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Professor Elizabeth Larus awarded 2019 Waple Faculty Professional Achievement Award

Elizabeth Larus, Professor of Political Science and International Affairs has been awarded a 2019 Waple Faculty Achievement Award in recognition of her professional achievements throughout her tenure at UMW. Author of two books and dozens of academic articles, Dr. Larus was awarded a 2016-18 Waple Professorship, a 2015 Taiwan Fellowship, and 2009 Foundation for Defense of Democracies grant. She is a regular commentator on CNBC, CGTN, BBC and in the *Financial Times*.

Professor Elizabeth Larus awarded Fulbright Scholar Research Award

Elizabeth Larus, Professor of Political Science and International Affairs has been awarded a 2019-20 Fulbright U.S. Scholar grant to Poland. As a Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Larus will conduct research on the impact of China's Belt and Road Initiative (the new Silk Road) in Eastern and Central Europe on the stability of the European Union. She will reside at Marie Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin and will conduct field research throughout Poland and parts of Eastern Europe throughout Spring 2020.

Professor Stephen Farnsworth awarded Fulbright Specialist Award

Stephen Farnsworth, Professor of Political Science and International Affairs and director of UMW's Center for Leadership and Media Studies, has been named Fulbright specialist to Malaysia. He will spend summer 2019 teaching American government at Methodist College in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia's capital.

Professor Mellissa Martinez joins departmental faculty

Mellissa Martinez will be joining us for a one year appointment as a Visiting Assistant Professor. Dr. Martinez holds a Ph.D. from the University of North Texas and is a specialist in Latin American politics and has conducted significant research on human rights issues.

Jessica Batten joins the department as Office Manager

Jessica Batten came on board as office manager for both the departments of PSIA and History. Her office in the History department suite on the first floor of Monroe Hall.

Pi Sigma Alpha Induction Ceremony and Departmental Awards

UMW's Kappa Upsilon chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha held its annual induction ceremony for new and returning members on April 17 and elected a new slate of officers. Following the induction ceremony, the Department announced that the following award recipients: *Julia Gibbons*,

Lewis P. Fickett, Jr. Award for Excellence in International Affairs, Outstanding Graduating Senior; *Stacey Feindt*, Ann Elizabeth Fitschen Memorial Political Science Award Outstanding Graduating Senior; *Dillon Schweers*, PSIA Alumni Award Outstanding International Affairs Major; and *Zach Handlin*, PSIA Alumni Award Outstanding Political Science Major.

Career Day Panel and Reception

On March 28, the department conducted its 2018 Career Day Panel, drawing some 60 majors. Five departmental alumni offered advice on careers and graduate school. They are Brianne Doura ('09), Legislative Director, National Council on Problem Gambling; Alissa Genovese ('07), Grants Manager, Department of Justice; Kenyon Huber-Wilker ('18), Solution Engineer-National Security, Esri; John Karellas ('17), Law student, Catholic University; Jeremy Thompson ('13), Global Social Partnerships and Community Strategy, Under Armor.

Additional Seminars in Political Science, Fall 2019

<i>Seminar</i>	<i>Political Science Subfield</i>
PSCI 471: Recent Research in US Politics	American Government
PSCI 471: Politics of Japan	Comparative Government
PSCI 471: Political Dissent in Middle East	Comparative Politics
PSCI 471: International Organizations	International Relations

Additional Related Field Courses in International Affairs, Fall 2019

ANTH 317: World Economies	HIST 300: History of India
ENGL 393: South Asian Literature and Cinema	HIST 468: History of Stalinism
FRENCH 334: Women and Gender in Society	PSCI 471: Politics of Japan
GEOG 332: Migration Politics	PSCI 471: International Organizations
GEOG 410: Geography of Europe	PSCI 471: Political Dissent in the Middle East
HIST 300: Empire, Race, and Gender	SOCG 347: Sociology of East Asia

Undergraduate Research

Thinking of completing an independent study project next year? The University has undergraduate research funds available for this purpose. These funds can be utilized for any research related activities associated with the independent study project, including travel, materials acquisition, and photo-copying.

