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THIS IS AN IMPORTANT TIME FOR ALL MEMBERS of our UC Berkeley and Goldman School communities. The world is undergoing profound changes related to climate, energy, housing, public health, social justice, technology, and democracy, ushering in pivotal questions about the capacity and resiliency of our public institutions and populace. Can our representative democracy withstand and respond to these emerging challenges effectively? How is technology changing our systems of governance and ability to solve problems? Do citizens know enough about government and democracy to analyze issues when they arise?

These questions are prompting our faculty and staff to rethink how we engage, empower, and inspire our students to tackle these issues with good, effective policy. In addition, we have to ask the same questions about how we engage and inspire our alumni, and local and state public servants. As the dean of the Goldman School, I grapple with these questions daily, recognizing that solutions cannot be found in isolation. It's imperative to engage the whole of the GSPP community so that we can accelerate our ability to tackle intractable issues by leveraging our expertise, our methods, and our values.

To meet our goals of being a transformational school of public policy, we are investing in several areas. We have grown our faculty, staff, and student bodies exponentially. We have acquired new facilities that will house our expansion, including new research centers and collaborative efforts. We have created new programs in early childhood learning sciences and security policy. We are bringing some of the most innovative minds to our school as fellows through our Tech Policy initiative. And, we are actively developing proposals for our Democracy Policy Initiative (DPI) designed to advance analytic tools for that fortify democratic tenets and move California toward being a more inclusive, representative, multi-racial democracy.

Indeed, we envision UC Berkeley as a dynamic nexus for democratic ideation and transformation. Our commitment extends to grassroots involvement. We've inaugurated a pivotal civic alliance with the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco, championing ideas and pioneering research to invigorate the public sector and catalyze policy innovation.

Building our capacity to address the pace of technological advancement is also a Goldman priority. We are launching a joint faculty search with Berkeley's School of Information in Technology Policy, Governance, and Society. Research Professors Brandie Nonnecke and Andrew Reddie are stewarding policy innovations and ideas at their respective Center for Information Technology Research in the Interest of Society (CITRIS) Policy Lab and Berkeley Risk and Security Lab (BRS�). They will help us maximize the benefits of such tech and AI changes, bolstering public confidence and awareness, and improving decision-making about the design, application, ethics, and oversight of burgeoning technologies.

GSPP is also expanding our partnerships. This past year we worked with USAFacts, a nonpartisan civic endeavor dedicated to offering the most thorough and user-friendly repository of government metrics, and to creating a fresh professional development program. The collaboration produced a training program for Congressional staff about federal data policies and their practical applications. The program focused on leveraging data for federal policy endeavors and drafting legislation that yields valuable data for the nation's benefit. We are also working with Alameda county and the city of Berkeley to create opportunities for our students to apply their policy analysis and implementation skills on real-world projects. Finally, we have established commitments to work with governments in Ukraine, Taiwan, and South Korea — and are looking to establish new relationships in the region of Latin America — to create public service training programs that can produce more resilient and impactful leaders.

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Editor's Note

AS I TYPE THIS NOTE, I CAN HEAR THE CACOPHONY OF JACKHAMMERS in the Goldman School courtyard. Bulldozers and the beeping of dump trucks have been the “soundtrack” of our GSPP summer and fall, as the homey lawn area between the two GSPP buildings is transformed into an updated space designed for collaboration, events, and engagement. As noisy as the construction has been, it's a cheerful sound, reminding me of the innovative, continuously-improving spirit embodied by the Goldman School. Whether it's launching our inaugural Berkeley Public Policy conference, welcoming new faculty, or tackling emerging, urgent policy areas, GSPP is a place that leans in toward a vision of a brighter future. The courtyard is slated for completion in late Fall 2023 (we can't wait!) and when it's done, we look forward to having you come visit and see the ever-evolving, always-innovating, future-leaning Goldman School for yourself. [G borareed@berkeley.edu](mailto:borareed@berkeley.edu)



Bora Reed
Editor

Berkeley Public Policy Conference and Alumni Gathering

Nearly 500 alumni, faculty, students, staff, and public policy leaders gathered in Berkeley, CA for the inaugural Berkeley Public Policy Conference and Alumni Gathering. Topics for plenary sessions, panel discussions, and workshops included democracy policy, emerging technology, Black reparations, clean energy, and philanthropy. The full schedule can be found at conference.gspp.berkeley.edu. The final keynote address of the conference was delivered by Jennifer Pahlka, founder of Code for America and author of *Recoding America: Why Government Is Failing in the Digital Age and How We Can Do Better*.



Photos and videos of the plenary sessions can be found at conference.gspp.berkeley.edu



Alumni Awards

GSPP PhD Alum of the Year Karl Hausker (MPP '81 / PhD '85)

Dr. Karl Hausker is a Senior Fellow in WRI's Climate Program. He leads analysis and modeling of the clean energy transition, climate mitigation, electricity market design, and the social cost of carbon.

Hausker has worked for three decades in the fields of climate change, energy, and environment in a career that has spanned legislative and executive branches, research institutions, NGOs, and consulting. He has led climate policy analysis and modeling projects for USAID, USEPA, the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, the Western Climate Initiative, and the California Air Resources Board. Much of his work has focused on the energy and transportation sectors.

His experience also includes: serving President Clinton as Deputy Assistant Administrator in EPA's Policy Office where he represented EPA in interagency climate policy development and at COP-1; and serving as the Chief Economist for the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, where he worked on a diverse set of issues including electricity restructuring, CAFE standards, alternative fuels, western water policy, nuclear power, and energy security.



MPP Alum of the Year Jannelle Kubinec (MPP '97)

Jannelle Kubinec is WestEd's incoming Chief Executive Officer and current Chief Administrative Officer. Since graduating from GSPP in 1997, she has focused on improving outcomes for children, youth, and their families through research, policy, and technical assistance, through the lens of the public, private, and nonprofit sectors.

For the past 12 years, she has served as an accomplished leader at WestEd, supporting the organization's growth, innovation, and impact. Her notable contributions include helping guide California through a once-in-a-generation redesign and transformation of its K-12 funding formula and accountability system, and serving as the principal architect and manager of a diverse team of researchers and policy experts who helped California leaders craft the California Master Plan for Early Learning and Care. The Plan has resulted in historic increases in funding, improved support for the workforce, and expansion plans to include all four-year-old children in Transitional Kindergarten.



GSPP Alumni Award for Exceptional Literary Achievement Amina Luqman-Dawson (MPP '01)

Amina Luqman-Dawson loves using writing to tell stories and to build an understanding of race, culture, and community. Her published writing includes op-eds in newspapers, magazine articles, travel writing and book reviews. She authored the pictorial history book *Images of America: African Americans of Petersburg* (Arcadia Publishing) and she worked as a policy professional, researcher, and consultant on issues of education and criminal justice.

Freewater is her debut novel. *Freewater* won the John Newbery Medal for Children's Literature, which is considered the highest honor for a children's book in the United States. *Freewater* also received the Coretta Scott King Award, which honors books by Black authors that show "appreciation of African American culture and universal human values."



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Designing, Piloting, and Scaling Data-driven Solutions for the Public Good

The Possibility Lab's team of policy researchers and practitioners are working directly with government and community partners to tackle society's biggest challenges.

HOW DO WE IMPROVE CIVIC PARTICIPATION, OUTREACH, and trust in government? How do we embed policies and practices within government that advance equity and opportunity for diverse communities? How can we think differently about access to fundamental goods and services, by examining these issues through a lens of abundance, rather than scarcity? These are some of the big questions the Possibility Lab team is actively working on, seeking new ways to advance innovation and improve people's lives.

Looking at Future Trends to Inform Policy Action Today

For the past two years, Professor Amy Lerman, Possibility Lab's Executive Director, along with Senior Advisor Jesse Melgar and Senior Project Lead Lindsay Maple (MPP '17), helped lead the innovation arm of the California 100 Initiative. Professor Henry E. Brady served as research director for the initiative. This multi-year, multi-million dollar effort engaged directly with thousands of Californians through original research, polling, and demonstration projects that examined future trends and solutions to the state's most pressing challenges. As the Initiative winds down, much of the work lives on at the Possibility Lab, with a focus on designing, piloting, and scaling solutions within government.

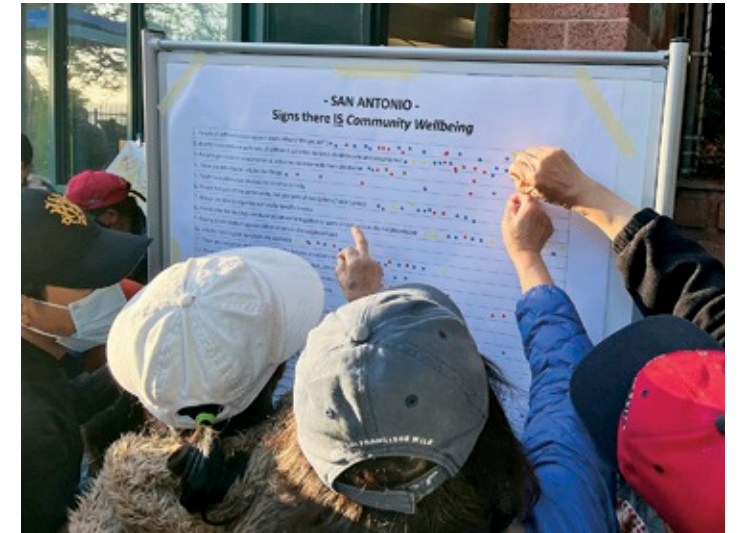
Here's how the Lab is continuing to catalyze data-driven policy change:

Helping Government Better Engage its Residents

Policy works best when participation occurs on every level. However, building a system where everyone has a voice requires finding new ways to listen. That's why researchers at the Lab are designing and testing new models for how government can reach diverse populations and engage with communities. For example, in partnership with California state agencies, Lab staff are testing ways community-based organizations can act as "trusted messengers" to support health, safety, and well-being among low-wage workers and other historically underserved communities. In addition, the Lab is working with senior leaders in California state and local government to develop and test new models through which to flex our civic muscles – all while centering the voices of communities who are too often underrepresented and undervalued in halls of power.

Empowering Communities to Drive Change

The people closest to the problems are also closest to the solutions, and policymaking advances best when policy practitioners and those with lived experience work hand-in-hand. Towards that goal, the Lab is developing new ways to integrate residents' voices into program design, implementation, and evaluation. One place this work is being applied is in the City of Oakland, where Lab researchers are working together with a range of community organizations and local government leaders to develop an Everyday Indicators for Policy Innovation (EIPI) framework designed to produce holistic, community-sourced data for public safety reform. In addition to this work aimed at reimagining public safety, the team is leveraging the EIPI model with formerly unhoused community members, individuals experiencing acute behavioral health crises, and patients seeking care for opioid use disorders. The results of this work are helping uncover new and promising solutions that come directly from populations most immediately impacted by some of our most pressing social problems.




