

Welcome to Meet the Major!

Social Relations and Policy



Social Relations & Policy

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- Interdisciplinary study of history, sociology, social groups, and public policy
- Applies social theory and research to contemporary social problems
- Covers a wide range of topic areas including sexuality and gender, family and children, community economic development, religion, immigration, race relations, genocide, law, science policy, education policy, social security and social welfare policy.
- Teaches students to be excellent analysts, researchers, writers, and problem solvers
- Helps to prepare citizens who make a difference!

Interesting Questions in SRP

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- How do social movements move from protest to policy?
- Why do politicians continue to push for border walls when they have been proven ineffective?



- How do different societies understand racial boundaries, and how has racial inequality changed over time?

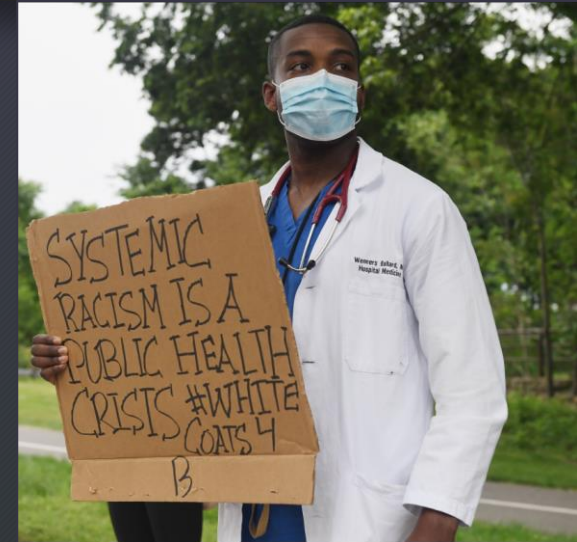


More interesting Questions in SRP

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- What are our policy options with health care? Public funding of education? The next stage of civil rights?

- How do we understand new waves of white supremacy and antisemitic violence in historical context?
- How do social inequalities play out through unequal relationships to the environment? What is the relationship between sustainability and environmental justice?



Meet some SRP majors

(who will briefly talk about some of what they've done)

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- **Raquel Acosta**
 - SRP and Spanish majors and minors in Peace and Justice Studies and STEPPS
- **Sarah Dennis**
 - SRP and minors in Peace and Justice Studies and Educational Studies
- **Sean Farnum**
 - SRP and Economics and minor in Political Economy
- **Kendall Malburg**
 - SRP and Economics and minor in STEPPS

Meet the SRP Faculty

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- **Daniel Ahlquist**

- Teaches MC 111, MC 202, MC 338 (Environmental Justice & Global Change), MC 380 (Social Policy)
- Teaching & Research Interests: Political Ecology; Environmental Justice; Agriculture & Food Systems; Conservation, Climate Change & Sustainability; Development; Inequality.
- Waltzer Award for Teaching Excellence

- **Allison Berg**

- Teaches MC 281, MC 368 (Civil Rights Movement) and MC 498 (History and Future of Modern feminism)
- *Mothering the Race: Women's Narratives of Reproduction, 1890-1930.*
- Research interests include: the literature of social movements; memoirs by women of color; early Black cinema; and the scholarship of teaching
- Her article "Trauma and Testimony in Black Women's Civil Rights Memoirs" was published in the *Journal of Women's History*



Meet the SRP Faculty

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- **Gene Burns**

- Teaches Social Theory (MC 280); Social Policy; Social Movements; Educational Policy; Sex, Religion, & Public Policy
- *The Moral Veto: Framing Contraception, Abortion, and Cultural Pluralism in the U.S.*
 - Distinguished Book Award, Social Movements section, American Sociological Association
- *The Frontiers of Catholicism: The Politics of Ideology in a Liberal World*
- 2004 MSU Alumni Club of Mid-Michigan Quality in Undergraduate Education Award
- Waltzer Award for Teaching Excellence



- **Rashida Harrison**

- Teaches MC 202, Social Theory (MC 280), Race and Inequality, Race and Citizenship, Social Movements, Civil Rights Movements, Comparative Black Social Movements
- Interests in Black Diaspora Studies, Black and Multiracial Feminisms, and Citizenship and Empire
- Research on Black Women's Social Movement Organizing and Formation



