LEONARD D. SCHAEFFER
FELLOWS IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE

2015 - 2018

A RETROSPECTIVE

Leonard D. Schaeffer Fellows in Government Service
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A Letter from the Founder

Many years ago, when I was an undergraduate, I had the opportunity to work as a government intern. Because of that experience, I gained knowledge and insight about how government operates, which helped me to pursue a career in both the public and private sectors. I also became a more engaged citizen. The Schaeffer Fellows in Government Service program seeks to provide a similar experience for our Fellows. Paramount to the program is encouraging ongoing engaged citizenship regardless of chosen career path.

The program began in 2014 when I established partnerships with the University of Southern California (USC) Office of the Provost and Princeton University Internships in Civic Service to provide summer stipends for undergraduate students interning in government. In 2015, the first cohort of Schaeffer Fellows were selected and placed in high-level government internships at both the local and federal levels. Each Fellow was also paired with a local alumni mentor to support their professional development and assist with networking.

Our Fellows, University Partners, and host offices have been integral to the program's success. Every year, through rigorous evaluation of the internship experience and program, these participants have provided significant feedback which has helped us to continually enhance the program. Feedback from program alumni, for instance, prompted the expansion of professional development and cohort-building offerings, including the 2017 Speaker Series and 2018 bicoastal Summit. Central tenets of the program were also established to support developing transferable skills and exploration of post-graduate public service opportunities for alumni.

As you will see in the pages that follow, the early years of the program saw tremendous growth over a short period. The size of the cohort grew substantially with the addition of two new University Partners: the University of California, Berkeley in 2016 and Harvard University in 2017. Our alumni have gone on to pursue careers in public service, business, law, science, tech, and beyond, while remaining involved as speakers, internship supervisors, and alumni mentors.

2016 USC FELLOWS WITH MR. SCHAEFFER AT FALL RECOGNITION

2015-2018: By the Numbers

128
UNDERGRAD STUDENTS FUNDED

475%
INCREASE IN COHORT SIZE

75+
GOVERNMENT OFFICES & AGENCIES

21
DIFFERENT CITIES

Our Mission

The Leonard D. Schaeffer Fellows in Government Service program exposes undergraduate students to government work and its impact through 10-week, full-time, high-level internship placements with elected officials and agencies at the federal, state, and local levels. While not all Schaeffer Fellows pursue a career in government, the program creates the opportunity for participants to become engaged citizens and develop an informed view of government service and operations.

2014

- Leonard Schaeffer partners with USC and Princeton University to start the Schaeffer Fellows program

2015

- First cohort selected to receive a stipend and mentorship to support government internships

2016

- University of California, Berkeley becomes new University Partner
- Fall visits to each University Partner
- New collaboration with the Partnership for Public Service to bolster professional development
- Central staffing model is established

2017

- Harvard University Institute of Politics becomes new University Partner
- Program identity is solidified including key themes, mission, and program name and logo.
- First speaker series is hosted by the Partnership for Public Service

2018

- First Schaeffer Fellows Resource Guide distributed to Fellows
- First in-person bicoastal Summit hosted regionally

2015: The Inaugural Year

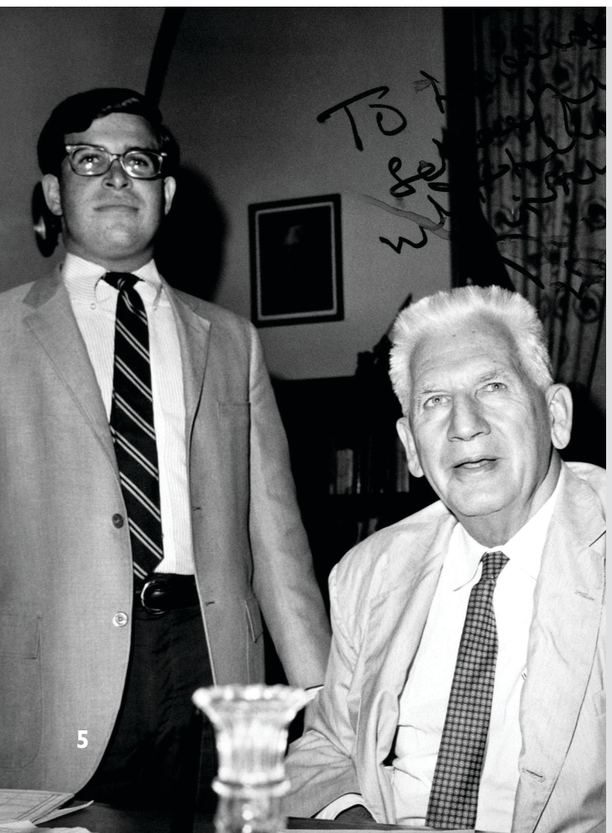
In 2015, the Leonard D. Schaeffer Fellows in Government Service program supported the inaugural cohort of undergraduate students from Princeton University and the University of Southern California (USC) to complete summer internships at the local and federal level.

