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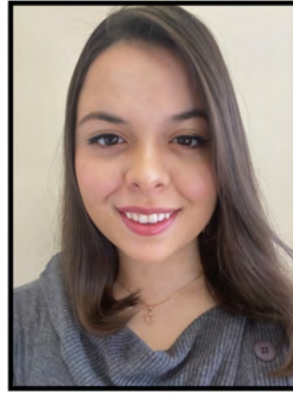
Major: Economics and Statistics



This academic year, Mae began new research on the externalities related to Florida's sugarcane farming industry. She published a blog titled "The Lack of Nuisance Laws in South Florida Sugarcane Farming" on the DMC's website and an op-ed titled "Better nuisance laws would help contain environmental damage from sugarcane farming" in the *Tallahassee Democrat*.

Ashira Casanova

Major: Public Health



Ashira researches the relationship between water quality and economic development, comparing the quality of water over time in a given state versus said state's economic development. She presented her work at the Florida Undergraduate Research Conference.

Madison Carlino

Majors: Economics, Communications



Madison is a researcher with the DMC, mostly collaborating with the Reason Foundation. Her past research has included examining the effects of Hispanic immigration in Miami. Her research for Reason includes drug policy reform and drug regulation in Florida.

Noah Dankner

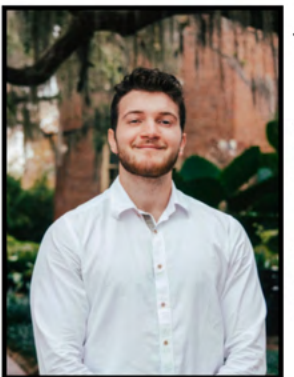
Applied Economics M.S. candidate



Noah is a former undergraduate research assistant in the DMC and currently is the Center's Public Policy Team Lead. He has a strong interest in econometrics and behavioral economics. This academic year, he attended the Association of Private Enterprise Education Meeting as a mentor for future scholars.

Jad Kabbani

Major: Economics



Jad is conducting extensive research on the protections necessary for North Florida's springs. In addition to his research, he has published a blog on the DMC's website titled "Protecting North Florida's Springs" and an op-ed in the *Tallahassee Democrat* titled "Florida Legislature Should Start Protecting North Florida's Springs."

Sarah Kwara

Major: Economics



Sarah is researching the economic impacts of the privatization of Florida's aerospace industry on Florida's economy as a whole. This academic year, she was nominated and attended the Association of Private Enterprise Education Meeting, where she got the opportunity to share her research.

PUBLIC POLICY

Ben Mairs

Business Analytics M.S.



As an FSU alumnus ('20, economics and statistics), Ben uses his graduate work in business analytics and professional experience to guide future public policy researchers at the Center and further policy research. Among his projects, he assists the Center's research on Florida's Aerospace industry under the supervision of Dr. Crystal Taylor.

Whitney Malcolm

Major: Criminology



This academic year, Whitney worked in conjunction with the Reason Foundation to research criminal justice related public policy issues. Her work includes investigating bail, fines and fees, prison commissionaires, and federal sentencing guidelines.

Max Siemens

Major: Economics



Max is researching the effects of the Affordable Healthcare Act on the state of Florida by compiling quantitative data on health care transparency and accountability. The data is particularly tricky to deal with, he says, because of the politically partisan nature of the public debate around health-care policy.

Yolanda St. Fleur

Majors: Political Science, Music



Yolanda researches college student housing preferences with a focus on Tallahassee and College Town. Her love of public policy has allowed her to continue her research over multiple academic years at the DMC while helping to guide fellow researchers.

Jovan St. Victor

Majors: Economics, Real Estate



Jovan is researching the roles and impacts of private and public sectors in the special district that is Walt Disney World. His research required him to conduct a literature review and examine academic publications to map and understand how Walt Disney World operated with its special district status.

