Institution for Social and Policy Studies at Yale

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The Institution for Social and Policy Studies (ISPS) advances interdisciplinary research in the social sciences that aims to shape public policy and inform democratic deliberation. The ISPS network includes scholars and students from many departments in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences and from Yale’s graduate and professional schools.
ISPS was founded in 1968 to foster interdisciplinary collaborations at Yale. These collaborations focus on contemporary social problems and institutions and prepare students and scholars for leadership roles in policymaking.
A Proposal for the Creation of an Institute of Social Science, 1968

It is proposed that Yale University undertake to create an Institute of Social Science designed to serve two general purposes. The first purpose is to facilitate the application of the basic social sciences to contemporary human problems through research and in other ways.
A Proposal for the Creation of an Institute of Social Science, 1968

The second, and equally important, purpose is to contribute to the education of those who look forward to positions of public or private leadership, positions in which the social sciences may often find use.
A Proposal for the Creation of an Institute of Social Science, 1968

The Institute may include within its scope any of the human problems to which the social sciences may make contributions. At the same time the Institute will be limited in that all activities will be expected to be problem-oriented rather than discipline-oriented.
Jacob S. Hacker is the Director of ISPS and Stanley B. Resor Professor of Political Science at Yale. A regular media commentator and policy adviser, he is the author or co-author of seven books, numerous journal articles, and a wide range of popular writings on American politics and public policy. His most recent book, *American Amnesia: How the War on Government Led Us to Forget What Made America Prosper*— was a New York Times Book Review Editor’s Choice. Hacker is known for his research and writings regarding health policy, especially his development of the so-called public option. He was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2017.
DIRECTOR OF ISPS, 1996 - 2011

Donald P. Green is a political scientist and quantitative methodologist, the John William Burgess Professor at Columbia University. He is the author of four books and more than 100 essays. Professor Green's research interests span a wide array of topics: voting behavior, partisanship, campaign finance, hate crime, and research methods. Much of his current work uses field experimentation to study the ways in which political campaigns mobilize and persuade voters. He was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2003. In 2010, he founded the Experimental Research section of the American Political Science Association and served as its first president.
Bradford Gray is senior fellow emeritus at the Urban Institute and editor emeritus of *The Milbank Quarterly*, which he edited for 13 years. Gray is author of more than 100 articles and two books, *Human Subjects in Medical Experimentation* (1975) and *The Profit Motive and Patient Care* (1991). He is an elected fellow of The Hastings Center and AcademyHealth (the professional association of health services research) and was elected to the Institute of Medicine (now the National Academy of Medicine) in 2001.
Joseph LaPalombara is the Arnold Wolfers Professor Emeritus of Political Science and Management Emeritus, and a Senior Research Scholar in the Center for Comparative Research. He has recently concluded his 72nd year of teaching university students. Beginning in 1947 he has taught in leading universities here and in Europe. He has consulted with government agencies, with several major foundations, as well as with dozens of global firms in the U.S. and abroad. He has been the First Secretary of the U.S. Embassy in Rome, Italy.
DIRECTOR OF ISPS, 1981 - 1986

Richard R. Nelson is currently the George Blumenthal Professor Emeritus of International and Public Affairs, Business, and Law, and the director of the Program on Science, Technology and Global Development at Columbia’s The Earth Institute. He is one of the leading figures in the revival of evolutionary economics thanks to his seminal book, *An Evolutionary Theory of Economic Change* (1982) written jointly with Sidney G. Winter. He is also renowned for his work on industry, economic growth, the theory of the firm, and technical change.
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ISPS Directors

DIRECTOR OF ISPS, 1974 - 1980

Charles Edward Lindblom (1917 – 2018) was an American academic who was Sterling Professor Emeritus of Political Science and Economics at Yale University. He served as President of the American Political Science Association and the Association for Comparative Economic Studies, as well as Director of Yale's Institution for Social and Policy Studies. Lindblom was one of the early developers and advocates of the theory of Incrementalism in policy and decision-making. This view (also called Gradualism) takes a "baby-steps", "Muddling Through" or "Echternach Theory" approach to decision-making processes. In it, policy change is, under most circumstances, evolutionary rather than revolutionary.
John Perry Miller (1911 – 1997) joined the economics department at Yale in 1939. He became an authority on industrial organization and public policy and was on a committee of seven economists who advised President Harry S. Truman on stabilizing and rebuilding the New England economy after a recession in the late 1940's. Miller instituted Yale's first combined degree program, allowing students to receive a bachelor's and master's degree in the same course of study. He called the combined degree program a forebear of “radical readjustments of the relationships between our secondary schools, colleges and graduate and professional schools.” Combined degree programs are common today.
Located at 77 Prospect Street, the ISPS building is a hub for research, teaching, conferences, and workshops.

