Informing, Empowering, Advancing: The College Out in the World
Mark Barnebey (M.S.P. ’83 Urban and Regional Planning), with support from his wife Marianne, gave career and life advice and shared inspiring and entertaining personal stories for young professionals at the DeVoe Moore Center.

Tallahassee Mayor John Dailey (B.A. ’96 Political Science, M.P.A. ’99 Askew School) visited Professor Charles Barrileaux’s Urban Politics class, talking with students about issues they thought important to the city.

Nationally recognized immigrant rights advocate Juan Escalante (B.A. ’11 Political Science, International Affairs, M.P.A. ’15 Askew School) gave a talk at the FSU Center for Global Engagement, “Walk a Mile in My Shoes: Exploring the Narratives of DACA Students.”

Kevin Gomez (B.S. ’16 Economics), an instructor and program manager for the Institute for Economic Inquiry at Creighton University, spoke at a meeting of the FSU chapter of the National Association for Business Economics.

2019 Distinguished Alumna Joyce Godwin (B.A. ’65 Political Science) told her personal story of service and philanthropy to inspire students to engage with the world and become agents of social change.

Ed Sutton (B.S. ’82 Economics), owner-founder of Sutton Wealth Advisors, and Mark Mathiason (B.S. ’88 Economics) of Hancock Whitney Bank spoke with students during two meetings of the National Association for Business Economics FSU chapter. Each offered to help students get connected to the financial advising industry. Sutton also shared talking points to use during interviews with wealth management firms.

Bruce McNeilage (B.S. ’88 Economics), co-founder and CEO of the real estate firm Kinloch Partners, spoke to Professor John Felkner’s Collective Decision-Making class in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning on “New Opportunities in Real Estate Development.”

Bobby “BJ” Pittman (B.S. ’97 Economics), whose investment and advisory firm was established to create, capitalize and scale pan-African companies, chatted with several of the college’s Social Science Scholars, many of whom engage in research and development projects overseas.

We understand that not everyone can make the trip to campus, especially during uncertain times, but the FSU Career Center’s ProfessioNole program is a great way to connect with and mentor students online!
Our Mission
“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.

Keeping Learning Alive!
Michael Hammock, an assistant teaching professor of economics, usually teaches in front of 500 students in HCB 101. In late March, he began teaching the class in the vacant lecture hall via YouTube as Florida State University moved to remote learning in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic.

Read about how the college and our scholars responded to the health crisis and served communities on page 4.
Dear Friends,

I write this letter of welcome for our annual Engage magazine in the midst of one of the most challenging times in modern American history. The state and nation are still in the grips of a global pandemic that has shuttered businesses, put millions out of work, sent the economy into a recession and disrupted all our lives.

This has brought tough times to the college and university, leading to remote work and remote instruction, a dampened campus presence and coming budget cuts.

Layered on this have been protests all across the country that I hope and pray will yield a great reckoning with the deep, systemic racial divides that directly affect our communities of color and undermine our great nation.

In the midst of this darkness there is much light, though. The college’s faculty and students have been central to helping the university manage the public health crisis and contribute meaningfully to the Black Lives Matter imperative.

Our public health program has been key to the university’s COVID response, shaping policies and programs that will keep the campus community as safe as possible in the year to come.

Our Black faculty and students have emerged as campus leaders and are helping President Thrasher chart a path forward as we commit even more deeply to stamp out racism on campus and in the community. In July, seven of them were appointed to the 30-member President’s Task Force on Anti-Racism, Equality & Inclusion for the 2020-2021 academic year.

The power of our people, our programs and our ideals has come to the fore in this crisis. University leaders see the college in a new light, and the community is better for our leadership.

As I look ahead to the coming year, I believe it is more important than ever that we recommit to the core values of the college. We believe in the power of the social sciences to educate students and create citizens of the world. We believe in the power of our faculty, students and alumni to evaluate and shape policy, yielding better investments in our people and places. We believe that the world is facing Wicked Problems but that there are Wicked Solutions that flow from world-class social science scholarship, teaching and community engagement.

Community engagement is, of course, a very important aspect of what our college is all about. In this issue you will see excellent examples of how our faculty, students, alumni and staff have gone out into the world beyond campus over the past year to provide expertise, empower individuals and communities, help shape policy, and raise awareness – not only of our common struggles and challenges but of the shared strengths and resources that help us to become the best we can be as a society.

As ever, I am immensely proud of our impact and leadership. These are indeed tough times, but we are facing them with the right mix of values, skills and resilience that will see us through them. Be well and stay well, knowing there are better days ahead.

In an Unconquered Spirit!

Tim Chapin, Dean
Dear Fellow Alumni,

One of the advantages of getting an education at the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy is the pairing of first-rate classroom instruction with the ability to see early on the practical applications of what you’re learning and the opportunity to apply your acquired skills to real-world needs and problems.

This was true as I pursued my degrees in sociology at FSU, from undergraduate up through doctorate, but my focus was on a career in academia. After earning my Ph.D., I went on to teach at the university level. But when the world beyond campus came knocking, I was grateful for the knowledge and experience I had gathered at the college as I set off on a new path.

My advanced studies had been undertaken with an emphasis in demography. Of the three big topics in demography (fertility, mortality, migration), I was most fascinated with fertility – what makes the birth rate go up and down. Eventually this led to a job at the Center for Population and Family Health at Columbia University as head of the Social Science Research Unit. It was a soft money shop, so to support my unit, I learned how to write grants. And since I was in a school of public health, I was asked to do program evaluation.

After eight years at Columbia, I took time off to raise my two girls. But soon the world began to call again – foundations, program people, funders of various kinds, asking for “just one evaluation…since you’re not working.” As the girls got older, I said yes more, and things quickly got busy.

Eventually, my husband and I created an independent, for-profit evaluation firm, and we have evaluated dozens of fertility-related programs, as well as efforts to improve health, education, employment, youth development, media and other programs.

My time at Florida State contributed in many ways to making this career possible. In sociology and demography, I gained a healthy respect for science and hard data. I had methodology classes on how to collect, reduce and analyze data. I learned how to make a table so that if you drop it in the hall, anyone can pick it up, know what they’re looking at and learn from it (thank you Dr. Nam). I was encouraged to learn the technical but also to speak clearly to others, a critical skill if many of your clients avoid statistics or are frightened of evaluation.

When you study the social sciences, you often have opportunities to engage professionally with the most pressing challenges faced by society. I love teaching and still miss many things about the academic life. But wandering off the university campus and into the “real” world always beckoned me. I’m grateful to the college for the education that imparted the technical skills I needed to pursue my professional life down often unexpected paths and for the inspiration and confidence to carve out a career that was meaningful and engaging for me.

I encourage all of you, my fellow alums, to share insights and experiences from your own professional lives to help today’s students meet those same challenges and opportunities.

Susan Philliber
Public Health Program Assists State Epidemiologists

The coronavirus pandemic left Florida’s disease experts facing an event with little modern precedent. Officials working to track the spread of COVID-19 were stretched thin and faced with the inevitable prospect of more diagnoses, prompting them to reach out to our Master of Public Health (MPH) program for help.

When Dr. Shamarial Roberson, deputy secretary of health at the Florida Department of Health (FDOH) and an MPH graduate, came up with the idea of having students do contact tracing and infection tracking, she called on MPH Teaching Professor Alan Rowan.

Rowan, who teaches courses on infectious and chronic disease and epidemiology in the program, was the State of Florida’s lead epidemiologist for the SARS pandemic in 2003 and led many outbreak investigations over the past few decades, for

As the COVID-19 pandemic took hold throughout the world, the scholars and practitioners of the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy – faculty, students and alumni – met the challenge with service to the wider community beyond campus, offering experience and expertise to help understand, prepare for and combat the spread of the virus and respond to its impact on the world.

Social Scientists Put Boots on the Ground in Global Crisis
both the state and federal government. He responded by assembling a team of MPH students who took on the task of collecting information vital in helping to prevent further spread.

“This is a fairly innovative use of public health students, but given the scope of the epidemic, it is not surprising,” Rowan said. “Often, individuals may not be aware they were in close proximity to a person who has the virus. Contacting all of them who may have been exposed requires a lot of time and effort.”

The students worked in various locations around the state, not only on tracking efforts but contacting and working with long-term health care facilities to help them prevent COVID-19 outbreaks in their facility.

Student Hans Supre, part of a team of 150 nurses, physicians and epidemiologists in the Miami-Dade County health department, conducted facility site visits to ensure proper COVID-19 preparedness and infection control policies.

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FSU Emergency Management Students Provide Virtual Support

Florida State University students assisted the State of Florida in gathering data related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

More than 100 FSU students were activated through the Virtual Operations Support Team (VOST) of the Askew School’s Emergency Management and Homeland Security (EMHS) program to sort through the vast amount of information that has been circulating about the COVID-19 virus.

Their aim was to accurately identify trends in other states relating to health care, home health care, personal protective equipment (such as masks, gloves and gowns) and food availability to home-bound patients.

Activated in early spring at the request of the state’s Emergency Support Function 6 (ESF-6), which handles all mass care issues in Florida, the student team looked at data and trends in New York, Washington and California to help decision-makers prepare for the expected swell of COVID-19 cases in Florida.

VOST volunteers mined social media, such as Twitter and Instagram, for public information on the pandemic. This was combined with traditional media reports and news aggregators, such as Google News and Reddit, to build “situational awareness” about the crisis.

All of this gathered information was vetted and verified, and a team of faculty, staff and student analysts created daily situation reports for the Florida Emergency Operations Center.

