**POLS PLACEMENTS & TRANSITIONS**

**1995-2025**

**Most Recent Placements**

1. Jenny (Seoyeon) Kim (PhD 2025) accepted a tenure-track Assistant Professor position at Purdue University, following a one-year post-doc at Rochester University
2. Eddy S.F. Yeung (PhD 2025) accepted a tenure-track Assistant Professor position at Texas A&M, following a one-year post-doc at Oxford University
3. Rachell Harmon (PhD 2023) accepted a lecture-track position at Kennesaw State University, following a Visiting Assistant Professor position at Oxford College of Emory University
4. Donald Grasse (PhD 2022) accepted a multi-year lecturer position at Univ. of Chicago, following an Analyst position with the Office of Inspector, City of Chicago and a one-year post-doc at Univ. of Southern California
5. Hsu Yumin Wang (PhD 2024) accepted a tenure-track Assistant Professor position at Taipei School of Economics and Political Science
6. Kevin Sparrow (PhD 2024) accepted a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Political Science position at Georgia State University
7. Stefano Jud (PhD 2024) accepted a three-year post-doc position at University of Bern
8. Handi Li (PhD 2022) accepted a tenure-track equivalent position of Lecturer in Comparative Politics at University College London, following a one-year postdoc at Princeton University
9. Elisha Cohen (PhD 2022) accepted a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Politics position at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, following a two-year postdoc at New York University
10. Allison Cuttner (PhD 2021) accepted a teaching-track position of Assistant Teaching Professor at Emory University (QTM), following a two-year post-doc at the University of Toronto

**1995-2018 Cohorts[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**2019 Cohort (N=1)**

1. Jenny (Seoyeon) Kim, 2025 PhD – Purdue Univ. (TT), following Rochester (PD)

**2018 Cohort (N=4/10)**

1. Stefano Jud, 2024 PhD – Univ. of Bern (PD)
2. Kevin Sparrow, 2024 PhD – Georgia State Univ. (TT)
3. Hsu Yumin Wang, 2024 PhD – Taipei School of Economics and Political Science (TT)

**2017 Cohort (N= 5/9)**

1. Kaylyn Jackson Schiff, 2022 PhD – Purdue Univ. (TT), following Yale Univ. (PD)
2. Elisha Cohen, 2022 PhD – Univ. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (TT), following New York Univ. (PD)
3. Donald Grasse, 2022 PhD – Univ. of Chicago (LT), following City of Chicago (G) and Univ. of Southern California (PD)
4. Patrick Pierson, 2022 PhD – Boston Consulting Group (AA)
5. Michael Hanley, 2022 PhD – US Department of State (G)

**2016 Cohort (N = 2/3)**

1. Sivaram Cheruvu, 2021 PhD – Michigan State Univ. (TT), following Univ. of Texas-Dallas (TT)
2. Pearce Edwards, 2021 PhD – Texas Christian Univ. (TT), following Louisiana State Univ. (TT) and Carnegie Mellon Univ. (PD)

**2015 Cohort (N = 9/10)**

1. Daniel Arnon, 2021 PhD – Univ. of Arizona (TT)
2. Allison Cuttner, 2021 PhD – Emory University (QTM-LT), following Univ. of Toronto (PD)
3. Braden “Brady” Dauzat, 2020 PhD – M1: The Finance Super App (AA), following Cox Communications (AA)
4. Rachel Harmon, 2023 PhD – Kennesaw State Univ. (LT), following Emory Univ. (Oxford College-LT)
5. Mary “Maggie” Macdonald, 2020 PhD – Univ. of Kentucky (TT), following New York Univ. (PD)
6. Joshua McCrain, 2020 PhD – Univ. of Utah (TT), following Michigan State Univ. (PD)
7. James Szewczyk, 2020 PhD – Google (AA), following YouGov (AA)
8. Danielle Villa, 2021 PhD – US Department of the Treasury (G), following Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Group (PD)
9. Jian Xu, 2021 PhD – Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison (TT), following National University of Singapore (TT) and Yale-NUS College in Singapore (TT)

**2014 Cohort (N = 5/5)**

1. Travis Curtice, 2020 PhD – Drexel Univ. (TT), following Dartmouth College (PD)
2. Anna Gunderson, 2019 PhD – UT Austin (TT), following Louisiana State Univ. (TT)
3. Abigail Heller, 2021 PhD – Grow Progress (AA)
4. Laura Huber, 2019 PhD – Univ. of Kentucky (TT), following Univ. of Mississippi (TT) and Cornell Univ. (PD)
5. Kirsten Widner, 2020 PhD – Univ. of Tennessee (TT)

**2013 Cohort (N = 5/7)**

1. Elvin Ong, 2018 PhD – National Univ. of Singapore (TT), following Univ. of British Columbia (PD)
2. Drew Wagstaff, 2017 PhD – Joint Warfare Analysis Center (AA), following US War College (TT-equivalent)
3. Elizabeth “Lizzy” Weiner, 2020 PhD – Occidental College (TT), following Univ. of Sewanee (VAP)
4. Joshua Feistul, 2019 PhD – Univ. of Geneva (PD), following Washington Univ. in St. Louis (PD)
5. Steven Webster, 2018 PhD – Indiana Univ. (TT), following Washington Univ. in St. Louis (PD)

