

AU School of Public Affairs

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

Welcoming New Faculty Experts in 2018

Andrew Ballard	Assistant Professor, Department of Government
Janice Iwama	Assistant Professor, Department of Justice, Law & Criminology
Lallen Johnson	Assistant Professor, Department of Justice, Law & Criminology
David Malet	Assistant Professor, Department of Justice, Law & Criminology
Elizabeth Peters	Renowned economic demographer, SPA Scholar in Residence
Claudia Persico	Assistant Professor, Department of Public Administration & Policy
Kenneth Meier	Renowned political scientist or named top political scientist researcher (Political Science & Politics, 2017), insert new title

Recent Faculty

Fellowships, Grants, Awards, and Recognition

● 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.

● SPA Associate Professors Derek Hyra and Taryn Morrissey are currently Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Interdisciplinary Research Leaders.

● 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.

● 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.

Contributing to the Community of Scholars & Practitioners

- 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.

- Beginning spring 2018, SPA is the new host of two prominent journals: Journal of Policy Analysis and Management and Political Analysis

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

- SPA regularly hosts prominent speakers - including 1968 Olympian and activist Tommie Smith; US Secretary of the Air Force Heather Wilson; Northwestern Provost Jonathan Holloway; U.S. Representatives Jamie Raskin (D-MD), David Brat (R-VA), Mia Love (R-UT), Adriano Espaillat (D- NY), Daryn Soto (D-FL).

- 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.