As the state’s emergency response progressed, the mission shifted to monitoring social media in Florida for indicators of unmet needs – people who were unable to get food, medication, medical care and other critical goods and services.

“By gathering and filtering this information, we can provide simplified reports that answer key questions,” said David Merrick, director of the EMHS program and the college’s Center for Disaster Risk Policy, early on in the activation.

“VOST volunteers have already read and reviewed thousands of tweets, posts and news articles, and will continue to do so,” Merrick added. “They are working shifts ranging from 30 minutes to a couple of hours and have the flexibility to come and go as their schedule allows.”

The “virtual” aspect of VOST makes it tailor-made for the COVID-19 climate. Students, staff and faculty all work remotely, coordinating activities via a free online messaging service and using online databases to collect, catalogue and process data.

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By the end of March, 104 students had volunteered, including two from the University of Central Florida and one from the University of Florida.

“They are also in emergency management related programs at their universities, but those schools don’t have this type of involvement at the state level,” Merrick said. “So, in addition to providing vital assistance to state officials, we’re also offering experiential learning to students, regardless of what program they’re in or what school they attend.”

Merrick noted that as social scientists within the FSU College of Social Sciences and Public Policy, EMHS faculty, students and staff are uniquely poised to deliver both emergency management and intelligence-driven products in response to COVID-19, while affording students professional experience beyond the classroom in a time of increased social isolation.
Research Examines Rule of Law in Time of Crisis

Public health wasn’t the only aspect of the pandemic that ignited the interest of COSSPP social scientists.

Working from an “abstract hunch” that would-be autocrats might use the crisis as an opportunity to consolidate political power, Associate Professor of Political Science Amanda Driscoll and colleagues from two other universities applied for a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to study how the severity of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent local responses impact public support for the rule of law.

The grant was awarded through the NSF’s RAPID funding mechanism for proposals having a severe urgency in terms of availability of data and requiring quick-response research on natural disasters and unanticipated events.

Amanda Driscoll

The team’s research project is based on the challenge the rapid spread of the novel coronavirus presents to long-standing norms that buttress the modern liberal democratic order.

The team responded to the NSF RAPID call for proposals because the growing health crisis created by COVID-19 highlights the need for quick dissemination of their conclusions.

The basic descriptive findings will be published and disseminated in the most expedient manner possible, including presenting advice to policymakers, public health officials, legal groups and non-governmental organizations; discussing findings in accessible formats like podcasts and informatics; and assisting journalists with understanding the findings and their broader political significance.

The researchers believe the work will have broader impact by helping policymakers understand how the public evaluates and responds to elite rhetoric and government advice. The results, according to their proposal, can generate knowledge that may help contain a future outbreak.

The study, therefore, goes beyond academic and intellectual curiosity to tackle a rapidly unfolding real-world situation that potentially threatens democratic norms and institutions.

Our Scholars Share Their Expertise

FSU shifted to online classes and virtual staffing during the pandemic, but the university, the news media and social media increasingly featured individuals from the college for insights and information related to the pandemic.

Among the many faculty to be quoted in local and national media were:

• Hans Hassell (Political Science) on the effect on voter turnout

• Dawn Carr (Sociology, Pepper Institute) on social isolation and older adults

• Deana Rohlinger (Sociology, Associate Dean) on surging gun sales

• Sam Staley (DeVoe Moore Center) on best practices for working remotely

• Larry Polivka (Pepper Center) on the crisis in nursing homes

• Chris Uejio (Geography) on flu vs. COVID-19 transmission in Florida.

Alums Hadley Peterson (M.S.P. ’18 Urban and Regional Planning), Bobby Pittman (B.S. ’97 Economics), Maryland Governor Larry Hogan (B.A. ’78 Political Science) and Kent Shoemaker (B.S. ’84 Economics) were profiled in several widely read articles.

2019-2020 doctoral fellows E. Jason Baron, Ezra Goldstein and Cullen Wallace (Hilton Center) released a study on child maltreatment cases going unreported during school shutdowns.

Hassell, Carr, Alan Rowan (Public Health), Matt Pietyka (Political Science), John Taylor (Sociology) and Randall Holcombe (Economics) were touted by the university as experts who could speak to the media on various aspects of the pandemic.

For an overview of the many ways the college has provided knowledge and service during the pandemic, visit coss.fsu.edu/node/686.
Faculty from the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy took a leadership role in this response, producing research on issues of inequality and social injustice, joining the greater campus community in seeking solutions and uniting in support of Black students.

Seven members of the college faculty were among the 33 Black faculty of FSU who released a letter to students at the beginning of June, recognizing “the toll institutional and structural racism can take on your motivation, as well as mental, physical, and spiritual health, especially with the heightened anxiety of living through a pandemic that has disproportionately affected Black, Latinx, and Indigenous communities.”
Referring not only to Floyd but to the deaths of Ahmaud Arbery in Georgia, Eric Garner in New York, Breonna Taylor in Kentucky, Tony McDade in Tallahassee and a number of other people “who have been killed for being Black in the recent decade,” the letter also set forth ten recommendations to the FSU administration for addressing the campus racial climate and building “an academic space that is rooted in anti-racist ideology.”

One of the authors of the letter, Assistant Professor James E. Wright II of the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy, told the Tallahassee Democrat, “We want to take what’s going on in the nation and locally and use that as a platform for us to engage around conversations on anti-racism.” He defined anti-racism as “the practice of identifying, challenging and changing the values, structures and behaviors that perpetuate systemic and institutional racism.”

An important step, Wright noted, is to see more diversity and representation among the faculty and administration at the university.

“There is not a ton of representation of Black faculty at FSU relative to the population of Black students,” Wright said. “Students deal with implicit and explicit racism, and that is hard. When I was a student, I dealt with the same sort of issues.”

The letter received positive response from COSSPP Dean Tim Chapin, FSU President John Thrasher and Provost Sally McRorie.

“I appreciated that these faculty shared with me and my administration the letter they wrote in support of our students,” Thrasher said. “I look forward to listening, engaging in ongoing conversations and working with the faculty to address the important issues they raised.”

The full text of the letter can be accessed on our website at coss.fsu.edu/node/710.

The following pages give just a glimpse of some of the work our faculty has been doing in support of this vital issue. Wright describes the research he has published this year addressing not only the racial dimensions of police use of force but the disproportionate impact the COVID-19 virus has had on the Black community.

Associate Professor of Sociology Katrinell Davis also signed the letter, along with Shantel Buggs (Sociology), Bradford Johnson (Geography), Mackenzie Alston (Economics) and April Jackson and Tisha Holmes (Urban and Regional Planning). In this issue of Engage, Davis talks about her research into the water crisis in Flint, Michigan, and its connection to the Black Lives Matter movement.

At the college administration level, ongoing efforts to address issues of diversity, equity and inclusion were further fueled by this past spring’s events.

Building on the momentum inspired by COSSPP’s Strategic Plan, a committee of faculty, students and staff has been developing a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Action Plan, which will be finalized in the coming months.

Throughout the 2019-2020 academic year, the DEI Action Plan Committee came together to improve and give new impetus to the DEI policies, programs and initiatives in the college. The committee is creating a road map that identifies goals, strategies and critical tasks to help cultivate an environment in which opportunities for success are inclusive and equitable, and where members of the college community feel respected and heard.

The COSSPP DEI Action Plan will lay out strategies and critical tasks to achieve the goals identified in the document. It proposes new investments and measures of accountability designed to inform current practices.

Under the leadership of committee co-chairs Katrinell Davis and Associate Professor of Political Science Brad T. Gomez, the plan is being shaped by the input and ideas of the college community. Over 200 participants contributed to the plan’s development by responding to a climate survey and providing feedback at forums and focus groups that discussed the challenges and potential initiatives that could enhance the college’s DEI goals.

The Action Plan is one important step in the college’s efforts to combat structural racism and promote equity, but it is far from the end of the college’s commitment to creating a diverse, equitable and inclusive academic environment.

Please follow us on social media (@FSUCOSS), our website (coss.fsu.edu) and the college’s quarterly newsletter to see the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Action Plan when it is finalized and posted.
The Virus, the Police and Inequality

By James E. Wright II
Assistant Professor of Public Administration in the Askew School

In March of 2020, COVID-19 changed the way America would operate for the foreseeable future. COVID-19 also highlighted how systemic oppression leads to inequity for Black Americans.

Despite human, economic and medical resources being distributed to fight this virus, marginalized and underrepresented populations remain particularly vulnerable. These vulnerable communities include low-income individuals, people of color, indigenous people and senior citizens.

Of these vulnerable populations, data suggests that COVID-19 is infecting and killing Black Americans in the United States at disproportionately high rates. Nationally, according to the COVID Racial Data Tracker, African Americans die of COVID-19 at nearly two times the rate that would be expected based on their share of the population. In four states, the rate is three or more times greater.

Civil unrest, political protests and public outrage ensued not only in Minneapolis but across the country. Once again, the public is left trying to repair a fragile relationship that exists between the police and the people. Black communities across the country are asking the same set of questions that has plagued them since the Civil Rights era in the 1960s. Black America is asking, “Why are we the target of the police?”

As police brutality continues to happen across the country (as evidenced by the unjust death of Breonna Taylor in Louisville, Kentucky, in March 2020), there are recent studies indicating that Blacks are the target of more extreme police force.

In a recent article, “Police Use of Force Interactions: Is Race Relevant or Gender germane?” (The American Review of Public Administration, May 2020), my colleague Andrea Headley and I argue that Black Americans are subject to higher levels of use of force compared to White Americans.

