



CAREER ADVANCEMENT FOR LIFE

2025 - 2026 Highlights

Our Office of Career Advancement bridges our rigorous academic training and your professional experience to further public service ambitions. Whether you're starting out or are well-established, **our expert advisors** offer tailored advising and resources. With an **extensive network and global reputation**, we promote your advancement within the public, private, and nonprofit sectors, including providing **alumni lifetime access to career services**.

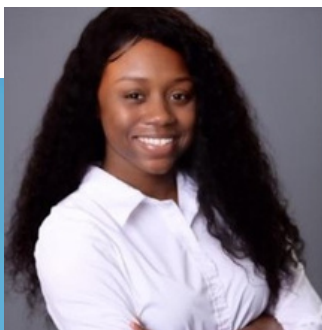
- Career Advising
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CAREER ADVISING AND WORKSHOPS

Gain a **competitive edge** with our expert career advising, covering everything from crafting compelling application materials and optimizing your LinkedIn profile, to mastering interview techniques and negotiating competitive salaries. We offer **comprehensive career support**, from immediate job and internship search strategies to long-term professional development, including specialized guidance on building powerful networks.

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

- Expedited Job Search When you a Need a New Position ASAP
- Uncovering Opportunities: Finding Employers You Haven't Considered
- Get Past "Good Enough" and Nail the Interview
- Write a Resume that ATS and Humans Love
- Connect Smart: AI Powered Networking Messages
- Why LinkedIn Matters More than Ever (And How to Use it Right)
- Covert a Resume from Federal to Non-Federal
- Breaking in Local/State Government
- High ROI Job/Internship Search Groups



"TSPPPA provides an invaluable alumni network. While on the job hunt, I was able to find a position I was really interested in through the alumni group. I applied, interviewed, and was offered the role all in just over a month. And in the job, I work alongside other Trachtenberg alum!"

Simone Hall, '24

Education Policy / Financial Data Analyst,
Blueprint for Maryland's Future Accountability & Implementation Board

SPEED MENTORING

Accelerate your professional trajectory through direct engagement with our global alumni community. Designed to accommodate the rigorous schedules of graduate students, we offer sessions both on-campus and in a virtual format. These conversations provide the industry-specific foresight and professional connections necessary to leverage your degree into advanced leadership.

ALUMNI SPANNING DIFFERENT FIELDS INCLUDING:

- Environmental Program Manager, Federal Bureau of Investigation
- City Manager, City of Albany, Oregon
- Director of Learning & Research, BoardSource
- Senior Director of Programs, Volunteer New York!
- President, AgRI International
- Policy Analyst, US Department of Treasury
- Federal Health Policy Consultant, Booz Allen Hamilton
- Principal Economic Policy Analyst, Committee for Economic Development



“Speed mentoring is a chance to meet alumni professionals (both mid and late career) who have forged interesting paths in a range of fields related to administration and policy. I found really valuable the number of meaningful conversations I was able to share with these generous alums. It's an amazing event and is an example of the strong relationships the school nurtures between students, staff, and alumni!”

**Mary Macklem,
MPA student**

EMPLOYER ENGAGEMENT

Secure Your Future: Whether you join us in-person or virtually, our employer programs give you direct access to the people and information you need to maximize the value of your degree and grow professionally.

EMPLOYER BRIEFINGS HIGHLIGHTS:

- Arlington Country
- Aspen Institute
- Booz Allen Hamilton
- Bipartisan Policy Center
- California Legislative Analyst Office
- CCS Fundraising
- CNA Corporation
- Education Pioneers
- MD Dept of Budget and Management
- National Audubon Society
- Partnership for Public Service
- Virginia Joint Legislative Commission
- US Economic Development Administration



CAREER CATALYST SERIES

Investing in Your Future: Gain a strategic edge through direct engagement with our network of alumni and faculty experts. These sessions provide industry foresight and professional connections necessary to accelerate your career.

