Engaging today's world. Producing tomorrow's leaders.
**Mission**

Florida State University’s 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.

**Vision**

We offer an inclusive and collaborative culture, welcoming all into a robust and free exchange of ideas, beginning with recruiting and retaining exceptional and diverse faculty, staff, and students to undertake core disciplinary and interdisciplinary research, teaching, and service activities. We provide students with the support they need to become critical thinkers and prepare them to serve as leaders, citizens, and innovators through teaching, mentoring, advising, and by providing service and leadership opportunities. The College’s reputation for excellence in creating and applying knowledge is reflected in units and programs that are the best in Florida and highly ranked among all public universities.

**Core Values**

- 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 and public policy research and teaching to inform, shape, 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.

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**Dean’s Letter**

Dear Friends,

Welcome to this year’s edition of Engage magazine: the College’s annual publication celebrating our world-class faculty, amazing students, the best staff in the University, and an alumni base that is more than 50,000 strong and growing!

I’m very pleased to be able to share the great work being done around the College with you in this edition of Engage.

As we enter the 2023-2024 academic year the College will celebrate its Golden Anniversary. Indeed, the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy turns 50 this year!

Since its creation a half-century ago, the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy has grown into one of the largest and best in the nation.

Founded in 1973, the (then) College of Social Sciences was created to ensure that FSU’s public service-oriented programs in Government (now Political Science), Urban & Regional Planning, and Public Administration would shine, that the foundational social science disciplines of Sociology, Economics, and Geography would thrive, and that all programs would make their mark on the nation’s educational landscape.

Reflecting changes in industry and higher education, our programs have expanded over the years and now include the fastest-growing program at FSU (Public Health), vibrant multidisciplinary programs in Interdisciplinary Social Sciences and International Affairs, and what we hope will soon become a new major in Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

Our 5,000+ students come from across the U.S. and over 20 countries around the globe. They are drawn from a remarkably vibrant set of socioeconomic, religious, political, and community backgrounds that make COSSPP the University’s most diverse, both intellectually and demographically. Our College is a remarkable place within which students are exposed to new ideas, expand their understanding of a complex world, and reinforce their core values.

Our success has been achieved in part because of the passionate and powerful support we have from alumni, industry and governmental partners, and many friends who share our commitment to educating students to become engaged citizens and support faculty research on the most pressing issues of the day. The College’s programs continue to climb the national rankings because of the thousands of alumni and friends that speak in classes, mentor students, provide internships and job opportunities, and give generously to support our students, faculty, and programs.

In our Golden Anniversary year, I hope you are able to visit FSU, see the ongoing changes in Bellamy and on campus, and bask in the glow of a Top 25 Public University that remains on the ascent. As wonderful as Engage magazine is in providing a sense of the energy, passion, and impact of the College, nothing can substitute for being on campus and soaking in the Garnet and Golden atmosphere.

I am proud of COSSPP’s first 50 years and am excited to see where the coming decades take us as we continually strive for academic excellence, student success, and making an impact on the world through top-tier research.

Go Noles!

Tim Chapin, Ph.D.
Dean of the College of Social Sciences & Public Policy
Booming Public Health Program Integral to FSU Health

FSU’s Public Health program expanded to provide all students with an opportunity to earn a world-class education in the field.

By: Zachary Winiecki, COSSPP & Mark Blackwell Thomas, University Communications

Every county around Florida State University has residents in federally designated medically underserved areas. FSU Health has made its mission to improve outcomes in those areas and beyond to change lives. An integral part of this initiative is the fast-growing Public Health program in the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy.

“The College’s Public Health programs were created to help train a workforce in this fast-growing part of the nation’s health care infrastructure, with particular attention to public health needs and outcomes,” said Dean Tim Chapin. “Graduates go on to careers in local and state government, non-profits, and private industry, contributing to initiatives that promote better individual health behaviors and strengthen public health programs and policies.”

It all started with the Master of Public Health (MPH) degree, a professional, terminal graduate degree intended to prepare students for a lifelong career in the field. The first MPH students received their degrees in 2004.

“One of the unique aspects of our program is health policy, which is especially important due to our proximity to the Capitol and the state’s top decision-makers,” said Amy Burdette, Ph.D., Director of the Public Health program and Professor of Sociology. “There aren’t many other programs that offer this curriculum, and it’s been a perfect fit given our location.”

The program quickly became a huge success with growth in enrollment every year and graduates going on to contribute to the goals set forth by the FSU Health initiative. FSU Health aims to transform the future of health care in North Florida and beyond by improving health education and conducting research to improve the quality of clinical care.

The program’s momentum and success prompted FSU to expand its offerings to provide a Bachelor of Science in Public Health for undergraduate students at FSU in 2019.

The University had long wanted a health-focused social science undergraduate degree, as there was a trend of former medicine and nursing students going elsewhere looking for health-related alternatives that weren’t offered at FSU.

"Many of those students came in wanting to do something in health but found out their original major wasn’t for them,” Dr. Burdette said. “These are students who want to do something in health and serve the public, and there are so many ways to do that through public health.”

The program differentiates itself from programs at other schools by embracing an interdisciplinary approach that includes a focus in five core areas: epidemiology, environmental health sciences, health policy and management, social and behavioral sciences, and biostatistics.

It’s been a perfect fit for students like NaTasha Kerr (B.S. Public Health ’23), who was part of the program’s first graduating undergraduate cohort.

“I decided to pursue a degree in public health because it shared the same ideals and aspirations as becoming a doctor without the patient care component,” she said. “I liked that I could contribute to society through healthcare while avoiding patient contact.”

The program also gives students research opportunities to help discover avenues to serve their community in ways they hadn’t considered.

“I’m interested in issues like how we can lower the use of single-use products while still being clean in hospitals and how we can help lower emissions,” said recent graduate Natalie Livingstone (B.S. Public Health ’23). “There is research we can do and policies we can create to change these things.”

Given the previous outflow of medical students, FSU administrators knew there would be demand for the program. What they didn’t expect was how great that demand would be.

During the planning stages for the undergraduate program, administrators projected enrollment in the program would be somewhere between 200-450 over the first four years. The program quickly blew past those numbers.

The first graduating cohort alone had 137 students and after just its fourth year there are 732 students in the program, making it COSSPP’s second-largest major and the eighth-largest at FSU overall.

“Just looking at other programs around the country, we anticipated the demand and growth would be there, but I think COVID drove more interest in public health,” Dr. Burdette said. “I’m not surprised at the growth we had, but COVID played a role in accelerating it because of the increased awareness of the importance of public health among the general population, as well as highlighting our program as an alternative to traditional medicine for students.”

Though the undergraduate program is still in its infancy, the results have been undeniable. Graduates have gone on to work at places like the Center for Disease Control, the National Cancer Institute, and the Florida Department of Health. Another great number of them have been accepted into dental, medical, and law schools.

“Through FSU’s Public Health program, I gained in-depth public health knowledge and hands-on experiences, empowering me to create lasting changes within my community,” said MPH graduate Peyton Lurk (’23), who now works at the Florida Department of Health.

“This journey has inspired me to pursue a fulfilling career focused on enhancing well-being and advancing public health outcomes for vulnerable populations. Moreover, the program nurtured my leadership abilities, positioning me to play a crucial role in guiding the State of Florida towards a brighter future in health improvement.”

And no matter how far from Tallahassee they travel, FSU’s Public Health graduates always carry the goals of FSU Health with them: to make their communities healthier and better places to live.

To learn more about Florida State University’s Public Health programs, visit coss.fsu.edu/publichealth.
By: Zachary Winiecki

High-impact educational experiences are core to the College’s pedagogy at every level of education, and COSSPP’s top-notch faculty provide compelling learning opportunities for students at every stage of their academic journeys.