EMINENT DOMAIN

Camila Aponte

Major: Political Science



Camila's research focuses on the role public participation played in the Capital Cascades project in Tallahassee, a series of major infrastructure investments that have reshaped its downtown region. She presented her work at the Florida Undergraduate Research Conference, highlighting the role public participation plays in major infrastructure projects.

Max Epstein

FSU '14 BS in Geography, '17 BFA in Sculpture and Public Art



Max is a double alumnus of Florida State University. At the DMC, he helps to guide the eminent domain team while providing a voice for displaced individuals in Tallahassee. He also gives walking tours throughout the city, showcasing the effects of eminent domain use on people and communities. Additionally, he writes op-eds, most recently in the *Tallahassee Democrat* in an article on conservation easements in the Killlearn Chain of Lakes.

Chloe Wain

Majors: Political Science; Economics; Editing, Writing, & Media Major



Chloe's research with the DMC focuses on the execution of just compensation agreements and their impact on individuals during the eminent domain process. She presented her research at the Florida Undergraduate Research Conference and the DMC Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 Colloquiums.

COLLEGETOWN

Chloe Kauffman

Major: Economics



Chloe's research focuses on property development and trends in College Town, an signature investment focus in Tallahassee. Most recently focused on height ordinances in CollegeTown (Tallahassee) and their constrains on the further development.

Nicholas Santiso

Masters of Science in Planning



Nicholas is a graduate student at Florida State University, helping to guide the CollegeTown team's research on property developmenet and valuation. He helps compile maps and research regarding CollegeTown.

Samantha Murray

Graduate of Master's Applied
Geographic Information Sciences



Samantha is the GIS Manager of the DMC. She recently graduated from Florida State University's Masters program of Applied Geographic Information Systems. As the DMC's GIS Database Manager, she manages geographic databases and produces high-quality maps. On the CollegeTown Team, she conducts spatial analyses of the revitalization of Tallahassee's CollegeTown.

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

Abigail Graus

Major: Economics



Abigail joined the DMC in April 2023, helping to kick off the newly established Housing Affordability Initiative. She is researching housing programs throughout the United States in order to help with her teammates' research on programs relevant to Florida.

Eli Mckown-Dawson

Majors: Political Science, Philosophy



Eli joined the Housing Affordability Team after conducting a suite of research on viewpoint diversity and political expression at on college campuses. In addition to several opeds, his Policy Brief on viewpoint expression and diversity was published by the DMC in December 2022.

Juanchi Roca-Paisley

Majors: Economics, Political Science



Juanchi joined the DMC during the summer of 2022 to conduct research on the impacts of occupational licensing policy on prison recidivism. As the Housing Affordability Team Lead, he and his team now compile data from housing initiatives across the U.S. to identify best practices for increasing housing affordability.

Arthi Solayappan

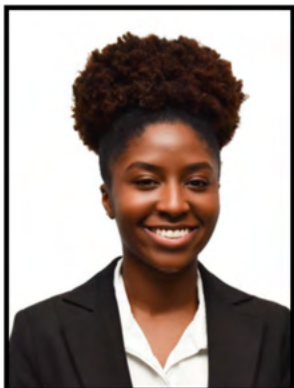
Major: Political Science



Arthi joined the Housing Affordability team after working on the eminent domain and urban redevelopment team. With newly compiled information on housing initiatives, she works alongside her team to identify evidence-based policy recommendations for the state of Florida.

Amanda Flynn

Political Science Major



Amanda joined the DMC research team during the Spring 2023 semester. Upon joining the center, she added her skills and voice to the Housing Affordability team to identify initiatives that may be applicable to Florida cities, counties, and regional governments.

DATA ANALYTICS

Keion Adams

Major: Economics



Keion joined the DMC during the Spring. He assisted in the process of acquiring, cleaning, and visualizing data for K-12 public schools. He plans to use the valuable tools from the DMC in his future career.

