

PUBLIC POLICY GRAD PROGRAM WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Winter Term Week 3: Jan 21 – Jan 24

Announcements

SPP Graduate Student Representative Elections

We have set up a secret ballot box to elect a new PhD and 1st year MPP student representative for the Public Policy Graduate Program Executive Committee. **Please rank order up to three possible candidates by Friday, January 24, 5:00 pm (i.e., 1=first choice, 2=second choice, 3=third choice). The ballot box is with Lena in Bexell 300.**

This position requires attending executive committee meetings (once a quarter) and helping Lena and I from time to time as issues come up.

School of Public Policy Economics Candidate Job Talks

>> Jan. 22: “Trade, Internal Migration, and Human Capital: Who Gains from India’s IT Boom”

> Devaki Ghose, PhD Candidate, University of Virginia

10:30-11:50am Location Bexell 103

>>Jan. 27: “Title: Employment Consequences of U.S. Trade Wars”

> Sanjana Goswami, PhD Candidate, Univ. of California, Irvine

10:30-11:50am Location: Bexell 103

>>Jan. 28: “Skill-Biased Technical Change and Employment in U.S. Manufacturing”

> Mary Batistich, PhD Candidate, Purdue University

10:30-11:50am Location: Bexell 207

>> Jan. 31: “Price discrimination in International Transportation: Evidence and Implications”

> Anna Ignatenko, PhD Candidate, University of California, Davis

10:30-11:50am Location: Bexell 103

You are all cordially invited and encouraged to attend. Graduate Student Input is highly valuable!

Funding, Research and Job Opportunities

Position Announcement – WGF Science Director

We're excited to announce that Wisconsin's Green Fire is hiring a [Science Director](#) to help guide our growing portfolio of environmental and conservation efforts. The WGF Science Director will work with our staff, professional members, and partners leading efforts to address Wisconsin's most complex natural resource and environmental challenges.

Do you know someone who would be a good fit for this important new position? We invite you to review and circulate this announcement to your colleagues and to networks of people you think might include qualified candidates.

The position is open now and we are accepting applications through **Friday February 7th**.

[Link here for our full position description and application instructions.](#)

Your support and involvement in Wisconsin's Green Fire in 2019 is already making a difference in our plans for 2020. Thank you in advance for helping us in the search for additional leadership to help us address more conservation issues more effectively.

Summer 2020 Fellowship Opportunity in California

Overview: Based in Oakland, California, USA for the summer of 2020. Final-year undergraduates, college graduates, and postgraduates are eligible to apply for the fellowship, and for eligible students, we also sponsor international visas.

Breakthrough Generation is the young leaders initiative of the Breakthrough Institute, a paradigm-shifting think tank committed to ensuring a future where all the world's inhabitants can enjoy secure, free, and prosperous lives on an ecologically-vibrant planet.

The Breakthrough Institute is dedicated to building and identifying technological solutions to environmental problems. The world faces many great challenges – from managing climate change and ensuring clean and affordable energy access for all to protecting animal populations and ecosystems to growing abundant food for a growing population. We believe that young intellectuals are crucial to addressing these challenges. Each year, Breakthrough Institute offers paid and highly competitive fellowships to analysts, writers, and thought leaders from around the world.

Fellowships run for ten weeks from mid-June through mid-August and pay \$600 USD/week. Fellows will have the opportunity to contribute to ongoing Breakthrough research, join for our annual Breakthrough Dialogue, and maintain a long-term collaborative relationship with Breakthrough's research staff. Additional travel and housing assistance stipends are available upon acceptance on an as-needed basis.

To find out more about our program and apply to Breakthrough Generation 2020, please click on this link: <https://thebreakthrough.org/index.php/fellowship/generation-fellowships/>

The application deadline is February 11, 2020.

Oregon Health Care Association Job Announcement – Communications Coordinator

Position Title: Communications Coordinator

Organization: Oregon Health Care Association

Effective: Immediately

Reports To: Senior Vice President of Strategy

Revised: 1/10/2020

FLSA Status: Non-exempt, Full-Time Position

POSITION PURPOSE

The communications coordinator will assist in the management of day-to-day activities for OHCA’s varied and integrated communications activities including delivering content through OHCA’s communication channels, working on OHCA publications, managing event communications including promotions, assisting with media relations, creating design elements through Adobe InDesign, and other duties as needed.

