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ISERP has long been a hub for pioneering research by some of the world's most eminent social scientists. As ISERP's co-directors, we are pleased to report another year of significant progress in a multiyear effort to reinvigorate ISERP's capacity to foster innovative social science and policy research and support the educational and research missions of anthropology, economics, history, political science, sociology, and SIPA. This was made possible by a new governance framework, which includes the creation of a new set of bylaws and the creation of a new executive committee consisting of representatives from the five social science departments, SIPA, and the Dean of the Social Science. Our first year as co-directors is the first year in which ISERP has operated under this new structure, such that all stakeholders are involved in major decisions regarding grant-making, budgets, and new initiatives.

One metric of ISERP's resurgence is the increase in the number and size of the grants that ISERP administers. In FY17, ISERP helped faculty obtain 36 new grants, compared to 20 new grants in FY14. In FY17 we managed 100 active grants, compared to 68 in FY14, a 48% increase. They are also larger in size, with a 67% increase in the total annual budgeted expenses for these grants (\$3,647,479 versus \$ 2,185,207.) We have also seen a dramatic increase in our aggregate portfolio, from \$12.9M in FY14 to \$22.7M in FY17.

Beyond helping Columbia researchers with external funding, ISERP has long provided its own seed and conference grants, block funding for departments, and a space for researchers and support staff. But this year we have expanded our efforts in all these areas. We are increasing both the size and the frequency of grant competitions. We have institutionalized annual block grants to support the intellectual life of social science departments through seminars and workshops. And we have expanded ISERP space on the 5th floor of the SIPA building available for research teams with ISERP-administered grants.

The subjects of the eight conferences ISERP supported this year demonstrate the breadth of its intellectual agenda. They included large gatherings, such as the annual meetings of the Society for Institutional & Organizational Economics and the Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility of the International Sociological Association. ISERP also supported smaller symposia on incarceration and the labor market, on the nature of evidence, on political economy, and on

language learning and teaching in urban settings. And there were conferences focused on the work of important Columbia scholars, such as Charles Hamilton on Black Power and Robert Erikson on elections and public opinion.

We also launched several new initiatives to enhance ISERP's status as a center for innovation. This includes a Working Group on Computational Social Science, a joint initiative with the Data Science Institute. Through biweekly meetings it has created a forum to discuss common methodological problems and hear presentations on work in progress. Participants came from all the ISERP departments and SIPA as well as Engineering, the Law School, the Business School, Social Work, and Columbia Libraries. The broader outreach effort included public lectures by Andrew Gelman, Duncan Watts, and Ken Prewitt, as well as a new website featuring an events calendar, news section, weekly email updates, and biographies of the forty-two members.

From this working group emerged a new initiative focusing on Data Ethics. Next year it will be funded by a new ISERP grant-making program, "start-up centers." The idea is to bring together teams to work on a project that cannot be accomplished in a conference and that could lead to a larger, longer-term initiative, such as a new center, curricular innovation, a laboratory, or a degree-granting program. In this case, Josh Whitford from Sociology, Manan Ahmed from History, and Bruce Kogut from the Business School will organize a series of lectures, small research grants, and a workshop. The ultimate aim is to create a network that will develop new classes and course modules for instruction in data ethics, both at Columbia and beyond.

This past year also marked the start of the Columbia Tutoring and Learning Center, a research initiative funded by the Gates Foundation. It provides a combination of face-to-face and innovative online tutoring of the highest quality in math and writing to high school students in public schools in the Harlem neighborhood. Its mission is to innovate in the tutoring services it provides and to conduct rigorous evaluation of these services. This project will provide guidance on how tutoring services can be provided on a larger scale to increase the quality of American education and opportunities for mobility among disadvantaged students.

The Justice Lab (JL) is the newest center in ISERP. Led by Bruce Western and Vincent Schiraldi, the JL is a broad effort involving research, dissemination of research findings, and outreach with a principal focus on mass incarceration and its social and economic consequences. Its work is supported by a number of research grants from government agencies and foundations.

This year, ISERP will initiate a new lecture series on the theme of "Coming to Terms with a Polarized Society." These lectures and the panel discussions that follow will bring together academics from several social science disciplines with distinguished members of the journalism

community. It will provide a much-needed forum to discuss the current state of politics and productive strategies for improving our democracy.

ISERP also continues to support a number of established centers and working groups in the social science departments, both through its block grant funding to departments, and through direct administrative support. These centers include the Applied Statistics Center, the Center for the Study of Wealth and Inequality, the Center for Organizational Innovation, the Center for the Study of Development Strategies, and the Center on African-American Politics and Society. Also in FY17, the Program in Economic Research (PER) at Columbia merged with ISERP for all their pre and post award activities, including support for all project related events and ISERP funded conferences. We continue to support their program to enhance the research environment for faculty and graduate students of economics.

We also conducted a competition to support the creation of new thematic workshops that bring scholars together from within and across disciplines to focus for up to two years on a compelling issue. In FY17 we supported two workshops, "Toxic Sovereignties" and "Undocumented Stories: Writing Africa and the Americas across the Disciplines."

ISERP is not just a hub for research and public engagement by senior scholars. It is also the home of a highly-successful masters program in Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences. That success can be measured both by the growth of its program offerings and in the number of degree students it serves, which rose from 88 to 126 over the past year. QMSS continues to offer a general track along with concentrations in economics, in data sciences, and in experiments to serve the needs of its growing student community.

This year ISERP also significantly broadened its engagement with doctoral students. We initiated an interdisciplinary seminar organized by the graduate students of the five social science departments at Columbia which will begin in the fall of 2017. An enthusiastic organizing committee has set an ambitious schedule, and the seminar will soon be a focus for stronger intellectual and social contact across disciplinary boundaries.

All this has helped to deepen our partnerships not just with the social science departments and SIPA, but with other institutes on campus as well as the Arts and Sciences and SIPA deans. For instance, ISERP collaborates closely with the Columbia Population Research Center. This includes joint seed grants and collaborative work on building a research computing environment through the Social Science Computing Committee. SSCC offers desktop support, access to high performance computing, and a secure computing environment for sensitive data. In addition to the SSCC, ISERP also administers the finances of the Columbia Experimental Laboratory in the



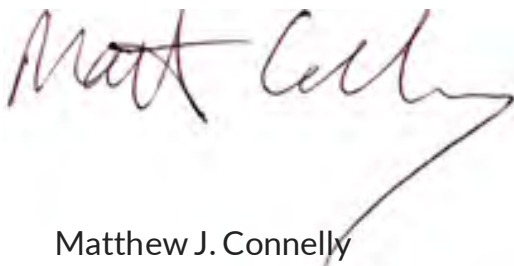
Social Sciences (CELSS) and is a member of the New York Research Data Center. NYRDC provides research access to sensitive data collected by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

These partnerships are essential for providing the basic infrastructure for social science research at Columbia. So too are the people who make ISERP work, and who have been working hard this past year to sustain these many initiatives. ISERP has therefore increased its staff to provide additional support for events coordination, grants administration, and financial and human resources. ISERP now has twelve staff members, not including two academic and two administrative staff members for the QMSS program.