Carson Collingbourne

Major: Economics



Carson assists the DMC in gathering and cleaning data regarding K-12 public schools in the state of Florida. Regarding his Computer Science minor, he plans to conduct future research at the DMC over AI and its impact on the job market.

Carter Ferguson

Major: Interdisciplinary Social Sciences concentrating in economics & sociology



Carter started at the DMC in Fall 2022, joining the Data Analytics team in its pursuit of gathering data on the public K-12 school system in Florida. His work with the DMC also extends to collaborating with Center Research Director, Dr. Crystal Taylor.

Ethan Forberg

Major: Management Information Systems



As the Data Analytics Team Lead, Ethan helps find and visualize data to supplement informed policy making decisions. He guides his team's efforts in K-12 public school system data and creates clean graphs for other researchers to use in their own work to help showcase their analysis.

Lauren Winslow

Major: Statistics



Lauren is researching alongside the rest of the Data Analytics Team focusing on the disparities within the public K-12 school system in Florida. In her research, Lauren found data suggesting how Florida can improve its school system and improve its reputation as an exceptional top K-12 education state.

EDITORIAL & PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Gabriela Azeem-Angela

Major: Editing, Writing, & Media



Gabriela joined the DMC in Fall of 2022, graduating in December. She assisted a variety of researchers edit their one-pagers summaries of research, organize editorial resources, and write articles for publication on the College of Social Science's website.

Mishalynn Brown

Majors: Creative Writing, Digital Media Production



Mishalynn joined the DMC in Spring 2023, writing articles for the weekly newsletter and editing posters for interns presenting their research at conferences. She also edited videos for the DMC's YouTube page.

Michelle Evangelista

Majors: International Affairs, Informational Technology



Michelle worked with the Public Affairs & Editorial Team to analyze performance data from the DMC's social media pages. During her time, she authored social media reports which broke down data into digestible facts. This analysis helped identify new strategies to improve social media performance.

Katherine Kelsey

Major: Creative Writing



Katherine began her work at the DMC in Fall of 2022, and then was promoted to Editorial & Public Affairs Manager for Spring 2023. She helped organize the team to efficiently write articles for the weekly newsletter, edit researcher works, and manage the DMC's social media presence.

Madison McCoy

Majors: Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, Studio Art

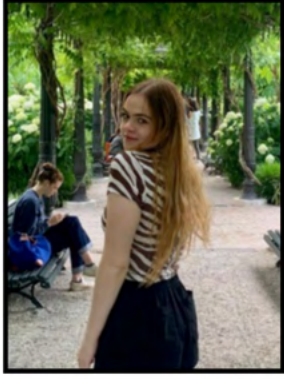


Madison joined the DMC for Spring 2023 and helped compose weekly newsletter articles for publication. In addition, she served as the interviewer for the DMC's two interview videos with business analyst and social entrepreneur Eric Neuyou.

EDITORIAL & PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Shawntia Nicholson

Majors: Editing, Writing, & Media;
Media/Communications



Shawntia was the Editorial & Public Affairs Manager until Fall 2022, at which point she graduated from Florida State University. During her time as manager, she coordinated the team to promote efficient operations, managed the DMC's social media presence, and oversaw the creation and distribution of the entire suite of engagement platforms and publications.

Mary Thomas

Majors: International Affairs, Public Relations



Mary joined the DMC in Fall 2022, writing articles for the College of Social Sciences website, editing research, composing articles for the weekly newsletter, and helping researchers edit their works.

Jamie Soto

Major: Editing, Writing, & Media



Jamie joined the Editorial & Public Affairs Team for the Spring 2023 semester, helping to edit the Eric Neuyou YouTube video interviews. She also helped to edit researcher works and posters to ensure they were ready for individual conferences, alongside writing newsletter articles.