“Whether it’s going out in the community and making real-world contributions or getting to know solutions to city leaders, the experiential learning opportunities within COSSPP are plentiful and have set many students on a path to achieving their career goals after graduation,” Dean Tim Chapin said.

Reubin O’D., Askew School of Public Administration and Policy

Dating back to 1947, the Master of Public Administration (MPA) from Florida State University’s Department of Public Administration (MPA) from FSU’s Reubin O.D. Askew School of Public Administration and Policy is one of the oldest and most respected programs in the country.

One of the reasons for that is the emphasis the program places on practical and experiential learning opportunities. None are more impactful than the program’s capstone course. Students work with city and county leadership to identify issues and present their findings and best practices. The students then work with city and county leadership to develop strategies which can address food insecurity and increase access to fresh and healthy food options in South City, said Dr. Holmes.

Many of these projects go on to be presented to local government leaders for consideration for implementation.

Department of Urban and Regional Planning

Florida State University’s Department of Urban and Regional Planning’s Master of Science in Planning (MSP) program is one of the oldest and largest programs of its kind in the state of Florida, ranked top 20 in the nation by Planetizen.

Graduates have contributed to projects with city, county, and state government agencies. These exceptional successes can be attributed to the rigorous and experiential nature of the program. Urban planning requires one to know their community and the infrastructural problems that exist within it. That can mean a number of things such as transportation, housing, and community design. Students get that experience firsthand by conducting community surveys every semester. Led by Associate Professor Tisha Holmes, Ph.D., students surveyed South City, Tallahassee residents about their experiences with food access in Spring 2023.

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Department of Political Science

One of Florida State University’s greatest advantages is its proximity to the epicenter of Florida’s government. Our Political Science programs take full advantage of this, leveraging our location to give students experiential learning opportunities from the moment they step on campus all the way up to the moment they earn a master’s degree.

It starts with the Applied Politics and Policy Learning Experience (APPLE), a highly selective three-semester program for undergraduate students.

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Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy

Housed within the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy is the Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy offering students interested in a career in social sciences many opportunities for experiential learning.

One of which is the Institute’s affiliation with the CAnD3 training program, which allows students to work with an economics consulting firm, with a supervising faculty member acting as a partner of this mock consulting firm. These groups often present their work and findings to real clients who task them with finding answers to specific questions and issues.

“Field courses provide unique outdoor experiences that promote cooperative problem-solving, creativity, networking, and hands-on training,” Dr. Pau said.

The use of technology to analyze data has become increasingly important for solving the world’s problems.

FSU’s Master’s in Geographic Information Science (GIS) program trains students to understand the technology used to turn raw data into usable formats, helping to solve problems in environmental protection, urban planning, and emergency management, public health, and more.

To read the full story, visit http://Engage23.exp-learning.com

Department of Economics

The Master’s in Applied Economics program within the Department of Economics provides more than your typical economics education. The terminal program has over a 90 percent job placement rate for graduates.

As the name suggests, it differentiates itself from traditional economics programs because the curriculum goes beyond theory to give students the chance to apply their knowledge in practical settings.

This style of learning is seen in full effect during the summer capstone class each cohort completes. Three to four students work in a group and act as the backstop analysts at an economics consulting firm, with a supervising faculty member acting as a partner of this mock consulting firm. These groups often present their work and findings to real clients who task them with finding answers to specific questions and issues.

“It was also the most data I ever had my hands on. We got to learn real data issues, answer real questions that had an impact, and present to the community,” said Krista Lape Chechonok (B.S. Political Science & Economics ’17; M.S. Applied Economics ’18) who now serves as a consultant with Charles Rivers Associates.

This experience empowers students to meet with members of the community and to refine their data analysis and networking skills.
Students Get More Than a Degree

By: Shane O’Connor

The College is home to numerous organizations that help connect students to opportunities both locally and nationally. These organizations are vital to students’ success, helping them to “Get More Than a Degree” during their time at Florida State.

Here are just a few examples of the incredible experiences our students are gaining outside the classroom through their involvement with student organizations at FSU.

The College’s Student Leadership Council (SLC) provides personal and professional development opportunities to our students and serves as a liaison between the student body and College leadership, advocating for the needs of students and advancing strategic initiatives led by the College.

The SLC also partnered with the Power of We to host Agree to Disagree, a long-standing tradition bringing together students, faculty, and community members from across the political spectrum to discuss ideals in a civil and productive manner.

The COSSPP Women’s Leadership Network provides professional networking and development opportunities for women enrolled in the College. This year the group expanded to include undergraduate students in its membership and hosted two speakers during the academic year.

In Fall 2023, Public Administration Ph.D. student Ashley Falls gave a virtual talk “How to do it all and stay sane: Working toward life balance as a full-time employee and graduate student.”

In Spring 2023, distinguished alumna Lynne Cosman, Ph.D., spoke to COSSPP students about her career trajectory and approach to leadership. Dr. Cosman is the founding Dean of the College for Health, Community and Policy at The University of Texas at San Antonio.

The Economics Club at FSU offered networking opportunities for members to connect with professionals and students in the field of economics, facilitating valuable connections and career exploration.

Distinguished speakers from academia, government agencies, and the private sector were invited to share their expertise on a wide range of economic topics, including macroeconomic trends, financial markets, policy analysis, and international trade. This exposed members to diverse perspectives and provided valuable learning opportunities.

Funding events served multiple purposes, including supporting club initiatives and fostering a sense of community.

Share-it-Nights at local Tallahassee restaurants allowed members to enjoy a meal together while contributing to the club’s activities, strengthening camaraderie and financial support.

Looking ahead, the club has planned additional initiatives to promote student involvement and academic growth.

Starting in Fall 2023, study groups and tutoring sessions will be organized for the professional world, NABE provides members the opportunity to assist members with coursework and exam preparation.

Workshops and seminars on resume writing, interview skills, and graduate school applications will also be provided to equip members with essential tools for success.

The World Affairs Program is an academic debate team that provides training in negotiation and debate strategies, as well as the opportunity to develop leadership and problem-solving skills by engaging with experts on topical global affairs and in debate competitions nationwide.

This academic year FSU’s World Affairs Program saw massive success both on campus and across the country. The program grew significantly, as the new member class this year was one of the largest the program has seen in recent history.

Throughout the academic year, the World Affairs Program traveled to nine cities across North America.

Delegates won 63 individual awards and took home five delegation awards, leading Florida State to its #10 ranking internationally for the Fall 2022 semester, above all the Ivy Leagues and other Florida universities.

This past February, FSU’s World Affairs Program hosted its second iteration of NoleMUN, an internationally ranked collegiate conference held in Tallahassee, with record attendance by schools across the country.

In Spring, the World Affairs Program traveled to Montréal, San Francisco, Atlanta, Charlottesville, Chicago, and Williamsburg. At each conference this Spring, the World Affairs Program received multiple awards and throughout the semester won 36 total. In addition, the World Affairs Program received three Best Delegation awards for participation in these conferences.

The National Association for Business Economics (NABE) at FSU provides students with a powerful connection to economists worldwide, including influential figures such as Federal Reserve Chairs, Congressional Budget Advisors, and renowned economists.

NABE at FSU prepares members for the professional world after graduation.

At biweekly meetings students hear from economists from various sectors, learn about new career opportunities, and network.

Notable guest speakers in the past year included economists from PwC, Bank of America, Charles Rivers Associates, the James Madison Institute, the Florida Legislature, and the Florida Department of Revenue.

To prepare students for the professional world, NABE organizes workshops on resume and cover letter writing, interview preparation, and provides members the opportunity to go to national conferences. In Fall 2022, six members attended NABE’s Annual Meeting where they interacted with eminent economists, including Federal Reserve Chairs and chief economists from prominent firms.