Based on Mr. Schaeffer's own experience as a summer intern, the program emphasized the importance of strong mentorship and alumni networking.

PRINCETON & USC WELCOME THE PROGRAM

An alumnus of Princeton's Class of 1969 and USC Trustee, Mr. Schaeffer had well-established networks at the founding universities. Mr. Schaeffer was surprised to learn that so few undergraduate students were supported with fully paid summer government internships. His own experience had been defining for his career, and he felt it critical to create funded opportunities for undergraduate students that exposed them to real government work and operations and promoted engaged citizenship. He partnered with the Princeton in Civic Service (PICS) program and USC's Provost Office to establish committed funds to support undergraduate students pursuing summer government internships. Each Fellow received a $5,000 fellowship stipend to support their work, and each University received a $10,000 gift toward dedicated administrative support.

In addition to financial support, Mr. Schaeffer felt it was important for each Fellow to be assigned an alumni mentor to guide their professional development. University alumni working in public service and related fields were recruited as mentors to assist Fellows with networking and exploring post-graduate career ambitions.



EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF EXPERIENCE IN GOVERNMENT

As an undergraduate student at Princeton University, Leonard Schaeffer interned for a summer in the office of then U.S. Senator Paul Douglas (D-IL). He had an unexpected opportunity to have a real impact, an experience he carried with him into his career in the public and private sector.

As the program has grown, Mr. Schaeffer has recounted his story of "saving American democracy" as a college intern to highlight the real work each Fellow is able to do, and the importance of professional networking with supervisors and mentors.

The foundation of the program is built on Mr. Schaeffer's belief that all Fellows will benefit from gaining firsthand insight into how the government operates and from receiving one-on-one mentoring during their summer internships.

"The Schaeffer Fellowship is a transformative, eye-opening experience that exposes future leaders to the inner workings of the highest levels of government and instills a genuine appreciation for the importance of public service. As a [current] law student focusing on political and regulatory law, I can confidently say that I would not be on this track without the Schaeffer Fellowship. Participating as a Schaeffer fellow profoundly impacted my worldview and was a defining experience in my career trajectory, and I am forever grateful to Mr. Schaeffer for establishing this incredible program."

- Derek Georgio
2015 Schaeffer Fellow, University of Southern California
Congressmember Kevin McCarthy (R-CA 23rd District)

2015 Schaeffer Fellows & Internships

Ida Abhari
University of Southern California
Class of 2017
Internship: Congressmember Karen Bass (D-CA 37th District)

Derek Georgio
University of Southern California
Class of 2017
Internship: Congressmember Kevin McCarthy (R-CA 23rd District)

Skylar Perssen
University of Southern California
Class of 2017
Internship: Congressmember Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA 40th District)

Isabelle Uhl
Princeton University
Class of 2016
Internship: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission - Office of Energy Policy & Innovation

Ruby Au
University of Southern California
Class of 2016
Internship: Mayor of Los Angeles - Office of Economic Development

Jenny Di
University of Southern California
Class of 2017
Internship: U.S. Department of State
2022 Schaeffer Fellow Alumni Ambassador

Miguel Macias
University of Southern California
Class of 2017
Internship: Congressmember Xavier Becerra (D-CA 34th District)

Austin Reagan
University of Southern California
Class of 2016
Internship: Mayor of Los Angeles - Office of Economic Development

2016: Expanding Partnerships

In its second year, the Leonard D. Schaeffer Fellows program welcomed a new University Partner, the University of California, Berkeley (UC Berkeley), and selected a cohort of thirty-five undergraduate students across all three universities. Fellows were placed in local and federal internships, and for the first time at the state level as well. The focus in year two was to expand the reach of the program and increase the diversity of internships. As the program continued to grow, it was clear that creating a cohesive program identity would be an important step in defining a vision for the future.