Residents in the San Antonio neighborhood of Oakland, CA, vote on Everyday Indicators representing their daily experience of safety in the community.

Instituting Equity Metrics for a More Effective Government

In response to Governor Gavin Newsom's 2022 executive order directing state agencies and departments to embed equity analysis and considerations in policy, Lab researchers are working to develop and test ways to measure and evaluate equity. In partnership with state agencies, the aim is to develop data-informed recommendations for comprehensive measurement standards that can be used to identify gaps and ensure the state is making meaningful strides towards greater equity. Ultimately, this will help enable increased data-driven decision-making and add an equity lens to state activities and initiatives as a whole.

From a Scarcity Mindset to an Abundance Agenda

California has long been a leader in innovation, from technological advancement to social movements, but it simultaneously struggles to ensure all state residents have their basic needs met. The Possibility Lab is embarking on an expansive, multi-year inquiry into promising policies and practices that can improve access to fundamental goods and services. Through research, stakeholder engagement, demonstration projects and other activities, the Lab is identifying policies that may lead to scarcity in essential goods in order to design actionable steps to promote more abundant resources for all. This "Abundance Agenda," sometimes also referred to as supply-side progressivism, has the potential to unite a wide cross-section of the political and ideological spectrum, brought together by a belief that policymakers can increase affordable access to fundamental goods through the supply-side of the economy, and that many of the key issues of the day could be addressed with policies that target innovation, production, and distribution. 



California 100 hosted many conversations across California anchored in policy solutions for the state's future. Seen here is a panel on the future of education held in the Inland Empire.

Learn more about this transformative work at PossibilityLab.berkeley.edu.

Center for Security in Politics

An Interview with Janet Napolitano

By Vanessa Martini Associate Director of Communications

THE CENTER FOR SECURITY IN POLITICS (CSP) at the Goldman School of Public Policy is a hub for research, curriculum, and dialogues that catalyze the expertise of students, scholars, and top-tier political practitioners. Its mission is to address pressing global risks, convert research and analysis into pragmatic solutions for policymakers and influential figures, and develop a diverse cohort of security professionals poised for public service.

In March 2023, under the stewardship of Professor Napolitano, CSP granted UC Berkeley students a rare window into the intricate mechanics of how both government bodies and private enterprises counteract national and global security threats. By leveraging her vast network of contacts for Washington, D.C. Immersion Week (DCIW), Professor Napolitano pioneered this three-unit course and travel seminar at the Goldman School. Participants interacted closely with industry stalwarts, academics, and key figures from agencies like the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), FBI, and CIA. They gained firsthand knowledge from senior officials, immersing themselves in a week packed with discussions, panel sessions, and visits to pivotal government institutions.

In its quest to spearhead security policy discussions, CSP has also forged alliances with global institutions. Collaborations with the National Taiwan University and an emerging partnership with the Kiev School of Public Affairs exemplify how CSP and Professor Napolitano are setting new benchmarks in security policy.

We had the privilege to sit down with Professor Napolitano, delving deeper into CSP’s visions for the future and celebrating its milestones in 2022–23.

As the leader of CSP, you have a wealth of experience from your roles as a district attorney, Arizona governor, Secretary of Homeland Security, and president of the University of California. How do you utilize these diverse experiences in your current role to address critical global risks, and how do you foresee your unique background impacting the future direction of CSP?

Though I’m not an academic in the traditional sense, my practical experience enables me to offer students insights into effective problem-solving in this evolving field. My focus has been on redefining the approach to security in our country by expanding traditional security studies. While these studies have typically centered on military strength and geopolitical analysis, I believe it’s crucial to incorporate emerging risks such as those from new technologies (including cyber security, AI, and quantum computing), climate change, and the impact of information misuse on our democracy, along with its link to domestic extremism.

To this end, we’ve established CSP at Goldman to foster research and curriculum on these novel security risks.

We offer a certificate in security studies, featuring a core course on security that I teach every fall, co-instructed with Professor Daniel Sargent from the history department. Our focus is on educating students about government organization, including key agencies and the information flow from intelligence to policy-makers. Central to our teaching is the practical question of how to effectively get things done: “What are the key agencies? How does information flow from intelligence gatherers and analysts up to policymakers?”

You played a critical role in organizing and developing the curriculum for the Goldman School’s inaugural Immersion Week. How do you plan to evolve and build upon this initiative in the future to continue fostering this critical interest in national security and public service among students?

We plan to offer Washington Immersion Week again in 2024, making it a consistent experience at Goldman. During this immersive week, students visit the CIA, FBI, DHS, important government contractors, and participate in a crisis exercise at the National War College, using the Taiwan Strait controversy as a model. One evening we took a trolley tour of the monuments. It was cherry blossom time, so it was great. It wasn’t just school work!

Another evening event was the “Uncommon Table” program co-hosted with the Sine Institute at American University. This program encourages diverse political dialogue. The idea was to get people of different political beliefs talking with each other and listening to each other about their experience as Americans within the current political climate. We also had a special private dinner with Jill Hruby, head of the National Nuclear Security Administration, to discuss nuclear weapons and policy. The Goldman School



Students from UC Berkeley and American University’s Sine Institute of Policy and Politics connect over dinner at “Uncommon Table”



Pictured from left: (in light blue jacket) Katie Noyes, Section Chief at the FBI; Professor Janet Napolitano; Robert Brown, Executive Assistant Director of Science and Technology at the FBI with staff, Berkeley students, and faculty.

covers housing, food, and in-city transportation, with students only responsible for airfare. We hope to expand the offering in other locations and countries as we develop this type of curriculum. This type of experiential learning is crucial to training students for the real world and the impact it has on them is substantial. While national security and domestic security is our current focus with D.C. the types of courses we can develop in locations like Taiwan, Mexico, or even the Middle East could be even more transformative and impactful.

In coordinating the Immersion Week, you leveraged your extensive network to provide students with firsthand insights into the complexities of national security. What elements do you feel are particularly important for students to understand?

The federal agencies we visited rolled out the red carpet for our students, providing substantial panels and speakers, including top leadership. Many students had previously little exposure to federal security work, such as the associated career opportunities and how their talents could contribute. Upon returning, several students reached out to our CSP staff to apply for jobs at agencies like the CIA, FBI, and DHS.

The key goal is to expose students to both theory and practice in security, including interagency work and the transition from analysis to policy and decision-making. In both the core

fall security course and the Immersion Week assignments, students are required to write concise analytic pieces akin to agency director briefings, rather than traditional academic papers. This approach fosters an understanding of how real-world security work gets done.

During your speech at the Cybersec expo in Taipei, you emphasized the critical need for government, private sector, and civil societies to work together to strengthen cybersecurity readiness. Could you elaborate on how you envision this collaborative approach working effectively on a global scale, particularly considering different national cybersecurity strategies and regulations?

My talk at the cybersecurity conference addressed collaboration among the private sector, government, and individuals for protection, response, recovery, and resilience against cyber attacks. I highlighted strategies, using Taiwan as an example, for maintaining continuity of government and operations. For example, in Taiwan, if there is an attempt by another country to disrupt their networks, what they can do ahead of time so that they can have continuity of government, continuity of operations and the like. The talk was well-received, leading to a dinner invitation from the president of Taiwan. We’ve also executed an MOU with National Taiwan University (NTU), incorporating this subject into our collaborative efforts.

Given your membership on President Biden’s Intelligence Advisory Board, how do you see the U.S. fostering international cooperation, particularly with countries like Taiwan, to strengthen global cybersecurity and address increasingly sophisticated cyber threats? What key principles or policies should guide such collaborations?

Berkeley’s rich expertise in the cyber arena makes our cooperation with NTU a significant asset. By fostering the exchange of information and expertise, we’re not only enhancing our current capabilities but also creating opportunities for innovation and growth. This collaboration represents a real value add, aligning perfectly with our shared goals and leveraging the unique strengths of both institutions.

The Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA) between the FBI and UC Berkeley marks a significant milestone in academia-government collaborations. Considering the CSP’s focus area around emerging technologies and topics such as AI, fintech, lawful access, and internet governance, how do you foresee this partnership advancing the FBI’s mission and contributing to democratic resilience and national security?

The CRADA with the FBI is an innovative collaboration, one of the first of its kind in the country. Under this agreement, the FBI will provide Berkeley with real-world problem sets that law enforcement is facing, seeking our assistance in areas such as lawful access and other relevant subjects.

The CRADA serves as a structured pathway for Berkeley to contribute positively to the country’s security. It allows us to use our expertise to assist the FBI in a way that’s both appropriate and aligned with our academic values. This agreement also paves the way for future



What excites me about GSPP’s plans for the next year is the opportunity to work with Goldman’s exceptionally bright and motivated students. I’ve noticed their dedication in class, not only engaging with assigned readings but eagerly following linked content to deepen their understanding. While I jokingly tell them to “stop it,” this thirst for knowledge truly inspires me.

Educating the next generation in this way is an opportunity I never anticipated, and it’s exhilarating. As we continue to grow and innovate, financial contributions to support initiatives like Immersion Week or the center itself are always welcome. These investments will help us nurture these talented individuals and ensure that our programs continue to thrive. **G**



POLICY PROFILE

I chose the Master of Development Practice program because of their wonderful interdisciplinary focus. Their staff and our amazing cohort are also key reasons why I’m so happy I chose MDP!

Graciela Chong, MDP ‘24

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GSPP Welcomes New Faculty

This fall, the Goldman School welcomed four faculty new to UC Berkeley, as well as two faculty members who have taken on new appointments and roles within the Goldman School.

Jacob (Jake) Grumbach

Associate Professor of Public Policy

Jake Grumbach is a political scientist who studies multiracial democracy, labor, democratic backsliding, campaign finance, and racial and economic inequality. He is the author of *Laboratories Against Democracy* (Princeton University Press, 2022), which investigates the causes and consequences of the nationalization of state politics since the 1970s.

Current Projects: “I’m interested in better understanding organized labor as a force in improving and preserving democracy. Many of us know that labor unions affect wages, work benefits, and economic inequality. But labor unions were also key supporters of civil rights and voting rights in the 20th century. Some of my previous research also shows that union membership reduces racial resentment and increases support for multiracial democracy among white workers.”

What drew him to GSPP and Berkeley: “It’s always been my dream to work at Berkeley. I wanted to join the best public research university in the world (any ranking system that disputes this is wrong) and teach a diverse and intrepid set of graduate and undergraduate students who will help tackle the country’s most pressing problems. I’m especially lucky to be joining GSPP, which has assembled many of the country’s leading social scientists across political science, economics, psychology, and other disciplines to study and improve California and U.S. policy in areas like criminal justice, the welfare state, education, and climate. I’m really thrilled to join this community.”

