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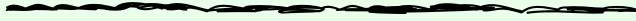


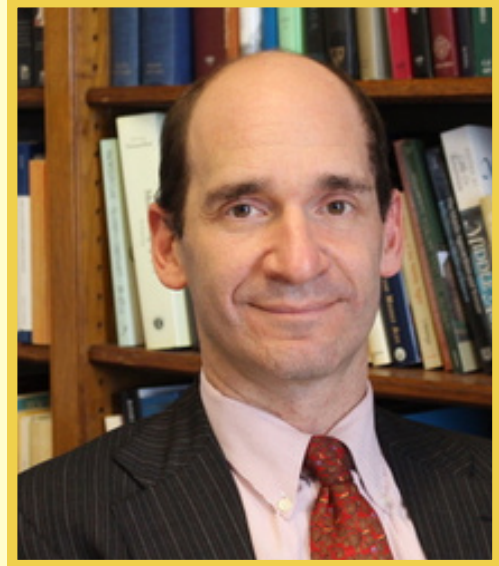
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Message from Our Directors



Alessandra Casella
Professor of Economics and
Political Science



Adam Kosto
Professor of History



This past year was a difficult one for Columbia and all of American academia. Changes in the relationship between the federal government and the institutions of higher education generally, and Columbia in particular, have shaken the University community deeply. While very few grants managed by ISERP were in fact cancelled, the overall funding landscape has become highly unstable. In this challenging environment, ISERP has tried to remain focused on its mission: to advance the research of scholars in the Social Science departments and SIPA.

ISERP continued to support administrative services and academic research and programming in Columbia's Social Science community, with a special eye on early career researchers. Established programs like our internal grants, block grants to departments, support for new start-up centers, new book events, and the Working Papers Bulletin continued and grew.

Special mention is due of two new start-up centers, which received a year of seed funding through our biannual calls. The idea behind the start-up center grants is to bring together teams to work on a project that could lead to a larger, longer-term initiative, typically interdisciplinary. Under this heading, ISERP financed the "Social Study of Disappearance Lab," founded by Anthropology's Claudio Lomnitz, and the "University Writing Lab: A Research Program on the Ethics and Effectiveness of Using Generative AI in Higher Education," led by History's Matthew Connelly.

This year also saw the creation of the ISERP Fellowship to support the research and professional development of junior faculty in our constituent units. ISERP Fellows—one to be named each term—receive a one-semester leave from all teaching and administrative duties at full salary, as well as the budget and administrative support for a high-visibility conference. A competitive application process yielded our first two Fellows: Nikhar Gaikwad in Political Science and Noémie Pinardon-Touati in Economics.

The Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences (QMSS) master's program has continued to thrive under the leadership of Greg Eirich. In Fall 2024, the program welcomed over 150 students from a wide variety of backgrounds and disciplines; our 160 graduates in 2024–25 were, as usual, in high demand; and we expect around 220 new students to join us in 2025–26. Students Peter Silverstein and Teresa Mondria Terol were two of the top three prize winners at Columbia's annual GSAS Master's SynThesis competition. The QMSS research assistant program provided dozens of Columbia faculty with high-quality research support on over 50 projects. The Innovation Lab developed cutting-edge work in collaboration with a variety of companies and organizations.

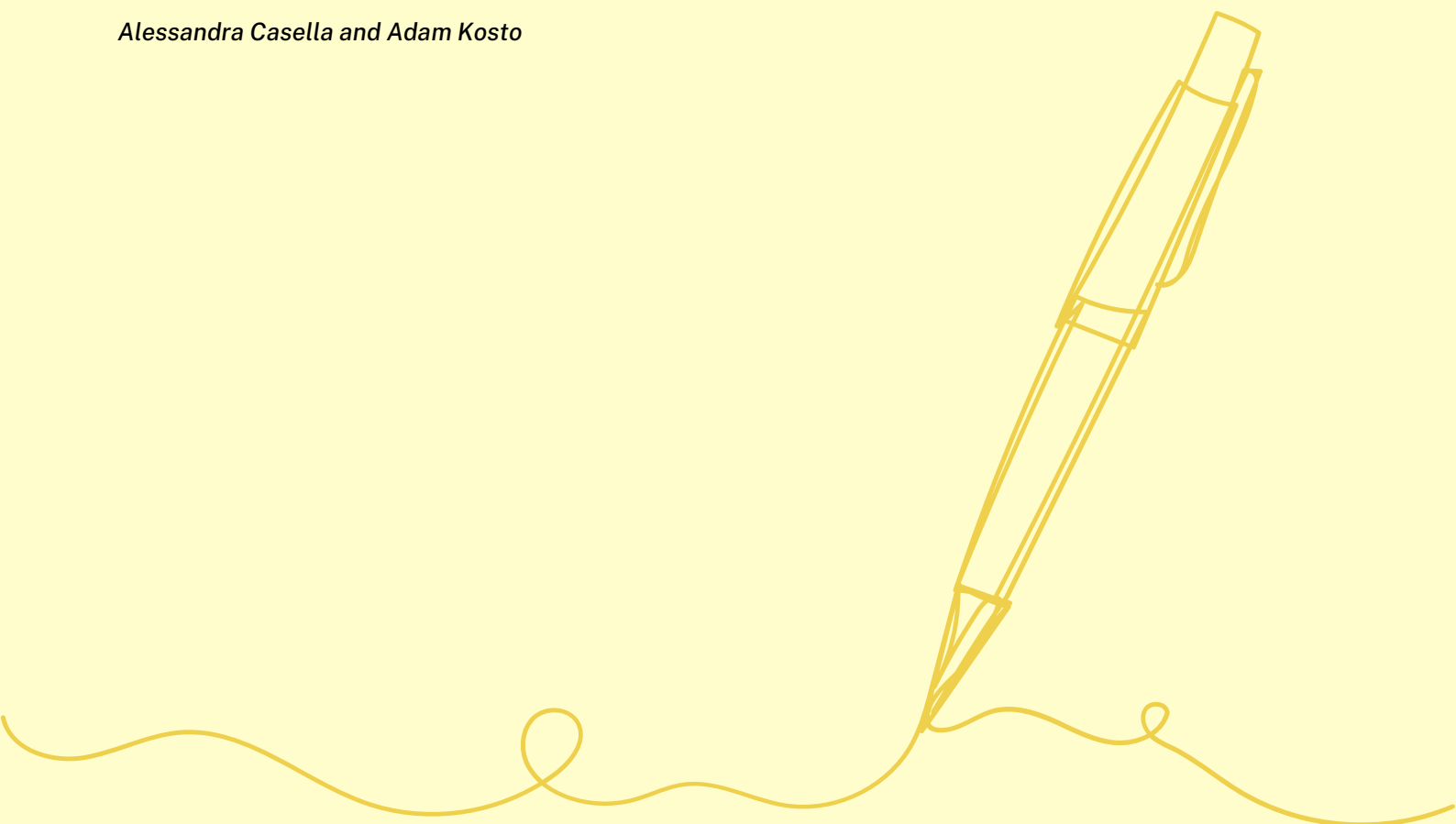
Among major teaching and research initiatives, we celebrate (without being able to claim any credit) the announcement of the new PhD program in the Department of African American and African Diaspora Studies, the first such program in New York City. We look forward to supporting its students in the years to come.

On the administrative side, 2024–25 saw the renewal of our external advisory board (see the members on [p. 39](#)), which met for the first time in May for a very productive discussion. A final noteworthy and exciting development is the move of most of our offices from SIPA to the Interchurch Center (Claremont Ave at 119th/120th). Our wonderful staff now has windows (!); we are able to provide a beautiful and quiet office to our new ISERP Fellows; the students in the Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences (QMSS) program will enjoy a gathering space of their own; and we will all benefit from more and nicer space for our programming.

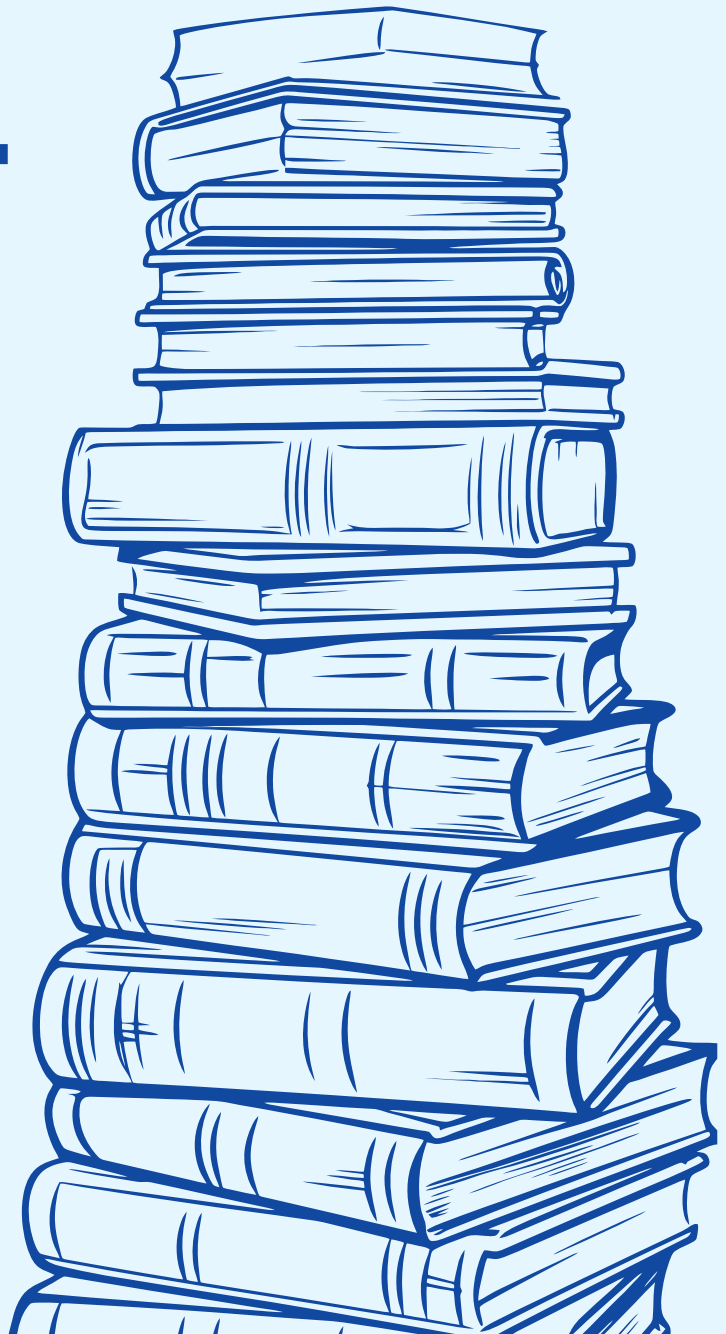
In this annual report, you can explore the many other activities supported by ISERP and its various affiliated centers and programs, including the many workshops, conferences, and research projects we have contributed to. This is all on top of our staff's work in helping faculty apply for external grant funding (38 during the academic year) and in managing most of those grants that were successful (85 during the academic year). We also continue to offer indirect support to the six Social Science departments through block grants. The length of this report alone is an indication of how successful Columbia faculty have been in pushing ahead with their research, institutional troubles notwithstanding; we are proud to have supported them in that work.