FACULTY & STAFF

Dr. Samuel Staley Center Director



Samuel R. Staley is the Director of the DeVoe L. Moore Center. Dr. Staley focuses on issues with urban policy, economic development and redevelopment, social entrepreneurship, land use, and regulation. He is the author, co-author, or editor of nine books and more than 100 professional articles and reports on public policy and popular culture. His most recent book, co-authored with Zongzhi Li and Adrian T. Moore, is *MegaCity Mobility: Integrate urban Transportation Development and Management* (CRC Press, 2022). Other recent books include *The Beatles and Economics: Entrepreneurship, Innovation, and the Making of a Cultural Revolution* (Routledge 2020). Dr. Staley's work has been featured on several podcasts. He is a frequent contributor to the *Tallahassee Democrat*, and his commentary has appeared in numerous publications, including *the New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *CNN.com*, *FOXbusiness*, *Reason* magazine, and *National Review*.

Dr. Crystal Taylor Research Director



Crystal Taylor is the director of research at the DeVoe L. Moore Center. She leads applied research projects in the Center, and mentors more than 30 research interns each year, including the Data Analytics Group (DAG). Her professional interests include real estate development, GIS mapping, and regulatory processes. She also has principle responsibility for managing the Housing Affordability Initiative. Dr. Taylor is a well-recognized lecturer and designed award-winning curriculum. She is an AICP-certified planner who has collaborated on educational program evaluations and environmental plans for the State of Florida.

Monica Laughlin Business Manager



Monica Laughlin joined the DMC recently to take on the role of Business Manager. In her role, she helps the DMC manage financial resources, takes care of human resources needs, and manages the execution of various critical projects related to the operational needs of the DMC. She plays a similar role for Florida State University's Claude Pepper Center, working on Florida State University's campus since the 1990s.

FACULTY & STAFF

Dr. Keith Ihlanfeldt Eminent Scholar



Keith Ihlanfeldt is an internationally recognized scholar in urban and regional science, having been elected a Fellow of the Regional Science Association International in 2009. He has contributed foundational work on housing segregation, job accessibility, residential mobility, growth management, impact fees, and state and local public finance. He has also conducted research for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Department of Commerce, the Upjohn Institute for Employment Research, the Russell Sage Foundation, the Federal Transit Administration, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, and others. He has served on the editorial boards of leading research journals, including *The Review of Regional Studies* and *Economic Development Quarterly*.

Dr. Randall G. Holcombe Professor of Economics



Randall Holcombe is a leading scholar on public finance and public policy. He is the author of more than fifteen books, including *Political Capitalism* (Cambridge University Press), *Entrepreneurship and Economic Progress* (Routledge), and *Producing Prosperity: An Inquiry into the Operation of the Market Process* (Routledge). He has previously worked in a litany of former roles, including being a former member of Florida Governor Jeb Bush's Council of Economic Advisors, former president of the Public Choice Society, former president of the Society for the Development of Austrian Economics, and a Senior Fellow with the James Madison Institute. His scholarly articles have appeared in leading economics journals, including the *American Economic Review* and *National Tax Journal*.

Anthony Johnson Administrative Assistant



Anthony Johnson joined the DMC in Spring 2023, being a recent FSU graduate receiving a B.S. in Political Science and Criminology. Originally from Miami, Florida, he plans to attend law school to further his education. In his undergraduate years, Anthony participated in various pre-law opportunities, serving on the College of Social Sciences Student Leadership Council and captain of FSU's Mock Trial Program as well as interning with the Innocence Project of Florida. After his time with the DMC, he is heading to Atlanta, Georgia, to work and plans to use that work opportunity to kickstart his law school education.

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Vittorio Nastasi Project Manager



Vittorio Nastasi is a principal project manager for the DeVoe L. Moore Center also serves as a bridge between Reason Foundation and DeVoe L. Moore Center's collaborative efforts. An FSU graduate ('19, economics), Torio is pursuing his PhD in the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy at FSU. With more than four years of professional public policy analysis under his belt, Torio has written articles published in numerous outlets, including *The Orange County Register*, *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, *Reason*, *Los Angeles Daily News*, *The Press-Enterprise*, *The Sun (San Bernardino, CA)*, *Press-Telegram*, *Tallahassee Democrat*, and *Daily Breeze*.