The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) Student Chapter at FSU provides members with educational and networking opportunities within the field of emergency management.

Regular chapter meetings include prominent guest speakers within the field of emergency management.

This year’s speakers included former FEMA Administrator Brock Long, Florida Department of Emergency Management (FDEM) Director Kevin Guthrie, and other influential figures in emergency management.

IAEM members learned about the ongoing development of the emergency management profession, the response and recovery for both Hurricanes Ian and Nicole, the importance of a national culture of preparedness, and how to access continuing educational resources and certifications.

Students toured the FDEM Emergency Operations Center and the Leon County Emergency Operations Center, gaining insights from FDEM Director Guthrie and other experts in the field.

Looking ahead to the next academic year, IAEM will continue to host innovators and practitioners from the field such as guest speakers, organize future tour outings, and keep students updated on volunteer opportunities.

To read the full story, visit bit.ly/Engage23-students.
Dear Fellow Alumni and Students,

In every generation, the people living in it feel like they’re experiencing something wholly unique. The truth is that every generation navigates disruption and changes that are endemic to an evolving society. However, something about our current era seems, well, “uniquely unique.”

It is hard to believe it’s been only 30 years since the internet entered the public domain and began transforming everything from political discourse to commerce. Now, with the overnight rise of artificial intelligence, change seems to be barreling toward us faster than ever.

Whether driven by technology, economics, or culture, change is something we all must be prepared for, as it is a part of every generation’s experience. Change is something I’ve dealt with a lot in my career and change continues to be part of my journey. In my most recent role, I served as AT&T’s Human Resources Senior Executive Vice President and before that spent 17 years at Turner Broadcasting, working my way up from an HR Advisor to the Global Chief Human Resources Officer. My time at FSU prepared me to weather these changes, living the Seminole mantra of being “Unconquered” even in the face of adversity.

Last year, I was honored to deliver the commencement address at FSU where I urged graduates to remember that their past doesn’t define their future – instead, the past prepares us for our future. I hope that all alumni and students know that our time at FSU has given us a strong foundation to not only withstand rapid change, but to thrive in the midst of it.

We’ve built a growth mindset. An FSU education is rooted in the tradition of liberal arts, exposing you to a wide range of subjects, equipping you to think critically and creatively. This exposure helps you view change as an opportunity to continue learning and growing.

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Here are some of the highlights from our alumni this year. To connect with us about your honors, awards, and achievements throughout the year, email cosspp-alumni@fsu.edu.

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B.S. Elementary Teaching Education ’03
M.S. Applied American Politics & Policy Program ’20
LaQuisha Persak was named one of Tallahassee’s 25 Women You Need to Know.
Read the full story: bit.ly/Engage23-Persak

Justin Roth
B.S. Political Science and History ’97
The Florida Board of Governors confirmed the appointment of Justin Roth to FSU’s Board of Trustees on November 9, 2022.
Read the full story: bit.ly/Engage23-Roth

Patricia Martin, Ph.D.
Ph.D. Sociology ’69
Patricia Martin, Ph.D., received the Vires Torch Award as one of five exceptional alumni honored in recognition of their contributions to FSU’s academic excellence.
Read the full story: bit.ly/Engage23-Martin

Sarah Calzada
B.S. Geography ’22
Sarah Calzada landed her first job postgraduate job as an Engineering Technician with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.
Read the full story: bit.ly/Engage23-Calzada

Jeanne Curtin, J.D.
B.S. Political Science ’92
Master of Business Administration ’99
Juris Doctorate ’01
Jeanne Curtin, legal strategist and three-time FSU graduate, was elected Chair of FSU’s Alumni Association’s Board of Directors, effective July 1, 2023.
Read the full story: bit.ly/Engage23-Curtin

Colonel David Binder
Master of Public Administration ’07
Colonel David Binder was recently appointed as the Assistant Commissioner of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE).
Read the full story: bit.ly/Engage23-Binder

Jean C. Accius, Ph.D.
B.S. Hospitality Management ’02; M.S. Aging Studies ’03
Jean C. Accius, Ph.D., was recently named President and CEO of Creating Healthier Communities, a national nonprofit that works to remove the barriers to good health and equity.
Read the full story: bit.ly/Engage23-Accius

Bennett Napier
M.S. Applied American Politics & Policy Program ’02
Bennett Napier was named one of Florida’s 500 Most Influential Business Leaders by Florida Trend Magazine for the fifth year in a row, and for the 10th time his business, Partners in Association Management, was also recognized as one of Florida Trend’s Best Companies to Work For.
Read the full story: bit.ly/Engage23-Napier

Cameron Pennant
B.S. Management ’15
Master of Public Administration ’17
Cameron Pennant was awarded the Reubin O’D. Askew Young Alumni Award and recognized as a Notable Nole by FSU’s Alumni Association.
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COSSPP 2022 Circle of Gold Inductees
Craig Dewhurst (B.S. Political Science and Economics ’91)
Nancy McKay (B.S. Government and Organizational Communications ’78)
Craig Dewhurst and Nancy McKay, were inducted into FSU’s Circle of Gold for personifying the FSU’s tradition of excellence through their service and achievements.
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The Delta Sigma Theta Service Sorority. She was an American Greek female student at FSU as a member of the Chi Theta Chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity, which was the first African American Greek-letter organization on campus.

In 1973, she stated, Doby Lee Flowers, became the first African American Homecoming Queen at FSU.

Flowers said. “Never knowing exactly what I wanted to do with my life, serves as a culminating event that recognizes our cohort of 2023 Distinguished Alumni are leaders in their respective fields and anchors in their communities. Each of our honorees showcases the power of our graduates to make the world better in ways both large and small; and we are immensely pleased to honor this cohort as the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy celebrates its 50th Anniversary this academic year.”

For a list of all COSSPP Distinguished Alumni, visit cos.sfsu.edu/distinguished-alumni. www.fsu.edu/

Doby L. Flowers
B.S. Social Work ’71
M.S. Urban and Regional Planning ’73

A multiracial, civil rights leader, and expert in community development, Doby L. Flowers has received many recognitions throughout her career, including being honored with New York City’s “Woman of Distinction” Award, for her excellence in the field and service to the communities she works in.

As a young woman, Flowers enrolled at FSU in 1962, earning her Bachelor’s in 1971 and her Master’s in 1973. As a student, she was extremely involved in campus life. She was the first African American Greek female student at FSU as a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Service Sorority. She was an avid reader and engaged in various other social, residential, commercial, and industrial projects, among others. She served as the Senior Land Use Attorney for Maranos County for 15 years and as a School Board Attorney for another 12 years. She has been instrumental in almost all of the current land use, and other government aspects. Among her leisure activities, she has also been involved in the Women’s Basketball team in her senior studies and remains today as a lifetime member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Her strength and dedication to community service, and community service to the communities she works in.

Today, the bronze likeness of Doby and her brother – Attorney Fred Flowers, the first uniformed African American firefighter in the country – are on display in the Center for Urban and Regional Planning.

In 2020, Fred Flowers, along with his sister, also received FSU’s Faculty Senate, for contributions to the University’s academic excellence.

Thomas M. Henderson
B.S. Political Science ’74

Thomas M. Henderson is a highly regarded public works and civil rights administration of engaged leadership we strive to instill in our students, whatever their majors or future career plans.