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- **Constance Hunt**

- Teaches MC 201, 202, MC 111, Social Theory, Law and Social Groups, Sex and Law
- 2016 ASMSU Senior Class Council Outstanding Faculty Award
- 2016 MSU Sustained Commitment to Honors Students Award
- 2013 State of Michigan Presidents Council Top Fifteen Professors Award
- 2012 MSU Alumni Club of Mid-Michigan Quality in Undergraduate Education Award
- Book Project: *Kazuo Ishiguro's Universal Questions*



- **Louise Jezierski**

- Teaches Social Theory (MC 280); Social Policy (MC 380); Global Cities; Metropolitan Society
- 2010 MSU Alumni Club of Mid-Michigan Quality in Undergraduate Education Teaching Award
- Michigan State University Curricular Service-Learning and Civic Engagement Award 2010, 2016.
- Latest Research: Making Ends Meet Precarity and the informal economy in Greater Lansing during Covid-19. Women's Social Capital Development in Regional Informal Economies



Meet the SRP Faculty

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- **Anna Pegler-Gordon**

- Teaches MC 202; Immigration and Ethnic History (MC 281); Asian-American History; Immigration Policy
- *In Sight of America: Photography and the Development of U.S. Immigration Policy*
 - Immigration and Ethnic History Society Book Award for best book in Immigration History
- *Closing the Golden Door: Asian Migration and the Hidden History of Exclusion on Ellis Island*
- MSU Teacher-Scholar Award
- *What Kind of Justice? Oral Histories About Vincent Chin Forty Years Later* - student research project led by APG



- **Amy Simon**

- Teaches Jews and Antisemitism, The Holocaust in American Memory, genocide studies
- Holds the William and Audrey Farber Family Chair in Holocaust Studies and European Jewish History
- Research on Yiddish diaries and interpersonal relationships during the Holocaust
- MSU Teacher-Scholar award



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- **Susan Stein-Roggenbuck**

- Teaches MC 111, MC 202 (Criminal Encounters); Immigrants, Minorities and American Pluralism (MC 281); Social Policy (MC380); Sexual Politics (MC 388), MC 498 (American Health Care)
- *Negotiating Relief: The Development of Social Welfare Programs in Depression-Era Michigan, 1930-1940*
- Articles and a book project on parent dependency policies



- **Jennifer Sykes**

- Teaches Social Policy (MC 380); American Politics & Equality (MC 381); Senior Seminar on The American Dream (MC 498)
- Interested in Inequality, Poverty and the Welfare State
- *It's Not Like I'm Poor: How Working Families Make Ends Meet in a Post-Welfare World* (2015)
- Waltzer Award for Teaching Excellence



SOCIAL RELATIONS AND POLICY

Below is a checklist for students in the Social Relations and Policy major who began at MSU Fall 2016 or after. This sheet is meant to help students visualize how the various parts of the curriculum fit together. Transfer students who are still taking courses at other institutions should choose classes that may be applied toward MSU's Integrative Studies requirements, MSU's math requirement, if necessary, or Madison's foreign language and economics requirements.

Integrative Studies:

MC 111 _____ MC 201 _____ ISP _____ IAH (201-210) _____
 MC 112 _____ MC 202 _____ ISB _____ IAH (211 or higher) _____ +MATH _____
 Lab _____

Foreign Language: _____ Economics: 201 _____ or 251H _____
 _____ 202 _____ or 252H _____

Field Experience: _____ MC 400 _____ MC 401 _____

Social Relations and Policy Core Program:

All of the following: MC 280 _____ MC 281 _____ MC 280 _____ MC 498 _____
 Methods: (Choose One) SOC 281 _____ ANP 429 _____ EC 420 _____ PLS 201 _____ SIT 200/201/315/421** _____ MC 295 _____ CJ 292 _____ GEO 221 _____ PSY 295 _____
 **May not double count for MSU MTH requirement

Students must choose a cluster in consultation with an advisor prior to enrolling in 300-level SRP courses:

Title of cluster: _____

The cluster must consist of three of the following SRP elective courses:

MC 319 _____	MC 320 _____	MC 325 _____	MC 333 _____	MC 335 _____
MC 337 _____	MC 340 _____	MC 342 _____	MC 347 _____	MC 348 _____
MC 350 _____	MC 351 _____	MC 364 _____	MC 367 _____	MC 368 _____
MC 369 _____	MC 372 _____	MC 375 _____	MC 377 _____	MC 378 _____
MC 381 _____	MC 382 _____	MC 383 _____	MC 384 _____	MC 385 _____
MC 386 _____	MC 387 _____	MC 388 _____	MC 389 _____	MC 390* _____
MC 391* _____	MC 395 _____	MC 445 _____	MC 482 _____	

* Must have SRP approval

Related Area:

Two-three course (6-9 credits) in a related discipline (e.g. Anthropology, Economics, History, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology) OR approved related area (e.g. Ethnicity and Race, Gender and Women's Studies, Urban/Metropolitan Society, or U.S. Politics) beyond the introductory level (i.e., 300-400 level).

Related Discipline or Area: _____ Courses: _____

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED TO GRADUATE: 120

IF YOU WERE REQUIRED TO TAKE MTH 1825, TOTAL CREDITS TO GRADUATE INCREASES TO 123

Minimum number of MC credits required: 51. For transfer and teacher education students: 41.

+A minimum score of 19 on MSU Placement exam or selected MTH or SIT course(s)

-Teacher Education: Geography and History requirements for all majors are listed in the MC handbook under Teacher Education

University Requirements (all MSU students)

College requirements (all MC students)

Take all four SRP *core courses*.
 Take one methods course.

Selectives / "cluster courses"
 Take 3 to create your "cluster."
 Many are cross-listed in other MC majors.

All MC majors have a "*related area*" requirement—2 courses outside the major that inform your SRP studies

Crafting a Curriculum

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- **Every Madison major has:**
 - (a) 7 required courses (core courses + selectives)
 - (b) a methods requirement
 - (c) a related area
- **So what REALLY distinguishes majors?**
 - 1) CONTENT of courses, especially core courses
 - 2) What do you do in the 7 courses as a whole?
 - 3) What are your CHOICES?
 - 4) How much FLEXIBILITY do you have?

The 7 SRP courses include 4 core courses

- **Four core courses (all SRP students take)**
 - ✓ MC 280 Social Theory and Social Relations
 - ✓ MC 281 Immigrants, Minorities, and American Pluralism
 - ✓ MC 380 Social Policy
 - ✓ MC 498 Senior Seminar (each section has a different topic)
- **Recent senior seminar topics**
 - The American Dream
 - The Holocaust in American Memory
 - Sex, Religion, & Public Policy
 - Environmental Justice: Politics and Policies
 - Immigration Policy
 - History and Future of American Feminism
 - Civic Engagement and Community Development in Lansing
 - Comparative Black Social Movements
 - Sex and Law
 - American Health Care and Policy

The 7 SRP courses include 3 “selectives” that make up a “cluster”

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- SRP students craft the major to best fit their particular interests
- Students can select existing clusters of courses or develop their own (examples next slide)
- Instead of picking courses from columns, **SRP students select a cluster of three courses** to build in-depth knowledge about their interests.
 - about 25-30 different choices
 - about 2/3 of these choices are cross-listed with another major and/or minor.

Examples of clusters

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- Comparative Study of Societies Race, Ethnicity, and Nationalism
- Race, Ethnicity and Nationalism
- Sex and Gender
- Local, Regional and State Politics
- American Society & American Politics
- Public Policy and Political Economy
- Culture and Social Change
- Global Social Change

All JMC majors are compatible with a wide variety of double majors & minors

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- **Among SRP students' double majors:** CCP, PTCD, IR, Sociology, Psychology, Finance, Economics, Communications, Marketing, Women's Studies (& more)
- **Among SRP students' minors** (for some minors, 1-2 SRP courses count toward the minor)
 - Housed in MC: Political Economy, Muslim Studies, Science Policy (STEPPS), Western European Studies
 - In other MSU programs: Asian Pacific American Studies, African American and African Studies, Jewish Studies, Peace and Justice Studies, Film Studies
- **Talk to your advisor**, who may know more about these options.