Using data from Dallas and Indianapolis, we find that White police officers are about 1.15 times more likely to use higher levels of force on Black civilians compared to White civilians. We tested and analyzed all use-of-force data in the two cities from January 2014 to December 2016. In this three-year period, Black civilians represented 54% of total use of force in these two cities, yet Black civilians represented only 40% and 27% of the respective populations of Dallas and Indianapolis.

The takeaways from our study are that Black Americans are overrepresented in the number of police use-of-force cases and that Black Americans are more likely to have higher levels of force used by police officers. Unfortunately, this is not shocking; previous studies have shown similar findings in disadvantaged neighborhoods, primarily Black and Brown neighborhoods, which are subject to higher levels of force used by officers.

Between COVID-19 and unjust police use of force, Black Americans are the target of state-sponsored violence as the direct results of action (policing) or inaction (COVID-19).
On the Protests for Black Lives: Why Flint Still Matters

By Katrinell Davis, Ph.D.

Months after citizens took to the streets to protest the brutal murder of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer, many still don't know what prompted people throughout this country and the world to respond in outrage, despite the risks posed by COVID-19.

As Americans, we find it difficult to stomach the horrors and inequalities that play out disproportionately in our most vulnerable communities. But injustice happens with high frequency and often without much redress. Just ask the citizens of Flint, Michigan, who still don’t have clean water – more than six years after they forged a movement that compelled the state to acknowledge the dangers that linger in their drinking water and to work to fix this public health risk.

Flint’s water quality issues didn’t begin with a few administrators’ poor decisions over a short period or a citizenry that foolishly ignored the signs of water contamination in their homes. Instead, years of benign neglect and systemic racism in this community set in motion the bureaucratic suspension of environmental protections and regulatory protocols, actions that put thousands of lives in jeopardy. It also took years of ignoring water main breaks and decades of overlooking the illegal but persistent use of lead-based plumbing materials in school drinking water fountains.

When Flint’s problems with lead-tainted water first became national news, Americans were outraged. With great pity and disgust, we poured over the emails between water administrators and local leaders that exposed how they avoided the task of addressing Flint’s lead contamination problem. We watched the protests break out in front of Michigan’s State Capitol building and Flint’s City Hall about the high cost and the quality of the city’s water, cheering on the residents and offering well wishes on social media. Some also made water and monetary donations to support this cause.

Although many expected something big to emerge from all this, little happened to change circumstances in the long term. When the cameras left, the nation’s interests for justice in Flint waned, while temporary stop-gap measures emerged to protect this community. As I illustrate in my forthcoming book about Flint’s water crisis, “Tainted Tap,” the systemic racism and neglect that motivated Flint’s water quality issues ultimately undermined the recovery efforts and perpetuated health inequalities in this high-poverty, resource-starved community.

In the end, Flint’s brief moment in the spotlight is relevant to current protests inspired by criminal justice reform because these events and realities expose just how profoundly lives are threatened by poor quality of both public resources and public servants in our nation’s underserved communities.

What we learn from Flint’s story is that the path to social change requires sustained attention to the uptick in institutionalized hate in recent years and the dangers of institutionalized neglect – until these issues are systemically addressed.

As in Flint, demands for criminal justice policy reform aren’t aimed at addressing the unfortunate actions of a few people or intervening on the issues that only exist in the minds of marginalized Americans. These problems reflect a firm commitment to targeted and sustained neglect that must end for the sake of our nation’s painstakingly long march towards equality and justice.
The Campus as a Living Lab program is a Sustainable Campus initiative that connects university faculty and students to campus and community partners through multidisciplinary learning and applied research projects.

Ten graduate students in the Food Systems Planning class taught by Associate Professor William Butler studied food insecurity on campus in partnership with Sustainable Campus, the Dean of Students and Second Harvest of the Big Bend.

“Laurelin Haas of Sustainable Campus reached out to me, and we discussed my classes and interests in sustainability,” said Butler. “She had been talking with Second Harvest about the lack of information on student food insecurity in the region and the need for better data.”

After preliminary work and research, the class designed and tested a survey on food insecurity, which is defined as the disruption of food intake or eating patterns because of lack of money and other resources. Unfortunately, the university’s
measures to combat COVID-19 interrupted the progress and forced a cancellation of the survey's deployment. Butler said he hopes to pick up the project again in coming semesters.

“We have some initial data on barriers and opportunities to address food insecurity that could be expanded to help address the problem not only on campus but in the greater Tallahassee community as well,” he said. “With this foundation, we hope to be able to build a solid description of food insecurity among our students, clarify limitations in the food environments they live in and develop strategies that could be effective in helping reduce food insecurity.”

Haas also contacted Assistant Professor Tisha Holmes about having her Coastal Planning class work with the St. Marks Wildlife Refuge on the coast in Wakulla County, south of Tallahassee, to update the visitor services component of the refuge’s Comprehensive Conservation Plan. Once completed, the plan will serve as a blueprint for preserving the refuge while accommodating the 250,000 visitors it attracts annually.

“We have a lot of conflicts of use on the coast, like development, oil exploration, recreation, tourism, sensitive ecological areas, coral reefs. It’s all happening in the same place here,” Holmes said. “So how do you balance all that when the thing about the refuge is you can’t expand infrastructure? You have to find a way to work within the existing footprint and find low-impact alternatives.”

Holmes said her multidisciplinary group of students have zeroed in on two particular points of focus: traffic and facilities.

“The primary goal is to protect the habitat,” she said. “The students are analyzing our objectives for visitor services in the refuge and, so far, we’re really excited by what we’ve seen. Just to have this collaboration is very exciting, and we believe this just is the beginning of an amazing partnership.”

The collaboration also involves the Friends of St. Marks, which supports the conservation, education and preservation work of the refuge.

“I’m really looking forward to seeing the results of these collaborations,” Haas said. “And I’m hoping to continue these wonderful partnerships with the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy.”

Mark Blackwell

Thomas of University Communications contributed to this story.

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(Left:) Planning student Christopher Garcia surveys the stock in the FSU Food Bank pantry; (right:) Anna Johnson (master’s student in aquatic environmental science) and Matthew Masa (political science undergraduate) at the St. Marks Wildlife Refuge.
Social Science Scholars is a signature program of the college that exemplifies commitment to our Get More Than a Degree initiative, providing opportunities, experiences and knowledge beyond typical classroom studies.

The program was created in 2011 to recognize and challenge outstanding majors in the college. Social Science Scholars are chosen through a highly competitive process. Those selected participate in a leadership seminar during the spring semester of their junior year.

The seminar prepares students for research, internships or service projects that are undertaken during the following summer and/or fall semesters, either in the U.S. or overseas. The projects and associated expenses are funded through the generosity of sponsors, donors who believe in the program and the value it brings to our students and to the world.

But this is about more than opportunities to travel; it’s about opening up a greater awareness of the world, working on solutions to important social problems, serving communities and changing lives – the lives of these students as well as those of the people they serve. The goal and outcomes are perfectly summed up in the college’s motto: “Engaging Today’s World, Producing Tomorrow’s Leaders.”

During their senior year, the scholars report on their leadership projects, attend seminars and symposia and work with mentors to prepare for graduate school or other postgraduate opportunities. Here’s a look at the breadth and depth of the work undertaken by these remarkable undergraduates.

Saadiyah Qureshi (International Affairs, Information Communications Technology) interned for nine weeks in digital marketing and social media for Behno, a fashion company that uses ethical practices and sustainable materials in their India-based manufacturing. After seeing the collapse of many garment factories in India and Bangladesh, she wanted to learn more about problems in the fashion industry. She aspires to work for a company that produces sustainable clothing with the hope of eventually building her own clothing brand.

“I had a great experience with Behno, but I realized before jumping headfirst into the fashion world, I need more experience with different sustainable fashion brands.”

Sebastian Mejia (Latin American and Caribbean Studies, International Affairs) conducted research in Colombia and Brazil for an ethnographic study of the negation and recuperation of Indigenous identities. He also spent ten weeks at the Moore Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program, which prepares students with marginalized identities for graduate school via mentorship and concludes with an original research paper.

“Drawing on this archival research experience, I am writing an honors thesis exploring the reasons why these communities are now affirming their identity and demanding ethnic recognition.”

Ricardo Zamarripa (Interdisciplinary Social Science with a concentration in public policy and risk management) interned in Florida at Lockton Companies, the world’s largest privately owned insurance brokerage. He worked in the financial services division, focusing on professional lines of insurance coverage. He also had the opportunity to work with Tobacco Free Florida helping develop a tobacco cessation program for a client.

“As an Interdisciplinary Social Science major, my course work focuses on the understanding that solutions to our world’s problems require the integration of multiple disciplines. My experience over the summer truly highlighted that; I would see direct public policy implications in every bit of work I did.”

Nathan Davis (Political Science, Urban and Regional Planning) interned with the Florida Democratic Party, compiling information to
help reduce barriers to running for office and to assist in building legislative coalitions for the 2020 legislative session. He also attended the 2019 Bipartisan Nation conference in Philadelphia, where he networked with progressive activists from across the country. He was invited to go on the 2019 Bipartisan Allies Mission to Israel, gaining a range of perspectives on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

“I hope to make a positive impact by promoting sustainable and equitable social change.”

Zachary Jones (Political Science, International Affairs) interned with the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission (ERLC), the public policy arm of the Southern Baptist Convention, focusing on issues of international engagement and religious liberty around the globe. He worked on ERLC’s Malaysia initiative, researching the problems facing religious minorities in the country and traveling there with the organization’s vice president of public policy to meet with diplomats, Islamic and Christian scholars, politicians, pastors and others.

