed under real-world media scrutiny, with partisan debate about the reasoning behind the proposal. And of course, given the political realities of congressional procedure and our respondents’ lukewarm reception, such proposals seem unlikely to become law. But they may serve another important purpose.

Proposing changes to the federal judiciary to rebalance its political tilt might mobilize a party’s supporters in the presidential race. It might signal to voters a willingness to go to great lengths to advance a partisan agenda, restructuring institutions for their own political ends. In a crowded field of Democratic presidential hopefuls, that may be important.

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Michael J. Nelson is an associate professor of political science at Pennsylvania State University.

Four 2019 graduates with at least one major in the college are among the 10 FSU students spending all or part of the 2019-2020 academic year teaching English or conducting research abroad as part of the Fulbright U.S. Student Program:

- **Roberto Flores** (Interdisciplinary Social Science, Music) was selected for the binational business program at the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México. After graduate school, Flores plans to work in international development with a focus in Latin America.

- **Allison Lang** (Political Science, International Affairs) will teach English to high school students in South Korea. She hopes to pursue a master’s degree after her Fulbright and ultimately work for the U.S. State Department as a Foreign Service Officer.

- **Kelly Ramirez** (International Affairs, Editing-Writing-Media) will teach English in Mexico. Her career goal is to work for the Office of English Language Acquisition in the U.S. Department of Education.

- **Tatum Rae Shannon** (International Affairs, Chinese) will teach English in South Korea and later plans to pursue a master's degree in Chinese studies or international education. She hopes to pursue a career as a Foreign Service Officer or working with international study abroad programs.

COSPP students **Tyler Bruefach, Taegan Dennis, and Lindsey Reyes** were recognized last spring for their positive contributions at the fifth annual Student Employee of the Year awards, hosted by the FSU Career Center.

A 2018 graduate of the Master of Public Health program is on a winning streak with innovations in health screening that he helped develop at FSU this year. **Clarens Jarbath** is one of the developers of a new business model, Inno-Health Diagnostics, that uses DNA amplification and other advanced technology to safeguard and improve the health of more than 260 million individuals worldwide suffering from the tropical disease schistosomiasis, or snail fever.

InnoHealth won a $10,000 grand prize at the annual FSU InNOLEvation Challenge Business Model Competition in March 2019. The team also finished in the Top 5 competing against the best student entrepreneurial teams in the country at the 2019 ACC InVenture Prize competition in Raleigh, N.C., last April.

The student creators of the InnoHealth venture hope their innovative technology will lower the rate of schistosomiasis to less than one percent in Kano State, Nigeria. The entrepreneurs plan to eventually market their product in other countries.

Jarbath was also the lead on a team that won the Best in Show: Contribution award at FSU’s DIGITECH event on April 10. Jarbath showcased his at-home screening device for sexually transmitted diseases and infections. The award, in the spirit of *Mores*, was presented to the exhibit best demonstrating strength of character by contributing to others.

"This is a project I’m very excited to share with the world," said Jarbath, who’s been working on the device with faculty at the FSU College of Medicine, where he is now enrolled. "I’m excited to bring it to the forefront after working on it in secret for so many years.”

He said it’s important that the university continue to provide opportunities for innovation.

“I think DIGITECH fosters great ingenuity," Jarbath said. “A lot of these problems we experience now we weren’t experiencing before, so we need younger and newer minds to be nurtured and cultivated in order to come up with projects like these.”

**Kara Irby and Dave Heller of University Communications contributed to this report.**
Patrice Williams, a Ph.D. student in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning, won a $10,000 Health Policy Research Scholars Dissertation Award in October 2018 to study how urban development may lead to sleep problems among black populations.

It is estimated that 50 to 70 million Americans suffer from chronic sleep disorders. People of color and low-income populations are disproportionately vulnerable. Recent studies have documented that blacks have shorter sleep duration, reduced sleep efficiency, greater onset latency and poorer overall sleep quality compared to whites. Yet, according to Williams, there is a paucity of research in understanding the social and environmental factors that contribute to sleep problems among people of color.

The introduction of green spaces, such as parks and trails, into urban areas is often viewed as a promising way to decrease stress levels, improve sleep duration and overall physical activity, and provide a meeting place for residents to develop and maintain neighborhood social ties. On the other hand, redevelopment centered on new amenities such as green space, supermarkets, restaurants and alternative modes of transportation can also inflate the desirability of these neighborhoods.

Making historically black neighborhoods more attractive to affluent and middle-class residents drives up property values and housing costs and magnifies the fear of displacement among long-term residents. Williams’ project aims to examine how the pressure of displacement associated with green redevelopment contributes to stress-related sleep disturbances among blacks.

“It has always been my goal to select a dissertation topic that will have a social impact,” she said. “However, publicly available data sets do not provide information on how the pressure of displacement associated with urban redevelopment contributes to sleep disturbances among blacks. This grant allows me to collect primary data to advance scientific knowledge on the health impacts of displacement that could progress towards evidence-based solutions.”

While continuing her doctoral program at FSU, Williams has relocated to Atlanta in order to make a case study of the Beltline, a green redevelopment project that will result in the addition of 1,300 acres of new green space and parks within ten geographical subareas.

The funding Williams is receiving will be used to hire three full-time research assistants (RAs) from the Morehouse School of Medicine’s Master of Public Health program. The RAs will devote three months to this project, assisting with recruitment and survey administration for 150 participants and collecting objective and self-reported sleep data from a subset of 50 participants.

“The other benefit of this grant is that it also affords me the opportunity to mentor and financially support public health master’s students who are interested in studying how urban redevelopment and its processes directly affects their community’s health,” she said.

The award is provided by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s Health Policy Research Scholars (HPRS) program. Williams was one of 40 traditionally underrepresented students selected for the program’s first cohort in 2016. HPRS, led by George Washington University, is designed to bring together doctoral students from across the country to conduct research on building healthier and more equitable communities and to diversify the future generation of policy development leaders. Williams, a graduate of the FSU Master of Public Health program, was awarded a $120,000 grant by HPRS to support four years of Ph.D. studies in the planning department.

Drawing from her own experiences growing up in Sunrise, Fla., Williams was inspired to do her advanced degree work on gentrification and its effects on the health of disadvantaged populations.

“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 said.
Graduate students John Bandzuh (Geography), Jeffrey Conley (Economics) and Benjamin Dowd-Arrow (Sociology) were honored as Program for Instructional Excellence (PIE) Teaching Associates at the Graduate School Celebration of Graduate Student Excellence on April 18, 2019.

Also recognized at the event were the following graduate students who won awards from external sources:

- **Geography**: Levon Mikaelian (Federal Highway Administration Dwight D. Eisenhower Transportation Fellowship), Efraim Roxas (Fulbright Foreign Student Program), Nicole Zampieri (Society of Woman Geographers Evelyn L. Pruitt National Minority Fellowship)
- **Political Science**: Kirsten D’Souza (Florida House of Representatives Legislative Internship), Juan David Irigoyen Borunda (Mexico Department of Education Complementary Scholarship for Graduate Studies), Joshua Scriven (Fulbright Study/Research Grant), Peter Tristan Singhal (Florida Gubernatorial Fellowship)
- **Public Administration**: Kapria Lee (Florida Gubernatorial Fellowship)
- **Sociology**: Stephanie Urena Salas (National Institutes of Health/National Institute on Aging Dissertation Award for Aging Research), Metin Guven (Turkish Government Scholarship)

Four undergraduates with majors in the college were among the 21 FSU students who received prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships from the U.S. Department of State.

The Gilman Scholarship is a grant program that gives students the opportunity to study or intern abroad and emphasizes learning about culture and language to prepare individuals for a globalized world, regardless of financial background.

The college’s 2018 Gilman winners, with their majors and where they studied abroad, were Hannah King (International Affairs) Indonesia, Jorge Mejia (Geography) Germany, Brittany Robinson (International Affairs) United Kingdom, and Ana Scott (International Affairs) Indonesia.

Each year, the university’s Honors Program recognizes graduating seniors who have distinguished themselves academically. Eleven students with at least one major in the college were among the 22 undergraduates recognized as Outstanding Senior Scholars for the 2018-2019 academic year at a banquet at the Honors, Scholars and Fellows House in April.

- David Advent (International Affairs, English Literature)
- Taegan Dennis (Anthropology, Spanish, International Affairs)
- Mae Espinosa (Political Science, International Affairs, English)
- Jonathan Guarine (Economics)
- Allison Lang (Political Science, International Affairs)
- Kimberlee McMillin (Political Science, Sociology)
- Grace Montgomery (Economics, International Affairs)
- Gillian Morton (International Affairs, History)
- Osvaldo Rodriguez (Political Science, Criminology)
- Courtney Saunders (Political Science, International Affairs)
- Gemma Sunnergren (Middle Eastern Studies, Political Science, International Affairs)
Several COSSPP faculty won teaching awards this year.