Gabriel Lewis, "State Innovation Waivers: Examining the Efficacy of Federalist Approaches to the Affordable Care Act"

Julia Gibbons, "'Female Secondary School Stipend Programs in Bangladesh and Pakistan: What can we learn from South Asia's CCTs?'" Her paper won first prize at the Undergraduate Research Forum on Women's and Gender Studies.

Honors Theses

Stacey Feindt, "Detained by Data: A Critical Analysis of the Virginia Pretrial Risk Assessment Instrument"

Paige McKinsey, "Girls' primary education in Kenya"

Departmental Majors News

Julia Gibbons presented her research at the 2019 Pi Sigma Alpha National Student Research Conference.

Jeremy R. Engel, a junior political science major, was co-author of an opinion column on Ralph Northam's first year as governor (co-authored with Dr. Farnsworth) that appeared in the Washington Post, fall 2019.

Two Political Science majors won awards in Mary Washington's best student papers competition:

Mackenzie Poust "Rearing the Lions of Tomorrow," for Dr. Ranjit Singh, PSCI 355: *Politics in the Middle East and North*

Africa); and **Zachary Handlin** "Elite Agency within the Process of Democratization" for Dr. Robert Barr, PSCI 471DD: *Democracy in Decline*.

Faculty Activities

Professor John M. Kramer

John "Jack" Kramer Participant in the Roundtable discussion on "Health and Demography in Russia" at the annual convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Boston, MA, November 2018. Professor Kramer serves as consultant to Decision Alternatives Inc. on anti-corruption projects under the auspices of USAID, and to Management Systems International for democracy capacity building projects in the Post-Soviet Union.

Professor Elizabeth F. Larus

Elizabeth Freund Larus travelled to China in July 2018 to conduct field research on cross-strait relations. She published her findings in several articles and commentaries in *Asia Dialogue*, *Taiwan Insight*, and *International Public Policy Review*. Dr Larus maintained an active presence in the international media, appearing on the BBC, CNBC Asia, and China Global Television News (CGTN). Dr. Larus

also offered commentary on Asian affairs to the *Financial Times*, *Agencia EFE* (Spanish newswire) in Beijing, the *Diplomat*, and MEAWW.com.

Professor Larus offered commentary "America's New Maritime Diplomacy in the age of China" on the Roundtable "Maritime Diplomacy: Regional Approaches," at the European International Studies Association (EISA) conference in Prague in September 2018. She presented a scholarly paper "Xiconomics: Mixing Politics with Economics after the 19th Party Congress," and organized and chaired the "Roundtable on Cross-Strait Relations" at the October 2018 conference of the American Association for Chinese Studies conference in Baltimore. In November 2018, Dr. Larus Participated as invited panelist at the forum *Midterm Elections in Taiwan-and the United States: What Happened and What are the Implications for Taiwan-US-China Relations?* sponsored by the Foreign Policy Research Institute and hosted by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Manhattan, NY. The event was broadcast in the US and Taiwan. She also briefed the US government on trends in China and Taiwan at the invitation-only *Future of Cross-Strait Relations Workshop* in January 2019.

Professor Larus will present a research paper on America's New Indo-Pacific Security Strategy at the Global Studies Conference in Krakow in June 2019.

Professor Stephen J. Farnsworth

Professor Stephen Farnsworth has given several lectures on his sixth book, "Presidential Communication and Character: White House News Management from Clinton and Cable to Twitter and Trump" (Routledge), including at Clemson, American and George Mason Universities. His book, published in 2018, also was featured on C-SPAN's Book TV.

Dr. Farnsworth has been awarded a Fulbright Specialist Program posting to Methodist College, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia and has been

awarded a UMW Waple Professorship for 2018-2020 for his current book project, tentatively titled "Late Night with Donald Trump: Political Humor and the American Presidency."

Dr. Farnsworth is co-author of a book chapter "Partisan Trends in Late Night Humor," published in "Still good for a laugh? Political humor in a changing media landscape," and author of an article entitled, "Gridlock until 2020: Trump will only remain true to himself," which was published in *Internationale Politik* (German Council on Foreign Relations) last December.