He’s been an active COSSPP graduate over the years, helping us in various capacities, from serving as a mentor to young alumni, to providing capacity and innovative planning for the communities. Both Mr. and Mrs. Barnebey have also shared of their time and expertise with students across our College through presentations and classroom visits. The statue shows three of FSU’s first African American Homecoming Queen at FSU. Although Flowers never played a sport in college, she was an avid reader and engaged in various other social, residential, commercial, and industrial projects, among others. She served as the Senior Land Use Attorney for Maranos County for 15 years and as a School Board Attorney for another 12 years. She has been instrumental in almost all of the current land use, and other government aspects. Among her leisure activities, she has also been involved in the Women’s Basketball team in her senior studies and remains today as a lifetime member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.
The Alumni-College Connection

At the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy, we are proud of all our 50,000+ alumni worldwide who contribute daily to their communities and FSU Master’s in Applied Economics alumni. She paired interested students with alumni mentors based on the questions, interests, and perceived needs of students.

**Economics**
- Allison Kope (B.S. Economics ’18; M.S. Applied Economics ’20; Allison Kope (B.S. Economics ’18; M.S. Applied Economics ’19; Kristi Lape Chechanover (B.S. Political Science & Economics ’17; M.S. Applied Economics ’18; Taylor Leverette (B.S. Applied Economics ’14; M.S. Applied Economics ’15; Sheridan Meek (B.S. Economics & Statistics ’20; M.S. Applied Economics ’22); Zachary Morby (B.S. Economics ’20; M.S. Applied Economics ’22); Andres Michelin (B.S. ’17 Economics; M.S. Applied Economics ’18); Nilin Du, Ph.D. (M.S. Economics ’16; Ph.D. Economics ’11); Austin Noll (B.S. Economics ’10; M.S. Economics ’11; M.S. Management ’18); Owen Ragsdale (M.S. Applied Economics ’22); Lindsey Rulebough (B.S. Political Science ’17; M.S. Applied Economics ’19); Shannon Ryan (M.S. Applied Economics ’20); Sam King (B.S. Political Science & Economics ’10; M.S. Economics ’11); Sam Stier (B.S. Economics ’16; M.S. Economics ’18); David Gomez Villa (M.S. Applied Economics ’20; M.S. Economics ’21); Carolina Wagner (B.S. International Affairs & Economics ’19; M.S. Applied Economics ’20); Rob White, Ph.D. (Economics); Will Stevenson (B.S. Economics ’20; M.S. Economics ’22); Sal Nuzzo (B.S. Economics ’98); and Vesselka McAlarney (M.S. Economics ’13).

**Political Science**
- Chuck Wilson (B.A. International Affairs ’86) spoke to Political Science and International Affairs students about his government and military service and world travels. *Decreased

**Public Administration**
- Cameron Pennant (B.S. Management ’15; MPA ’17) returned to the Introduction to Terrorism Class to give an update on the current state of global security and strategies.
- Chris Rose (MPA ’98) currently the Director of the Office of Management and Budget for Pinellas County Government, discussed local government management and budgeting with the Managing Florida Government course.

**Public Health**
- James Kassaga Arinaitwe (B.S. Mathematics ’99; MPH ’11) spoke to the FSU community about the important role young leaders play in cultural reform and how to leverage leadership skills to create meaningful change for the Ruth K. & Shepard Broad International Lecture Series and the Center for Global Engagement’s Engage Your World Speaker Series in a talk titled, “The Teach For Uganda Story: Mobilizing Young Leaders for Education Reform.”

**Sociology**
- Dean Lynne Cosman, Ph.D. (B.S. Sociology ’98; Ph.D. Sociology ’96) visited COSSPP and spoke at several functions while here, including giving a keynote lecture titled “Building a 21st Century Interdisciplinary College for Health, Community and Policy,” from her perspective as the Inaugural Dean of the College for Health, Community & Policy at the University of Texas at San Antonio. She also connected with COSSPP’s Women’s Leadership Network about her work in academia and the important women who led her to this point. For the Sociology Department in particular, she gave an excellent talk on The Crime, Health, and Politics Survey (CHAPS), an exciting new nationally representative survey developed at UTSA.
- Rolf Blank, Ph.D. (Ph.D. Sociology ’76, Stella Min, Ph.D. (Ph.D. Sociology ’81), and Heather Rubino, Ph.D. (Ph.D. Sociology ’14) served on non-academic job market panels discussing issues, including resources and strategies for securing non-academic jobs.

**Urban & Regional Planning**
- Nicole Moltimore (MPA ’06) spoke to the Spring 2023 Neighborhood Planning course. Nicole is the Community Engagement Coordinator for South City Foundation, and the discussion topic was Philanthropic Perspectives on Neighborhood Planning.
- Ph.D. program alumni spoke to our first-year grad students about career opportunities in the field.
- Harry Babbar, Ph.D. (20); Lacey Ritter, Ph.D. (17); Andrew Mannheimer, Ph.D. (16); Tara Stamm, Ph.D. (15); Abraham (Abe) Pena-Talamante, Ph.D. (17); Ursula Weiss, Ph.D. (12); Brian Knop, Ph.D. (17); Keith Richard, Ph.D. (18); Noah Webb, Ph.D. (18); and Carolyn (Carrie) Sloane Mata, Ph.D. (08).

**Career Center Panels**
- Jennifer Green (B.S. Political Science ’94); Kathy Mears (B.S. Social Science ’03, MPA ’11); Ron Cav (M.S. Applied American Politics & Policy ’99); Jon Costello (B.S. Political Science ’02, M.S. American Politics & Policy ’03); Holly Parker Curry (B.S. International Affairs ’95, M.S. Applied American Politics ’99, J.D. ’21); Cory Dowd (B.S. Political Science ’17, M.S. Applied American Politics & Policy ’18); Amanda Fraser (B.S. International Affairs ’14, M.S. Applied American Politics & Policy ’12); LaQuisha Persak (B.S. Health and Human Sciences ’05, M.S. Applied American Politics & Policy); Danielle Scoogins (B.S. Business ’02, M.S. Applied American Politics & Policy 1).

Join us in celebrating COSSPP’s 50th!
Since its creation during the 1973-1974 academic year at FSU, the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy has grown into the third-largest, most demographically diverse and politically engaged College on campus.

A number of events honoring the College’s Golden Anniversary will be held throughout the 2023-2024 academic year. To learn more about all of COSSPP’s 50th anniversary activities and festivities visit cos.s.fsu.edu/50th.
To stay up to date with all the exciting things going on at the College and for more opportunities to engage, sign up for our quarterly Alumni & Friends Newsletter at bit.ly/COSSPP-alum-friends-newsletter.
The College concluded another successful year with direct support from our alumni, friends, and foundations. From July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, the College received new gifts and commitments from our generous alumni and friends totaling $7,804,818. These included two new estate gifts that were documented and multiple pledges and cash gifts that have greatly benefited multiple areas of the College.

Planned Gifts
The College received two transformational gifts from Patricia Yancey Martin, Ph.D., and Michael C. Romanos, Ph.D., in the past year. These visionary alumni are supporting students and faculty through their documented estate gifts and providing a way for others to see different giving vehicles to support the College.

Dr. Martin’s gift will establish the Patricia Yancey Martin Chair within the Department of Sociology which will support a faculty member whose principal academic and research interests are focused on the sociological, political and economic aspects of gender.

Dr. Romanos’ gift will provide support to the Department of Urban and Regional Planning for graduate student and field research.

Major Gift Pledges
Bruce and Melanie McNeilage established the Bruce W. McNeilage Endowed Scholarship to support an undergraduate student majoring in Economics with preference being given to the children of single-parent families. They generously made a cash gift to that initiative to allow the College to begin awarding the scholarship while the endowment matures.

Additional Gifts to Existing Endowments
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Political Science General Development Fund
Eric Gaier, Ph.D. and Miranda Gaier
Social Sciences General Development Fund
David and Rebecca Bibb
Geography Department
Jim and Loretta Bowman
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Institute For Humane Studies Rule of Law Workshop in Political Science
Stephen R. MacNamara, P.A.
Social Sciences General Development Fund

Unconquered by Debt
This year seven donors provided $25,189 to support this special program at the Gus A. Stavros Center for the Advancement of Free Enterprise and Economic Education at Florida State University.