The original building, built in 1884, was the meeting place of the Wolf’s Head Society. Yale University purchased this building in 1924.
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CENTERS AND PROGRAMS

CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF AMERICAN POLITICS

ISPS HEALTH

YALE INTERDISCIPLINARY CENTER FOR BIOETHICS

PROGRAM ON ETHICS, POLITICS AND ECONOMICS

ISPS POLICY LAB
The Yale Center for the Study of American Politics (CSAP) promotes the work of scholars in the field of American politics. Using a broad set of methodological approaches, CSAP affiliates make significant contributions to our understanding of political institutions and behavior.
ALAN GERBER, DIRECTOR

Alan Gerber is Charles C. and Dorathea S. Dilley Professor of Political Science and Director of the Center for the Study of American Politics where he teaches courses on experimental methods, statistics, and American politics. His current research focuses on the application of experimental methods to the study of campaign communications.
ALAN GERBER, DIRECTOR

Professor Gerber has designed and performed experimental evaluations of many campaigns and fundraising programs, both partisan and non-partisan in nature. In 2014, he was elected into the American Academy of Political and Social Science as a Robert Dahl Fellow.
ISPS Health brings together scholars from across Yale who are focused on strengthening health care systems, helping people live healthier lives, and enhancing the way health care is delivered. The overarching goals of ISPS Health are to facilitate apolitical policy-relevant research, to provide a hub for health policy research and education, and to act as a conduit for translating research into policy.
ZACK COOPER, DIRECTOR OF ISPS HEALTH

Zack Cooper is Associate Professor of Public Health and of Economics, and a Resident Faculty Fellow at ISPS. Cooper’s work uses big data analysis and randomized trials to produce rigorous scholarship that can transform our understanding of health spending and health care delivery. Cooper has published his research in leading economics and medical journals including the *Quarterly Journal of Economics* and the *New England Journal of Medicine.*
Health Care Pricing Project (Zack Cooper)

The Health Care Pricing Project uses insurance claims data from Aetna, Humana, and UnitedHealth to examine the variation and growth in health care spending on the privately insured.
Launched in January 2017, the Policy Lab brings together Yale partners, local New Haven residents and organizations, government officials, and policy makers, creating one of the first student-focused models of a university-community policy partnership.

The film by two Yale students, Aaron Peirano Garrison and Clark Burnett, explores how minority police officers navigate an era of intense tension between police and minority communities. The film was followed by a panel discussion on race and policing featuring an esteemed group of activists, police officers, and experts on the criminal justice system.
“Do Body Cameras Affect Officers’ Behavior” (Nov. 16, 2017)

A discussion of the research by ISPS Resident Faculty Alexander Coppock on the effects of body cameras on police behavior. Body cameras are widely touted as a tool for reducing police misconduct, and increasing trust between police and the citizens they serve. Yet there is little evidence of whether police-worn body cameras are capable of inducing change in police officers’ behavior.
STEPHEN R. LATHAM, DIRECTOR

Stephen R. Latham is Director of the Yale Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics; Senior Research Scientist, Political Science; Adjunct Professor in Management; and Lecturer in Law. He is faculty chair of Yale’s Human Subjects Committee (social/behavioral Institutional Review Board), and serves on the Embryonic Stem Cell Review Board.
Yale Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics focuses its attention on bios or life, and the ways we have helped, broken and abused it. Our teaching and research program is broader than most bioethics programs’, and includes not only biomedical ethics but also environmental ethics, animal ethics, the ethics of scientific research, business and professional ethics, and ethics issues relating to new technologies.
Now in its 14th year, the Summer Institute is a unique and cherished program. The program is an intensive 7-week summer immersion for U.S. and international professionals and students from varying disciplines.
SHERWIN B. NULAND SUMMER INSTITUTE

Learning Objectives:

• Understand how they can use bioethics (or bioethical arguments) in their current careers;
• Further define their interests in bioethics before or after acquiring a Masters in Bioethics;
• Expand bioethics in their home country;
• See if a career in bioethics is right for them;
• Develop deeper knowledge in bioethics to supplement their current career or studies, often within law, medicine, public health, philosophy, and other disciplines.
The program is unparalleled in terms of:

• The breadth, depth, and quality of bioethics topics discussed in lectures and seminars;
• The faculty-to-participant ratio (our faculty nearly outnumber our participants);
• The enthusiasm of our faculty;
• The amount of personal growth one may experience when interacting with people from over 25 countries, from all continents across the globe.
The Program on Ethics, Politics, and Economics (EP&E) sponsors interdisciplinary teaching and research in the social sciences and humanities at Yale. It is designed to foster informed debate about public policy in the light of disciplined reflection on the fundamentals of human association. EP&E offers a seminar-based major for Yale College undergraduates.
FRANCES McCALL ROSENBLUTH, DIRECTOR

