Letter from the Director

Greetings Public Policy Alumni, Faculty and Friends!

This 2013 Newsletter is filled with two years worth of graduates, events, alumni updates, and program news. We are thrilled to be able to stay connected to our program alumni, now spanning 33 years of graduates. Public Policy is continuing to expand its outreach through new joint degree programs and practicum projects, while increasing services and opportunities to current students by developing a summer fellowship program and career workshops.

In June 2013, Stanford’s Faculty Senate approved a new joint degree with the Graduate School of Education (GSE) POLS MA degree program. This will allow students interested in becoming educational leaders to complete an MA in Policy, Organization and Leadership at the GSE and an MPP degree within two years. In Winter 2012, a joint MD/MPP degree was rolled out, allowing prospective medical doctors to gain skills and insight into the political processes that are ingrained in health care delivery. With the exception of Earth Sciences, Public Policy now offers joint degree programs with all Schools at Stanford University.

During the 2012-13 academic year, an astounding 36 Public Policy students participated in a practicum project for a government or non-profit organization. With guidance from a faculty instructor and client organization, each student team researched a real-world problem and devised implementable policy recommendations to help address it. Each project culminated in a professional report and presentation to the client organization. Senior Lecturer Mary Sprague and alumnus Cameron Percy have written a paper on the impact of the practicum on students. The paper will be published in a forthcoming issue of the Journal of Public Affairs Education and can be found on our website at http://publicpolicy.stanford.edu/system/files/Practicum.Experiences.pdf. You can read more about the diverse range of practicum projects on pages 22 and 23.

There has been increased demand by students to be exposed to policy organizations during their time at Stanford. Along with the practicum, unpaid summer internships can provide a valuable opportunity for students to become familiar with particular agencies and job responsibilities. This year, Public Policy began offering summer fellowship funding to our continuing undergraduate and graduate students. The list of organizations where students are currently working can be found on page 9. We are accepting donations in the hopes of continuing to offer, and even expand, these advantageous summer opportunities to Public Policy students.

There are numerous ways to stay involved in the Public Policy Program — attend an event, share your story with the program, or serve as a mentor to a current student. We welcome your involvement — just let us know what you’re interested in! A number of upcoming events are being hosted by the program and the Alumni Council; take a look at page 28 for more details. We hope to see you at one of these events soon!
Commencement and Degree Candidates
Class of 2013 – Graduate Degree Candidates

‘Jen’ Ying Zhen Ang
Bachelor of Arts with honors in Psychology and Master of Arts in Public Policy

Jen graduated with an M.A. in Public Policy and a B.A. with honors in Psychology. She was a teaching assistant for Introduction to Psychology, one of the most popular classes at Stanford, and considers combining concepts of psychology with public policy for greater social awareness one of the highlights of her Stanford career. She has been very active in the social dance scene at Stanford, frequenting Friday Night Waltz and chairing Stanford’s 36th Viennese Ball. Upon graduation, Jen will work at a government agency in Lyon, France, before returning home to continue civil service in Singapore.

Juan Andrés Camus Valdes
Master of Public Policy and Master of Business Administration

Juan Andrés graduated with a joint Master of Public Policy and Master of Business Administration degree. At the Business School, he served as co-president of the Latin Student Association and was the leader of the Business School Study Trip to Chile, his home country, in April 2012. In addition to his studies, Juan Andrés founded a clean-tech energy company, Valhalla Energy, which aims to provide to the Chilean grid lower costs and high stability. He is working on this project with several M.B.A. and M.P.P. classmates. After graduating, Juan Andrés is planning to return to Chile and join his new company on a full-time basis.

Camille Carsi-Cruz De Jesus
Bachelor of Arts in Human Biology and Master of Arts in Public Policy

Camille graduated with an M.A. in Public Policy. She completed a B.A. in Human Biology in 2012, with a focus on the economics of health care. Camille was a Resident Advisor at Toyon Hall and was involved with the Stanford Project on Hunger and Stanford Dance Marathon. Camille’s interests in health policy and health care led her to work for the World Health Organization, analyzing the financial challenges of malaria initiatives in the Philippines, for Blue Shield of California, examining the cost of health care, and for Humana Inc., conducting market research for corporate health insurance entry into California. After graduating, Camille will be working at Triage Consulting Group in San Francisco as a health care consultant.

Drew Weimann DeWalt
Master of Public Policy and Master of Business Administration

Drew graduated with a joint Master of Public Policy and Master of Business Administration degree. He focused his program of study on energy resources, energy policy, and entrepreneurship. His practicum project research focused on distributed energy solutions for the Arctic. Prior to attending Stanford, he was a nuclear submarine officer in the US Navy. Drew is currently working at Valhalla Energy with his M.P.P./M.B.A. classmate, Juan Andrés, a company they founded to develop renewable energy projects in Chile.
Andrew Howery

*Master of Arts in Public Policy and Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry*

Andrew graduated with a Master of Arts degree in Public Policy after completing his Ph.D. in Chemistry at Stanford in 2011. His doctoral work on drug-like compounds led to an interest in clinical and health policy. While completing his policy degree, he served as the head teaching assistant for CHEM 33: Introductory Organic Chemistry. During the summer of 2012, Andrew interned at Acumen LLC, a health-policy consulting group, where he investigated Medicaid programs in California. In January, he began a full-time position at the company, continuing his work in Medicaid with a plan to investigate postmarket drug safety.

Michael Sumio Kent

*Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy and Master of Public Policy*

Michael graduated with a Master of Public Policy degree, and is the first student to complete both a B.A. and M.P.P. degree in five years. Michael served as a teaching assistant for Public Policy 128: International Problem Solving Through NGOs. His research on campus has included work at the Stanford Graduate School of Business and the Center for International Security and Cooperation. Last summer, Michael interned at Dodge & Cox mutual funds. After graduation, he will return to San Francisco to work as an iShares Analyst at BlackRock.

Jane LePham

*Bachelor of Arts with honors in Public Policy and Master of Arts in Public Policy*

Jane graduated with a Master of Arts degree in Public Policy, with a concentration in Financial Policy Analysis. In 2012 she received her B.A. with honors in Public Policy. During her time at Stanford, Jane has served as a research assistant for the Political Science department and the Graduate School of Business, as managing editor of The Stanford Daily, and as editorial director for The Daily’s board of directors. This year, she served as a teaching assistant for PUBLPOL 106: Law and Economics, with Professor Bruce Owen, and for ECON 110: History of Financial Crises. Jane spent last summer working as an investment-banking analyst for the Public Finance group at Barclays Capital in San Francisco, where she will return upon graduation.

Dennis Li

*Master of Public Policy and Master of Science in Management Science and Engineering*

Dennis graduated with a joint Master of Science in Management Science and Engineering and Master of Public Policy degree. This year, Dennis served as the head teaching assistant for Computer Science 142: Web Applications with Professor Ousterhout. Dennis twice served as a teaching assistant to Professors Hecker and Perry in Management Science 293: Technology and National Security Policy, where he won the award for best teaching assistant from the MS&E department. Last summer, Dennis interned at Facebook in Menlo Park with their monetization analytics group. After graduation, he will begin a fellowship with Education Pioneers in the Bay Area, where he will work on strategic projects for the San Jose Unified School District.

Katharine Herring McCormick

*Master of Public Policy and Master of Arts in Latin American Studies*

Kate graduated with a Master of Public Policy degree after having developed an interest in environmental and energy policy while completing her M.A. in Latin American Studies in 2011. She spent the summer of 2012 in Maryland and D.C., interning with the World Wildlife Fund and a community development organization, Sowing Empowerment and Economic Development (SEED). This academic year, she served as a teaching assistant for the Introductory Economics Center. After graduation, Kate will return to D.C., where she will be a MAP Sustainable Energy Fellow at the Natural Resources Defense Council, working on energy and transportation policy.

Merissa Alexandria Molinar

*Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Master of Arts in Public Policy*

Merissa graduated with her M.A. in Public Policy. She completed a B.A. in Psychology in 2012. Merissa served as a research assistant in Professor Carol Dweck’s lab in the Psychology Department, which sparked her interest in education policy. She also worked at the Center for Research on Education Outcomes, where she assisted with projects examining the effectiveness of charter schools throughout the United States. Merissa is currently working in Palo Alto for an education technology company, Acuitus, which is seeking to improve public school education using technology that was spearheaded by the U.S. Department of Defense.
Dylan Plofker
*Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy and Master of Arts in Public Policy*

Dylan graduated with his M.A. in Public Policy. He completed a Bachelor’s degree in Public Policy in 2012. During his time at Stanford, Dylan worked for Stanford Student Enterprises, serving as its Director of Capital Group, and interned as an analyst at TCS Capital Management in New York. His master’s concentration was in Legal and Regulatory Interventions. For his graduate practicum project, Dylan and his teammates worked with Hoover and the Brookings Institutions on Arctic Energy and Security Policy. Dylan is currently living in New York working for Christine Quinn’s mayoral campaign.

Aimée Sandrine Uwilingiyimana
*Bachelor of Arts in Human Biology and Master of Arts in Public Policy*

Aimée graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Human Biology and Master of Arts in Public Policy. During her time at Stanford, Aimée served as vice president of the Stanford African Students Association, was program coordinator for the Stanford Medical Youth Science Program, and served as a teaching assistant for MED 1B: Leadership in Multicultural Health. Aimée also worked at the Center for African Studies as the events and public relations coordinator. After graduating, Aimée hopes to continue developing a multifaceted and interdisciplinary approach to understanding the factors that contribute to differential outcomes in community health.

Maggie Wells
*Doctor of Medicine and Master of Public Policy*

Maggie graduated with a Master of Public Policy degree. She is also an M.D. student at the Stanford Medical School, where she conducts research on LGBT-related curricular content and teaches the medical interview and physical exam. In 2012 Maggie interned with the Public Affairs office of Planned Parenthood Action to get more pro-choice state legislators and local officials elected. This summer, Maggie will return to Stanford Medical School to complete her two remaining clinical years. She hopes to practice family medicine and looks forward to using her newfound public policy skill set to make lower cost, higher value, dignified medical care available to more people.

Kenneth John I’i White
*Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Master of Public Policy*

Kenny graduated with a Master of Public Policy degree, with a concentration in International Policy Studies. He received his B.A. in Economics from Stanford University in 2011. This past year, Kenny served as a teaching assistant for the Stanford Introductory Economics Center and worked on an energy security research project on behalf of the King Abdullah Petroleum Research Center, a policy think tank in Saudi Arabia. This summer, Kenny will travel to Japan to train with Keio University’s judo team and the Tokyo Police Department, while continuing to engage in further public policy research.

Fang Xia
*Master of Public Policy and Master of Arts in International Policy Studies*

Fang graduated with a joint Master of Public Policy and Master of Arts in International Policy Studies degree. While at Stanford, Fang had two research reports published, one related to energy efficiency financing and the other on mobile health innovation in developing countries. Fang was a summer intern at the World Bank, in the International Finance Corporation Division, and co-founded the largest non-profit Latin Dance Company in the Bay Area. After graduation, she will be moving to New York City where she will begin work as an Associate Analyst at NERA Economic Consulting for their Antitrust and Competition Group.