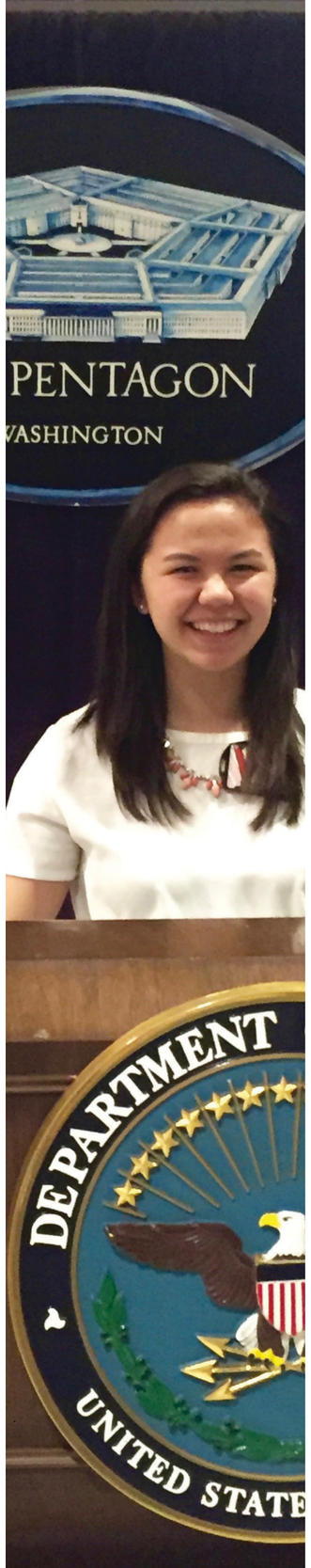
NEW UNIVERSITY PARTNER: UC BERKELEY

The initial partnership at UC Berkeley was established at the School of Public Health and in collaboration with Health Career Connections, a national non-profit that provides internships for undergraduates interested in public health. UC Berkeley's partnership helped to illustrate the value of placing Fellows in internships in their own home districts where they could have a direct impact on their local community. This relationship has helped to bring regional and office diversity to the program, placing Fellows throughout California and in public health policy spaces.

UNIVERSITY VISITS IN THE FALL

With the growth of the program and Fellows interning at offices and agencies across the country, there was a growing interest in gathering with each group of Schaeffer Fellows at the conclusion of their internship to provide an opportunity for Fellows to interact with their peers and share about the internship experience.

Mr. Schaeffer visited each university in the fall to speak with Fellows, and hear about their memorable moments and the impact they had during their internships. He asked Fellows how the program could be improved and about their interest in remaining engaged as alumni. At UC Berkeley, each Fellow was recognized with a certificate acknowledging their contributions to public service, and the significance of engaged citizenship. In sharing their experiences, the Fellows could see their collective impact in their communities and government more broadly. This sentiment solidified the need to establish and foster a strong network of alumni and a brand for the program. These visits ultimately evolved into the now annual Fall Recognition Events.