Frances McCall Rosenbluth is Damon Wells Professor of Political Science and Director of Ethics, Politics, and Economics. She is a comparative political economist with current research interests in war and constitutions, Japanese politics and political economy, and the political economy of gender.
FRANCES McCALL ROSENBLUTH, DIRECTOR

Professor Rosenbluth has received research support from the Fulbright Commission, the National Science Foundation, the Council on Foreign Affairs, and the Abe Foundation. Her recent books include *Women, Work, & Politics: The Political Economy of Gender Inequality* (2010), with Torben Iversen, and *Forged Through Fire: War, Peace, and the Democratic Bargain* (2016), with John Ferejohn.
KELLIANNE FARNHAM

Kelli has been working at Yale for 30 years, as of yesterday! She started at Yale Law School and moved to ISPS in 1991. She has been the registrar at EP& E since 1994.
Deborah Beim is Assistant Professor Political Science. She studies judicial politics and applied formal theory. Her current research focuses on communication and doctrinal development in the Courts of Appeals. Beim’s work has been published in *The Journal of Politics* and *The American Journal of Political Science*.
ANA L. DE LA O

Ana De La O is Associate Professor of Political Science. Her research interests include causes and consequences of redistribution, politics of public goods provision, effects of anti-poverty programs on the political behavior of recipients in developing countries, and the use of field experimental research methods. De La O is the author of *Crafting Policies to End Poverty in Latin America* (2015).
Alexander Coppock is Assistant Professor of Political Science. Professor Coppock’s principal research interest lies in political persuasion and its implications for the malleability of public opinion in the context of elections. His interests extend beyond persuasion to the design and analysis of randomized experiments.
John A. Henderson is Assistant Professor of Political Science. Professor Henderson focuses on the consequences of polarization on representation and policymaking in the U.S. and on the causes of participation and vote choice in congressional and presidential elections. Additional research interests include sensitivity and matching analysis for instrumental variables and imperfectly randomized experiments as well as dimensional scaling and analysis of text data.
GREGORY HUBER

Gregory Huber is Professor of Political Science and Associate Director of the Center for the Study of American Politics. His research spans a variety of topics in American politics and is motivated by a desire to understand the interactions among mass political behavior, elite politics, policy choices, and political institutions in explaining outcomes. He draws on multiple methodologies, spanning field interviews, formal modeling, large-scale survey and administrative records analysis, and field-, lab-, and quasi-experiments.
DAVID R. MAYHEW

David R. Mayhew is Sterling Professor of Political Science. His research concerns U.S. legislative behavior, U.S. political parties, and U.S. policymaking. Professor Mayhew is the author of ten books, including *Congress: The Electoral Connection*, *Divided We Govern, Parties and Policies: How the American Government Works*, and *Partisan Balance: Why Political Parties Don't Kill the U.S. Constitutional System*. 
Kelly Rader

Kelly Rader is Assistant Professor of Political Science. Her research interests include U.S. judicial politics, distributional politics, and methods for causal inference with observational data. Professor Rader has published in such journals as *The Journal of Politics, Political Analysis*, and *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*. 
STEPHEN SKOWRONEK

Stephen Skowronek is Pelatiah Perit Professor of Political and Social Science. His research concerns American national institutions and American political history. He is the author of four books, including *Building a New American State: The Expansion of National Administrative Capacities, 1877-1920* and *The Politics Presidents Make: Leadership from John Adams to Bill Clinton.*
IAN TURNER

Ian Turner is Assistant Professor of Political Science. His research focuses primarily on American political institutions and democratic accountability. In particular, his work examines interactions within the executive branch — e.g., the President and bureaucracy — as well as between the executive and other institutions — e.g., courts, Congress, and interest groups. He was a fellow in the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (2011-2014) and a graduate associate for the Center for Empirical Research in the Law.
SELECTED RECENT BOOKS BY RESIDENT FACULTY FELLOWS

**Winner-Take-All Politics**
Jacob S. Hacker & Paul Pierson

**The Policy State**
Karen Orren & Stephen Skowronek

**Unhealthy Politics**
Eric M. Patashnik, Alan S. Gerber, Conor M. Dowling

**Divided We Govern**
David R. Mayhew

*Simon & Schuster, 2010*
*Harvard University Press, 2017*
*Princeton University Press, 2018*
*Yale University Press, 2005*
ISPS Policy Fellows complete year-long research projects with implications for pressing policy concerns. These graduate students attend workshops, present their research, and contribute regularly to the ISPS blog, *Lux et Data*.
Started in 2015, the Dahl Research Scholars program honors the late Yale Professor Robert Dahl, widely considered the greatest American political scientist of the 20th century.