Class of 2013 – Bachelor Degree Candidates

Jason William Bade

Jason’s concentration in Public Policy was Behavioral Economics. He dove into the field three years ago, when he worked with Professor Paul Brest to revise his textbook on decision making for policymakers. Jason has also worked with Professor Banerjee at ChangeLabs, collaborating on projects that require behavior-based solutions and developing behavior change tools for designers and policymakers to use themselves. Within Public Policy,
Jason was a proud peer advisor and teaching assistant for Professor Owen’s class, Economic Analysis of the Law. This summer, Jason will continue leading a small group of engineers within Stanford’s Solar Decathlon team to design and build novel architectural elements that improve residential energy use behavior. He will begin working fulltime at ChangeLabs in the fall.

Faith Begay
Faith also graduated with a minor in Native American Studies. She was involved in the Stanford American Indian Organization since her freshman year, holding multiple leadership positions including co-chair. She also interned at the Historical Preservation Office of the Yankton Sioux Tribe. Faith studied abroad in Madrid, Spain and Santiago, Chile. She also traveled to the Amazon Basin in Peru through Stanford’s Sophomore College Program. In Washington D.C., she interned in the Office of Congressional Legislative Affairs for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Office of Research Policy for the U.S. Social Security Administration. After graduation, Faith will pursue her M.P.P. degree at the Duke Sanford School of Public Policy. In the future she would like to work on Native American policy issues.

Ricardo Antonio Castro Jr.
Rick’s Public Policy concentration was Social Policy, focusing on racial, gender, and socioeconomic discrimination and inequalities. He was involved with Tutoring for Community all four years, where he worked with underprivileged elementary and middle school kids from East Palo Alto. Rick was an active member of his fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, serving as the head of their risk management program and leading their community service initiative. He also played on the Men’s Club Soccer Team since his sophomore year. After graduation, Rick will be working as an institutional sales analyst for BlackRock in San Francisco.

Alex Luke Chang
Alex also graduated with a major in Chemistry. While studying abroad at Oxford, he conducted physical chemistry research on single molecule imaging, a topic he worked on since his freshman year. Alex’s concentration in Public Policy was Science and Technology. Through the Stanford in Washington Program, he interned at the Department of Energy in the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, where he tried to decipher Congress’s intent in its clean energy bills. He later worked in the Department’s Office of the Secretary as a public engagement intern, helping the Department better engage its stakeholders. Next year, Alex will complete his coterminal degree in Management Science and Engineering.

Anissa Imane Chitour
Anissa studied abroad in both Moscow and Berlin. In Berlin she interned at a German open course education startup through the Krupp Foundation. While volunteering in Ghana with the KaeMe Foundation, she helped children in orphanages return to their communities. As a research assistant for two professors, Anissa conducted research on public pension governance and on language use in presidential debates. She also was an archive assistant at the Hoover Institution, photographed on-campus events, and worked as a designer for a university theater production. This summer Anissa will continue to conduct research on public pension governance for Professor Joe Nation before returning to Russia to prepare for pursuing a master’s degree and working on international policy.

Damali Driskell
Damali’s Public Policy concentration was Education Policy. She volunteered with several tutoring and mentoring groups on campus. She also worked with the Stanford Cardinal Broadcasting Network for the last three years. During her summers, Damali returned to her hometown of Brooklyn and interned at Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation and several startups in the New York City area. After graduation she plans to return to New York City, get some real pizza, and work in education policy or consulting.

Gena Milena Eddy
Gena graduated with honors. Her thesis is titled: “Remedying a Data Deficit: A Regression Analysis of Public Opinion on Healthcare Reform.” She conducted research in the Political Psychology Research Group under Professor Jon Krosnick. During the Stanford in Washington Program, Gena worked at the Center for American Progress. Among her campus activities, she is most proud of her work as president of WYSE, a mentorship program for underserved middle school girls in East Palo Alto. Gena was also a resident assistant, teaching assistant, and a member of the Catholic Leadership Team, Chi Omega Fraternity and the Cap and Gown Honors Society. After graduation, Gena will return to her home state of Florida to be an account manager for Gartner, Inc., a technology research and advisory company.
Sasha Arielle Castro Foo

Sasha’s concentration in Public Policy was Law and Legal Policy. She was a research assistant for Political Science Professor Justin Grimmer and a course assistant for Political Science Professor Andrew Rutten. Sasha was involved with Stanford Chi Omega, holding multiple leadership positions within the organization including serving on the executive board. She also worked to raise money for the Stanford Fund, at one point raising around $750 an hour. Last summer Sasha utilized her fundraising skills by working on the development teams of both a start-up non-profit and Planned Parenthood Mar Monte. After graduating, Sasha will work as a Teach for America Corps member in San Jose.

Matthew Timothy Izant

Matthew also graduated with a double major in Economics. Across both majors, he focused on the intersection of energy, technology, behavioral economics, and policy. While studying overseas at Oxford University, Matthew took a tutorial on energy economics. Matthew was very active with Stanford Club Tennis since his freshmen year, leading the team to top 10 finishes at Nationals and to a California State Championship this year. After graduation, Matthew will begin working as an analyst at Cornerstone Research in nearby Menlo Park.

Tyler Michael Jamison

As a Stanford freshman, Tyler was actively involved in ASSU’s Public Service Team as an executive fellow and as a freshman student service ambassador. For this work he was awarded the Public Service Star Award. Tyler was an analyst with Stanford Finance and an associate with the Charles R. Blyth Fund. He also held summer internship positions at Navidar Group in New York and at Lazard in Chicago. After graduation, Tyler will be an analyst at Seven Hills Partners in San Francisco, a technology and healthcare focused investment bank.

Christopher Jenkins

Chris spent a summer interning at the World Economic Forum in New York City, where he researched innovative goods and services for the world’s poorest individuals. During his internship, he developed a taxonomic framework to help foster collaboration across different networks within the World Economic Forum. Chris’ work was distributed to key stakeholders at the Forum’s Meeting in Davos, Switzerland. Chris was a three-year member of the Stanford baseball team and recipient of the Ralph Jim Reynolds Memorial athletic scholarship. After graduation Chris will be working for GigaOm in San Francisco while completing a minor in Computer Science.

Marcia Moana Levitan

Marcia was involved with student performing arts since her freshman year. She danced with the Polynesian dance group KaoriHiva and sang rock a cappella with The Stanford Harmonics, where she served as tour manager and organized a week-long music excursion through the Pacific Northwest. Marcia enjoyed taking undergraduate and Law School classes related to her concentration, Law and the Legal System. Last summer she worked as a legislative and press intern for United States Senator Jon Tester’s office and fell in love with the hustle and bustle of Washington, D.C. Marcia is excited to be returning to D.C. after graduation for two years before attending law school.

Ian Barry Mathews

Ian also graduated with a major in Economics. His policy focus has been in energy and environmental economics. While studying abroad at Oxford, he took tutorials in public economics and energy policy. One summer Ian helped run a successful campaign for New York State Assembly before spending a month sailing around the Northeast. At Stanford he was a com-
Hanh Hong Nguyen

Hanh’s Public Policy concentration was Development and Foreign Relations Policy in East Asia. While attending Stanford’s Overseas Program in Cape Town, she interned at the Clothing Bank, an innovative social enterprise that seeks to empower unemployed mothers through enterprise development. During her internship, Hanh assisted with grant applications and the piloting of the Microfranchise Accelerator. At Stanford, Hanh was co-president of the Southeast Asian Service Leadership Network, which sends international college students on service leadership trips to Southeast Asia. Hanh was also a member of the Alpha Kappa Psi co-ed professional business fraternity. Last summer, Hanh interned at Qatalyst Partners, a boutique investment bank specializing in technology mergers and acquisitions. This fall she will begin work at Bain & Company in San Francisco.

William Cramblit Olson

Bill’s concentration in Public Policy was International Policy and National Security. One summer he worked for the San Jose Auditor’s Office, developing an audit of the police and fire service levels at the San Jose International Airport. Bill also worked as a research assistant for Public Policy Deputy Director Greg Rosston, developing an introductory seminar on personal finance. Bill participated in a number of organizations at Stanford, ranging from the Stanford Band to Stanford’s rugby team. He has also been a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, where he served in various leadership roles. After graduation, Bill will be working in Costa Rica, after which he plans to join the United States Army.

Christopher Lee Paiji

Chris’ Public Policy Concentration was Health Policy. Since his sophomore year, he led student efforts in Hepatitis B and liver cancer education, which included serving as president of Stanford Team HBV and coordinator of the Jade Ribbon Campaign. Chris has also been involved in medical research. One summer he planned and implemented a comprehensive evaluation of Malaysia’s drug rehabilitation model in Kuala Lumpur. He was also a research assistant for the David Relman Lab of Microbiology & Immunology. After graduation Chris will begin medical school at University of California, Irvine.

Cyrus Antonio Pinto

Cyrus’ focus in Public Policy was in environmental and technology policy. He interned at the Environmental Defense Fund and conducted research for two biology professors. As part of Stanford’s Student Initiated Courses Program, Cyrus taught a course on the business and policy of environmental sustainability for three consecutive years. As an active member of the Stanford Axe Committee, Cyrus is known as a “Stanford Superfan” and has appeared on ESPN and in USA Today in this capacity. He merged his interests in the environment and sports by spearheading a recycling campaign for Stanford Athletics. Cyrus is also passionate about technology and has published work on autonomous vehicle policy. He has interned at Google for two summers and will start a full time position at Oracle this summer.

Susha Bentley Roy

Susha graduated Phi Beta Kappa and with a Public Policy concentration in International Development. She developed a strong interest in education policy after both studying abroad in Santiago, Chile in the midst of the education protests and teaching English in rural India for two months as part of Stanford’s Project Dosti Program. Susha moved to Chicago for six months during her junior year to work on the paid media and messaging team for President Obama’s reelection campaign. She also interned at the Department of Justice and in Senator Feinstein’s D.C. office. Susha will be traveling in Europe with friends and family this summer, before returning to the U.S. to pursue work in education policy.
Kara Layne Runsten
Kara graduated Phi Beta Kappa and with a minor in Creative Writing. She studied abroad in Florence through Stanford’s Overseas Studies Program. Kara’s focus in Public Policy has been on environmental issues. While attending the Stanford in Washington Program, she interned in the Policy Office of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. She continued that internship the following summer, working on setting guidelines for incorporating fishing communities into catch share programs. Kara also interned at the ocean conservation nonprofit, Oceana. At Stanford, Kara was the community manager at Durand House and a head peer adviser for the Stanford in Washington Program. This summer Kara will be working as a Sand Hill Philanthropy Fellow at the Flora Family Foundation.