The year to come, 2025–26, is the 25th anniversary of both ISERP and the QMSS program. We hope you will join us at events to celebrate those milestones, that you will learn more about and take advantage of our various programs, and that you will continue to turn to us for support in your research.

Alessandra Casella and Adam Kosto



Research Development Office



Research Development

The Research Development Office (RDO) supports investigators at SIPA and in the departments of Anthropology, Economics, History, Political Science, Sociology, and African American and African Diaspora Studies at Columbia University. ISERP's RDO is the go-to resource for Columbia's social scientists to find funding opportunities, develop proposal materials, apply to grants, and manage grants after award. To learn more about our resources & funding offerings, please visit ISERP's administrative website [here](#).

85 GRANTS MANAGED **18** NEW GRANTS
11 NEW SEED GRANTS **2** START-UPS

This year, the RDO helped submit 38 grant proposals to government agencies, foreign institutions, and private foundations. Eighteen grants were awarded (see below). Awards funded faculty research, scholarly convenings, fellowships, travel, and PhD student dissertations.

Throughout the year, the RDO also held several professional development workshops for graduate students in the Social Science departments. These workshops focused on identifying funding, applying to funding, and understanding the institutional requirements associated with receiving funds. We plan to continue holding these workshops next year.

Full-time faculty appointed in ISERP's constituent units are eligible to apply for up to \$40,000 in seed funding to develop proposals for external sponsors. ISERP issued two calls for proposals — in Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 — and awarded 11 seed grants.

EXTERNAL GRANTS

Robust Experimental Designs for Measuring Spillover

Sponsor: The University of Chicago

Researcher: Michael Best, Associate Professor of Economics

Triaging Citizen Corruption Complaints

Sponsor: London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)/International Growth Centre (IGC)

Researcher: Michael Best, Associate Professor of Economics

Improving State Effectiveness in Environmental Risk Mitigation: Experimental Evidence from Bangladesh (1)

Sponsor: London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)/International Growth Centre (IGC)

Researcher: Michael Best, Associate Professor of Economics

Improving State Effectiveness in Environmental Risk Mitigation: Experimental Evidence from Bangladesh (2)

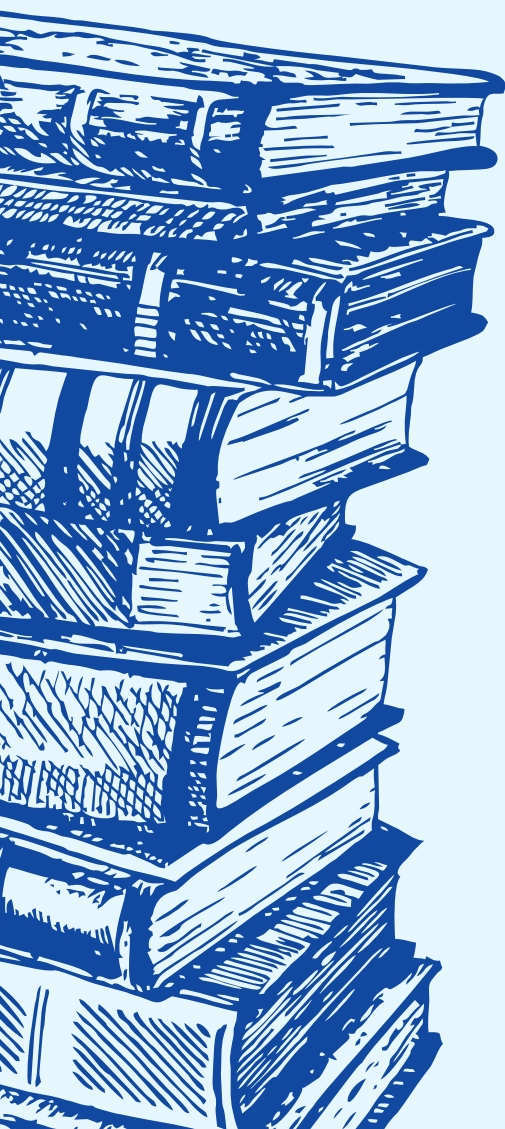
Sponsor: London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)/International Growth Centre (IGC)

Researcher: Michael Best, Associate Professor of Economics

The Distribution of Workplace Income in the United States Manufacturing Sector, 1967–2022

Sponsor: University of Haifa

Researcher: Yinon Cohen, Yosef Hayim Yerushalmi Professor of Israel and Jewish Studies





Archives as Data II

Sponsor: National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)
 Researcher: Matthew Connelly, Professor of History

To Develop a Unified Bayesian Approach to Estimating Heterogeneous Causal Effects

Sponsor: Alfred P. Sloan Foundation
 Researcher: Andrew Gelman, Professor of Statistics and Political Science

Advancing a New Field of American Political Economy

Sponsor: Yale University
 Researcher: Alexander Hertel-Fernandez, Associate Professor of International and Public Affairs

How Social Media Influencers Shape the Values and Politics of Young Adults

Sponsor: Russell Sage Foundation
 Researcher: John Marshall, Associate Professor of Political Science

Influence, Manipulation, and Information Threats as Adversarial Techniques: Events, Evolution and Effects

Sponsor: Princeton University/Office of Naval Research (ONR)
 Researcher: Tamar Mitts, Assistant Professor of International and Public Affairs

Technical Study of a Perovskite-Based Lead Kit in a Community Setting and the Laboratory

Sponsor: Department of Housing & Urban Development
 Researcher: Brendan Andrew O'Flaherty, Professor of Economics

Popularity, Social Networks, and Student Outcomes

Sponsor: Weiss/University of Chicago
 Researcher: Cristian Pop-Eleches, Professor of International and Public Affairs
 Student: Palaash Bhargava, PhD Candidate in Economics

Fellowship: Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship

Sponsor: Alfred P. Sloan Foundation
 Researcher: Evan Sadler, Associate Professor of Economics

Blood Payment in International Relations: Geopolitical Frontlines and Economic Growth

Sponsor: Notre Dame International Security Center (NDISC)
 Researcher: Jack Lewis Snyder, Robert and Renee Belfer Professor of International Relations
 Student: Gilbert Lai, PhD Candidate in Political Science

Travel Grant: Worker Turnover and Absenteeism in Developing Country Manufacturing

Sponsor: Weiss/University of Chicago
 Researcher: Eric Verhoogen, Professor of Economics and of International and Public Affairs
 Student: Patrick William Farrell, PhD Candidate in Economics

150 Years of Skin Tone Inequality

Sponsor: Russell Sage Foundation
 Researcher: Ebonya Washington, Laurans A. and Arlene Mendelson Professor of Economics and Professor of International and Public Affairs
 Students: Kamelia Stavreva and Donato Onorato, PhD Candidates in Economics

College and Beyond: Educational Sorting and Outcomes by Placement Type and Stability

Sponsor: UC Berkeley, Transition-Age Youth Research and Evaluation Hub
 Researcher: Ebonya Washington, Laurans A. and Arlene Mendelson Professor of Economics and Professor of International and Public Affairs
 Student: Kate Musen, PhD Candidate in Economics

Health Insurance Terms, Healthcare Use, and Household Outcomes: Experimental Evidence from Uganda

Sponsor: Weiss/University of Chicago
 Researcher: Jack Willis, Assistant Professor of Economics

SEED GRANTS

Long-Term Effects of US Above-Ground Nuclear Tests

Douglas Almond

Department of Political Science
and SIPA

Biodiversity Co-Benefits in Carbon Markets? Evidence from Voluntary Offset Projects

Douglas Almond

Department of Political Science
and SIPA

Rational Inattention, Framing, and Data Visualization

Mark Dean and Zhi Hao Lim

Department of Economics |
Department of Economics, PhD Student

Improved Presidential Election Forecasting Models

Andrew Gelman and Benjamin Goodrich

Departments of Statistics and Political
Science | Department of Political Science

Grid Interconnections and Renewable Energy

Gautam Gowrisankaran

Department of Economics

The Political Consequences of Underemployment among College Graduates

Yao Lu

Department of Sociology

Equity and Efficiency

Consequences of Racial Quotas in Hiring

Tatiana Mocanu

Department of Economics

Empowering Access to Education with AI: An At-Scale RCT of School Enrollment Agents

Sebastián Otero

Department of Economics

Retrieval-Augmented Representation: Examining the Second Face of Power

Yamil Velez

Department of Political Science

Switching Costs in Production

Eric Verhoogen and Patrick William Farrell

Department of Economics and SIPA |
Department of Economics, PhD Student

Co-Sponsored with the Columbia Population Research Center

Identity and Emigration: Migration Decisions and Political Consequences in Ranked Ethnic Systems