“My experience afforded me the chance to establish a large network of conservative-minded individuals who desire to see the First Amendment upheld. This network will last for years to come and will assuredly help me advance my career.”

Stephanie Lee (International Affairs) interned with the Florida Department of Health in Tallahassee and Sarasota. She partnered with the department’s community engagement team to compile data collected from 750 surveys in the Sarasota community, identifying areas where public health can support, complement or enhance aging services. She also helped individuals who lack medical insurance access health services on the traveling Health in Motion bus.

“Hand in hand with medicine is policy that determines how government decisions are made and the projects required to bring those decisions to fruition. The experience I gained through the Social Science Scholars program was crucial in my discovery of advocating for patients.”

Steven Faviano (International Affairs, Interdisciplinary Social Science) interned at the Cambodian Children’s Advocacy Foundation (CCAF), playing a crucial role in establishing and enhancing 18 schools through grant writing and fundraising with partner organizations. His work helped schools develop, despite limited resources and opportunities for growth, and create a sustainable educational atmosphere for students, many of whom have to bike up to an hour to attend their classes.

“The experience was incredibly eye opening and gave me a new perspective on poverty, accessibility and life in general. Social Science Scholars is a phenomenal program that brings out the best in students by encouraging them to go forth into the world and take their knowledge and experience into the field.”

Paris Gilstrap (International Affairs, Art History) was inspired by a visiting artist lecture at FSU to study and explore the representation of migrants in art throughout Europe. She attended an arts and humanities conference in Copenhagen with scholars in migration and diaspora studies. In Paris, she made an extensive photographic record of the city’s politically driven and ubiquitous street art, comparing it to what she saw in formal museums and galleries. In London, she attended a symposium that explored narratives of migrants and those outside of the western nationalist artistic context.

“My hope is to work in arts activism as a career, and these experiences have given me connections to artists and professionals working to help the earth and its inhabitants live a life of expression and understanding.”

Jalicia Lewis (Political Science, Public Relations) spent her summer studying the attitudes and behavior of Black voters in light of the voter-approved Amendment 4 to restore voting rights to ex-felons in Florida. Her honors thesis director, Dr. Carol Weissert, helped her devise a plan to conduct background research on organizations working to register voters in the Leon County area. She interviewed Bob Rackleff, founder of the Big Bend Voting Rights Project, and began working with the organization to register voters.

“Through these experiences, I can understand the hesitations to becoming registered and how Amendment 4 may have impacted decisions to register. I hope to understand how removing barriers to voting will help foster political participation within the Black community and potentially use Florida as a model for other states facing felony disenfranchisement.”
STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Four May 2020 graduates of the college were among the nine FSU students receiving Fulbright scholarships to conduct research or teach English abroad during the 2020-2021 academic year.

The Fulbright winners are Jacob Mason (International Affairs, Economics, Chinese), Sebastian Mejia (Latin American and Caribbean Studies, International Affairs), Eli Myron (Environment and Society, Biological Science) and Charlotte Puopolo (International Affairs, Spanish).

Students in the Interdisciplinary Social Science program’s Social Entrepreneurship and Innovation concentration served as consultants to a community partner, @bicyclehouse, a full-time, nonprofit, donation-based service provider in the Tallahassee community for anyone needing a bicycle or repairs on a bicycle. The volunteer-driven service also cultivates team-building and fellowship in the community by hosting group workshops and youth camps, youth bicycle rodeos, adult skills/bike safety training and overnight bike travelers. The students helped improve the organization’s economic stability.

Urban and Regional Planning master’s students in the Mark and Marianne Barnebey Planning and Development Lab (aka “The Barn”) provided technical assistance and capacity to regional communities and institutions through three studio and research projects conducted this past year.

The Natural Hazards Adaptation Plan for the Ringling Museum and Estate in Sarasota, Fla., incorporated a comprehensive assessment of the hazards threatening the Ringling due to its location on the Gulf of Mexico and provided adaptation strategies it can employ to ensure the campus is resilient to natural hazards over the next 50 years.

For the Post-Disaster Recovery Action Plan for Panama City, Fla., in coordination with Hagerty Consulting, the studio team aided in the development of a long-range recovery plan for the city, particularly looking at improvements to three annexes: environment, energy and agriculture.

The Shared Mobility Design and Policy Guidance project provided policy and planning guidance as well as urban designs for the Florida Department of Transportation and Hillsborough County, Fla.

Our undergraduates have always proven themselves to be great leaders. Since the college’s founding in 1973, more than half of all Student Body presidents (and a significant number of other officers and student senators) have been COSSPP majors.

In the 2019-2020 academic year, the top offices of the executive branch of Student Government were held by COSSPP students: President Evan Steinberg (Political Science), Vice President Stephanie Lee (International Affairs) and Treasurer Caleb Dawkins (Political Science, Advertising).

The three elected officials were recognized as outstanding leaders and student advocates by the Garnet and Gold Key leadership honor society for traveling to the FSU Panama City campus in an effort to make sure the voices of students on all campuses are heard. They also attended a conference in Gainesville to network with other Florida colleges and universities.
Two COSSPP students took the reins for the 2020-2021 academic year: President Jonathan Levin (International Affairs) and Vice President Nastassia Janvier (Interdisciplinary Social Science).

Twelve undergraduates with at least one major in the college were among the 55 students who presented their research at the Florida Undergraduate Research Conference (FURC) held February 21-22, 2019, at Florida Gulf Coast University.

FURC, one of the nation’s largest multidisciplinary undergraduate research conferences, gives undergraduate students the opportunity to showcase their research and further develop their presentation skills. Students also gain valuable networking experience, attend workshops on a range of subjects and connect directly with graduate school recruiters from around the nation.

The 12 COSSPP majors and their research presentations, as reported by FSU’s Center for Undergraduate Research and Academic Engagement, were:

- **Anthony Campbell** (Sociology) “How Time and Race Affect Doctor-Patient Relationships”
- **Paris Gilstrap** (International Affairs, Art History) “Street Art as Activism: Migration and Border Politics in France”
- **Maya Gummaraju** (Interdisciplinary Social Science) “Resilience in International Students”
- **Imani Lewis** (Psychology, International Affairs) “Understanding Prejudice and Facilitating Social Change”
- **Sabrina Mato** (Political Science, International Affairs) “Catalonia’s Search for Sovereignty”
- **Meagan McLaughlin** (Interdisciplinary Social Science) “Female Genital Mutilation: A Contemporary Gendercide in France”
- **Sebastian Mejia** (Latin American and Caribbean Studies) “Decolonizing Land & Re-indigenizing Body: The Recuperation of Indigenous Identity in Brazil”
- **Sandra Miles** (Interdisciplinary Social Science) “Pollinator and Herbivore Mediated Neighborhood Effects in Crop Yield”
- **Selina Nevin** (International Affairs, Middle Eastern Studies) “Breaking the Glass Ceiling: Political Parity and Gender Equality in the Middle East”
- **Savannah Woller** (Interdisciplinary Social Science, Psychology) “Exploring the Relationship between Moral Injury and PTSD in Suicide Attempt Survivors”
- **Atilla Sulker** (Interdisciplinary Social Science) “Digital Property Rights: A Re-evaluation of Ownership and Speech Conflicts on the Internet”

**Sabrina Mato** also presented her research to legislators at the Florida Capitol as one of four FSU students chosen by the Florida Undergraduate Research Association to showcase their work.
For the second year in a row, the *World Affairs Program* (WAP) has been ranked in the Top 10 in the North American College Model UN (United Nations) World Division. The team was ranked #10 by Best Delegate, an organization dedicated to promoting and supporting student Model U.N. teams in competitions and conferences in a broad range of regions.

WAP promotes an increased awareness of the global community by providing opportunities for students to take part in Model UN and Crisis competitions. Until their competitive options were sidelined by the COVID-19 epidemic, the group had another impressive season of competitions across the country.

WAP was undefeated in their size category during the spring 2020 semester, winning Best Large Delegation awards at Model UN Emory and Florida Crisis Simulation and Best Small Delegation at the University of California at Berkeley Model UN. This rounded out a strong fall 2019 semester where they won awards at the University of Pennsylvania, the University of North Carolina and the National Collegiate Security Conference in Washington, D.C.

The team’s rise to Top 10 status in the past two years was aided by its ability to expand its travel and competitive opportunities thanks to generous support from donors in the Great Give, FSU’s online giving event.

FSU students, employees and organizations were recognized during the university’s annual Leadership Awards Night in April. The winners were announced virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The awards, sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs, honor the diverse collection of individuals and groups across campus who engage in leadership learning.

The following students of the college were honored:

**Alexander Alvarado** (International Affairs): Global Citizen Award, given to students who have been actively engaged in intercultural initiatives and exemplified leadership in promoting a global community

**Chase Boyer** (Asian Studies): Academic Leadership Award, given to one student undergraduate and/or graduate student from each FSU college

**Thomas Driscoll** (Political Science): William B. Clutter Union Board Members of the Year Award, presented to a strong student leader who has consistently shown exceptional initiative, dedication and service to the Oglesby Union Board and FSU community throughout their term

**Zachary Kean** (Political Science): President’s Award, given to an outstanding freshman for service to the university and potential for future leadership success

**Paul Lim** (Urban and Regional Planning master’s student): Sports Club Program Award (Eddie Cubbon Award), given to an individual who has displayed exceptional dedication, spirit and leadership

**Angel Purganan** (Political Science), **Katie Svedman** (Interdisciplinary Social Science): Student Seminole Award, given to students who have made special contributions to the university in the areas of leadership and service

**Marquita Rusley** (Environment and Society): Outstanding Student Leader of the Year Award, recognizing those students who have exceeded expectations in their student activities involvement at FSU

Ph.D. student **Derek Leach** (Sociology) was awarded a Charles T. Haworth Graduate Scholarship for Student Veterans. The award will help to support his research, which examines the emotional impact of
racialization on the identities of Muslim, Middle-Eastern/North African and South Asian people residing in the U.S.