At the Celebration of Graduate Student Excellence in April, Associate Professor Carl Kitchens (Economics) and Professor and Department Chair James Elsner (Geography) won Graduate Faculty Mentor Awards.

Social Entrepreneur-in-Residence Bruce Manciagli and Assistant Professor of Sociology Miranda Waggoner won University Teaching Awards in recognition of their excellence in undergraduate and graduate teaching for the 2018-2019 academic year. Nominations are submitted each year by students and alumni.

Assistant Professor of Sociology Shantel Buggs, who is affiliated with the African American Studies program, was recognized by FSU Pride Student Union as 2018-2019 Faculty of the Year. Additionally, Buggs and colleague April Williams received the Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) Natalie Allon Research Award to support their project on women of color and non-binary people of color in the academic job market.

Professor of Sociology Koji Ueno received the Social Science Research Council’s Abe Fellowship, designed to encourage international multidisciplinary research on topics of pressing global concern and to promote a new level of intellectual cooperation between the Japanese and American academic and professional communities. The fellowship will support his research on how structural and cultural contexts impact the career planning process among sexual minorities. The project builds on Ueno’s ongoing in-depth interview study with sexual minority young adults in the U.S. and Japan.

At a special ceremony at the Union Ballrooms in May, the FSU Division of Student Affairs (DSA) presented Dean Tim Chapin with its annual Partner with a Purpose Award. The award is presented to any business or individual employed outside of the Division of Student Affairs who contributes to the DSA mission and has played a vital part in its work with students. The dean was recognized for working with DSA to advance the partnership between the college’s African American Studies program and the Black Student Union.

Proposals by four faculty members are being supported with seed money under the new College of Social Sciences and Public Policy Research Support Program intended to encourage research that can garner external funding:

Assistant Professor Luke Boosey (Economics): interrelationship between cooperation and social network formation.

Assistant Professor Stephanie Pau (Geography): phenological responses (flowering, fruiting and leafing) of tree species to climatic variability.

Assistant Professor Tian Tang (Public Administration): how local governments coordinate agencies that manage critical urban infrastructures in hurricane disaster recovery.

Assistant Professor Miranda Waggoner (Sociology): origins and consequences of including pregnant women in biomedical research.
The college is proud to note a number of new appointments, hires and promotions in the ranks of our peerless faculty and staff for the 2018-2019 academic year.

Dean Tim Chapin named Professor of Geography Mark Horner to serve as the college’s Associate Dean for Research. In this capacity, Horner leads efforts to expand the college’s sponsored research portfolio and to increase outside funding from government agencies, foundations and other sources.

Horner has a long and impressive track record as a scholar and grant getter. In addition to authoring or co-authoring more than 100 scholarly publications, including 75+ journal articles to date, he has been part of several multidisciplinary teams that have received more than $5 million in funding from federal, state and other agencies.

He earned his Ph.D. in geography from Ohio State in 2002 and joined the FSU faculty in 2004. He has served as the associate director of the Center for Accessibility and Safe Transportation for an Aging Population at FSU and currently serves as editor for the journal Transportation.

In his new capacity, he is the college’s liaison to the Council of Associate Deans of Research.

Staff Hires, Promotions and Changes

Economics: Shelly Ford (Office Administrator), Justin Roumelis (Administrative Associate) Geography: Adam Ware (Administrative Specialist) Public Administration: Christina Crotty (Senior Administrative Specialist), Brianna McLean (Administrative Assistant) Sociology: Rachel Diggs (Office Administrator) Urban and Regional Planning: Samantha Schoenberger (Administrative Specialist) Advising: Tanya Hayes-Perry (Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs), Elizabeth Kistner (Associate Director/Graduate Recruitment), William Hogan (Associate Director/Undergraduate Progression), Christina Havlicek (Academic Program Specialist for Public Administration), Renee Dyehouse (Academic Program Specialist for International Affairs) Dean’s Office: LaToya Dupree-Cotton (Marketing and Outreach Associate)

New Faculty

Economics: Amid Ardakani (Teaching Faculty I), Carrie Lee (Teaching Faculty II), Fan Cynthia Yang (Assistant Professor) Geography: Mabel Gergan (Assistant Professor), Sage Ponder (Assistant Professor), Sandy Wong (Assistant Professor) Interdisciplinary Social Science: Alexandra Cockerham (Teaching Faculty I), Radha Modi (Teaching Faculty I) Political Science: Raphael Cunha (Assistant Professor), Marina Duque (Assistant Professor), Hans Hassell (Assistant Professor), Brad Kile (Teaching Faculty II), Carlisle Rainey (Associate Professor) Public Administration (Askew School): Portia Campos (Assistant Teaching Professor), James Wright II (Assistant Professor) Sociology: Mathew Hauer (Assistant Professor), Patricia Homan (Assistant Professor), Teresa Roach (Teaching Faculty I), Sourabh Singh (Assistant Professor) Urban and Regional Planning: Lee Fang (Assistant Professor), Minjee Kim (Assistant Professor)

Promotions

Economics: Javier Cano-Urbina (Associate Professor with tenure) Geography: Stephanie Pau (Associate Professor w/tenure) Political Science: Quintin Beazer (Associate Professor w/tenure), Amanda Driscoll (Associate Professor w/tenure), Holger Kern (Associate Professor w/tenure) Sociology: Amy Burdette (Professor), Dawn Carr (Associate Professor w/tenure), Miles Taylor (Professor) Urban and Regional Planning: Chris Coutts (Professor)
Faculty from the program participated in a panel at the Black Student Union, March 6, 2019, as the college and other units at FSU hosted Dr. Robert Bullard, widely known as the Father of Environmental Justice. The afternoon panel, “Surviving Segregation in Race, Space and Power,” addressed the many facets of environmental justice issues taking place globally.

Featured on the panel alongside Bullard were African American Studies Director Patrick Mason, Shantel Buggs, Willie Wright, Katrinell Davis and Adam Bledsoe. The program’s interdisciplinary faculty spoke about how they see those topic issues in their areas of study.

Bledsoe, an assistant professor of geography, talked about his research expertise in black geographies, social movements and the African diaspora in the Americas. Sociology professor Davis talked about the continuing Flint, Mich., water crisis and how it related to her research interests in urban inequalities, poverty and social determinants of health.

That evening, Bullard spoke to a large audience at Ruby Diamond Concert Hall on “Building Just and Sustainable Communities in an Era of Climate Change,” a reflection of his dedication to and passion for the intersectionality of social justice, the environment, human health, racial equity and urban planning.

According to Bullard, race and class in American society map closely with pollution, unequal protection and vulnerability. Zip code, he maintains, is still the most potent predictor of an individual’s health and well-being.

Assistant Professors Daniel Fay and Tian Tang received “40 Under 40” fellowships from the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management in 2018 to mark the organization’s 40th Annual Fall Research Conference. They are among 40 outstanding early career research professionals to receive fellowships to fund travel, lodging and registration at the conference. Both scholars joined the Askew faculty in 2016. Fay’s research focuses on public management, public policy, higher education and veteran affairs. Tang specializes in environmental and energy policy, technology policy, policy process and collaborative and network governance.

The latest annual college rankings released by U.S. News and World Report show the Askew School cracked the Top 25 among graduate public affairs programs, moving up three spots from last year to No. 25. The school’s local government management program also climbed four places to No. 8 and rose to No. 7 among public universities.

Other rankings for the Askew School’s specialties include: #21 in Public Management and Leadership, #21 in Urban Policy, #27 in Public Finance and Budgeting and #31 in Public Policy Analysis.

The Florida Certified Public Manager (CPM) program, administered by the Askew School, honored 353 new graduates in summer 2018, bringing the total number of CPM graduates in Florida to approximately 6,260 – more than any other state. The CPM program is a nationally recognized leadership development program currently delivered in 38 states. The purpose is to train more effective public managers and improve services to all taxpayers.
The school’s annual awards ceremony held March 29, 2019, was also the occasion to celebrate the career of Earle Klay, an FSU faculty member since 1977 and director of the Askew School for 12 years, who retired at the end of the 2018-2019 academic year.