Maria Carreri

Assistant Professor of Public Policy

Maria Carreri is a political scientist working on political economy and local politics. She studies local politicians and the local institutions that constrain their actions, and seeks to answer two sets of questions: 1) What is the impact of local elected officials for service delivery, local public finance, and the distribution of resources within communities? 2) How do local institutions impact the way in which elected officials affect these outcomes? She tackles these questions using causal inference methods in quasi-experimental settings, leveraging a



combination of original surveys, newly digitized historical data and administrative data, across Italy, Colombia and the U.S.

Current projects: “I am actively engaged in two projects examining the United States and Italy, and I am eager to initiate a new research endeavor in Colombia, investigating the fiscal rules and austerity measures in public administration and their implications through a natural experiment.

“Another significant project I am working on delves into the municipal reforms of the Progressive Era in the United States. These reforms reshaped the structure of local governments, leaving a lasting impact. Additionally, I am currently engaged in a research project examining the role of police unions in local elections within U.S. cities.”

What drew her to GSPP and Berkeley: “I was immediately captivated by the combination of cutting-edge research and a strong policy focus that defines the academic environment at UC Berkeley. What sets this institution apart is its commitment to both exceptional scholarly contributions and fostering student growth. GSPP’s reputation is unparalleled, attracting renowned scholars and facilitating groundbreaking research. Furthermore, being part of this vibrant scholarly community, particularly those who share my interests in political economy and local government, was a major factor in my decision to join. I had the privilege of being invited as a speaker for GSPP’s distinguished political economy series, which further solidified my connection to the school. Added to this, the campus itself is stunning, providing an inspiring backdrop for intellectual pursuits.”

Caitlin Patler

Associate Professor of Public Policy

Caitlin Patler is a sociologist whose research examines U.S. immigration and criminal laws, legal statuses, and law enforcement institutions as drivers of socioeconomic and health disparities. Patler also studies the spillover and intergenerational consequences of systemic inequality for children and household wellbeing. Patler has received multiple grants and awards for her research on undocumented immigrant young adults, the impacts of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, and the U.S. immigration prison system. She serves on the Editorial Board of *Social Problems*.

Current projects: “I am working on several really exciting, interdisciplinary projects right now, all focused on understanding how various aspects of U.S. immigration policy impact community wellbeing. My research teams and I seek to understand not just how punitive policies can harm communities (though that is very important in and of itself), but also how policies that offer increased rights and benefits to immigrants may improve wellbeing.



“One project (with Altaf Saadi, Harvard Medical School/Massachusetts General Hospital and the ACLU) is a longitudinal, multi-methodological study of the impacts of immigration detention and subsequent release on health and access to key societal institutions among formerly detained individuals and their families. Another set of projects (with Erin Hamilton and Paola Langer, UC Davis Sociology) examines the relationship between structural racism and xenophobia on infant, child, and adult health and wellbeing. I am also co-editing a special edition of the Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences on the U.S. deportation system (with Brad Jones, UC Davis Political Science).”

What drew her to GSPP and Berkeley: “The Goldman School is a global leader in research on public policy. Faculty and students work on projects with real-world impacts at local, state, national, and international levels. Many projects partner with individuals and communities with a direct stake in policy issues and implementation. Collectively, this work informs solutions for some of the world’s most pressing social problems. It is an honor to join such an extraordinary community.”

Manisha Shah

Chancellor’s Professor of Public Policy

Manisha Shah is a development economist whose primary research and teaching interests lie at the intersection of applied microeconomics, health, and development. She has written several papers on the economics of sex markets in order to learn how more effective policies and programs can be deployed to slow the spread of HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted infections. She also works in the area of child health and education.



Current projects: “I have quite a few active projects, including those that focus on evaluating interventions to ameliorate the challenges facing young women and children, which are often particularly acute in lower income settings.

“In Uganda, I am currently working with BRAC (largest NGO in the world) and the Ministry of Education to evaluate the scale up of ELAS, an after school program which promotes social and economic empowerment to vulnerable youth in secondary schools. We are implementing a randomized controlled trial in 150 schools across Uganda and plan to follow 5000 adolescents over time to evaluate the impact of ELAS on their lives.

“In Mexico City, I am in the early stages of a project with SEMU-JERES (Ministry of Women) and researchers at the University of Toronto. We will evaluate an intervention targeting young men which challenges social norms around traditional masculinity, teaching them skills to reduce violence against women, improve their communication, and have healthier emotional lives. Intimate

partner violence and femicide have been on the rise in Mexico, so this is one potential innovation to reduce it.

“In Jamaica, I just completed a project in collaboration with the World Bank and the Early Childhood Commission, evaluating an intervention to reduce violence against children. We adapted an in-person positive parenting program to be delivered virtually via mobile phone technology during COVID. We find that the intervention improves caregiver knowledge and attitudes around violence and leads to meaningful changes in caregiver disciplining behaviors with their children. The virtual delivery of this intervention has important scalable policy implications for decreasing violence against children across the globe.

“As these projects highlight, though I am very much a data-driven economist, the policy and social impact implications of my projects fuel my passion for this research.”

What drew her to GSPP and Berkeley: The faculty and the student communities at the Goldman School were a big pull factor for me. Some of the most renowned faculty across the globe produce cutting edge research here, and I am honored to be able to join, contribute to, and learn from them. Many of the arriving students have already had amazing experiences before joining Goldman and then go on to have phenomenal careers. Goldman is that special place where the professional lives of the members of these two vibrant communities intersect, and I look forward to being a part of that!

Andrew Reddie

Associate Research Professor of Public Policy

Andrew Reddie is founder and faculty director of the Berkeley Risk and Security Lab (brsl.berkeley.edu) housed at GSPP’s Center for Security in Politics (csp.berkeley.edu). His research focuses on topics such as nuclear weapons policy, cybersecurity, wargaming, and emerging military technologies including artificial intelligence, and the institutions that control them to understand how they drive national security and cybersecurity challenges.



Current projects: “The major innovation of my work in the nuclear space has been applying wargaming methods to answer the burning questions of policy-makers that we don’t have data for. For example, what are the consequences of deploying a new type of delivery system? Or the ramifications of an adversary developing hypersonic missiles? Fortunately for the world and unfortunately for scholars, we don’t have empirical evidence to draw on for many of these types of questions — leading us to rely on synthetic data-generating processes from computer-based simulations to survey experiments. My teams have found that adding wargaming to the mix offers a particularly useful contribution and corrective to these existing approaches — allowing, as they

do, humans to be in the loop, strategic interaction among players, and consequences for player decisions.”

What excites him about moving his appointment to GSPP: “Having taught a small number of MPP and MPA students in my past graduate seminars, I can’t wait to dive into teaching in the core of both GSPP programs. I’m also looking forward to contributing to our new technology policy and national security certificate programs as well as GSPP’s immersion programs that bring our policy education to life. I’m also incredibly excited to continue to support the research mission of the Center for Security in Politics and to build the Berkeley Risk and Security Laboratory as West Coast hubs for research, teaching, and policy engagement at the intersection of technology, politics, and national security — and, of course, engaging GSPP students and faculty in these endeavors.”

Erika Weissinger (PhD ’13)

Assistant Professor of Practice (Public Policy) and GSPP’s Director of Community, Climate, and Culture

As Assistant Professor of Practice, Erika Weissinger will expand and enhance GSPP’s curriculum in critical areas such as social justice, ethics, and policy analysis. As the Director of Community, Culture, and Climate, Weissinger will play a pivotal role in analyzing and advancing GSPP’s practices related to diversity, equity, inclusion, belonging, and justice (DEIBJ).



Current initiatives: “There are several ongoing surveys at GSPP, including our participation in a three-year, multi-campus pilot project called Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Blueprint (DEIBlueprint). I’ll be keeping tabs on this and other surveys, as they provide insights into our current progress and areas where improvements are needed.

“Each fall semester, I teach Race, Ethnicity, and Public Policy to undergraduates, where we study the racist ideas that are interwoven within the fabric of the American experience. While we engage with difficult material during the semester, through the process of truth-telling, we come to understand the essential need for us to work together to build a more just society.”

What drew her to her new role at GSPP: “This is truly a dream job for me, as it allows me to focus on what I love most at GSPP and make a tangible impact on creating a supportive climate and culture within our community.

“Fostering a climate of belonging is key to our collective success. In my time at GSPP, first as a PhD student and now as an educator, I’ve witnessed that some of the most cherished members of our community were initially the ones who most felt like they didn’t belong here. Let’s set the record straight — we belong here! We were admitted, we teach, and we work here. When our community fosters an environment that reaffirms our sense of belonging, each of us can bring our best selves to our respective roles.”



“The Master of Public Affairs program at the Goldman School gives me the opportunity to learn from leading academics and from my amazing peers!”

Hamzah Bin Zaid
MPA 2024

FACULTY NOTES

Adam Leive received the TIAA Institute Paul A. Samuelson Award for Outstanding Scholarly Writing on Lifelong Financial Security for his research on Health Savings Accounts. His publications in 2023 included “Employed in a SNAP? The Impact of Work Requirements on Program Participation and Labor Supply” (with Colin Gray, Elena Prager, Kelsey Pukelis, and Mary Zaki), *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*; “On Resource Allocation in Health Care: The Case of Concierge Medicine” (with Molly Candon and Guy David), *Journal of Health Economics*.

Hector Cardenas was reelected for a second term to serve on the board of directors of the Mexican Council on Foreign Relations. His company, The Ergo Group, was awarded a \$10M project to support the implementation of Mexico’s labor law reform in ten state judiciaries by the Department of Labor. As part of this project, he gave testimony before the Congressionally appointed Independent Mexico Labor Expert Panel (IMLEB), which is charged with monitoring and evaluating Mexico’s compliance with USMCA labor provisions, on their visit to Mexico.

Cardenas was a keynote speaker at the launch of the local model ordinance for regulatory reform he coauthored. The model ordinance is to be applied by 15 of the largest municipal governments in Mexico. The ceremony was attended by the Mayor of Monterrey, Nuevo León, the industrial engine for Northern Mexico.

Maria Carreri presented at the following invited seminars and conferences: NBER Political Economy meeting, University of Southern California, Collegio Carlo Alberto, European University Insti-

tute, Yale-UB Historical Political Economy workshop, IEB Political Economy workshop, and the Stockholm University workshop on politicians and bureaucrats. She published in the following peer reviewed publications: “Local Leaders and the Pursuit of Growth in U.S. Cities: The Role of Managerial Skill” (with Julia Payson) in *Political Science Research and Methods*, and “Economic Recessions and Congressional Preferences for Redistribution” (with Edoardo Teso) in *The Review of Economics and Statistics*.