2016 Schaeffer Fellows & Internships

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Mikkey Clarke | Congressmember Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ 12th District)
Jarred Felix | Congressmember Jared Polis (D-CO 2nd District)
Kaylee Grant | Congressmember Ken Buck (R-CO 4th District)
Jack Lohman | Federal Trade Commission
Julia Ni | Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Elkhyn Rivas Rodriguez | City of Homestead, FL
Imani Thornton | State Senator Heather Steans (IL 7th District)
Samuel Vilchez Santiago | Congressmember Jared Polis (D-CO 2nd District)
Yihemba Yikona | Congressmember Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ 12th District)
Kevin Zhang | Congressmember John P. Sarbanes (D-MD 3rd District)

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

Elise Aliotti | National Association of Maternal and Child Health
Monica Casanova | California Department of Public Health - Office of Health Equity
Anna Costello | California Department of Public Health - Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch
Miguel Flores | City of Richmond, CA
Jacalyn Graber | San Francisco Department of Public Health
Smitha Gundavajhala | California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation - Research and Evaluation Branch
David Hu | Alameda County Public Health Department
Carlos Ricardo Martinez | Covered California - External & Government Affairs
Nelie Sithong | California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation - Public Health Unit, California Research Bureau
Jocelyn Vazquez | Alameda County Public Health Department

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Ida Abhari | United Nations Office of High Commissioner for Refugees
Pleres Choi | Assemblymember Young Kim (CA 65th District)
Maureen Clougherty | Assemblymember Cristina Garcia (CA 58th District)
Soolgi Hong | Mayor of Los Angeles - Office of Economic Development
Jamie Kwong | House Foreign Affairs Committee - Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific
Vivian Le | Congressmember Xavier Becerra (D-CA 34th District)
David (J.D.) Lee | Intelligence Agencies
James Luttrull | National Defense University
Brian Martin | Congressmember Brad Sherman (D-CA 30th District)
Kaitlyn Murray | State Senator Tony Mendoza (CA 32nd District)
Zoe Poynor | Congressmember Jared Huffman (D-CA 2nd District)
John Romero | Mayor of Los Angeles - Office of Economic Development
Sonali Seth | Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer (CA 59th District)
Javier Solis | Congressmember Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA 40th District)
Cody Trujillo | Congressmember Karen Bass (D-CA 37th District)

2017: Establishing an Identity

In its third year, the Leonard D. Schaeffer Fellows program established a new partnership with Harvard University. Forty undergraduates were selected by four University Partners and placed in government internships. Program administrators and institutional partners collaborated to expand professional development opportunities for Schaeffer Fellows during their summer as interns. The program structure was also formalized through a common Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with each university. In addition, a new relationship with the Partnership for Public Service, a non-profit organization in Washington, D.C., led to an innovative, hybrid-format development series which would connect Fellows' internship learning with career development.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

NEW UNIVERSITY PARTNER: HARVARD INSTITUTE OF POLITICS

The Harvard Kennedy School Institute of Politics (IOP) offers a variety of programs for undergraduate students to explore and engage in government and politics. The Schaeffer Fellowship, as part of the Director's Internship Program, selects undergraduate students for fully funded summer internships in government and public service.

A COHESIVE PROGRAM IDENTITY

In spring of 2017, the program's official identity as the Leonard D. Schaeffer Fellows in Government Service program was further solidified with formal mission statement as well as an initial logo concept. Additionally, with the onboarding of the Harvard IOP as a partner, the program codified its agreement and relationship with each university by drafting and signing an MOU. This MOU laid out the terms of the financial support, which included standards for selecting talented undergraduates, securing high-level internship placements, and recruiting alumni mentors. The MOU also formalized that written collection of reflection and feedback from each University would be included in an annual report.

THE DEVELOPMENT SERIES

In an effort to enhance the Schaeffer Fellows experience, the Partnership for Public Service (The Partnership) offered supplemental activities that provided professional development and networking opportunities while fostering camaraderie and interaction amongst program participants.

The Partnership is a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that strives for more effective government for the American people. The Partnership, with a proven history of promoting public service careers to students and recent graduates, was uniquely equipped to offer this development series.

Designed to foster the development of the Fellows and connect them with well-regarded government and private sector leaders, the development activities were customized to support undergraduate students still early on in their career exploration. While the internship experience remained the core component of the Schaeffer Fellows program, this development series distinguished the opportunity from other internship programs.

For summer 2017, the Partnership provided programming to include an orientation and four panel or speaker sessions, which allowed Fellows to participate virtually or in-person. The Partnership also provided support for regional dinners.