Rebecca Marqusee Sachs
Rebecca also graduated with a major in Economics and with honors through the Economics Department. Her thesis is titled “Job-Lock and Health Insurance Premiums: Evidence from the Massachusetts Health Care Reform.” Rebecca received the Anna Laura Myers Prize for an Outstanding Thesis from the Economics Department. Rebecca studied at the London School of Economics and participated in the Stanford in Washington Program. She interned at both the White House Council of Economic Advisers and the Office of Management and Budget. At Stanford, she was a research assistant for Economics Professors John Pencavel and Nick Bloom. After graduation, Rebecca will be working as a research assistant in the Industrial Relations Section of the Economics Department at Princeton University.

Alysha Sayall
Alysha graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a Public Policy concentration in International Development. She studied abroad in Beijing, China through Stanford’s Overseas Studies Program. At Stanford, Alysha helped plan conferences for the Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR). She also served as the community manager for her dorm. As a project director for Stanford Consulting, Alysha led cases for both a luxury fashion retailer and a Silicon Valley venture capital firm. She also had summer internships at J.P. Morgan in San Francisco and at a public policy consulting firm in Washington, D.C. After graduating, Alysha will be working as an associate consultant for Bain in San Francisco.

Anna Barrett Schickele
Anna also graduated with a minor in Mathematics and with honors in Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law. Her thesis is titled “One Drop at a Time: Diffusion of Modern Irrigation Technology in the Lurín Valley, Peru.” Anna traveled to Peru twice to interview farmers and NGO employees for her thesis. Anna studied abroad in Barcelona through Stanford’s Overseas Studies Program. As part of Stanford’s Alternative Spring Break Program, she co-led a course about issues of political participation and civic engagement and then led a weeklong trip to Washington, D.C. Anna was also involved with Stanford in Government. After graduation, Anna will work as a policy analyst for the Poverty Action Lab, J-PAL, in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Hilary Louise Stone
Hilary’s concentration in Public Policy was Technology Policy. While attending the Stanford in Washington Program, she interned at the Federal Communications Commission and worked on the AT&T/T-Mobile merger. Hilary later worked on technology policy issues for the Energy & Commerce Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives. Hilary was a recipient of the Stanford Award of Excellence for her service to the University. She has been actively involved with Chi Omega since her freshman year, including serving as both president and philanthropy chair. Hilary was also a peer adviser for the Stanford in Washington Program and financial manager of her residence. After graduation, Hilary will be working as an analyst for The Avascent Group in Washington, D.C.

Samuel Lindsay Storey
Sam also graduated with a major in Feminist Studies. His Public Policy concentration was Social Policy. As part of Stanford’s Overseas Studies Program, Sam studied in India and Chile and examined how these countries respond to extreme poverty. Sam worked as a research assistant with Professor Jon Krosnick, studying what methodological factors impact pre-election polling accuracy. He also conducted political research with the local firm Hughes & Company as part of its campaign to elect more women to Congress in 2012. After graduation, Sam will be working as a junior analyst at EMC Research, a polling and public opinion consulting firm in Oakland.
Cooper McIntyre Williams
Cooper transferred to Stanford after an injury forced him to quit the San Francisco Ballet School, where he was on a full scholarship. His concentration in Public Policy was International Development. Cooper interned for six months at the World Bank in Washington, D.C., served as co-president of the Stanford Association for International Development, and developed a business plan for a Moscow-based biotechnology startup. He was also a resident assistant in Grove House. Some of Cooper’s fondest Stanford memories include speaking to the Class of 2015 at New Student Orientation and traveling to Beijing and India the summer after sophomore year.

After graduation, Cooper will be moving to China to work with TZG Partners, a business initiation firm in Shanghai that was founded by Stanford graduates.

Daniel Raymond Wong
Daniel also graduated with a secondary major in Economics. His policy focus has been the economics of education. He served as an academic theme associate for the Education and Society Theme House. Daniel worked as a research assistant for Public Policy Professor Joe Nation, where he collected health care data for a large collaborative database project. While attending the Stanford in Washington Program, he interned for the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation in the Department of Health and Human Services. After graduation, Daniel will be an analyst at the Investment Fund for Foundations in Cambridge, MA.

New Program
Public Policy Fellowship Program

In 2013, the Public Policy program rolled out a fellowship program for continuing students eager to pursue a summer internship with a public or nonprofit organization. The response was overwhelmingly positive, partially due to the fact that students were able to ‘place themselves’ within an organization that met their particular educational and career needs. A total of 14 students were awarded fellowship support to work in the agencies below:

- Congressman Jeff Denham
- Congressman Eliot Engel
- Mayor John Fetterman
- Senator Max Baucus
- Congressional Research Service
- Department of Homeland Security
- Peace Corps
- The Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia
- Breakthrough Silicon Valley
- The New America Foundation
- StartX
- Aam Aadmi (India)
- National Center for Informatics and Computing (Vietnam)
- Board of Investment (Thailand)

Although we hope to continue offering fellowship funding to students, we need your support to do so. To learn more about donating to the summer fellowship program, please visit http://publicpolicy.stanford.edu/donate

2013 AWARDS

University Distinction
Jason Bade
Matthew Izant
Susha Roy
Kara Runsten
Alysha Sayall
Anna Schickele

Phi Beta Kappa
Jason Bade
Susha Roy
Kara Runsten
Alysha Sayall
Anna Schickele

Roger G. Noll
Award for Outstanding Performance in Economics and Quantitative Analysis
Ann C. Seminara

Lincoln Moses
Award for an Exceptional Honors Thesis
Demoni Newman

Robyn R. Noll
Award for an Exceptional Honors Thesis
Gena Eddy

Outstanding Undergraduate Practicum Award
Sasha Foo
Walter Herring
Susha Roy
Hilary Stone

Outstanding Graduate Practicum Award
Christopher Frank
Michael Kent
Dennis Li
Commencement and Degree Candidates

Class of 2012 – Graduate Degree Candidates

Christopher Alvarez
Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and Master of Arts in Public Policy

Chris graduated with a B.A. in International Relations and a Master of Arts degree in Public Policy. Chris focused on community service at Stanford, helping run a scholarship for high school students and working for five years as a coach and tutor with children from East Palo Alto. Away from school, he worked in public relations in Washington, D.C., and received a Harriman Fellowship to serve with the U.S. State Department in London. After graduation, Chris will stay in California to work as a consultant with an eye towards public sector and government projects.

Lia Carpeneti
Master of Arts in Public Policy and Juris Doctor

Lia graduated with a joint degree in Law and Master of Arts in Public Policy. She completed her thesis, “Breaking the Cycle of Prison Overcrowding: An Analysis of County AB 109”, under the supervision of Professor Joan Petersilia. Her interest lies in Native American and Native Alaskan law. This summer, she’s headed to Anchorage to start work with Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Miller & Munson, a firm that specializes in the field. While sad to be leaving sunny California, Lia is looking forward to many adventures exploring Anchorage and the surrounding area.

Siddharth Damania
Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Master of Arts in Public Policy

Siddharth graduated with a B.A. in Economics and Master of Arts degree in Public Policy. On campus, he was actively involved with developing the Stanford Economics Association and directing the Stanford Pre-Business Association’s conference “Entrepreneurship in Global Business,” a university-wide forum drawing students, faculty, and Silicon Valley professionals. Siddharth was also a four-year member and captain of Stanford Basmati Raas, a nationally award-winning Indian dance team. With Basmati Raas, he competed at the nation’s most prestigious dance competitions and was invited twice to the Raas All-Stars championship. This fall, Siddharth will begin work as a management consultant for Oliver Wyman in New York.

Russell Ganzi
Master of Public Policy

Russell is the first Master of Public Policy student to join us from a humanities department. He began his academic career at Stanford in the art history Ph.D. program. Along with his Public Policy colleague T.J. Augustine, Russell helped establish the Stanford chapter of Scientists and Engineers for America. This year, he served as a Teaching Assistant for the graduate practicum under Professor Joe Nation. Since March, he has worked as a product manager at a startup company in Palo Alto. After graduation, Russell will remain in Silicon Valley to pursue new ventures at the intersection of technology and public policy.

Jaya Goswami
Master of Arts in Public Policy and Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering

Jaya graduated with an M.S. in Mechanical Engineering and a Master of Arts degree in Public Policy. Her area of focus was...
David Hoffert

**Master of Public Policy and Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering**

David graduated with a Master of Public Policy degree with a concentration in Advanced Economic Analysis. David completed his M.S. in Mechanical Engineering at Stanford two years ago. David was a recipient of the Stanford Graduate Fellowship, a teaching assistantship with the Introductory Economics Center, and a research assistantship with Professor Jeremy Bulow of the Graduate School of Business. Outside of Stanford, David took an active leadership role in the local Jewish community, most recently serving as the Chairman of a 500-person organization, Jews’ Next Dor. After graduation, David looks forward to making a meaningful impact on politics and policy.

Robert Jackman

**Master of Public Policy and Master of Arts in Education**

Robert graduated with a Master of Public Policy degree with a concentration in Governance and Policy in the American West. In 2010, he completed his M.A. in Higher Education Policy at the School of Education. This year, Robert was a teaching assistant for ECON 1A with the Stanford Introductory Economics Center. He also conducted research at the Bill Lane Center for the American West on fossil fuel economics. After graduation, Robert will be spending the summer at Stanford conducting research, before moving to a full-time position in policy consulting this fall.

Shahryar Malik

**Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Master of Arts in Public Policy**

Shahryar graduated with a B.A. in Economics and a Master of Arts in Public Policy. He was a research assistant for the Economics and Civil Engineering departments. Shahryar was advised by Larry Diamond for his Stanford in Government fellowship placement at an NGO in Washington, D.C. During his senior year, Shahryar advocated for need-blind aid for international students as the undergraduate representative to the Stanford Board of Trustees. After graduation, Shahryar will work at a startup focused on infrastructure project finance before moving to New York in January to start in management consulting.

Miriam Marks

**Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy and Master of Arts in Public Policy**

Miriam graduated with a Master of Arts degree in Public Policy. She completed honors in Public Policy last year with minors in Economics and Middle Eastern Languages. This year, Miriam served as a teaching assistant for the Junior Honors Seminar, assisting students with the design of honors theses. Miriam spent last summer at The Brookings Institution in Qatar as the first Stanford in Government Brookings Doha Fellow, and she is currently conducting research on prison union spending at the nonprofit California Common Sense. After graduation, Miriam will continue her interest in policymaking as a Coro Fellow in Public Affairs in San Francisco.

Aman Naimat

**Master of Arts in Public Policy and Master of Science in Computer Science**

Aman graduated with a Master of Arts degree in Public Policy. He completed his M.S. in Computer Science at Stanford last year. Aman is passionate about the intersection of technology and policy and is a serial entrepreneur with a number of startups under his belt. Before beginning his Public Policy degree, Aman was a senior director at Oracle. Along with other public policy students, he created an online platform, TopCorner.org, for engaging citizens with government and policy. Aman will continue working on this project after graduation.