**2012 Cohort (N = 2/9)**

1. Nancy Arrington, 2018 PhD – Cal Polytechnic Univ. - San Luis Obispo (TT)
2. Yeon Kyung (Grace) Park, 2019 PhD – Bogizici Univ. - Turkey (TT)

**2011 Cohort (N = 8/12)**

1. Sabrina Karim, 2016 PhD – Cornell Univ. (TT), following Dartmouth College (PD)
2. Jane Lawrence Sumner, 2016 PhD – Univ. of Minnesota/Twin Cities (TT)
3. Ryan Tans, 2017 PhD – Santa Clara Univ. (LT)
4. Grant Buckles, 2017 PhD – Instagram (AA), following Gallup (AA)
5. Richard “Rick” Morgan, 2018 PhD – USAID, following Univ. of Gothenburg (PD)
6. Maya Wilson, 2017 PhD – Syndio (AA), following Intuit (AA), Mailchimp (AA), Axios (AA), and MarketSource Inc. (AA)
7. Bethany Nanamaker, 2019 PhD – Univ. of Michigan (AA), following Wake Forest Univ. (PD)
8. Rebecca Hartsough, 2018 PD – Babbage Cofounder (AA), following Embold Health (AA)

**2010 Cohort (N= 4)**

1. Laura Maxwell, 2018 PhD – Atorus (AA), following Morning Consult (AA)
2. Caitlin Ainsley, 2016 PhD – Univ. of Washington Seattle (TT)
3. Leann Bass, 2018 PhD – Judicial Conference of the United States (AA), following Princeton Univ. (PD)

**2009 Cohort (N = 7)**

1. Stephanie Dean Kearce, 2017 PhD - Georgia State Univ. (LT)
2. Jana Hutchinson Bridwell, 2015 PhD - whereabouts unknown – no Web presence
3. Ashley Moraguez, 2015 PhD – Univ. of North Carolina-Asheville (TT)
4. Andrew Pierce, 2015 PhD – Mastercard (AA), following Springbuk Health Intelligence (AA) and Consumer Reports (AA)

**2008 Cohort (N = 4)**

1. Nathan Danneman, 2013 PhD – Data Machines Corp. (AA), following IronNet Cybersecurity (AA) and L-3 Data Tactics (AA)
2. Jun Koga (Sudduth), 2013 PhD – Indiana Univ. (TT), following Strathclyde Univ. (LT)
3. Baekkwan Park, 2015 PhD – Univ. of MIssouri (TT), following East Carolina Univ. (TT)

**2007 Cohort (N = 7)**

1. Nicole Baerg, 2013 PhD – Bank of England (AA) and Univ. of Essex (LT), following Univ. of Mannheim (TT & PD)
2. Goran Peic, 2013 PhD – Nielsen (AA)
3. Jacob Ricks, 2013 PhD – Singapore Management Univ. (TT)

**2006 Cohort (N = 5)**

1. Donald Beaudette, 2013 PhD – Oxford College of Emory Univ. (TT), following Morehouse College (VAP)
2. Barry Hashimoto, 2012 PhD – Whidbey Camano Land Trust, following New York Univ. Abu Dhabi (LT), following American Univ. of Sharjah (LT), New York Univ./Shanghai Univ. (PD)

**2005 Cohort (N = 8)**

1. Andrew Kirkpatrick, 2012 PhD – Christopher Newport Univ. (TT), following Whitworth College (VAP)
2. Jeffrey Kucik, 2010 PhD – Univ. of Arizona (TT), following City Univ. of New York (TT), Princeton Univ. (PD), and Univ. College of London (LT)
3. Amanda Murdie, 2009 PhD – Georgia Tech (Dean/TT), following Univ. of Georgia (TT), Univ. of Missouri (TT), and Kansas State Univ. (TT)
4. Ora John Reuter, 2010 PhD – Univ. of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (TT), following Univ. of Rochester (PD), following Miami Univ. (PD) and Columbia Univ. (PD)
5. Adrienne Smith – Opportunity Finance Network (AA), following Institute for Women’s Policy Research (AA), Abt Associates (AA), and Univ. of Tennessee Knoxville (TT)
6. Joshua Strayhorn – Univ. of Colorado Boulder (TT)
7. Claire Wofford – College of Charleston (TT)

**2004 Cohort (N = 6)**

1. Andrew Kerner, 2008 PhD – Michigan State Univ. (TT), following Univ. of Michigan (TT)
2. Emily Hencken Ritter, 2010 PhD – Vanderbilt Univ. (TT), following UC Merced (TT)
3. Susan Navarro Smelcer, 2015 PhD – Georgia State Univ. School of Law (TT), following Axinn, Veltrop & Harkrider LLP (AA) and Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress (AA)