Spring Orientation

A pre-recorded Orientation served as a kick-off for all incoming Schaeffer Fellows, featuring a welcome from Mr. Schaeffer, introduction to the Partnership and the Development Series, and guest speakers. The session covered topics such as: preparing for success in the workplace, how to develop a strong relationship with your supervisor, making the most of mentorship, building your professional brand (from what to wear to how to communicate), and maximizing your fellowship experience. The hosts of the "Gov Actually" podcast, Dan Tangherlini and Danny Werfel, shared top tips for young leaders.

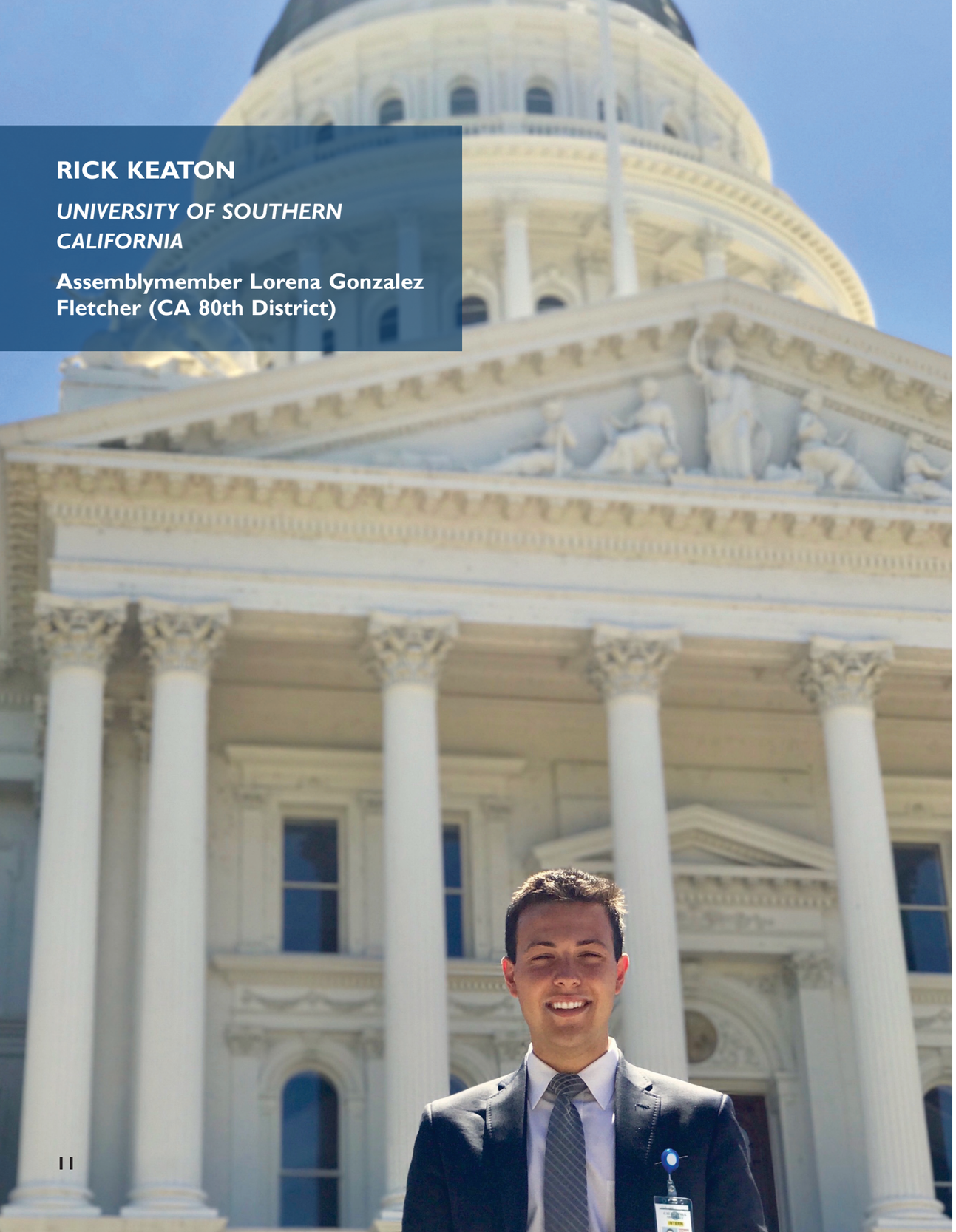
Monthly Sessions

Throughout the summer, the Partnership hosted four Friday sessions for Schaeffer Fellows and alumni of the program to attend. Fellows in Washington, D.C. were invited to participate in-person at the Partnership while those residing outside of the D.C. area participated via livestream. The Partnership invited highly-regarded public and private sector leaders such as former Service to America Medal finalists and winners, senior-level federal career and political appointees, state and local government figures, alumni from the Schaeffer Fellows program, and others with multi-sector experience to sit on panels or serve as keynote speakers.

- **Vision & Values** addressed personal motivations and values, and how individual and professional goals may align with a career in government or other sectors.
- **Cross-Sector Collaboration** discussed how organizations collaborate internally and across sectors to accomplish shared goals.
- **Leadership Lessons** identified the characteristics of effective leadership and how Fellows can apply these as young leaders in their communities.
- **Transferring Your Experience** discussed how a Fellow's summer experience can influence their future career choices, offered insights from Schaeffer Fellows program alumni, and encouraged Fellows to commit to pursuing personal and professional growth. This session was scheduled after the conclusion of the summer program to assist Fellows in identifying transferable skills and staying connected as alumni.

Regional Dinners

The program also hosted three regional dinners in Los Angeles, Sacramento, and Washington, D.C. in June and July of 2017. Invited guests included the Schaeffer Fellows, their mentors, internship supervisors, program alumni, and other friends of the program. The dinners were an opportunity for Fellows interning in the same region to implement networking skills and build relationships across universities.



RICK KEATON

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher (CA 80th District)

2017 Schaeffer Fellows & Internships

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Heather Brown | U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen (D-NH)
Laura Doherty | National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
Jenny Horowitz | Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Isabella Huber | Congressmember Elise Stefanik (R-NY 21st District)
