La Follette School of Public Affairs Visit Day 2016

FACULTY PANEL

Mark Copelovitch, Associate Professor of Public Affairs and Political Science

Mark Copelovitch is Associate Professor of Political Science and Public Affairs. Professor Copelovitch studies and teaches international political economy, with a focus on global financial governance, exchange rates and monetary institutions, the effects of global capital flows on national economic policies, and theories of international cooperation. His 2010 book, *The International Monetary Fund in the Global Economy: Banks, Bonds, and Bailouts*, is published by Cambridge University Press.

Professor Copelovitch is a graduate of Yale University and Harvard University, where he received his Ph.D. in 2005. Prior to his appointment at Wisconsin, he was a postdoctoral fellow at the Center for Globalization and Governance at Princeton University.

Jason Fletcher, Associate Professor of Public Affairs

Jason Fletcher is an Associate Professor of Public Affairs. A specialist in health economics, economics of education and child and adolescent health policy, Professor Fletcher focuses his research on examining social network effects on adolescent education and health outcomes, combining genetics and social science research, estimating long-term consequences of childhood mental illness, and child and adolescent mental health policy. He is an affiliate of the Center for Demography and Ecology, Institute for Research on Poverty, and Center for Demography on Health and Aging at the University and a Research Associate with the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) and Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA) and member of the Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Group at the University of Chicago.

He earned a B.S. in economics and public administration from the University of Tennessee–Knoxville (Summa Cum Laude) and his M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin–Madison in Applied Economics. From 2010-2012, he was a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholar at Columbia University. In 2012 he was selected for a career development award by the William T. Grant Foundation. That award is funding a study of the interplay between genetics and social settings in youth development. He currently is working on a project examining trends in educational mobility in the US sponsored by the Russell Sage Foundation and is a co-editor/managing editor of the *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*. Professor Fletcher's recent articles have appeared in the *Journal of Public Economics*, *Journal of Human Resources*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Journal of Health Economics*, and *Demography*.

Tim Smeeding, Lee Rainwater Distinguished Professor of Public Affairs and Economics

Timothy M. (Tim) Smeeding is the Lee Rainwater Distinguished Professor of Public Affairs and Economics. He was director of the Institute for Research on Poverty from 2008–2014. He was the founding director of the Luxembourg Income Study from 1983-2006. Professor Smeeding’s recent work has been on social and economic mobility across generations, inequality of income, consumption and wealth, and poverty in national and cross-national contexts.


STUDENT PANEL

Kaubin Neupane, MIPA ’16

Kaubin is a second year MIPA, focusing his studies on environmental and development affairs at the La Follette School. He has taken courses on quantitative methods of policy analysis, global and environmental governance, agrarian reforms, land management, and international institutions. This summer he worked with the Environment and
Development Division of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP) in Bangkok (Thailand) to help facilitate public-private partnerships to provide access to modern energy services in rural Nepal and Lao PDR. Currently, he is working as a Project Assistant with Assistant Professor of Public Affairs, Emmi Tjernström on evaluating the impacts of a new seed market actor in Kenya. Kaubin holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning from the University of California, Davis.

Chris Stassel, MIPA ‘17
Chris grew up in Anchorage, Alaska. She earned her degree in International Studies at Utah State University. Upon graduation she moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma to teach 9th graders literature and writing through Teach for America. She is interested in working to expand educational opportunities for children and adults within international communities that have been disenfranchised by systems of oppression.

Demetri Vincze, MPA ‘16
Demetri came to La Follette after completing a year-long service term as an AmeriCorps*VISTA in Racine, Wisconsin. Prior to that, he attended Carthage College, where he majored in political science and researched the policy origins of racial residential segregation. Demetri has long been interested in social justice issues, particularly those having to do with inequality, poverty, and race. He holds a project assistantship for the Institute for Community Alliances and has recently accepted a full-time offer with them after graduation.

Richelle Andrae, MPA ‘17
Originally from the Milwaukee area, Richelle graduated from UW-Madison in 2010. With an undergraduate degree in Spanish and Religious Studies, she accepted an AmeriCorps position in California where she continued to work until 2013. Upon returning to Madison, Richelle worked in youth programming for local non-profit Common Wealth while managing a City-wide youth employment initiative. Through the La Follette School, Richelle has continued to cultivate interests in health policy and human capital management. Coursework has allowed her to explore public sector administration and local government and work part-time with the Wisconsin Alumni Association.

ALUMNI PANEL

Malika Taalbi, MIPA ’14, is a Project Manager at National Nuclear Security Administration/Office of Radiological Security in Washington DC. She earned a BA in Political Science at Marquette University and is an experienced political and community organizer with a primary focus on volunteer recruitment and management.

Kelsey Hill, MPA ’13, Kelsey grew up in Chicago and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan in 2009. She received her MPA in May 2013, with an emphasis on social policy – specifically poverty policy and how it impacts youth well-being, family dynamics, community efficacy, and educational opportunities. The skills she learned in the program served her well during her internship with Community Advocates in summer 2012 and continue to do so in her current position as Program and Policy Analyst-Advanced with the Department of Corrections. As part of the Division of Juvenile Corrections, she is involved with program evaluation, project management, data collection and analysis, policy development, and contract administration.

HJ Waukau, MPA ’12 is a Policy & Population Health Specialist for the Wisconsin Medical Society. He earned a BA in Political Science from University of Colorado-Boulder. HJ’s previous position was Budget and Policy Analyst with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services where he worked for over 3 years in the Division of Health Care Access and Accountability in the Bureau of Fiscal Management.

Katie Croake, Deputy Chief of Party and Director of Grassroots Outreach, Bangladesh, Democracy International. BS Foreign Service, Georgetown University. Katie has fifteen years of international experience with technical expertise in gender equality and human rights, youth, democracy and governance, advocacy, research, and education.