Cameron Percy

**Master of Public Policy**

Cameron graduated with a Master of Public Policy degree, with a concentration in Applied Policymaking. At the conclusion of his team’s practicum project for Governor Schwarzenegger’s office, which reassessed the unfunded liabilities in California’s public employee pension system, Cameron was appointed to the board of CalSTRS, the state’s second largest pension system. He served as a TA with Professor Joe Nation and also worked with Senior Lecturer Mary Sprague as a research assistant. Cameron took time off while earning his degree for engaging citizens with government and policy. Aman will continue working on this project after graduation.
to co-found a technology company that is currently in the early stages of its first public release. After graduation, Cameron will continue that work and next year will begin his M.B.A. in the United Kingdom.

**Linda Phung**  
*Bachelor of Arts in Human Biology and Master of Arts in Public Policy*

Linda graduated with a Master of Arts degree in Public Policy and a B.A. in Human Biology. While at Stanford, she was heavily involved in the dance community, directing Urban Styles Jazz Dance Troupe and DV8 Hip-Hop Dance Crew, as well as volunteering with Side by Side, a student group that performs songs at Bay Area nursing homes, hospitals, and retirement centers. Her primary research interest is health policy and ethics. Linda has worked at the Stanford Center for Biomedical Ethics, Houston Medical Center Foot Clinic, and MD Anderson Cancer Center. After graduation, Linda plans to teach abroad and work in the health policy field.

**Ian Tien**  
*Master of Public Policy and Master of Business Administration*

Ian graduated with a joint M.P.P./M.B.A. degree. He was a research assistant for Professor Andy Grove and a teaching assistant for Business School Professor Myron Scholes. Ian received the Parker Reed and the Herbert Winfrey Carr Fellowships. While a student, Ian also worked full time as head of product for a streaming movie startup backed by Sequoia Capital, Warner Brothers and Sony Pictures. In 2011, he co-founded a video game company, SpinPunch, whose first title is now enjoyed by tens of thousands of players in over 82 countries. After graduation, Ian will continue his work with SpinPunch.

**Edgar Franco Vivanco**  
*Master of Arts in Public Policy and Master of Arts in Education*

Edgar graduated with a Master of Arts degree in Public Policy. He completed his M.A. in International Educational Administration and Policy Analysis at the School of Education in 2011. Edgar was a Fulbright scholar, a recipient of the Claudio X. Gonzalez Fellowship and The Mexico Fund Fellowship. He was involved in several research projects across campus with Professors Carnoy, Petersilia, Magaloni and at the Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality. After graduation, Edgar will begin working at Stanford’s Program on Poverty and Governance researching the impact of violence on education in the context of Mexico’s war on drugs. He plans to return to Mexico and apply the policy knowledge he received at The Farm.

**Class of 2012 – Bachelor Degree Candidates**

**Alex Alvarado**  
Alex Alvarado graduated with a secondary major in Public Policy and a B.A. in Economics. While attending Stanford in Washington, Alex worked at the U.S. Treasury Department in International Affairs. He also worked for a venture capital firm while studying abroad in Madrid, a growth equity firm in Menlo Park, a Stanford-based startup accelerator, and the cloud-based start-up Box.com. As a research assistant for Professor Hamilton Helmer, Alex examined strategy practices of the S&P 100. His proudest accomplishment at Stanford was supervising efforts over 3 years at the Alumni Center to raise more than 5 million dollars for various Stanford funds. After graduation Alex will work for Oliver Wyman’s management consulting division in San Francisco.

**Caitlin Brown**  
Caitlin Brown graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a concentration in Environmental Policy. While attending Stanford in Washington, she worked at the Department of the Interior in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Water and Science. Among her Stanford activities, Caitlin is particularly proud of co-founding the Stanford Gleaning Project, which addresses the lack of fresh fruit in food pantries in San Francisco by donating fruit from the trees on campus. Originally from Houston, Texas, Caitlin has decided to return to her hometown to teach bilingual elementary school children through Teach for America. She will be using the fluency she gained at Stanford in Chile and strategies she learned working for Outward Bound.

**Ashley Buckner**  
Ashley Buckner also graduated with a minor in Psychology. While attending Stanford in Washington, Ashley interned at the Federal Reserve where she examined federal mortgage modification programs. After her quarter in D.C., she studied abroad at the University of Oxford. On campus Ashley was very involved with the Stanford Gospel Choir. In addition
to singing in the choir all four years, she served as its co-president during her senior year. Ashley was also a student assistant for the School of Education and a resident assistant in a dorm for freshmen and sophomores. After graduating Ashley will become an Executive Fellow in the Capital Fellows Program in Sacramento.

**Jack Bugas**

Jack Bugas graduated Phi Beta Kappa and with the Stanford Award of Excellence. He has focused on education both inside and outside the classroom. Through the senior practicum, he cowrote a report for the Silicon Valley Education Foundation comparing education systems across countries. Jack also tutored in East Palo Alto, on campus with a Stanford custodian, and in a rural Panamanian school. Among Jack’s most formative experiences at Stanford was serving as a two-time resident assistant, first for an all-freshman dorm and then for his fraternity. After six months of traveling predominately in Latin America, Jack will begin working as an associate with The Boston Consulting Group in New York City.

**Davanh Chandarasane**

Davanh Chandarasane’s Public Policy concentration was in Education. Since her freshman year she has been involved with both Tzu Chi and Henry’s Place at Stanford, where she tutored elementary school students from St. Elizabeth Seton School in Palo Alto. Davanh gained experience teaching English while learning Korean through the Teach and Learn in Korea Program sponsored by the Korean Ministry of Education, Science and Technology. She also studied Japanese for two years. After graduation Davanh will continue to learn Japanese by living in Japan and teaching in The Japan Exchange and Teaching Program.

**Tara Gu**

Tara Gu graduated Phi Beta Kappa and with a minor in Human Biology. At SIW, Tara worked at the Securities and Exchange Commission, where she analyzed trends in structured retail products and authored a speech on the role of securities regulators in the post-financial crisis world. While conducting community-based partnership research in Cape Town, South Africa, she developed a business competency framework to measure key performance indicators for an enterprise development nonprofit. Tara also served as an RA in the largest undergraduate residence on campus, led an Alternative Spring Break trip on social entrepreneurship, and danced for 24 hours straight on multiple occasions to raise money to combat HIV/AIDS. Following graduation Tara will teach high school in Chicago through Teach for America.

**Breanna Jones**

Breanna Jones graduated with honors for her thesis, “California’s Tragedy of the Commons: How a Few Voters Disproportionately Influence County Use of State Prisons.” Breanna has explored criminal and labor law from many different angles. She received a SIG fellowship to work for the International Labour Organization in Beijing, and later returned there to interview migrants. She then moved to D.C., working for the National Labor Relations Board, the Department of State, and the Drug Court. She was also a member of the Stanford Mock Trial Team all four years. Breanna’s activities outside of policy included playing on the Stanford Women’s Ultimate Frisbee Team and being a salsa dance instructor. After graduation Breanna will be teaching math in Oakland for Teach for America.

**Chris Juhnke**

Chris Juhnke studied in Florence, Italy as well as attended Stanford in Washington. In D.C., he interned with the Environment and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. Chris was a member of Stanford in Government for three years. This year, as the organization’s Director of National Fellowships, he oversaw 15 summer fellowship opportunities across the country for Stanford undergraduates. Chris was also involved with Stanford Student Enterprises since his sophomore year. He held many positions within the organization, including serving as Bank Manager. After graduating Chris will work as an associate consultant for Bain & Company in San Francisco.

**Porter Kalbus**

Porter Kalbus graduated with a secondary major in Public Policy and a B.A. in Economics. His Public Policy concentration was Advanced Methods of Policy Analysis. One of his Stanford highlights was getting to apply his econometrics training to conduct an analysis for the Silicon Valley Education Foundation through the practicum. Specifically, he conducted a regression analysis to explain variation in educational performance across countries. Porter played water polo for the men’s varsity team and was a member and community manager of Kappa Alpha Order. He also spent a summer assisting Professor Bruce Owen in a review of the program’s undergraduate and graduate curricula. After graduation Porter will work for Morgan Stanley in leverage and acquisition finance.
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Michael Kent
Michael Kent graduated with a concentration in Science and Technology Policy. While attending Stanford in Washington, he worked in the Advanced Analytics Department at Booz Allen Hamilton where his main clients were NASA and the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. Michael was a member of the Stanford Varsity Wrestling Team for four years and was twice named to the all PAC-12 academic team. He also served the Stanford community as the risk-manager of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, a panelist for the Stanford Judicial Affairs Board, and a Public Policy peer advisor. Michael will spend the summer interning at Dodge & Cox in San Francisco, and will be back at Stanford in the fall to earn a master’s degree in Public Policy.

Eric Knudson
Eric Knudson also graduated with honors in Ethics in Society for his thesis on the moral responsibilities of a private university to foreign students. Last summer Eric worked for the Reserve Bank of India in Mumbai. In Washington, D.C., as a SIG fellow at the U.S. Government Accountability Office, he analyzed the use of efficiency measurement in the public sector for the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee. In D.C. he also worked for Representative John D. Dingell. Eric studied abroad in Moscow and Oxford. On campus he was a SLE tutor, Stanford Pre-Law Society Co-President, and member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity. He also founded his own business, Serve It Up Tennis. Next year Eric plans to work for Palantir Technologies in Washington, D.C.

Michael Lazarus
Michael Lazarus graduated with a secondary major in Public Policy and a B.A. in Economics. With the Semester at Sea Program, he traveled to 12 countries while studying global economic problems. At Stanford Michael conducted research on corporate power for Economics Professor Hamilton Helmer. For The Stanford Daily he wrote a weekly sports column. Michael was also involved with Club Baseball and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. One of Michael’s most memorable Stanford moments was meeting Governor Schwarzenegger when he was a guest lecturer in his California Politics and Policy course. Back home in San Francisco, Michael has written for professional newspapers and worked for political and economic consulting firms. After graduation he will work as an analyst for Compass Lexecon in Oakland.

Jane LePham
Jane LePham graduated with honors. In her thesis she examined changes in CEO pay practices before and after the 2008 financial crisis. While attending Stanford in Washington, Jane interned at the Federal Reserve Board, where she worked on implementing Dodd-Frank legislation for risk management practices at bank-holding companies. On campus Jane served as a research assistant for both the Political Science Department and the Graduate School of Business. She was also managing editor for The Stanford Daily and editorial director for The Daily’s Board of Directors. This summer Jane will join the public finance team at Barclays Capital, and in the fall she will return to Stanford to begin her master’s degree in Public Policy.