Matthew Moore | Veterans Legal Services
Esteban Ortiz | Assemblymember Michael Blake (NY 79th District)
Handong Park | New York City Open Data for All Initiative
Will Parsons | Mayor of Boston, Marty Walsh
Philip Terwisscha van Scheltinga | U.S. Department of Homeland Security - Transportation Security Administration
Melvin Woo | Attorney General of Massachusetts, Maura Healey

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Tony Chen | Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Jonathan Feld | Congressmember Ken Buck (R-CO 4th District)
Oliver Hsu | Federal Trade Commission
Hang Huynh | Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
Pragya Malik | Congressmember Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ 12th District)
Mary Kate McDonough | Congressmember Jared Polis (D-CO 2nd District)
William Pugh | State Senator Heather Steans (IL 7th District)
David Selwood | National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association - Department of Commerce, Coastal Resilience
Bozhidar Stankovikj | City of Homestead, FL
Angela Wu | State Senator Heather Steans (IL 7th District)

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Guadalupe Cervantes | Congressmember Raul Ruiz (D-CA 36th District)
Fausto Figueroa | Congressmember Raul Ruiz (D-CA 36th District)
Amna Khan | City of Palo Alto, CA
Zane Martin | Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia (CA 56th District)
Sneha Mehta | California Department of Health Care Services
April Pena | Alameda County Public Health Department
Marco Ramirez | Assemblymember Adam Gray (CA 21st District)
Clara Ramirez | Mayor of Long Beach, Robert Garcia
Tommy Saephan | Contra Costa Health Services
Michelle Tong | Santa Clara County Health and Hospital System Administration - Whole Person Care Team

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Morgan Buckley | City of Los Angeles - Green Business Program
Remaya Campbell | Intelligence Agencies
Madison Eckert | Mayor of Los Angeles - Office of Public Engagement
Nicholas Fiorillo | Congressmember Scott Peters (D-CA 52nd District)
Rick Keaton | Assemblymember Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher (CA 80th District)
Samuel Miller | Mayor of Los Angeles - Office of Economic Development
Amelia Montooth | Mayor of Los Angeles - Office of Economic Development
Kennedy Reese | Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer (CA 59th District)
Samantha Sharkoff | US Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)
Maheen Surani | Assemblymember Cristina Garcia (CA 58th District)

2018: Expanding Professional Development

In its fourth year, the Leonard D. Schaeffer Fellows program introduced a comprehensive resource for interns as well as the first iteration of the Schaeffer Fellows Summit planned as two bicoastal events. With four returning University Partners in place, the program supported forty-six Schaeffer Fellows at all levels of government.