This year’s award winners were Elizabeth Mai (Malcolm Parsons Award for best master’s paper), Dongjin Oh (Raul P. de Guzman Award for best doctoral paper) and Ana Gabriella Scott (Neil Crispo Community Service Award). The evening also saw the induction of new members of the Pi Alpha Alpha honor society: John Fraites, Hunter Hill, Emily Keeney, Jack Kern, Naon Min, Scott Sheplak, Yu Sun and Michael Waddle.

Celebrating its 10th year, the 2018 Joe Cresse Ethics in Government Lecture featured FSU President John Thrasher, who delivered an address based on his years of public service, “From Politician to President: Politics, Public Policy and Higher Education.” Earlier in the day, Thrasher took part in a panel discussion moderated by College of Communication and Information Professor Stephen MacNamara, “Politics, Public Policy and the University Presidency.” Joining him on the panel were FSU President Emeritus Sandy D’Alemberte, U.S. Rep. Al Lawson and Leroy Collins Institute Director Carol Weissert.

The graduate students of the class in Managing the Performance of Public Agencies, taught by Gary VanLandingham, presented their semester-long engaged learning project in April, “Proposal for a System of Sharing Best Practices within the Florida Department of Health.”

At the request of the department, the students developed options for creating a system to collect, curate and disseminate best practices across the state’s integrated public health system and fully meet the Public Health Accreditation Board’s re-accreditation requirements. To carry out the study, students held discussions with department staff, reviewed relevant literature and interviewed experts from public health entities and associations. This was a great opportunity for students to go beyond classroom work and “get their hands dirty” on an applied project, working as a professional consulting team to address a critical need.

The course provides students with an understanding of the methods that public and nonprofit organizations can use to measure their performance, manage operations and streamline processes to improve outcomes. It includes techniques for developing useful performance measurement systems, using data to monitor key outcomes and re-engineer processes, and effectively communicating this information to decision-makers to inform policy and budget decisions.

ECONOMICS
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David Cooper, the Brim Eminent Scholar Professor of Economics, was elected in summer 2018 as the North American vice president of the Economic Science Association, the main association for experimental economics.

The master’s degree program in applied economics held its annual symposium, July 27, 2018. The program culminates in applied projects taken on by teams of students for real-world clients. The teams, functioning like professional economics consulting firms, research and prep reports based on issues and needs of relevance to their clients.

Awards were given to the following students and teams: Josiah Martin and Michael Keith (Josh Mikels and Stan Shaffer Award); John Evans, Josiah Martin and Samuel Stiyer (Michael Norrbin Outstanding Project Award); Daniel Bonham, Michael Keith and Kyle McKibben (Tony and Christine Casarez Best Project Report Award).

Mark Sobel, senior advisor and Simon Chair in Political Economy at the Center for Strategic and International Studies,
spoke to economics students last February about their studies and his career as the U.S. representative to the International Monetary Fund and as deputy assistant secretary at the Treasury Department. His father, the late Irvin Sobel, was a professor and chair of the FSU Department of Economics. Mark Sobel established the Irvin and Peggy Sobel Endowed Award Fund that annually supports a graduate student entering Ph.D. candidacy who has the best overall academic achievement record in the economics program.

GEOGRAPHY
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Associate Professor Stephanie Pau, along with 19 undergraduates in the department with a concentration in Environment and Society, took part in a unique collaborative effort targeting public understanding of the impacts climate change is having on Florida.

The Florida Climate Change Collaboration showcased the student work, April 27. Ten student groups presented their projects, including podcasts aimed at elementary schoolers, short videos that explained the science behind climate change and a sustainability guide developed with FSU’s Sustainable Campus office.

Last fall, Pau was an invited speaker for the University of Zurich Global Change Students at work on their Climate Change Collaboration projects and Biodiversity Seminar, “Feeling the Heat: Climate Change Impacts on the Phenology and Productivity of a Panamanian Tropical Forest.

Assistant Professor Sarah Lester was awarded a three-year National Science Foundation grant for more than $300,000 for multidisciplinary analysis of the spatial patterns of marine aquaculture development. Earlier this year, Lester was part of a team of researchers who released a study on the feasibility of aquaculture (fish farming) in the Caribbean. The team focused specifically on mariculture – ocean-based operations far from shore – which offers a promising alternative to land-based and coastal aquaculture, where space is limited and environmental impacts are often high.

Trina Merrick, the provost postdoctoral fellow in the department, went to Panama in January 2018 to install a suite of instruments on a tower above the forest canopy and to help launch a drone measuring high-resolution images of that canopy. The purpose was to understand how the forest is responding to high temperature stress.

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES/ INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
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Hannah King, a senior in international affairs and social entrepreneurship, was selected from a pool of national applicants to be part of the Student Entrepreneur Program of the Women’s Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC).

King, founder of the award-winning enterprise Woven Futures, is one of only 23 female founders of start-ups selected for this year’s program. She will receive mentoring from some of the most successful Women’s Business Enterprises (WBEs) and America’s largest Fortune 500 companies while also participating in a tailored entrepreneurial curriculum, a pitch competition awarding $20,000 in seed capital and experiential learning through off-site visits to WBEs, corporate campuses and accelerators.

A member of the 2018 Social Science Scholars cohort, she has won numerous competitions and accolades for Woven Futures, a company that seeks to preserve

International Affairs students enjoy a tour of Parliament with alum Christopher Mullin-Silverstein.
the Mayan artisan culture through ethical partnerships with textile weavers and merchants in Guatemala.

The program’s Dr. Robert Dailey Annual International Film Series presented a screening of the Oscar-nominated Russian film “Leviathan” in April, followed by commentary and discussion with post-doctoral scholar Sergey Toymentsev (Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics). The 2015 Golden Globe winner for Best Foreign Language Film is a commentary on contemporary social issues experienced by ordinary people in Russia.

The International Affairs Spring Break trip brought students to London, March 18-21. They visited the British Museum and the Churchill War Rooms, attended the Mayor’s Question Time and spoke to London Mayor Sadiq Khan, and toured Parliament with House of Commons staff employee and alum Christopher Mullins-Silverstein (M.S. ’07).

POLITICAL SCIENCE
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Assistant Professor of Political Science Marina Duque won an award from the Diplomatic Studies Section of the International Studies Association (ISA) for the best paper on diplomatic studies printed in 2018 in the International Studies Quarterly. The award for Duque’s paper, “Recognizing International Status: A Relational Approach,” was presented at the ISA 2019 meeting in Toronto last March.

William Berry, the Syde P. Deeb Eminent Scholar and Marian D. Irish Professor of Political Science, received the 2019 Career Achievement Award from the State Politics and Policy Section of the American Political Science Association at its conference in June. The award was presented in recognition of his important contributions to the study of state politics. Berry joined the faculty at FSU in 1990.

Charles Barrilleaux, professor of political science and chair of that department, is one of 45 distinguished social insurance experts from across the U.S. elected to the National Academy of Social Insurance. The academy advances solutions to challenges facing the nation by increasing public understanding of how social insurance contributes to economic security.

William Weissert, Director
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Students in the Department of Sociology’s Health Policy and Society course made presentations last December on contemporary public health problems, a preview of the type of research and instruction that is now part of a new interdisciplinary bachelor’s degree program in public health that launched in fall 2019.

The program has offered a Master of Public Health graduate degree. This interdisciplinary program, which draws on faculty and research from urban and regional planning, sociology, political science and public administration, as well as public health practitioners and scholars, began in fall 2003 and was fully accredited in 2014. The new program will draw from the same sources to offer an undergraduate degree in the field.

Assistant Professor of Sociology Patricia Homan, who teaches the Health Policy and Society course, gave her students a list of about 25 topics to choose from. The objectives of the exercise were to describe a public health problem, show the scope of the problem with data, state why addressing the problem is important and make at least one public policy recommendation to address the problem.

One of the student presenters, Nathaniel Barrera-Nitz, focused on the costs borne by individuals with autism. He created an infographic that highlights the financial burden of autism care, including medical expenses, lost wages and additional care services.

Lauren Ortiz explains her project on LGBTQ health disparities to Assistant Professor Patricia Homan. Nathaniel Barrera-Nitz is in the background talking about his infographic on the economic burden of autism care.
by families with someone on the autism spectrum. In his research, he found that the economic burden is substantially increased by caps that insurance companies put on therapy and treatment. His recommendation was greater advocacy for laws that would prevent such caps.

Barrera-Nitz came to the course with professional background as a therapist assistant with Behavioral Management Consultants, administering treatment to children with disabilities and those with autism. He has since gone on to the master’s program, exemplifying one aspect of the applied and professional master’s degrees offered by the college – the opportunity for working professionals to extend their knowledge and experience for career advancement.

The new bachelor’s program is directed by Professor of Sociology Amy Burdette.