We are so grateful for the support of:
• Christopher E. Iansiti and Michael A. Fornaro
• Craig and Mitzi Lynch
• Craig and Amy L. Saxner
• Gus A. Stavros, Ph.D.
• Ben and Heather Storey
• Ed and Teresa M. Sutton

DeVoe L. Moore Center
The DeVoe L. Moore Center for the Study of Critical Issues in Economic Policy and Government received additional funding from:
• Reason Foundation
• Florida Policy Institute
• Charles Koch Foundation

Social Science Scholars
The following donors gave $47,545 to help sponsor our College’s Social Science Scholars program, which provides exceptional undergraduates with career-accelerating leadership training and experiences.
• Professor Florence Ashley
• Colonel (R) Lottie Bien and David Schmitt
• Roger D. Blevins
• Steven and Amy Clein
• The Sol Cohn Foundation
• Carire D. Donaldson
• Craig and Carolyn Engler
• Scott B. and Pamela Feldman
• Eric Gaier, Ph.D. and Miranda Gaier
• Earl Godwin, M.D. and Joyce Godwin
• Glen and Jamie Hallowell
• Lynda Keever and William Eshenbaugh
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• Richard T. Rose, Jr.
• Catie S. Santamaria
• Mohammed D. Shahidullah, Ph.D.
• Thomas and Shirley Wells

Additional support for the Social Science Scholars was also provided by the following funds.
• Marie E. Cowart Social Sciences Scholars Endowment
• Fred C. and Helen D. Flipse Endowment
• Michael Heatter Memorial Social Sciences Scholars Endowment
• David W. Rasmussen Scholarship Endowment Fund

Thank You
Thank you to each of our generous donors whose gifts will impact the lives of our students, faculty, staff, and the communities they reach.

Your philanthropy makes it possible for us to provide opportunities for students that cannot be covered by State of Florida funds. The College uses private contributions to deliver programming under the College’s Get More Than a Degree initiative that supports student intellectual growth and professional development opportunities for students.

For info about the many opportunities to make a difference or to give today, visit coss.fsu.edu/alumni/giving.
By: Zachary Winiecki

The Henderson Professorship of Political Science is the first of its kind within FSU’s Department of Political Science and is helping the department to meet its goal of creating three endowed professorships by 2025.

“There have been a lot of successful people who have come through the Political Science Department,” Henderson said. “To think support of this magnitude doesn’t currently exist for them certainly influenced this gift.”

The professorship honors Mr. Henderson, as well as his sons, Scott Henderson (B.S. Political Science ’99) and David Henderson (B.A. Communications & Political Science ’00).

“My sons and I have all had successful careers in no small part due to the public education we were able to get, including our time at Florida State,” Henderson said. “We believe in paying it forward, helping future students by supporting exceptional scholarship and recognizing and keeping the most talented professors at FSU.”

Eric A. Coleman, Ph.D., was named the inaugural Henderson Professor of Political Science. Dr. Coleman is an expert in collective action problems, environmental policy, and political development. He has published 28 articles to date in some of the most visible disciplinary and interdisciplinary journals, including the American Journal of Political Science, World Development, Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, and Nature.

Dr. Coleman’s research has earned over $3.5 million in funding from federal agencies, including National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Though his accomplishments in research are extensive, they have never overshadowed his passion for teaching. Dr. Coleman is one of COSSPP’s most decorated professors. Through this gift, Dr. Coleman will be able to continue his great work both in and out of the classroom.

“I thank Mr. Henderson for advocating for the successful futures of talented scholars within the field,” said Dean Tim Chapin. “We remain appreciative to all of those who carry on their FSU legacy by ensuring generations of students can encounter similar experiences from when they were on campus.”


By: Zachary Winiecki

The College of Social Sciences and Public Policy gratefully acknowledges our Bellamy Society members who lead in supporting our students’ academic and co-curricular experiences with their annual giving.

Bellamy Society Members generously made annual unrestricted and current support gifts and pledges of $1,000 or more from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, to provide support College-wide or to one of our Departments, Programs, Centers, or Institutes. Please note that restricted gifts made by donors to endowment funds are not included in the Bellamy Society; they are listed on our website at coss.fsu.edu/alumni/donor-recognition.

The College of Social Sciences and Public Policy wishes to recognize the generosity of our Alumnus/Alumnae who established endowed chairs and professorships and who have supported our students and other members of the University community through their gifts.

The 2022-2023 Bellamy Society Members include:

**GOLD LEVEL ($5,000 and higher)**

- American Political Science Association
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- Susan A. and Jay Yelton

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Student Achievements

Students, faculty, and staff from across the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy have been hard at work and making advancements in their fields. Representing approximately 11% of the FSU student population, COSSPP students make up a higher percentage of annual student awards and honors at FSU and are making great strides in their fields beyond FSU.

Four COSSPP students received the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship to study abroad this past summer: Shantae James, B.S. International Affairs & Political Science; Jasmyn LaCue, B.S. International Affairs; Diana Morillo, B.S. International Affairs; Vi Rogers-Rivera, B.S. Political Science.

Two of the nine Florida State University students who earned prestigious Fulbright U.S. Student Program scholarships are from the College: Miguel Gonzalez (B.S. International Affairs) and Michelle Perez (B.S. International Affairs & Economics).

Honors Medallions

Florida State University awarded honors medallions to 331 high-achieving honor student graduates during a ceremony on May 1, 2023, at Ruby Diamond Concert Hall. Of the 57 recipients from the College, three students earned their Honors in the Major for completing an honors thesis, and five students earned the Outstanding Student Scholar distinction, which recognizes completion of both the University Honors Program and the Honors in the Major Program, with a 3.9 cumulative GPA or higher.

Honors in the Major:
- Lara Kenny (B.S. International Affairs & English – Editing, Writing, and Media)
- Aziah McKinney (B.S. Political Science)
- Abigail Gordon (B.S. International Affairs & Middle Eastern Studies)

Outstanding Student Scholars:
- Kevin Miller (B.S. Economics)
- Dhenu Patel (B.S. Exercise Physiology & Public Health)
- Connor Sherman (B.S. Applied Mathematics, Economics, & History)
- Victoria Cabral (B.S. Political Science & Media Communication Studies)
- Angimarie Rivera Sanchez (B.S. Political Science & History)

Torchbearer 100 Honorees

FSU’s Division of Student Affairs named the 2023 inductee class for the Torchbearer 100 program, including 17 student leaders from our College.

- Mary Thomas (B.S. International Affairs & Public Relations)
- Jason Puwalski (B.S. Political Science & Public Relations)
- Bryan Gonzalez (B.S. Political Science & International Affairs)
- Ansley Bilyeu (B.S. International Affairs)
- Kai Garek (B.S. Political Science & Criminology)
- Sahara Walker (B.S. Political Science & Criminal Justice)
- Karissa Huggins (B.S. Political Science & Criminology)
- Amelia Isaac (B.S. Political Science & Economics)
- Travis Waters, Jr. (B.S. Political Science)
- Omer Turkomer (B.S. Political Science & International Affairs)
- Aidan Webster (B.S. Management & International Affairs)
- Adriana Nguyen (B.S. Public Relations & Political Science)
- Gabriela Estrella (B.S. Physical Health)
- Arthi Solayappan (B.S. Political Science)
- Rachelle Yombo (B.S. Political Science)
- Michelle Evangelista (B.S. Political Science & Information Technology)
- Danielle Basdeks (B.S. Political Science & Women’s Studies)
- Sheila Gomez Matias (B.S. International Affairs)