Maria Carreri’s project “Constraints in Bureaucratic Hiring and Public Sector Performance” (with Edoardo Di Porto, Carlo Medici, Edoardo Teso, and Silvia Vannutelli) was selected by the Visiting Scholars program, granting access to the universe of Italian Social Security Data.

David C. Wilson published several articles in peer-reviewed outlets, including “Protecting the integrity of survey research” in *PNAS Nexus*; “Eyes on the Streets: Media Use and Public Opinion about Facial Recognition Technology” in the *Bulletin of Science, Technology & Society*; “Media Use, Interpersonal Communication, and Attitudes toward Artificial Intelligence” in *Science Communication*; and “Race and Political Trust: Justice as a Unifying Influence on Political Trust” in *Dædalus*. He has a forthcoming chapter, “Political Correctness: Revisiting the 2016 Election of Donald Trump” in the edited volume, *Political Communication, Culture, & Society* (Routledge Press). Wilson served on the science advisory board for the 2022 Collaborative Midterm Election Survey sponsored by Cornell University Center for Social Sciences and funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF Award #2210129), and as a co-investigator

for the Health of Democracy Survey, sponsored by the Rooney Center for the Study of American Democracy at the University of Notre Dame.

Selected panels and lectures include the following: “2022 Collaborative Midterm Survey: Innovating the Gold Standard in Survey Research”, American Association for Public Opinion Research-May, 2023 (Philadelphia, PA); “Roundtable on Innovation in Public Opinion and Survey Research”, Cornell University, Jeb E. Brooks School of Public Policy and Roper Center for Public Opinion Research-January, 2023 (New York, NY). “Are Graduate Programs in Public Affairs Resulting in Successful Public Governance?”, Network of Associated Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration-October, 2022 (Chicago, IL).

Andrew Reddie’s most important update is joining the GSPP faculty, but he also published “Evidence of the Unthinkable: Experimental wargaming at the nuclear threshold” in the *Journal of Peace Research* with an associated piece in *Lawfare* describing the applications of wargaming methods to pressing national security challenges. He also brought these methods into the classroom designing table-top exercises for both GSPP 155/255 and the Spring 2023 Washington DC Immersion Program.

Jean Johnstone and **Michael O’Hare** co-authored and presented “Art for Policy and Policy for Art” at the International Arts in Society Conference in Zaragoza, Spain in 2022. In 2023 they co-authored and presented their paper “Beyond Propaganda: Art as a policy analytic tool” in Sao Paulo, Brazil at the Thirtieth International Conference on Learning.

After many years in the making, **Margaretta Lin** and friends are launching the Dellums Clinic to Dismantle Structural Racism, a partnership between GSPP, the College of Environmental Design, and Just Cities. Based upon the law school and medical school clinical model, the Dellums Clinic will train future public policy leaders on the practical skills needed to transform existing public policy and planning systems and structures that perpetuate structural racism. GSPP’s Critical Race Theory, Love & Healing course will serve as the companion theory course to the Dellums Clinic. Many thanks to the former GSPP students who envisioned, loved, designed, taught, and fought for today’s CRT class — Yoel Haile, Taylor Smiley Wolfe, Jeannette Ling, Perfecta Oxholm, EJ Toppin, Vanessa Quintana, Elijah Wood, Hortencia Rodriguez, Vellore Adithi, Asha DuMonthier, and Brittaney Carter.

Jake Grumbach’s book, *Laboratories Against Democracy* was published with Princeton University Press

Jesse Rothstein was elected fellow of the Society of Labor Economics (SOLE). He gave the invited Rees Lecture to the SOLE annual meeting and became an elected member of SOLE executive board. Rothstein also joined the Board of Trustees of the Upjohn Institute for Employment Research.

Hilary Hoynes was elected as a member of the National Academy of Sciences. She was elected Co Vice-President of the American Economic Association, and was appointed Associate Dean of the Goldman School.

Hoynes published two papers on the social safety net during the COVID-19 crisis, one for Brookings and one for Russell Sage. She gave the following public lectures: 1) the Bernard Moses Memorial Lecture at UC Berkeley, 2) the Leigh Distinguished Lecture, Washington State University, 3) the Lampman Lecture, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin, and 4) the Yates Distinguished Lecture, Tulane University.

Her opinion piece, “Budget analyses of U.S. income support programs must incorporate long-term benefits for children,” was published by the Washington Center for Equitable Growth.

Noam Schimmel published a commentary in World Affairs reflecting on the state of human rights in South Africa 30 years since the end of apartheid. He also published a contribution to *Time Higher Education*’s ‘Campus’ series on improving mental health support services and mental health first aid at universities.

Erika Weissinger, Ashley Adams, and Darcelle Lahr co-founded the Black Reparations Project, a collaboration of students and educators supporting reparations-related policy analysis and implementation. They hosted their first annual conference on Black reparations and created an information repository to track public reparations task forces, reports, and policy. Weissinger was appointed by Berkeley Unified School District Superintendent (BUSD) Enikia Ford Morthel to serve on the BUSD reparations task force. She is engaged in a multi-year evaluation of Reparation Generation, the first national non-profit supporting private wealth transfers from white to Black families in the United States.

Henry Brady has continued to work as Research Director for California 100, an initiative looking at the future of California. In April he completed “The Future of California’s Business Climate” with Richard Tang, Sijun Wang, and Madhubalan Viswanathan and a companion paper on “California’s Business Climate.” In June, he completed a paper on “Why Public Policy Schools Should Teach Foresight and Futures Studies,” with MPP student Aditi Chugh. Brady also published “Encountering



Tangerine Brigham (MPP ’90) and Professor **Adam Leive** speak at a panel on health policy at the Berkeley Public Policy conference.

the Moral Sense in the Public Affairs Classroom: James Q. Wilson as the Modern Cicero,” in James Wilburn (editor), *Character and the Future of the American University: Reflecting on James Q. Wilson’s Moral Sense*, Pepperdine University Press.

Jennifer Skeem was awarded a \$1.1M grant from Arnold Ventures to refine and evaluate “Playing for Change,” a videogame-supported therapeutic group that is designed to promote positive youth development and prevent community violence. She also received (with Yolanda Lewis) a \$600K grant from the Sozosei Foundation to improve how 911 and 988 call takers respond to behavioral health emergencies.

Skeem’s publications include a pair of papers (with Lina Montoya & Chris Lowenkamp) on how racial disparities in incarceration operate in the federal system. “Understanding racial disparities in pretrial detention to shape policy reform,” (*Criminology & Public Policy*) highlights how strongly racial disparities are driven by (over) reliance on criminal history, rather than personally mediated bias or implicit racism. “Place matters” (Federal Probation) highlights structural factors that may explain why racial disparities are concentrated in counterintuitive regions (like the Northeast).

Skeem was appointed to serve on the Ninth Circuit Fairness Committee and continues to serve on the U.S. Administrative Office of the Courts’ Diversity and Bias Research Committee. She served as a lead expert on the National Institute of Corrections’ revision of the Comprehensive Framework for Paroling Authorities. She was invited to deliver several keynote presentations,

including the Yale Conference on Mental Illness, Sozosei Summit, and the Hoffman Memorial Lecture at the University of Virginia Law School.

Dan Kammen released a paper in conjunction with the movie *Oppenheimer*, “What happened to Oppenheimer then is relevant now” in *The Bulletin of Atomic Scientists* (chaired by former CA Governor Jerry Brown). He keynoted the Australian Energy Regulator’s Summit, in Brisbane, Australia and was the Keynote Presidential Speaker at the African Climate Summit, in Nairobi, Kenya.

Some recent press coverage includes stories on the rise of marine energy (*KQED*), on battery materials and social justice (*NPR*), the U.S. Climate Dialog back on the front-burner (*BBC*), Svalbard (*Arctic*) sustainability challenges (*Norwegian and Arctic News*), the rise of energy storage (*POLITICO*), and the future of nuclear (*The New Yorker*).

Dorothy Kronick published an article in the *Journal of Politics* revealing errors in influential claims of election fraud in Bolivia (“Do shifts in late-counted votes signal fraud? Evidence from Bolivia,” October 2022, with Nicolás Idrobo and Francisco Rodríguez). This work was covered in the *New York Times*, among other outlets. A second peer-reviewed article, published in *Political Science Research and Methods* (May 2023, joint with Barry Plunkett and Pedro Rodríguez), provides new theory and evidence about the rise of elected autocrats like Venezuela’s Hugo Chávez. In 2022–23, Kronick presented her research in invited seminars at Harvard, the University of Pennsylvania, and Johns Hopkins.



Professor **Steve Raphael** speaks on criminal justice reform at the Berkeley Public Policy conference.

GSPP Welcomes Janet Holmgren



THE GOLDMAN SCHOOL WELCOMES Dr. Janet Holmgren as senior policy advisor to the dean, with a focus on higher education policy. Her appointment began on July 1, 2023.

Dr. Holmgren is President Emerita of Mills College, former Senior Vice President for Strategic Advancement at University Now in San Francisco, and an affiliate faculty member in the Goldman School’s Center for Studies in Higher Education (CSHE).

“I’m pleased to be engaged with GSPP and to work on projects that highlight the Goldman School’s leadership in addressing urgent public policy issues in higher education,” said Holgrem. “With Dean Wilson’s leadership, GSPP can foster collaboration between public and private higher education, as well as connect those institutions to K-12 education to address critical educational challenges.”

“Dr. Holmgren is a proven leader in higher education and a wonderful thought partner on taking action to address the urgent needs of our students, faculty, staff, and institutions of higher learning,” said Dean David C. Wilson. “She is actively

interested in supporting UC Berkeley in its public mission, and she cares deeply about the future of higher education and has many ideas about how public policy can help. She is already a part of our GSPP community through her affiliation with the Center for Studies in Higher Education, and we will all benefit from her vast leadership network and energy.”

Holmgren will work on a range of projects, including 1) diversifying higher education leadership, 2) offering solutions to the financial challenges of college students and graduates, 3) growing racial-ethnic diversity among student populations, and 4) building new philanthropic partnerships.

Before leading Mills College, Holmgren was Vice Provost and a Professor in the English Department of Princeton University, Senior Administrator and Professor at the University of Maryland, College Park, and Professor at the University of the District of Columbia in Linguistics and English. She holds a BA in English, summa cum laude, from Oakland University (Rochester, MI), and an MA and PhD in Linguistics from Princeton University. **G**

GSPP Welcomes Katherine S. Newman

IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR, DR. KATHERINE S. NEWMAN was appointed the Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs of the University of California as well as Chancellor’s Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Public Policy at UC Berkeley.