Sarah Medina
Sarah Medina’s Public Policy concentration was Education. While studying overseas in Florence, she took courses that focused on evaluating differences in higher education between European and American universities. In Bolivia, Sarah did a month-long service project in which she worked with local students to address their need for environmental education. Through the Haas Center for Public Service, Sarah interned at three different non-profits: Impact Houston, Hands On Inland Empire, and Reasoning Mind. For Reasoning Mind, an education nonprofit, she completed a capstone project to revamp the organization’s marketing and public relations strategies. Next year Sarah will be working with the charter school YES Prep as a middle school math teacher.
Dylan Plofker
Dylan Plofker also graduated with a minor in Classics. He studied abroad in Florence, Italy. For his senior practicum project, Dylan and his teammates advised local policymakers on ways to increase the energy efficiency of commercial buildings in Silicon Valley. Dylan has worked for Stanford Student Enterprises since his sophomore year. This year he served as its Director of Capital Group, where he managed a staff of 18 students and oversaw over 14 million dollars in assets. Dylan was also a member of the executive team for Dance Marathon. This summer Dylan will work as an analyst at TCS Capital Management, and in the fall he will return to Stanford to complete his master’s degree in Public Policy.

Adrienne Pon
Adrienne Pon graduated Phi Beta Kappa, with honors, and with the Stanford Award of Excellence. Her honors thesis on education in South Africa is now being used by the NGO she worked for last spring while attending Stanford in Cape Town and last summer as a Center for African Studies Fellow. At Stanford in Washington, D.C. Adrienne worked at the U.S. Department of Education. On campus Adrienne was a research assistant twice, served as the proud RA of a freshman dorm, held multiple student government positions, and founded a student group to provide free tutoring to children of Stanford residential and dining hall employees. After graduation Adrienne will work for the Obama campaign before joining Teach for America.

Otis Reid
Otis Reid also graduated with a major in Economics and with honors. He wrote his thesis on the Ghana Stock Exchange through CDDRL’s honors program. Otis received the Lloyd W. Dinkelspiel Award for Distinctive Contributions to Undergraduate Education and the J.E. Wallace Sterling Award for Scholastic Achievement. At Stanford, Otis has focused on his passion for African economic development. He spent one summer in Ghana at a think tank and another in Ethiopia working on financial inclusion. At SIW, he worked on food security in the Office of African Nations at the U.S. Treasury. Otis has also been deeply involved with Stanford in Government, including serving as its chair this year. After graduating Otis will be traveling in Southeast Asia before settling in Chicago to work at McKinsey & Company.

Samuel Romer
Samuel Romer also graduated with a minor in Economics. Through the International Studies Abroad Program, he studied overseas in Barcelona. At Stanford Sammy was on the Men’s Lacrosse Team since his freshman year, earning All-league and All-American honors as well as captaining the team his senior year. Through Coaching Corps, he coached a girls’ elementary school basketball team in East Palo Alto. He also mentored and tutored middle school students in East Palo Alto. Sammy worked at Goldman Sachs in New York and Netik Financial Data Management in Santa Clara. After graduation he will work for Citigroup in New York City.

Katie Rosman
Katie Rosman also graduated with honors and with a major in African and African-American Studies. In her thesis, she examined the effectiveness of employment services available to homeless residents of Chicago following the Great Recession. Katie conducted research for two centers on campus. She was also a writing tutor, an Admissions Associate for the Undergraduate Admissions Office, and president of Stanford Anthology for Youth. In Washington, D.C. Katie interned in the D.C. Public Schools central office. She also served as a communications intern for Rahm Emanuel’s mayoral campaign in Chicago, the highlight being when Mr. Emanuel himself once asked her for a stick of gum. In the fall Katie will be studying in Oxford, England. Her future plans include working in the education field.

Jackie Rotman
Jackie Rotman’s Public Policy concentration was International Development. She conducted a research study in Uganda, participated in a service-learning trip to India, and traveled to Mozambique to help design a company to improve the maize milling experience there. At SIW, Jackie interned with the U.S. Treasury Department’s Office of African Nations. She also served as Co-President of Right to Education for All Children. On campus Jackie was a member of two dance groups. She also directed Everybody Dance Now!, a nonprofit she founded in 2005 which has provided free hip-hop dance programs to over 2,000 underserved youth. Last year Jackie was named one of Glamour Magazine’s Top Ten College Women. After graduation Jackie will be working with The Bridgespan Group, a nonprofit consulting firm, in New York City.
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Robert Ryan
After his freshman year, Robert Ryan lived in Brazil for two years as a Portuguese-speaking missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Upon returning to Stanford he continued studying Portuguese and served as a translator at an education conference for the U.S. Embassy. Robert’s Public Policy concentration was Health Care. He worked with Stanford Hospital to improve its electronic medical record system and assisted a professor in research on medical device start-ups. While interning for Accenture, he was the lead business analyst on a health technology project. Robert also interned in D.C. with Representative Jeff Flake. His greatest accomplishment at Stanford was marrying the girl of his dreams. After graduation Robert will be moving to Dallas to continue working for Accenture.

Nicole Shields
Nicole Shields also graduated with a minor in Communication. She was active with Stanford Women in Business since her sophomore year. Among other positions, she served as the organization’s Vice President of Marketing for two years. Nicole has also been involved in Charity Fashion Show, Freshman Council, and Stanford Alpha Phi. Nicole had a range of summer work experience, including working at a non-profit in Sweden, at a start-up in Palo Alto, and in sales and trading at UBS in New York City. Through the senior practicum, Nicole and her group assessed the role of Green Banking in California. After graduation Nicole plans on working in marketing in Southern California.

A.J. Talt
A.J. Talt has been a pitcher on the Stanford Varsity baseball team for the past four years. In his senior year he was recognized by the Santa Clara County Hot Stove Committee for his outstanding leadership, receiving the Lloyd Christopher Award. During two of his summer breaks, A.J. played on baseball teams in New York and Virginia with college students from around the country. He also volunteered as a coach for baseball camp. Last summer A.J. worked as an extern for Judge Kim Wardlaw on the U.S. Federal Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. A.J. plans to pursue a legal career in the sports industry.

Ali Troute
Ali Troute was a recipient of the Stanford Award of Excellence. Her Public Policy concentration was in U.S./China Foreign Relations. While studying in Beijing, she worked with a professor to develop the poverty unit for a curriculum about China to be taught to U.S. high school students. As part of this project, Ali interned at a Palo Alto based startup, Pulsd. In addition to working on product development, she worked to expand their San Francisco market and lead content generation. After graduation Ali plans to spend time traveling in South America before returning to work at Pulsd full time.

Pa Nhia Vang
Through Stanford’s Overseas Studies Program, Pa Nhia Vang studied in Santiago, Chile, learning about the country’s economic and political history and improving her Spanish. Pa Nhia was a research assistant for Professor Jon Krosnick in the Communication Department for two years. Her research focused on the relationship between media coverage of climate change and people’s perceptions of it. Pa Nhia was involved with the Stanford Hmong Student Union since her freshman year, including serving as the club’s vice president for one year. After graduation Pa Nhia plans to work in consulting in Minnesota.

Fatima Wagdy
Fatima Wagdy also minored in Economics and Middle Eastern Languages, Literatures and Cultures. While studying overseas at Oxford, she took an intense tutorial on Middle Eastern Politics. Fatima served as the president of the Islamic Society of Stanford. She co-led an Alternative Spring Break service trip that explored the intersection of interfaith cooperation and community service. She was also an RA in a large dorm and a coordinator for the Stanford Project on Hunger. In the summers, Fatima worked as a research assistant for Political Science Professor Lisa Blaydes and served as a head counselor for the Education Program for Gifted Youth at Stanford. This summer Fatima will be working with a non-profit in Cairo, Egypt. Her future plans include a career in international development.
Xiangnong ‘George’ Wang

Xiangnong ‘George’ Wang is graduating with honors for his thesis entitled, “Understanding Current Trends and Outcomes in Generic Drug Patent Litigation.” While at Stanford George was particularly interested in the intersection of policy, law, and computer science. These diverse interests gave him the opportunity to work with many different professors including Mark Lemley and Dan Ho from the Law School, Terry Moe from the Hoover Institute, and Chris Manning from the Computer Science Department. George also took one year off to join a legal technology start-up company, Lex Machina, as their sixth full-time employee. After graduation George plans to spend the summer as a writer before starting a job with Palantir Technologies in Palo Alto.

Kentaro Watari

In response to the earthquake and tsunami in his home country of Japan, Kentaro Watari took a year off in 2011 to co-found Youth for 3.11, a youth volunteer organization that organized 2,000 youth to provide 14,000 days of volunteering in the disaster-struck region. Through the Stanford Overseas Program, Ken volunteered in youth development in Cape Town, South Africa. He also worked on education policy in Bhutan for seven months under Stanford Professor Mark Mancall. This summer Ken will go to India through the Stanford d.school’s Design for Extreme Affordability class. He will be working with a cardiac hospital in Bangalore to roll out a patient tracking system for patients who have undergone heart surgery. In September Ken will join the Boston Consulting Group’s San Francisco office.

Li ‘Lily’ Xu

Li ‘Lily’ Xu graduated Phi Beta Kappa and with a minor in Mathematics. She is also a recipient of the Stanford Award of Excellence. While at Stanford Lily found her home at the Haas Center for Public Service. For four years she was an active member and director of Students Taking on Poverty. Through the Haas Center’s Public Interest Law Fellowship, she interned with Neighborhood Legal Services Association in landlord tenant law. This year Lily was an RA twice over. She was a resident assistant for Freshman-Sophomore College and a research assistant at the Stanford Center for Education Policy Analysis. After graduation Lily will attend the Stanford Teacher Education Program, specializing in secondary math.

Laura Yu

Laura Yu is also graduating with a minor in Modern Languages, specifically French and Chinese. Laura studied overseas in Beijing, where she worked as a research assistant for Professor Scott Rozelle. She later presented her research at the China Academy of Social Sciences. While attending Stanford in Washington, she interned at the State Department’s Office of Chinese and Mongolian Affairs where she worked on planning and communications outreach. On campus Laura served as a Stanford Nonprofits Board Fellow and a Haas Public Service Leadership Fellow. She was also a member and later president of the Forum for American-Chinese Exchange at Stanford. Next year Laura will return to Stanford to complete her master’s degree in Public Policy.
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Faculty Profiles

Bruce E. Cain
Bruce E. Cain is a Professor of Political Science at Stanford University and Director Designate of the Bill Lane Center for the American West. He taught at Caltech (1976-89) and UC Berkeley (1989-2012) before coming to Stanford. Professor Cain was Director of the Institute of Governmental Studies at UC Berkeley from 1990-2007 and Executive Director of the UC Washington Center from 2005-2012. He was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2000 and has won awards for his research (Richard F. Fenno Prize, 1988), teaching (Caltech 1988 and UC Berkeley 2003) and public service (our own Morris and Edna Zale Award for Outstanding Achievement in Policy Research and Public Service, 2000). His areas of expertise include political regulation, applied democratic theory, representation and state politics. Some of Professor Cain’s most recent publications include “Malleable Constitutions: Reflections on State Constitutional Design,” coauthored with former Public Policy Director Roger Noll in the University of Texas Law Review, volume 2, 2009; “More or Less: Searching for Regulatory Balance,” in Race, Reform and the Political Process, edited by Heather Gerken, Guy Charles and Michael Kang, CUP, 2011; and “Redistricting Commissions: A Better Political Buffer?” in The Yale Law Journal, volume 121, 2012. He is currently working on a book about political reform in the U.S. Professor Cain received a B.A. from Bowdoin College (1970), a B.Phil from Oxford University (1972) as a Rhodes Scholar, and a Ph.D. from Harvard University (1976).