Students from the FSU, UF and USF Urban and Regional Planning programs were jointly recognized via the 2019 Florida Ameri- can Planning Association Outstanding Student Award for their independent research and collaboration on understanding future transportation risks and impacts on long range planning.

**RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP**

James E. Wright II

James E. Wright II (Askew School of Public Administration and Policy) and colleagues published research on two major issues arising this spring. “Social Equity and COVID-19: The Case of African Ameri-

cans” looked at the disproportionate effect of the virus on Black communities. “Police Use of Force Interactions: Is Race Relevant or Gender Germane?” utilized individual-level data from two police departments to explore differences in the amount of force used by officers in ethnic, racial and gender matches in police–civilian encounters.

**Tingting Zhao** (Geography) and Tian Tang (Askew School) participated in a project led by the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering to understand people’s decisions whether or not to evacuate in a hurricane during the COVID-19 pandemic.

A research team that includes Assistant Professor Christopher Uejio (Geography) was awarded more than $400,000 by the National Institutes of Health to study how Hurricane Michael impacted birth outcomes in the Florida Panhandle. The team has been looking at how infrastructure damage and exposure to carbon monoxide, harmful algae blooms and other risk factors may have increased stress/trauma or decreased access to health care.

Professors Miles Taylor and Koji Ueno (Sociology) are part of a $2 million data collection project funded by the National Institute on Aging to explore trends in marital and family functioning and their impact on health and well-being. “This is a fascinating time to be studying mar-
riage,” said Taylor. “If we can understand how marital partnerships function and how that is connected to well-being across our country, we can better shape policies and support to promote happy, healthy relationships.”

The Leroy Collins Institute released results of a survey regarding a proposed abolition of the Constitution Revision Commission (CRC), which meets every 20 years to examine the relevance and applicability of Florida’s Constitution to current and future needs and to propose changes. The survey of 543 Floridians, conducted in November and December 2019, found that 51 percent of respondents thought abolishing the CRC was a bad idea. Of these respondents, 54 percent said they felt strongly about this. A bill to take steps toward CRC abolishment did not pass the state Legislature this year.

The institute also released a study on Florida’s charter schools that analyzes the trends in racial and economic diversity,
accountability, innovation and transparency, and provides recommendations for how Florida charter schools can improve. “Florida Charter Schools: Not as Good, Or as Bad, as Advertised” delivers both good and not-good news to critics and supporters of charter schools alike.

Based on the research found in the report, the Collins Institute laid out several recommendations, including revisiting the purpose of charter schools and systematically analyzing how the state policy has evolved and how the charter school sector has changed since the initial law. The report also recommended that the state should reaffirm its original commitment to racial diversity in charter schools and add a commitment to diversity in students from various economic backgrounds. It also recommended avoiding efforts to skirt local district school board accountability through such means as allowing charter schools to be authorized by the state.

Of seven proposals submitted last spring, the awards went to:

- Associate Professor Dawn Carr (Sociology): examining how racial exposures in early-life school social environments can shape cognitive function in later life and how this may have important implications for the timing and onset of Alzheimer’s and related dementias

- Professor Mark Isaac and Associate Professor Carl Kitchens (Economics): understanding the role that externalities play in shaping neighborhood change and how local institutions interact with redevelopment in light of efforts to maintain historic neighborhoods or create cultural districts that limit or restrict future development

- Assistant Professor Kai Ou (Political Science): studying the process of how people choose to develop and value their skills, including the role played by status, gender, social comparisons and the performance of others

The state of the world’s oceans and sea life and the implications for food production, markets and trade continue to be a focus of research and discussion in the Department of Geography.

Assistant Professor Sarah Lester, post-doctoral researcher Rebecca Gentry and doctoral student Elizabeth Bess Ruff examined more than 50 years of global data from 1950 to 2016 to better understand the seafood farming industry (aka aquaculture or mariculture) and its potential for global food production. The study is part of a larger National Science Foundation-funded project led by Lester that is examining the socioeconomic and ecological drivers of mariculture development.

Lester, Ph.D. student Jennifer McHenry and collaborators from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) investigated how marine species’ habitats are likely to be affected by multiple factors associated with climate change, such as ocean temperature, salinity and sea surface levels. Using a multifactor model, they found that more than 50 percent of marine species in the highly productive and economically important U.S. Northeast Shelf would experience a decline in habitat space.

AWARDS AND HONORS

Academic Program Specialist Renee Dye-house (International Affairs) won a University Undergraduate Advising Award.

Tanu Kohli Bagwe (International Affairs) won a University Undergraduate Teaching Award for her multifaceted excellence. Bagwe works with the FSU Center for Global Engagement as teaching faculty for the Global Citizenship Certificate.

Assistant Professor Hans Hassell (Political Science), along with a co-author, won the Beryl A. Radin Best Article Award for 2019 for the paper “When Your Group Fails: The Effect of Race-Based Performance Signals on Citizen Voice and Exit.” The award is presented by the Public Management Research Association for the best work published in the Journal of Public
In June, he won the 2020 Best Paper Award from the American Political Science Association’s Elections, Public Opinion and Voting Behavior Section for “Mobilize for Our Lives? School Shootings and Retrospective Voting in U.S. Elections.”

DeVoe Moore Center Director Sam Staley received a Partners with a Purpose Award from the Division of Student Affairs. The award is presented to any business or individual employed outside of DSA who contributes to the division’s mission and has played a vital part in its work with students.

The American Political Science Association (APSA) Section on Public Administration selected a paper co-authored by Associate Professor Christopher Reenock (Political Science) for its annual Herbert Kaufman Best Paper award. The paper, “Chain of Command vs. Who’s in Command: Structure, Politics and Regulatory Outputs,” was co-authored by Matt Uttermark, a recent political science Ph.D. graduate. The APSA committee said the paper “stands out for its contribution to the field of public administration—both in theory and practice” and for its insight into “how policymakers might obtain policy gains with administrative structure.”

Waggoner also received a prestigious award from the National Science Foundation (NSF). The Faculty Early Career Development (CAREER) Program is an NSF program that offers significant awards in support of junior faculty who exemplify the role of teacher-scholars through outstanding research, excellent education and the integration of education and research within the context of the mission of their organizations. CAREER awards provide funding and opportunities to work closely with the NSF in refining the direction of research. The grant, which carries nearly $450,000 in funding over a five-year period, will support Waggoner’s research and teaching activities on the social dimensions of biomedical research ethics.

“The Zero Trimester,” a book by Assistant Professor Miranda Waggoner (Sociology), was awarded the 2019 Adele E. Clarke Book Award from ReproNetwork, an interdisciplinary community of reproduction scholars. This award is presented every two years to honor a groundbreaking work judged to be the most potentially influential contribution to scholarship on reproduction.

Carr is also part of a team of FSU researchers that received a $2.9 million grant from the National Institute on Aging to identify new ways to detect and treat age-related cognitive decline and dementia.

Professor Douglas Schrock (Sociology) won the 2019 David R. Maines Narrative Research Award for his work, “Narrative Manhood Acts: Batterer Intervention Program Graduates’ Tragic Relationships.”
The article analyzes how 20 graduates of a batterer intervention program constructed autobiographical stories about their relationships with women they assaulted.

Assistant Professor Shantel Buggs (Sociology, African American Studies) was awarded a 2020 Career Enhancement Fellowship for Junior Faculty. The fellowship is awarded by The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation “to increase the presence of minority junior faculty members and other faculty members committed to eradicating racial disparities in core fields in the arts and humanities.” The award provides a six-month sabbatical grant, a stipend for research and travel or publication, and participation in an annual conference/retreat. A total of 30 highly competitive fellowships are awarded each year.

Buggs, who is also affiliated with the Women’s Studies and Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies programs, plans to spend the time the fellowship affords her by working on data collection for multiple projects and expanding upon research she completed as part of her doctoral dissertation. That research included studying the online dating experiences of self-identified multiracial women.

For the first time, the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy has recognized exceptional faculty with internal awards for their vital work and important contributions. This first annual awards program was organized largely through the efforts of Associate Dean for Faculty Development and Community Engagement Deana Rohlinger. The college plans to continue the tradition in the years to come.

The awards were announced April 29 by Dean Tim Chapin at one of the virtual town hall meetings he hosted for faculty and staff after remote work orders were issued by the university to combat the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

From the numerous nominations submitted by departments and programs, a committee selected the following for recognition:

Tenure Track Faculty Teaching Awards: Shantel Buggs (Sociology, African American Studies), Amanda Driscoll (Political Science) and Robert Jackson (Political Science)

Specialized Teaching Faculty Awards: Bradley Kile (Political Science), Lisa Turner de Vera (Interdisciplinary Social Science) and Gary VanLandingham (Askew School of Public Administration and Policy)

Early Career Research Awards: Kerry Fang (Urban and Regional Planning) and Carl Kitchens (Economics)

Mid-Career Research Awards: Amy Burdette (Sociology) and Chris Uejio (Geography)

Late Career Research Awards: Anne Barrett (Sociology) and Frances Berry (Askew School of Public Administration and Policy)

For profiles of the honorees and their achievements, visit coss.fsu.edu/node/701.