Newman is the author of fifteen books on topics ranging from technical education and apprenticeship, to the sociological study of the working poor in America’s urban centers, middle class economic insecurity under the brunt of recession, and school violence on a mass scale. She has written extensively on the consequences of globalization for youth in Western Europe, Japan, South Africa and the U.S., on the impact of regressive taxation on the poor, and on the history of American political opinion on the role of government intervention. **G**



PPIA

The Public Policy International Affairs (PPIA) Junior Summer Institute brings 30 college juniors together for a 7-week intensive designed to prepare them for graduate school and careers in public policy and law. As always, this summer’s cohort brought with them an impressive array of lived experiences, academic interests, and passion to served the underserved. Learn more about the PPIA program at <https://goldman.school/PPIA>.





Brad Williams
Sam Houston State
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“Underrepresented students must partake in opportunities such as Public Policy and International Affairs Junior Summer Institute to address inequalities in our communities. We must break the generational curse that has prevented our communities from climbing the socioeconomic ladder. ”

PPIA '23 Junior Summer Institute

Event Highlights

Local Interests: Book Talk and Panel Discussion

Professor Sarah F. Anzia discussed her book, *Local Interests: Politics, Policy, and Interest Groups in U.S. City Governments* and examined the interest groups that are regularly engaged in city politics. She was joined in conversation by Jerusalem Demsas, a staff writer at The Atlantic; Ned Resnikoff (MPP '19), policy director at California YIMBY; and Yiaway Yeh, a former city councilmember and mayor of Palo Alto, California.



U.S. CHIPS and Science Act: What It Means for the Future of, Well, Everything

Travis Mosier, a technology, semiconductor, and global policy expert, discussed the centrality of semiconductors to geopolitical rivalry, economic growth, innovation, and emerging technology and about current incentives, policies, research opportunities, and commercial efforts in the United States.



War in Ukraine: What's Next?

Ukrainian Member of Parliament Inna Sovsun joined Yuriy Gorodnichenko, Professor of Economics at UC Berkeley, and Janet Napolitano, Professor at the Goldman School of Public Policy and former Secretary of Homeland Security, for a firsthand perspective on the war, its impact, and what comes next for the people of Ukraine.

The Future of Public Policy in Higher Education: A Leadership Conversation

Dean David C. Wilson and the Goldman School hosted a meeting of the following group of Deans of Public Policy schools. (From top left): Ian Solomon (University of Virginia), Scott Taylor (Boston University), Roland Anglin (Cleveland State University), David C. Wilson (GSPP). (From bottom left): Nisha Botchwey (University of Minnesota), Celeste Watkins-Hayes (University of Michigan), and Susan Gooden (Virginia Commonwealth University).

An Evening with Robert Reich, In Conversation with Arlie Hochschild

The Goldman School community honored Professor Robert B. Reich on the occasion of his retirement with a public talk, in collaboration with Cal Performances, and an afterparty featuring—at the guest-of-honor's request—live music and dancing.



Meme Wars & the Future of Democracy

Dr. Joan Donovan, an expert in media manipulation, political movements, critical internet studies, and online extremism, presented an overview of how memes are weaponized to push disinformation and deepen partisanship in the United States.

Tennessee State Representative Justin Jones

Tennessee State Representative Justin Jones visited the Goldman School to speak at a public event with Professor Angela Glover Blackwell, founder of *PolicyLink*, and to be the featured speaker at GSPP's commencement. Jones is an activist and community organizer in Nashville representing Tennessee's 52nd district. He made national headlines and sparked debate on race, representation and activism as he was expelled from the Tennessee House of Representatives for leading a gun control protest on the House floor.



The State of Global Security: A Conversation with Michael Nacht

The Goldman School of Public Policy, the Institute of International Studies, the Department of Nuclear Engineering, and the Nuclear Science and Security Consortium at the University of California, Berkeley honored Professor Michael Nacht on the occasion of his retirement with a public talk. Rose Gottemoeller, a senior diplomat and policymaker joined Nacht in conversation about the past, present, and future of global security.

Alumni



Surabhi Yadav

SURABHI YADAV (MDP '19) is the founder and CEO of a non-profit in India, Sajhe Sapne. Sajhe Sapne supports young rural women to kick-start their careers in the modern world, empowering a generation of women from low-income Dalit and Bahujan caste groups to learn, earn, and excel in the domains such as coding, project management, and math teaching. Sajhe Sapne delivers a rural college model called, Sapna Centers (or Dream Centers) providing training, mentoring, exposure and networking to young rural women. Surabhi's job is to do program design, secure her team's well-being and growth, fundraising, systems change strategy building, and big partnerships.

How has your GSPP degree shaped your work and career?

MDP and Berkeley campus was a learning carnival for me. Learning was celebrated, sought, and offered all around. I thrived in that environment. It helped me get a language to articulate learnings from my own lived experiences. AND it gave me some of my best people — friends and mentors — in life who believed in my ideas before I jumped into implementation.

What advice would you have for prospective students considering an MDP?

If you are joining MDP, it would be super helpful if you can articulate a question for this experience. The clearer the articulation, the better chances you would have to connect all the eclectic information you will get on campus. For me the question with which I entered in the program was “what do I want to do in rural India to positively contribute to its growth?” By the second year, my question evolved and narrowed down to “what work can I do with rural women to positively contribute to rural India?” The questions became the anchor in the sea of information. Oh, another advice, dance, draw, sing, trek, chill a lot — the Bay Area has so much to offer to soothe your heart! Be that person who brings groups together! **G**

Crispin Delgado

CRISPIN DELGADO (MPP '03) is the Executive Director at Insure the Uninsured Project (ITUP) based in Sacramento. ITUP's mission is to ensure all Californians have access to quality, equitable and affordable health care services. The COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated health and wealth disparities. Low-income and communities of color were hit first, hardest and will take the longest to recover. Crispin is committed to advancing health equity in his role at ITUP.

How has your GSPP degree shaped your work and career?

My MPP degree has opened many doors for me. I have worked in academia, philanthropy, public, private, and nonprofit sectors, and the GSPP alumni network is thriving in all of them. I enjoy connecting with other GSPP alumni because there

is an inherent trust amongst the group. My MPP provides me with the skillset to work across many issue areas, and this has been important in my work as most health care issues intersect with other social issues. I am grateful for the connections I've made with other alumni when seeking expertise in issue areas that I am not as familiar with.

What advice would you have for prospective students considering an MPP?

An MPP offers the flexibility to have choice in which sector you want to work in. The skills and knowledge that are attained through the GSPP curriculum allow graduates to engage in complex social problems. When completed, you will have the hard and soft skills to be competitive in the job market. **G**



Sean Darling-Hammond

SEAN DARLING-HAMMOND (PHD '22) is an assistant professor at UCLA in the departments of Community Health Sciences, Biostatistics, and Education Policy. He teaches research methods courses to Masters and PhD students, and conducts research at the intersection of school policy and student mental health and wellbeing.

How has your GSPP degree shaped your work and career?

I could not have become a professor without my GSPP training. First, GSPP provided me with grounding in research methods (like applied econometrics and field experiments) that empowered me to imagine ways to answer policy relevant questions. Secondly, GSPP helped me think about pressing social problems, and potential policy solutions, in a truly interdisciplinary way. I came to GSPP interested in studying the impact of school-based restorative practices (like

conflict resolution) on students' academic and disciplinary outcomes. However, being at GSPP helped me explore the many educational experiences that are related to whether students gain exposure to restorative practices; the many cognitive, emotional, and behavioral outcomes one might expect if they do gain exposure to restorative practices; and the policies that might combine with school adoption of restorative practices to create synergistic effects.

What advice would you have for prospective students considering a PhD?

The training GSPP provides will allow you to begin to understand the forces that shape opportunity and inequality in this country and around the world; and to harness the incredible power of research to uncover ways to expand thriving. I cannot recommend it highly enough. **G**



Gianna De Filippis

GIANNA DE FILIPPIS (MPA '23) is the Program Manager for LinkedIn's Economic Graph & Public Policy team. In this role, she works with data scientists, economists, and marketing & communications professionals to tell stories about the global economy using LinkedIn data and recommend policy solutions to governments. Using the research, she advocates for gender equity in the workforce, a just transition to a more climate-friendly and digital future, and the move towards a skills-based labor market. Gianna is responsible for planning and developing the team's thought leadership, as well as managing the team's budget and operations.

How has your GSPP degree shaped your work and career?
My GSPP degree helped me understand the policymaking process in great detail, which is useful when proposing economic and labor policies to governments. My degree also gave me a much more sophisticated economics background, which allows me to work more collaboratively with the economists on my team. Lastly, through my capstone, I had the opportunity to get hands-on experience working with a state government to support workers during the energy transition, an issue I now work on in my role and hope to dedicate more of my career to.

What advice would you have for prospective students considering an MPA?
My advice for potential MPA students would be to think through a list of skills and knowledge areas that you are interested in and/or that would advance your career goals. For me, many of those skills or topics would have been incredibly difficult to learn on my own, without going to a school with the resources and faculty



like GSPP and without classmates to study with. I chose the MPA at Berkeley specifically because it allows you to create your ideal program while still providing a strong public policy foundation. I took full advantage of the MPA structure by taking coursework across three schools (Haas, Berkeley Law, and GSPP) and the Labor Center while enrolled, while also leveraging resources like the D-Lab for free data analytics workshops and consultations. **G**



I want to leverage the MDP program's interdisciplinary approach, and the diverse student perspectives to better understand how to debias capital allocation and investment policy development.

Kaone Tlagae, MDP '24

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And, I would be remiss if I didn't mention that the new 2023-24 US News and World Report Rankings (announced April 2023) for graduate programs in Public Affairs have GSPP #1 in Policy Analysis (sustained), #1 in Social Policy (up from #2 in 2023), #4 in Public Affairs (down 1 spot from 2023), and #4 in Environmental Management and Public Policy (sustained). All of these endeavors were highlighted at our first ever Annual Conference and

Alumni Gathering which took place on September 7-8. The Conference is our attempt to bring together the entire GSPP community — faculty, students, staff, alumni, advisors, and friends — to renew, reinvigorate, inspire, and recommit ourselves to dialogue, scholarly discovery, human centered approaches to problem solving, and public improvement. All of the above underscore a year of unparalleled achievement and growth, and

I'm grateful for the dedication of the GSPP community — including you — in making this past year such a success. The vitality and resilience of GSPP are evident; the state of the school has never been more robust and promising. **G**

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GSPP MPA Alum of the Year Julie Lo (MPA '19)

Informed by her own experiences immigrating to the U.S. as a young child and living through years of poverty and housing insecurity and homelessness, Julie Lo has been working in the nonprofit and government sector for over a decade to improve public systems so that all Californians have the opportunity to thrive. After completing her MPA, Julie became the Executive Officer of California's Interagency Council On Homelessness (Cal ICH). At Cal ICH, Julie led a state-wide entity responsible for significant homelessness initiatives and funding programs. Among her accomplishments while at the state was leading the development of a new statewide data system, the relaunching of the the state's first interagency council directed to focus on coordinating, and streamlining public homelessness programs across nearly 20 state departments, and launching several new homelessness funding programs, including one focused on funding services to unsheltered settings. Julie currently works for Tipping Point Community overseeing its grantmaking and capacity building and serves as a board member for Sacramento Steps Forward, the Continuum Of Care in Sacramento, and as a commissioner For Alameda County's Healthcare For The Homeless.