Professor Jason W. Davidson

Lexington Books published Professor Davidson's book, co-authored with Fabrizio Cotichia (University of Genova), *Italian Foreign Policy During Matteo Renzi's Government*. Professor Davidson is currently revising the book manuscript *America Entangled: Explaining US Alliances, 1776 to the Present* for publication with Georgetown University Press.

Professor Rosalyn Cooperman

Rosalyn Cooperman was appointed to the editorial board of *Political Behavior*. Professor Cooperman served as an Expert Contributor for GenderWatch 2018, a non-partisan project to analyze gender dynamics in the 2018 congressional midterms. Cooperman also serves as the Principal Investigator for the 2016 Convention Delegate Study.

Professor Cooperman presented a paper, "*She Should (Not) Run: Party Activists and Women's Place*" at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association. In March 2019, Professor Cooperman was an invited panelist at the 2019 LSU John Breaux Symposium, *Politicking While Female: The Political Life of Women*. Her article, "On the Money: Assessing the Campaign Finance Networks of Women Congressional Candidates," will appear in the

forthcoming *Politicking While Female* book manuscript.

Professor Cooperman will present a paper, "We're (Not) With Him: Evaluating Conservative Claims of Women's Representation in Trump's Republican Party" at the 2019 Annual Meeting of the European Conference of Politics and Gender in Amsterdam, the Netherlands.

Professor Ranjit Singh

Dr. Singh's current research project examines private landowners' attitudes towards land conservation in Stafford County. In 2018-19, he presented his research at the annual conference of the International Association for the Study of Environment, Space, and Place and the Environment Virginia Symposium. He published a book review for *Environment, Space, and Place* journal, and participated in the Naval War College Fleet Seminar Program's Workshop on Strategy and War (Newport, RI). He received the Department's 2019 John M. Kramer Faculty Excellence Award for dedication to students, service to UMW, and contributions to academia, and a Jepson Faculty Fellowship for 2019-2020. He continues to serve on the Board of Directors of the Arlington-based Northern Virginia Conservation Trust.

Professor Emile Lester

Emile Lester's book entitled *Liberalism and Leadership* will be published by University of Michigan Press in fall 2019. The book attempts to answer the question of what constitutes a successful liberal presidency by examining the words and actions of Franklin Roosevelt, John Kennedy, and Barack Obama.

Dr. Lester remains engaged in the evaluation of the Georgia 3Rs initiative sponsored by the Religious Freedom Center (RFC) at the Newseum to promote respect for religious freedom and religious literacy in public schools. He has used funds from his significant research grant from the RFC to travel to Georgia on multiple occasions to interview

religious, civic, and educational leaders. He presented a co-written paper on his research at the Religious Education Association's Annual Meeting in October 2017.

Dr. Lester continues to serve as a consultant to the Texas Freedom Network (TFN) on social studies standards proposed by the Texas State Board of Education. He testified before the Texas State Board of Education and participated in a press conference to object to inaccurate and biased standards concerning American history in fall 2018. His comments received significant media coverage in Texas on local NPR stations, and he co-wrote an op-ed published in the Dallas Morning News.

Professor Surupa Gupta

Surupa Gupta, co-edited and published a forum on Indian Foreign Policy in the peer-reviewed journal *International Studies Perspectives*. The forum was titled "Indian Foreign Policy Under Modi: A New Brand or Just Repackaging?" She co-wrote the "Introduction" and edited her colleagues' contributions. The forum also featured her individual contribution titled "India's Trade Engagement: The More Things Change, The More They Remain the Same." She also published a policy piece for the East-West Center, Washington DC and wrote a book review in *Perspectives on Politics*. In May 2018, she was invited to present her work on agricultural subsidies in India at a workshop on "Facilitating Policy Change towards sustainable water use in agriculture" organized jointly by the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the World Bank. In January 2019, she was invited by the Indian Institute for Foreign Trade to present on a panel titled "Emerging Challenges at the WTO: What role can India play?" at a conference in New Delhi. Professor Gupta presented a paper on India and regional integration at the annual meeting of the International Studies Association in Toronto in March 2019. She was elected to section co-chair of the South Asia in World Politics section within the ISA. She continues to be managing

editor of the peer-reviewed, open-access journal *Indian Politics and Policy*. At UMW, Professor Gupta organized a series of events to mark ten year of the Global Financial Crisis.