Thomas S. Dee
Thomas S. Dee is a Professor of Education at Stanford University, a research associate with the programs on education, children, and health at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) and a member of the Public Policy Executive Committee. Prior to beginning his position at Stanford in 2012, Professor Dee was the Director of the Public Policy Program at Swarthmore College from 2005-2010 and a Professor of Public Policy and Economics at the University of Virginia from 2010-2012. Professor Dee is also a Co-Editor of the Journal of Policy Analysis and Management. His research focuses largely on the use of quantitative methods (e.g., panel data techniques, instrumental variables, and random assignment) to inform contemporary policy debates. Recent examples include econometric evaluations of incentive and accountability-based reforms and an analysis of recent, stimulus-funded, school-turnaround initiatives. Professor Dee received his B.A. in Economics with a concentration in Public Policy from Swarthmore College, and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in Economics from the University of Maryland.

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2013 Zale Lecture

Senator Kent Conrad Discusses the Imperative For Economic Growth and Fiscal Responsibility

Established in 1980, the Zale Award seeks to bring to Stanford leading figures from a broad spectrum of public and private life to an audience of Public Policy students. On May 7, 2013, in the SIEPR Gunn Building’s Koret-Taube Conference Room, former North Dakota Senator Kent Conrad (Class of ’71), one of the leading experts in public finance and the nation’s economic issues, addressed fiscal policy reform at the Public Policy Program’s annual Zale Lecture. Along with students, faculty and staff, Jeff Bingaman, former Senator of New Mexico, and his wife, Anne, were also in attendance.

Five years after the financial crisis of 2008, when the nation came perilously close to entering an economic depression, politicians and strategists still fundamentally disagree as to how to reduce the nation’s debt and reform fiscal policies. While Conrad acknowledged that the nation’s economic performance has improved since 2008, the United States still faces a $1.1 trillion dollar deficit. Striving for a balanced approach to reducing the federal debt, Conrad suggested a combination of increasing tax revenues and decreasing spending. In particular, he highlighted the shift towards mandatory entitlement spending, primarily Medicare, which is currently 6% of the nation’s GDP. Moreover, US health expenditures as a share of GDP exceed Japan and many European countries by as much as 8% and are forecasted to consume an increasingly larger percentage of the federal budget.

On the revenue side, Senator Conrad stressed the need to limit tax expenditures, as large American-based companies are either receiving large tax breaks or dodging corporate taxes altogether by going overseas to places like the Caymen Islands, eliminating billions of dollars in potential revenue.

Although these reforms, presented in various forms by both sides of the aisle, offer a path to a balanced budget, Conrad asserted that these strategies would only generate a small percentage of what needs to be accomplished to substantially decrease the nation’s deficit. He was steadfast, however, in his call to action and appeal to policy makers to enact reforms that will boost the economy today, and lead to longer-term fiscal sustainability.

After concluding his talk, Conrad answered questions from students relating to energy independence, political polarization, and global markets. Conrad also spoke personally about the power of having a plan, and how he, at 16, set goals for himself and with help from many people along the way, was able to meet those goals. With Conrad’s extensive knowledge and experience, the 2013 Zale Lecture was a great success, exposing Stanford Public Policy students to the insight of a former United States senator well-versed in economic policy making.
Lawrence Lessig Promotes Cross-Partisan Solution to Campaign Finance Corruption

By Christopher Frank, MPP/PhD (Sociology) degree candidate

As polarizing political rhetoric surges in the lead-up to the 2012 presidential election, it is rare to hear about issues upon which the left and right find common ground. But at Paul Brest Hall on the afternoon of April 26, 2012 Harvard Law Professor Lawrence Lessig described a problem that people from all parts of the political spectrum agree must be addressed: the corrupting influence of money on politics.

While there still remain cases of direct corruption (see Rod Blagojevich and William Jefferson of seat-selling and bribe-taking fame), Lessig instead focused on a more accepted, systemic-level form of corruption. Because of the large sums of money spent on elections, congressmen have become increasingly dependent on funders and now spend 40-70% of their time raising money for their re-election campaigns.

The problem with this arrangement is that the funders of political campaigns are not the general population. Lessig noted that just 196 Americans have given 80% of the Super PAC contributions in the presidential election thus far, and that the top 1% of political donors give more than ten times the amount of the bottom 99%. This amounts to a very small group of people garnering a disproportionate amount of attention from our elected officials. “This is corruption,” Lessig said. “It is a corruption of the dependence our framers intended. It is corruption because it steers the government away from the representative democracy our framers intended.”

Lessig indicated that a constitutional amendment is necessary to address campaign finance corruption. But because Congress is now a “farm-league for K Street” in which former representatives slide into cushy lobbying jobs, Lessig lamented that we cannot expect our congressmen to alter a system that benefits them.

Instead, Lessig suggested that reform is likely to originate in the form of an ‘exo-political’ movement (like the Occupy or 2012 Zale Lecture, Lawrence Lessig

Continuing the conversation over dinner, (from L-R) Jack Bugas, Tara Gu, Breanna Jones, Lawrence Lessig, Chris Frank, and George Wang
Tea Party movements) that originates outside of Washington DC. “I think the interesting division in politics [in America] is between the inside and the outside [of the DC beltway],” he said. Lessig stressed that we need to overcome the polarization of American politics in order to put pressure on the people in Washington DC to change the system. Lessig stated, “We have to find a way to get beyond this ‘us’ vs. ‘them’... [and] begin to build the exo-political movement that could possibly have the power to change the corruption inside the government.”

Lessig suggested that the goal of the exo-political movement should be to hold an Article V Convention, which could be used to propose amendments to change the Constitution. He suggested that the specter of such a convention, even if it did not actually occur, might spur congressmen to make the necessary amendments to the Constitution. “We can use this process for calling for a convention to create the pressure necessary on Washington to do the change this outside-the-beltway political movement demands,” he said.

Lessig admitted that his proposed solution seems like a long shot; after all, the politicians in power have a vested interest in seeing the current system persist, and it is difficult to envision a cross-partisan movement developing as he describes.

But he urged the audience not to be deterred by the difficulty of the task, and drew on a sense of nationalism as inspiration. “Even we liberals love our country,” he quipped, “What love means is the willingness to act in the face of absolute improbability.” Though we may have lost the republic the Founding Fathers imagined, Lessig stressed unity and cross-partisanship saying, “All of us, from the left and the right, realize this institution is corrupt and we have to do something to fix it.”

To this end, Lessig encouraged the audience to join Rootstrikers.org, take the Anti-Corruption Pledge (TheAntiCorruptionPledge.org), tweet stories about money in politics with #rootstrikers, and reach out to people on the opposite side of the political spectrum (“buy a TeaPartier a beer”).

After concluding his talk and answering several questions, Professor Lessig sat with a group of Public Policy students for dinner. Later, he answered another round of questions from the audience and signed copies of his latest book, Republic Lost: How Money Corrupts Congress — and a Plan to Stop It.

2013 News

Staff and Faculty News

Prior to beginning the 2012-13 academic year, Public Policy’s student services specialist Kristin Tewksbury began a new position in the School of Earth Sciences, managing the Earth Systems Program. We welcomed two new staff members: Kellie Marie Lavin and Meredith Appelbaum.

Prior to becoming the undergraduate student services specialist, Kellie Marie was a high school history teacher in Tahoe and Central California. Meredith is the graduate students services manager, a newly created position necessitated by the expansion of the MPP degree program. She previously worked with nonprofits and as an academic advisor at Temple University.

The value of high quality writing and rhetoric instruction has become an increasingly crucial component of student training. In conjunction with the Program in Writing and Rhetoric (PWR), Public Polity is pleased to announce that Dr. Alyssa O’Brien has been appointed as the program’s writing specialist. In this role, Dr. O’Brien works directly with students on analyzing and evaluating the components of their presentations and writing. She has co-taught our required graduate course in Writing and Rhetoric since 2010, and we are pleased that her role has been expanded in the program.

In Spring of 2013, Public Policy said farewell to a longtime and dedicated faculty member, Senior Lecturer Dr. Geoffrey Rothwell. Given the opportunity to become a Principal Economist at the Nuclear Energy Agency of the OECD, Dr. Rothwell bid adieu to Palo Alto for Paris, France. Having taught applied econometrics and directed the Public Policy and Economics honors program for over 20 years, he was a fundamental influence in many Public Policy students’ lives. We are grateful for his significant contributions over the years.

The program has been enriched with a variety of new electives offered by instructors with practical policy experience, including Laura Arrillaga-Andresen (Founder of Stanford PACS and the Silicon Valley Social Venture Fund), Frank Benest (former Palo Alto City Manager), Lanhee Chen (former Policy Director for the Romney Presidential campaign), David Crane (former Special Advisor to Governor Schwarzenegger), Tammy Frisby (US Policy and Political Analyst), Russell Hancock (President and CEO of Joint Venture Silicon Valley), Keith Hennessey (former senior White House economic advisor), Steve Hilton (former Director of Strategy for Prime Minister David Cameron), Susan Liautaud (International Ethics and Governance expert), Rebecca Slayton (International Science and Technology policy scholar), and Milana Boukhman Trounce (Emergency Medicine MD specializing in biosecurity).
2013 Practicum Projects

Master of Public Policy Projects

The Measurement Gap: An Assessment of Teacher Quality and Evaluations in California

Client: The Education Trust–West
By: Chris Frank, Michael Kent, and Dennis Li

Powering the Arctic

Clients: Hoover Institution and Brookings Institution
By: Drew DeWalt, Katharine McCormick, Dylan Plofker, and Maggie Wells

Strictly Business? An Examination of China’s Natural-Resource Acquisition Strategy in Latin America

Client: U.S. Government Accountability Office
By: Juan Andrés Camus, Jane LePham, Roshan Shankar, and Kenny White

Undergraduate Projects

Improving the Implementation of California’s Expungement Policy

By: Sirada Chayabunjonglerd, Marcia Levitan, Chris Paiji, and Sam Storey

Exploring the Feasibility and Implementation of a California Energy Data Center

Client: The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)
By: Alex Chang, Matthew Izant, Tyler Jamison, and Daniel Wong

An Evaluation of Offering Online Courses in California’s K-12 Schools

Client: Silicon Valley Education Foundation
By: Sasha Foo, Walter Herring, Susha Roy, and Hilary Stone

Developing a Plan for Sustainability for the City of Palo Alto

Client: City of Palo Alto
By: Jason Bade, Faith Begay, Kara Runsten, and Alysha Sayall

El Camino Relinquishment Strategies: Pathways for Local Government to Assume Responsibility for a State Highway

Client: Grand Boulevard Working Committee
By: Anissa Chitour, Damali Driskell, Hanh Nguyen, Bill Olson, and Cooper Williams