Nikhil Gaikwad

Department of Political Science

START-UP CENTERS

The Social Study of Disappearance Lab

Director: Claudio Lomnitz

with Naor Ben-Yehoyada, Nara Milanich, and Joseph Slaughter

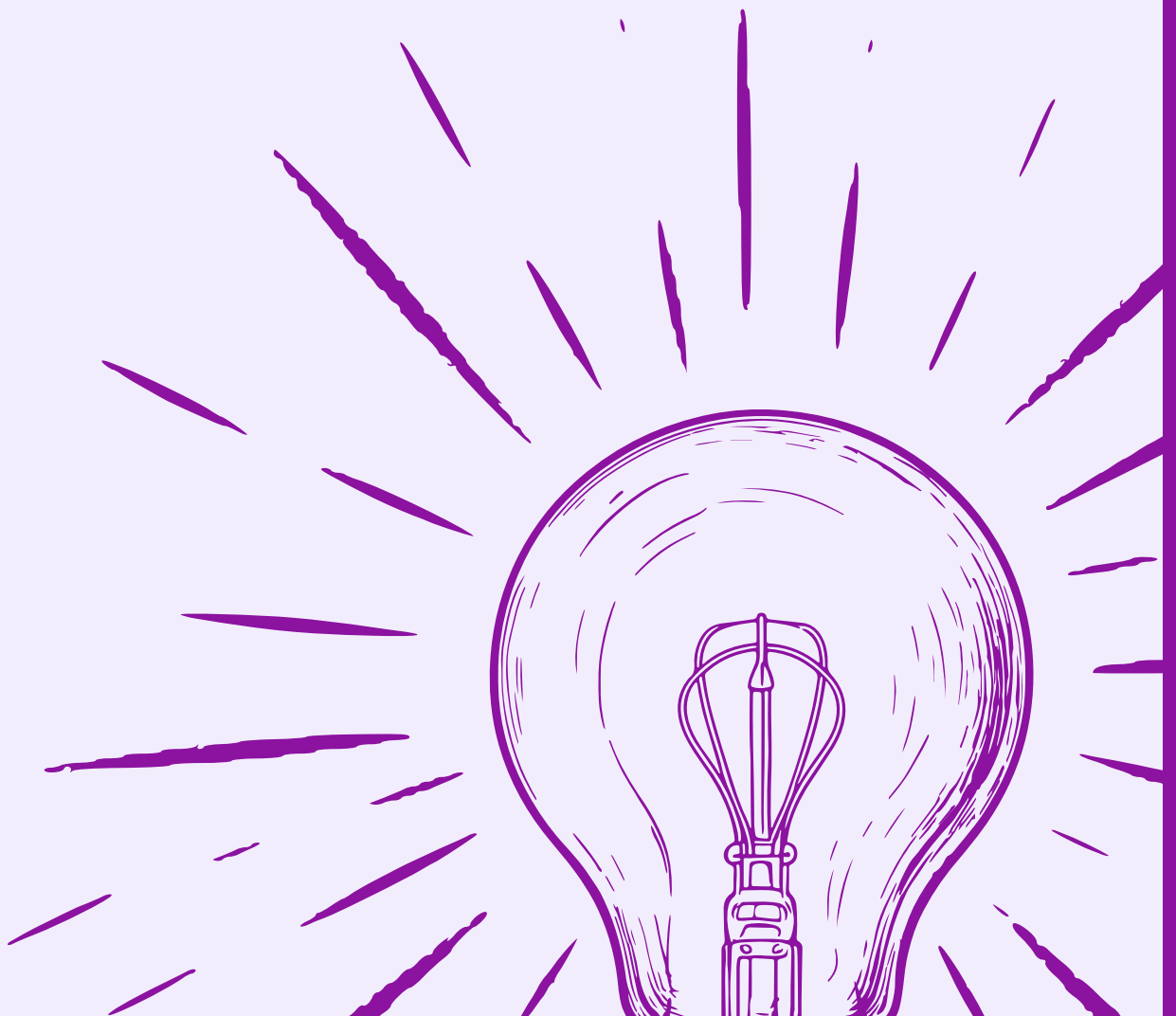
University Writing Lab: A Research Program on the Ethics and Effectiveness of Using Generative AI in Higher Education

Director: Matthew Connelly

with Adam Brown, Thomas DiPrete, Victoria Malaney-Brown, Aaron Ritzenberg, Robert Shapiro, and Nicole Wallack



Faculty Highlights



ISERP Fellows

The ISERP Fellows program was launched in Fall 2024 as a new way for ISERP to support junior faculty in the Social Science departments and at SIPA.

ISERP Fellows receive a one-semester leave from all teaching and administrative duties at full salary, as well as the budget and administrative support for a high-visibility conference to be organized around each Fellow's research interests. The intent is to support junior faculty as they prepare to pursue tenure, giving Fellows more time to concentrate on their research and publications and the opportunity to extend their networks and share their research with a wider audience.

ISERP selects one Fellow per semester, and applications for the fellowship are submitted a year in advance of the planned leave. Learn more about the Fellows selected this year, Political Science's Nikhar Gaikwad and Economics' Noémie Pinardon-Touati, below.

To find out more about the application process, [visit the Fellows Program section of our website here](#).

Have any questions? [Email our programming team!](#)



FALL 2025



Nikhar Gaikwad, Political Science, has been chosen as the inaugural ISERP Fellow. Dr. Gaikwad specializes in international and comparative political economy, focusing on trade, migration, and climate change and with a regional specialization in India. His work as an ISERP Fellow will be on the project "Identity, Emigration, and Internal Migration in Ranked Ethnic Systems," studying and testing the role of identity in shaping labor migration patterns when culturally segmented societies integrate into the global economy.



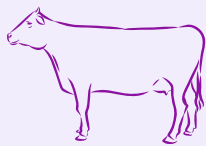
SPRING 2026

Noémie Pinardon-Touati, Economics, has been chosen as the ISERP Fellow for Spring 2026. Dr. Pinardon-Touati's research rests at the intersection of applied macroeconomics, finance, and public economics. Her work as an ISERP Fellow will be focused on the project "Catch-Up Growth, Firm Scale, and the Energy Intensity of Production," which explores the interplay between economic growth, the increase in firm scale, and the aggregate decline in the energy intensity of production in the context of low- and middle-income countries. The follow-up project "The Unequal Effects of Carbon Taxes Across Firms" examines the distributive effects of carbon taxation across the firm size distribution and the implications for optimal tax design.



Faculty Profiles

*Assistant Professor
Anthropology*



HANNAH CHAZIN

This past year, Hannah Chazin published a book, *Live Stock and Dead Things: The Archaeology of Zoopolitics between Domestication and Modernity*, that challenges familiar narratives about the role of nonhuman animals in the rise of modern societies. Rather than seeing the origins of contemporary inequality and instrumental relations with livestock in their early domestication, she argues that conventional accounts flatten the complex relations between humans and herd animals that existed in the deeper past. The book uses the data from her archaeological fieldwork in the South Caucasus to illuminate herd animals' transformative effect on the economy, social life, and ritual—reconceptualizing human-animal relationships and their political significance.

Building from her experiences doing archaeological research in the field and the lab, her next book project explores how powerful scientific techniques like isotopic analysis, proteomics, and ancient DNA analysis are being taken up by archaeologists and used to produce interpretations about life in the past. This year, she published an article in the *Annual Review of Anthropology*, titled “Proxy Evidence: Epistemological Considerations for Isotope Analysis in Bioarchaeology and Zooarchaeology”. In it, she explores the epistemological issues shaping the intersection between isotopic methods and social and posthumanist theories in contemporary archaeology.

Over the summer, she is continuing work on a number of collaborative projects with colleagues in Armenia and Europe, examining the transformation of human-animal relationships over time in the ancient Caucasus. She is returning to Yerevan, Armenia, to continue her research on the animals buried alongside people in the tombs at the Bronze Age necropolis at Karashamb. This cemetery was used for almost 2,000 years and offers the opportunity to examine how the changing role of animals in political and social life contributed to the Caucasus' unique long-term historical trajectory. She will also be in the lab, analyzing modern and archaeological plants and animal remains in order to build better models for human and animal interactions in the region.



*Bernard Hirshhorn Associate
Professor of Urban Studies
History*



AMY CHAZKEL

Over the past academic year, at the center of Amy Chazkel's research agenda has been *Rio de Janeiro and the Politics of Nightfall* (under contract with Oxford University Press), a book in progress that examines the urban nighttime in nineteenth-century Rio de Janeiro. Reconstructing the lives of the city after dark under a selective curfew imposed on Rio's enslaved residents, this book carries forward her long-standing interests in the criminalization of everyday life and the historical roots of social inequality. This book generated several spin-off publications this year. One, "Captive Sleep: Urban Space and the Politics of Rest in Nineteenth-Century Rio de Janeiro," will appear in a forthcoming edited volume dedicated to the interdisciplinary field of "critical sleep studies." Another, "The Rest Is Political: Radical Histories of Repose," a co-edited thematic issue of *Radical History Review* (issue 154, forthcoming in January 2026), explores the historical study of sleep and rest, inspired by the contemporary urgency of ensuring the right to restorative time away from labor.

Chazkel's intersecting interests in urban and legal history have sparked a new line of inquiry centered on questions of urban mobility. Her next book in progress, *The Freedom to Come and Go: Entering, Leaving, and Crossing the City in the Great Age of the Passport, from Brazil to the Atlantic World*, considers the emergence of passports and related documents from a South Atlantic vantage at the apogee of urban slavery in Brazil. She has also pursued similar questions as co-convenor, with her colleague Bahia Munem, of the working group "Refugee Cities: Urban Dimensions of Forced Displacement," sponsored by both the Center for the Study of Social Difference and ISERP. "Refugee Cities" met regularly as a reading group, workshop, and incubator of projects along the lines of participants' common interests. Chazkel has also taken up these themes with a broader, global/transhistorical scope as co-editor of a new issue of *Radical History Review*, "Mobility Regimes" (issue 158, forthcoming in 2027).