FUNCTIONS / DUTIES

Percent of Time	Primary Responsibilities	Activities Supporting Major Responsibilities
20%	Delivering content through OHCA communications channels	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assist with development, distribution, and maintenance of internal and external communication materials including, but not limited to weekly member communications, web content, OHCA blog, and other materials as assigned• Create targeted lists and segments of intended audiences for different OHCA distribution channels• Manage monthly communications analytics• Manage OHCA social media (Facebook and Twitter)
15%	Work on OHCA Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Work with manager and other staff to edit, design, and distribute annual reports.• Work with manager to create the bi-annual magazine content including editing articles and taking photos.• Work with team members to edit and collect data for the OHCA Directory.• Edit, design, and distribute other publications as needed.

40%	Manage OHCA communications relating to events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create and distribute event promotion communications to drive attendance at OHCA events, including emails, fliers, brochures, marketing calls, etc. • Create and edit event descriptions
5%	Media Relations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in preparation of press releases, media kits, templates, and other supporting material as needed • Track media mentions
10%	Non-Event Design Work	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use Adobe InDesign to edit and update design materials
10%	Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other duties as assigned

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Education and/or Experience:

- Bachelor’s degree in public relations, marketing, communications, or similar field
- Two years of communications experience, preferably with some experience in event communications. Successful applicants will have strong writing and design skills, demonstrated success implementing strategic communications plans, and a strong understanding of ways to successfully utilize communications and marketing (i.e., email, online advertising, direct mail) to reach key objectives.

Knowledge, skills and abilities required (unless preferred is noted):

- Professional demeanor
- Provide focus, accuracy and attention to detail
- Ability to quickly solve robust problems
- Positive work ethic
- Ability to take initiative, be self-directed, and prioritize multiple tasks
- Demonstrated interpersonal and communication skills to interact professionally, diplomatically and productively with colleagues and contacts at all levels
- Proficient skills in Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook and PowerPoint
- Proficient in Adobe Acrobat Pro and InDesign
- Strong time management and organizational skills
- Reliability and punctuality

Working Conditions:

- Occasional hours outside of normal business hours
 - Must be able to lift up to 40 pounds
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ORGANIZATIONAL DATA

Supervisory Responsibility: Yes No If yes, see current organizational chart for direct reports.

GENERAL INFORMATION

This job description is not a contract of employment and employment is not guaranteed for any particular length of time and the content of this job description can be changed by Oregon Health Care Association at any time. Employees are responsible for reviewing and performing the key responsibilities in the most current version posted on the Public Drive as well as other duties as assigned by management. Employees are also responsible for notifying management or human resources of any accommodations he/she needs to perform the duties outlined in this job description.

HOW TO APPLY

Email resume, cover letter, and two writing samples to hr@ohca.com.

Robert W. Straub Fellowships

Portland State University administered fellowship:

The Robert W. Straub Fellowships seek to attract energetic, diverse, business-savvy and public-minded new leaders to the important intersection of finance and public service.

There are two fellowships, both of them designed to offer early career professionals with opportunities learn about and help guide the "business of government." The program is open to graduate students nationwide, who have an interest in the management of public finance, investments and other fiscal functions.

- The **Straub Summer Fellowship** is a 10-week intensive program for current graduate students (\$6,000 stipend).
- The **Straub Residency** is an 8-month post-graduate rotational assignment for newly awarded masters' and doctoral graduates (\$25,000 stipend).

<https://www.pdx.edu/cps/robert-w-straub-fellowships>

TFAS Summer in D.C. – Student will Intern, Network and Earn Academic Credit

We are now accepting applications for the following programs in Washington, DC. Please click on the appropriate link to begin an application.

Spring 2020 Capital Semester on International Affairs + Public Policy in Washington, DC: [Apply Now](#)

Summer 2020 Academic Internship Programs in Washington, DC: [Apply Now](#)

Program Tracks Include:

- Public Policy + Economics
- International Affairs
- Journalism + Communications
- Business + Government Relations
- Leadership + the American Presidency

Fall 2020 Capital Semester on Leadership + the American Presidency in Washington, DC: [Apply Now](#)

Spring 2020 Funding: Laura Bassi Scholarship

The Laura Bassi Scholarship, which awards a total of \$8,000 thrice per annum, was established by Editing Press in 2018 with the aim of providing editorial assistance to postgraduates and junior academics whose research focuses on neglected topics of study, broadly construed. The scholarships are open to every discipline and the next round of funding will be awarded in April 2020:

Spring 2020

Application deadline: 25 March 2020

Results: 15 April 2020

All currently enrolled master's and doctoral candidates are eligible to apply, as are academics in the first five years of their employment.