Other ways to enhance your curriculum

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Honors options

Honors thesis

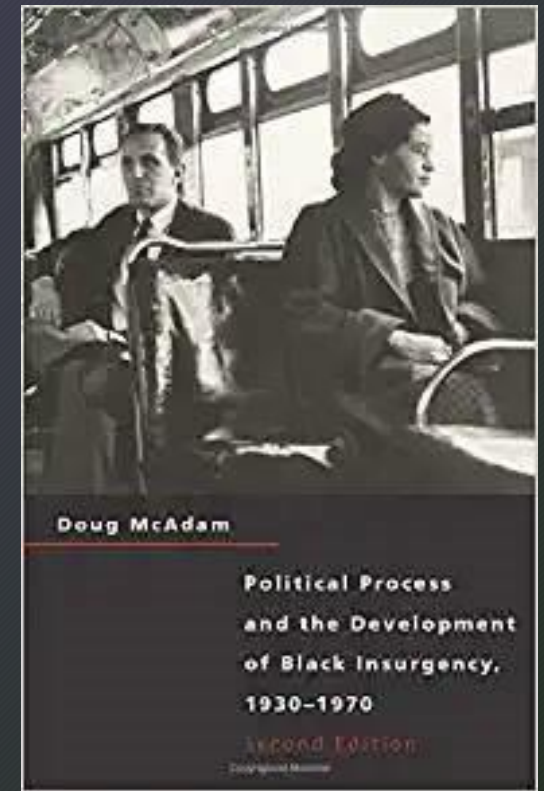
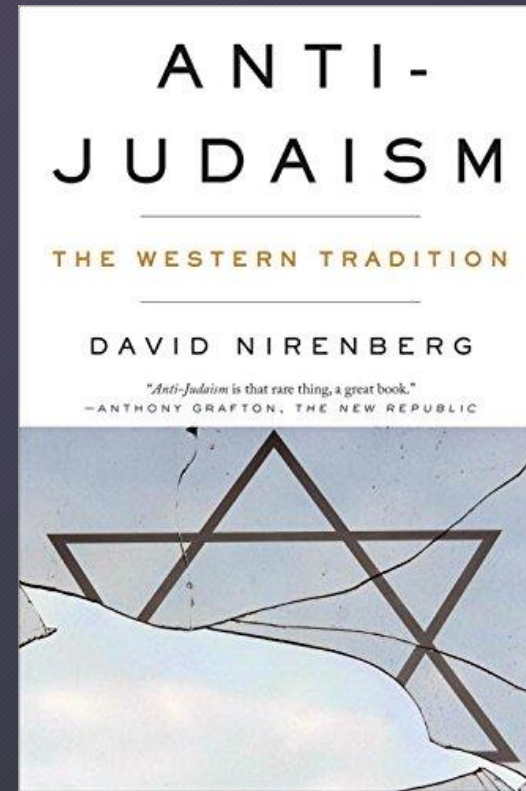
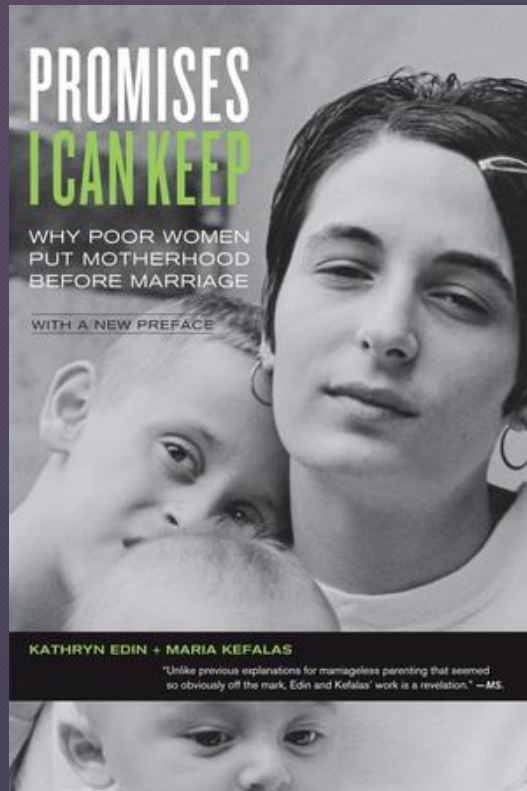
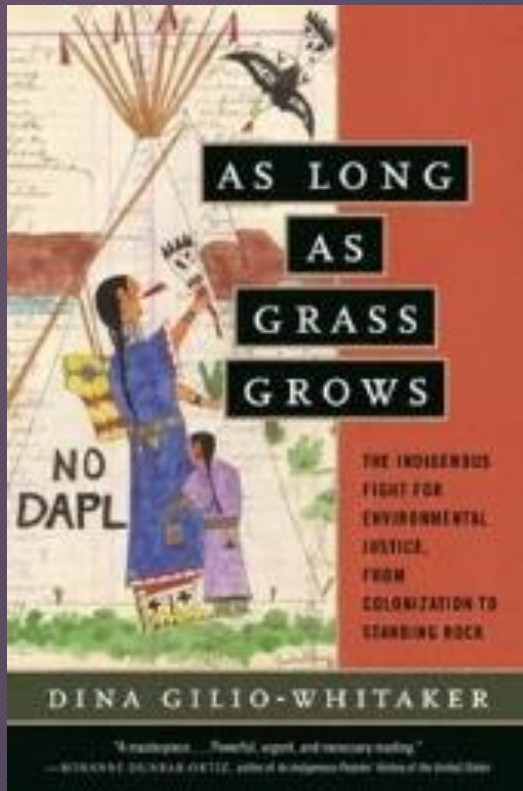
Independent Research projects