Finally, this year ISERP formed a distinguished Advisory Committee, the last essential element of our new governance structure. It is charged by the bylaws with helping to set ISERP's strategic direction and agenda. We can draw on a vast store of experience beyond the Arts and Sciences at Columbia, since the Committee includes members who have served leadership roles in government agencies and major foundations.

As ISERP co-directors, we hope you will join with us in recognizing the many people who made all this possible. We are thinking especially of the hard work of our staff, the management skills of our Director of Administration and Finance, Jo-Ann Espailat, and the guidance and support of our Executive Committee, whose 2016-17 members were Wojciech Kopczuk, Elizabeth Povinelli, Stephanie Schmitt-Grohe, Michael Riordan, and Bob Shapiro. But no one has done more to put ISERP on a new and stronger foundation than Alondra Nelson, the outgoing dean of the social sciences and new President of the Social Science Research Council.

ISERP has a distinguished heritage. It plays a vital role in the life of the social sciences at Columbia. The work of this past year demonstrates its potential for even greater centrality in the future.



Matthew J. Connelly



Thomas A. DiPrete

The Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy (ISERP) is Columbia University's research institute dedicated to the social sciences. ISERP pioneers research and integrates knowledge and methods across the social sciences.

ISERP achieves its mission to bring ideas into the world by fostering a dynamic intellectual community for the social science community at Columbia University, strategically investing in research development, and translating social science research for the broader public and policy-making worlds. ISERP is distinguished by the breadth of its programming, which addresses the needs of doctoral students, as well as of faculty, masters students and postdoctoral fellows. ISERP's stimulating intellectual environment and innovative social science and policy research are predicated on substantive and ongoing education and training, as well as research development, education and training programs, centers, workshops and administrative support.

ISERP works within the intellectual community of Columbia University to generate, find external support for, and publicize innovative basic and applied social science research. Participation in ISERP's core activities spans the departments of Anthropology, Economics, History, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, and Statistics, as well as Barnard College, the Earth Institute, Teachers College, the Mailman School of Public Health and the Schools of Architecture, Planning and Preservation, Business, International and Public Affairs, Law, and Social Work.

## History

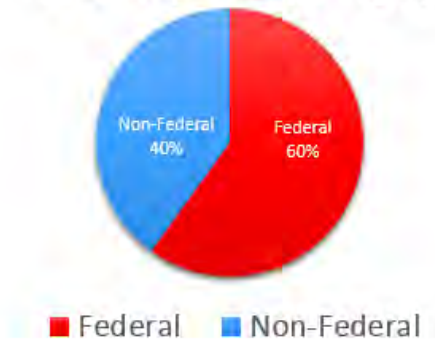
ISERP is descended from the Bureau for Applied Social Research (BASR), established in 1944 by sociologist Paul F. Lazarsfeld after the Rockefeller Princeton Radio Project moved to Columbia University. The Bureau secured Columbia's place as a pioneering institution in the social sciences, making landmark contributions to mass communications research, public opinion polling, organizational studies, and social science methodology. After Lazarsfeld's death in 1976, the legacy of the bureau was carried on by the Center for the Social Sciences, which was later renamed in Lazarsfeld's honor. Under directors Harold Watts, Jonathan Cole, and Harrison White, the Center continued the tradition of pushing the boundaries of social scientific methodology and interdisciplinary research, particularly in the areas of sociology of science and network analysis.

The Paul F. Lazarsfeld Center for the Social Sciences was incorporated into what was then called the Institute for Social and Economic Theory and Research (ISETR) at its founding in 1999. Joining the Center at ISETR were the Center for Urban Research and Policy, founded in 1992, and a number of new research centers. In 2001, ISETR merged with the Office of Sponsored Research at Columbia's School of International and Public Affairs, and changed its name to reflect the broadened scope of its activities.

## Research Development Office

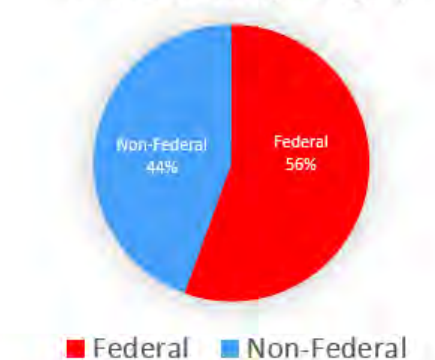
The Research Development Office (RDO) supports investigators in Anthropology, Economics, History, Political Science, Sociology, and the School of International and Public Affairs. In the last fiscal year, the RDO assisted with the submission of 85 grant proposals to 22 government agencies, foreign institutions, and private foundations.

FY 17 Proposals by Category



ISERP’s work resulted 36 grants awarded by 20 sponsors in FY 17. These grants support the research of 44 Columbia investigators, including graduate student dissertation grants, as well as the numerous graduate students, officers of research, and postdoctoral scholars who support them.

FY 17 Awards by Category



Among the recent sponsors of ISERP grants is the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), an independent federal agency established in 1965 to support scholarship, preservation, and public access to the humanities. This is the first NEH award administered by ISERP, and it supports Professor Pamela Smith’s project “Craft Techniques and Knowledge Systems in a 16th-Century Artist’s Manuscript: An Open-Access Critical Edition and Translation,” part of the larger Making and Knowing Project. Pamela Smith is Seth Low Professor of History and Director of the Center for Science and Society. Her research on BnF Ms. Fr. 640, a collection of working notes of an anonymous artist/scientist, will result in a digital translation of an important work documenting the early stages of the Scientific Revolution. The edition will include images of the original text, the English translation alongside the French transcription, media, and tools for teachers and students.



# Research Development Office

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## RDO Events

In addition to one-on-one meetings with faculty and students, ISERP coordinated events for larger groups. The Grants Manager met with doctoral students in History, Economics, Political Science, Sociology, and Anthropology during the fall semester to discuss the submission process. Additionally, in the spring semester ISERP hosted staff from the Human Research Protection Office, who gave a workshop on obtaining approval from the Internal Review Board (IRB) for research on human subjects.

## Seed Grants

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Full-time faculty in the social sciences and the School of International and Public Affairs are eligible to apply for up to \$15,000 in seed funding to develop a proposal for an external sponsor. ISERP issued two calls for proposals in FY 17 and awarded five seed grants:

“Cap and Trade - China Style”

Investigator: Douglas Almond

Department: School of International and Public Affairs/Economics

This seed grant has already resulted in an NSF award in collaboration with the University of Colorado at Boulder under the title “Collaborative Research: Market Based Emissions Policies.”

“Informality, heterogeneity, and unemployment insurance programs over the development process”

Investigator: Francois Gerard

Department: Economics

“Improving Accountability in Electricity Supply: A Field Experiment in Rural India”

Investigator: Johannes Urpelainen

Department: Political Science

“The State Party Platform Database: A New Approach to Studying Party Competition in American Politics”

Investigator: Justin Phillips

Department: Political Science

“Can Comedy Be Convincing?”

