

Alumni Panel



Jason Cohn, '21 MPP (He/Him/His)

Research Analyst, Urban Institute

Jason Cohn is a research analyst in the Center on Education Data and Policy at the Urban Institute, where he focuses on higher education topics. His research areas include college affordability, student loan debt and repayment, higher education finance, and higher education accountability. Jason received a master's degree in public policy from the George Washington University. As a graduate student at GW, he interned at the Institute for Higher Education Policy and Strada Education Network, where he contributed to research projects on college access, success, and value. Jason received bachelor's degrees in economics and public policy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Aleida Fernandez '21 MPA (She/Her/Hers)

Senior Management Consultant The Clearing, Inc.

Aleida Fernandez is a Senior Management Consultant at The Clearing, Inc. where she works with a number of federal clients on business operations, strategic planning, and program development. Originally from Salem, Oregon, she obtained her Bachelor of Arts from Whitman College where she majored in History and Music. While at Trachtenberg, Aleida concentrated in Budget and Public Finance and was the president of the student ICMA chapter and an associate editor for Policy Perspectives. Her capstone project helped create an evaluation framework for DDOT's tactical urbanism programs and won an ICMA Local Government Early Career Service Award. Aleida currently lives in Washington, DC where she enjoys running, reading, playing with her cat, and finding the best chicken wings with her friends.



Reeve Jacobus, '20 MPP (He/Him/His)

Research and Policy Associate, Fair and Just Prosecution

Reeve Jacobus is a Research and Policy Associate at Fair and Just Prosecution. FJP brings together elected local prosecutors as part of a network of leaders committed to promoting a justice system grounded in fairness, equity, compassion, and fiscal responsibility. He previously worked at the National Governors Association (NGA), where he conducted policy analysis and technical assistance on state-level criminal justice policy for NGA's public safety team. Reeve spent two years as a public health Peace Corps volunteer in northern Uganda, where he worked for a nonprofit that provided physical and psychosocial rehabilitation to victims and survivors of war. Reeve is originally from Jackson, Mississippi. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy from Birmingham-Southern College and a Master's in Public Policy from George Washington University.

Geremiah Lofton, '20 MPA (He/Him/His)

Subcommittee Clerk, United States House of Representatives

Geremiah Lofton is a 2018 graduate of Huston-Tillotson University and holds a Master's in Public Administration from the George Washington University. He currently works as the Subcommittee Clerk for the United States House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security under the leadership of Chairman Bennie G. Thompson(D-MS). For the Committee, Geremiah oversees hearing preparations, tracking bills as they maneuver through the legislative process as well as managing Committee logistics, records, and binding transfer for the National Archives and Records Administration along with a myriad of other things.

Mr. Lofton started his journey on Capitol hill as an Intern gaining legislative and administrative experience with the House Committee on Homeland Security. From there, he continued with the Committee as the Staff Assistant where he supported legislative staff with various task, managed day-to-day office operations as well as process and transmit incoming and outgoing Committee correspondence. After a year as Staff Assistant, Geremiah transitioned into his current role as Subcommittee Clerk where he enjoys contributing to the security of our nation.

Mitali Mirle, '20 MA-ENRP (She/Her/Hers)

Business Development Analyst, Global Energy Generation LLC

Mitali has a deep interest in renewables and the impact it can have in creating a sustainable and clean energy landscape across communities and countries. In 2016, Mitali worked at the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center, reviewing grant applications for cleantech research, as part of their Industry and Innovation Support team. She also has prior solar experience, working on developing community solar projects; she worked on the site acquisition team at Bluewave Solar, a Boston-based solar development company in 2017, and at CleanChoice Energy, a Washington DC-based company, working on renewable energy development and state policy and regulatory analysis. Mitali graduated from Northeastern University, with a BSc in Environmental Science and has an MA in Environmental Resource Policy from the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration at the George Washington University.

Eleanor Thompson '21 MPP, (She/Her/Hers)

Strategy and Analytics Consultant, Government & Public Sector, Deloitte Consulting

Eleanor D. Thompson graduated with honors from the University of Pennsylvania in 2017 with a BA in political science and a minor in Hispanic Studies. After teaching high school Spanish with Teach for America in Charlotte, NC, she went back to graduate school at GWU. She graduated with honors with a Master's in Public Policy, focusing on Program Evaluation. Eleanor now works at Deloitte as a consultant in their Government and Public Sector services. She's an avid reader, athlete, painter, and cook. She enjoys spending time with her partner and kitten in Arlington, VA where she now lives.