**SOCILOGY**
**Kathryn Tillman, Chair**
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Assistant Professor Shantel Buggs, who is also affiliated faculty with the African American Studies program, was elected to serve on the nominations committee of the American Sociological Association Communication, Technologies and Media Sociology section. Professor of Sociology Deana Rohlinger currently chairs that section. Buggs was also elected to the organization’s Racial and Ethnic Minorities Council for the coming year.

A number of faculty members received research funding and contracts this past year:

- **Assistant Professor Mathew Hauer:** Harvard/RAND grant to complete a project entailing demographic modeling of Puerto Rico. Hauer and colleagues were also awarded research funding from the National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center to forecast the timing, locations, sequence and likeliest destinations of populations displaced by sea level rise.

- **Hauer and Patricia Homan:** FSU First Year Assistant Professor Awards for summer 2019

- **Associate Professor Katrinell Davis and Assistant Professor Michael McFarland:** FSU Committee on Faculty Research Support Awards for summer 2019

- **Professor and Pepper Institute Director Anne Barrett:** Florida Department of Transportation grant for Safe Mobility for Life Coalition

- **Professor Miles Taylor:** Florida Department of Elder Affairs grant for Recalibrating Funding Formulas for Local Area Agencies on Aging: 2020 and Beyond

- **Taylor, Associate Professor Dawn Carr and colleagues:** Florida State University Institute for Successful Longevity grant

- **Professor Karin Brewster:** Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare grant for Community Health Needs Assessment, 2019: Data Collection and Analysis

- **Assistant Professor Miranda Waggoner:** COSSPP research grant for summer 2019; Greenwall Faculty Scholar in Bioethics for 2019-2022, a career development award that enables junior faculty members to carry out innovative bioethics research

- **Faculty and grad student awards received in 2018-2019:**

  - **Dawn Carr:** 2018 Innovative Research on Aging Award by the Mather Lifeways Institute on Aging

  - **Mathew Hauer:** 2018 E. Walter Terrie Award for best applied demography paper submitted to the annual meetings of the Southern Demographic Association

  - **Patricia Homan:** 2018 Emerging Scholar Paper Award for the best original research paper for an emerging scholar by the International Sociological Association and a 2018 Poster Award at the annual meetings of the Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science; 2019 Roberta G. Simmons Outstanding Dissertation in Medical Sociology from the American Sociological Association section on Medical Sociology for her research “Structural Sexism and Health in the United States: A New Perspective on Health Inequality and the Gender System”

  - **Miranda Waggoner:** FSU 2018-2019 University Teaching Award

  - **Ph.D. student Stephanie Urena:** NIH/NIA Aging Research Dissertation Award

  - **Ph.D. student Metin Guven:** Turkish Government Scholarship

  - **Ph.D. student Emily Saras:** PEO Scholar Award, which recognizes academic excellence and achievement by women in doctoral-level programs

  - **Ph.D. student Brittney Dennis:** Diversity and Inclusion Week honoree by the FSU Center for Leadership and Social Change

New books published this year by faculty:

- **Professor Deana Rohlinger:** “New Media and Society” (NYU Press)

- **Associate Professor Paromita Sanyal:** “Oral Democracy” (Cambridge University Press)

- **Teaching Faculty III Lisa Munson:** “Sociology of Hip Hop Culture” (Kendall Hunt Publishing)
Master’s degree students in the Mark and Marianne Barnebey Planning and Development Lab (the new name of the Florida Planning and Development Lab, aka The Barn; see full story on p. 32) received an Award of Merit from the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA) for the student project “Metropolitan Planning Organizations Policy Guidance for Transit Applications of Automated Vehicles.” This is the sixth award the applied planning lab has received in the past seven years in the student project category. The following team members, directed by Planner-in-Residence Dennis Smith and assisted by Senior Planner Jeremy Crute, were recognized at the APA Florida conference in September 2018: Marshall Anderson, Glennika Gordon, Chris Ibarra, Jenna Osbun, Ronnie Lee Shelly Jr. and Ryan Wenger.

A report by department faculty and staff was released September 2018 raising a call to action for planners to develop policy solutions and infrastructure investments that ensure an attractive, people-friendly, equitable and safe future for the use of automated (i.e., self-driving) vehicles. “Planning for Autonomous Mobility” was co-authored by three AV experts who have been working on the issue for several years: Dean and Professor Tim Chapin, adjunct faculty member Lindsay Stevens and Senior Planner Jeremy Crute.

Students in the neighborhood planning class taught by April Jackson and Tom Taylor worked with the Griffin Heights (Tallahassee) Neighborhood Association to develop a neighborhood plan and assessment utilizing American Community Survey census data, stakeholder interviews and GIS mapping to provide an understanding of the background and current conditions of the area.

Student Ericha Stewart was awarded the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association Minority Scholarship for 2018. Assistant Professor April Jackson was appointed to a three-year research affiliate position with the National Initiative on Mixed-Income Communities (NIMC) at Case Western Reserve University. The NIMC conducts research on ways to reduce urban poverty and promote successful mixed-income communities.

Assistant Professor Tisha Holmes and Associate Professor William Butler are engaged in a multi-year study on sea level rise adaptation planning in Florida, building on previous work involving Professor Emeritus Bob Doyle. Holmes and Butler have been exploring regional efforts to help build capacity and a unified information base for local governments. They have also teamed up with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to conduct a statewide assessment of sea level rise planning through comprehensive plan reviews, surveys and case studies.

Holmes has also been working with the Florida Building Resilience Against Climate Effects (BRACE) Program to help county health departments evaluate public health interventions to address climate risks. She and Department of Geography postdoctoral researcher Ava Holt are examining public health adaptation planning for climate change.

The Mark and Marianne Barnebey Planning and Development Lab is conducting a project for the Florida Department of Transportation and Plan Hillsborough to develop urban design and planning guidance for implementing shared mobility solutions like public transit, ride-hailing and bike-sharing. As part of the project, the spring 2019 studio students conducted a series of design charrettes in Tampa and Tallahassee to gain public input on how major destinations like a stadium, a downtown and a shopping center could be designed to support shared mobility and improve accessibility for all.

An important part of the planning process, a charrette is a technique for consulting with stakeholders, usually involving intense and possibly multi-day meetings with municipal officials, developers and residents. A successful charrette promotes joint ownership of solutions and attempts to defuse typical confrontational attitudes between residents and developers.

The department sponsored a presentation in January highlighting the breadth of research undertaken by faculty and grad students. “Social Justice in Cities: Planning for a More Equitable Future” featured faculty members Petra Doan (urban queer spaces) and April Jackson (racial inclusion in subsidized housing programs) and Ph.D. students Patrice Williams (the impact of gentrification on sleep patterns) and Shaleen Miller (equity and justice in park access and quality).

The spring 2018 graduate capstone studio project received the Florida Planning and Zoning Association’s Outstanding Infrastructure Project Award. “Transit Accessibility for Special Populations” developed a model process for evaluating transit systems for their utility to special populations with enhanced accessibility needs. The project empowers transit agencies to meet the mobility needs of every resident by creating an assessment toolkit for inventorying transit stop facilities, ensuring ADA compliance, analyzing route utility and providing recommendations for system improvements.
Demography graduate student Abby Burns was awarded the 2019 Serow Prize for outstanding academic achievement in the discipline. The award is named for Bill Serow, the late director of the center.

The 2018 M.S. demography grads and their new positions are Mallory Bane (Survey Statistician, U.S. Census Bureau), Maggie Brandenburg (Behavior Change Strategist, Taproot Agency), Chandler Brooks (Analytics Consultant, IBM Global Business Solutions), Katrina Crankshaw (Grant Writer/Researcher, Florida Department of Economic Opportunity), Tanner Cummings (Survey Statistician, U.S. Census Bureau), Alex Henesy (Data Analyst, ESRI), Quinn Hoffman (Survey Statistician, U.S. Census Bureau), Justin Johnson (Data Analyst, St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce), Alex Payne (Research Assistant, Tallahassee Community College) and Melanie Zakarian (Researcher, City of Mississauga, Ontario).

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Professor Emeritus Charles B. Nam, founder of the center, has generously contributed funds to establish a $5,000 annual scholarship to a promising student in the Master of Science in Demography program. It is his hope that the Charles B. Nam Scholarship Fund will continue to grow and thereby support deserving students of demography by helping defray the costs of graduate school.

For the fourth consecutive year, the CDPH can report 100% job placement for students earning master’s degrees in demography. The intensive three-semester graduate program incorporates data-intensive skills in statistics, geography, economics, urban and regional planning, and sociology. Some students have job offers before they graduate.

