**POLS PLACEMENTS & TRANSITIONS**

**1995-2024**

**Most Recent Placements**

1. Hsu Yumin Wang (PhD 2024) accepted a tenure-track Assistant Professor position at Taipei School of Economics and Political Science
2. Kevin Sparrow (PhD 2024) accepted a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Political Science position at Georgia State University
3. Stefano Jud (ABD, PhD expected 2024) accepted a three-year post-doc position at University of Bern.
4. Rachel Harmon (PhD 2023) accepted a Visiting Assistant Professor position at Oxford College of Emory University, following adjunct roles at Walker State Prison via Georgia State University, Georgia Gwinnett College, and Middle Tennessee State University
5. Donald Grasse (PhD, 2022) accepted an Analyst position with the Office of Inspector, City of Chicago, following a one-year post-doc at Univ. of Southern California
6. 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
7. 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
8. 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
9. Pearce Edwards (PhD 2021) accepted a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Political Science position at Louisiana State University, following a two-year postdoc at Carnegie Mellon University
10. Margaret “Maggie” Macdonald (PhD, 2020) accepted a tenure-track Assistant Professor of Political Science position at University of Kentucky, following a three-year post-doc at New York University

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

**2018 Cohort (N=10)**

1. Stefano Jud (ABD, PhD expected 2024) accepted a three-year post-doc position at University of Bern
2. Jiwon Kim - on the F23 market
3. Kevin Sparrow (PhD 2024) – Georgia State University (TT)
4. Hsu Yumin Wang (PhD 2024) – 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 – City of Chicago (G), following 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 – Univ. of Texas-Dallas (TT)
2. Pearce Edwards, 2021 PhD – Louisiana State Univ. (TT), following 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 – Emory University (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, National University of Singapore (NUS) (TT), following 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 Mississippi (TT), following 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), after US War College (TT-equivalent)
3. Elizabeth “Lizzie” 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 Ansley, 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 – Univ. of Georgia (TT), following 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 Womens 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 – Pennsylvania State Univ. (TT), following 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)