Field Experience (Internships) locally, nationally and outside US

Study Abroad: Most study abroad programs are open to all MC majors.

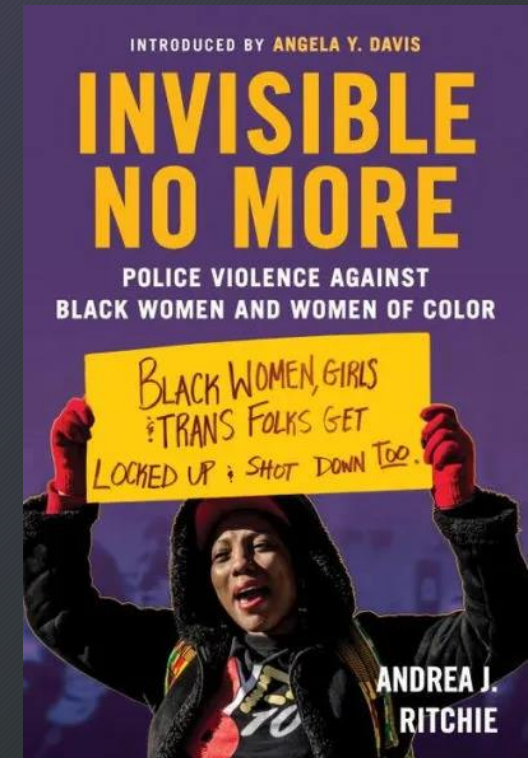
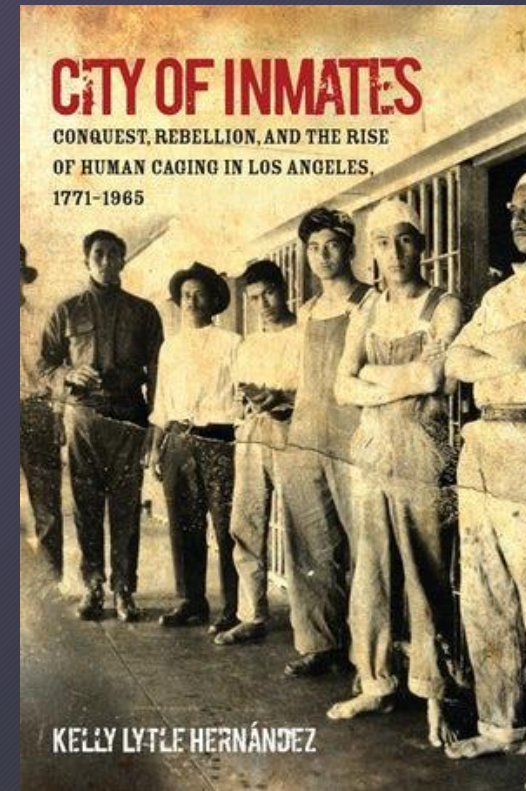
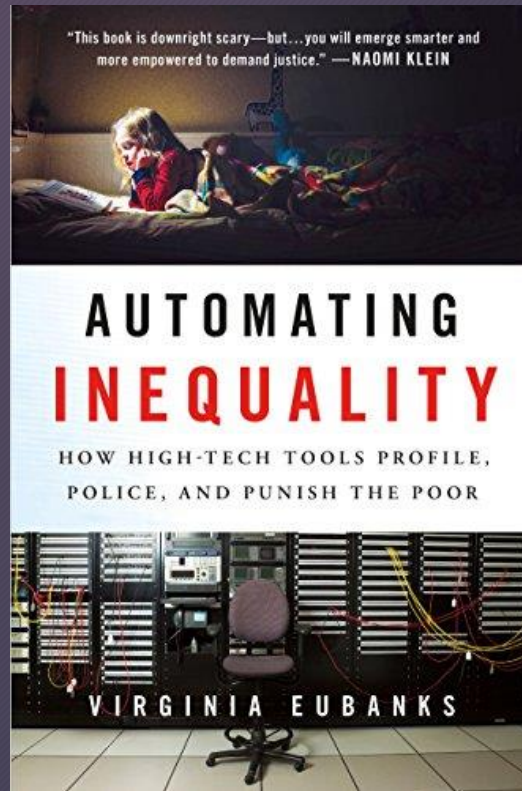
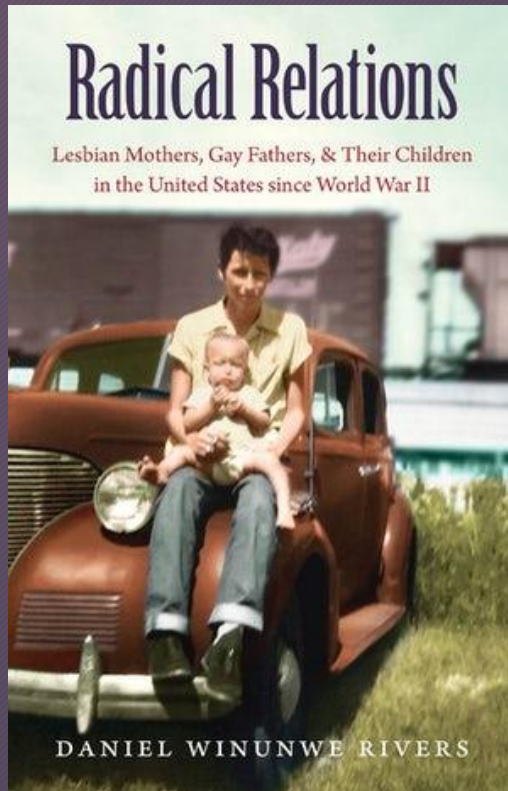
Books we read in SRP...

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More books we read in SRP...

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SRP Students Study (and intern) Abroad!

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- Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity & Sexual Politics in Amsterdam
- This is just one example. There are *MANY* options.



SRP Study Abroad and Internships Abroad



Jane Ahlborn Tanzania



Lexus Bacon
Santa Ana and Cedral
Costa Rica



Tiffany Harris
London
Also interned in
Argentina



Megan O'Brien
Santa Elena, Venezuela
Internship: Peace Villages Foundation

Illegal squatter settlements
(where Megan lived and worked)



SRP award winners!



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- MSU's MLK Jr. Advancing Inclusion through Research Award - 2022
- Tony Distelrath - First Place (SRP and CCP)
- Dylan McGinnis - Third Place (SRP and CCP)
- *All four winners were from SRP in 2019!*

Troy Distelrath (also CCP)

- FINALIST - 2020
- Truman Scholarship

Elyse Baden (also PTCD)

- MSU Nominee - Marshall - 2022

Abigail Barnum (Also CCP)

- MSU nominee - 2022
- Marshall and Mitchell scholarships

Carly Sandstrom (also CCP)

- MSU nominee - Marshall - 2022

More SRP
award winners!