The center welcomed two new faculty associates this year: Assistant Professors of Sociology Kattrinell Davis and Mathew Hauer. Davis’s research focuses on work and labor, urban inequalities, the sociology of poverty and social determinants of health. Hauer specializes in climate change, population projections, environmental sociology and spatial analysis. Their participation in CDPH will enhance student learning opportunities and expand the center’s research portfolio in important new directions.

The annual Charles B. Nam Lecture in the Sociology of Population on March 29, 2019, featured Cornell University Professor Daniel T. Lichter. He spoke on “The Integration of Immigrants into Multicultural Societies.”

As it has in a number of other natural disasters, the Emergency Management and Homeland Security (EMHS) program within the Center for Disaster Risk Policy (CDRP) assisted in preparations and post-storm operations during Hurricane Michael in early October 2018. Faculty, staff and students provided expertise, services and personnel to several partner organizations.

Fifty-two FSU students, coordinated by EMHS, volunteered with the State Emergency Operations Center as call takers, scribes and runners, providing critical services to the professional staff. Volunteers were placed in a variety of Emergency Support Function teams, as well as in the State Watch Office and with the Department of Environmental Protection. Coordinated by EMHS personnel Bobby Duggleby and Audrey Heffron Casserleigh, these students filled staffing gaps and helped ensure the state’s response was as effective and efficient as possible.

EMHS staffers Judith Cuadra and Malaika Samples worked in the university’s Emergency Operations Center to answer calls and compile data to free university decision-makers for critical preparedness, response and recovery activities.
Previously, the EMHS/CRDP teams have assisted during Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, at the site of the Kilauea volcano eruption and in natural disasters and emergency preparedness training in several countries.

L. CHARLES HILTON JR. CENTER
Shawn Kantor, Director
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Center Director and Professor of Economics Shawn Kantor was a featured panelist at a discussion of “Place-Based Policies for Shared Economic Growth,” a forum hosted in September 2018 by The Hamilton Project, an economic policy initiative launched in 2006 by the Brookings Institution.

Kantor’s participation grew from a policy proposal he wrote for The Hamilton Project with FSU economics Ph.D. student Jason Baron and Alex Whalley of the University of Calgary. The proposal, “Extending the Reach of Research Universities: A Proposal for Productivity Growth in Lagging Communities,” seeks to shed light on the potential role of research universities as anchor institutions for local economic development.

Kantor has conducted research into how economic, political and legal institutions influence economic development. His current work examines the impact that research universities such as Florida State have on regional economic growth, both historically and today. By examining the ascendency of the modern American research university over the past 125 years, Kantor’s research attempts to measure the broad economic effects of public investments in university knowledge production, especially from a regional perspective.

The Walton County Emergency Management office linked the UAS team to the South Walton Fire District to determine the extent of the damage along the coastline. As soon as the winds died down on October 10, the team flew several sorties looking for damage.

On October 11, the team was sent to Bay County to perform rapid assessment of Mexico Beach, one of the areas hardest hit by the storm after the eyewall passed within a mile of the town.

The UAS team flew recon flights using fixed wing and multi-rotor UAS and provided that data to the Bay County Emergency Operations Center. Due to lack of working cellular or radio networks, the data had to be hand delivered.

By directing manned and unmanned aircraft, CDRP helped establish safe and effective overflights of the area, managed multiple search operations and created a landing zone for National Guard helicopters.

This was just one of several ways the program exemplifies the college mission to engage with the world beyond campus. In the past year, among other activities, CDRP/EMHS has:

- Sent six students to work with the Belize Association of Planners on data collection and analysis, contributing to that organization receiving UN grant funding to build community resilience to natural hazards and climate change;
- Worked with Alachua County, Fla., Fire Rescue for a search and rescue exercise;
- Conducted UAS response training for law enforcement, fire and emergency management personnel in Fort Bend County, Texas;
- Played an important role in the new Florida UAS Working Group to implement UAS in disasters as an integral part of all phases of emergency management; and
- Supported law enforcement in the search for missing FSU student Justin Shields.

The EMHS team briefs Florida Senator Marco Rubio at the Bay County Emergency Operations Center last October.

The center hosted a day-long seminar, August 25, 2018, for graduate students. “Social Science: Epistemological Foundations and Methodological Debates” focused on epistemology, methods and philosophy of science in general. Roundtable discussions and readings covered a variety of more specific topics within that realm, such as the role of theory in social science and whether the primary purpose of theory is to explain or predict. Groups also discussed the role of hypothesis testing in social science, the notion of falsifiability, and other standards of scientific knowledge, such as preponderance of evidence.
The seminar drew eight FSU attendees and another 27 from around the country and provided a good opportunity to introduce programs and disciplines within the college, especially to master's students considering doctoral programs.

**DEVOE L. MOORE CENTER**

*Sam Staley, Director*

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Vittorio Nastasi, an undergraduate policy research assistant with the center, placed second at the Association of Private Enterprise Education’s undergraduate research competition for his work on the impact of occupational licensing reform on reducing recidivism among former prisoners.

The paper, begun in DMC Director Sam Staley’s research methods class, was shaped into a policy brief released by the James Madison Institute in April 2019.

“This is a fantastic example of what a classroom designed for active learning can accomplish when it encourages (and supports) student-driven creativity, initiative and hard work,” Staley said.

Entrepreneur and real estate developer DeVoe Moore presented his views on regulation and the role of government to students, faculty, alumni and elected officials at a center-hosted event on campus, February 4, 2019.

Director Sam Staley attended the Council on Economic Education’s annual conference in Atlanta last October, showing public school economics teachers how dystopian Young Adult literature can teach advanced concepts in economics and policymaking processes. Staley’s presentation focused on the best-selling “Divergent” series by Veronica Roth. He also met with staff at the Foundation for Economic Education to discuss innovative ways to teach entrepreneurship and competitive markets to Millennials and Generation Z.

The Institute for Justice in Washington, D.C., released a study on taxi regulation authored by DeVoe Moore Center researchers Sam Staley, Catherine Annis and Matthew Kelly. The central takeaway from the study is that if cities want traditional taxis to compete effectively against ride-sharing companies like Uber and Lyft, they need to pursue deregulation of taxi rules and policies to allow for the greater competition.

In April, Sam Staley, former DMC Policy Manager Catherine Annis and Thomas Boody, a former DMC research assistant and graduate of the economics department, released a policy study examining the development of Tallahassee’s Cascades Park and Trail. Numerous government and project documents were included in the quantitative analysis of construction time and costs.

**LEROY COLLINS INSTITUTE**

*Carol Weissert, Director*

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Collins Institute Director Carol Weissert

The CRC came about after Florida went through a long, frustrating effort to modernize the 1885 constitution through a statutory commission in 1966. The commission proposed two ways to amend the constitution: a citizen’s initiative and a revision commission with authority to place proposals directly on the ballot. These measures reflected the frustration that reformers had experienced when there was no practical way around a legislature entrenched against reform.

The board supported efforts to require future CRCs to abide by the single-subject provision as provided in related bills.

“Clearly bundling of disparate issues can be a problem with an electorate that is not well informed on issues and with voters who might support one part of the amendment but not another,” said Carol Weissert, director of the LeRoy Collins Institute. “This, however, does not justify abandoning a fundamentally good idea—the commission itself.”

The board issued a statement discouraging passage of the bills. According to the statement, the CRC serves as an important way for citizens to directly put possible constitutional items up for consideration before the voters.

The CRC urged the Florida Legislature to change, but not abolish, the Constitution Revision Commission (CRC). Two bills before the legislature would have put on the 2020 ballot a measure to amend the constitution by eliminating the CRC. Neither bill passed in the 2019 session.

At its February 2019 meeting, the Board of Directors of the LeRoy Collins Institute
No other state convenes a citizen committee to review its constitution every 20 years and directly puts its recommendations on the ballot for popular approval.

The LeRoy Collins Institute led the Partnership for Revising Florida’s Constitution, a consortium of 19 organizations in Florida convened in 2015 to inform Floridians about the 2017-2018 CRC.

**PEPPER INSTITUTE ON AGING AND PUBLIC POLICY**

Anne Barrett, Director  
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The institute was very busy this year on a number of fronts:

**Media**

- The institute was featured in an article in the September/October 2018 issue of Tallahassee Magazine, “Pepper Institute Assesses Impacts of Aging Population,” by Marina Brown.

- With the support of the Claude Pepper Center, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at FSU and COSSPP, the institute continued its “Aging Today” radio segments, airing each Tuesday at 3:04 pm on WFSU. Drawing on social science research on aging, the segments answer such questions as “How many older Americans are homeless?” and “How has grandparenting changed over time?”