Applicants are required to submit a completed application form along with their CV through the application portal by the relevant deadline. Further details, previous winners, and the application portal can be found at:

<https://editing.press/bassi>

Volunteer Assessment Opportunity

The American Red Cross (ARC) is looking for a couple of people who could volunteer as qualitative survey analysts. The times are flexible, and in the neighborhood of 5-7 hours a week during peak times. The main responsibility would be translating narrative comments from volunteer surveys into specific codes for later analysis. In case you didn't know, the ARC has approximately 500,000 volunteers in any given year so you can imagine the survey "n's" are pretty impressive.

This would be a great opportunity for a grad student looking for some experience or an assessment person who has a little extra time on their hands. The positions are based with a team of us working out of the national headquarters in DC but all of our work is done remotely.

If you or another colleague are interested, please contact me directly and I will send you/them a link to the position.

Best regards and have a great week!

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Upcoming Workshops and Campus Happenings

Wednesday, Jan. 22

Please join the School of Public Policy in welcoming our first finalist for Assistant of Professor of Economics. All are welcome to attend the job talk:

Candidate: [Devaki Ghose \(PhD candidate, University of Virginia\)](#)

Date/time/location: Wednesday, January 22, 10:30-11:50am, BEXL 103

Title: "Trade, Internal Migration, and Human Capital: Who Gains from India's IT Boom"

Abstract: How do trade shocks affect welfare and inequality when human capital is endogenous? Using an external IT demand shock and detailed internal migration data from India, I first document that both IT employment and engineering enrollment responded to the rise in IT exports, with IT employment responding more when nearby regions have higher college age population. I then develop a quantitative spatial equilibrium model featuring two new channels:

higher education choice and differential costs of migrating for college and work. Using the framework, I quantify the aggregate and distributional effects of the IT boom, and perform counterfactuals. Without endogenous education, estimated aggregate welfare gain from the export shock would have been half and regional inequality about a third higher. Reducing barriers to mobility for education, such as reducing in-state quotas for students at higher education institutes, would substantially reduce inequality in the gains from the IT boom across districts.

Here are links to Devaki's [job market paper](#) and [CV](#).

Thursday, Jan. 23

Today's Quest for Peace and Justice — Despite a tense political climate and new existential threats, there is still an abundance of effort to manifest Dr. King's legacy. As a group, we will explore this through the connection of local efforts to his 1964 "Quest for Peace and Justice" Nobel Prize lecture. Dr. **Linda Marie Richards**, SHPR, and the Peace and Justice Strategies office intern, **Mahal Miles**, will facilitate conversation on white technological supremacy and the need to abolish nuclear weapons as Dr. King directed. **4 p.m. Native American Longhouse Eena Haws.**

Friday, Jan. 24

Brownbag Seminar – "Discovering Your Strengths using the Gallup Approach" – Please join us this Friday for our second brownbag of the year. Richard Featherstone will be facilitating a talk on "Discovering your Strengths using the Gallup Approach." Abstract is posted below. Richard Featherstone is a new part-time instructor in sociology. He graduated from OSU in 1995 and went on to become a higher education administrator in Iowa and Utah. As usual, we will meet **in Bexell 414 at noon on Friday.**

Learn the strengths assessment model offered by the Gallup Organization. Consider your own strengths and talents and interact with colleagues. We will also consider whether "leaning into your strengths" is good advice or just an excuse to avoid unpleasant responsibilities. The goal of this presentation is to facilitate relationship building among faculty, staff, and students within the School of Public Policy.

Upcoming Events

Monday, Jan. 27

Algeria on Screen: What and How Cinema can Teach us about Society, Politics and Culture — Nabil Boudraa, Professor in the School of Language, Culture, and Society, will discuss the ways filmmaker Merzak Allouache depicts Algerian society on screen. Through an analysis of Allouache's films and documentaries, Boudraa tackles major topics—such as terrorism, migration, popular revolts, ethnic diversity, and women's rights—that affect contemporary Algeria and beyond. **4 p.m. the Autzen House, 811 SW Jefferson Ave.**

Wednesday, Jan. 29

How and Why Should Scientists Communicate with the Press?

As scientists who want our research to reach a broad audience and positively impact society, communicating with the news media is key. *Please join us on January 29th from 1-2:30 pm in the MU Horizon Room* for what is sure to be an insightful discussion with some of our leading experts in science communication. See the attached flyer for details, and feel free to share broadly with those who may be interested!