**2003 Cohort (N = 12)**

1. Bethany Blackstone, 2009 PhD – James Madison Univ. (TT), following Univ. of North Texas (TT)
2. K. Philipp Fuerst, 2010 PhD – Capgemini (AA), following Gartner (AA), IBM (AA), Mach AG (AA), and Hertie School of Governance (PD)
3. Maryann Gallagher, 2010 PhD – Univ. of Georgia (LT), following DePauw Univ. (TT)
4. Nadya Hajj, 2009 PhD – Wellesley College (TT)
5. Jessica Harrell, 2011 PhD – Alamance Community College (AA), following Univ. of Iowa (VAP)
6. Jakub Kakietek, 2011 PhD – The World Bank (AA), following ICF International (AA)
7. Amy Liu, 2009 PhD – Univ. of Texas (TT), following Univ. of Colorado Boulder (TT)
8. Scott Wolford, 2008 PhD – Univ. of Texas (TT), following Univ. of Colorado Boulder (TT)

**2002 Cohort (N = 9)**

1. Terence Chapman, 2007 PhD – Univ. of Texas (TT)
2. Kelly Hill (Burton), 2009 PhD – Black Innovation Alliance (AA), following Founders of Color (AA) and NEXUS Research Group (AA)

**2001 Cohort (N = 10)**

1. Keisha Haywood, 2009 PhD – United Nations (AA), following Institute for Developing Nations (AA), Ramapo College (TT) and College of William & Mary (VAP)
2. Joel Moore, 2011 PhD – Monash Univ. (LT), following Colorado State Univ. (VAP) and Webster Univ. Thailand (VAP)
3. Richard Vining, 2007 PhD – Univ. of Georgia (TT)
4. Amy Yuen, 2007 PhD – Middlebury College (TT)

**2000 Cohort (N = 8)**

1. Tavishi Bhasin, 2008 PhD – Kennesaw State Univ. (TT)

**1999 Cohort (N = 9)**

1. Susan Allen, 2004 PhD – Univ. of Mississippi (TT), following Texas Tech Univ. (TT) and Univ. of Missouri (TT)
2. Allison Bailey, 2004 PhD – Freelance Photojournalist (AA), following The Henry L. Stimson Center (AA)
3. Katrina Gamble, 2005 PhD – Sojourn Strategies, LLC (AA), following Center for Popular Democracy (AA) and Brown Univ. (TT)
4. Charles Hankla, 2005 PhD – Georgia State Univ. (TT)
5. Daniel Slater, 2005 PhD – Univ. of Michigan (TT), following Univ. of Chicago (TT)

**1998 Cohort (N = 9)**

1. Jesse Hamner, 2008 PhD – Sam’s Club (AA), following Univ. of North Texas (AA), BloomReach Global (AA), Kubos Corporation (AA), Univ. of North Texas (AA)
2. Zaryab Iqbal, 2004 PhD – Old Dominion Univ. (Dean/TT), following Pennsylvania State Univ. (TT) and Univ. of South Carolina (TT)
3. Christopher Palazzolo, 2007 PhD – Emory University (AA)
4. Erik Tillman, 2005 PhD – DePaul University (TT), following Univ. of Nebraska (TT)

**1997 Cohort (N = 7)**

1. Carolyn Forestiere, 2004 PhD – Univ. of Maryland-Baltimore County (TT)
2. Bryan Ritchie, 2001 PhD – Simba Chain (AA), following Univ. Notre Dame (AA), Univ. of Utah (AA), Michigan State Univ. (TT) and James Madison College (TT)
3. Kamila Valenta, 2004 PhD – Univ. of North Carolina at Charlotte (LT), following Belmont Abbey College (LT), and Perimeter College (LT)

**1996 Cohort (N = 9)**

1. Matthew Gunning, 2011 PhD – Georgia Gwinnett College, following Kennesaw State Univ.
2. Brian Lai, 2001 PhD – Univ. of Iowa (TT)
3. Ruth Melkonian-Hoover, 2004 PhD – Gordon College (TT)
4. Laurel Parker West, 2003 PhD – Good+Foundation (AA), following Women's Fund of Long Island (AA) and Wyoming Women’s Foundation (AA)
5. Todd Peppers, 2003 PhD – Roanoke College (TT)
6. Katherine Vigilante, 2010 PhD – Oxford College of Emory Univ. (LT)

**1995 Cohort (N = 9)**

1. W. Marc Craighead, 2003 PhD – GreeneHead Construction Co. (AA)
2. Jolly Emrey, 2002 PhD – Univ. Wisconsin-Whitewater (TT), following Cal State Univ. Los Angeles and New Hampshire Univ. (TT)
3. Raymond Hicks, 2004 PhD – Columbia Univ. (AA), following Princeton University and Adelphi Univ. (LT)
4. Robert O'Reilly, 2003 PhD – Emory Univ. (AA)
5. Elizabeth Stiles, 2002 PhD – John Carroll University (TT)
6. Jonathan Williamson, 2002 PhD – Lycoming College (TT)
1. Completed the PhD program with a doctoral degree. TT = Tenure Track, LT = Lecture Track, PD = Post-Doc, VAP = Visiting Assistant Professor, AA = Alt-Academic/Academic-Adjacent, inc Data Science, Consulting, and Entrepreneurship; G = government. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)