Student Internships

Selina Mueller, US Senator Tim Kaine

Stephen Lamm, US Rep. Rob Wittman

John Flood, US Rep. Rob Wittman

Eliza Guido, Navarro Research

Haley Randall, Fredericksburg Law Library

Delsa Bambao, Spiller-Reddick Immigration Law PLLC

Patsy Deaton, Representative Rob Wittman and Representative Greg Pence

Camila Shoeibi-Toro, Representative Alan Lowenthal

Khiorie Steward, AFL-CIO

Alumni Notes

Maggie Dwyer is a Research Fellow for the Social Media and Security in Africa project in the Centre of African Studies at University of Edinburgh. She leads a research project titled Modern Soldiering in Africa, funded by the Gerda Henkel Foundation. Additionally, Maggie is Associate Editor of *The Journal of Modern African Studies*.

Maggie completed her PhD in African Studies at University of Edinburgh and an MSc from Syracuse University in the US.

Elizabeth Kaknes is now an Assistant Professor at Marist College. She received her PhD from UVa in 2016 and held a postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Michigan's Weiser Center for Emerging Democracies last year.

Pres Robinson is chief of staff for Senator John Kennedy.

Curran Smolinsky, staff assistant to US Rep. Rob Wittman.

Jamie Harper Robinette is chief of staff for Rep. Ross Spano.

Mariah Young is enrolled at law school at Northwestern.

Paige McKinsey is beginning her graduate program in International Development at the George Washington University in the fall.

Emily Rothstein is beginning her graduate program in Post-war Recovery Studies at the University of York, UK.

Michael Behrens is pursuing his graduate degree in International Security at George Mason University

Mariam Ansari is pursuing her graduate degree in Political Science at George Mason University.

Kelley Hudak is Vice President at Cassidy and Associates.

Callie Dolloff is an English and Spanish language instructor in Buenos Aires, Argentina. She recently began a Master's program in translation and interpretation at the University of Buenos Aires.

Sarah Chamberlain is a management analyst for the Bureau of Overseas Buildings Operations in the State Department.

Tom Allison is Senior Associate for Finance & Innovation at the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia.

Ed Egee directs federal policy for the Xerox Corporation.

Alison Berry works for RE Tech Advisors as a content manager supporting the Department of Energy's Better Buildings Program.

Scott Berry is Director of Policy and Government Affairs for the US Water Alliance.

Mary Cait (Nannery) Doleba is a Principal Analytic Consultant at IBM Watson Health.

Monique DeZarn is a Senior Digital Strategist at Laughlin Constable.

Ian Heinz is the Political Director at Keystone + Mountain + Lakes Regional Council of Carpenters.

David Domanski is Environmental Engineer at Applied Environmental, Inc.

Emily Lowrie is Senior Policy Advisor at Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services.

Lee Gillam is Assistant Director and teacher at the Episcopal Center for Children in Washington, DC.

Ariel Scharf is Project associate, east and southern Africa Region, Chemonics.

Annie Morris is Director of Government Relations at ODU.

Dylan Roche is a Business Resilience Specialist at SAIC.

Brianna Gavigan is a Graduate Assistant at University of Connecticut, Special Projects Manager at Capital for Change, Inc.

Isabelle Ahearn is Enterprise Customer Success Manager at EVERFI.

Meghan (Hobbs) Welch is Business Manager, Business Investment at Virginia Economic Development Partnership.

Nadine Zaatari is Senior Advisor for Palestinian Economic Affairs at the US Department of State

Shawn Gremminger is Senior Director of Federal Relations (Pharmacy Choice) at Families USA.