Chazkel has further dedicated time this academic year to forging collaborative opportunities for scholars to study Brazilian history across disciplines, universities, and countries. In February 2025, she joined forces with two colleagues at the University of Pennsylvania, Juan Ignacio Arboleda and Melissa Teixeira, to organize a day-long public event commemorating the forty-year anniversary of Brazil's transition to democracy following over twenty years of military dictatorship. This event, "States of Emergency and Transition: Legal Perspectives on 40 Years of Democracy in Brazil," was sponsored by ISERP as well as the Institute for Latin American Studies and the Columbia Society of Fellows/Heyman Center. On the topic of authoritarianism and urban and legal history in Brazil, she delivered a keynote address in March 2025 entitled, "A história urbana das emergências cotidianas: Liberalismo autoritário visto das ruas" ("The Urban History of Daily Emergencies: Authoritarian Liberalism as Seen from the Streets") at a symposium at the Graduate Program in History at the State University of Rio de Janeiro.

*Associate Professor
Political Science*



JOHN MARSHALL

John Marshall is a recently-tenured Associate Professor of Political Science working at the intersection of comparative politics, political communication, and political economy. His research over the past year has explored the political influence of social media creators, the electoral consequences of government censorship, and when social media serves as a liberation technology in elected autocracies.

His field experiment during the 2024 US presidential election campaign—supported by an ISERP seed grant, which led to a larger grant from the Russell Sage Foundation—studied the influence of content creators on Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube. Challenging the view that inexpert creators lack the gravitas to achieve political influence, Marshall and his collaborators find that incentivized exposure to five creators who sporadically produce progressively-minded content caused followers to become better politically informed, adopt more liberal policy positions and narrative perspectives, and become more supportive of Democrats than Republicans. In contrast, consistently-political creators are perceived as less trustworthy and achieve similar levels of influence across many more videos. These results help to understand why political parties across countries and the ideological spectrum increasingly woo predominantly-apolitical online opinion leaders who might once have been regarded as frivolous.

Another strand of Marshall's research investigates the consequences of media censorship on public support for elected autocrats. Most obviously, restricting access to critical media is likely to increase support for incumbents. Indeed, Marshall finds that Hugo Chávez's decision to revoke RCTV's public broadcast license in Venezuela and Uganda's impediments to social media access increased support among consumers who lost access to critical news. But the story is also more complicated. On one hand, AI-assisted analyses of troves of broadcast and social media content show that censorship amplifies these effects by allowing pro-government competitors to report less accurately and chilling criticism by independent outlets. On the other, prominent censorship policies are often deeply unpopular, leading citizens to question their support for incumbent governments. These countervailing indirect effects highlight delicate trade-offs facing today's media-savvy "spin dictators." As such, this agenda helps to understand why elected autocrats concerned about public opinion vary in the extent and subtlety of their media control.

Looking forward, Marshall's nascent projects explore approaches to combating misinformation in the Global South, the extent to which investigative journalism and anonymized e-feedback can improve public health services in Tanzania, and whether AI-powered chatbots can support journalism in East Africa's low-resource media environments.



Assistant Professor SIPA



TAMAR MITTS

Tamar Mitts's research this year focused on the role of digital platforms and emerging technologies in shaping conflict, governance, and social change. In March, her new book, *Safe Havens for Hate: The Challenge of Moderating Online Extremism* (Princeton University Press), was published. The book examines content moderation on social media platforms and explains why governments and technology companies have struggled to curb hate and violence online. For this project, Mitts compiled a rich longitudinal dataset on the content moderation policies of more than 60 platforms, alongside data on the online activity of over one hundred militant and hate groups across those platforms. Her findings show that inconsistent enforcement creates regulatory gaps that these groups exploit to organize, mobilize, and evade detection. A central takeaway is that effective moderation requires ecosystem-level coordination, not just platform-specific solutions—a lesson with important implications for policymakers, researchers, and technology firms navigating the balance between free expression and harm prevention.

In addition, Mitts launched several new projects this year examining the evolving threat of digital influence operations and the political feasibility of regulating emerging technologies. One project, in collaboration with Shir Raviv, a postdoctoral researcher at Columbia's Data Science Institute, and supported by Google's CyberNYC program and SIPA's Faculty Research Grant, investigates public receptivity to policy proposals aimed at mitigating the social harms that may be caused by AI. Using a novel survey experiment with a behavioral component linking experimental treatments to respondents' actual browsing activity, the study evaluates how different informational cues influence support for various types of AI regulation.

Another project, supported by a grant from the Department of Defense's Minerva BARI program (facilitated by ISERP), examines how foreign and non-state actors use online influence campaigns to shape public perception in conflict zones. Focusing on the use of generative AI in propaganda during the Israel-Hamas war, the study documents the tactics, narratives, and platform strategies employed by actors including Israel, Iran, Hamas, Hezbollah, and the Houthis. It also develops methods to assess the effects of these campaigns on target populations. These efforts build on Mitts's earlier work on the Taliban's digital campaign during its 2021 takeover of Afghanistan, which leveraged internet outages as exogenous shocks to study how exposure to online propaganda shaped civilian behavior.

To advance scholarship and foster a research community around these topics, Mitts co-organized two conferences in the 2024–25 academic year with Professor Erica Lonergan as part of the "Emerging Technologies and Cybersecurity" series. With support from ISERP, the series brought together researchers working at the intersection of cybersecurity, digital propaganda, and AI to share new empirical approaches for studying the social and political impacts of emerging technologies. The events emphasized interdisciplinary collaboration and graduate student engagement, and aimed to position Columbia as a leading hub for research on technology and international politics.

*Assistant Professor
Economics*



SEBASTIÁN OTERO

Sebastián Otero is an applied microeconomist whose research focuses on the design and impact of education policies, particularly in Latin America. With a background in both empirical methods and market design, Otero studies how information frictions, institutional constraints, and new technologies affect access to education and broader social mobility. He joined Columbia as an Assistant Professor of Economics in 2023 and was named a Faculty Research Fellow at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) in 2025.

Otero's current work, supported by ISERP's seed grant program, focuses on a collaboration with Stanford's Claudia Allende and the ed-tech organization Tether, in partnership with the Chilean Ministry of Education and OpenAI. The project develops and tests AI-powered "school enrollment agents" embedded within school websites that assist families in navigating the public school application process — offering real-time information on seat availability and waitlists, guiding submissions, and providing automated status updates. These tools aim to reduce administrative barriers that disproportionately affect low-income and rural families. A randomized controlled trial across 200 schools — half of which will receive the intervention — will evaluate the impact of the agents on application outcomes, processing speed, and equity in access across socioeconomic and geographic lines.

The project aims to generate rigorous evidence on how AI tools can enhance the responsiveness and inclusiveness of public service delivery. In the longer term, the researchers envision expanding the model to a national scale in Chile and potentially to other countries, such as Colombia. By integrating administrative data, digital platforms, and advanced language models, the work contributes to growing efforts to harness AI for the public good — especially in reducing administrative burdens on families and schools alike, and in improving the allocative efficiency of educational markets.

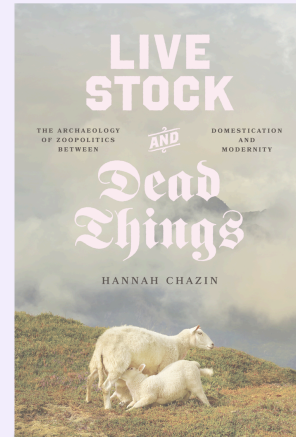
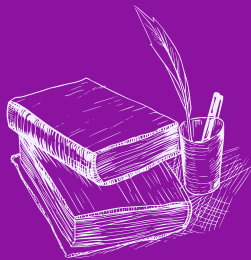
In parallel, Otero is contributing to a research initiative led by Columbia's Vice Dean for AI Initiatives and the University of Cambridge Institute for Technology and Humanity that aims to identify and assess emerging challenges and opportunities in the use of AI in higher education. The project aims to gather input from researchers, policymakers, and AI experts to generate a collective assessment of long-term issues, ranging from pedagogical shifts to institutional risks, which will inform a co-authored academic publication.

Faculty Books

Every year, ISERP likes to share and celebrate the incredible work of Columbia's social scientists.

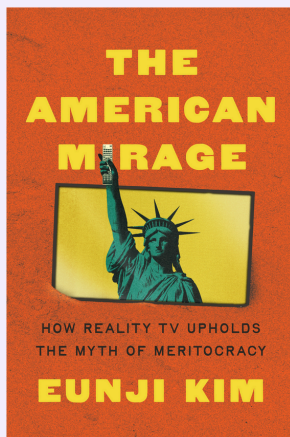
Congratulations to all authors listed over the next few pages for their successful publication of innovative research or policy in monographs, book chapters, articles, and edited volumes.

If you would like to have your work celebrated next year, please [reach out to our programming team](#) throughout the year or keep an eye out for our annual summer call.



