

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

# SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

APRIL 2018  
UPDATE

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY  
**School of Public Affairs**  
Dean's Advisory Council  
Friday, April 13, 2018

## **Meeting Agenda**

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I. Introductions & Updates

II. Review Updates

III. Development

- a. Laura Mikolajko
- b. Todd Sloan AVP Campaign Update

IV. Discussion Questions

- a. Governance Committee

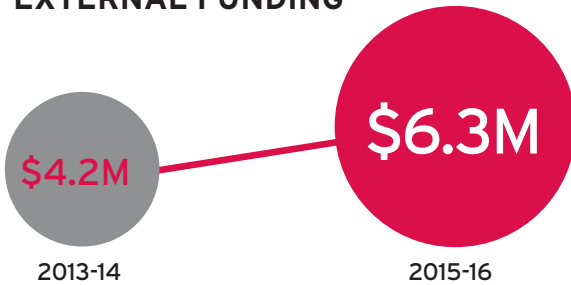
V. New Faculty Presentations

- a. George Hawkins
- b. Liz Suhay
- c. Ryan Moore

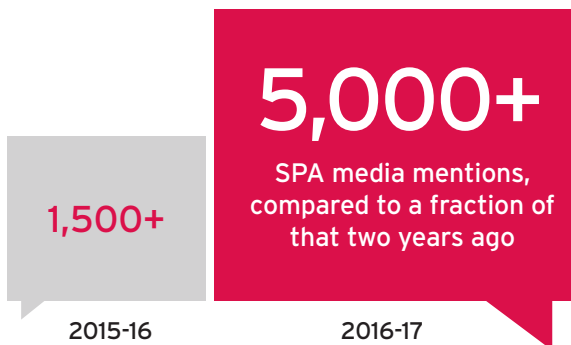
VI. Lunch

# SPA BY THE NUMBERS

## EXTERNAL FUNDING

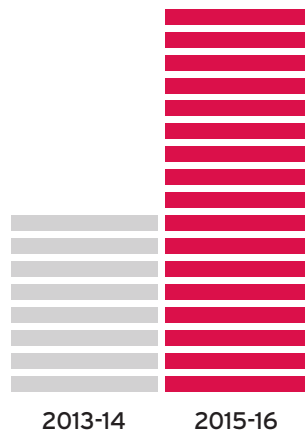


## MEDIA MENTIONS

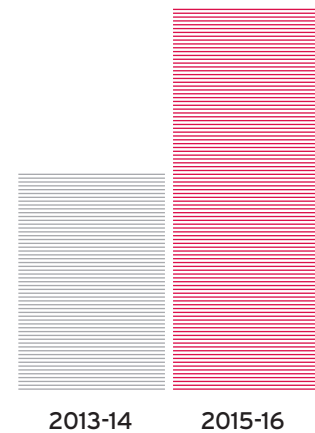


## DOUBLE THE IMPACT

**17** books published by SPA faculty, up from 8 published in 2013-14



**100** published academic journal articles written by SPA faculty in 2015-16, up from 57 in 2013-14, despite only adding four new faculty members.



## NOTABLE RANKINGS

**#1**  
IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

**#3**  
IN THE UNITED STATES

**#5**  
IN THE WORLD

RANKING FOR INSTITUTIONAL IMPACT IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, JOURNAL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS EDUCATION, 2014

**#3** for public administration

**#13** for public policy

GRADUATEPROGRAMS.COM  
RANKINGS BY STUDENTS, 2015

**#10** for Masters in Terrorism and Homeland Security

FORENSICOUTREACH.COM, 2015

**#18** overall ranking for schools of public affairs

**#6** for public management and leadership

**#14** for nonprofit management

**#21** for criminology

**#23** for public finance and budgeting

**#24** for public policy analysis

U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT,  
GRADUATE PROGRAM RANKINGS, 2019