Investigators: Robert Shapiro & Kevin Elliott

Department: Political Science

## External Grants

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Below are of the awards ISERP received in FY 17:

Collaborative Research: Market Based Emissions Policies

Sponsor: National Science Foundation

Investigators: Douglas Almond and Shuan Zhang (University of Colorado-Boulder)

Structural Changes in High Dimensional Factor Models

Sponsor: National Science Foundation

Investigator: Jushan Bai

Blue-sky Thinking: Impact of Airport Connectivity and Regional Innovation in the U.S.

Sponsor: Airport Cooperative Research Program

Investigators: Scott Barrett and Jason Wong

Doctoral Dissertation Research: The Politics of Status in International Development

Sponsor: National Science Foundation

Investigators: Allison Carnegie and Lindsay Dolan

Doctoral Dissertation Research: Dispossession and Agrarian Politics

Sponsor: National Science Foundation

Investigators: Partha Chatterjee and Geoffrey Aung

Doctoral Dissertation Research in Economics: Urban Transit Infrastructure and the Growth of Cities

Sponsor: National Science Foundation

Investigators: Donald Davis and Sun Kyoung Lee

Doctoral Dissertation Research: Race, Achievement and Trust in Student-Teacher Relationships

Sponsor: National Science Foundation

Investigators: Thomas DiPrete and Brittany Fox

Migration and Development for the Next Decade: The Sutherland Report

Sponsor: Open Society Foundations

Investigator: Michael Doyle

Toward the Establishment of a Network of Scholars Focused on Women, Peace, and Security and a New Foreign Policy Agenda

Sponsor: Compton Foundation

Investigator: Yasmine Ergas

Gates Tutoring and Learning Center

Sponsor: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

Investigators: Richard Friesner, Ann McDermott, and Thomas DiPrete

Doctoral Dissertation Research: Legitimizing the State or a Grievance?

Sponsor: National Science Foundation

Investigators: Timothy Frye and Jacob Kopas

The effect of citizen empowerment on fee-based public service provision and urban governance in India

Sponsor: Evidence in Governance and Politics

Investigators: Nikhar Gaikwad, Anjali Bohlken (Georgia Institute of Technology), and Gareth Nellis (University of California-Berkeley)

Causal inference using hierarchical and nonparametric Bayesian interaction models

Sponsor: Office of Naval Research

Investigators Andrew Gelman and Jennifer Hill (New York University)

The economic and fiscal impacts of special tax treatments in Value Added Tax (VAT) Systems

Sponsor: International Growth Centre

Investigators: François Gerard and Joana Naritomi (London School of Economics)

The Impact of Wealthy Donor Consortia on U.S. Politics and Public Policy

Sponsor: Russell Sage Foundation

Investigators: Alexander Hertel-Fernandez and Theda Skocpol (Harvard University)

Climate Change Risks and Capital Market Efficiency

Sponsor: Norges Bank

Investigator: Harrison Hong

Developing a Tool to Formally Characterize and Diagnose Research Designs

Sponsor: Laura and John Arnold Foundation

Investigators: Macartan Humphreys, Jasper Cooper, Graeme Blair (University of California-Los Angeles), and Alexander Coppock (Yale University)

Doctoral Dissertation Research: Making Democracy Work for Women: Gender Gaps in Political Participation and Representation

Sponsor: National Science Foundation

Investigators: Macartan Humphreys and Sarah Khan

Doctoral Dissertation Research: The Political Determinants of Economic Exchange

Sponsor: National Science Foundation

Investigators: Macartan Humphreys and Abhit Bhandari

RIDIR: Collaborative Research: Computational and Historical Resources on Nations and Organizations for the Social Sciences (CHRONOS)

Sponsor: National Science Foundation

Investigators: Robert Jervis, Owen Rambow, Matthew Connelly, and Arthur Spirling (New York University)

Doctoral Dissertation Research: Intergenerational Transmission of Status in New Immigrant Families

Sponsor: National Science Foundation

Investigators: Shamus Khan and Nicol Valdez

Interactions between closely-held firms and their owners

Sponsor: Research Council of Norway

Investigators: Wojciech Kopczuk, Annette Alstadsæter (Norwegian University of Life Sciences), Martin Jacob (WHU – Otto Beisheim School of Management), and Kjetil Telle (Statistics Norway)

CAREER: Interdealer Networks and the Distribution of Credit Risk

Sponsor: National Science Foundation

Investigator: Jennifer La'O

Learning accountability: Can formal education help hold politicians to account?

Sponsor: Spencer Foundation

Investigators: John Marshall and Horacio Larreguy Arbesu (Harvard University)

Doctoral Dissertation Grant: An Ethnography of Chronic Disease Risk and Pre-Diabetes

Sponsor: National Science Foundation

Investigators: Alondra Nelson and Emily Vasquez

Doctoral Dissertation Research: American Mayors: How Voters Choose and How Mayors Shape Policy

Sponsor: National Science Foundation

Investigators: Justin Phillips and Patricia Kirkland

Doctoral Dissertation Research in Economics: Reference Dependence and Option Adjustable Rate Mortgages

Sponsor: National Science Foundation

Investigators: Bernard Salanie and Christopher Hansman

Workshop: Translation and Encoding for the Making and Knowing Project

Sponsor: National Science Foundation

Investigator: Pamela Smith

Craft Techniques and Knowledge Systems in a 16th-Century Artist's Manuscript: An Open-Access Critical Edition and Translation

Sponsor: National Endowment for the Humanities

Investigator: Pamela Smith

## Featured Faculty for FY 2017

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### Lila Abu-Lughod

As part of her research project, “Religion and the Global Framing of Gender Violence,” supported by a grant from the Henry Luce Foundation, Dr. Abu-Lughod, along with her colleagues Rema Hammami (Bizeit), Janet Jakobsen (Barnard), and Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian (Madaal-Carmel), is working on a three-year initiative that brings together scholars, international experts, and local activists in different world regions to advance research-based analyses of the role of religion in naming, framing, and governing the problems of violence against women (VAW) and gender-based violence (GBV). Given growing feminist concerns about an emerging “common sense” in policy and perception in global institutions, this project seeks to mobilize the collective experience, expertise, and creativity of an international group of critical feminist scholars, practitioners, and journalists. They seek to develop analyses of the way anti-GBV work is being organized and understood in various national contexts. In the fall of 2016 the project held a workshop at Columbia to determine the themes and foci of the international workshops to be convened in the Middle East and South Asia in the following two years. In the spring, an international competition resulted in the selection of three media fellows to join the project in 2017-18. These journalists will attend an international workshop in September at the Columbia Global Center | Middle East, Amman, after which they will complete 2-3 week residencies in the Middle East to produce articles that will reframe stories about religion and gender violence. The project also co-hosted two public events with the Center for the Study of Social Difference (CSSD) in 2016-17: “Is Gender Violence Governable? International Feminist Regulation” and “Framing Religion and Gender Violence: Beyond the Muslim Question.” You can visit <http://socialdifference.columbia.edu/projects/religion-and-global-framing-gender-violence>.