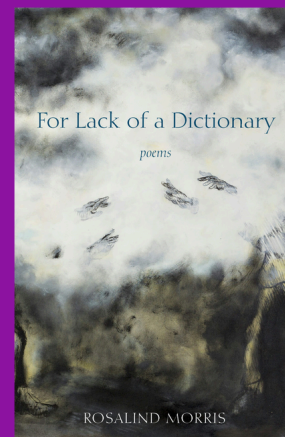
*Live Stock and Dead Things:
Zoopolitics Between
Domestication and Modernity*
(University of Chicago Press)

Hannah Chazin
Assistant Professor of Anthropology



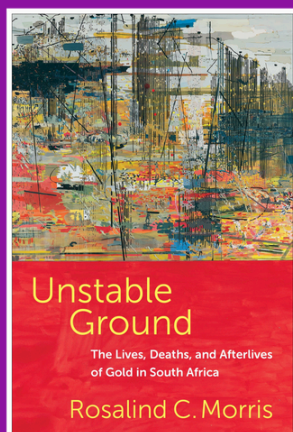
*The American Mirage: How
Reality TV Upholds the Myth of
Meritocracy*
(Princeton University Press)

Eunji Kim
Assistant Professor of Political Science



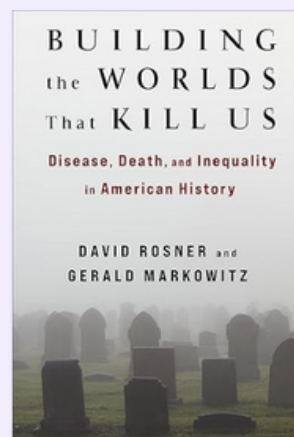
For Lack of a Dictionary: Poems
(Fordham University Press)

Rosalind C. Morris
Professor of Anthropology



Unstable Ground: The Lives, Deaths, and Afterlives of Gold in South Africa
(Columbia University Press)

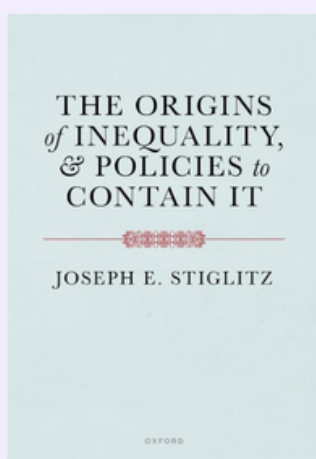
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Building the World that Kills Us: Disease, Death, and Inequality in American History
(Columbia University Press)

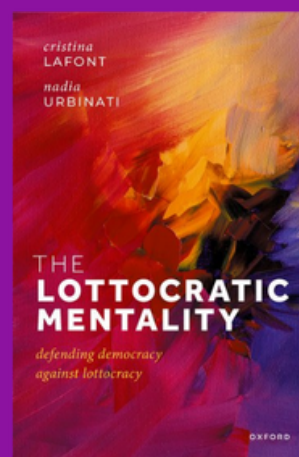
David Rosner
Ronald H. Lauterstein Professor of Sociomedical Sciences and Professor of History

with Gerald Markowitz
(John Jay College of Criminal Justice)



The Origins of Inequality & Policies to Contain It
(Oxford University Press)

Joseph E. Stiglitz
University Professor




The Lottocratic Mentality: Defending Democracy against Lottocracy
(Oxford University Press)

Nadia Urbinati
Kyriakos Tsakopoulos Professor of Political Theory

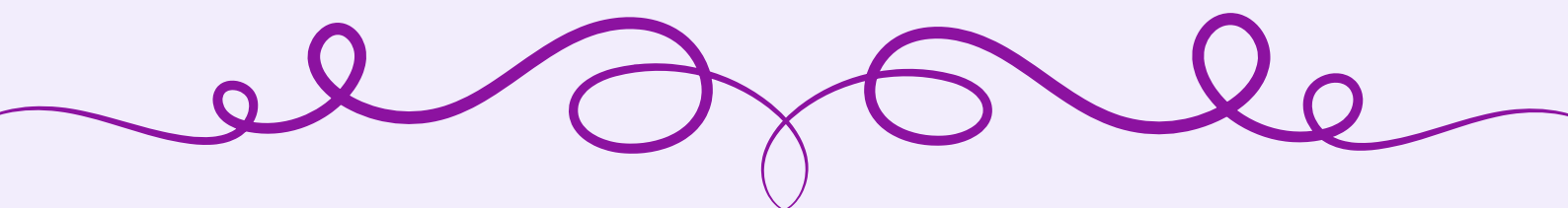
with Cristina Lafont
(Northwestern University)


Faculty Publications

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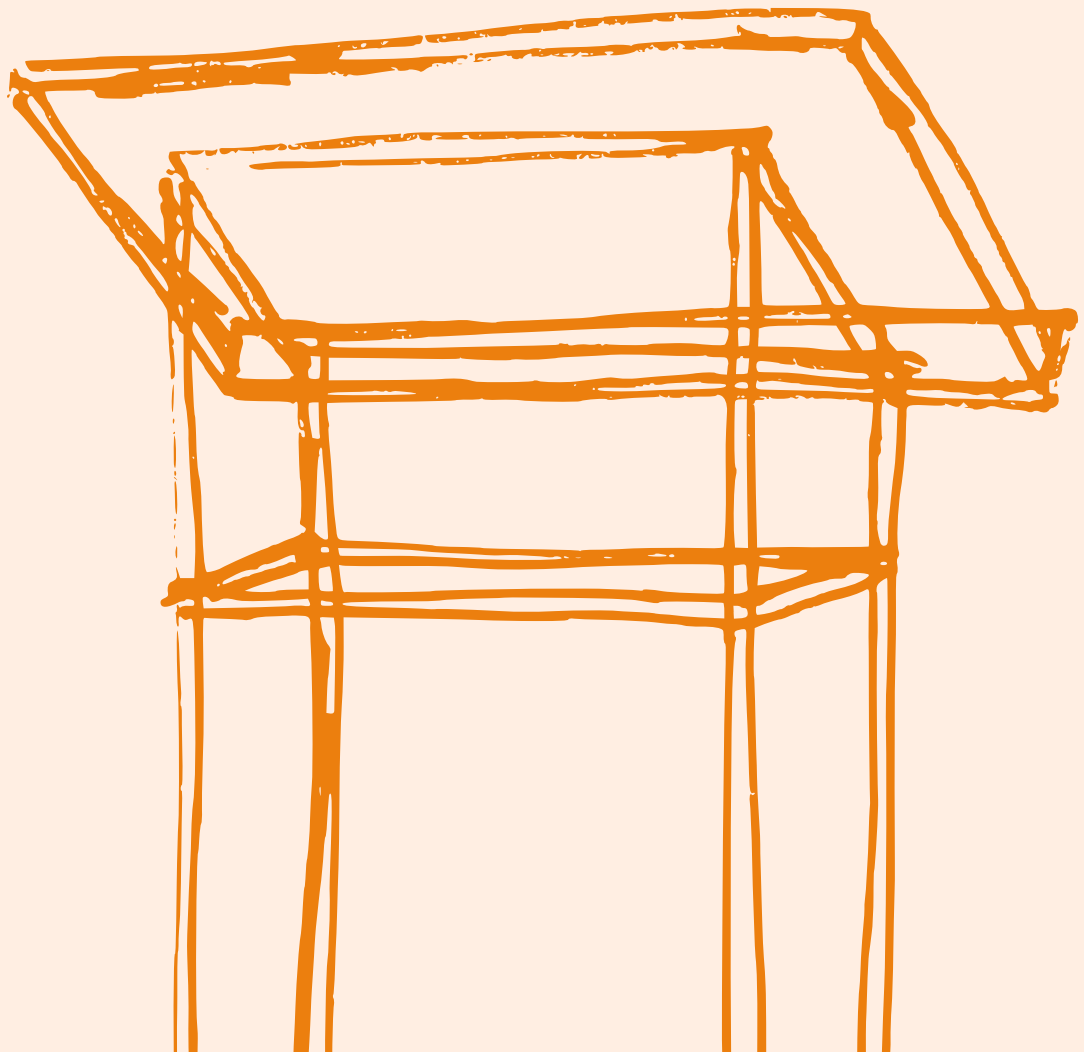


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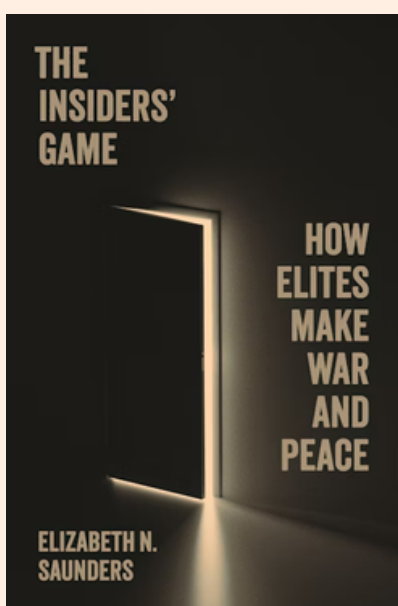


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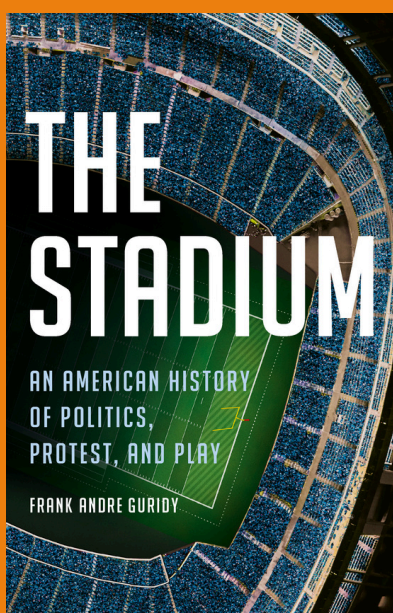
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By Elizabeth Saunders, Professor of Political Science

Panelists:

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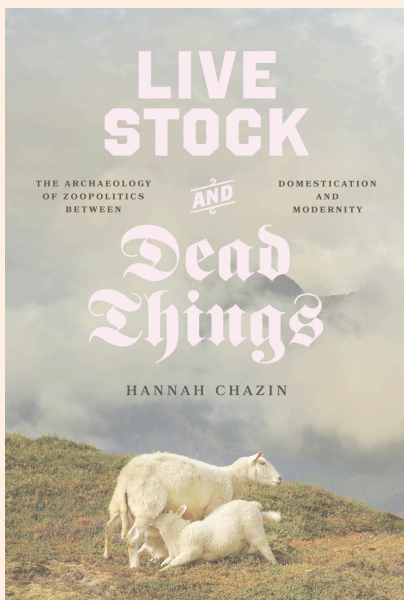
The Stadium, An American History of Politics, Protest, and Play

By Frank Guridy, Professor of History and Dr. Kenneth and Kareitha Forde Professor of African American and African Diaspora Studies

Panelists:

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- Karl Jacoby, Allan Nevins Professor of American History
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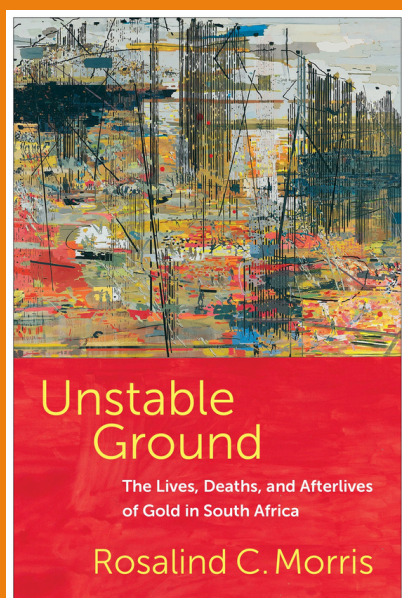
Live Stock and Dead Things: The Archaeology of Zoopolitics Between Domestication and Modernity

By Hannah Chazin, Assistant Professor of Anthropology

Panelists:

- Brian Boyd, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Anthropology
- Radhika Govindrajan, Associate Professor of Anthropology, University of Washington
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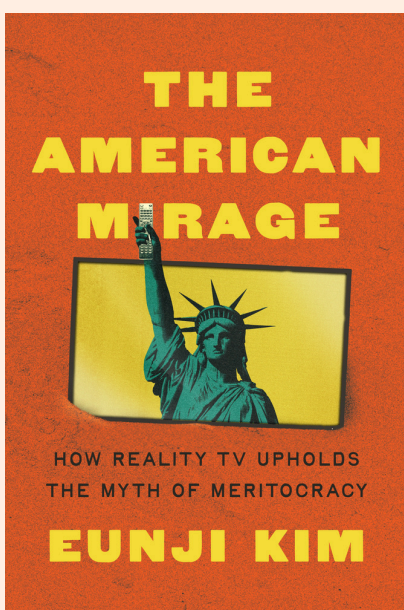
Unstable Ground: The Lives, Deaths, and Afterlives of Gold in South Africa

By Rosalind C. Morris, Professor of Anthropology

Panelists:

- Mamadou Diouf, Leitner Family Professor of African Studies, MESAAS
- Brian Larkin, Professor of Anthropology, Barnard College
- Claudio Lomnitz, Campbell Family Professor of Anthropology
- Lisa Stevenson, Associate Professor and William Dawson Scholar in the Department of Anthropology, McGill University

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By Eunji Kim, Assistant Professor of Political Science

Panelists:

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- David Hajdu, Professor of Journalism, Columbia Journalism School
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NOVEMBER 1

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Thoughts of Tomorrow

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Problems of Democracy

NOVEMBER 14–16

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Organized by Matthew Connelly, Courtney Chartier, and ISERP

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Directions Forward for Psychology in International Relations: The Third Annual Conference in Honor of Robert Jervis

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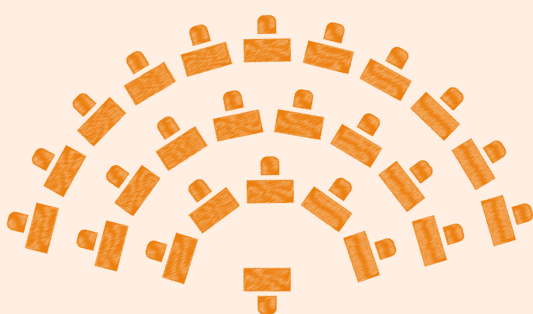
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Reynolds, and Ana Laura Zuñiga Loreto
(Graduate Students)**Technologies of Sovereignty in Indigenous North
America**Organized by Kaarish Maniar and
Rachel Finlayson (Graduate Students)**Columbia University Graduate Conference in
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Lorna Kimaiyo (Graduate Students)**Studies of Sport****APRIL 4**Organized by the Center for Political
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for Economic Research (PER)***Making Sense of Chaos* Panel Discussion***

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(Graduate Student)**Interdisciplinary PhD Workshop in Sustainable
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Erica Lonergan**New Frontiers in AI Security and Governance
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Workshops

Every fall and spring, ISERP releases its Calls for Proposals. Faculty in the six Social Science departments are eligible to apply for workshop funding.

The “Crime-Criminalization Nexus” Seminar

Naor Ben-Yehoyada
Associate Professor of Anthropology

with Nadia Abu El-Haj (Anthropology), Luca Falciola (History), Claudio Lomnitz (Anthropology), Fernando Montero (Society of Fellows), Emma Shaw Crane (Society of Fellows)

Refugee Cities: Urban Dimensions of Forced Displacement

Amy Chazkel
Bernard Hirschhorn Associate Professor of Urban Studies, Department of History

with Bahia Munem (Center for the Study of Ethnicity & Race)

Beyond the Headlines: Overlooked Conflicts and Prospects for Peace

V. Page Fortna
Harold Brown Professor of US Foreign and Security Policy, Department of Political Science | Director of the Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies

with Jack Snyder (Political Science)

Computational Social Science Workshop*

Donald Green
Burgess Professor of Political Science

*additional workshop

Carcerality, Law, and Punishment Workshop

David Knight
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology | Faculty Fellow, Institute for Research in African-American Studies

Here is a list of the ISERP-funded workshops, funded through our awards or other support, that took place over the 2024–25 academic year:

International, Global and Transnational History Workshop

Mark Mazower
Ira D. Wallach Professor of History

with Adam Tooze (History), Matthew Connelly (History), and History PhD students Elijah Ferrante, Dimitrios Mitsopoulos, Lélia Roche, Audrey Siraud, Ziqian Zheng

Extractive Infrastructures

Rosalind C. Morris
Professor of Anthropology

with Zeynep Çelik Alexander (Art History and Archeology), Brian Larkin (Anthropology, Barnard College), Debashree Mukherjee (MESAAS)

Seminar on International Economics and Geopolitics

Alan Taylor
Professor of International and Public Affairs

with Jeffrey Frieden (Political Science | SIPA)

Monthly Interdisciplinary Identity and Institutions Workshop

Yamil Velez
Assistant Professor of Political Science

with David Knight (Sociology | IRAAS) and Jonathan E. Collins (Education Policy & Social Analysis, Teachers College)

To find out more about how to apply for workshop funding, [visit our website here](#).

Podcast

This year, ISERP released the final episode of its podcast series, “Espresso with the Experts.” Founded and run by Political Science PhD candidates Beatrice Bonini and Leila Travaglini, this podcast series invited listeners to learn from Columbia’s experts about the main social, economic, and political challenges we face. As Bonini and Travaglini move towards the completion of their PhDs, you can still listen to their library of episodes on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, and YouTube.

Find our podcast at these links!



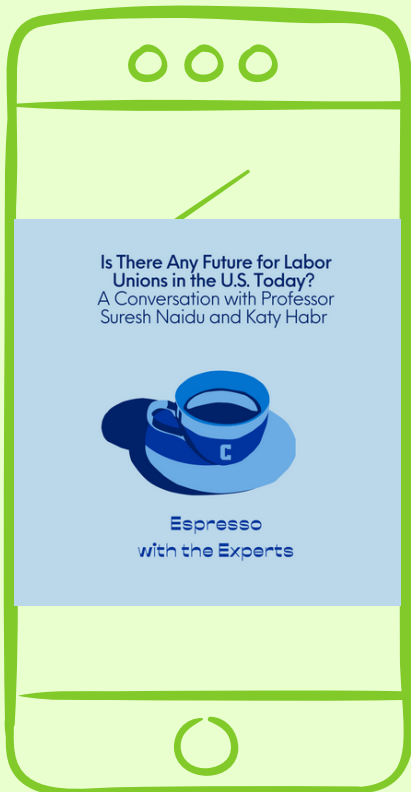
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Is There Any Future for Labor Unions in the U.S. Today?: A Conversation with Professor Suresh Naidu and Katy Habr

What is behind the recent wave of unionization efforts across the United States, and what is its future? In this episode, we have a coffee with Professor **Suresh Naidu**, Professor of Economics and International and Public Affairs at Columbia University, and **Katy Habr**, PhD candidate in Sociology and organizer for the Student Workers of Columbia.

Together, we discuss the state of U.S. labor unions today, the structural challenges facing worker organizing, and the victories of and tensions within labor movements. Katy Habr also shares her experience from the historic graduate student strike at Columbia, and Professor Suresh Naidu reflects on whether there is a future for the U.S. labor movement – and what it might look like.

Whether you're a labor organizer, econ student, or just curious about the future of work, this conversation is for you.

“It is important to do **public-facing research** so that **unions** can have this information and **people can know these things while organizing.**”

– Katy Habr

Is There Any Future for a US Labor Movement?

Suresh Naidu

Almost 15 years ago, a previous *Journal of Economic Perspectives* article on American unions (Hirsch 2008) argued that due to increased competition and dynamism in the US economy, the unions created and sustained by the National Labor Relations Act were sclerotic dinosaurs to be replaced, if at all, by new...



Working Papers Bulletin

For the past few years, ISERP has issued a Working Papers Bulletin. This initiative highlights the active research of Columbia's social scientists and aims to increase the visibility of that research across all Social Science departments and at SIPA. This year, we released two Working Papers Bulletins with a total of 24 papers.

The Bulletin includes academic paper and book chapter manuscripts that are completed but yet to be published. These Working Papers are stored on an ISERP website and are available to readers with Columbia and Barnard UNIs only to avoid any possible conflicts with future publication. Papers are searchable by keyword. The website includes a database of researchers and their areas of scholarly interest, all to make it easier for social scientists to find each other.

If you are interested in submitting a working paper to our future Bulletins, please reach out:

- [Direct Email](#)
- [Submit through our portal](#)



Newsletter

The mission of ISERP's newsletter is to keep Columbia social scientists, the broader University community, and the public informed about the results of ISERP-affiliated researchers' work and the ever-changing opportunities for research and collaboration we offer. It is a once-a-month email that lets recipients know about ISERP's upcoming events, internal opportunities for faculty and PhD students in the Social Science departments and at SIPA, and grant and funding deadlines relevant to Columbia's social scientists.

This year, we launched a quarterly edition of the newsletter that highlights the research and projects of ISERP's faculty affiliates. Feature articles so far have included the activities of a new lab focused on the phenomenon of Disappearance, a project studying the effects of AI on educational access in Chile, and a graduate student-led conference on historical imaginations of the future.

