

What is Social Relations & Policy?

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The major applies social theory and research to contemporary social problems.

Faculty draw from a variety of disciplines and area studies in their teaching and research: sociology, history, literature, environmental studies, gender studies, LGBTQ+ studies, Asian American Studies, Jewish Studies, Africana Studies, and more.

Sample SRP courses

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Education Policy

Environmental Justice and Social Change

Jews and Anti-Semitism

Sexual Politics

Social Movements

African American Politics

Latin American Immigration, U.S. Policy, and Resistance

Metropolitan Society

Asian American history

Women and Power in Comparative Perspective

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?



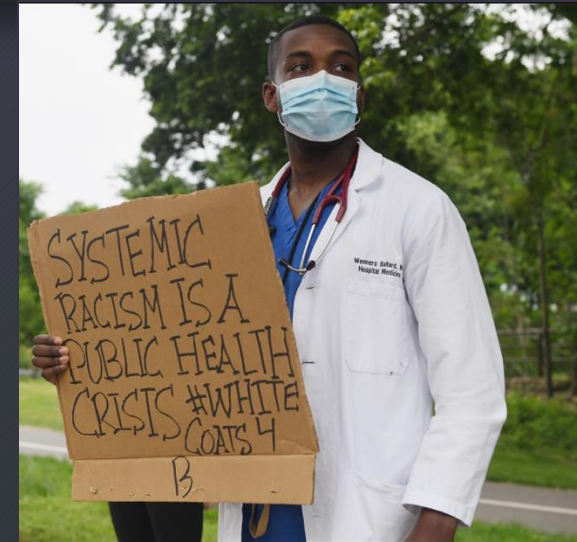
More interesting Questions in SRP

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How does social policy affect the health care you receive?

How do we understand new waves of white supremacy, antisemitic violence, and Islamophobia in historical context?

What is the relationship between sustainability and environmental justice?



Meet Some SRP Majors

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Nahlia Moncrief: *MC 201 Teaching Assistant; Student Coordinator of Diversity Programming & Student Engagement*

Sammy Leggett: *also major in PTCD; chair, SRP caucus (Madison Student Senate); Vice President, W.E.B DuBois Society*

Jasnoor Kaur: *also major in Neuroscience (Lyman Briggs); Research Assistant at MSU Sleep & Learning Lab; ASMSU*

Henry Jerred: *also minors in Environmental and Sustainability Studies, and in Anthropology; Research Assistant to Prof. Ahlquist*

Gene Burns

Interests: social movements, politics of abortion, politics of religion, church-state relations

The Moral Veto: Framing Contraception, Abortion, and Cultural Pluralism in the U.S.

MC 280: Social Theory

MC 380: Social Policy

MC 348: Educational Policy

MC 382: Social Movements



Florencia Rojo

Interests: Participatory Action Research; Health inequalities; Immigration; Food Justice; Intersectionality

Telling the Story of Hillside: Community Memory, Black Cultural Foodways, and Neighborhood Change in Colorado Springs

MC 280: Social Theory & Social Relations

MC 294: Qualitative Research Methods

MC 390: Latin American Immigration, U.S. Policy, and Resistance

MC 498: Race, Place, and the Food Justice Movement



Daniel Ahlquist

Interests: Political Ecology; Environmental Justice; Agriculture & Food Systems; Conservation, Climate Change & Sustainability; Inequality

Conservation, Land Use Change & Rural Change on the Northern Great Plains

MC 338: Environmental Justice & Global Change

MC 380: Social Policy

MC 498: Senior Seminar on Climate Change



Allison Berg

Interests: the literature of social movements; civil rights; intersectional feminisms; memoirs by women of color; pedagogy

Trauma and Testimony in Black Women's Civil Rights Memoirs

MC 281: Immigration and Ethnic History

MC 368: Civil Rights Movement and its Legacies

MC 498: The History and Future of Modern Feminism



Louise Jezierski

Interests: Women's social capital
development in regional informal economies

Making Ends Meet: Precarity and the
Informal Economy in Greater Lansing
during Covid-19