A 1988 research paper by Professor Mark Isaac (Economics), co-authored with James Walker of Indiana University, was recognized this year as one of the top 20 papers ever published in the field of experimental economics. “Group size effects in public goods provision: The voluntary contribution mechanism,” first published in the Quarterly Journal of Economics, investigated different aspects of the commonly asserted idea that large groups have a harder time providing public goods than small groups. The paper has been cited hundreds of times on Google Scholar and Web of Science.
APPOINTMENTS AND ADVANCEMENT

Professor of Urban and Regional Planning Jeff Brown, chair of that department since 2014, was named Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives at the college, April 9. Brown is leading efforts to advance the college’s strategic plan, overseeing program reviews and accreditations and working with unit faculty, staff and administrators as they pursue their own strategic initiatives. On the faculty since 2003, Brown has been a member of the Chairs and Deans Advisory Council within the Office of the Vice President for Faculty Development and Advancement and served on several key university hiring committees. He has been a regular presenter at events designed to support the work of department chairs and associate deans.

“Dr. Brown has a long and impressive track record as a scholar, teacher, program administrator and grant getter,” said Dean Tim Chapin. “I am thrilled to welcome him to the college’s leadership team.”

Associate Professor of Political Science Brad Gomez was named chair of that department beginning fall semester 2020, succeeding Charles Barrilleaux, who held the position for the past six years. Gomez joined the faculty in 2007 and has been serving as the director of graduate recruitment and admissions. His teaching and research interests focus on public opinion, electoral behavior and the U.S. Congress. Gomez has published several works on how political sophistication conditions citizens’ ability to attribute credit or blame for governmental action. He has also made important contributions to the study of economic voting and the electoral consequences of variation in voter turnout.

Professor Robert Crew (Political Science) stepped down as director of the Master of Applied American Politics and Policy (MAAPP) program at the end of spring semester 2020. Teaching Professor Bradley Kile was named the new director. Crew will continue to teach classes and serve as the college’s Associate Dean for Interdisciplinary Programs.

The program marked 20 years as a degree track with a special celebration in January. Dubbed “MAAPP@The Cap,” the event gave students the chance to gain insight into state and local politics and the career paths open to them.

The event began with a morning of tabling in the Capitol atrium, attracting legislators, staff and the general public to learn more about the program, followed by a luncheon for students, faculty, alumni and special guests. After the luncheon, students returned to the Capitol to interact with alumni in high-level staff positions in the Florida Cabinet and Legislature.

The luncheon was a time to honor Crew. In his introductory remarks, Dean Tim Chapin described the former MAAPP director as “the true visionary, leader and driving force behind the creation and the thriving of this program.”

The college hired the following new faculty for the 2020-2021 academic year:
• Doug Norton, Teaching Faculty I (Economics)
• Xiao Feng, Assistant Professor (Geography)
• Aaron Mallory, Assistant Professor (Geography)
• Dotan Haim, Assistant Professor (Political Science)
• Kelly Matush, Assistant Professor (Political Science)

The following faculty were advanced for the 2020-2021 academic year:
• Sociology: Miranda Waggoner (Associate Professor with Tenure), Mike McFarland (Associate Professor with Tenure), Paromita Sanyal (Professor)
When Botswana President Mokgweetsi Masisi visited FSU in September 2018, he expressed his hope of reinvigorating relations between his alma mater and the African country. In summer 2019, Professor Christopher Coutts (Urban and Regional Planning) was one of two faculty members to get the ball rolling with visits to Botswana to explore potential collaboration with the University of Botswana, the nation’s first institute of higher education, along with the Botswana International University of Science and Technology and the Botswana Institute of Technology Research Innovation.

Coutts made the journey to Botswana before finishing his six-month Fulbright in Malawi. During the two-day trip, he met with administrators, deans and faculty at the University of Botswana, including several FSU alumni. Discussions included student exchanges, faculty exchanges, research collaborations and curriculum development as avenues for possible cooperation.

The Urban and Regional Planning graduate program has been recognized as one of the Top 25 in the U.S., according to 2019 rankings by Planetizen, an independent platform that creates, curates and promotes stories and resources related to the field of planning. This is the first time the program has placed in Planetizen’s Top 25.

The school ranks even higher nationally within particular specialties, all of which reflect a rise over the rankings released last year: #11 in Local Government Management #17 in Public Management and Leadership #18 in Urban Policy #20 Public Finance and Budgeting

Askew also came in at #30 in Public Policy and Analysis.

The Emergency Management and Homeland Security (EMHS) program’s Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) team assisted with search and rescue for a missing resident in Franklin County, Fla., in October 2019. The team included UAS instructor and Program Coordinator Laura Hart and UAS students and staff.

The UAS team was also deployed in September 2019 to Camp Blanding near Jacksonville, Fla., at the request of FEMA to be part of the Rapid Needs Assessment team assessing damage and unmet needs in communities impacted by Hurricane Dorian. The team spent four days in the field, working to plan and then perform assessments after the storm, including flying a UAS in tropical storm force winds to verify the safety of residents isolated by rising water. The college’s Department of Geography provided maps of the areas in immediate need of assistance.

Strictly following safety and social distancing guidelines, a three-person EMHS team (David Merrick, Jarrett Broder and Austin Bush) traveled to Walton County, Fla., in May 2020 to help with damage assessment in the Musset Bayou Wildfire. Bush, a Ph.D. student in Geographic Information Science, was able to put his area of concentration – remote sensing in disasters – to good use in assisting the firefighting operations there.

RANKINGS

Once again, the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy made the Top 25 in U.S. News & World Report’s Best Graduate Schools, ranking even higher within the state and region. In the overall Public Affairs category in the magazine’s 2021 guide, Askew ranks #25 in the U.S., tied with Georgetown and Duke, putting it in the Top 5 for the Southeast and #1 in Florida. If only public universities are counted, the school ranks 14th nationally for public affairs programs and 4th in the Southeast.

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The program is ranked #22 among all universities nationwide. Among public universities, it scores #14 nationally. It is also the #4 ranked in the South, making it the top-rated program in Florida. Equally significant is the program’s #19 standing among planning educators across the country.

Department Chair Jeff Brown said recognition of the program by planning educators is a major reason for the breakthrough to Top 25 status, along with a high faculty-to-student ratio and relatively small core classes. The program also stands out for its high job placement rate (95%) and financial assistance for graduate students.
Alum Joe O’Shea inspired our Social Science Scholars with a talk in 2018, just one of many times he has engaged with the college and our students.

He is an outstanding alumnus of our college, and I am confident he is the best possible choice to lead undergraduate studies during the challenging times that lie ahead.

The Faculty Senate presented five members of the FSU community with Torch Awards in November 2019 for their contributions to furthering the academic excellence of the university. Among the honorees were former Student Body President and current CEO of Pittman Law Group Sean Pittman (B.S. ’90 Interdisciplinary Social Science) and Emeritus Professor Charles Rockwood, who taught in the economics department from 1960 to 1991. Rockwood was given the award jointly with his wife, Emerita Professor Persis Rockwood, for their philanthropy.

On October 25, during Homecoming weekend, the college honored our three Distinguished Alumni for 2019. William Desvousges (M.S. ’74, Ph.D. ’77 Economics), Joyce Godwin (B.A. ’65 Political Science) and Major General Patrick Sargent (B.S. ’85 Political Science) were all profiled in last year’s edition of Engage. On the same evening, the Alumni Association recognized three other COSSPP alums and other FSU graduates at the Alumni Awards Gala. Keith Carr (M.PA. ’93 Public Administration), J.D. Doughney (B.S. ’02 Political Science) and Doby Flowers (M.S. ’73 Urban and Regional Planning) were the recipients of the Circle of Gold Award, presented to individuals who, through their service and achievements, personify the university’s tradition of excellence.

Three alumni of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning were named fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners: Jerry Anthony (Ph.D. ’00), professor in the University of Iowa School of Urban and Regional Planning; Alissa Barber Torres (M.S.P. ’98), a chief planner with Orange County Transportation Planning and instructor in transportation planning and policy at the University of Florida; and David Woods (M.S.P. ’88), Deputy Director of Planning for the City of Stamford, Conn.

Lynne Cossman (B.S. ’90, M.S. ’92 Sociology, Ph.D. ’96 Sociology and Demography) was named as the first dean of the University of Texas San Antonio’s College of Social Sciences and Public Policy.
new College of Health, Community and Policy. Previously she was professor and chair of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at West Virginia University and professor and head of the Department of Sociology at Mississippi State. 

A medical demographer, she researches nationwide spatial health disparities and statewide health workforce issues.

Cecilia Bonifay (M.S.P. ’76 Urban and Regional Planning, J.D. ’85) was chosen to receive a 2020 Inspire Award from the FSU Alumni Association. The awards event is hosted every year in March in honor of Women’s History Month. 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 alumni at Florida State University. Bonifay is chair of Land Use and Development Practice at the Akerman law firm.

Four COSPP alums were recognized at the Young Alumni Awards Dinner on September 20, 2019: Austin Burch (B.S. ’17 Interdisciplinary Social Science), Dan Daley (B.S. ’10 Political Science), Chris Land (B.S. ’11 Political Science) and Jamie Leigh Price (B.S. ’12 Political Science, M.P.A. ’14 Public Administration/Emergency Management). The award was created by the FSU Alumni Association’s Notable Noles program to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of the university’s young alums.