### Andrew Gelman

During the past year, Dr. Gelman has worked on applied projects in social science and public health and work on polls and elections that appeared in the New York Times, Slate, and other media outlets. Dr. Gelman's method of MRP (multilevel regression and poststratification), was used by YouGov, the only major pollster to accurately model the 2017 general election in the United Kingdom. This project also used Stan, the open-source software project developed by several scholars at ISERP, including Robert Carpenter, Michael Betancourt, Mitzi Morris, Sean Talts, Ben Goodrich, Jonah Gabry, and Daniel Lee, as well as Dr. Gelman. Stan now has a user community of tens of thousands and is part of several federally funded research grants at Columbia. In addition to the aforementioned applied and programming work, Dr. Gelman and his colleagues have also published many papers in statistical methods in the past year which have appeared in leading journals in statistics, psychology, and other fields. You can visit <http://www.stat.columbia.edu/~gelman/research/published/>.

## Featured Faculty for FY 2017

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### Don Green

Over the last year Dr. Green has conducted field experiments to gauge the persuasive effects of mass communications. A large extramural grant managed by ISERP funded the second of two rounds of randomized experiments in Uganda; the study looked at the persuasive effects of public service announcements regarding teacher absenteeism, domestic violence, and stigmatization of women who have abortions. In 2016, over 5,000 interviews were conducted in 110 villages, including the first-ever interviews comparing the social attitudes of parents and teenagers. In 2017, Dr. Green received a top-up grant to re-interview participants to assess long-term effects. The results, showing significant declines in domestic violence in treated villages, were presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. In addition, he collaborated with Dr. Chris Blattman, at the University of Chicago, on a randomized evaluation of two large-scale anti-crime interventions in Bogota and Medellin, Colombia. A grant from J-PAL North America enabled him to conduct an experiment testing the persuasive effect of radio on teen births among Latinas in California, the results of which await the release of official birth data. He also continues to conduct field experiments testing the effects of policy-related interventions in the domain of campaign finance. The latest of his experiments assess the effects on consumer preferences of disclosing firms' partisan campaign contributions. You can visit <https://sites.google.com/site/donaldpgreen/>

### Alexander Hertel-Fernandez

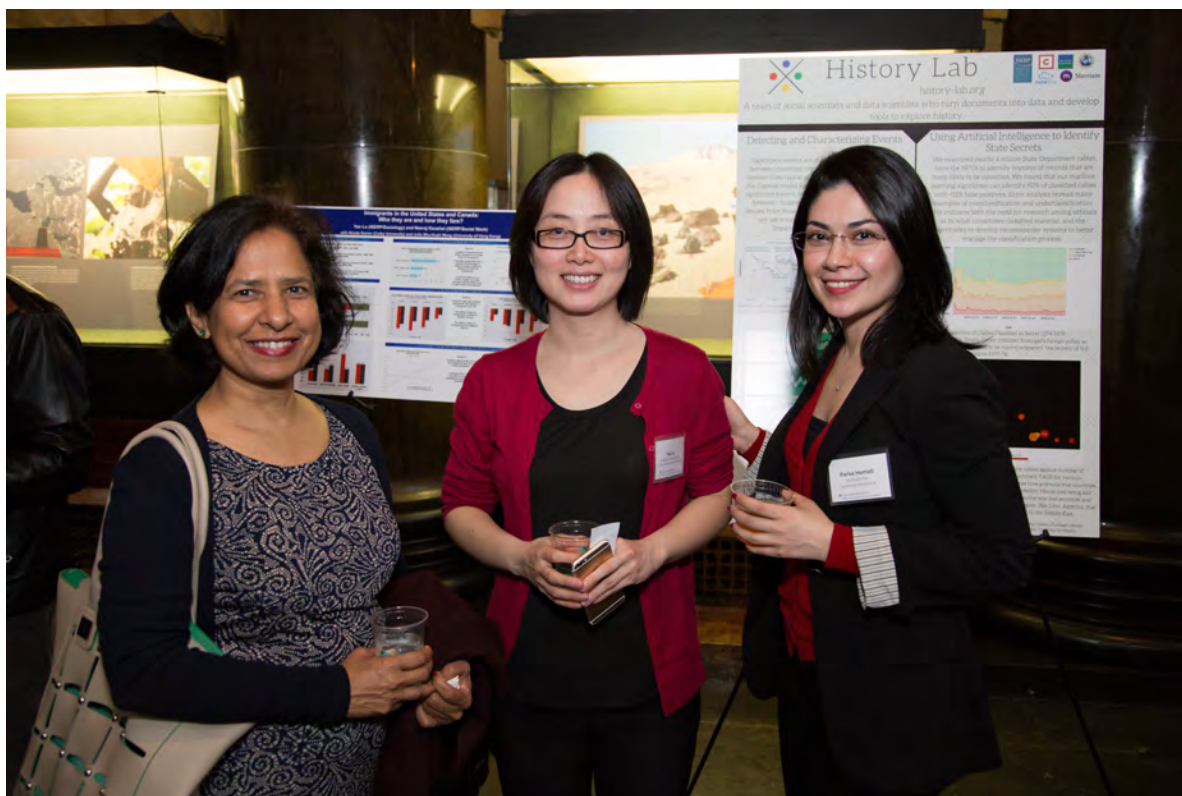
As part of his research grant from the Russell Sage Foundation, Dr. Hertel-Fernandez has been studying donor consortia: membership organizations of wealthy Americans who pool their financial resources to invest in politics. Focusing on the Democracy Alliance and the Koch seminars, he has been working to gather information on the changing operations and strategies of both consortia, including the participants at their twice-yearly convenings, funded organizations, and investment approaches. He has also been working to understand how the investment patterns from these consortia shape the constellations of interest groups active on the left and right—and their implications for the substance of policy debates across the U.S. states. Over the past year, he and his research collaborators have interviewed key actors, presented his research at major political science conferences and to public audiences, and submitted their research for review in peer-reviewed journals. You can visit <http://www.hertelfernandez.com/>



## Featured Faculty for FY 2017

### Yao Lu

Over the past year, Dr. Lu has worked on several projects in the areas of migration and social demography. One line of her research demonstrates how social and demographic transitions shape political development in China, using survey data and interviews she collected with a group of collaborators. Another line of work engages the political debate on immigration by comparing the immigration policies in the United States and Canada and the implications of the policy differences for immigrants' characteristics and labor market outcomes. She also investigates how family processes condition women's employment trajectories in the United States and how women's experiences vary by their ethnicity and nativity. Lu's research was published in leading sociology, demography, and China studies journals last year. You can visit <http://www.columbia.edu/~yl2479/>



Dr. Lu and colleagues at the 2017 Research Social.