BICOASTAL SUMMIT

In response to feedback from program alumni, 2018 marked the first iteration of a Schaeffer Fellows Summit – an in-person professional development experience for the cohort designed for Fellows to meet peers interning in the same region and participate in collaborative group sessions. Planned in collaboration with the Partnership for Public Service (the Partnership), Fellows participated in a one-day event in either Washington, D.C. or Sacramento which included facilitated workshops and guest speakers.

Reflections on Internship Experience

Fellows from the west and east regions came together to share about the day-to-day of their internships, including challenges and triumphs of their summer so far. Fellows were encouraged to share lessons learned about mentoring, supervisor relationships, and networking.

Leadership Lessons

Two panels of public service leaders joined the Fellows in D.C. and Sacramento to share about their own journeys to public service. A panel of visiting program alumni discussed the short-term impact of the Schaeffer Fellows program on academic and career goals.

Fireside Chat with Mr. Schaeffer

A unique aspect of the Schaeffer Fellows program and benefit of hosting the in-person events was the opportunity for Fellows to meet Mr. Schaeffer directly and speak with him about his career pathway from undergraduate government intern through the public and private sector.

Future Planning

Fellows were tasked with thinking critically about their future goals and how the Summit experience might motivate more direct action in the remaining weeks of their internships and their communities.

Closing Dinner with Mentors & Supervisors

To conclude a robust day of sessions, alumni mentors and internship supervisors in the area joined program staff and Fellows for a dinner and keynote speakers.

Summit Speakers

The Partnership recruited distinguished speakers in D.C. and Sacramento to share about the importance of public service at each closing dinner.

Washington, DC

Tom Davis - *Former U.S. Representative from Virginia, Director of Federal Government Affairs, Deloitte Board Member, Partnership for Public Service*

Chris Lu - *Former Deputy Secretary of the Department of Labor, Former Assistant to President Barack Obama and Cabinet Secretary, Senior Fellow at the University of Virginia Miller Center*

Sacramento

Christopher Cabaldon - *Mayor of West Sacramento*

A COMPREHENSIVE RESOURCE GUIDE

The Partnership expanded its contributions to the program through a collaboration to produce a 50-page Schaeffer Fellows Resource Guide distributed to all Fellows. The themes from the 2017 Development Series created a foundation for the document, which included a program overview, activities around values and goal setting, best practices for workplace professionalism and networking, and best tips for transferring the experience.

2018 Schaeffer Fellows & Internships

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Makeda Daniel | U.S. Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP)
Charlotte Davis | Public Defenders Service of the District of Columbia
Ryan Davis | U.S. Department of the Treasury
Lilla Gabrielli | U.S. Department of Homeland Security - Transportation Security Administration
Tanner Gildea | Attorney General of New York
Taylor Li | Attorney General of Massachusetts, Maura Healey
Michael Nock | U.S. Department of Education
Caden Petersmeyer | Governor of Massachusetts, Charlie Baker
Olivia Phillips | Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Vanessa Ruales | State Senator Eric Lesser (MA)

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Jai Amin | Federal Energy Regulatory Commission - Office of Enforcement
Elizabeth Bailey | U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH)
Paige Bentley | U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH)
Delaney Carlson | Congressmember Elizabeth H. Esty (D-CT 5th District)
Lou Chen | U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)
Isabella Faccone | Federal Trade Commission - Bureau of Consumer Protection, Division of Privacy & Identity
Todd Gilman | Congressmember Matt Cartwright (D-PA 17th District)
Robert Lussier | National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) - Department of Commerce
Cameron McKenzie | Federal Energy Regulatory Commission - Office of Electric Reliability
Liam Mullett | Congressmember Ken Buck (R-CO 4th District)
Samantha Shapiro | Congressmember Raja Krishnamoorthi (D-IL 8th District)
Nina Sheridan | U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal (D-CT)
Dayna Valek | Congressmember Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ 12th District)
Thaddeus Whelan | National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) - Department of Commerce
Cara Yi | White House Office of Management & Budget - Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs