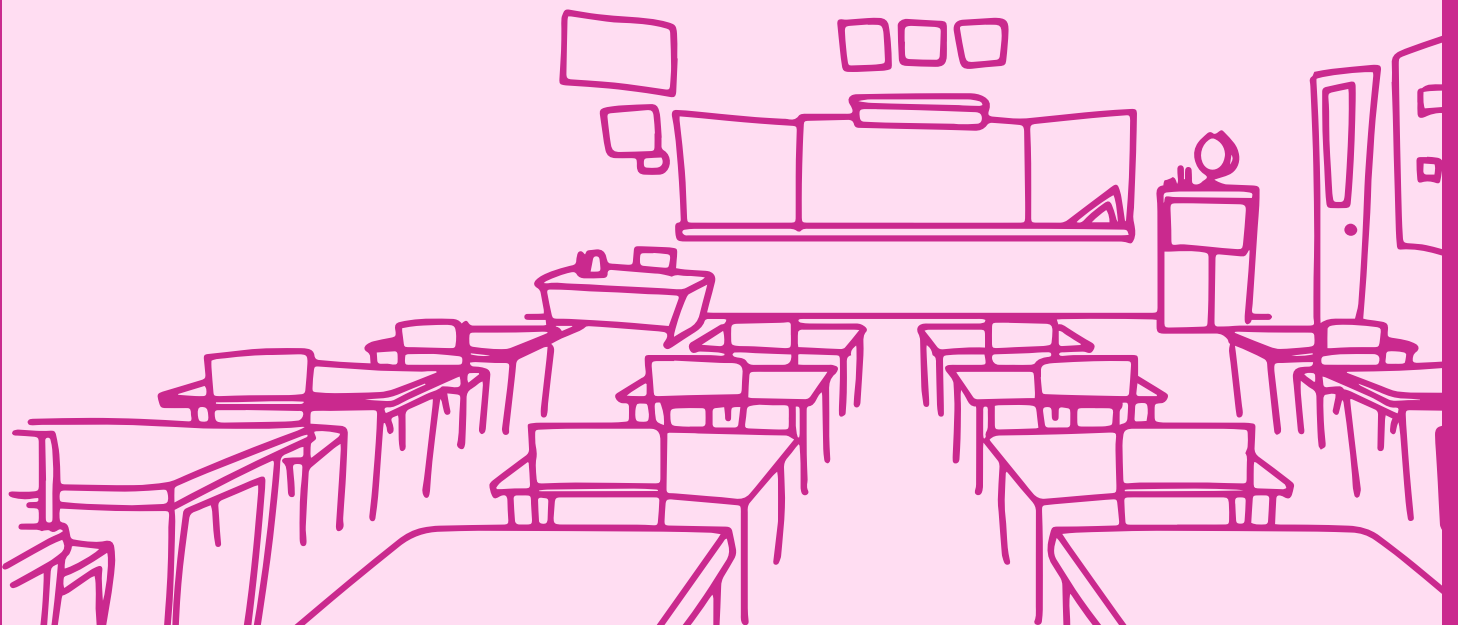
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Programs



IIGSS

The ISERP Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Seminar (IIGSS) is a yearlong ISERP-sponsored seminar that seeks to foster a conversation across the social science communities at Columbia. The principal goal of the seminar series is to explore how interdisciplinary approaches can contribute to and enrich traditional disciplines and what such interdisciplinarity demands from them.

This past year, the IIGSS committee chose a different theme for each semester. The themes were selected for their relevance to current affairs and their potential to involve research across disciplines. The theme for Fall 2024 was “Power and Limits of Identity” and the theme for Spring 2025 was “Political Behavior.”

The IIGSS committee premiered a new format at this year’s workshops: four panelists presented during the same sessions and provided feedback to each other while receiving more feedback from the audience. All workshops consisted of one hour of presentations and a 30-minute Q&A. The Seminar held a social hour in September, before the first session, to introduce the new format and encourage conversation among the audience and participants. The workshops were held over four days and featured the following participants and research:

November 7, 2024

Charlotte Wang (Sociology), “Ethnic Identity Through the Life Course: A Comparative Study of Chinese Identity in the Transition to Adulthood and in Retirement”

Wilmer Isaac Falcón (Anthropology), “Theory on Feeling: Theoretical and Practical Approaches to the Concept of Decolonial and Collaborative Archeology”

Anselm Kizza-Besigye (Anthropology), “Betwixt and Between: Race, Difference, and the Liminal in Sylvia Wynter”

Audrey Siraud (History), “Gendered Nationalism and the Identity of ‘Mother Ireland’ in Modern Irish Literature”

November 14, 2024

Kaitlin Hao (EALAC), “Using Media to Break the Silence about the Saipan Government Sweatshops, 1980–2010”

Beenish Riaz (Political Science), “Targeting Cultural Property: Understanding Variations in the Destruction of Cultural Heritage War”

Rishav Kumar Thakur (Anthropology), “Transfemmes on the Dancefloor: Dispatches of Queer Sexuality from New Age Assam”

Milan Taylor (Anthropology), “The Performance of Death and Dying: Funerals During the AIDS Epidemic in New York City”



April 18, 2025

Tabitha Payne (Anthropology), “Queer Subjects of the Cambodian Genocide”

Thibault Lukacs (Anthropology), “Hegemony and Precariousness of the Coal Mafia in India (Jharkhand)”

Isabella Huang (Political Science), “From Energy Policy to Military Posture: How Domestic Political Structures Shape Leadership Responses in the Green Energy Transition”

Ava Lopez (Political Science), “Inflation, Materialism, Inclusivity, Semiotics”

April 24, 2025

Paulina Gomez (Anthropology), “Beach Imaginaries: Possessive Encounters on Puerto Rico’s Coasts”

Victoria Mooers (Economics), “Social Networks and Voter Information”

Aaron Christensen (Political Science), “Who Trusts the State with Their Property Rights? The Case of Land Registration and Legibility in Tunisia”

Rachel Finlayson (Political Science), “Religious Deconversion: A Lens for Political Opinion Change”

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QMSS

Over the 2024–25 academic year, the Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences (QMSS) MA program welcomed well over 150 new students into the program. The students entered QMSS with incredibly diverse backgrounds and goals. They were from over a dozen countries and trained in scores of majors, including not only the classic social sciences (e.g., sociology, political science, economics, psychology, history), but also data science, geography, information systems, accounting, philosophy, international relations, English, communications, finance, music, statistics, and many more.

All of the QMSS students threw themselves deeply into their studies, taking full advantage of Columbia classes and activities. Their excitement throughout the year was palpable and infectious.

QMSS students continued to do exemplary work. Whether as research assistants, via their theses, on group projects, or in internships, they were constantly working to push the boundaries of what can be done in an interdisciplinary MA program at the intersection of social science and data science here at Columbia.

QMSS faculty kept inspiring students to look for valuable and impactful ways to analyze data, whether via geographic information systems (GIS), Bayesian statistics, social network analysis, machine learning, natural language processing, data visualization, or numerous other techniques practiced in modern data science.



QMSS students Peter Silverstein (left) and Teresa Mondría Terol (right) won 3rd and 2nd prizes, respectively, in the GSAS Master's SynThesis competition for their impactful thesis work

As just one example of the type of work done by QMSS students this year, two QMSS students placed in the top three at the GSAS Master's SynThesis thesis showcase (see picture). To tackle bus delays in Seattle, third-place winner Peter Silverstein used Bayesian modeling on real-time data and found that the RapidRide upgrades cut arrival deviations substantially. This finding gives transit planners clear evidence to expand the program to help citizens get to their destinations more quickly and reliably. Analyzing 30,000 first-time visits to a newspaper's website, second-place winner Teresa Mondría Terol found that readers who view just one extra article are twice as likely to return. This simple but-hard-won insight gives local publishers a powerful lever to grow loyal, engaged audiences.

QMSS students continued to apply their data science and research skills in collaboration with a wide range of partner organizations through semester-long practicum projects. With companies and organizations such as .406 Ventures, the Department of Licensing and Consumer Protection, the Opportunity Project at the Census Bureau, Alt Surya, Lyssle, the Natural Resources Defense Council, and Memorial Sloan Kettering, students contributed to high-impact work across many sectors. Projects included building predictive models, designing dashboards, analyzing behavioral data, evaluating AI-driven tools, and developing strategies to broaden access to science and technology resources. Whether working with startups, public agencies, nonprofits, or research institutions, QMSS teams brought creativity, clarity, and analytical precision to every project. Overall, our Innovation Lab has kept growing, supporting cutting-edge work, and connecting students with alumni mentors, research institutes, and organizations across industries.

In general, QMSS students made sure to get to know each other and learn outside of the classroom, too. The QMSS student group, the Society for Quantitative Approaches to Social Research (QASR), offered a rich variety of advanced programming for the MA students, including a virtual mini-hackathon, trips and tours around the city, and in-person events. The QMSS Alumni Council also generously visited campus to do networking events with current students

Our QMSS research assistant program continued to provide vital research support to dozens of Columbia faculty, working on over 50 faculty research projects over the last year. A number of QMSS students were selected as Data For Good Scholars to work with Columbia faculty via research internships run through the Data Science Institute.

More than 160 QMSS graduates found themselves in high demand, taking on roles at many of the world's premier institutions. They join the hundreds of QMSS alumni who have distinguished themselves as data scientists, research directors, senior analysts, and academic researchers in many fields.

As it has done for the last 25 years, QMSS will continue to look for ways to add value to the experiences of the MA students in the program and for ways to support advanced quantitative research among the larger Columbia community.

PER

Founded in 2003, the Program for Economic Research (PER) in the Columbia University Economics Department funds research to address the economic challenges, trends, and policies affecting people around the world. Through the years, our mission of service has been to support research activities in the Economics Department at the highest possible level, to disseminate new results, and to inform our global understanding of economic issues. PER administers the Bridge to PhD and pre-doctoral scholar programs, manages a broad array of research support programs for the department's doctoral and masters students, and executes public events, including the Distinguished Lecturer Series, the annual Arrow Lecture, PER Mini-Courses, Weekly Visitors, and faculty-lead conferences. PER also works closely with departmental faculty and administrative leadership on the department's web presence and on fundraising.