**Students**

- Two sociology graduate students received travel awards from the institute to attend national conferences. Harry Barbee presented his research on sexual minorities’ aging experiences at the Southern Sociological Society meeting. Ladanya Ramirez presented her paper, “Educational Discordance from Parents and Life Satisfaction among Older White, Black and Hispanic Americans,” at the Gerontological Society of America conference.

**Community**

- Institute Director Anne Barrett provided opening remarks and moderated the panel discussion at the inaugural Tallahassee Senior Day Policy Forum, sponsored by the Department of Elder Affairs and United Way of Florida.

Panelists included Richard Prudom, director of Florida Elder Affairs; Jeff Johnson, director of AARP Florida; Danny Burgess, director of the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs; Kristen Griffis, executive director of Elder Options; and Nick Cox, statewide prosecutor at the Office of the Attorney General.


Pepper affiliate and Professor Emerita of Urban and Regional Planning Rebecca Miles presented “Local Organizations Supporting Aging-In-Place: What Can We Learn?” in the fall 2018 series of Policy Pub.

**Research**

- Two Pepper associates, Miles Taylor and Anne Barrett, carried out research supported by Fulbright Senior Scholar Awards announced last year (see Engage 2018).

  Taylor worked with McGill University’s Observatory on Health and Social Services Reform and taught methods workshops. She conducted research examining social disparities in health over the life course in Canada compared to those in the U.S.

  Barrett conducted research at the Center of Interdisciplinary Gender Studies at the University of Trento, Italy. She conducted interviews with older Italians in nursing homes and at senior centers, focusing on changes in caregiving networks across the generations. She also visited universities throughout Italy to present her research, meet scholars and tour facilities providing aging services.

**GUS A. STAVROS CENTER**

Joe Calhoun, Director  
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The Stavros Center for Economic Education lived up to its name by taking nine FSU students and two others from Lindenwood University in Missouri to a colloquium in Vermont to study the writings of influential economist Milton Friedman.

The event was held May 12-17, 2019, at Capitaf, the former vacation home of Friedman (1912-2006), a 1976 Nobel Prize winner for his contributions to monetary policy and his theories of consumption. Friedman was a critical figure in establishing the University of Chicago as a global center for economic thought.

Stavros Center Director Joe Calhoun and Sam Staley, director of the college’s DeVoe Moore Center, co-led the seminar, which included group sessions on Friedman’s best-selling works in political economy, “Capitalism and Freedom” (1962) and “Free to Choose” (1980).
Each year, Florida State University honors its most accomplished alumni with various awards and recognitions. We are proud to note the outstanding College of Social Sciences and Public Policy alumni who have received these honors for 2018-2019.

**GRADS MADE GOOD**
The FSU Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society chooses three Grads Made Good every year to be recognized at the Homecoming Breakfast. The ceremony is put together by the National Collegiate Leadership Honor Society, Omicron Delta Kappa and the FSU Alumni Association.

- **Nancy McKay** (B.S. ’78 Political Science) - President and CEO of NEST Fragrances
- **Gene Stearns** (B.A. ’66 Political Science) - Founder and board chair of the Tallahassee law firm Stearns Weaver Miller Weissler Alhadeff & Sittson

**NOTABLE NOLES**
The university annually recognizes these alumni for their significant contributions to their professions, communities or alma mater.

- **Valerie Laboy** (B.S. ’04 International Affairs) - Foreign Service Officer, U.S. Department of State
- **Divam Mehta** (B.S. ’05 Economics) - President, Mehta Financial Group, LLC
- **Janel Robinson** (B.S. ’14 Sociology) - Program Coordinator, Center for Interpersonal Violence Intervention and Prevention, Florida A&M University

**SEMINOLE 100**
The Jim Moran Institute for Global Entrepreneurship, in partnership with the FSU Alumni Association and Ernst & Young, recognizes the fastest-growing U.S. businesses owned by Florida State alumni, who are responsible for some of the most innovative and profitable companies in America.

- **Autumn Blackledge** (B.S. ’98 Political Science), Autumn Beck Blackledge PLLC (Pensacola, Fla.)
- **Jeffery Collins** (B.S. ’86 Political Science), Global Sales (Gibsonston, Fla.)
- **Mark Cross** (B.S. ’79 Political Science), Tasty Pastry Bakery (Tallahassee, Fla.)
- **Bugra Demirel** (B.A. ’10 International Affairs/Political Science), Demirel International (Mariana, Fla.)
- **Juan Diaz** (B.A. ’98 Economics/International Affairs), Providence Technology Solutions, LLC (Jacksonville, Fla.)
- **Jennifer Green** (B.S. ’94 Political Science), Liberty Partners (Tallahassee, Fla.)
- **John D. McFarlain** (B.S. ’97 Political Science), Tal Research Group (Tallahassee, Fla.)
- **Patrick McKee** (B.S. ’00 Economics), McKee Insurance Agency (Tallahassee, Fla.)
- **Christopher Mueller** (B.A. ’01 International Affairs) Taylor, Day, Grimm & Boyd (Jacksonville, Fla.)
- **Bennet Napier** (M.S. ’02, Applied American Politics), Partners in Association Management (Tallahassee, Fla.)
- **Stuart Norman** (B.S. ’97 Political Science), G.M.F. Industries, Inc. (Lake- land, Fla.)
- **Jonathan Novak** (B.S. ’10 Political Science/International Affairs), Boomerang Transportation (Tampa, Fla.)
- **Joy Owenby** (B.S. ’93 Political Science), Owenby Law (Jacksonville, Fla.)

**FSU WOMEN OF DISTINCTION INSPIRE AWARD**
The Inspire Award recognizes alumnae who have distinguished themselves as leaders within their industry and whose hard work and determination serve as an inspiration to current students and young alums at Florida State University. Two alumnae of the college were among the four honored for 2019.

- **Heather Pinder Rodriguez** (B.S. ’95 International Affairs): Judge in the Ninth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida, where she has served in the felony, family, domestic violence and juvenile delinquency divisions
- **Jennifer N. Hanson** (B.S. ’01 Sociology): National Sales Director of direct-to-consumer sales and corporate sponsorships for GolfNow, a division of the Golf Channel and part of NBC Sports Group
Paul Mavima (Ph.D. ’99 Public Administration) is now one of the senior members of the government of Zimbabwe. After receiving his doctorate, Mavima worked for the Florida Legislature’s Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability before returning to his home country. At the Askew School, Mavima’s concentration was in institutions and organizations, with a research focus on institutional capacity development in emerging economies.

Jesse Wexler (B.A. ’06 International Affairs) was inducted into the FSU Alumni Association’s Circle of Gold on April 12, 2019. Circle of Gold recognizes worthy individuals who, through their service and achievements, personify the university’s tradition of excellence. Wexler, president of the New York City Seminoles alumni organization, is the owner/developer of VenueMash, software designed to help event planners find and instantly book venues for events that meet their needs for availability, budget and attendance.

Daniel Green (M.S. ’99 International Affairs), defense fellow with the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, was appointed to the position of deputy assistant secretary of defense for strategy and force development, the research institution announced March 20, 2019. He has been a defense fellow with the institute since 2011, focusing on counterterrorism, counterinsurgency and stability operations in the Middle East and Central Asia.

In Green’s new capacity, he will be the principal civilian adviser to the assistant secretary of defense.

Graduates of the college have always distinguished themselves in Florida politics, and 2019 is certainly no exception.

Three alums were appointed to the senior staff of Florida’s new Attorney General Ashley Moody: Chief Deputy Attorney General John Guard (B.A. ’97 History/Political Science), Governmental Affairs Director Dan Olson (B.S. ’07 Economics/Political Science, M.P.A. ’10), and Public Affairs Director Lauren Schenone (B.S. ’15 Social Sciences).

Commissioner of Agriculture Nikki Fried appointed several alums to her staff:

Chief of Staff Matthew Van Name (B.S. ’09 Political Science and International Affairs), Legislative Affairs Director Emily Duda Buckley (B.S. ’13 Political Science), Deputy Directors Matthew Alford (M.S. ’12 Applied American Politics and Policy) and Carlos Nathan (B.S. ’05 Political Science), Director of Cabinet Affairs Matt Gotha (B.S. ’17 Political Science/Social Sciences) and Press Secretary Max Flugrath (M.S. ’17 Applied American Politics and Policy), previously the communications director for Phillip Levine’s 2018 gubernatorial campaign.