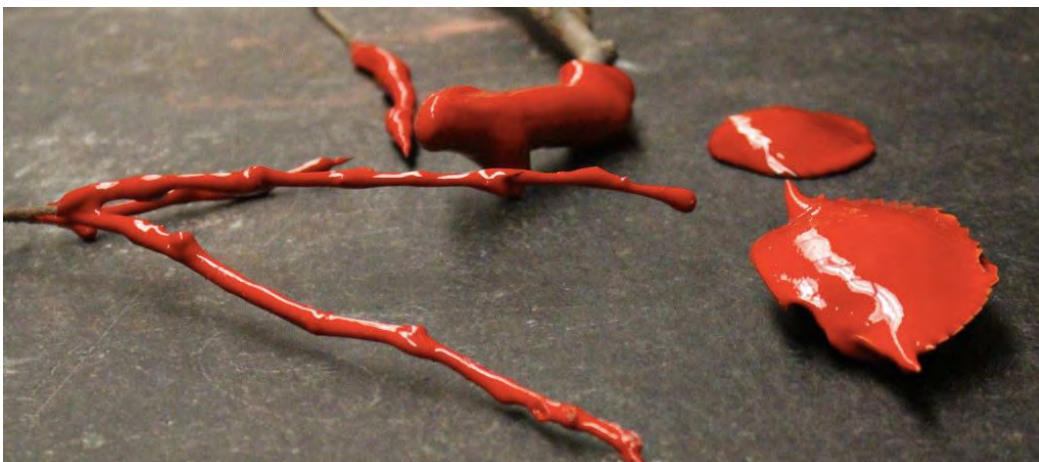
## Featured Faculty for FY 2017

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### Pamela H. Smith

Dr. Pamela Smith's "Making and Knowing Project" is a research and pedagogical initiative in the Center for Science and Society at Columbia that explores the intersections between artistic making and scientific knowing. Drawing on techniques from both laboratory and archival research, the Making and Knowing Project crosses the science/humanities divide and explores the relationships between today's labs and the craft workshops of the past, as well as between pre-industrial conceptions of natural knowledge and our understandings of science and art today. From 2014 through 2019, the Project's focus is the creation of a digital critical edition of an intriguing anonymous sixteenth-century French artisanal and technical manuscript, BnF Ms. Fr. 640. In 2017 the project received funding from the National Science Foundation and the Luce Foundation to continue core activities. In response to the many requests to see the workings of the lab, the project hosted an Open Lab Day, where visitors toured through the lab, watched students lead demonstrations of past experiments, and discussed their results.

They also celebrated a crucial milestone with their 2017 Text Workshop participants who produced a complete transcription of BnF Ms. Fr. 640, as well as a nearly complete translation. They have also made excellent progress on completing the markup of the manuscript, which will make possible data analysis. They have begun working with a digital design and development team to build the final edition, scheduled for release in 2019. The project continues to meet important milestones. One of the Project's aims has been to explore the amalgam of mind and hand (making and knowing) that typifies skilled crafts, by seeking out a methodology for research on objects and texts of making, as well as a vocabulary that expresses the cognitive dimensions of craft. The Project has organized several events to explore further the cognitive dimensions of craft, and on a larger scale, is seeking partners for a neuroscientific exploration of the understudied cognitive and neural effects of complex sensorimotor skills, such as those of skilled craftspeople, in order to investigate their potential role in neuroprotection and healthy aging, with the goal of reducing the global impact of dementia. You can visit: <http://www.makingandknowing.org/>



Materials from the Making and Knowing lab.

## Featured Faculty for FY 2017

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### Michael Woodford

Dr. Woodford's Cognitive and Behavioral Economics Initiative supports research in the role of cognitive processes in explaining economic behavior, and the consequences of cognitive limitations for the way in which behavior responds to changing environments and policies. Among other goals, it seeks to deepen the empirical foundations of economic analysis by encouraging exchange of ideas among economists, psychologists, and neuroscientists. Among the activities supported by the Initiative are an interdisciplinary seminar series, the Cognition and Decision Seminar Series, which brings visiting researchers to Columbia. In the fall of 2016, they held seminars on "The Brain's Functional Network Architecture Reveals Human Motives," Normative Decisions Between More than Two Alternatives," and "A Multisensory Approach for Understanding Design Circuits" and in the spring of 2017, "The Role of Salience and Attention in Choice Under Risk: An Experimental Investigation," "Neuronal Foundations for Economic Value" and "Betwixt Fast and Slow: Integrating Model-Free and Model-Based Decision Making." In the spring they also held a one-day "Workshop on Information Processing and Behavioral Variability," which brought together researchers from the fields of economics, psychology, neuroscience and computer science to explore common themes from the perspectives of their respective disciplines. Dr. Woodford hosted a research visitor Rafael Polonia, from the University of Zurich, and also funds a Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in Neuroeconomics, which allows Columbia to host a young researcher with interests in the cognitive foundations of economic decisionmaking.

The first and current fellow under this program, is Dr. Mel Win Khaw, whose work over this past year has resulted in a new publication: "Discrete Adjustment to a Changing Environment: Experimental Evidence", with Luminita Stevens, and Dr. Woodford. The initiative also funds a Graduate Fellowship and continues to support the Cognition and Decision Lab, which provides an organizational structure where faculty, researchers, and students can pursue research on the cognitive foundations of economic decisionmaking and share ideas. In addition, Dr. Woodford continued work on his research project "Information-Constrained Dynamic Models of Choice Behaviour," an NSF-funded grant to develop and experimentally test cognitive process models of individual decision making. You can visit <http://econ.columbia.edu/cognitive-and-behavioral-economics-initiative>

## Books

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Lila Abu-Lughod, Anthropology

*Veiled Sentiments: Honor and Poetry in a Bedouin Society, 30th Anniversary Edition, with a New Afterword:* University of California Press, 2016

Manan Ahmed, History

*A Book of Conquest: The Chachnama and Muslim Origins in South Asia:* Harvard UP, 2016

Timothy Frye, Political Science

*Property Rights and Property Wrongs: How Power, Institutions and Norms, Shape Economic Conflict in Russia:* Cambridge University Press, 2017

Andrew Gelman, Political Science

*Teaching Statistics: A Bag of Tricks:* Oxford University Press, 2001

Robert Jervis, Political Science/SIPA

*How Statesmen Think: The Psychology of International Politics:* Princeton UP, 2017

*REVEL for International Politics: Enduring Concepts and Contemporary Issues:* Pearson 2016

Shamus Khan, Sociology

*Approaches to Ethnography: Analysis and Representation in Participant Observation:* Oxford UP, 2017

Alondra Nelson, Sociology

*The Social Life of DNA: Race, Reparations, and Reconciliation After the Genome:* Beacon 2016

Elizabeth Povinelli, Anthropology

*Geontologies: A Requiem to Late Liberalism:* Princeton UP, 2016

Tonya Putman, Political Science

*Courts without Borders: Law, Politics, and U.S. Extraterritoriality:* Cambridge UP, 2016

Rhiannon Stephens, History

Co-Author: Axel Fleisch

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Michael Woodford, Economics

Co-Authors: Elias Albagli, Diego Saravia

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## Centers

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### Applied Statistics Center

The Applied Statistics Center (ASC) is a community of scholars at Columbia organized around research projects in the human, social, and engineering sciences, as well as basic statistical research. In addition to coordinating existing projects and seminars, the Center supports visitors and research fellows, facilitates the development of new projects, and connects Columbia students in statistics and quantitative social science as part of research teams in data-rich projects, providing topics for M.A. and Ph.D. theses.

