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RFG Welcomes New Class of Fellows

The Robertson Foundation for Government (RFG) is pleased and proud to announce the most recent additions to the network of RFG fellows. Eighteen new fellows began in the 2019-2020 academic year, which marks the 11th class supported by RFG.

Bush School, Texas A&M

[Caitlyn Bess](#)

[Jason Edmondson](#)

[Laura Leddy](#)

[Jessica Parks](#)

Maxwell School, Syracuse University

[Annastasia Hirt](#)

[Holly Ratcliffe](#)

[Josephine Glenn](#)

UCSD GPS

[Lincoln Berget](#)

[Lily Folkerts](#)

[Topher Taylor](#)

Fletcher School, Tufts University

[Lalitha Adury](#)

[Madison Chapman](#)
[Nicholas Cicchinelli](#)
[Brett Northfield](#)

UMD SPP

[Holly Gregory](#)
[Justin Horoiwa](#)
[Kevin Laiveling](#)
[Nicole Franiok](#)

You can see all 33 of our current fellows on our website (new and second year students), where you can read more about their backgrounds, graduate school specialties, and plans for after graduation.

[See all current fellows](#)

Maxwell hosts undergraduate advisor training with funding from RFG



The Syracuse University Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs partnered with APSIA to host a Public and International Student Advisor (PISA) Workshop for 28 advisors from upstate New York on August 14, 2019.

With financial support from the Robertson Foundation for Government, The Maxwell School is one of three schools selected nationwide to host a PISA Network training.

This half-day workshop featured a comparative look at professional graduate degrees, advice on helping students discern the best fit for them given their career goals, and resources for the advisors to help their students better prepare for application to and funding graduate school.

[Read more](#)

RFG sponsors 17th annual PPIA Public Service Expo



On July 12th more than more than 600 registered attendees and 80 exhibitors attended the PPIA Public Service Expo. PPIA Junior Summer Institute Fellows from Princeton University and Carnegie Mellon University heard a keynote speech from Congressman Joaquin Castro before attending sessions with PPIA alumni, graduate school admissions representatives, the Government Accountability Office, and the Congressional Budget Office. RFG was pleased to be the signature Gold Expo Sponsor for the event, and our contribution was recognized in PPIA's fall newsletter.

[Read more](#)

Fellows in the News



On September 13th the School of Global Policy and Strategy's (GPS) Center for Commerce and Diplomacy (CCD) launched its Global Leaders Forum, featuring former Secretary of State, Dr. Condoleezza Rice. Renee Bowen, CCD Director and GPS Associate Professor, and **Cory Rogers (UCSD GPS, Class of 2020)** interviewed Dr. Rice. Dr. Rice discussed her new book, "To Build a Better World," co-authored with Philip Zelikow, and shared insights about life as the nation's top diplomat.



Noelle Camp (Bush, Class of 2019) and **Shannon Abbott (Bush, Class of 2018)** presented at the Institute of Nuclear Materials Management 60th Annual Meeting in Palm Desert, California, in July.

[Read more](#)

We invite current fellows and alumni to submit links to their published writings, mentions of their work in the media, promotions and more for inclusion on our website and our quarterly newsletter. Please [email Communications Manager Lauren Hertel](#) with links.

The winner of the 2019 Sammies People's Choice Award is...



Congratulations to Robert Cabana and the Kennedy Space Center Senior Management Team on winning the 2019 Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medals People's Choice Award!

[Read more](#)

Nominations for the 2020 Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Medals are now open!

[Learn more and submit a nomination](#)

RFG is a proud sponsor of the Sammies.