Jimmy Patronis (B.S. ’96 Political Science) was inaugurated as the state’s chief financial officer, January 8, 2019. He served in the post since 2017, when he was appointed to fill a vacancy, and won election to the position in 2018.
William Desvousges has a broad professional reach, but his connections to his roots in Florida and at FSU are deep and lasting.

As a specialist in natural resource damage assessment, Bill has conducted environmental economic valuation studies for more than 30 years, leading major assessments in Montana, Texas, Wisconsin, New Jersey and beyond. He has provided expert testimony in dozens of environmental impact cases, assisted with Native American claims and led key projects for such clients as Tyson Foods, General Electric, ExxonMobil and Dow Chemical.

The skills in applied economic research that have guided such a busy and accomplished career began right here at the college. After completing his undergraduate degree at Stetson University, the Florida native came to FSU for graduate work in the Department of Economics, earning his master’s in 1974 and Ph.D. three years later.

His master’s thesis, which evolved from a research project by economics Professor Charles Rockwood, took Bill and fellow student Richard Hollingsworth to the state mental hospital at Chattahoochee to collect data for a benefit cost analysis of the token economy program established to treat patients. The two students, along with Rockwood and a colleague in the psychology department, published a joint paper on the project.

Bill honed his focus on environmental economics while serving as graduate assistant for Professor Phil Sorensen. The soon-to-be Dr. Desvousges’ dissertation on Outer Continental Shelf oil and gas leasing grew from his time helping Sorenson on several environmental economics projects, including the 1969 Santa Barbara oil spill, up to that time the largest in the U.S.

After years in Missouri, where he briefly taught economics, and North Carolina as senior economist and program director at the Center for Economics Research, Bill and his wife Shelley, a retired judge, returned to St. Augustine, the town where they grew up, in 2010. The self-named company he started in 2005 is now a leading consulting firm in the environmental economics field.

When the couple came back to Florida, it proved to be a benefit for FSU and for students at the college. They endowed a graduate scholarship fund in honor of his friend and colleague from the FSU economics department, Dr. Michael J. Piette, who died in a plane crash in 2009.

“My wife and I came from blue collar backgrounds,” said Desvousges, the first person in his family to get a college degree. “His father designed and built furniture in a factory in Connecticut, and my dad drove a bread truck in St. Augustine. I spent a lot of time helping out on the bread truck over the years. I think both Mike and I learned the importance of hard work and perseverance from our fathers.”

Bill and Mike met early on in their time at FSU assisting with fall registration in Tully Gym. Back in the day, students piled into Tully to collect computer punch cards for the classes they hoped to take. It was noisy, chaotic, frustrating – and hot! The two students chose to work the morning shift together, and as the heat in the non-air-conditioned gym rose to 95, they knew they had made the right choice.

“That gives you an idea of life at FSU in the early 70s. That’s if we don’t count the invention of streaking that took place that year on campus as well!”

In addition to the memory of his lifelong best friend, Bill credits Dean Emeritus David Rasmussen with getting him and his wife involved at FSU again. And he appreciates continuing that commitment under current Dean Tim Chapin. In recent years, Bill has conducted mock interviews in the applied economics program, and he and Dean Chapin are now working on putting together a public talk on campus about his research.

“Shelley, Mike’s wife Diane, and Mike and I all believe in the importance of education as a way to advance yourself. Being able to make at least a small difference for people is something we all value.”

In his professional life and in his commitment to FSU and the college, Bill Desvousges makes far more than a small difference, and that’s why we’re proud to claim him as one of our most distinguished alums.
You might say governance is a magnet for Joyce Godwin — she'd certainly agree! When she hasn't served on boards for private or publicly traded corporations, not-for-profits, higher education organizations, banking and financial services, arts groups, even aviation companies, she has furthered the excellence and mission of these governing bodies as a consultant.

Of course, given her academic career, that comes naturally to her. In 1965, Joyce Killian (as she was known prior to her marriage to Earl Godwin) received her bachelor's degree in government, back before the department evolved into political science within the college. And in the years leading up to graduation she was heavily involved in campus governance.

Here’s just a brief overview of her service at FSU, from a January 1964 Florida Flambeau article with a headline that should have won an award for understatement (“Killian Excels in Various Activities”): Student Government senator (and first-ever freshman recipient of the Outstanding Senator Award, an honor she also received in her sophomore year), chair of the Organization and Finance and Promotional Films committees, Sophomore Council member, Garnet Key historian, dorm counselor and officer, the only female member of the Student Body president’s cabinet – the list goes on. Shortly after that article came out, she was elected Student Body vice president (ergo, president of the senate), a post she held for the next year.

Through these activities and the classes she took with her favorite professors of government, Daisy Parker Flory, Marian Irish and Roscoe Oglesby (for whom the Oglesby Student Union is named), she honed her considerable skills in leadership and communication, assets that serve her well to this day. But her time at FSU wasn’t all about the intellect. It also provided a solid basis in people skills, the heart and soul of such an admirable life and career.

One of her most memorable undergraduate experiences came from being selected by the Dean of Students, in 1962, to help mentor and shepherd Max Courtney, FSU’s first African-American undergraduate enrollee, through his early days on campus. Joyce walked with the young math and social science major from class to class and even stayed by him in the first minutes of any class where he might not have felt quite welcome. The close friendship between the two lasted past their college days until Courtney’s untimely death in 1975. Today, it warms her heart to see him commemorated beside two other alums of our college, Fred and Doby Flowers, in the beautiful Integration Statue near the student union.

After graduation, Joyce went on to earn her master’s degree in political science at George Washington University in 1968. She taught the subject for a time at San Jose State in California, but the world beyond academia beckoned loudly.

Among her many accomplishments, she has been the director of the National League of Cities Inquiry Service, executive director of the San Jose Chamber of Commerce, education director of a Texas hospital and chief administrative officer of Presbyterian Healthcare Services, a large statewide organization based in Albuquerque, N.M., where she now lives with her husband of more than 50 years, an anesthesiologist who she says thinks her board and volunteer service is sometimes “a little over the top!”

Much of her time and energy in recent years has been devoted to World Vision International, a Christian humanitarian aid, development and advocacy organization active in nearly 100 countries. She served for many years on its board and a few years ago started a chapter of Women for Vision in Albuquerque, taking a group of 15 women on a trip to the “real” Ethiopia so they could see real-life issues and not just the tourist side. In 2017, she began fundraising for a clean water project that will impact 27,000 people in Rwanda. She and her husband travel frequently to Asia and Africa (where they even climbed Kilimanjaro!), and her deep connection to the people the organization serves stays with her strongly to this day.

As does her connection to FSU. Joyce has been an important donor to the college’s signature Social Science Scholars program, a perfect fit for her desire to see universities offer more training in strategic learning and leadership, as well as nonprofit organizational governance.

“Living a life of generosity is important to me. It’s always all about giving one’s time, talent, and treasure,” she says.

Joyce Godwin has so much to give, and does it with such energy and commitment. We are proud to be yet another in the long line of institutions that have honored her for her distinguished life and work.
Growing up with modest means in a subsidized housing project in Panama City, Fla., U.S. Army Major General Patrick Sargent, FACHE, saw firsthand how everything we have can all be taken away, sometimes in the blink of an eye. But he learned early on that the one thing that can never be taken away is your story. “From a young age I wanted to write a good one – a story worth telling, a story worth hearing, a story that truly mattered.”

And that he did.

For Pat, that story has largely been a matter of education. You might well say his entire life has been and continues to be a process of education, starting with the hard lessons about character, intellect and perseverance taught to him by his mother and grandmother.

“They were the wisest and most influential people in my life,” he says. “They were both masterpieces of the human spirit.”

He carried those lessons with him to his time at FSU in the early 1980s, where his professors and fellow students provided inspiration, intellectual stimulation and diversity of thought. He was a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, a student senator and vice president of the Black Student Union. The university and the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy is where he learned to believe “I can.”

“My family and teachers taught me that greatness isn’t some elusive gift given to a select few. Greatness is in all of us. We just have to find it in ourselves and in others.”

At FSU, he was a member of ROTC. When he graduated in 1985 with a degree in political science, he walked as a Distinguished Military Graduate and immediately received his active-duty commission.

Early in his career he was selected for the Army’s prestigious Congressional Fellowship Program. As the military legislative assistant to Senator Richard Durbin, he was able to leverage his political science education to successfully manage the senator’s defense and veterans portfolios.

Pat has taken great advantage of the outstanding educational opportunities the Army provides. He earned a master’s degree in human resource development from Webster University and another in national security strategy from the National Defense University. He is board certified in healthcare management and a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives (FACHE).