Analysis of Community Solar Policy Developments

Client: Joint Venture Silicon Valley
By: Rick Castro, Chris Jenkins, Ian Mathews, and Cyrus Pinto

The Undergraduate Outstanding Practicum Award recipients for 2013 worked with the Silicon Valley Education Foundation. (From L-R) Sasha Foo, Susha Roy, Hilary Stone, and Walter Herring

2013 marked the first year of presenting the Outstanding Graduate Practicum Award. (L-R) Dennis Li, Bruce Owen, Michael Kent (not pictured, Chris Frank)
2012 Practicum Projects

Master of Public Policy Projects

Analysis of The Homegrown Violent Extremist (HVE) Movement in the U.S.
Client: Defense Intelligence Agency
By: Kathy Gilsinan, Kristina Popova, Jeff Stern, and Mira Wijayanti

California’s Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) and Grid Capabilities
Client: The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)
By: Jaya Goswami, James Michael Jackson, Erin McGough, Jonathan Strahl, and Ian Tien

Developing Sub-National Policies That Improve Energy Efficiency Financing
Client: Climate Group
By: Riddhima Gandhi, Rong Li, Himani Phadke, Maria Riaz, and Fang Xia

Growing Green Entrepreneurship in Asia
Client: Asia Foundation
By: Edith Elliott, Marie-Christine Feghali, Bill Gallery, Emily Green, Chiara Kovarik, and Nashat Farhana Moin

How Critical Is a Healthy Higher Education System, and How Should We Fund It?
Client: California Competes
By: Shaowen Ang, David Hoffert, and Robert Jackman

Social Media and Social Unrest in the Middle East
Client: Defense Intelligence Agency
By: Taylor Dewey, Erin Jackson, Juliane Kaden, Miriam Marks, Shun Matsushima, and Beijing Zhu

Undergraduate Projects

The Benefits of Local Control: An Evaluation of the San Mateo and San Francisco Child Care Subsidy Pilot Programs
Client: United Way of the Bay Area
By: Ashley Bucker, Alexandra McKinney, Katie Rosman, Lily Xu, and Laura Yu

Improving the Energy Efficiency of Nonowner Occupied Commercial Buildings: Policy Options for Local Governments in Silicon Valley
Client: Joint Venture Silicon Valley’s Climate Task Force
By: Caitlin Brown, Tara Gu, Michael Lazarus, Dylan Plofker, AJ Talt, and Kentaro Watari

What Can We Learn about the U.S. Education System from International Comparisons? An Analysis of PISA and TIMSS Scores and their Implications for the U.S.
Client: Silicon Valley Education Foundation
By: Jack Bugas, Porter Kalbus, Jackie Rotman, Ali Troute, and Pa Nhia Vang

Global Burn Project: Engaging College Students
Client: ReSurge International
By: Michael Kent, Sarah Medina, Robert Ryan, and Fatima Wagdy

A Green Bank and Its Role in California
Client: California Clean Energy Fund (CalCEF)
By: Alex Alvarado, Chris Juhnke, Samuel Romer, and Nicole Shields

The 2012 Outstanding Practicum Award was presented to (L-R) Jackie Rotman, Pa Nhia Vang, Ali Troute, Jack Bugas, and Porter Kalbus
News From Our Grads

Public Policy Program Alumni Updates

Jim Grundberg
Class of 1983

Having been raised in a family where his mother had been a public servant all of her life, the new major in Public Policy had a lot of appeal to Jim. And being part of a small band of “academic pioneers” was fun and rewarding.

Jim also had a passion for sports marketing and communication, and became immersed in KZSU sports during his time at Stanford. Along with friend and classmate Joe Mitchner, Jim called the play by play of the Big Game in 1982, featuring the controversial game-ending multilateral play. This is still widely regarded as the craziest finish in the history of college football.

Upon graduation, with full expectations of soon heading to law school, Jim began working in the sports industry. He found himself traveling all over the world, and his career path simply went a different direction than the anticipated legal and political one.

Jim received an M.B.A. from Northwestern, and is now an entrepreneur and the co-owner of the SeeMore Putter Company. They build custom made putters in the USA and ship the product to over 50 countries around the world. Most rewarding is the company’s mission to try to turn every customer into a lifelong friend. Jim spends his days balancing business planning, product development, team building, sales and marketing, with fun perks to build the company’s global brand, such as spending a lot of time on professional golf tours and visiting interesting markets to work with small business owners. Golf is a major passion of many people around the world, and Jim enjoys being a part of a dynamic sports-related business, particularly one focusing on “made in the USA.”

Jim is happily married to Donna Westmoreland Grundberg, class of ’85, and they have four children, the first of whom recently completed his first year at the University of Tennessee.

Julia Wyckoff
Class of 1986

Julia is the Director for Sales Operations Finance at Hewlett-Packard. Before re-joining HP in 2009, she served as the Chief Internal Auditor at Gap Inc., leading a team with global responsibility for enterprise risk assessment, internal auditing, and forensic investigations. Prior to starting work at Gap Inc. in 2004, Julia held a wide range of financial leadership roles in auditing, reporting, planning, and project management at companies including Electronic Arts, HP, IBM, and KPMG. She earned an M.B.A. in Finance from the Haas School of Business at the University of California, Berkeley in 1991 and the Certified Internal Auditor designation in 2006. Julia and her husband Winston live in San Carlos, California with their two teenage daughters.

Dennis Downey
Class of 1987

Dennis earned his Ph.D. in 2002 at the University of California, Irvine. He is currently an Associate Professor of Sociology at California State University, Channel Islands, where he has been since 2007 after moving from the University of Utah. He currently serves as Faculty Director for the CI Center for Community Engagement, and as an Adjunct in Chicana/o Studies.

Dennis’ research focuses on movements for social change, especially those addressing issues of diversity, and seeks to understand the strategies and organizational forms cultivated by leaders (among other things). He is particularly interested in linking his research and teaching with broader community engagement. One aspect of that engagement is his involvement in community-based research with students and community partners. Examples of recent projects include: qualitative interviews with undocumented college students regarding their needs and obstacles; a survey of local farmers market patrons addressing satisfaction; interviews with foster youth mentors to understand their motivations and experiences; and secondary research on the status of women in Ventura County (conducted for the Ventura
County Commission for Women). Another example of community engagement is his service on the Board of Directors for the California Association of Human Relations Organizations, which is working to establish statewide networks of organizations and individuals interested in protecting and promoting human and civil rights.

Dennis’ current interests and activities were shaped in important ways by his experiences in the Public Policy Program at Stanford. He completed an honors thesis within the program on multiculturalism in California that gave him both a greater understanding of issues related to social diversity, and an appreciation of the significance of undergraduate research for students. Also, during his junior and senior years, Dennis worked as an intern (and, subsequently, an employee) for the Community Services Department of the new City of East Palo Alto, where he learned important lessons about grassroots community change.

Dede Griesbauer
Class of 1992

A brief stint at Booz Allen Hamilton led her to business school at The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania where, in 1997, she received her M.B.A. with a concentration in Finance. After graduation, Dede spent two years with Lehman Brothers in New York, and then moved to Boston where she joined MFS Investment Management as an equity trader.

Dede’s athletic passions were still alive and well during the “more traditional” part of her career. She’d completed an unsupported, trans continental bike trip in the summer of 1995 and ran her first marathon in the fall of that same year. In 1997, she raced her first Ironman, “just to see if [she] could.”

Dede entered the 2002 Ironman Florida and finished as the top amateur in the field and qualified for the 2003 Ironman World Championships. Dede secured two podium finishes in her age group at the 2003 and 2004 Ironman World Championships in Kona, Hawaii, which led her to set aside her “Wall Street Journal” and turn pro as a triathlete in March, 2005.

Dede has built a strong resume as a professional triathlete. She is a 2-time Ironman Champion (Ironman UK, 2006, Ironman Brazil, 2009) and a 3-time top-10 finisher at the Ironman World Championship (2007, 2008, 2009). She has twice been the top American finisher at that race.

In 2011, Dede sustained near career ending injuries during Ironman Germany where she crashed her bike on wet cobblestones. She was airlifted to a trauma center ICU in Frankfurt, having suffered 6 broken bones along the left side of her body. During her rehabilitation from her injuries, she sustained a 7th broken bone: a stress fracture in her back. She then tore her achilles; another compensatory injury from the crash.

Dede is now back to good health and racing with the goal of returning to the Ironman World Championship in 2014. She lives in Boston with her husband Dave.

Dede Griesbauer
Class of 1992

Following graduation, Dede continued to swim competitively, with sights set on a potential go at the 1996 Olympic Games. Failure to make the 1994 World Championship Team convinced her that it was time to hang up the cap and goggles and move forward.

Peter Guarrala
Class of 1992

After graduation Pete spent three years in the Bay Area with Arthur Andersen and then returned to Stanford to get his M.B.A. Pete joined Bain & Company in 1997 in Los Angeles where he helped build the Industrials practice.

In 2008 Pete and his family moved to Chicago where he could take a global leadership role in Bain’s Industrials practice. Currently he serves clients across a range of industries including Chemicals, Machinery & Equipment, and Private Equity. Most of his work centers on dealing with issues of strategy, performance and operations improvement, and advising senior corporate leadership on how to realize the full potential in their businesses.

When not at work, Pete enjoys spending time with his wife Corinne (Stanford, Class of 1990) and his two daughters Madeline and Grace. He is also an active supporter of Misericordia Heart of Mercy.

Matthew Cordova
Class of 1994

Matthew recently completed 15 years at the State Department and started a new chapter working at the Pentagon as Special Assistant, Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Matt will be getting married in September, a week after watching the Stanford/West-Point football game!
Suresh Khanna
Class of 1996

Suresh has had a diverse background since graduating from Stanford, spanning the tech, finance and restaurant industries.

Suresh currently runs global sales at AdRoll, a fast growing San Francisco-based company in the display advertising space. He joined AdRoll in February 2012 after spending six years at Google, most recently as Director of North American Ad Sales. In earlier roles, he led the business development efforts for Google’s local advertising channel.

Prior to Google, Suresh spent several years in the enterprise software industry at SAP and Siebel Systems, providing sales advisory services and heading up the development of a key offshoring team in India. Suresh received his M.B.A. from the Kellogg School of Management in 2003. Prior to that, he was the Director of Business Development at Yodlee, a pioneering startup doing online account aggregation. Earlier, Suresh was a Senior Tech M&A Analyst at Jefferies Broadview and a Principal at a late stage private equity firm Broadview Capital.

Outside of his tech career, Suresh and his wife are co-founders of Kasa Indian Eatery in San Francisco, voted Best Meal Under $15 in SF in 2009 and 2011 and Best New SF Restaurant in 2009. They have a brick and mortar restaurant in the Castro, another on Polk Street, and two food trucks that serve the broader Bay Area. He has two children and is a passionate Little League baseball coach.