PER continued under the leadership of Executive Director David Weinstein, Carl S. Shoup Professor of Japanese Economy, and Chantel Hover, Program Manager, in 2024–25. In addition, the program welcomed a new Coordinator, Naoko Manabe (left), in July 2024, who came to Columbia after holding previous administrative roles at the Michigan Language Center, the University of Michigan, the American Museum of Natural History, and Meiji Gakuin University.

Bridge to PhD and Pre-Doctoral Scholar Programs

The Bridge to PhD Program is an intensive research, academic, and mentoring experience for post-baccalaureates seeking to strengthen their graduate school applications and to prepare for the transition into PhD programs. Administered in partnership with the Office of Graduate Student Affairs, the program is fully funded by the Economics Department through PER. The Economics Department said goodbye to our Cohort 16 Bridge Scholar, Gabriel Reyes, supervised Wojciech Kopczuk, and welcomed two Cohort 17 Bridge Scholars: Theo Burden, supervised by Dan O'Flaherty, and Daniel Diaz, supervised by Michael Best.

The Pre-Doctoral Scholar Program is a post-baccalaureate program for students interested in pursuing graduate education in economics, and has a strong emphasis on quantitative and programming skills. These scholars assist faculty by analyzing data, developing statistical models, creating presentations, and editing research papers. Four pre-doctoral scholars completed their second years in 2024–25: Barthelemy Bikoi, who works with Ebonya Washington and who will continue into a third year; Filippo Paternolli, who worked with Gautam Gowrisankaran and Pietro Tebaldi and will begin a PhD program in Economics at MIT in the fall; Patricio Hernandez, who worked with Gautam Gowrisankaran and José Scheinkman and will begin a PhD program in Economics at Columbia in the fall; and Jack Rosetti, who worked with Michael Best, Tatiana Mocanu, and Evan Sadler and is pursuing positions in industry. PER welcomed three new pre-doctoral scholars in 2024–25: Hriday Karnani, who works with David Weinstein; Francine Montecinos Puente, who works with Sebastián Otero and Noémie Pinardon-Touati; and Andrea Scalenghe, who works with Sebastián Otero and Pietro Tebaldi.

Two of the pre-doctoral scholars were selected to present their research at the 2025 Pre-Doctoral Economics Conference at Princeton, which brought together scholars from nine domestic and international

institutions to present their research. Hriday Karnani presented on “Informational Linkages and Stock Market Comovement,” while Francine Montecinos Puente presented on “The Gender Diversity Gap in Mathematics.”

The Economics Department was also delighted to receive a gift from the Haddad Foundation to establish the Haddad Predoctoral Fellowship Fund, which will provide fellowship support for a new pre-doctoral scholar in 2025–26.

Student Support

The Economics Department consolidated and streamlined its PhD student research support under PER’s umbrella in Fall 2024. Students were awarded over \$300,000 through programs such as data purchase awards (4), conference support awards (20), summer school and summer reading group awards (6), summer departmental research student awards (46 PhDs and 15 MAs), and field & experimental research awards (8).

Some of the recipients include:

- *Field & Experimental Research Award:* Nadia Ali, Tushar Kundu, Lucas de Lara, Zhi Hao Lim, Kathryn McDonald, Natalie Yang, Hanyao Zhang
- *Data Purchase Award:* Dafne Murillo
- *Summer School Award:* Ankit Bhutani, Catalina Gómez Colomer, Patrick William Farrell, Isabella Di Filippo, Patricio Martin Goldstein, Cole Wittbrodt

Events



PER and the Economics Department’s Microeconomic Theory Initiative hosted the Sixth Annual Columbia Conference on Economic Theory (CCET) on September 12–13, 2024.

David Pearce (New York University) presented the 2024–25 PER Distinguished Lecture with his talk “Utility and All That” on September 26, 2025.

Dan O’Flaherty (Columbia University) presented a PER Mini-Course on “Race in the US: What Economists Need to Find Out” on January 19, February 12, February 19, and March 5, 2025.

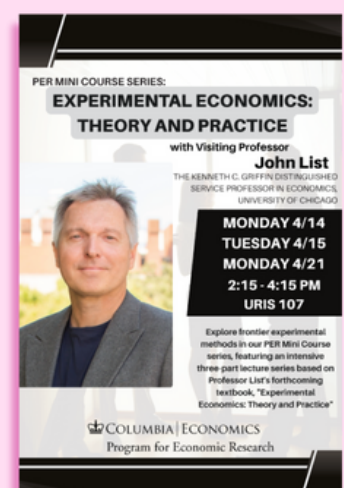
Rafael Repullo (Center for Monetary and Financial Studies) presented a PER Mini Course on “The Transmission of Monetary Policy When Banks Have Market Power” in two parts: “The Deposits Channel of Monetary Policy: A Critical Review” on February 25, and “Interest Rates, Market Power, and Financial Stability” on February 27, 2025.

Susan Athey (Stanford Graduate School of Business) presented the 15th Annual Kenneth J. Arrow Lecture with a talk on “Using Machine Learning and Digital Technology to Identify Challenges and Improve Outcomes for Labor Market Transitions” with featured discussants Bentley MacLeod (Columbia University), Suresh Naidu (Columbia University), Joseph Stiglitz (Columbia University) and introductory remarks by Michael Woodford (Columbia University) on March 10, 2025.

Òscar Jordà (Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco) presented a PER Mini-Course on “Local Projection Methods for Applied Economics” on April 2 and 3, 2025.

John List (University of Chicago) presented a PER Mini-Course on “Experimental Economics: Theory and Practice” on April 14, 15, and 21, 2025.

PER and the Division of Social Sciences at Columbia co-sponsored a panel discussion, lead by Miguel Urquiola (Columbia University), on “The SAT, ChatGPT, & The Future of College Admissions” with Bruce Sacerdote (Dartmouth College), David Deming (Harvard Kennedy School), Judith E. Scott-Clayton (Teachers College), and Zachary Bleemer (Princeton University) on May 7, 2025.



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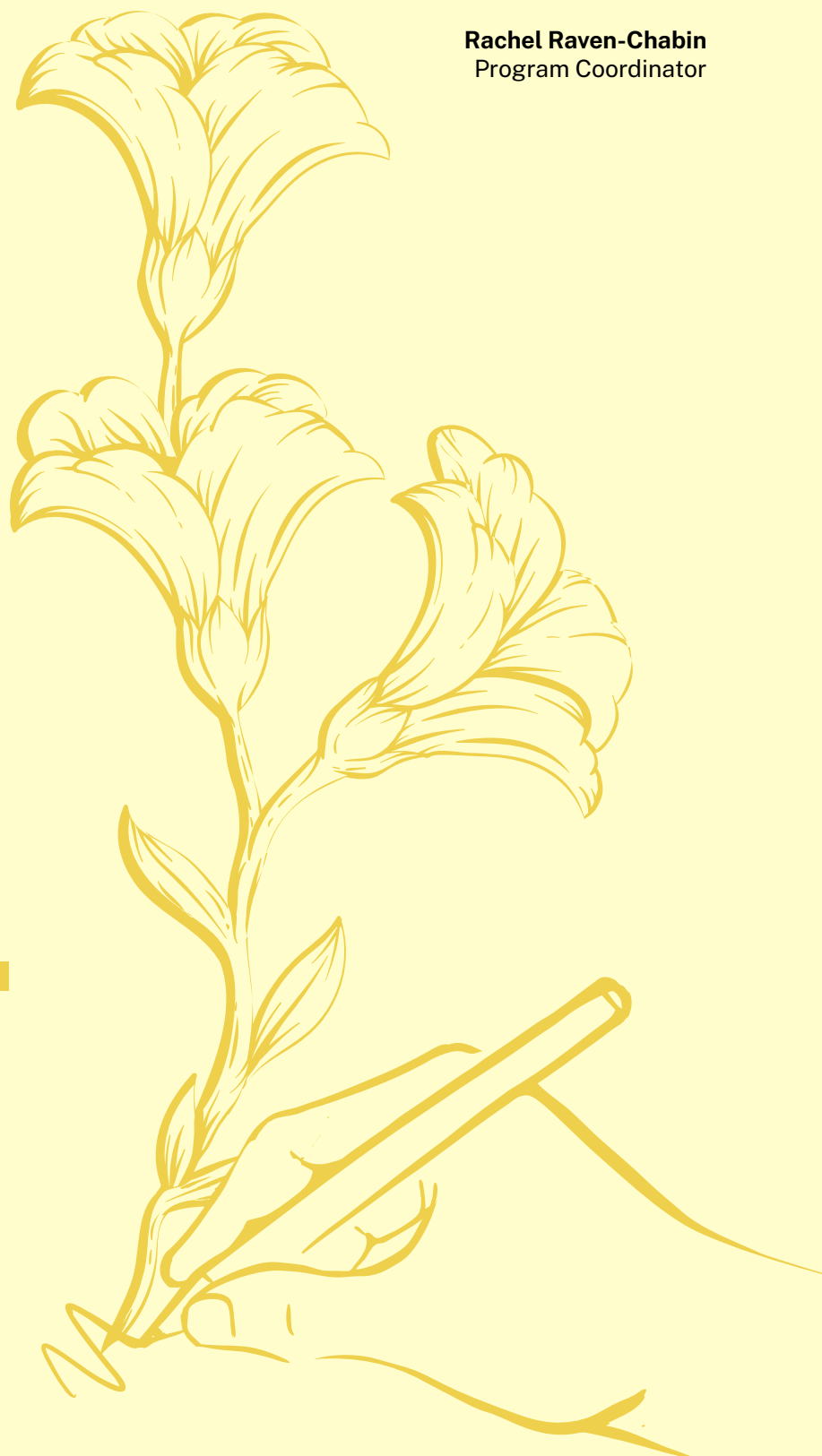
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