Over the past 34 years, which has included exceptional service in multiple deployments in Iraq, he has commanded numerous Army organizations and orchestrated and optimized capabilities and capacities in military hospitals across the globe.

Today, he is commander of the U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School Health Readiness Center of Excellence at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. This vital unit is where the Army formulates its medical organization, tactics, doctrine and equipment and where it educates and trains all of its medical personnel.

It’s no small task, and it’s one he takes very seriously.

“Army medicine fulfills a sacred promise to protect America’s sons and daughters who have volunteered to go into harm’s way to protect our freedom and liberty,” he says. “My job is to ensure they have the very best training so that if a service member becomes ill or injured, the very best medical care on the planet will come to their aid. Our mission starts and ends with soldiers. They deserve nothing but the best.”

After so much time and such a distinguished career, it would seem the Major General might well have learned all he needs to. But education is still very much the key to his life and success.

As technology evolves, Pat is committed to assuring that the Army’s system of training evolves as well. New technologies like mobile computing power, 5G, artificial intelligence and virtual and augmented reality allow training to be more precise and more personal. It is also more longitudinal, he says, meaning it doesn’t stop at the completion of a class or the earning of a diploma.

Education is the antidote to the distortions of the age in which we now live, he believes. It is the way we discern the moral dimensions of our surroundings, our everyday lives and the perpetual challenge of world events.

“Learning is what brings people together; continue to learn, never stop learning.”

That is Major General Pat Sargent’s story. It’s a story worth telling, worth hearing, a story that truly matters, and we are honored to tell it by naming him a Distinguished Alumnus of the college.
The college had another good year in direct support from our alumni, friends, foundations and corporations. During the period of July 1, 2018, and June 30, 2019, the college received new gifts and commitments totaling $2,170,785 from 764 donors. Of that total, $1,080,855 was in cash or securities, $451,740 in new pledges and $638,190 in bequests and other planned gifts.

In 1994, Arnold and his wife Priscilla began discussions with the FSU Foundation to create a Legacy Gift that ultimately would result in a bequest of more than $3.4 million for Florida State University. Mr. Greenfield passed away in 2004, and his wife Priscilla passed away in 2018. His bequest, established in 1996, now supports the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy, the FSU London Program and the Ringling Museum of Art.

The Askew School received $1,000,000 to establish the Arnold and Priscilla Moss Greenfield Professorship in Public Finance and Debt Management and an additional $1,100,000 to permanently endow scholarships for students studying public policy at FSU. We are forever grateful for his vision that led to these gifts.

New gifts and commitments for professorships

Elizabeth (Betty) Serow has created a new professorship in the Center for Demography and Population Health to honor her husband William J. Serow, an FSU economist and applied demographer who passed away suddenly in 2003. After Bill’s death, friends and family endowed the William J. Serow Fund to award a scholarship annually to a master’s student with great potential for continued success in applied demography. In 2015, due to the growth in this fund, an additional annual award was added to help cover tuition for a promising student in the applied master’s program. Betty regularly attends the scholarship ceremony and remains closely connected to the faculty and students in the center.

When the idea of creating a professorship named for her husband was presented to Betty by Dean Tim Chapin and Assistant Dean Cindy Michelson, she thought it would be a fitting tribute to honor Bill’s life work. With a gift of $175,000, the newly established William J. Serow Professorship was created in the spring of 2019. Carl Schmertmann, a professor of economics and the current director of the Center for Demography and Population Health, was named the William J. Serow Professor in September 2019.

Mark and Marianne Barnebey have continued their generous support for the Department of Urban and Regional Planning. Last year they made a special gift to the DURP planning studio. Affectionately nicknamed “The Barn,” the Mark and Marianne Barnebey Planning and Development Lab and Studio has received a much needed update and new technology to assist the master’s students with their training. The naming ceremony, dedication and reception took place in March 2019.

This year the Barnebeys decided to increase an existing bequest to the department to $150,000 to create the Barnebey Endowed Professorship in Urban and Regional Planning. This Legacy Gift, included in their estate plan, is a promise for the future to keep our Department of Urban and Regional Planning the top planning program in Florida.

This past spring the college welcomed Craig Mayers as our new development officer. A work study employee in the dean’s office when he was student at the college six years ago, Craig comes to us after serving as Southeastern Regional Development Manager at the Huntington’s Disease Society of America in St. Petersburg.

A gift 25 years in the making

In the spring of 2019, the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy received more than $2.1 million in new support from the Arnold L. Greenfield Trust. Mr. Greenfield was president of the FSU Student Government Association in 1958, and after completing law school he went on to serve as general counsel and secretary of the Florida Development Commission, director of the State of Florida Division of Bond Finance and, later, managing director of Lehman Brothers.

When Mr. Greenfield retired in 1995, he dedicated his time to historic preservation in Florida, served as a trustee of the Florida State University Foundation and was a member of the board of directors of the Ringling Museum of Art. He was a visiting faculty member in the Askew School for a number of years and always loved working with the students.

At “The Barn” naming ceremony in March 2019: Marianne and Mark Barnebey (center) with FSU Foundation Vice President for Central Development Perry Fulkerson (left) and former COSSPP Development Officer Ryan Hurst, who was instrumental in shepherding the Barnebey gift to the Department of Urban and Regional Planning.
New major gifts

The Kaul Foundation made a new “Award of Excellence” gift of $150,000 to the applied economics master’s degree program. Over the past 12 years the foundation has donated $1,450,000 to this program.

The Charles Koch Foundation made a new $150,000 award to the Project on Accountable Justice to continue research and publicize the findings on criminal justice reform in Florida. The grant includes support for undergraduate and graduate internships and research assistants. The foundation also supports graduate fellowships in the Department of Economics.

Eric Gaiser made a new pledge of $30,000 to sponsor a Social Sciences Scholar for the next five years and a $30,000 commitment to the college’s general development fund to support the “Get More Than a Degree” initiative.

Bill and Shelly Desvousges pledged $50,000 to create a new endowment designated for non-traditional graduate students in the college’s applied economics master’s program. Eligible recipients will include students who are the first in their family to attend college, students from traditionally underrepresented groups in the economics profession and students who were honorably discharged from military service.

Bobby J. Pittman renewed his support of the Social Sciences Scholars program with a five-year pledge of $30,000 and an additional pledge of $20,000 for the college’s “Get More Than a Degree” initiative.

Jason Sato increased his support of the Social Sciences Scholars program with a new pledge of $30,000 to sponsor a student for the next five years.

Steven Brunetti and the Brunetti Foundation created a new endowment to support the greatest needs of the college with a five year pledge of $30,000.

Nigel Parkinson made a five-year pledge of $25,000 for the college’s African American Studies program. These funds help the program bring speakers to campus and provide extracurricular activities that cannot be supported with state funds.

Charlie Nam donated an additional $25,000 to the Nam Scholarship Award in Demography and Population Health. This endowed fund was created to honor the 50th anniversary of the Center for Demography and Population Health.

Charles Haworth and the Haworth Foundation continued to support our student veterans with a new pledge of $25,000. These funds provide scholarships to veterans working on a master’s degree and seniors interested in continuing their education in a graduate program at the college.

The American Planning Association’s Orlando Metro Section created a new scholarship endowment in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning in memory of Judith Mucci. Their gift of $25,000 creates support for a student’s capstone project, paper or thesis.

The Great Give

For the university’s annual online giving event this year, the college focused on the “Agree to Disagree” project sponsored by the COSSPP Student Leadership Council. This unique event challenges students from different backgrounds and across the political spectrum to sit together and have conversations about their different ideologies. The program is not set up as a debate but as a challenge to reflect upon each student’s own political journey and discover the experiences of others. The goal of the evening is to combat division, promote respect and foster lasting bipartisan understanding through civil conversation.

During a 36-hour period in March, the project received more than $6,300 in donations, including a $2,500 matching gift from COSSPP alumnus and former Congressman Jason Altmire. He served three terms in the U.S. House of Representatives and understands how important it is for these conversations to take place.

Congratulations to Tim Gunning

Tim Gunning, a partner with the firm Ernst and Young, has been elected to the FSU Foundation Board of Trustees for a three-year term. In 2009 Tim and his wife Kate established an endowment in the economics department to honor his major professor, Tom McCaleb. Through personal contributions and matching gifts, that endowment has grown to more than $75,000. Additionally, Tim comes to campus several times a year to teach and recruit on behalf of EY.

He joins fellow college alumni Nancy McKay, chair elect, Tom Culligan, Keith Carr, Sean Pittman and Mark Ellis, who are currently serving as trustees on the foundation board.

Geographic diversity in our Bellamy Society

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