Link:

<http://applied.stat.columbia.edu/>

Director:

Andrew Gelman, Professor of Statistics and Political Science

### Center for the Study of Development Strategies

The Center for the Study of Development Strategies (CSDS) provides a forum at Columbia to support rigorous field based research on major questions in the political economy of development. Research at the center focuses on democracy and governance, peacebuilding, and aid effectiveness. The center is supported by the Earth Institute, ISERP, and the Political Science department at Columbia.

Link:

<http://cu-csds.org/>

Director:

Macartan Humphreys, Professor

### Center for the Study of Wealth and Inequality

The Center for the Study of Wealth and Inequality (CWI) takes as its mission the national and comparative investigation of social inequality in its various forms, including income, wealth, education, and work, both at the population level and for subgroups defined by race, gender, ethnicity, immigrant status, and geography. The Center's interests include the causes and consequences of inequality, poverty, and mobility along with social policies that affect and that potentially may reduce inequality.

Link:

<http://blogs.cuit.columbia.edu/cwi/>

Director:

Seymour Spilerman, Julian Clarence Levi Professor in the Social Sciences



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### Center on African American Politics and Society

The Center on African American Politics and Society (CAAPS) provides an intellectual infrastructure for social science research on the political, social, and economic conditions affecting black communities. It aims to support theoretically sophisticated and policy-informed research among Columbia faculty, using a variety of methods and approaches that intersect various disciplines, including political science, psychology, sociology, law, economics and urban studies. With its emphasis on policy-relevant research, the Center on African American Politics and Society aims to bridge the center's research with the needs and concerns of policy and community-based actors who work within and on behalf of black communities.

Link:

<http://caapsociety.org/>

Director:

Fredrick C. Harris, Professor of Political Science

### Center on Organizational Innovation

The Center on Organizational Innovation (COI) promotes research on organizational innovation as well as new forms of collaboration, communication, and coordination made possible with the advent of interactive technologies.

Link:

<http://www.columbia-coi.com/>

Director:

David Stark, Arthur Lehman Professor of Sociology

### Columbia Experimental Laboratory for the Social Sciences

The Columbia Experimental Laboratory for the Social Sciences (CELSS) has opened at Columbia. CELSS resides on the 5th floor of the International Affairs Building and is an interdisciplinary venue for researchers in Economics, Political Science, Sociology, SIPA and the Business School. It has 24 computers for participants and one computer for the experimenter. The goal is to enable students and faculty to run laboratory experiments in a controlled setting.

Link:

<http://blogs.cuit.columbia.edu/celss/>

Director:

Alessandra Casella, Professor



## Centers

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### Deepak and Neera Raj Center on Indian Economic Policies

The Center was formed under the auspices of the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) and through the generous support of Deepak and Neera Raj. Prior to the establishment of the Deepak and Neera Raj Center on Indian Economic Policies, research on the Indian economy at Columbia University was undertaken by the Program on Indian Economic Policies, funded by the John Templeton Foundation. The program houses a data center on India's economy and organizes lectures, seminars, and conferences in the U.S. and India. Research topics addressed by the program include the relationship between poverty and democracy, policies aimed at transforming India from a primarily rural, agrarian economy into an urban and modern one, policies to promote better health outcomes, and state-level policy reforms necessary to accelerate growth and reduce poverty.

Link:

<http://indianeconomy.columbia.edu/>

Director:

Jagdish Bhagwati, University Professor

### Justice Lab

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Director:

Bruce Western, Visiting Professor of Sociology

## Workshops

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### **American Politics Workshop**

The American Politics Workshop explores scholarly issues and controversies involving the role of politics in American society. It provides a forum for scholars in the American politics academic community to exchange ideas and receive feedback on their ongoing work. Topics are various, including public opinion and political behavior, electoral politics, American public policy, political institutions and their interactions, plus the connections among the demands of society and public opinion on the one hand and public policy on the other.

### **Columbia University International Politics Seminar**

The Columbia University International Politics Seminars (CUIPS) provides an essential forum for faculty and graduate students to meet and discuss cutting-edge research in international relations. The mission of this seminar series is to bring the country's foremost junior faculty in international relations to present their work at Columbia. The series also creates multiple opportunities for graduate students to meet and discuss their research with invited speakers.

### **Comparative Politics Seminar**

The comparative politics seminar meets once a week in the International Affairs Building. The seminar brings faculty from other departments to present their work on topics related to comparative politics. In addition, it also allows for advanced graduate students in the department to present their work.

### **Political Economy Colloquium**

The Columbia Political Economy Colloquium is an interdisciplinary forum where graduate students, faculty, and visitors in Economics and Political Science present work-in-progress on political economy.

### **Political Economy Seminar**

The primary goal of the seminar is to bring some of the brightest and most innovative scholars in the field of political economy to Columbia University, and to expose faculty and students to their work. In addition, the seminar creates a unique opportunity for cross-disciplinary discussion between economists and political scientists. The speakers receive valuable feedback on their work as a result of the seminar.

### **Politics, Society, Environment, and Development Seminar**

A series focused around the topic “Ethnographic Futures” that brings together a group of students and faculty from the social sciences, humanities, and arts to think about how ethnographic methods have moved out of anthropology to a broader set of disciplines and how other disciplines and other mediums (aside from writing) have transformed ethnographic methods.

## Workshops

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### **Undocumented Stories: Writing Africa and the Americas across the Disciplines**

This workshop aims to bring together scholars interested in reconstructing the history and experiences of people in Africa and the Americas (with a special focus on indigenous communities) in contexts of limited or non-existent contemporaneous documentation using methodologies from a range of disciplines. The scarcity of written records and/or of conventional archives necessitates an interdisciplinary approach, drawing on linguistic, ethnographic, archaeological, music, and art-historical evidence alongside oral traditions, literature and history.

### **Toxic Sovereignties Workshop**

Over the course of three years, the Toxic Sovereignties Workshop will explore how environmental toxicity has affected historical and contemporary forms of sociality in a variety of socio-historical and geographic contexts including but not limited to post-industrial landscapes in the US, mining and other extractive operations on Indigenous lands in the Papua New Guinea, Northern Australia and Canada, and agricultural contaminants in South Asia and the Caribbean.

### **Wealth and Inequality Seminar Series**

The interdisciplinary Seminar Series on Wealth and Inequality takes as its mission the investigation of income and wealth, along with exploring the dimensions of societal inequality in these household resources. Topics encompass issues of poverty, labor market behavior, public transfer programs and tax policy, in that each has a clear relevance to economic inequality, family resources, and to living standards.