COLLEGE NEWS

The College in Action
Nicole Zampieri
Ph.D. Geography
Nicole Zampieri is among the 14 FSU students joining the 2022-2023 cohort of McKnight Doctoral and Dissertation Fellows, sponsored by the Florida Education Fund.
Read the full story: bit.ly/Engage23-Zampieri

Amaya Dickson
B.S. International Affairs & Middle Eastern Studies
Amaya Dickson was one of two FSU graduates this academic year who expanded her Arabic language skills while studying in Oman on a Critical Language Scholarship granted by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.
Read the full story: bit.ly/Engage23-Dickson

Matthew Divers
M.S. Demography
Matthew Divers received the 2022 Charles B. Nam Scholarship at the Center for Demography and Population Health (CDPH) Orientation for new students.
Read the full story: bit.ly/Engage23-Divers

Rebekah Carpenter
Ph.D. Sociology
Rebekah Carpenter – along with Professor Dawn C. Carr, Ph.D., and colleagues at the University of Michigan – published the most refined set of measures about job characteristics and work environments linked to U.S. Census data.
Read the full story: bit.ly/Engage23-Carpenter

Charlie Azzarito
B.S. Sociology and Anthropology
An FSU student who conducts much of his research underwater to examine artifacts and compiling soil profiles from rivers and lakes is the winner of a Hollings Scholarship, bestowed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
Read the full story: bit.ly/Engage23-Azzarito

Madison McCraney
Master of Public Health
Nine master’s students from across academic disciplines at FSU competed in the Graduate School’s Master’s in Four Competition, with Madison McCraney taking home first prize for her research on access to primary medical care in Florida.
Read the full story: bit.ly/Engage23-McCraney

Kyusik Kim
Ph.D. Geography
Kyusik Kim received the KSEA-KUSCO Scholarship for Graduate Students, funded by the Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association and the Korea-U.S. Science Cooperation Center.
Read the full story: bit.ly/Engage23-Kim

Rodney Wells
B.S. Interdisciplinary Social Sciences
For three years running, an FSU student has been named a scholar in the John Robert Lewis Scholars & Fellows Program.
Read the full story: bit.ly/Engage23-Wells

Brayden Harrell
B.S. Political Science
Brayden Harrell was confirmed to the Board of Directors for FSU Student Government Association’s Office of Governmental Affairs in Fall 2022.
Read the full story: bit.ly/Engage23-Harrell
Reubin O’D. Askew School of Public Administration & Policy
Gary VanLandingham, Ph.D.
Director of the Askew School & Reubin O’D. Askew Professor
Practitioner in Residence
The Reubin O’D. Askew School of Public Administration and Policy had a very successful 2022-2023 academic year. During the year, our graduate students earned 138 Master of Public Administration (MPA) degrees and 5 doctoral degrees. Additionally, 437 mid-career professionals earned Certified Public Manager (CPM) certificates from our Florida Center for Public Management, which operates the nation’s largest CPM training program. Students also gave our faculty very high evaluations for their teaching, generally well above the University’s mean.

Our faculty had strong research productivity over the past year. In 2022, faculty members published 29 articles in peer-reviewed journals and two new book editions; additionally, they submitted another 21 articles for review.

The largest point of growth the Askew School has facilitated over the past ten years is the constant influx of invaluable faculty and staff members. This year, we have welcomed Xue Gao, Ph.D.; Mauricio Astudillo-Rodas, Ph.D.; and Hongfan Yi, Ph.D., in tenure-track positions, as well as Linda Schrader, Ph.D., in a teaching faculty position. Additionally, William Jackson, Ph.D., will be joining the Askew School in a tenure-track position in Fall 2024.

Geographic Information Science (GIS) program. At the doctoral level, students specialize in one or more research areas of faculty expertise.

The 2022-2023 academic year was a very busy one for the Department, which embarked on three faculty searches this year. Olgas Guaparyan, Ph.D.; Andrew Ballard, Ph.D.; and Aidan Milliff, Ph.D. Additionally, we’re very proud of our award-winning faculty; recently, Amanda Driscoll, Ph.D., won the Southern Political Science Association’s New Scholar Award, and Matthew Pietyrka, Ph.D., won FSU’s Innovation in Teaching Award.

Department of Political Science
Brad Gomez, Ph.D.
Chair and Associate Professor
FSU’s Department of Political Science maintains one of the most vibrant intellectual communities on campus. Our students are routinely recognized by the University for their excellence in both scholarship and leadership. A recent study published by the American Political Science Association ranked the Political Science Department 16th in faculty research productivity in top journals among all U.S. doctoral programs.

Over the past year, the Department launched the nation’s only program to give select undergraduates leadership training and experiential political learning opportunities at the local, state, and federal levels of government. The Applied Politics and Policy Learning Experience (APPLE) program leverages FSU’s location in Florida’s capital city and gives participating students an insider’s view of government and politics. The program combines coursework with multiple internship opportunities in the Florida Legislature and Washington D.C.

The Masters of Applied American Politics and Policy (MAAPP) program continues to be among the leading graduate programs in the country providing practical career training for political professionals. Indeed, six recent MAAPP graduates were listed among the “Rising Stars of Florida Politics 2023” by Influence Magazine.
The COSSPP Updates feature highlights the latest news and achievements from the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy.

**Department of Urban & Regional Planning**

Jeffrey Brown, Ph.D.

2003-2023 Chair & Professor & Associate Dean for Strategic Initiatives, COSSPP

FSU’s Department of Urban and Regional Planning is home to Florida’s oldest and largest planning program. For more than 50 years, our distinguished faculty have provided training to professional planners in the field, helping them become change agents who improve the well-being of their communities.

Over the past year, our students and faculty engaged with practitioners, scholars, community members, and other stakeholders on an array of planning issues.

Of note, Professor Emerita Petra Doan received the American Planning Association Florida’s Lifetime Achievement Award in 2022. The award is bestowed upon an individual who made substantial contributions to the APA over at least a 25-year career and influenced the trajectory of planning.

Finally, we want to thank our many alumni and friends for their generous support of our students over the past year. Your contributions directly supported 10 student assistantships and scholarships and enabled 16 students to attend professional conferences. This support has enabled students to take full advantage of the many opportunities for academic, professional, and community engagement provided by our graduate programs.

**African American Studies**

Katrinell M. Davis, Ph.D.

Director, African American Studies; Professor, Sociology & Faculty, Center for Demography and Population Health

The African American Studies program offers Florida State University students a broad-based, interdisciplinary approach to studying the experiences of African diaspora populations.

AFA has been working to increase its visibility by adding new curricula and expanding programmatic opportunities. The program’s efforts to improve its visibility benefits from open dialogue about current offerings and the program’s future prospects.

This academic year, African American Studies also invited several scholars throughout the University to join the program as Faculty Affiliates whose research and teaching interests relate to Black Studies. Many of FSU’s scholars accepted this invitation and are eager to play a more substantial role in mentoring/advising African American Studies majors and minors.

Additionally, efforts to improve course offerings benefited from the program’s job search for talented specialized teaching faculty this year. The African American Studies program welcomes award-winning teacher-scholar, DeReef Jamison, Ph.D. Dr. Jamison’s areas of expertise include African-centered psychological theory, Africana intellectual history, liberation psychology, and the psychological aspects of oppression and liberation in the African diaspora. He also regularly publishes in peer-reviewed journals, including the Journal of African American Studies, the Journal of Pan African Studies, and the Journal of Black Psychology.

**Demography Program: Center for Demography & Population Health (CDPH)**

John Taylor, Ph.D.

