Alumni Panel

Julie Barham, '20 MPA (She/Her/Hers)
Human Capital Consultant, Deloitte Consulting

Julie Barham is a Human Capital Consultant with Deloitte Consulting, LLP, helping Federal clients design, develop, and implement strategies to improve the workforce experience. Currently, she runs a training program on organizational resilience for Federal employees who are managing disruptions to their work, such as COVID-19 adjustments and extensive leadership changes. Previously, Julie managed a program at an education non-profit that deployed college students into low income schools to augment the student learning experience through tutoring and specialized lessons, such as coding classes.

Julie received a Master of Public Administration (MPA) from the George Washington University in 2020, with a concentration in program evaluation. While attending GW, she worked at the Regulatory Studies Center as a Graduate Research Assistant and interned with the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA). She also attended the University of Southern California where she received a B.A. in International Relations with an emphasis on Chinese foreign policy. She is a fluent Mandarin speaker and has spent extensive time living in China.

Antonio Diaz, '19 MPA (He/Him/His)
Budget Analyst, Department of Labor

Before he came to the Department of Labor, Antonio worked for the Executive Office of the President, Office of Management of Budget where he worked for the Budget Review Division and the Justice Branch. Antonio also worked for NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in the Satellite Servicing Projects Division. During his time at NASA, he also had the opportunity to do a one-month detail for the NASA HQ Science Mission Directorate and received the Mentoring Award for his efforts in the Division's internship program. Antonio obtained his Master's degree in Public Administration with a focus in Public Private Partnerships from George Washington University and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus, graduating Magna Cum Laude. Antonio received the Leadership Award from the Business School for his efforts as President of the Student Council. Additionally, Antonio is the Fundraising Chair for Young Ambassador's Alumni Advisory Group of the Smithsonian Latino Center.

Accacia Grant, '21 MA-ENRP (She/Her/Hers)
Global Environmental, Health, Safety, and Security Governance and Business Resilience Analyst, AES Corporation

Originating from Atlanta, Georgia, Accacia Grant is a 2021 graduate of the Trachtenberg School where she received her Master of Arts in Environmental Resource Policy. She currently works at the AES Corporation which is a global energy company that is at the forefront of providing accessible and affordable renewable energy for customers. She serves as the company's Global Environmental, Health, Safety, and Security Governance and Business Resilience Analyst. Her work includes writing various forms of company policy ranging from environmental to safety. During her GW career, she served as the ENRP New Student Liaison in the Trachtenberg Student Organization. Her favorite memory being a Tberger was the TSO fall retreat and collaborating with students with different career interests and backgrounds.

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Kellen Moore, '20 MPP (He/Him/His)
Senior Manager, Legislative Affairs at NeighborWorks America

Kellen's work at NeighborWorks is motivated by a belief that maintaining access to quality affordable housing is critical to ensuring historically marginalized groups have a chance to compete and thrive in today's global economy. Prior to joining NeighborWorks, Kellen was a Legislative Correspondent for Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) where he managed a legislative portfolio that included Labor, Human Services, Welfare, and other issues.

Kellen received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Howard University and Master of Public Policy degree from George Washington University. In his free time, Kellen enjoys cycling and cheering on the Golden State Warriors. He is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and lives in Washington D.C. with his wife and dog.

Rachel Orey, '21 MPP (She/Her/Hers)
Senior Policy Analyst, Bipartisan Policy Center

Rachel Orey is a senior policy analyst for the Bipartisan Policy Center's Elections and Congress Projects. Her research focuses on evidence-based and data-driven reforms that meaningfully improve our elections ecosystem. In 2021, she obtained her Master of Public Policy and Certificate of Data Science from George Washington University.

Prior to joining the BPC, she served as a research intern at The Brookings Institution's Governance Studies program supporting research on Congressional Oversight, election administration, and the Federal Reserve. She also served as a Legislative Intern for former U.S. Senator Kamala Harris. In May 2022, Rachel will be starting a new position with Meta as an Economic Development Data Center Advocacy Analyst.

Brendan Philip, '21 MA-ENRP (He/Him/His)
Ocean Policy Fellow with the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), White House Executive Office of the President

Brendan Philip is an Ocean Policy Fellow with the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) in the White House Executive Office of the President, where he works on water policy, resource management, and environmental contamination. Prior to joining CEQ, Brendan was an ORISE Fellow in the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds, where he worked on coastal climate adaptation and vessel regulations in the Ocean and Coastal Management Branch.

Brendan is a graduate of George Washington University's Trachtenberg School of Public Policy in Washington, D.C., where he earned a master's in Environmental Resource Policy. As a graduate student at GW, Brendan interned with the American Geophysical Union's Public Affairs team and with the U.S. House of Representatives' Committee on Science, Space and Technology, where he advanced national geoscience policy legislation. Brendan also studied oceanography and marine geology at the University of Washington in Seattle, where he used remotely operated submersibles to construct deep-sea observatories and study subduction zone geochemistry.