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Chandra Ingram | Mayor of Los Angeles - Office of Economic Development
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Remy Porsella | US Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)
Jacob Schwessinger | Assemblymember Cristina Garcia (CA 58th District)
Griffin Williams | Assemblymember Cristina Garcia (CA 58th District)

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY

City of Palo Alto

Feedback & Looking Ahead

The early years of the program demonstrated impressive growth in response to stakeholder feedback.

SUMMIT EXPANSION

The 2018 Summit represented a key turning point for the program. Feedback from Fellows indicated they both appreciated the chance to convene with their local peers in-person and were highly interested in an opportunity to meet the whole cohort and spend more time in workshops and activities. Following 2018, the program committed to planning a single Summit for the entire cohort in Washington, D.C.

ALUMNI NETWORK

In 2018, the program looked to expand the alumni networking capabilities, and promote connectivity across cohorts and schools. Later in the summer, program staff began developing the first version of an online Alumni Portal to collect and share contact information and alumni accomplishments.

Alumni Highlights

The program celebrates alumni as they continue in their undergraduate and post-graduate endeavors, equipped with the transferable skills from the government internship experience.

2015

Ida Abhari interned for the office of Congressmember Karen Bass (D-CA 37th District) as a 2015 Schaeffer Fellow. Ida graduated from the University of Southern California in 2017 with degrees in International Relations and Philosophy. Ida was one of only four recipients selected nationally for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program English Teaching Assistantship placement in Azerbaijan. Currently, Ida is a J.D. candidate at University of Virginia.

Isabelle Uhl interned for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as a 2015 Schaeffer Fellow. Isabelle graduated from Princeton University in 2017 with a Bachelor's degree in Operations Research. Isabelle is currently a Software Engineer at USNR, the world's largest, most comprehensive supplier of equipment and technologies for the wood processing industry.

2016

Jarred Felix interned for Congressmember Jared Polis (D-CO 2nd District) as a 2016 Schaeffer Fellow. Jarred graduated cum laude from Princeton University in 2019 with a Bachelor's Degree in Economics. Felix currently works as a Senior Associate of Deals Strategy for Strategy&, the strategy consulting business unit of PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Miguel Flores interned for the City of Richmond, CA as a 2016 Schaeffer Fellow. Miguel graduated from the University of California, Berkeley in 2018 with a Bachelor's Degree in Public Health. Miguel currently works in Customer Success at Carrot Fertility, a comprehensive global fertility benefits provider.

2017

Will Parsons interned for the office of the Mayor of Boston as a 2017 Schaeffer Fellow. Will studied Political Science and Government at Harvard. Currently, Will works full-time for NBC as a Segment Producer on The Exchange & Power Lunch at CNBC.

Remaya Campbell interned in intelligence in Washington, D.C. as a 2017 Schaeffer Fellow. Remaya graduated from the University of Southern California in December 2017 with a Bachelor's degree in Law, History and Culture and a minor in International Relations. Currently, Remaya works as a Senior Threat Intelligence Analyst for Recorded Future and is the founder and executive director of the non-profit organization, Accord Foundation for People's Diplomacy.

2018

Ryan Davis interned for the U.S. Department of the Treasury as a 2018 Schaeffer Fellow. Ryan graduated magna cum laude from Harvard University in 2019 with an A.B. in Economics. Currently, Ryan works as a Policy Analyst for the White House National Economic Council.

Itcelia Segoviano-Ramirez interned for the Alameda County Public Health Department as a 2018 Schaeffer Fellow. Itcelia graduated from the University of California, Berkeley in 2019 with a Bachelor's degree in Legal Studies. Currently, Itcelia works as the Director of Community Services for Stiles Hall, a private, non-profit dedicated to education access and student retention. Itcelia is also serving a term as an alumni representative on the Leonard D. Schaeffer Fellows Advisory Board.

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