Director, CDPH & Professor, Sociology

The Center for Demography and Population Health (CDPH) supports evidence-based public policy through interdisciplinary research on demographic processes and population health; trains master’s students seeking careers as applied demographers; and mentors doctoral students in social demography, population economics, social epidemiology, and environment and health. FSU is the only public university in the Southeast offering a M.S. in Demography and is recognized among the nation’s elite public universities. CDPH’s distinguished faculty, all associated with multiple departments and campus affiliates, offer students the possibility to collaborate on a variety of interesting projects. With a 100 percent employment rate for recent graduates, our program is highly regarded, and our alumni have careers in federal, state, and local government agencies.

This year, we are pleased to announce promotions and new faculty hires as we bolster our research and instruction in the coming years. In Fall 2022, Matthew Hauer, Ph.D., was promoted to Assistant Director of CDPH, later becoming Associate Director, in line with his promotion to Associate Professor, beginning Fall 2023. Matthew Brooks, Ph.D., who completed a postdoctoral research position at McGill University, joined the Department of Sociology and the CDPH in Fall 2023. Meagan McSorley, Ph.D., began her appointment as Assistant Professor in Urban and Regional Planning and CDPH Faculty in Fall 2023.

**Emergency Management and Homeland Security (EMHS)**

David Merrick

Director & Faculty Administrator, EMHS Program; Director, Center for Disaster Risk Policy; & Team Lead, EMHS Disaster Incident Research Team

The Emergency Management and Homeland Security program and the Center for Disaster Risk Policy at FSU provide exceptional education in emergency management and U.S. Intelligence studies, balanced with a track-record of service to the community and applied research. As one of the largest academic emergency management programs in the Southeast, EMHS provides students with cutting-edge practical instruction in disaster management as well as a wide variety of experiential learning opportunities.

In 2022-2023, EMHS grew its unique internship program with U.S. Southern Command and Joint Interagency Task Force South. Placing as many as seven candidates each semester, students attached to these commands earn a security clearance and work as part of multi-disciplinary teams learning how intelligence collection and analysis are a central pillar of effective international policy.

When Hurricane Ian struck southwest Florida in 2022, EMHS was on hand to help. In December and January, several EMHS faculty partnered with RIDER—the Resilient Infrastructure and Disaster Response Center—a research entity in the FAMU-FSU College of Engineering, to examine how debris created by Hurricane Ian was managed, moved, and disposed of. In October 2022 and March 2023, EMHS students traveled to the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) bi-annual conferences. NEMA is composed of the 50 state EM Directors, senior decision-makers, and Federal officials.

**International Affairs**

Lee K. Metcalf, Ph.D.

Director

The International Affairs major is the second largest undergraduate major in the College, as well as one of the most demographically diverse programs at FSU. As an interdisciplinary program, we draw from multiple areas such as Political Science, History, Economics, Geography, and Sociology.
to provide a holistic learning experience that allows students to develop their own independent course of study in the major. We actively support our students to gain practical experience through internships, study abroad programs, and other professional development opportunities.

Over this past year, we have been working to implement the Strategic Plan we developed following our latest 7-year review. To that end, we have hired new staff and began a faculty search to hire a Latin American Specialist who will contribute to our Latin American and Caribbean Studies program.

In order to bolster our core curriculum, we launched two new courses for our undergraduates: INS 1010 - Professional Development for International Affairs Majors and INS 4943 - International Affairs Capstone, both of which include sections for our Area Studies Majors: Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Russian and East European Studies, and Asian Studies.

Public Health

Amy Burdette, Ph.D.
Director, Public Health Program; Professor, Sociology

Public Health offers the newest degree programs within FSU’s College of Social Sciences and Public Policy.

The first Master of Public Health degree was conferred in 2004, while the Bachelor of Science in Public Health degree program was recently established in 2019, with our first cohort graduating this past Spring. Although youthful, our Public Health program comprises knowledgeable and expert faculty in their chosen fields and provides students with foundational skills and expertise for success.

Over the past four years, our program has experienced remarkable growth in student enrollment, demonstrating the increasing popularity and value of our offerings. In 2019-2020, we had 210 undergraduate students and 65 graduate students. In 2022-2023, we saw sustained growth with 713 undergraduate students and a consistent 65 graduate students. In 2022-2023, we saw sustained growth with 713 undergraduate students and a consistent 65 graduate students.

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While we are incredibly proud of all the Claude Pepper Center and its partners have accomplished this last year, we are keeping an eye toward the future and are laying the groundwork for further strategic and research and development. We are excited for all that the next year will bring. Thank you all for all your support and encouragement!

Claude Pepper Center

Dawn C. Carr, Ph.D., MGS, FGSA
Director, Claude Pepper Center; Professor, Sociology; Faculty Associate, Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy; Co-Director, Aging Research on Contexts, Health and Inequalities

FSU’s Claude Pepper Center (CPC) aims to identify policy solutions that enhance the financial, psychological, cognitive, physical and social wellbeing of older adults and their families in the state of Florida and beyond, to help people reach later life with the resources they need to be active and engaged members of their communities.

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DeVo L. Moore Center

Samuel R. Staley, Ph.D.
Director & Teaching Professor

The DeVo L. Moore Center’s impact and effectiveness grew significantly with new partnerships during the past academic year. Established by a generous gift from long-time FSU benefactor DeVo Moore in 1998, the DMC recast its programming on private sector and market-oriented state and local policy reforms in 2011. This recast has paid dividends as it charted new partnerships with national and statewide think tanks.

The Center’s student-internship program has grown from zero students in 2012 to 35 students this past year. Our alumni – now numbering more than 238 – take jobs with leading private companies such as IBM, Ernst & Young, and KPMG Credit; go into well-recognized graduate programs at the nation’s top universities such as Johns Hopkins, Princeton, Georgetown, and George Mason Universities; and serve in influential nonprofit organizations such as the Institute for Humane Studies, Stand Together, Goodwill Industries, and the Charles Koch Foundation.

Over the past year, the Center’s programs and research have brought public attention to the way property rights and market-based incentives can be used to address environmental pollution, how impact fees can fund efficient public infrastructure investments when designed properly, how work-force housing is hampered by local development regulations, how reforming occupational licensing can reduce the likelihood of re-offending by people leaving the criminal justice system, and how Florida cities can significantly increase housing supply to meet surging demand by deregulating land-use.

The DMC’s research on housing deregulation, in particular, helped launch the Florida Policy Project, the newest statewide think tank. In another innovation, the Center continued its partnership with the public policy research arm of Reason Foundation to create a seamless pipeline from the classroom to professional work for FSU students. The DMC’s mission-driven work uses a variety of outlets and platforms to promote its work, including regular contributions to the Tallahassee Democrat and the USA Today media network, the Center’s blog, contributions to local and national blogs, social media, and the annual magazine Focus.

The DMC is entering the 2023-2024 academic year with a stronger and wider foundation for furthering its mission and broadening the impact of its research.

Gus A. Stavros Center

Joseph Calhoun, Ph.D.
Director, Gus A. Stavros Center

The mission of the Gus A. Stavros Center for the Advancement of Free Enterprise and Economic Education is to further free enterprise and economic education in the schools and the broader community. The Center develops and disseminates innovative ideas and materials that make economics more interesting and understandable.

The Center’s signature program is Unconquered by Debt (UBD), a series of workshops developed to promote financial wellness. The goals of the program are to enhance financial literacy and transform decision-making so that students become wealth creators. Jen West Kanton, UBD Program Director, and 14 student workers drove the program to new heights in Academic Year 2022-2023. The Center hosted over 80 workshops with more than 1,200 participants. Partnerships with the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy’s Center for Academic Retention & Excellence, First-Year Experience Program, and the Career Center were important to expand the program’s reach to students across campus.

The Center also hosted its annual “Creative Ideas” teaching workshop, which attracted 50 educators from around the state to enhance their classroom skills.
With mixed emotions, the Center celebrated the retirement of Jim Gwartyno, Ph.D., who left FSU after 54 years of service. He will be missed but his legacy endures.