Nicole Tardif is Deputy Press Secretary, the Republican National Committee.

Jay Sinha is Staff Counsel at Global Operations & Compliance, Verizon Business Group

Girard Bucello-London School of Economics has accepted him into the MA Program in Security Studies

Jessica Queitzsch is an Analyst at the defense contractor OGS Systems International.

John Karellas is enrolled at the Catholic University School of Law.

Amber Reeves is a Data Associate at the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee.

Andrew Lowndon graduated from Duke University School of Law and is clerking for a Federal Judge.

Brianna Gavigan is enrolled at the University of Connecticut for graduate school.

Ben Hermerding is a records manager in the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth in Richmond.

Emily Lowrie worked on a bill sponsored by Bryce Reeves that passed both houses of the VA legislature requiring postvention services to be available at universities to support students after a suicide.

Mariah Young is a Project Assistant at King and Spalding.

Sam Azzarelli is Communications Director for Bryce Reeves's Lt. Governor campaign.

Thomas Allison is Deputy Policy & Research Director for the Young Invincibles, a research

group focused on policy concerns of young adults.

Erik Johnston is Deputy Policy Director, Office of the Governor of Virginia.

Zach Wineburg works on political advertising at the Washington office of Google.

Lauren Castellano is the Events Manager, GOPAC.

Ola Szczesna is the Connecticut Manager at Families for Excellent Schools.

Christopher M. Winslow has been elected a Supervisor in Chesterfield County, Virginia.

Dr. Mark Finney is chair of the Mass Communications Department at Emory and Henry College.

Marty Molloy is director of YouthBuild, a nonprofit overseeing the development of vocational training partnerships in Philadelphia.

Justin Simeone is enrolled at Georgetown University Law Center and is a Ph.D. Candidate at Princeton University.

Beth Kendall is an Associate Attorney at PennStuart.

Ally Blanc is Deputy Counsel to a Massachusetts State Senator.

Monique DeZarn is a Creative Strategist at iStrategyLabs.

Theophe Love is the Assistant Public Defender for the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

Chapin Fausel is an Associate Attorney at Sheffer Law Firm.

Michael Littlejohn is an Associate Attorney at Loebsock & Brownlee, PLLC.

Sarah Payne is an Associate Attorney at Maddox & Gerock, P.C.

Erin Perugini is a Legal Editor at Bloomberg BNA.

Marija Ozolins is an Associate Attorney at Curtis, Mallet-Prevost, Colt & Mosle LLP.

Kate Johnson was promoted to Senior Policy Coordinator at Autism Speaks.

Andrew Lowndon is enrolled at Duke Law School.

Anna Boning is a Law Clerk at Balding Gutting, LLC.

Sandra Sanchez is going to graduate school at GMU to get a Master's in Political Science and is working for the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health.

Sacha Brenac is an intelligence analyst with Cydecor, a defense contractor.

Nicole Tardif is working in the Washington office of US Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-Fairfax).

Ben Hermerding is working in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth in Richmond.

Benjamin Harris Lead Organizer at AARP Take A Stand.

Tom Allison is Deputy Policy & Research Director at Young Invincibles, a political research group focusing on issues of particular importance to young adults.

Mariah Young is Project Assistant at King & Spalding.

Lauren Castellano was hired by GOPAC and then promoted to Events Coordinator.

Ashley Nixon is the Public Affairs Manager at Virginia Press Association.

Meghan Hobbs is Manager of Communications and External Affairs, Secretary of Commerce and Trade, Office of Governor Terrence R. McAuliffe.

Thomas Bowman is Legislative Assistant to Paul Krizek at Virginia House of Delegates.

Nick DeSarno is Manager of Digital and Communications Practice at Public Affairs Council.

Kelley Hudak is the Business Coalitions Coordinator for House Majority Whip Scalise.

Leah Kieff is Foundation Director at Americans for Prosperity.

Stacy Whitehouse is the Northern Virginia Field Director for John Adams for Attorney General Political Director and for Rob Wittman for Congress.