Branko Milanovic (M.S. ’80 Economics) was selected as the 2019 winner of the FSU Libraries’ Alumni Award for Distinguished Writing. Milanovic, who earned his Ph.D. in Economics and Statistics from the University of Belgrade, was nominated by Manoj Atolia, chair of the Department of Economics and the Bernard F. Sliger Professor of Economics. Milanovic is a leading scholar on income inequality. In 2014, he joined the Graduate Center of the City University of New York as Visiting Presidential Professor and LIS (formerly Luxembourg Income Study) Senior Scholar. Prior to that, he was lead economist in the World Bank’s research department. He is the author of “The Haves and the Have-Nots: A Brief and Idiosyncratic History of Global Inequality” and numerous articles on global income distribution. His most recent book is “Global Inequality: A New Approach for the Age of Globalization” (Harvard University Press 2016).

Florida State Rep. Holly Raschein (B.A. ’03 Political Science) was presented with the 2019 Park Champion of the Year by the Florida State Parks Foundation. The award is given to the person deemed to have made the most outstanding contribution to help sustain, protect and preserve Florida’s award-winning state parks. Raschein, who represents District 120, “has long been a passionate advocate for Florida parks and as chair of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee and a member of the Appropriations Committee last year, was able to secure critical funding for Florida State Parks,” said Gil Ziffer, Foundation President.
College, FSU Honor Successful Business Leaders

Each year, the Jim Moran Institute for Global Entrepreneurship, in FSU’s College of Business, recognizes the fastest-growing businesses owned or managed by FSU alumni. This year’s honorees were announced in November 2019.

The university celebrated all 100 campus-wide honorees at a dinner, February 22. Earlier that day, the college hosted a brunch for our alumni winners.

“It’s a real privilege being able to honor you and your company and your remarkable achievements,” Dean Tim Chapin said at the college brunch. “It really helps to showcase what this college is all about. We have folks who graduate and go out and work in the public sector in local, state and federal government agencies. We have elected officials, a number of governors and senators and state and Congressional representatives among our alumni. But we also have a number of people who create businesses and lead businesses.”

Each of the business leaders in attendance at the brunch got to talk about their companies and their connections to the college.

Two of the honorees were also co-hosts of the event: BJ Pittman of Kupanda Capital in Washington, D.C., and Bruce McNeilage of Kinloch Partners in Kennesaw, Ga.

“It’s unbelievable some of the students that are in the college today and some of the things they’re endeavoring to do, far beyond anything I imagined to do when I was here,” Pittman said, praising the Get More Than a Degree initiative that provides students with the opportunity to go beyond the classroom and expand their knowledge and experience.

He also spoke of the importance of people like the Seminole 100 honorees returning to campus and connecting with students.

“There’s a lot that they can get from your experiences,” he said. “They have so many questions about what the world outside the university is like and different paths they can take.”

Twenty-one of the Seminole 100 honorees this year are alums of the college:

- Glenn Foote (B.S. ’11 Interdisciplinary Social Science) - 30A Beach Service (Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.)
- Robert Miralles (B.S. ’11 Economics, International Affairs) - 30A Beach Service (Santa Rosa Beach, Fla.)
- Autumn Beck Blackledge (B.S. ’98 Political Science, Religion) - Autumn Beck Blackledge PLLC (Pensacola, Fla.)
- Judith Michaud (B.A. ’70 Economics) - Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Meadows Mountain Realty (Highlands, N.C.)
- Jonathan Novak (B.A. ’10 Political Science, International Affairs) – Boomerang Transportation, LLC (Tampa, Fla.)
- Steven Clein (B.S. ’91 Economics) - C & C Insurance, Inc. (Pembroke Pines, Fla.)
- Craig Dewhurst (B.S. ’91 Political Science) - Craig Dewhurst Agency, Inc. (St. Augustine, Fla.)
- Jeffery Collins (B.S. ’86 Political Science) - Global Sales (Gibsonton, Fla.)
- Stuart Norman (B.A. ’97 Political Science) - GMF Steel Group (Lakeland, Fla.)
- Todd Jefferies (B.S. ’02 Economics) - Imperial Fence Supply, LLC (Atlanta, Ga.)
- Jeff Kottkamp (B.S. ’84 Political Science) - Jeff Kottkamp, PA (Tallahassee, Fla.)
- Bruce McNeilage (B.S. ’88 Economics) - Kinloch Partners (Kennesaw, Ga.)
- Bobby “BJ” Pittman (B.S. ’97 Economics) - Kupanda Capital, LLC (Washington, D.C.)
- Frank Coto (B.S. ’01 Sociology) - Lincoln Lending Group (Tampa, Fla.)
- Robert Holloway (B.S. ’99 Economics) - MGT of America Consulting, LLC (Tallahassee, Fla.)
- Joy Christopher Owenby (B.S. ’93 Political Science) - Owenby Law, P.A. (Jacksonville, Fla.)
- Bennett Napier (M.S. ’02 Applied American Politics and Policy) - Partners in Association Management (Tallahassee, Fla.)
- Patrick Cueva (B.S. ’12 Economics) - ProFi Facilities Maintenance (Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.)
- Neil Rambana (B.A. ’92 English, Political Science, M.A. ’96 International Affairs) - Rambana & Ricci, PLLC (Tallahassee, Fla.)
- Anthony Prieto (B.A. ’96 Political Science) - Synergy Settlement Services (Orlando, Fla.)
- John McFarlain (B.S. ’97 Political Science) - Tal Search Group, Inc. (Tallahassee, Fla.)

Several of the college’s Seminole 100 honorees with Dean Tim Chapin
Robert Hummer is a distinguished professor of sociology and an acclaimed scholar of population health and mortality patterns and trends in the U.S. He is the Howard W. Odum Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Fellow of the Carolina Population Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Previously he served as director of the Population Research Center at the University of Texas at Austin and chair of their Department of Sociology. He has been elected to serve as president of the Population Association of America in 2021, the first-ever alumnus of FSU in that role.

Originally from Detroit, he came to FSU for graduate studies at the urging of his future wife, Dawn Garner. A couple of weeks into his first semester, he was asked to serve as research assistant on an infant mortality project in what is now called the Center for Demography and Population Health.

Hummer has devoted the last 30 years to trying to understand why the United States has such relatively poor health, compared to other high-income countries around the world, and such wide health disparities by race and ethnicity, gender and socioeconomic status. He credits what he learned at the college about high-level research for his successful academic career.

“The opportunities I was offered and the mentoring I was given during my five years at FSU shaped me into the professional that I became,” he said. “I simply got incredibly lucky when I enrolled at the college and was provided with such fantastic mentoring. I learned from them and have tried to emulate them over the course of my career.”

Jorge Gonzalez has 31 years of experience in planning and real estate. He joined the Florida-based real estate development and asset management firm The St. Joe Company in 2002 and has served as its CEO since 2015.

He has served on the Florida State University Board of Trustees since 2018. That same year, he was chosen to be the speaker at the university’s summer commencement ceremonies.

He and his wife Pamela, also an FSU alum, live in Walton County, Fla. They have one son, Jake.

A great believer in community service, Gonzalez has served on the FSU Panama City Campus Development Board and Dean’s Council, the Bay Economic Development Alliance, the Northwest Florida Manufacturers Council, Gulf Coast Regional Medical Center Board of Directors, Panama City Beach Chamber Board of Directors, Florida Chamber Board of Directors, The St. Joe Community Foundation Board of Trustees and Enterprise Florida Board of Directors.

“No individual or company operates in a vacuum; everyone is part of a community or ecosystem,” he said. “It is critically important to be engaged in a meaningful way in the community. I am a strong believer in the rising tide lifts all boats. If the community does well, then we all do well. The best way for individuals to have this community-based perspective is for them to start while being a student in college.”
“This is the college's highest honor for alumni, and these four individuals perfectly exemplify the kind of engaged leadership we strive to instill in our students, whatever their majors or future career plans. I am proud to recognize these alumni for their professional success and their distinguished service to the college, the university and their communities.” – Tim Chapin, Dean

Jeff Butler
B.S. ’95 Interdisciplinary Social Science

Jeff Butler has an extensive background as an entrepreneur and senior executive in the health care and technology industries. In 2007, he founded Privia Health and led the company as CEO until May 2017, growing it from a startup in his basement to its current position as one of the nation’s largest tech-enabled physician companies. In 2017, he transitioned to a Board of Directors role, where he continues to support Privia’s leadership team while focusing more time on Elusive Ventures, the venture capital company he launched to work with startups in the health care and technology sectors.

Before creating Privia, Butler was founder and CEO of BroadReach Health Care, a company focused on building large-scale health delivery networks in emerging markets. In less than five years, he led BroadReach to become a recognized leader in global health. Under his leadership, the company implemented an innovative private-sector HIV/AIDS treatment and disease management program in South Africa and partnered with such organizations as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Harvard University and the United Nations.

Butler, who holds a master’s degree in health administration from the Medical College of Virginia, is a frequent speaker on innovations in the health care industry and serves as an advisor and board member to a number of private companies, nonprofits and investment funds.

He lives in the Washington, D.C., area with his wife Jennifer, also an FSU alum, and their two children.

“FSU has been an important foundational mainstay for Jennifer and me,” he said. “Some of our closest friendships today extend from our years in Tallahassee, and many of the lessons we’ve learned about organizations and leadership were first developed through our involvement on campus. While I appreciate the personal recognition in an award like this, I see it more as an opportunity for me to recognize the significant impact FSU has made on our careers and family.”

Angela Riley Santone
B.S. ’93 Sociology

Angela Riley Santone is a successful executive who is passionate about advocating for and mentoring women.