MC 280: Social Theory

MC 380: Social Policy

MC 367: Global Cities and Urbanism

MC 384: Metropolitan Society - Detroit



Anna Pegler-Gordon

Interests: U.S. ethnic and immigration history; immigration policy; Asian American Studies, visual culture, public history; K-12 education

Closing the Golden Door: Asian Migration and the Hidden History of Exclusion on Ellis Island

MC 281: Immigration and Ethnic History

MC 319: Asian American History

MC 498: Immigration Policy



Amy Simon

Interests: Jewish History, Holocaust Studies, interpersonal relationships during the Holocaust, genocide studies

Emotions in Yiddish Ghetto Diaries

MC 387: Jews and Antisemitism

MC 498: The Holocaust in American
Memory



Susan Stein-Roggenbuck

Interests: history of American social policy and health care

Caring for Mom and Dad: Parent Dependency and American Social Policy

MC 281: Immigration and Ethnic History

MC 380: Social Policy

MC 388: Sexual Politics

MC 498: American Health Care



Jennifer Sykes

Interests: Inequality, Poverty and the Welfare State

It's Not Like I'm Poor: How Working Families Make Ends Meet in a Post-Welfare World

MC 380: Social Policy

MC 381: American Politics and Equality

MC 498: Senior Seminar on The American Dream



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 380 _____ 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

Please note a couple items on this sheet are outdated: See instead the checklists on the JMC website (under "Academics"). But this gives you a good sense of the big picture.

University Requirements
(all MSU students)

College requirements (all MC students)

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

Selectives: Take any three.

This checklist is in the process of revision, as there is no longer a "cluster" requirement.

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 also include 3 “selectives”

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- That is, you *select* from a list.
- There are 25-30 courses offered regularly (at least every two years). Most count also in another MC major and/or minor.
- SRP students craft the major to best fit their particular interests
- *Courses on gender, environmental policy, race, economic inequality, social movements, immigration, sociohistorical change, law and society, politics & society, socioeconomic inequality & change, comparative courses, U.S.-focused courses, science policy (and more).*

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, Neuroscience(& 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 (STEPP), 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 will know more about these options.