### **Workshop on 20th Century Politics and Society**

The purpose of the Workshop on 20th Century Politics and Society is, first, to bring together scholars in history and political science (and other disciplines) to talk about issues of shared interest and to compare our often differing perspectives; second, to create a small intellectual community for students and faculty who work in related areas to reduce some of the isolation that often characterizes academic life at Columbia; and third, to tackle some interesting and important problems in the current scholarship on twentieth-century politics and society.

### **Workshop on Political Psychology**

This Workshop on Political Psychology brings together local political psychologists twice a year to discuss a small number of papers and to talk about political psychology more generally. The workshop provides an opportunity for people with similar intellectual and research interests to present work in progress, talk informally among themselves about developments in the field, discuss common issues of concern, and provide others with potential collaborators.

## Working Group on Computational Social Science

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The incipient field of computational social science continues to generate an array of multidisciplinary projects, often pursued in partnership with computer scientists, statisticians, and mathematicians. These projects often require methodological innovation or scaling proven techniques to new levels, as well as designing new metrics and interfaces to make research findings intelligible to scholars who lack coding skills but have deep domain expertise.

In 2016-17, ISERP Co-director Matthew Connelly therefore started a Working Group on Computational Social Science in partnership with the Data Science Institute (DSI). In biweekly meetings, research presentations, and occasional public lectures, the group explored both the practical challenges of organizing and supporting this work, as well as larger questions about how the information revolution is transforming society as a whole.

These discussions inspired the new Data Ethics Start-Up Center, spearheaded by Josh Whitford, Manan Ahmed, and Bruce Kogut. It also led to a year-long collaboration between Columbia Libraries and the Data Science Institute to jointly offer clinic hours for both faculty and student researchers. And it has begun a conversation about how Columbia could be using computational methods to study and improve itself, especially in the areas of health care and addressing gender bias in teaching. Most of the biweekly meetings consisted of informal conversations about what Columbia could be doing to better support research in computational social science. There were also a series of presentations on new research:

### Highlights

#### November 30th, 2016 Presentations

- Desmond Patton - "Intervening in Gang Violence: Using Qualitative Analysis"
- Tian Zheng on how the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency is sponsoring research in this field

#### February 3rd, 2017 Presentations

- Emi Nakamura - "Studying Ourselves: Leveraging Columbia's Internal Data on Healthcare to Enable Better Research and Better Policy"
- Eric Talley - "Contracting Out of the Fiduciary Duty of Loyalty: An Empirical Analysis of Corporate Opportunity Waivers"

#### April 7th, 2017 Presentations

- Hugo Zybelberg on course or course modules on ethics in data science that could be integrated in graduate curricula, potentially starting next year at Columbia.
- Ben Schmidt on tools that can measure gender bias in course evaluations.
- Josh Whitford and Manan Ahmed on proposed new research using Columbia teacher evaluation data.

## Working Group on Computational Social Science

### May 9th, 2017 Presentations

- Kevin Munger - "Don't @ Me: Experimentally Reducing Partisan Incivility on Twitter"
- Tamar Mitts - "Violent extremism at the age of social media"
- Kovas Boguta on modelling Twitter

The CSS working group also organized a series of well-attended public lectures, featuring the following speakers:

- Andrew Gelman - "Ethics and the Replication Crisis in Science," February 28th, 6:00 pm
- Duncan Watts - "Computational Social Science: Exciting Progress and Future Challenges," March 24th, 12:00 pm
- Kenneth Prewitz - "The Transformation of the National Statistical System in the Era of Digital Data – Without a Roadmap," May 9th, 6:00 pm



Andrew Gelman, giving his talk on "Ethics and the Replication Crisis in Science."

## Tutoring and Learning Center

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The 2016-17 academic year was the first full year of operation for the Tutoring and Learning Center. It began the year with a small staff (an Executive Director, a Director of Tutoring, and a program coordinator) and a partnership with one school, Columbia Secondary School. Over the course of the year they recruited over 100 tutors, all students at Columbia University and Barnard College, hired eight additional staff members, and added a second partner school, in addition to creating and running a multi-faceted tutoring and mentoring program.

During the 2016-17 academic year, the TLC offered tutoring in Geometry and writing to 106 ninth grade students at the Columbia Secondary School. In the spring 2017 semester they also offered tutoring in Algebra to 55 ninth grade students at the Wadleigh Secondary School. They recruited, trained, and mentored over 100 tutors, all students at Columbia University and Barnard College. In-person tutoring was held at the schools during after-school hours Monday through Friday.

During the spring 2017 semester the TLC launched its technology loan program, distributing Chromebooks and hotspots with free wifi service to the high school students participating in the tutoring program. Online tutoring was offered Monday through Thursday from 7 pm to 9 pm for the spring semester. TLC also provided participating students with subscriptions to Mathspace, an online self-guided learning program. During the spring they held two Saturday enrichment programs on the Columbia University campus. These events brought high school students and their parents to campus for hands-on workshops led by Columbia and Barnard students and college-readiness programs.

The TLC staff learned a great deal from their first year and have spent the summer refining their program and preparing to analyze the data collected to measure impact and effectiveness. During the 2017-18 academic year they are excited to be offering tutoring in Geometry and Algebra 2 to 350 students in two partner schools, doubling the scale of their outreach efforts.



One of TLC's many outstanding scholars at an award ceremony.



## Justice Lab

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In the area of mass incarceration, research and convenings focus on the causes and consequences of criminal justice system involvement. Current projects include a study of legal debt, a study of solitary confinement in Pennsylvania, reentry studies in Boston, New York, and the Northern Territories of Australia, an Executive Session and a series of Roundtables on the future of criminal justice policy.

In the area of emerging adult justice, the Lab leads research projects to inform and drive developmentally appropriate and effective justice responses for 18 to 25-year-olds transitioning to adulthood. Current projects in this area include the Massachusetts Emerging Adult Justice (EAJ) Reform working group and issue briefs, an Emerging Adult Justice Learning Community, and national work on EAJ, specifically in California, Vermont, and Connecticut.

In the juvenile justice area, work focuses on the use of youth prisons, including a case study of a jurisdiction that has substantially reduced their use of youth prisons, and a working group of current and former juvenile correctional administrators to develop policies and practices aimed at eliminating the use of youth prisons in favor of best practices for this age group: community-based programming and small, homelike facilities.

New York-focused projects include work on the Rikers task force, in partnership with the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, as well as action research around the closure of the Rikers facility and implementing the recently-raised age of Family Court.



Vincent Schiraldi



Bruce Western

## Quantitative Methods in Social Science

The Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences (QMSS) program is an interdisciplinary social science MA degree program, focused on the design of social research, advanced statistical methodologies and data science. The program integrates perspectives and research strategies of six disciplines: economics, history, political science, psychology, sociology and statistics. QMSS was established in 1999 through the leadership of professors Andrew Gelman, Seymour Spilerman, and Gregory Wawro. QMSS joined the Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy (ISERP) in 2002.