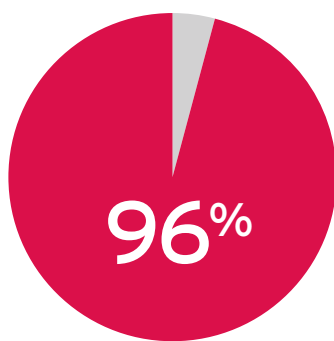
# SPA BY THE NUMBERS, CONTINUED

## SPA GRADUATES THRIVE IN ALL ECONOMIC SECTORS

SIX MONTHS AFTER GRADUATING



## POST-GRADUATION SUCCESS

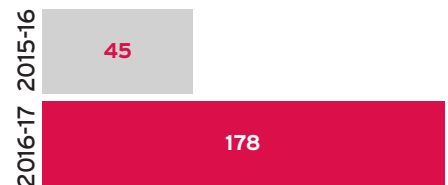


of graduates are employed, or in graduate school, or both, within six months of graduation

**31%** of SPA graduates make **>\$60K** within six months of earning their degree

# 4

John Gaus Award winners for lifetime achievement in political science and public administration. More than any other university.



**178** undergraduate research presentations in 2016-17, as compared to 45 presentations given in 2015-16.

SPA's mock trial team was ranked

# #3

among 663 teams in 2015-16.

CURRENT STUDENTS

# 1,800+

ALUMNI

# 23,000+

AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

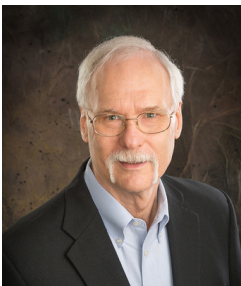
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# School of Public Affairs

Gaining Accolades and Recognition for Faculty, Student, and Program Excellence

## Welcoming New Faculty Experts in 2018



**Kenneth Meier**

**Inaugural SPA Distinguished Scholar in Residence**

Named top political science researcher by *Political Science & Politics*, 2017



**Elizabeth Peters**

**SPA Scholar in Residence**

Renowned economic demographer



**Andrew Ballard**

Assistant Professor,  
Department of  
Government



**Claudia Persico**

Assistant Professor,  
Department of  
Public Administration  
& Policy



**David Malet**

Assistant Professor,  
Department of  
Justice, Law &  
Criminology



**Janice Iwama**

Assistant Professor,  
Department of  
Justice, Law &  
Criminology



**Lallen Johnson**

Assistant Professor,  
Department of  
Justice, Law &  
Criminology





## Recent Faculty Fellowships, Grants, Awards, and Recognition

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SPA **Associate Professor Bradley Hardy** will be a Russell Sage Foundation Visiting Scholar in 2018-2019. He is currently a Nonresident Senior Fellow in Economic Studies at the Brookings Institution. Hardy also received the National Economic Association President's Award in recognition of this exemplary work.

This year, SPA **Assistant Professor Elizabeth Suhay** and two colleagues were awarded a grant by the National Academies of Sciences and the Rita Allen Foundation to explore how scientists can communicate with policymakers.

Three SPA faculty members received tenure this month: **Elizabeth Suhay, Ryan Moore, and Thomas Zeitzoff.**

SPA **Associate Professors Derek Hyra and Taryn Morrissey** are currently Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Interdisciplinary Research Leaders. Hyra will also work as a Scholar in Residence at The Bellagio Center in Italy in fall of 2018.

SPA **Associate Professor Seth Gershenson** is currently serving as Visiting Scholar at Stanford University's Center for Education Policy Analysis. In April, he will serve as Visiting Scholar at Princeton University's Education Research Section.

SPA **Dean Vicky Wilkins** received the 2018 Rita Mae Kelly Research Award from the American Society for Public Administration for her research on gender-related issues.

AU **President Sylvia Burwell** received the 2018 Elliot L. Richardson Prize for Excellence in Public Service from the National Academy of Public Administration.

SPA **Professor Todd Eisenstadt** has been named a Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellow for 2018-2019.

SPA **Professor Erdal Tekin** served as a fellow at the Brookings Institution in Fall 2017.

## Contributing to the Community of Scholars & Practitioners

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SPA hosted prominent speakers including 1968 Olympian and activist Tommie Smith, US Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson, Northwestern Provost Jonathan Holloway, and U.S. Representatives Jamie Raskin (D-MD) and David Brat (R-VA).

Beginning Spring 2018, SPA is the new host of two prominent journals: ***Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*** and ***Political Analysis***.

SPA recently announced a new degree: Online Master of Science in Counter-Terrorism and Homeland Security.

SPA launched its ***Analytics and Management Institute*** (SAMI) a series of zero and one credit courses to further prepare SPA graduate students by sharing practical, cutting-edge skills for work and leadership in multidisciplinary teams.