NAPA announces 2019 Class of Academy Fellows

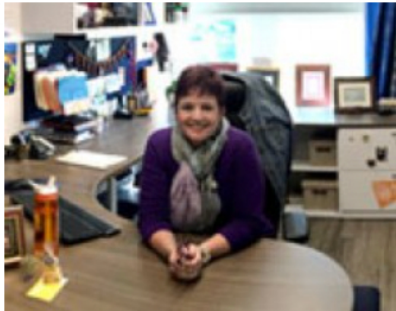


The National Academy of Public Administration announced that 51 leaders in the field of public administration have been selected for the 2019 Class of Academy Fellows. Induction of the new Fellows will occur during the annual [Academy Fall Meeting](#), which will take place November 7-8 in

Arlington, Virginia. RFG is supporting a session on international issues in public administration at the meeting.

[Read more](#)

Stephanie Boomhower new director of career services at UCSD GPS



For over 20 years, Stephanie Boomhower has been helping students navigate the internship and career-search process. She joined the UC San Diego School of Global Policy and Strategy team in 2014, and was promoted this year to Director of Career Services.

[Read more](#)

Assessing the Past and Future of Public Administration: Reflections from the Minnowbrook at 50 Conference

The Minnowbrook conferences, hosted periodically over the past 50 years by the Maxwell School, have reflected major milestones in public administration. These sessions have brought together a range of experts to discuss and debate how research and teaching can best contribute to a vibrant public sector, as well as how the field should address larger social and economic challenges facing nations and the world.

[Read more](#)

Alumni Corner: Professional Presentation Skills workshop

A group of RFG alumni and a current fellow gathered on September 26 for a three-hour Professional Presentation Skills workshop conducted by Carmie McCook (<https://carmie.com/>).

The session covered public speaking best practices and included interactive exercises to improve visual and verbal presentations. The program was arranged in response to feedback from the 2018 alumni survey input on training needs.

Evaluations of the event highlighted some of the useful outputs including: “provided some novel ideas”, “high level ... with easy takeaways”, “helpful and practical”, “useful tips and engaging”.

Watch for announcements of future skill-building sessions developed with RFG alumni input!

Opportunities

Cybersecurity Talent Initiative launched

The Cybersecurity Talent Initiative is the first-of-its-kind public-private partnership aimed at recruiting and training a world-class cybersecurity workforce. The program is a selective

opportunity for students in cybersecurity-related fields to gain vital public and private sector work experience. Participants can receive up to \$75,000, inclusive of tax, in student loan assistance.

[Learn more](#)

ASPA opens nominations for its 2020 Annual Awards Program

Issued in recognition of public servants from across the nation, the awards will be presented to winners at ASPA's 2020 Annual Conference.

[Learn more](#)

Resources

More Than Meets AI Part II

It is vital for federal agencies to build the public's trust in AI as the government's use of the technology increases. In "More Than Meets AI Part II: Building Trust, Managing Risk," the Partnership for Public Service and the IBM Center for The Business of Government offer insights for federal agencies to help them incorporate AI into their organization's operations responsibly and transparently.

[Read more](#)

Agile Problem Solving in Government

In Agile Problem Solving in Government: A Case Study of The Opportunity Project, a new report from the IBM Center for The Business of Government, authors Joel Gurin and Katarina Rebello from the Center for Open Data Enterprise outline the key elements and critical success factors involved in TOP.

[Read more](#)

The Partnership Releases Public Service Leadership Model

In June the Partnership for Public Service released the Public Service Leadership Model, which identifies the core values leaders must prioritize, and the critical competencies they must master to achieve their agencies' missions and desired impact.

[Read more](#)

What can you do with an International Affairs degree?

Forbes recently ranked graduate programs in International Affairs among the top degrees for jobs. APSIA put together a website with a series of sector guides that show how member school degrees can lead to careers in public, private, multilateral and non-governmental organizations.

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Events

October 22, 2019

Today's Talent Management Approaches for the Workforce of the Future

National Academy of Public Administration

8 - 10:30 a.m.

[More information and RSVP](#)

October 24, 2019

RFG Fellows' Welcome Dinner

October 25, 2019

RFG Fall Networking Reception

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