GSPP MDP Alum of the Year Madhyama Subramanian (MDP '15)

Madhyama Subramanian is Head of Programs and Partnerships, Solidaridad North America. Her areas of expertise include supply chain sustainability, natural resource management, climate resilience, and rural livelihoods. Since 2016, Madhyama has been working with Solidaridad North America. Here, she is responsible for building partnerships with stakeholders, including donor organizations and technical partners, who are committed to improving sustainability in global commodity supply chains, along with developing and managing international projects across Asia, Africa, and Latin America. She is currently the Chief of Party for Amazonia Connect, a 5-year initiative supported by USAID, focused on addressing commodity-driven deforestation and improving biodiversity conservation in the Amazon, in Brazil, Colombia, and Peru.



Martha Ture (MPP ’85) has had three photos accepted into an international exhibition in Barcelona slated for April 2024, a photo in the Praxis Gallery 2023, a dozen photos solicited by the Town of Fairfax, Marin County, for the town website and newsletter. She has also had several photos solicited by Weathermakers, several ‘liked’ by the Museum of Modern Art, one posted by Congressman Jared Huffman, one in Outdoor Photographer, and many more. She writes, “There ain’t no money in it but that’s the art biz for ya.”

Luke Klipp (MPP ’04) has worked for the past two and a half years for Los Angeles County Supervisor Janice Hahn as her Senior Transportation Deputy. Before taking this position, he worked as the Los Angeles Metro Board Deputy for then-Long Beach Mayor Robert Garcia, now Congressman Garcia. He is also now the Pride Republic president, the LGBTQ supporter group for the Los Angeles Football Club. Additionally, he has created a podcast about the LGBTQ community and football called the “LGBT FC.” Luke has also volunteered with the Parking Reform Network to remove parking minimum, which was also the topic of his 2004 APA. He was surprised that the subject he initially researched was finally gaining traction after so many years!

JP Daniel (MDP ’20) works as an energy resilience Policy Researcher for the U.S.’s rural, remote, and island communities at Lawrence Berkeley National Lab. Go Bears!

James Savage’s (MPP ’78) article, “The Stability and Growth Pact’s ‘Unusual Events’ Clause and the Funding of the Refugee Crisis in the European Union,” was published in August by the *International Journal of Public Administration*. He conducted the research for the article while studying as a Fulbright Fellow at the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna, Austria.

Helena Jacobs (Hoffman) (MPP ’09) writes, “I co-founded the Alaska Native Birthworkers Community, whose mission is to serve Native birthing families so that they feel supported, well cared for, and full of the information they need to make confident choices around reproductive health, birthing, and parenthood. In doing this, we seek to reclaim and create a new ceremony to heal our ancestors, ourselves, and future generations who may have been harmed through the colonization of our bodies, healthcare, and birthing practices. We offer free direct services to Native birthing families, access to free training and capacity building for Indigenous birthworkers, and engage in systemic change work through local, statewide, and national partnerships for birth justice and Indigenous sovereignty.”

Robin Stone (MPA ’22) was elected the President of the San Francisco Elections Commission, the oversight and policy-making body for all public elections in the city and county.

In October, **Darian Woods** (MPP ’16) was announced as a co-host of NPR’s daily economics podcast *The Indicator* from *Planet Money*.

Nicole Lindler (MPA ’18) was recently appointed as the Acting Executive Secretary for the Department of the Treasury in the Biden-Harris Administration under the leadership of Secretary Janet Yellen.

Angela Miller (MPP ’18) started a new role as the Policy Director for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, serving as the senior advisor to the Secretary and the Governor on health policy. She also welcomed GSPP friends to Wisconsin this past July to celebrate her wedding!

Elizabeth (Liz) Rusch (Schulz) (MPP ’95) since graduating from GSPP, Liz has been a magazine journalist and author of books for young readers. Many of her 24 books touch on public policy, including *You Call This Democracy?*, which reviewers called “fascinating” (NYTBR) and “riveting must-read” (Kirkus). In September, HarperCollins will be releasing *The 21: The True Story of the Youth Who Sued the U.S. Government Over Climate Change*. In its starred review, Kirkus called it “nail-biting,” “moving,” and an “absorbing account of an urgent case.”

Lori Llewelyn (MPP ’84) retired in 2020 after serving as the Associate Director of the UC Davis MIND Institute’s Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities from 2007 to 2020. Before that, she worked as a health services researcher/unit manager at the UCSF Institute for Health and Aging, where she was contracted to the California Department of Health Services’ Maternal and Child Health Branch in the Epidemiology and Evaluation Section from 2004 to 2007. Before that, she worked as a Project Manager in the UCSF Center for Reproductive Health Research and Policy on the Family PACT Project from 1998 to 2004.

Lori married GSPP classmate **Mike Adams** in 1986 and has resided in Davis, CA, since 1993. She also has two sons, Tristan and Zach, who live in the San Francisco/Sacramento area.

Vrashabh Kapate (MPA ’22) works with Environmental Defense Fund as Manager, Dairy Industry. In this role, they lead EDF’s engagement with dairy companies across U.S., EU, India, and China to drive climate ambition and action.

Rob Gramlich’s (MPP ’95) consulting firm Grid Strategies is now up to eight people and a few dozen clean energy and climate-oriented clients. They have hired one GSPP MPP, Zach Zimmerman. They are doing all they can to advise Congress, the administration, state and federal agencies, and grid operators like the California ISO on how to integrate large amounts of wind, solar, and storage reliably and affordably. They provide more information on their website, *gridstrategiesllc.com*. Rob and Merrie have four kids who are doing great.

Jennifer Friedman (MPP ’97) joined Outset Medical as Vice President of Government Affairs. She’s working for a disruptive technology company to advance innovative and patient-centered kidney care and the adoption of home dialysis. Plus, she gets to go to California once a month! In personal news, her son Jacob’s team is in the little league regionals. He is starting middle school in the fall, and her daughter, Jordana, is starting high school.

In July 2023, **Jessica DiCarlo** (MDP ’16) joined the faculty at the University of Utah as an Assistant Professor in Geography and Environment. Her research examines Chinese engagement in Southeast Asia, U.S.-China rivalry, and infrastructure investment & the Belt and Road Initiative. More information on her work is available at *jessicadicarlo.org*.

Ankita Joshi (MPP ’23/MS Engineering ’23) is now working on proving the safety and reliability of AI and ML-based aviation systems. She works at Supernal, which builds electric autonomous aircrafts and develops AI-based solutions that make these aircrafts safer and more reliable. Her day-to-day tasks involve collaborating with standards-setting organizations, tracking regulations from the Federal Aviation Administration, setting requirements for AI & ML safety certification, and building processes for designing and validating the safety of intelligent systems. The policy analysis skills she built from the MPP program at GSPP help her regularly assess emerging AI and ML standards and best practices and make meaningful recommendations to Supernal and the aviation sector.

In November 2022, **Merav Zafary Odiz** (MPP ’00) was appointed Deputy Director General for Policy & Strategy at the Israel Atomic Energy Commission.

Rob Moore (MPP ’17) finished Register’s Annual Great Bike Ride Across Iowa (RAGBRAI) in July of this year, biking 500 miles from Sioux City, Iowa, on the Missouri River to Davenport, Iowa, on the Mississippi.

Tom Maxner (MPP ’20) and partner Emily welcomed their 2nd child, Quinn Diane, to the world on 8/5/2023. Quinn joins big brother Henry.

Kathryn White (MPA ’22) has been appointed to lead Responsible Metaverse globally for Accenture, giving Kathryn and her teams the exciting opportunity to influence the responsible design and implementation of the future of the internet. As part of this work, Kathryn’s team has recently published two white papers in collaboration with the World Economic Forum. Search for “Social Implications of the Metaverse” and “Privacy and Safety in the Metaverse” at *weforum.org/reports*

Kody Kinsley (MPP ’12) writes, “In August, I had the chance to donate blood under the FDA’s new policy expanding eligibility for gay and bisexual men. I led a coalition of health and human service secretaries across the country, joining the chorus of other organizations, calling for the FDA to shift to a risk-based approach instead of discriminately excluding people for their identity.”

Michael Sieverts (MPP ’86) and **Lisa McCorkell** (’20) have contributed oral histories to the ‘Behind the Mask’ project at the National Institutes of Health, which aims to document NIH’s role in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Lisa co-founded the Patient-Led Research Collaborative (PLRC), and Michael is a Policy Advisor for PLRC. Their oral histories focused on how they have engaged with NIH to advance research on Long COVID. Lisa has been a patient representative on NIH’s RECOVER Initiative, and Michael has participated in major studies on the NIH campus. They also discussed living with Long COVID, how they manage their symptoms, their advocacy work, and the importance of engaging patients in the research process.

Leah Rothstein (MPP ’07) is the co-author of *Just Action: How to Challenge Segregation Enacted Under the Color of Law* (June 2023) with Richard Rothstein (Leah’s father). As a follow-up to Richard’s *The Color of Law*, which described how government policy intentionally created racial segregation, *Just Action* describes what we can do to challenge the segregation of our communities.

Cat Uong (MPA ’21) writes, “I started a new job at the school across town (Stanford) at the Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society as their new Director of Partnerships and Community. In this new role, I support the center’s many research labs and programs focused on various social issues such as democracy, polarization, sustainability, education reform, technology and misinformation, philanthropy (and how it can be better), and the nonprofit sector at large. The

Center is also the publisher of the Stanford Social Innovation Review.

“Now that I’ve said the word ‘Stanford’ twice in this class note, I’ll mention that I’m lucky that one of the Center’s faculty co-directors is Robb Willer, who previously taught at UC Berkeley, so we continue to say ‘Go Bears!’”

Andy Lomeli (MPP ’13) married Karla Ruiz on November 5, 2022, with several GSPP alumni in attendance. Andy and Karla were originally introduced through the former’s MPP classmate, Christina Lee.