Other ways to enhance your curriculum

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Honors options

Honors thesis

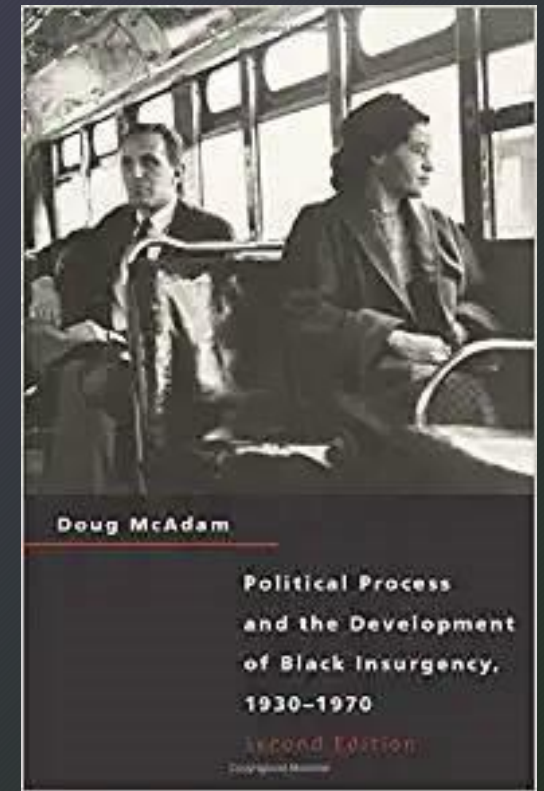
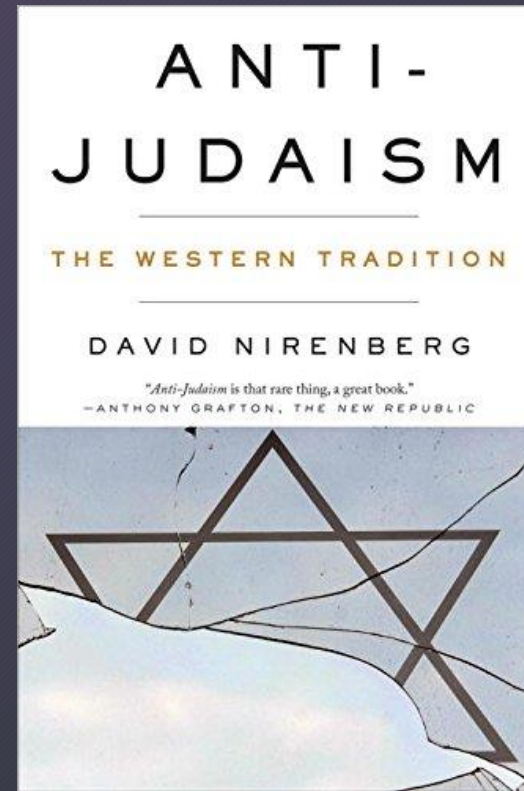
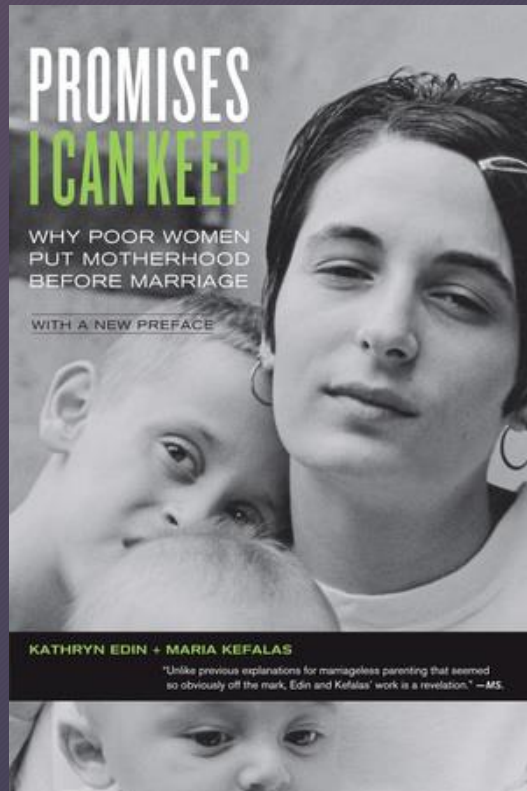
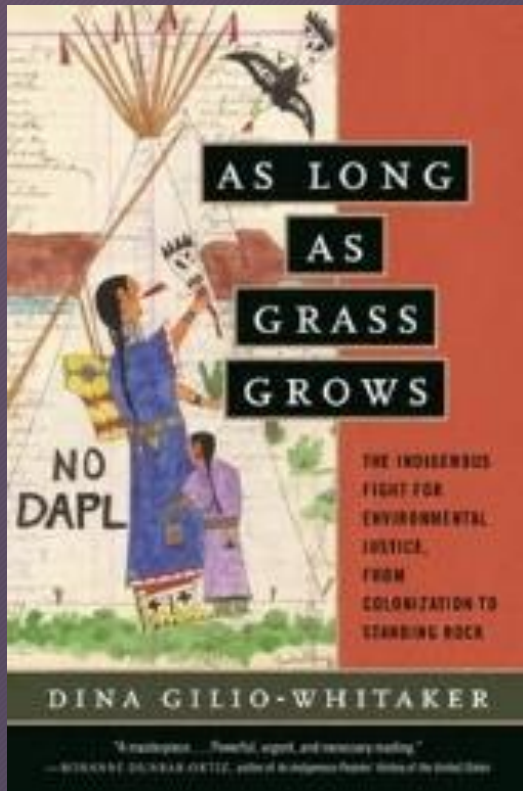
Independent Research projects