Kate Miceli is a J.D. Candidate at University of Richmond School of Law.

Alex Olah is Government Affairs Manager at Natural Products Association.

Sarah Alvarez is Program Associate at The Aspen Institute.

Michele Alexander is Administrative Coordinator for Strategic Development and Communications, Management Sciences for Health.

Aida Dedajic is Standards Board Program Manager at The Appraisal Foundation.

Brian DeMott is Associate Attorney at Casarino Christman Shalk Ransom & Doss.

Prarthana Gurung is Community Activation Strategist at Netcentric Campaigns.

Nicole Halloran is Italian Teacher at Prince William County Public Schools.

Megan McCrum is Policy Advisor at U.S. House of Representatives.

Samantha Miller is Digital Account Supervisor at Publicis.

Joe Oschrin is a paralegal at Kasowitz, Benson, Torres & Friedman, LLP.

Annie Morris Deputy Director of Government Relations at Virginia Commonwealth University and Health System.

Brianna Gavigan is Executive Assistant at Capital for Change, Inc.

Molly McCarthy Assistant Instructor at Columbia Performing Arts Center.

KJ Adler is Management Analyst at HUD OIG.

Kendall Carty is working for Governor Robert F. McDonnell in the Department of Education.

Carrie Mitchell is working for the Department of Defense.

Nick Jacobs is a Teacher at Stafford County Public Schools.

Bobby Durette is Founder of D&D Brewery, Lodge and Restaurant, Honduras.

Krystal Jackson is Corporate Recruiter at K12. Catherine Stewart is an independent Business Strategist.

Kristen Tymeson is a Strategic Business Development Consultant.

Julie Viragh is a Communications Assistant at Military Order of the Purple Heart of the U.S.A., Inc.

Elizabeth Weaver is a Publisher at Elevation Outdoors Magazine (Summit Publishing, LLC).

Kate Lulfs Ehrle is Director of Business Development at Cask LLC.

Richard Ehrle is a senior counter-intelligence specialist with the US Navy.

Stephen Premo is an Associate Attorney Representing Employees and Whistleblowers at Halunen Law.

Kristin Howe is Senior Specialist, Client Development at WilmerHale.

Jessica Wells is the Director of Membership Programs at the Naval Postgraduate School Foundation.

James Schroll is a Project Manager at The Solar Foundation.

Kenneth Scheiber is a Teacher at St. Mary's-Ryken High School.

Sarah B. Smith is Managing Director at the American European Business Association. Sydney McClure is Associate Brand Manager at WhiteWave Foods.

Chris Winslow is an Attorney / Supervisor in Chesterfield County.

Andrew Wright is a Legislative and Communications Specialist for the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

Katie Leesman is an Associate Attorney at Ballard Spahr LLP.

Sarah Campbell is an Office Assistant at Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service.

Madina Ahmadzai is a Marketing Assistant at Quality Matters.

Erin Albright is an Anti-Trafficking Coordinator for the International Institute of New England.

Tom Allison is a Deputy Policy & Research Director at Young Invincibles.

Allessandra Askins is a Senior Accounting Manager-Registration/Receivables at SANS Institute.

Jennifer Bell is a the Vice President of Marketing and Meetings at Federation of American Hospitals.

Michael Behrens is CTO at R2AD.

Alison Berry is a Sustainability Consultant at JDM Associates.

Miklos Bodnar is a DARPA - International Cooperation Specialist at System High Corporation.

Valerie Bradley is the Engagement Manager at American Business Council of Dubai & the Northern Emirates (Chapter, US Chamber of Commerce).

Bradd Buckingham is a Senior Strategic Analyst at Chenega Military, Intelligence & Operations Support SBU.

Alena Callaghan is a Senior Digital Marketing Manager at Appian.

Brian Cooney is a Management Consultant at PwC.

Victoria Cooney is a Manager at Cipher Systems LLC.

Matthew Coulter is a Terminal-Based Games Manager at Pennsylvania Lottery.

Lauren Decot is Director at MBA Consulting Group.

Brady Deremer is a Senior Manager at Sony.

