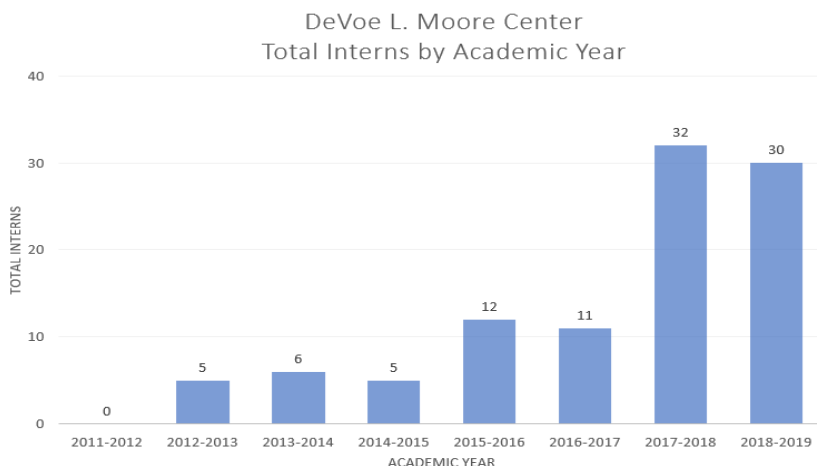


# DeVoe L. Moore Center

## FLORIDA'S ECONOMIC POLICY THINK TANK

### EXPANDED RESEARCH ASSISTANT PROGRAM ADDS NEW EXPERIENCES AND CAPABILITIES



## OVERVIEW

More than 100 students have interned or served as research assistants in the DeVoe Moore Center since its Intern and Research Assistant (IRA) program began in 2012. The program expanded to include students working for academic credit in 2017 and now engages 30 or more students in its research in any given year.

Currently, the DeVoe Moore Center operates with 30 interns and 7 compensated managerial staff (of which three are full-time, including the Director). Two of these managerial staff are graduate students. The undergraduate interns and research assistants are enrolled in academic course credit totaling 41 credit hours in the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy for the academic year. The coursework represents an estimated equivalent of \$26,516 in undergraduate in-

state tuition revenue (and \$62,725 since the IRA program's inception).

The IRA program's expansion can be attributed to several factors, including incorporating a data-intensive project under the Data Analytics Group. The project examines communications among principal actors and decision makers in local economic development projects. In addition, a writing coach program with the FSU Department of English has expanded the center's writing and editorial capacity.

The Center's reputation for providing tangible and policy-relevant research opportunities has grown as students have become interested in working with the center in its core policy areas.

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## CONTRIBUTING STAFF

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## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



**Abby Swatts**—Abby is a senior at FSU and the manager of the Editorial team. She is responsible for the revision and publication of the blogs written by interns at the DMC. She also claims to prefer milk chocolate to dark chocolate.



**Vittorio Nastasi**—A senior at FSU and a member of the Policy Research team, Vittorio's research on occupational licensing and recidivism earned 2nd place at the Association of Private Enterprise Education and was published by the James Madison Institute in April.

## ABOUT US

- An estimated 86 percent of the interns and research assistants are majoring in economics. While many have additional majors and minors—most notably international affairs and political science—the IRA program primarily attracts students interested in economic policy.
- The Data Analytics team is currently involved in the quantitative analysis of more than 120,000 emails to identify patterns of communication between public and private parties and key decision points for economic development projects approved by Tallahassee’s community redevelopment agency (CRA).
- The DeVoe Moore Center publishes articles and research reports that often appear in newspapers, including op-ed commentary in the *Tallahassee Democrat*.

## FOCUS AREAS

### Policy Research

This group examines a wide range of public policy issues within the center’s core mission areas of regulation, entrepreneurship, transparency, government accountability, and free market approaches to public policy.

### Data Analytics

This group focuses on database management and quantitative analysis of issue areas in policy decision-making. The group functions as the working arm of the center that organizes and interprets quantitative data gathered from state agencies, government entities, and local offices of interest. It also maintains <http://floridaopengov.org>.

### Public Affairs

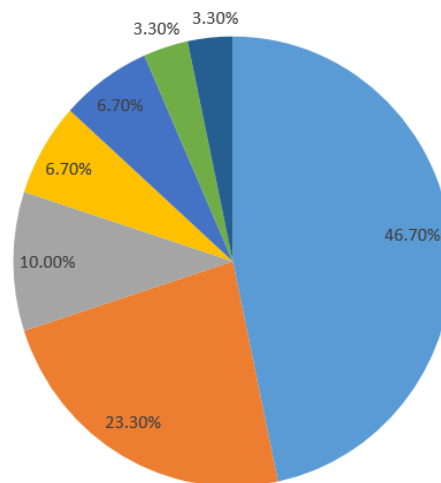
The Public Affairs team works primarily on outreach and engagement in order to bolster the image and brand of the DeVoe L. Moore Center. The team specializes in publication development, event planning, social media outreach, and website broadcasting.

### Editorial

Members of the Editorial team work together to edit and revise research intended for general audiences. They edit student work according to the DeVoe L. Moore Center’s mission, along with grammar, syntax, and organization, and then prepares the text for publication as blogs, policy briefs, policy reports, or other outputs.

## Interns and Research Assistants

### By Principle Area of Focus



■ Data Analytics 
 ■ Editorial 
 ■ Social Entrepreneurship  
■ Policy Analysis 
 ■ Independent 
 ■ Outreach 
 ■ Admin

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The center has data on 52 recent interns and research assistants who have graduated FSU. Three-quarters continue on to graduate school or enter the for-profit professional workforce. Nonprofit organizations were the destinations for about 20 percent of the center's interns and research assistants.

Some of the more notable destinations were:

- Charles Rivers Associates
- Public Financial Management (Washington, DC)
- Ernst & Young
- The Matran Group
- Lockheed Martin
- Public Accountability Institute
- Institute for Humane Societies
- American Legislative Exchange Council



**CRA** Charles River  
Associates

## SPOTLIGHT: JACQUELINE STINE

As a former student of Florida State University, Jacqueline majored in Economics with minor studies in French, Business, and Mathematics. During her student career at FSU, she held a reputable leadership position as Chapter Chair of The National Association for Business Economics, and was a participating member in French National Honors Society and an Outreach Coordinator for the DeVoe L. Moore Center. She founded the Undergraduate Research Matching Program and Learning Seminars to involve

students in economic research. In addition, she was a catalyst in establishing the social entrepreneurship program at FSU.

A passion for behavioral science and economic theory has led her to further pursue research in understanding the direct and indirect impacts of public policy and law. Jacqueline is a master's graduate from Cornell University and hopes to direct long-term efforts in finding solutions for social and economic issues in the United States and in developing countries.

### JACKIE'S CAREER SO FAR!

- Senior Research Associate, *Hanover Research (Current)*
- Teaching Assistant, *Cornell University*
- Research Assistant Intern, *Atlas Network*
- Outreach Coordinator, *DeVoe L. Moore Center*



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