Field Experience (Internships) locally,
nationally and outside US

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

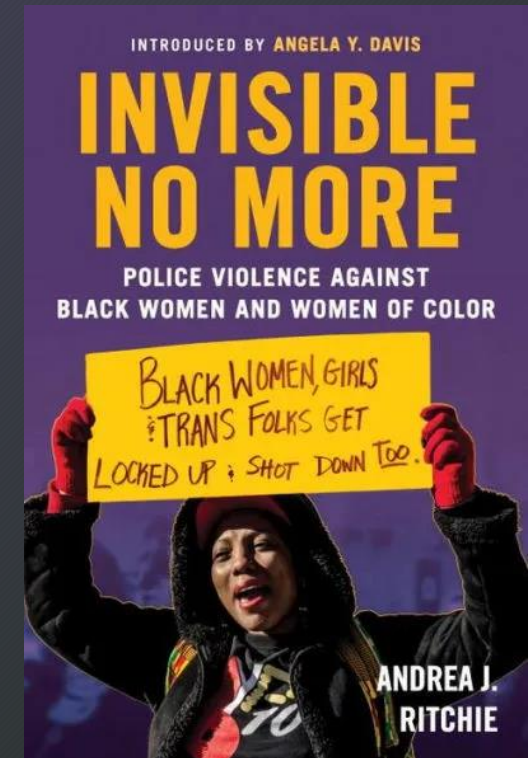
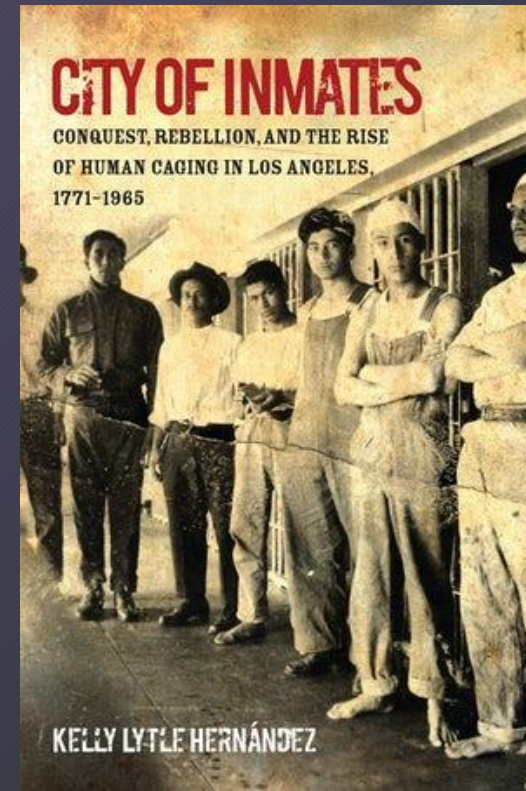
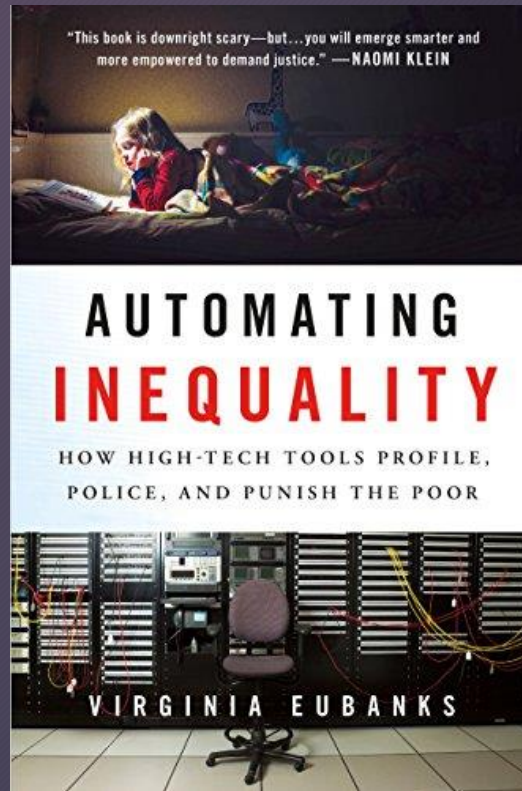
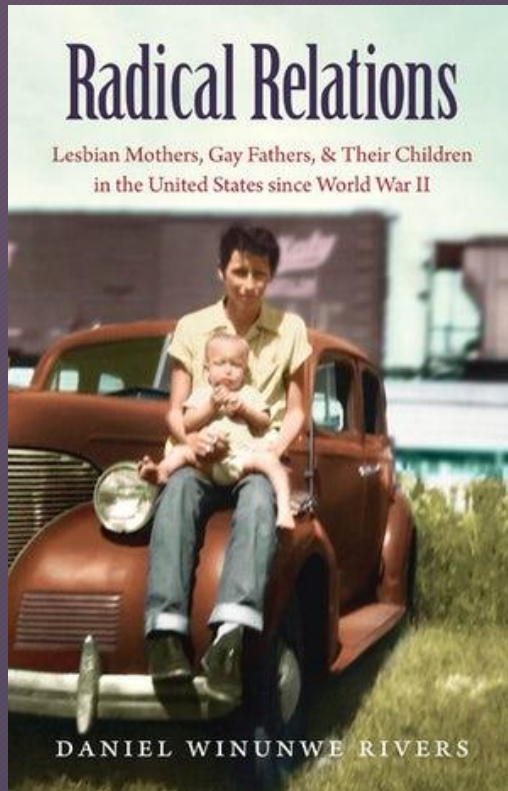
Books we read in SRP...