Matt Desjardins works in Consular Affairs at U.S. Department of State.

Kevin Diana is Deputy Director of Budget at National Labor Relations Board.

Chris Dimotsis is Lead Strategic Housing Officer at VHDA.

Elsbeth England is a Trial Attorney at U.S. Department of Justice.

Pari Farmani is a Women Waging Peace Network Manager at The Institute for Inclusive Security.

Meredith Flynn is an Account Executive, Velocity Products Group at Viacom.

Alissa Genovese is a Supervisory Grants Management Specialist at U.S. Department of Justice.

Therese Giambona Senior Manager of Bank Operations and External Partners.

Kathryn Schubert Godburn is the Chief Advocacy Officer at Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine.

Melissa Gonzalez is an Operations Analyst at Inter-American Development Bank.

Michael Hagan Regulatory Paralegal for Strayer University.

Kelly Heroman Vincent is the Chief of Staff for AKPD Message and Media.

Kevin Hickerson is President at Fairfax Education Association.

Ryan Jacobson is a Senior Business Analyst at ConvaTec.

Susan Jerdonek is Associate Director of Resource Development of US Programs at Save the Children.

Kory Jessen is a Senior Security Analyst at Verizon Enterprise Solutions.

Mikaela Jordan is an Underwriting Trainee at Chubb.

Ryan Kailath is a Coastal Reporter at WWNO New Orleans Public Radio.

Andrea Keefer is a Budget and Policy Specialist for the Department of Planning and Budget.

Kate Kelley is a Medical Student at Northeast Ohio Medical University.

Peter Kelley is Associate Director - Global Media Relations at EY.

Kira Lanewala is a MPH candidate at the George Washington University.

David Lindsay is a Project Manager III at Salient CRGT.

Kathy Loden is Parliamentarian and Director of Operations at U.S. House of Representatives.

Kevin Loden is Vice President and General Counsel at Redwood Capital Investments, LLC.

Danielle Mackey is a Freelance Journalist for Periodista Independiente.

James Martin is a Staff Officer at United States Seventh Fleet.

John Messinger is an Attorney for Lehrman Beverage Law, PLLC.

Dave Moore is Senior Solutions Engineer at Novetta.

Amanda Mulhern is a Contracts Manager at ICF International.

Thomas Openchowski is a Total Health Management Consultant at Mercer.

Brendan Orsinger is an Organizer & Activist at PrimCorp, LLC.

Sean O'Brien is a Government Relations and Policy Associate at U.S. Global Leadership Coalition.

Andrew Painter is Partner at Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley & Walsh, P.C.

Frank Puleo is a Lead Associate at Booz Allen Hamilton.

Caitlin Quinn is an Associate at Herren Associates, Inc. and MBA Candidate at University of Maryland Smith School.

Brandon Robinson is a President, Association Management at Eisenman & Associates, Inc.

Nicholas Ryan is Sales Consultant, Outside Sales at Shirtboy.com.

Kaycee Stahl is an Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence at Azimuth.

Amina Shafi is an Associate Counsel of Refugee and Asylum Law at the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Sarah Simpson is a Systems Engineer, Test Engineer, Senior Quality Assurance Professional at Northrop Grumman Corporation.

Andrew Smith is a Program Officer at American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative.

Jacqueline Snyder is a Professional Development Manager at IPMA-HR.

Stephanie Tait is a Communications Specialist for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Elizabeth Terry Rose is an Architecture, Design and Engineering Reference Librarian at Library of Congress.

Annie Unger is an Account Manager at The Common Application.

Megan Vaughan-Albert is a Consultant at Avascent.

Mary Wagoner is a Policy Associate at Civic Committee of the Commercial Club of Chicago.

Katie Webb is a Manager of the Department of Veterans Affairs at Northrop Grumman Corporation Information Systems.

Caroline Wood is a Senior Fund Administration Coordinator at The Boston Foundation.

Simran Kaur-Colbert is a PhD candidate at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Simran has completed her MA from the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce at the University of Kentucky.

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