Since graduating from GSPP in 1994, **Cynthia Rice** (MPP ’94) has spent the last three decades as a policy advisor and patient advocate, working in the U.S. Senate, the White House, a political action committee, and JDRF (formerly the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation), a patient funded research and advocacy organization focused on accelerating a cure and better treatments for type 1 diabetes. She recently stepped down from JDRF after seventeen and a half years and is taking a personal sabbatical for the rest of 2023, intending to return to the health sector in 2024. She enjoys being in touch with her GSPP classmates and would love to connect with other alums and friends of GSPP. She writes, “feel free to connect via email or LinkedIn at *linkedin.com/in/cynthiarice2009*”.

Public Policy Undergraduate Minor

Tai Milder (Political Science ’02) became an attorney and sought opportunities to impact policy. Milder serves as Counsel to the Assistant Attorney General for the U.S. Department of Justice Antitrust Division and will be transitioning into a new role at the end of the month as the inaugural director of the Division of Petroleum Market Oversight for the State of California.

Daniella Wenger (Business Administration ’18) completed an MPP at Cambridge and is now in law school!

Mag Tatum (Public Policy ’05) writes, “I started as a Bio-Medical Engineer major and ventured off into my first Public Policy course and was super amazed and excited about the curriculum! Today, I support elected officials at one of the world’s leading Transportation companies in the Bay Area — BART!”

Mahira Dayal (Environment Economics & Policy ’20) works as a journalist, often covering policy and regulation-related events in part of the topics they cover. Dayal reports for Bloomberg.

Since graduating, **Ignacio Valverde** (Film Studies and Media Studies ’21) has worked at an immigration law firm supporting the legal resources available to immigrants. Shortly after, Valverde moved to work at Berkeley Law’s Pro Bono Program to support student groups, commit to pro bono work, and support efforts to fight injustices. Valverde writes, “Day by day, I learn how policy can impact communities and enjoy it as I prepare for my future grad career goals.”

Melissa Cortez (Public Health ’20) used her public policy minor to help establish diversity, equity, and inclusion in her Southern California Permanente Medical Group department, specifically the Permanente Human Resources Department. She uses her minor in public policy to help achieve a comfortable workplace with her colleagues and educate her colleagues on real-world circumstances and how they, as a team, can help bring diversity into Kaiser Permanente.

After graduating in May 2021, **Sophia Leswing** (Rhetoric ’21) was an Urban Fellow, a program that accepts 25 recent college grads and places them in different New York City government offices. She was placed at the Mayor’s Office of Workforce Development.

She writes, “After my 9-month fellowship ended, I wanted to get some on-the-ground field work in labor because I thought it would make me a better future policy maker on labor issues. I then began a job as an Organizer at the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 32BJ, where I still currently organize low-wage service workers at residential buildings across all five boroughs. My public policy minor has taught me that every policy decision has trade-offs and that we live in a world governed by incremental change. Even in my job where grassroots people-power is the theory of change, I have gotten exposure to our union’s political, legal, and research departments, giving insight into the incremental approach that overwhelmingly serves as most people’s and organizations’ theory of change. My public policy minor degree has exposed me to the fascinating and complex world of policy-making that touches so many people’s everyday lives. I am applying to law school this cycle to pursue union-side labor law. My goals, some more lofty than others, are to become in-house counsel for a labor union, direct labor policy for a state, and be Secretary of Labor. I am so grateful for GSPP and all of my instructors! It was such a wonderful experience I feel lucky to have had.”

Changrui Xiao (Molecular and Cell Biology ’09) is a physician and serves on the policy and government affairs committee of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics.

Matthew Thomas (Economics '17) joined the City and County of San Francisco audits department out of college. He immediately deployed the policy analysis and problem-solving skills developed and taught by his GSPP classes. These skills helped jump-start his career and helped identify and resolve waste, inefficiencies, and compliance issues for the local San Francisco government. He has since moved into the private sector. Still, his public policy degree and local government work have been a differentiator for his career by bringing him unique perspectives and skills.

Richard Chiang (Business Administration '10) notes that the public policy minor has helped him gain a deeper understanding of complex social constructs and relationships, having a better overall experience through personal and career development.

Lisa Lim (Legal Studies '15) earned her master's in Health Policy and Law, and she applies her public policy minor toward advocacy and research. She is pursuing a career in medicine and plans to use her education to improve immigrant and minority health.

Melisa Lasell (Sociology '18) writes, "I went on to complete a MPP at Mills (having been passed over at GSPP... yep, you all missed the boat on that choice!) and am currently working in Seattle, addressing housing and digital equity policy, as well as recently assuming the position of Policy Chair for the Seattle AAUW where this year I will focus branch policy advocacy on gender equity in health and in the workplace, along with education and student debt. I am at the beginning of my career, so we'll see where my path will lead. I am

quite interested in research and am volunteering on two research projects starting this fall — one focused on housing and the other on aging."

John Wu (Social Welfare '23) says that having a minor in public policy during his undergraduate years, profoundly influenced his path to becoming a Program Data Analyst in the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration. It was a foundation for his master's in social welfare with a concentration in macro-level social work. This dual-layered academic experience cultivated a robust understanding of the various social policies and public health factors affecting different populations, and this understanding continues to shape his work on a daily basis.

The public policy minor sharpened his analytical skills, broadened his awareness of legislative processes, and instilled a deep appreciation for the dynamic interactions between policy, economics, and social issues. He learned to evaluate and navigate the complexities of public policy structures and understood how those structures can perpetuate wealth and poverty inequities in our society.

Applying this knowledge to his current role, he uses these skills to critically assess existing policies, identify gaps and areas for improvement, and aid in the creation of more effective and inclusive policies for veterans. Whether it's optimizing healthcare accessibility, mitigating the effects of homelessness, or developing innovative solutions to mental health care, his background in public policy and macro-level social welfare helps him approach these challenges comprehensively.

In other words, the public policy minor degree

not only shaped his career but also significantly increased the impact he could make. It equipped him with the necessary tools to identify, analyze, and address societal inequalities and structural barriers. Ultimately, this enables him to contribute more effectively to the advancement of social welfare in his professional capacity, specifically improving the lives of veterans.

Sydney Schoonover (Environmental Economics and Policy '20/Society and the Environment '20) is entering her third year of Vanderbilt's Ph.D. program in Law & Economics, where her focus is Environmental Risk & Regulation. The program is a highly selective six-year dual JD and a PhD in Law & Economics degree program. Berkeley's minor in public policy allowed her to explore her interests — which center on environmental economics and policy — while developing critical policy analysis skills. She writes, "Through the public policy minor, I was fortunate to meet Professor Weissinger, whose course on Race, Ethnicity & Public Policy profoundly impacted me. Professor Weissinger has been one of my biggest advocates ever since. I'm thankful that both at Berkeley and in my current program, I've explored many facets of environmental issues that often overlap and impact each other without narrowing my research to just one perspective or discipline."

Kelly Valencia (née Gorton) (Mass Communications '09) started her career after graduation working at a public policy think tank. Then she went to law school and practiced as a commercial litigator. She now works as an in-house counsel at a Bay Area pharmaceutical company. She

launched her career in policy, which naturally led her to the practice of law. Kelly's current career in the healthcare industry draws substantially on her experience and interest in public policy, and it shapes her decision-making every day.

Lily Greenberg Call (Political Science '19) says that the public policy minor gave her valuable skills that influenced her career path when she graduated. Her first job was working as a field organizer in Iowa for Kamala Harris' campaign, and she then spent the general election organizing for the Democratic Party in Tucson, Arizona. She got to talk to folks on the ground about how policy and politics impacted their lives and what they wanted from their elected officials, and it shaped her understanding of our government's role in maintaining and changing the status quo. She is now an appointee in the Biden Administration, working as Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff at the Department of the Interior. Every day, she learns more about how policy is implemented and the importance of having the right people in the room to do so.

Andrew Quinio (Political Science '08) writes, "The skills I developed at the Goldman School have strengthened my career as a civil rights litigator. Upholding the promise of equality before the law requires me to navigate complex policy considerations that my time in the public policy minor program prepared me for."

Kat Lockwood (Society and Environment '12) has run or worked at environmental and reproductive freedom political advocacy nonprofits.

Rei Tran (Economics '17) does pro bono civic tech work.

Apratim Vidyarthi (Nuclear Engineering '15/ Applied Mathematics '15) writes, "I loved taking Public Policy courses at Cal, and they were integral in shaping my worldview and the career path I ultimately took. I'm a lawyer, but I studied Nuclear Engineering and Applied Mathematics at Cal. The Public Policy minor showed me two things: one, how science and policy are irrevocably combined and how scientists need to play a role in the policymaking process, and two, how policy is shaped and formed and what critical inflection points exist in the policy world that can help shape policy. My time at Goldman inspired me to go into internet and tech policy and ultimately become a lawyer, and I reflect fondly on the classes I took at GSPP. A special shoutout to Professor Nacht, whose Nuclear Policy and National Security classes were incredibly enlightening and rewarding, and to the diversity of classes available for undergraduates. I wouldn't be a lawyer without my experience at GSPP!"

Houa Xiong (Social Welfare '14) uses the public policy minor jointly with the social welfare degree in local government social work in supervision.

Adnan Iqbal (Environmental Science '05) has enjoyed operating at the intersection of business, science/technology, and public policy. As the Founder & CEO of a fast-growing health technology company, with 185+ employees based in California, across the US, and abroad, he writes, "I'm focused on solving one of healthcare's biggest

challenges — getting a patient to the right healthcare provider and the best healthcare outcome quickly. This requires a deep understanding of U.S. healthcare policy, evolving financial incentives, and the variety of stakeholders looking to shape the future of healthcare delivery worldwide. Of course, great companies don't only deliver impactful solutions but are comprised of phenomenal people who must effectively work together in an increasingly virtual world. The courses I took as part of my GSPP minor, and especially the class discussions and debates I participated in, have laid a strong foundation for me to tackle the myriad of challenges and demands placed on high-growth company leaders."

Emilia Malachowski's (Society and Environment '18) minor was immensely useful (more so than her major) in landing her first job as a Public Policy Analyst at Amazon in Poland. They were looking for someone who understood policy history and its role in society today, and the minor set her up perfectly for the job.

Elizabeth Madrigal (Political Science '19) writes, "I've found getting a public policy minor degree extremely useful in my career, especially as I now work in the field of affordable housing policy in the Bay Area. Coming to UC Berkeley as a transfer student from a low-income community, the thought of working in public policy had only ever seemed to be an aspiration, but I'm forever grateful to the Goldman School for making this a reality."