Ewurama Appiagyei-Dankah
2017 MSU Truman Scholarship nominee
Here in Iceland at the Reykjavik Global Forum
- Women Leaders, with Julia Gillard, first
woman to serve as Prime Minister of Australia



Alexis Sargent
Rhodes Scholarship Finalist
2019 and 2020
MSU Nominee for the:
Marshall Scholarship
Mitchell Scholarship
Truman Scholarship
Fulbright Scholarship



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Joel Arnold
2017 Mitchell Scholarship winner
Only 12 winners nationally;
two were from JMC!
**Master's in Urban Policy, University
College Dublin**
**Community Building and Planning
Coordinator at Seamaac, Inc**

Where do SRP alums go to graduate school?

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Graduate Programs Include:

Public Policy
Law School
Social Work/Counseling
Public Health
History
Sociology
Education
Communications
Industrial and Labor Relations
Geography
Economics
Clinical Psychology
And many others!

Graduate Institutions Include:

University of Michigan
Harvard
Columbia
MSU
Cornell
Syracuse
University of Wisconsin
Cambridge University
University of Chicago
Duke
Johns Hopkins and Johns Hopkins Nanjing Center
Northwestern
And many others!

Where do SRP alums work?

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Public Employment

- **Americorps** – Detroit, Chicago, Boston
- **Judge** – Ingham County District Court
- **Planning Commissioner** – City of Duvall, WA
- **Public Policy Director** – City of Detroit
- **Policy Analyst** – Social Security Administration, DC
- **Second Lieutenant** – US Marine Corps
- **Teacher** – Detroit Public Schools
- **Union Organizer** – AFSCME

Non-Profits

- **Associate Director** – YouthBuild USA, Boston
- **Case Manager** – Catholic Charities, Chicago
- **Education Specialist** - Planned Parenthood of W. & N. Mi.
- **Policy Program Assistant** – Gates Foundation, DC
- **Staff Attorney** – Legal Aid of Western Michigan
- **U.S. Green Building Council** - Washington, DC

Private Employment

- **Assistant Economist** – Federal Reserve Bank of New York
- **Human Resources** – Ford Motor Company
- **Program Assistant** – Mathematica Policy Research, DC
- **Organic Farmer** – Ocean Air Farms, CA
- **Internet and Marketing Developer** - Public Opinion Strategies

**TOGETHER WE
CAN MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**



Featured SRP Alum: Adonne Washington

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- 2020 graduate of Howard University Law School
- Principal in her own firm: A.R. Washington, PLLC
- Digital Justice Associate Counsel for the national branch of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

Featured SRP Alum: Dylan Luna

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- Flint and Genesee Economic Alliance - Business Manager
- MBA, U of M - Flint
- MA, U of M - Ann Arbor, urban pedagogy
- 2014 SRP Graduate
- Flint Board of Education



Tylor Collier

2019 Graduate
Pictured here on the Madison
Leadership Program to India
Headed to the University of
Chicago's MPP program this fall



Carter Oselett
2021 Graduate
HIV Foundation
Chicago



Walter Hanley
2019 Graduate
Survey Specialist at NORC at the
University of Chicago



Mitchell Timmerman
SRP 2018
Economic Development
Specialist LEAP



Emma Bostwick
SRP 2020
Tri-County Development Manager
Lansing Economic Area Partnership
LEAP



Rawley Van Fossen SRP 2016
Executive Director of Capital Area
Housing Partnership (CAHP)



Dr. Sirrita Darby
Ed.D 2021 Michigan State University College of Education, SRP 2014
Executive Director at Detroit Heals Detroit | Forbes 30 Under 30

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Dr. Aaron C. Foote, Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology at Trinity College
Ph.D., Univ. of Massachusetts Amherst in Sociology 2021, SRP 2012

Dr. Tanner Delpier, Michigan Education Association, Labor Economist
PhD Michigan State University College of Education, 2021, SRP 2016



Your questions?

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For more information about SRP

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- Check out the James Madison College website
- Join the SRP Facebook group and the James Madison College (Unofficial) page
- This PP is posted on the SRP page.
- Talk to students or faculty