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# American University School of Public Affairs 2018 U.S. News & World Report Rankings

The American University School of Public Affairs (SPA) continues to gain recognition as one the country's top tier institutions, ranking 18th overall among more than 270 schools of its kind, by U.S. News & World Report's newest Public Affairs Graduate Schools Rankings. Recent and forthcoming accomplishments at AU School of Public Affairs includes:



## Contributing to the Community of Scholars & Practitioners

Faculty members – renowned for both teaching and research – make significant contributions to inform decision-makers and shape public dialogue.

- 2018 marks the start of SPA as the new host of: Journal of Policy Analysis and Management (SPA Professor Erdal Tekin, editor-in-chief) and Political Analysis (SPA Distinguished Professor Jeff Gil, editor-in-chief).
- SPA also hosts the journals Homicide Studies and Congress and the Presidency.
- SPA and The Lab @ DC are working together on a new data research effort that will call on the expertise of social scientists to inform and improve Washington, D.C. policy.
- SPA is leading the AU Policy Network, a campus-wide network of policy scholars to maximize the impact of research to better inform policy decisions, improve the design and implementation of public programs, support government planning, and evaluate programs.
- SPA has partnered with The Hill to convene a series of events with congressional leaders in bipartisan conversations.

## Welcoming New Faculty Experts

Our esteemed faculty, comprised of prolific scholars, researchers, lecturers, executives, and ambassadors, are experts in their fields. Faculty joining SPA in 2018 include:

Andrew Ballard	Assistant Professor
Janice Iwama	Assistant Professor
Lallen Johnson	Assistant Professor
David Malet	Assistant Professor
Liz Peters	Scholar in Residence
Claudia Persico	Assistant Professor

## SPA Awards & Recognition

SPA faculty –prominent scholar-practitioners whose expertise and leading-edge research play vital roles in informing and shaping the public debate.

- Dean Vicky Wilkins, recipient of the Rita Mae Kelly Research Award from the American Society for Public Administration for her research on gender-related issues.
- In 2018, AU President Sylvia Burwell received the Elliot L. Richardson Prize in 2018 for Excellence in Public Service.

## Excellence in Research-Fellowships and Grant

SPA faculty members collaborate with leading institutions to offer practical research answers to some of society's most pressing problems.

- SPA Associate Professor Bradley Hardy will be a Russell Sage Foundation Visiting Scholar in 2018-2019. He is currently a Non-resident Senior Fellow in Economic Studies at the Brookings Institution. Hardy also received the National Economic Association President's Award in recognition of this exemplary work.
- SPA Associate Professor Taryn Morrissey served as a Visiting Scholar at the Center for Labor, Human Services, and Population at the Urban Institute in 2017. Morrissey has also been named a Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Fellow.
- SPA Associate Professors Derek Hyra and Taryn Morrissey are currently Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Interdisciplinary Research Leaders. Hyra will also work as a Scholar in Residence at The Bellagio Center in Italy in fall of 2018.
- This year, SPA Assistant Professor Elizabeth Suhay and two colleagues were awarded a grant by the National Academies of Sciences (NAS) and the Rita Allen Foundation to explore how scientists can communicate to policymakers.
- SPA Professor Erdal Tekin served as a fellow at the Brookings Institution in fall of 2017.