Dr. Douglas Norton Assistant Teaching Professor



Douglas Norton is an economist, Assistant Teaching Professor, and Assistant Director of the Charles Hilton Center at Florida State. Dr. Norton specializes in economic policy and applied microeconomics and has taught a wide range of classes including health care economics, econometrics, state and local government, and microeconomics. His research covers a wide range of topics, including the economics of charity, poverty, taxes, religion, and culture. With the DMC, he leads the Philosophy, Politics, and Economics (PPE) Reading Group, a selective opportunity for undergraduate students to read research, discuss ideas, and engage in discussions in an interdisciplinary settings. The Reading Group's policy focus change each semester and has featured urban policy, education reform, and health care reform.

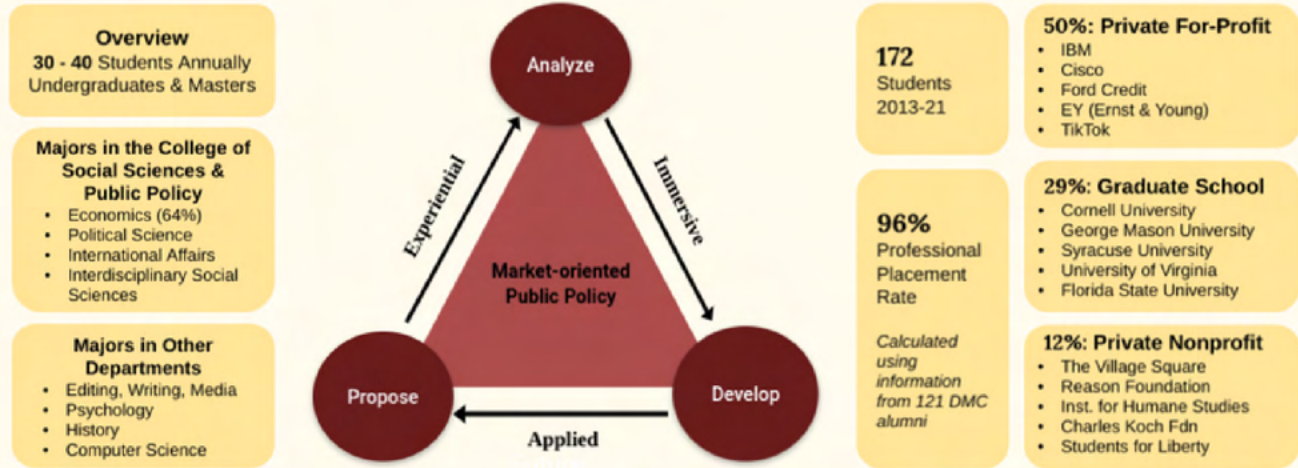
THE DMC'S INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



The DeVoe L. Moore Center examines the private sector's role in addressing pressing concerns relevant to Florida.

The center at Florida State University uses an interdisciplinary market-oriented lens to analyze, develop, and propose policy recommendations and guidance for policy makers at the state and local level.

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The Internship and Research Assistant Program serves as the operational and functional extension of the DeVoe L. Moore Center, generating a significant portion of the center's output for publications and analysis concerning government regulation and public policy matters. The program invites undergraduate and graduate students inclined toward government, public policy, and entrepreneurship to participate.

Interns are expected to actively participate in professional public discourse on significant policy issues at local Tallahassee levels, as well as at the state and national levels. The program also offers an optional academic credit-based system that contributes towards interns' academic advancement.

Prospective interns may contact Dr. Samuel Staley, the director of the center, through an email inquiry to [sstaley@fsu.edu](mailto:ssstaley@fsu.edu) or by leaving a written statement of interest in the center's office at 150 Bellamy Building.

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