Tamiko Johnson
Class of 1998

Tamiko is a Project Manager for the Alameda County Public Health Department. She currently manages the Place Matters Criminal Justice Workgroup and provides oversight for the Innovations in Reentry grant program, which provides funds to organizations seeking to reduce adult recidivism in Alameda County.

Zoja Bazarnic
Class of 2000

Zoja has been the Principal Officer at Consulate General Edinburgh since August 2012. She represents U.S. interests in Scotland at an interesting time—there will be a referendum on Scottish independence in September 2014. Analyzing the many complex and intertwined issues is a dream job for a policy junkie like her.

Zoja joined the State Department in 2002 as a political officer and has worked in a variety of roles in support of U.S. foreign policy. Previously, she served as the Senior Political Officer in the Office of European Union and Regional Affairs, where she coordinated with the EU on policy in the Middle East (during the Arab Spring), Afghanistan, and Pakistan. Zoja also has served as a “watch officer” in the State Department’s 24-hour Operations Center supporting Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice; as a political officer in Rome, where she served under Ambassador Ronald Spogli (a fellow Stanford in Florence alumnus); and as a consular officer in Havana. She also has served on two details during her tenure as a Foreign Service Officer. While seconded to the Multinational Force and Observers peacekeeping organization, she traveled to Sinai observing the Egypt-Israel Treaty of Peace. Most recently, Zoja spent a year advising U.S. Senator Susan M. Collins of Maine on foreign policy and assistance issues as a Pearson Fellow, gaining a legislative branch perspective on U.S. foreign policy.

Prior to joining the Foreign Service, Zoja was the Advertising and Direct Mail Coordinator at Stanford University Press. She received her Bachelor’s in Public Policy and International Relations and interned for the Department of State as a Stanford in Washington student. She speaks Italian, Serbian, Spanish, and French.

Zoja is married to Cliff Bazarnic, a retired U.S. Army Black Hawk pilot, and has a stepson, Cody (21), and daughter, Elsie (1.5).

Sung-Woo Cho
Class of 2004

Sung-Woo is an Adjunct Assistant Professor in Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences (QMSS) and a Quantitative Research Associate at Columbia University, where he focuses on higher education policy and student outcomes. He also serves as a Board member on the NYC Department of Education’s Career & Technical Education Advisory Council.

Stephen Chan
Class of 2004

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Stephen is currently Chief of Staff at the Boston Foundation in Boston, MA where he oversees strategic planning and operations. Stephen took this position in 2010, returning to the Foundation to work for President and CEO Paul Grogan who was his mentor during his year as a Haas Center John Gardner Public Service Fellow in 2004-05.

As New England’s largest public charity, the Boston Foundation and its donors make grants of more than $100 million per year to nonprofit organizations. The Foundation is also a major civic leader and convener, commissioning research and leading programmatic and policy initiatives that address the city and region’s most pressing challenges — including public education reform, boosting college completion, improving public health, and addressing urban youth violence.

Previously, Stephen served as an Advisor to Mayor Thomas M. Menino at the City of Boston where he developed and managed public-private initiatives in education, community development, and human services. He launched the Mayor’s Office of Food Initiatives to support citywide efforts on farmers markets, urban food production, food trucks, and healthy school food. He also helped design and launch the Circle of Promise, a school-based effort to support families in the neighborhoods surrounding Boston’s most challenged public schools. Stephen has also held a number of consulting roles, including advising the teacher recruitment team at Boston Public Schools and conducting research for a healthcare distribution industry association at Booz & Co.

Stephen received his M.B.A. from Harvard Business School and M.P.A. from Harvard Kennedy School. He is active in the local community as a board member of Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center, Washington Gateway Main Streets, and the Massachusetts Governor’s Asian American Commission. He is also a co-founder of Saffron Circle, Boston’s first Asian giving circle, a Truman National Security Partner, and a World Economic Forum Global Shaper. He lives in the South End neighborhood of Boston with his husband, Tim Schofield, who he recently married in March 2013.

**Daniel Kilduff**

**Class of 2006**

Daniel is a third year J.D./M.B.A. student at Northwestern where he is a Cluster Fellow with the Initiative for Sustainability and Energy. After graduating from Stanford in 2006, Daniel moved to Washington to follow his interest in energy and environmental issues. For three years he worked as consultant with international and domestic companies and governments in the traditional energy, utility, and government space. Following this experience, Daniel spent over two years at the White House Council on Environmental Quality on the Energy and Climate Change team working on cap-and-trade and other energy issues. He is currently working with startups and in finance in the energy sector. After graduating from Northwestern, he intends to continue working in the energy space at the nexus of policy, innovation, and finance.

**Merlin Brittenham**

**Class of 2007**

Merlin will begin his final year of Law School at Columbia. This summer, Merlin was a Health Law Associate in Washington, D.C. with Epstein Becker & Green, P.C. He will continue his work in health law and policy this fall with an externship placement in the Office of the National Coordinator for Health Information Technology, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Following the completion of his J.D., Merlin hopes to return to Washington D.C. to continue working in health law.

**Amber Davis**

**Class of 2008**

Amber has been living, working, and studying in Washington, D.C. for the past five years. After completing her M.A. at Johns Hopkins SAIS in 2012, Amber worked with an international development consulting firm and is currently a Project Coordinator for the Yale Savings and Payments Research Fund at Innovations for Poverty Action in Washington, D.C.

**Tu Ngo**

**Class of 2009**

After her Public Policy senior research on education in Viet Nam, Tu Ngo decided to use education and entrepreneurship to affect change. She co-founded Yola Institute to provide Vietnamese students with training in English, test preparation, and critical thinking while cultivating good character. Yola has grown into a network of four centers with over 5,000 students; its graduates are now at Stanford, UC Berkeley, and UPenn among other institutes of higher education. Tu is pursuing an M.B.A. at INSEAD in Singapore this August and can’t wait until her first 5 year Stanford Reunion next year!
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Andrew Hillis  
Class of 2010

Andrew lives in Connecticut, where he is a Project Associate with Innovations for Poverty Action, a nonprofit organization that creates and evaluates approaches to solving development problems, and disseminates information about what works and what does not to policymakers, practitioners, investors and donors around the world. This fall, Andrew will be moving to Boston to start a Ph.D. in Business Economics through a joint program at the Harvard Economics Department and the Business School. Andrew will be rooming with fellow Public Policy alumnus, Otis Reid, Class of 2012, who will begin his Ph.D. in Economics at MIT!

Rachel Wright  
MPP Class of 2010

Rachel is finishing up her Ph.D. in Sociology. In her dissertation, she examines innovation in the nonprofit social service sector. Her case study examines how one traditional charity added a community organizing program in order to change the systems that impact low-income communities. Rachel was the recipient of the Stanford PACS Fellowship and the Graduate Public Service Fellowship. This Fall and Winter, Rachel will be the head teaching assistant for the MPP Practicum.

Randy Zabaneh  
MA Class of 2010

After graduation, Randy worked at the Analysis Group as a Senior Analyst. He conducted qualitative market research and quantitatively analyzed liability and damages related to antitrust violations and intellectual property. In January, Randy moved to Facebook where he is now a Business Operations Associate.

Shawna-Gay White  
JD/MA Class of 2010

After graduating, Shawna-Gay worked at Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP in its New York office as an associate in both the Corporate and Employee Benefits groups. While at Curtis, she was happy (and not at all surprised) to discover that her classwork regarding healthcare reform was extremely relevant in discussion with her clients and on several deals.

In July 2013, Shawna-Gay joined the Corporate Department of Cadwalader, Wickersham and Taft LLP where she will practice corporate law with an emphasis on public and private mergers and acquisitions, securities law, corporate finance and corporate governance.

Lazeena Rahman  
M.B.A./M.P.P. Class of 2011

Lazeena lives in Manila where she is an Investment Specialist for the Asian Development Bank. She currently focuses on financing private sector renewable energy and water infrastructure projects in Southeast Asia.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 18, 2013  
Los Angeles Alumni Reception  
Please contact Jennifer Cohen Kabaker, at jscohen06@gmail.com for information

October 18, 2013  
Public Policy Alumni Reception  
Stanford Homecoming Weekend  
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm

Early February, 2014  
Winter Quarter Dinner

Early March, 2014  
Boston, MA Alumni Reception

June 15, 2014  
Stanford University Commencement
Public Policy Events

Welcome Back Lunch
Stanford becomes flush with activity as students move back to campus to begin a new academic year. Public Policy enjoys catching up with students and faculty at our annual welcome back lunch, which was held on October 2, 2012 in the SIEPR Gunn Building courtyard.

Winter Quarter Dinner
Gathering students together with local alumni over good food is a recipe for success. Our annual Winter Quarter dinner was held on February 12, 2013 in downtown Palo Alto. Over the last 2 years, we have been joined by a number of outstanding program alumni, including Douglas Alfaro (2009), Andrea Chandrasekher (1998), Saidah Grayson (1998), Johnny McCormick (2009), Galen Panger (2007), Stefanie Shih (2008), Julia Van Roo (MPP 2010), George Wang (2012) and Rachel Wright (MPP 2010).
Washington, D.C. Alumni Reception
On the evening of April 24, 2013 a group of Washington, D.C. Public Policy alumni, faculty and staff gathered at the Bass Center, the home of Stanford in Washington. Deputy Director Greg Rosston welcomed over 40 attendees, ranging from the Class of 1991 to 2012. Members of the Alumni Council spoke about the many ways that alumni can participate in and support the Public Policy program.

Commencement
Public Policy honors the hard work and accomplishments of our graduating students at the program commencement ceremony, held in Encina Commons Grove. On June 16, we welcomed over 350 family and friends to celebrate the many achievements of the Class of 2013.
Alumni Council

The Stanford Public Policy Alumni Council was created in 2012 to strengthen alumni support of the Public Policy program. The Council focuses on three main areas: expanding career opportunities for current students, fundraising, and creating an engaged alumni network. In particular, mentoring students, raising money to sustain internship and begin graduate support, and organizing local events, are all on the agenda for the upcoming year.

The Council is off to a great start! Many talented and enthusiastic alumni have joined the effort. In April of this year, D.C.-based Council members helped organize a Public Policy alumni reception at the Stanford in Washington house. Well attended, we hope to provide more opportunities like this for you to gather with your former classmates and faculty to catch up and meet other alumni, all while learning about exciting program updates.

For me, the decision to lead the inaugural Council was easy. I loved learning and discussing politics, economics and even statistics with my fellow students. Nearly twenty years later, I’m still inspired by Professor Brady’s tough love, Professor Noll’s “Garbage Can” decision making model, and those countless hours spent in the computer lab trying to master econometrics. The time I spent in Washington, D.C. during and after college helped me apply and more fully understand those academic lessons and many more. I’m happy to help other students have similar experiences of value.

If you want to share your story, are interested in financially supporting the program, or would like to join the Council, please contact Niki Calastas at nikic@stanford.edu or email me at sherriwolson@gmail.com. We hope to see you at a Stanford Public Policy event somewhere in the near future!

Sherri Wolson, ’93