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More books we read in SRP...

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Education Abroad summer 2024

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Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity & Sexual Politics in Amsterdam

Brazil: Politics, Culture, and Society



SRP majors Jane Swartz and Emma Ayers pedal boating with other MC students in Amsterdam



Olivia Schaefer, Katie Yanoulakis, and more SRP, MC, and Brazilian students

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 - 2023 (most recent)

- 1st Taylor Toth (SRP and PTCD)
- 2nd Adrianna Roth (SRP)
- 3rd Stephanie Adams (SRP)
- Honorable mention: Jordan Roebuck (SRP)

Taylor Toth →



JMC Dean's Choice Award for Best Public Policy Papers 2024

- 1st: Lauren Dauber (SRP & CCP)
- 3rd: Ashley Mathews (SRP)



← Lauren, Ashley, and Sparty

There's a long history of SRP award winners.



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SRP students who were MSU nominees for national awards include:

Abigail Barnum (Also CCP)

- Marshall and Mitchell scholarships 2022

Carly Sandstrom (also CCP)

- Marshall - 2022

Elyse Baden (also PTCD)

- Marshall - 2022

Troy Distelrath (also CCP)

- Truman Scholarship finalist - 2020

Many also from earlier years, including 2017, Joel Arnold, one of 12 Mitchell Scholarship winners nationally.



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!

Featured SRP Alums

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*Adonne
Washington*

- 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

- 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
- Global Attraction Representative at the Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

*Dylan
Luna*





Tylor Collier

- 2019 SRP Graduate
- Masters of Public Policy, U. of Chicago
- Special Assistant for the U.S. Department of Energy



Carter Oselett
2021 Graduate
AIDS Foundation
Chicago



Walter Hanley
2019 Graduate
Survey Specialist at National
Opinion Research Center (NORC),
University of Chicago



Dr. Sirrita Darby

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



Emma Bostwick

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

For more information about SRP

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- Check out the James Madison College website
- This Power Point will be posted on the SRP page.
- Talk to students or faculty. (Some of us will hang around a bit after.)