Recent Topics:

- How to Become an Independent Consultant
- Careers with Private Sector Contractors focused on National Defense, Security & Advanced Technologies
- Careers in Public Sector Technology & Transformation
- Thought Leadership for a Competitive Edge
- How to Work with Executive Search Firms
- Multi-Sector Edge: Building a Career Without Borders
- From Public Policy to CEO: Leadership within Energy
- The P3 Powerhouse: Public Mission & Private Innovation
- Working in Banking & Community Development
- Reality of Corporate Social Responsibility & Alternative Career Paths

SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS



Janette Martinez
MPA '17, Senior Associate, Isaacson, Miller



Joseph Firschein
Trachtenberg School Instructor; Associate Director, Federal Research Board of Governors



Valerie Singer
MPA '20, General Manager, Global Education, Amazon World Services



John Forrer
PhD '91, Director, Institute for Corporate Responsibility, GWU

ALUMNI PANELS

Future-Proof Your Career: Gain a competitive edge by tapping into alumni expertise, gathering real-world industry intelligence, and building a professional circle committed to your ongoing success.

ALUMNI SPEAKER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Director of Regulatory Affairs, National Association of Community Health Centers
- Managing Director of Corporate and Civil Partnerships, UNICEF USA
- Philanthropy Officer, Chicago Public Media
- Program Analyst, Economic & Workforce Department, City of LA
- Senior VP of Policy Research and Strategy, National Association of Charter School Authorizers
- Executive Director, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
- Deputy Legislative Director, US Senate
- Senior Consultant, Deloitte

PANELS TOPICS:

- Building Bridges, Driving Change: Career Paths in Advocacy
- High Growth Fields - Nonprofit Careers in Advancement, Corporate Partnerships & Finance
- Careers in State/County/Local Government
- Government Relations Careers
- Multisector Environmental Careers
- AI & the Future of Public Service Careers
- Career Pivots - Private Sector Development and Global Food Security

PUBLIC SERVICE PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES

- **Career Guides Customized for the Trachtenberg Community:** Resumes, Cover Letters, Interviews, LinkedIn, Networking, CVs and Compensation Negotiation
- **Comprehensive Fellowship Opportunities:** Federal, State, Local and County Government, Policy, Nonprofit, International, Health, Research and University
- **Curated Job Boards, TSPPPA Specific Internal Job Board and Professional Development Resources:** Public Sector/Affairs, Nonprofit, Associations, Foundations, Environment, International Development, Social Impact, Foreign Policy, Executive Search Firms, Doctoral and Military/Veterans
- **Video Hub:** Recordings from previous programs
- **Public Service Field Resources:**
 - Associations
 - Community Development & Urban Policy
 - Congressional
 - Consulting
 - Education Policy & Youth Development
 - Energy Policy
 - Environmental Policy
 - National Security & Foreign Policy
 - Federal Government
 - Foundations & Philanthropy
 - Government Relations & Lobbying
 - Health Policy
 - International Development
 - International Trade Policy
 - Justice Policy
 - Nonprofit Management
 - Science & Technology Policy
 - Social Entrepreneurship & Social Impact
 - State & Local Government
 - Think Tanks & Research Centers

“The Trachtenberg School provided me with a wide range of job opportunities and the tools to consider them all. The skills I’ve learned have made me more confident both in reaching out to our alumni network and in preparing for interviews.

Mairead Crotty, ‘25
PREP Research Associate, National
Institute of Science and Technology

I’ll use the skills I’ve learned at Trachtenberg throughout the rest of my career. “



CAREER CONNECTIONS

TSPPPA LINKEDIN GROUP

Postings exclusively for our community including jobs/internships, networking events and school highlights

LISTSERVS: HOT JOBS, HOT INTERNSHIPS AND PHD JOBS

Timely opportunities including alumni offering application support, target employers and high-profile positions

CAREER ADVANCEMENT NEWSLETTER

TSPPPA, GW and external events including employer briefings, alumni programs and professional development events

CAREER ADVANCEMENT BY THE NUMBERS IN 2025

Your Career, Your Schedule: To support our community of students and alumni, we offer flexible scheduling—including frequent morning and evening availability for advising and career programs—both in-person and virtually.

150+

Drop-in hours

750+

Advising Sessions

65+

Career Programs

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