As the Senior Executive Vice President for Human Resources at AT&T, she oversees the company’s global human resources strategy. Previously, she was the Executive Vice President, Global Chief Human Resources Officer for Turner Broadcasting in Atlanta from 2013 to 2019. Santone leads a Women of AT&T circle mentoring group. She is also invested in programs that are focused on children, currently serving on the national Board of Governors for the Boys and Girls Clubs of America and previously working with the organizations Cool Girls and Jump Start.

She is a member of the FSU Student Affairs Development Council, the primary fundraising council for the Division of Student Affairs. Each council member helps to maintain relationships with friends and alumni and takes a hand in recognizing student leaders and inducting them into Seminole Torchbearers.

A native of the Florida Panhandle, Santone now lives in Dallas with her husband of 21 years, Mike, and their two sons, Joseph, a rising high school senior planning to apply to FSU, and Andrew, a sophomore who she says is “all about FSU football.”

“My education gave me a network and confidence. I learned how to be independent, resilient and tenacious and to trust my instincts. I know that if it wasn’t for my parents, siblings, teachers and friends, I wouldn’t be where I am today. I have been blessed beyond my expectations, and I believe that we all need to give our time and money to help others.”
The college concluded another successful year of obtaining direct support from our alumni, friends, foundations and corporations. During the period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, the college received new gifts and commitments totaling $1,696,901. Of that total, $920,925 was in cash or securities, $126,775 in new pledges and $696,201 in bequests and other planned gifts.

New Planned Gifts

Professor Frances Berry of the college's Askew School of Public Administration and Policy along with her husband, Professor William Berry of the college's Department of Political Science, generously made a planned gift to benefit their respective academic units. The couple's $75,000 bequest is a non-endowed gift that will provide funding to assist students and faculty in each unit. The College of Social Sciences and Public Policy is most grateful to Fran and Bill for the years of scholarship, teaching and service, in addition to this recent gift.

This year Edna Ranck generously added a $100,000 bequest provision to permanently endow her International Study Award supporting foreign study and travel for full-time students in the International Affairs Program, Asian Studies, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, and Russian and East European Studies. She established the award to help broaden each recipient's perspective and understanding of the culture, education, history, politics, language and geography of a country outside North America and preferably outside Western Europe. The college is thankful for Dr. Ranck's steadfast support over the years.

James Morrison recently increased his bequest to FSU to more than $2,000,000. His gift will create multiple endowments, including the Dr. James L. and Sherry B. Morrison Endowed Distinguished Professor of Higher Education and Sociology, a joint professorship in the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy and the College of Education. In honor of his graduate experience at FSU, Dr. and Mrs. Morrison will also establish the Dr. James L. and Sherry B. Morrison Endowed Fellowship in the Department of Sociology in the college and a second Graduate Fellowship in Higher Education at the College of Education.

John P. Sisson's estate added $156,000 to the John P. Sisson Graduate Fellowship in Public Administration at the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy, bringing the total endowment to nearly $200,000. He established this endowment in 2004 to help attract the brightest students dedicated to public service and support the Askew School's mission of educating the next generation of public administrators. Although Mr. Sisson never attended FSU, he admired Governor Reubin Askew very much and worked for the State of Florida's Healthcare Administration during the Askew administration.

New Pledges

Ramona D. Bowman felt inspired to pledge $50,000 to establish the Ramona Bowman OLLI at FSU Scholarship Endowment Fund. Her gift will permanently fund one of the three annual student scholarships awarded by the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) members for current students at FSU. This endowment will serve as a lasting tribute to the vision and commitment of Ramona D. Bowman to supporting students whose studies are particularly relevant to OLLI members and senior adults.

Florence Ashby and her late husband, Laird Anderson, previously established several endowments at the college. They have been long-time supporters of the Social Science Scholars program, and this year Dr. Ashby made another commitment to the Scholars program with her new pledge of $30,000 to sponsor one of the students for the next five years.

Lee Metcalf, director of the college's International Affairs Program, made a new pledge of $10,000 toward the establishment of the 50th Anniversary International Affairs Scholarship Fund. When the endowment is completed, it will support master's degree students in the program.

New Gifts

The Charles Koch Foundation renewed its support for the DeVoe Moore Center and the L. Charles Hilton Center. These gifts, totaling $400,000, provided support for undergraduate and graduate students associated with the centers.

The newly renovated atrium in the Bellamy Building is now the home to a donor wall installed in the fall of 2019. The wall honors individuals and organizations that have given generously to establish endowments, legacy gifts through their estate plans and leadership cash gifts. We are grateful to all of our past and current donors who have supported the college since its founding in 1973.
The Kaul Foundation gave the master’s degree program in applied economics another Award of Excellence this year with a new gift of $150,000. Over the past 13 years the foundation has generously donated $1,600,000 to the program to help the college create one of the top-ranked applied economics programs in the country.

Charles Haworth and the Haworth Foundation gave $28,600 to support our college’s student veterans, illustrating an unwavering dedication to this student population. The gift offers funding opportunities to student veterans pursuing graduate degrees or those in their senior year who plan to continue their education via a graduate program in the college.

The Hurlburt Foundation and Michael Kline donated an additional $20,000 to the Michael Kline Endowed Fund for Excellence in International Affairs. This increase in the endowed fund will provide enhanced support for graduate students studying international affairs.

Marie Cowart, dean emerita of the college, added an additional $15,000 to the Marie E. Cowart Social Science Scholars Endowment Fund to support students selected for this program. The college is grateful for Dr. Cowart’s continuing financial support and her years of service as the director of the Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy and her tenure as our dean from 1985 to 1992.

Tim Gunning and Kate Gunning made an additional gift of $10,000 to the Thomas S. McCaleb Scholarship Endowment Fund. The Gunnings established this endowment in 2010 to honor his mentor, Professor Tom McCaleb. Tim Gunning’s employer, EY, provided a matching gift of $10,000 for the McCaleb Endowment. This fund helps support a current full-time economics doctoral student who excels in teaching undergraduates. Tim Gunning continues to recruit for EY on campus and officially joined the FSU Foundation Board of Trustees this year.

The Reva Daniels Metzinger Foundation added $10,000 to the endowment in the Department of Economics named in Metzinger’s honor. Her endowment provides a scholarship for undergraduate students majoring in economics and leaves a legacy on her behalf.

Murray Stokely added $10,000 to the Monica Stokely Endowment. Monica was Stokely’s sister and a Florida State University international affairs student during her freshman year. She passed away in 2007, and her brother was inspired to create an endowment fund in her honor. The fund provides an annual international travel award to help support current full-time undergraduate or graduate international affairs students to pursue foreign language training abroad.

Emeritus Professor of Demography and Sociology Charles B. Nam gave $5,000 to the Center for Demography and Population Health and $5,000 to the Charles B. Nam Scholarship Award in Demography and Population Health. The scholarship fund supports graduate students currently pursuing a Master of Science in Demography or undergraduate students intending to pursue that degree.

Wallace “Ed” Sutton made a gift of $6,200 as seed funding for the Stavros Center’s new Unconquered by Debt program, about which he is passionate. This is his first gift to the college.

Mark and Kim Campbell gave $5,000 to support the college’s Get More Than A Degree initiative, which helps fund experiential learning opportunities for students.

Emeritus Professor of Political Science Tom Dye added $5,000 to the Thomas R. Dye Scholarship Endowment. This fund provides annual scholarship awards to help support current full-time junior and senior undergraduate students who are declared political science majors.

Ron and Ruth Hedge added $5,000 to the Ronald and Ruth Hedge Scholarship Fund, which supports the World Affairs Program and travel awards for international affairs students.

Gus Stavros donated an additional $5,000 to the Stavros Center for the Advancement of Free Enterprise and Economic Education. The college is grateful for his many years of support.

Dianne L. Piette donated $5,000 to the Dr. Michael J. Piette Graduate Scholarship Endowment Fund in honor of her late husband. The fund supports students seeking a graduate degree from the Department of Economics and was established by the Desvousges Family.

Joyce Godwin continued to support the Social Science Scholars program as part of her annual philanthropy with a new gift of $5,000 to help sponsor one of the Scholars.

The Walton County Sheriff’s Office donated an additional $5,000 for the Project on Accountable Justice.
The College of Social Sciences and Public Policy gratefully acknowledges the following leadership donors as Bellamy Society members. Their generous annual unrestricted and current support gifts and pledges of $1,000 or more during the period of July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020, provide support either college-wide or to one of our departments, programs and centers. * Thanks to their generosity, the college continues to enhance and improve the quality of our students’ academic experience. For more information on how you can make a gift to the college, please contact Assistant Dean for Development Cindy Michelson, (850) 644-1920 or cmichelson@foundation.fsu.edu.

*Restricted gifts made by donors to endowment funds are not included in the Bellamy Society and they are listed under the appropriate gift range in the 2019-2020 donor list on our website.
Scholarship at the College 2019-2020

Enrollment – Fall 2019

- FSU Total: 42,876
- COSSPP: 4,655 (11%)

Garnet & Gold Honor Society

- FSU Total: 374
- COSSPP: 81 (22%)

Graduation with Honors

- FSU Total: 383
- COSSPP: 56 (15%)

Boren and Critical Language Scholarship winners

- FSU Total: 6
- COSSPP: 5 (83%)

Fulbright Scholarships

- FSU Total: 9
- COSSPP: 4 (44%)

Citations by Current College Faculty
(from Google Scholar)

This chart represents the citations of current COSSP faculty with Google Scholar IDs as of March 2020.
HOW WE’VE GROWN!

The upper part of this graph ran in our 2010 annual magazine.
And here’s where the college is today, based on the latest figures from FSU.

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