# SPA Partnerships



In April 2018, SPA will co-host **APPAM's D.C. Regional Student Conference**.

In partnership with **The Hill**, SPA is hosting a series of events focused on bi-partisanship, featuring U.S. Representatives Nanette Barragan (D-CA), Joe Crowley (D-NY), Adriano Espaillat (D-NY), Steny Hoyer (D-MD), Mia Love (R-UT), Daryn Soto (D-FL), and Senator Lamar Alexander (R-TN).

SPA and **The Lab @ DC** are working together on a new data research effort that calls on the expertise of social scientists to inform and improve policy in Washington, D.C.

SPA's Metropolitan Policy Center is partnering with the **Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum** to map change in Anacostia and other neighborhoods throughout D.C.

**The Public Affairs Diversity Alliance**, founded by AU School of Public Affairs, creates a partnership with other schools of public affairs to improve faculty diversity in the fields of public administration, policy, and criminal justice. The Alliance connects public affairs schools who share a commitment to increase the hiring pipeline of qualified, talented individuals from underrepresented groups. Founding members include: Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan, the Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University, the Price School at the University of Southern California, the Evans School at the University of Washington, and Northeastern University.

SPA continues to work with the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), moving into a formal partnership for the **OPM Research Summit**, and further collaborating in the areas of innovation and resource management.

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# School of Public Affairs

Dean's Advisory Council

## CURRENT BYLAWS

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### I | Name:

The name of the organization shall be The Dean's Advisory Council for the School of Public Affairs at American University.

### II | Purpose:

The purpose of the Dean's Advisory Council shall be (1) to serve as individual and collective advocates for American University and the School of Public Affairs; (2) to assist the University in obtaining financial support for the School of Public Affairs; (3) to aid in the recruitment, placement and mentoring of students; and (4) to advise and counsel the Dean of the School of Public Affairs at his request on selected matters. It shall not be the purpose of the Dean's Advisory Council to set administrative or academic policy for the School of Public Affairs.

The Advisory Council will carry out its purpose by serving as a forum for exchange of facts and perspectives among its members, the Dean and the administrative staff of the School. The Council's meetings are opportunities for the School's staff to seek opinions and advice that assist in assessing the effectiveness of programs they administer and in planning effective programs for the future. The Council will serve as the conduit for students and faculty to learn more about prospective careers as they relate to public affairs through government; justice law and society; public administration and policy or other areas of interest.

### III | Membership:

Membership on the Council shall be by nomination from the Dean, faculty, Development Office or Dean's Advisory Council members. Nominations will take place each spring, with invitation for membership being extended each summer by the Dean. New members will be expected to attend their first meeting the following fall.

The criteria for Dean's Advisory Council membership shall include (1) a commitment to the purpose of American University and the purpose of the Dean's Advisory Council, (2) distinguished personal and/or vocational achievement, and (3) financial support of American University.



Total membership of the Dean's Advisory Council shall be not less than 12 nor more than 25. At least one member of the Dean's Advisory Council shall be a member of the Board of Trustees of American University. Terms of membership shall be for three years, normally ending in the spring. Re-appointments shall not exceed one additional consecutive term. Appointments to membership shall be made for specific lengths of term in such manner as to assure that all current memberships not be terminated simultaneously. Any Dean's Advisory Council members who do not make an annual contribution to the University, shall be rotated off the Council, rather than complete their three-year terms.

#### **IV | Officers of the Dean's Advisory Council:**

The officers of the Dean's Advisory Council shall be Chair and Vice-Chair, each of whom shall be recommended by the Dean and Development Office. Terms of office shall normally be two years. Officers may be re-elected for no more than two additional consecutive terms.

#### **V | Duties of the Officers:**

It shall be the duty of the Chair of the Dean's Advisory Council to preside at all meetings, to appoint such committees as may be needed, and to generally oversee the activities of the Council, in consultation with the Dean of the School of Public Affairs.

It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chair to act for the Chair in fulfilling duties when the Chair is unable to do so.

#### **VI | Committees of the Dean's Advisory Council:**

Committees may be appointed by the Chair of the Dean's Advisory Council to conduct any task consistent with the purpose of the organization.

#### **VII | Meetings of the Dean's Advisory Council:**

The Dean's Advisory Council shall schedule two meetings each calendar year.