With its largest cohort of students (84) and applicants to date (over 350), the QMSS MA program continues to grow in size, scope and programming. The QMSS students come from 20 countries, with dozens of undergraduate majors, and our graduates can be found working as data scientists, analysts, and academic researchers at many of the world's premier institutions, such as Google, American Express, McKinsey Consulting, the United Nations, the New York Federal Reserve, or the University of Chicago, Princeton, and Columbia itself, among many others.

QMSS now offers a very large set of elective courses, including Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Time Series and Forecasting, Bayesian Statistics, Missing Data, Advanced Analytic Techniques, Data Visualization, Data Mining, and Social Networks -- and the program continues to add new exciting courses, most recently, Applied Data Science and Modern Data Structures. These courses are taught by dedicated lecturers for QMSS or by adjunct faculty with strong connections to the New York tech community and/or to academia. QMSS elective courses have become quite valuable to the larger Columbia community, where now approximately 1 in 3 students in QMSS elective courses are not QMSS students.



QMSS students at graduation.

## Quantitative Methods in Social Science

A dedicated QMSS staff, along with the QMSS student group, QSAR - the Society for Quantitative Approaches to Social Research, offer a rich variety of advanced programming for the MA students, including alumni networking nights, career panels, technical workshops on topics like SQL, Python programming or shell-scripting, a hack-a-thon with the Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment, Ph.D. panels, and other socializing programs (like a Thanksgiving celebration).

Lastly, the QMSS Research Assistant program continues to provide research opportunities and support for students and faculty. The program provides valuable research experience and financial assistance to participating students and precious research assistance to faculty. Last year, QMSS supported over 30 faculty research projects, everything from studying the dynamics of crime and violence in Mexico to studying variation in antitrust laws across time and jurisdictions.

As it has done for the last 18 years, QMSS will continue to look for ways to add value to the experiences of the MA students in the program, and also for ways to support advanced quantitative research among the larger Columbia community as well.

QMSS has created a variety of concentrations of study for students to engage in, including in data science, economics, and experiments. These concentrations -- forged through strategic partnerships with other departments and schools, like the Data Science Institute -- help focus students' interests so they achieve their goals in the shortest period of time possible. QMSS is also famous, however, for the flexibility it offers its students, and so reflecting its strong interdisciplinary spirit, QMSS students took over 140 unique courses last year from dozens of departments and schools at Columbia.



QMSS students studying together.



## Program for Economic Research

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### Our Mission

Our mission is to ensure that economics faculty and students have access to the resources necessary to support research activities at the highest possible level and to help disseminate the resulting achievements. PER supports outreach activities to inform understanding of economic issues.

### Distinguished Lecture Series

The PER Distinguished Lecture Series was born out of the need to inform influential research agenda by prominent scholars in an accessible format.

Through the 2016–2017 year, PER hosted John Vickers (Oxford), Joshua Angrist (MIT), Douglas Bernheim (Stanford), Johannes Hörner (Yale), David Card (Berkeley), and Xavier Vives (IESE). Scholars addressed a variety of subjects ranging from financial crises, bank regulations, charter school reforms, and behavioral economics to the theory of supervised social learning by recommender systems.

In September 2016, PER hosted a special lecture by Lilja Alfredsdottir, Iceland’s Minister of Foreign Affairs. In the wake of 2008 Great Recession, the Icelandic economy experienced unprecedented economic collapse. Minister Alfredsdottir’s lecture reflected on Icelandic experience, which included economic policy measures and cooperation with the IMF to overcome the crisis.

In October 2016, Alan Krueger, PER’s Mitchell Professor Visiting from Princeton, led the panel discussion on “The Rise and Implications of 1099 Economy.” The panelists, including Susan Houseman (W. E. Upjohn Institute), Robert Solow (MIT), and David Weil (Department of Labor), along with Alan, addressed the rapidly changing nature of the jobs in the U.S. More and more workers are employed as independent contractors and freelancers (receiving 1099 tax forms), often “on-demand” and organized through digital platforms like Uber, TaskRabbit, and others. The panel discussed the forces behind this trend, the implications for workers and for the broader economy, and debated possible public policy responses.

### Conferences

The Program for Economic Research sponsored several conferences in FY17.

The annual NBER-NSF Times Series Conference, a conference in honor of Donald Davis, our Ragnar Nurkse Professor of Economics; “Riordanfest,” a conference honoring Michael Riordan, our Laurans and Arlene Mendelson Professor of Economics; our annual Columbia Political Economy Conference; and Interdisciplinary Workshop on Information Processing and Behavioral Variability were some of the notable events.

## Program for Economic Research

The NBER-NSF Conference is part of the Conference on Econometrics and Mathematical Economics (CEME) funded by the NSF and administered by the NBER. The objective is to foster the exchange of ideas between economists and statisticians with interests in analyzing economic time series.

In addition, PER co-organized the 21st Annual Meeting of the Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics (SIOE) was held in June 2017. The conference, co-organized with a number of other units, featured SIOE's president-elect W. Bentley MacLeod, our Sami Mnaymneh Professor of Economics. The conference attracted nearly 300 participants in multiple disciplines and featured keynote panel including two Nobel Laureates, Oliver Hart (Harvard University) and Bengt Holmström (MIT).

### Annual Kenneth Arrow Lecture

PER organized Columbia University's 9th Annual Kenneth Arrow Lecture in November 2016. Kenneth Arrow, the 1972 winner of the Nobel Prize in economics, was a pioneer of modern economic theory, with seminal contributions to social choice, general equilibrium, information economics, and influences on health and environment economics.

The lecture series, published as monographs by Columbia University Press, seeks to instill Ken's excellence and innovative spirit in economic research. Our 2016 lecturer was John Geanakoplos, James Tobin Professor at Yale University.



The 9th Annual Kenneth Row Lecture.

## 2016 -2017 Conferences

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Fredrick Harris, Professor of Political Science

Black Power at 50: Conference on the Scholarly Legacy of Charles V. Hamilton

Bentley Macleod, Sami Mnaymneh Professor of Economics and Professor of International and Public Affairs

Society for Institutional and Organizational Economics 2017 Conference

Adam Reich, Assistant Professor of Sociology

Producing Prisoners: Incarceration and the Labor Market

Pamela Smith, Seth Low Professor of History

The Center for Science and Society Interdisciplinary Conversations about Knowing and Certainty

Robert Shapiro, Wallace S. Sayre Professor of Government

Symposium in Honor of the scholarship of Prof. Robert S. Erikson

Thomas DiPrete, Giddings Professor of Sociology

Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility

Suresh Naidu, Associate Professor of International and Public Affairs and Economics

Political Economy Conference at Columbia

Lee Abraham, Lecturer in Spanish in the Department of Latin American and Iberian Cultures

Language Learning and Teaching in Urban Linguistics Landscapes



WT Grant Foundation Diversity Award Winners at the RC28 Conference.



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