LeRoy Collins Institute

Lonna Atkeson, Ph.D., Director, LCI & LeRoy Collins Institute

Eminent Scholar in Civic Education & Political Science

The LeRoy Collins Institute at Florida State University is a non-partisan, statewide policy organization that studies and promotes bold and visionary public policy solutions facing the people of Florida and the nation. Named in honor of former Florida Governor LeRoy Collins, the Institute is governed by a distinguished Board of Directors that includes current and former state elected officials, other policymakers, educators, and private citizens from throughout Florida.

Over the last two years, the LeRoy Collins Institute has undergone several transitions. The Institute’s former Director, Carol Weissett, Ph.D., who faithfully directed the Institute since 2008, stepped down from her position in 2021. Upon her retirement, Professor Lonna Atkeson, Ph.D., began her tenure as the Institute’s new Director. Following Dr. Weissett, the Institute’s Chairman, Lester Abberger, stepped down from his position in Spring 2023, although he still holds a position on the board. Mr. Abberger had served as the Institute’s Chairman since 2003; John Marks III assumed the position of Chairman upon Mr. Abberger’s retirement.

The LeRoy Collins Institute is home to several Fellows who also contribute to the Institute’s mission. The Fellows include Yinmei Li, Ph.D., Kenneth R. Mackie, Ph.D., Eli Mckown-Dawson, Braeden McNulty, Alexandra Arrile, and Austin Cufier. The Institute supports public policy research on a broad range of issues, from school choice and educational attainment to sustainability and climate gentrification to the range of issues, from school choice and educational attainment to sustainability and climate gentrification.

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Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

Debra Herman

Executive Director, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at Florida State University provides an enriching framework for mature adults to learn about a wide variety of topics, with over 100 classes open to the public each year. OLLI’s lifelong learners enjoy exploring new topics in a stress-free environment with no tests or homework.

OLLI at FSU returned to travel and in-person activities as of Summer 2022. Members loved seeing Alaska’s wildlife and icebergs while traveling through the Inside Passage by ship, as well as experiencing OLLI’s Study Abroad in Greece and Istanbul, which was delayed since 2020.

September 2022 saw the return of our semi-annual Showcase of Classes and Activities at the Turnbull Conference Center.

The OLLI at FSU PC30A site in Panama City, Florida, continues to evolve. With author-led lectures and outdoor excursions, PC30A offers classes and social opportunities for communities on the coast.

In June 2023, OLLI members traveled to Croatia, beginning in Zagreb, toured Kika National Park and Split, then set aboard a small ship to explore the villages along the Adriatic Coast, embarking the culture while meeting locals along the way. Adventures in London and Scotland followed during the summer. As members love to learn and travel together, we’re planning another study abroad opportunity in Paris and Southern France in 2024, followed by touring Canada’s Maritime Provinces in Nova Scotia.

Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy

Miles G. Taylor, Ph.D.

Director, PIAPP, Professor, Sociology

For over 40 years, the Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy (PIAPP) has been dedicated to research and educational endeavors that address the opportunities and challenges of aging populations in Florida, our nation, and the world. We support over 50 faculty and students engaged in award-winning research on topics related to aging, healthy lifespan and communities, and health policy. We provide undergraduate and graduate training and funding in areas of multidisciplinary gerontology, demography, aging, health promotion, and health data sciences. We also host several outreach and engagement initiatives directly benefitting older adults in our community and state, including OLLI at FSU.

We have cultivated new opportunities to support our mission and visibility in research and training at FSU and beyond. These include doubling our contracts and grants portfolio in support of a growing cadre of faculty and students engaged in supporting an increasing number of faculty and students engaged in academia and applied health research across the lifespan to promote healthy aging. Along with generous investments from endowments and donors, our work is supported by international, federal, and state funding agencies including the National Institute on Aging, Sciences and Humanities Research Council, Social Security Administration, Florida Department of Transportation, and Florida Department of Health. Along with multiple internal research labs supporting graduate and postdoctoral training and travel, we partner with an international training program on population aging and data science (CAnD3).

Graduate and undergraduate alumni of PIAPP have gone on to become leaders in aging and health across academic and non-academic sectors. Our students are represented in postdoctoral and faculty positions at nationally-ranked universities and colleges in aging and health related programs. Students have been placed in government and state agencies such as the U.S. Census Bureau, U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Florida Department of Elder Affairs, and the Florida Department of Health. Our alumni have also been well-represented in private and non-profit organizations including AARP, Deloitte, IBM Watson Health, and Knowli Data Science.

To read the full updates from our Chairs and Directors, visit bit.ly/Engage23-ChairsDirectors-Updates.

College News

COSSPP Updates from the Chairs & Directors

FSU Researcher Nets $1 Million CDC Grant to Help Communities Adapt to Health Risks Spurred by Climate Change

Associate Professor of Geography Chris Utin, Ph.D., will lead a $1 million CDC grant to help communities build resilience to health threats emerging as a result of climate change.

Read more: bit.ly/Engage23-Utin

For frequent updates, visit news.fsu.edu/news.

News Highlights

$1.75 million gift from FSU Professor Emeritus to ‘Forever Change’ FSU’s International Affairs Program

A $1.75 million gift from a beloved Florida State University Professor Emeritus Richard Gray, Ph.D., created two new graduate fellowships in the International Affairs Program.

Read more: bit.ly/Engage23-Gray

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences Honors COSSPP Researchers’ Study Linking Lead Exposure to IQ Loss

Associate Professors of Sociology Michael McFarland, Ph.D., and Matt Hauser, Ph.D., lead authors of the study “Half of U.S. Populations Exposed to Adverse Levels in Early Childhood,” earned the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences’ Costa Prize, along with co-author Aaron Kline, Ph.D., from Duke University, for the “outstanding scientific quality and originality” of the study.


Associate Professor of Political Science Honored with Neal Tate Award

Amanda Driscoll, Ph.D. – Associate Professor in FSU’s Department of Political Science – won the Southern Political Science Association’s Neal Tate Award for her co-authored paper, “The Costs of Court Curing: Preliminary Evidence from the Latin American Public Opinion Project.”

Read more: bit.ly/Engage23-Driscoll

Geography Professor Recognized at 2023 Edward L. Ullman Award Winner

Mark Horner, Ph.D., a Florida State University Department of Geography Professor, has won the 2023 American Association of Geographers’ Edward L. Ullman Award. He is the first Florida State faculty member to receive the honor.


FSU College of Social Sciences and Public Policy   31   30   ENGAGE 2022-2023
COSSPP Faculty participated in 53 externally funded research projects with total awards of more than $5.5 million.

COSSPP awarded 1 in 6 Bachelor's Degrees at FSU

Full-Time Faculty & Staff

Fall 2022

FSU Total

COSSPP

148

45

Student Enrollment

Bachelor's Degrees

Full-Time Faculty & Staff

Fall 2022

FSU Total

COSSPP

44,697

5,059 | 11%

1 in 6

COS SPP Staff 45

Fall 2022

Total Faculty

FSU Total

COSSPP

4,000

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Message from our Team

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These gifts play an essential role in our ability to educate and train the next generation of leaders and provide students with exceptional social science and public policy education, as well as to positively impact the communities our students, faculty, and staff reach.

We are grateful to each of our donors for their interest and investments in our students and work. Thanks to you, we are producing leaders ready to take on the challenges of an ever-changing world. You can take great pride in the fact that you are making a significant difference in the lives of our students.

If you have not yet made the choice to become a donor, our Senior Director of Development Katherine Cline Ashler would love to connect with you to identify how to make a meaningful impact in your area of interest. Email her at kcline@foundation.fsu.edu, visit give.fsu.edu/cosspp, or scan the QR code to make a donation.