From the Outgoing Alumni Board Chair

THIS PAST SEPTEMBER, the GSPP Alumni Board was excited to partner with Dean Wilson and his team to launch the school's inaugural Annual Policy Conference and Alumni Gathering. The conference convened policy leaders, public officials, students, and alumni from across the country to explore innovative and data-driven solutions to many of the public sector's most challenging problems — including climate change, housing affordability, emerging technologies, and the intersectionality of the public and private sectors just to name a few. The confer-

ence was undoubtedly a resounding success, and we eagerly look forward to its next iteration.

The Board recently welcomed two newly elected members, Carolyn Chu (MPP '12) and Rob Moore (MPP '17), and three current Board members were each elected to another term, Nida Osei (MPA '22), Michelle Chang (MPP '10), and Anna Johnson (MPP '13). The new and returning Board members will provide critical guidance in their respective areas of expertise while assisting in the implementation of the Board's updated strategic plan.

To that end, the Mentorship Program that was developed last year and included in the Board's updated strategic plan continues to be well received. The program aims to connect current students with alumni who share similar policy interests or culturally relevant experiences. Under ideal circumstances, every GSPP student who desires to have an alumni mentor would be assigned one, and thanks to the leadership of Muneeb Khan (MPA '20), the Board continues to explore ways to refine and expand the program. Mentors help students navigate life on campus, assist with

internship and career opportunities, and help bridge the gap between theoretical frameworks introduced in the classroom and their application in the workplace.

Finally, join me in bidding farewell to Joyce Halabi (MPP '19) who served on the Board for three years on the Governance and Alumni Activities Committees, and Brenda Munoz (MPP '10), who served on the Board for five years with distinction. In addition to her role as Vice Chair, Brenda chaired the Student Services Committee and continues to be a relentless advocate for diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging. It was an absolute honor serving alongside Brenda, and I am confident she will

continue to apply the lessons learned at GSPP to shine a positive light on her community and society writ large. I will also be stepping down as Chair this year to create space for the next generation of leaders, but I will remain active on the Board, offering guidance to our newly elected Chair, Anna Johnson (MPP '13), and the executive leadership team.



Daryl R. Dunston (MPA '18)
GSPP Alumni Board,
Outgoing Chair

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A Commitment to Public Education Becomes a Legacy



AS A PROUD BERKELEY GRADUATE, Catherine Hutto Gordon Baker (BA’73) personified her alma mater’s public mission. After earning her BA in Social Welfare, Catherine dedicated her life to supporting educational institutions and helping children, especially those from marginalized communities or those with disabilities.

In February 2021, Catherine passed away unexpectedly, at the age of 69. Prior to her passing, she served as head of the Hutto-Patterson Charitable Foundation, which supported a variety of schools and nonprofits serving children. In addition, Catherine was an active and generous UC Berkeley volunteer, serving on the Gold-

man School’s Advisory Board, as well as on the boards of the UC Berkeley Foundation, the School of Social Welfare, and the School of Education.

Catherine’s passing was a tragic loss, but her passion continues to thrive at UC Berkeley thanks to her bequest. The Goldman School, along with the Schools of Social Welfare and Education, are the beneficiaries of an estate gift totaling nearly \$7 million. At GSPP, we will honor Catherine’s commitment to the power of public education to change lives and transform society. For years to come, our faculty and students will benefit from a life that was very well lived. **G**

Have you considered including GSPP in your estate plans? By making a planned gift commitment, you can leave a legacy at GSPP while maintaining your personal financial security. By making a gift through your revocable (living) trust or will, you can show your support without reducing your assets or affecting your cash flow during your lifetime. Contact Sam Merritt for more information: smerritt@berkeley.edu



I appreciate that the MPA program is a mid-career offering with students that bring a depth and variety of career experiences to the cohort. As a working mom, I am grateful for the flexible MPA schedule. And, as a hiker, I’m excited to explore the Bay Area trails!

Jennifer Pharr Davis
MPA 2024



Groundbreaking for GSPP’s New Courtyard

SINCE ITS NAMING IN HONOR of legendary Bay Area philanthropists Richard and Rhoda Goldman, the Goldman School of Public Policy has represented the family’s long-standing commitment to public service and impact.

With continued support from the Lisa & Douglas Goldman Family Fund, GSPP was able to break ground on a new courtyard that will reflect the family’s legacy of giving and help ensure that our campus — inside and out — will better reflect the talent and excellence that lies within. **G**



From left: Dean David C. Wilson, Nancy Kami, Doug Goldman, Deborah Findling, Heather Hart

GSPP Centers Updates

Principal activities of **The Center on Civil-ity and Democratic Engagement** (CCDE) have included the following: 1) organizing a Homecoming panel on city/campus relations (with Dean Wilson, Sen. Skinner, Mayor Arreguin, Councilmembers Robinson and Harrison (both GSPP grads) and Faculty Director Lindheim; 2) sponsoring research projects including: (i) how legal partisan gerrymandering threatens democracy (and caused Republican control of the House); and (ii) how to improve community participation in District Attorney elections, given their importance in the criminal justice system; 3) providing substantial financial and mentoring support for 10 Spring APA projects on topics such as: campaign financing and the Court, diversity in law school admissions, improving staff working conditions in the CA legislature, the unintended consequences of HUD affordable housing rules, financing local government in Richmond, probation reform in Hawaii. Care Courts in CA; and promoting free speech in China. Learn more at gspp.berkeley.edu/ccde.

The **Center for Environmental Public Policy** (CEPP), Energy Innovation, and GridLab released a new report, *2035 Report: Abundant, Affordable Offshore Wind Can Accelerate Our Clean Electricity Future*, demonstrating the U.S. has one of the world’s best offshore wind potentials, enough to power up to 25 percent of America’s total power needs by 2050. With the right mix of policies today, offshore wind can help us meet our climate goals, create jobs, improve grid reliability and keep electricity affordable.

In 2022, CEPP partnered with CalSPEC to support the California Assembly Natural Resources and Senate Environmental Quality Committees to produce a report on microplastics, “An Evidence Review for the California State Legislature,” titled “Microplastics Occurrence, Health Effects, and Mitigation Policies.”

CEPP also serves as the Secretariat for the California Green Bond Market Development Committee. The Committee and the California Treasurer Fiona Ma, released a paper entitled, “Recommended Approach

to Municipal Green Bond Disclosure”. This was the product of collaboration between Committee members, the Goldman School and group of municipal bond investors led by Raul Amezcua of Ramirez & Company. Learn about the California Green Bond Market Development Committee project and committee members. May 15, 2023. Learn more at gspp.berkeley.edu/cepp.

The **California Policy Lab** (CPL) generates research insights for government impact. CPL partners with California agencies to conduct quantitative studies of directly policy-relevant questions. A recent study, led by Professor Steven Raphael in partnership with the County of Santa Clara Public Defender’s Office, evaluated a program providing earlier legal representation after an arrest. The program reduced time in jail, increased the chances that a case was dismissed, and lowered the chance of conviction. Another study, led by Professor Jesse Rothstein in partnership with several higher education and safety-net agencies, is studying the use of safety-net benefits by college students and its impact on educational outcomes. Learn more at capolicylab.org.


The **India Energy & Climate Center** (IECC) leverages clean energy technology and policy expertise at the world’s top public university, Silicon Valley, and the state of California to catalyze the rapid transformation of energy systems that can deliver significant environmental, economic, and energy security benefits. Led by director

Shruti M. Deorah, the center works collaboratively with Indian policymakers and business leaders to design an innovation and deployment ecosystem through tech-informed policy design, capacity building, a leadership dialogue platform and south-to-south collaboration. Learn more at iecc.gspp.berkeley.edu.

The **Berkeley Risk & Security Lab**, housed the GSPP’s Center for Security in Politics engages academics and policy experts across UC Berkeley, the country, and the globe with the big questions related to the future of national and international security. The lab will also bridge the gap between policy-makers in Washington with scientists and engineers in Silicon Valley and nurture the next generation of researchers. BRSI was launched under the leadership of Dr. Andrew Reddie and with the help of a \$1.8M grant from the Founders Pledge Fund. Learn more at brsl.berkeley.edu.

Professor Solomon Hsiang of the **Global Policy Lab** has been appointed as Chief Environmental Economist at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. Learn more about GPL’s current projects at globalpolicy.science.

Over the past two years, Professor Jennifer Skeem’s **Risk Resilience Research Lab** has been developing “Playing 4 Change” — an evidence-informed app/game designed to increase thoughtful action in hot situations,



J Anderson, MPP ‘24
Berkeley Public Policy
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“The MPP program is an unmatched opportunity not only to learn from prominent progressive thinkers, but also to be surrounded by peers from all walks of life and all corners of the world who share your goal of making a better future. At the Goldman School, learning takes place at dinners with friends, as much as it does in the classroom.”

and promote positive youth development. Last year, they partnered with a multidisciplinary group of graduate students in Haas Entrepreneurship’s “Lean Transfer” program. Based on interviews of over 70 diverse stakeholders, the team completed an elegant analysis and identified an innovative business model for P4C. Apparently, there is strong interest in scalable supports for children’s mental health and P4C is at the intersection of two fast growing markets: social and emotional learning and game-based learning. Congratulations to the team on winning last year’s coveted Javelin Ventures prize and a Jacobs Foundation award!

Congratulations also to lab member and PhD student Luyi Jianwho was named a Behavioral Interventions Scholar by the Administration for Children and Families. Her two-year dissertation fellowship will support her research on how prosocial identity can curb antisocial behavior, potentially informing new approaches to juvenile justice intervention. Learn more at risk-resilience.berkeley.edu

In 2023, the **Berkeley Institute for Young Americans** embarked on new research initiatives focused on public policy issues affecting young Californians. In one project, our researchers are advising youth advocates and the state legislature about the pros and cons of lowering the voting age to 17. A recent policy brief shared with state lawmakers highlights existing research from other countries on how lowering the voting age effects turnout rates and improves voting as a lifetime habit, and also predicts the number of 17-year-olds in California that would turn out to vote in both midterm and presidential elections. In a second project, the institute is exploring reforms to Proposition 13 and how new funding would affect school finance for the state’s K-12 districts. Learn more at youngamericans.berkeley.edu.

The **Center for Studies in Higher Education** welcomed Lisa García Bedolla, UC Berkeley’s Vice Provost for Graduate Studies, Dean of the Graduate Division, and Professor in the School of Education, as

the Interim Director. Lisa succeeds George Blumenthal, who recently concluded his term as the Director at the center. Since Spring 2023, CSHE highlights include an on-site career development session for its Gardner Fellows from eight UC campuses; an in-person research symposium hosted by Student Experience in the Research University Consortium (SERU) with over 80 worldwide participants; and a virtual professional development program organized by the Executive Leadership Academy (ELA) for Ukrainian university leaders. **G**

Read about **Possibility Lab** news on pages 6–7 and about the **Center for Security in Politics** on pages 8–9.

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