“If democracy is justified in governing the state, then it must also be justified in governing economic enterprises, and to say that it is not justified in governing economic enterprises is to imply that it is not justified in governing the state.”

~ Robert Dahl
ISPS FELLOWSHIPS FOR YALE STUDENTS

DAHL RESEARCH SCHOLARS

The fellowship is for Yale college students committed to positively influencing public policy research. The Dahl Scholars is a year-long program that gives students methodological training to carry out an independent research project on a pressing public policy matter in collaboration with scholars and graduates students affiliated with ISPS.
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DIRECTOR’S FELLOWS

During biweekly policy seminars, undergraduates Director’s Fellows meet with ISPS researchers, government officials, and other leading policy experts. Director’s Fellows are required to locate, secure, and complete a policy internship over the summer; in their second semester, they complete op-eds and policy briefs.
In 2001, previous ISPS Director Don Green, in close collaboration with current Resident Fellow and CSAP Director Alan Gerber, began the ISPS Field Experiments Initiative. “Field experiments” are fully-randomized research designs in which observations found in a naturalistic setting are assigned to treatment and control conditions.
This methodology is commonly seen as a turning point in the empirical study of voter behavior and has sparked a movement around randomized controlled trials in political science and the social sciences more broadly.
ISPS is at the forefront of data archiving and research reproducibility. The ISPS Data Archive, searchable through the KnowledgeBase, provides access to replication files for all studies conducted by ISPS-affiliated researchers. The ISPS Data Archive grew out of the Field Experiments Initiative and consists of social science research data from experiments.
YARD is an open-source web application for reviewing and enhancing research outputs.

YARD facilitates the production and sharing of quality research outputs by connecting researchers, curators, and publishers through a single pipeline to advance research reproducibility, transparency, and long-term use.

* Helps manage data curation and code review workflows.
* Integrates data curation and code review with metadata production.
* Tracks changes to files and metadata.
* Creates preservation metadata and file formats.
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Center for the Study of Inequality

Center for the Study of Inequality, Working Group (2015)
ISPS Events

Conference held on April 26 & 27, 2015

“Inequality, Politics, and Prosperity: Research and Remedies”

Co-sponsored by ISPS and the Washington Center for Equitable Growth
JENNIFER RICHESON, PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY

Jennifer Richeson is the Philip R. Allen Professor of Psychology at Yale. Her work focuses on the social psychological phenomena that pertain to cultural diversity. Richeson’s work — for which she was awarded a John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation fellowship in 2006 — concerns the ways in which aspects of social group memberships such as race, gender, and socio-economic status impact the way people think, feel, and behave. Specifically, she examines the processes of mind and brain that inform the ways in which individuals engage in and respond to stereotyping and prejudice. She sits on the ISPS Executive Committee.
Ebonya Washington, newly named as the Samuel C. Park Jr. Professor of Economics, specializes in public finance and political economy with research interests in the interplay of race, gender, and political representation; the behavioral motivations and consequences of political participation; and the processes through which low-income Americans meet their financial needs. She sits on the ISPS Executive Committee.
JODY SINDELAR, PROFESSOR OF HEALTH POLICY

Jody Sindelar is a professor and a health economist in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Yale School of Public Health. She is an expert on the economics of substance abuse with a policy focus on illicit drugs, smoking and alcohol addictions. She has published in economics, medical, addiction, and policy journals and has won research funding from the National Institutes of Health and private foundations. Sindelar is a Research Associate at NBER and Research Fellow at IZA. She has been the President-elect, President, Past President & founding member of the American Society of Health Economists. She serves on several editorial, advisory and review boards nationally and internationally, and is on the ISPS Executive Committee.
Abbe Gluck is a Professor of Law and the Faculty Director of the Solomon Center for Health Law and Policy at Yale Law School. She is an expert on Congress and the political process, federalism, civil procedure, and health law. She has worked in all levels in government, including as a speechwriter in the U.S. Senate and in senior positions in the administrations of New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine and New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg. She earned her B.A. and J.D. from Yale, and clerked for then-Chief Judge Ralph K. Winter on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Gluck has been published in the Yale Law Journal, the Harvard Law Review, the Stanford Law Review, the Columbia Law Review, the New England Journal of Medicine, Health Affairs, and many other journals.
AMANDA KOWALSKI, PROFESSOR OF ECONOMICS

Amanda Kowalski, the Gail Wilensky Professor of Applied Economics and Public Policy at the University of Michigan Department of Economics, is a health economist who specializes in bringing together theoretical models and econometric techniques to answer questions that inform current debates in health policy. Professor Kowalski’s recent research advances methods to analyze experiments and clinical trials with the goal of designing policies to target insurance expansions and medical treatments to individuals who will benefit from them the most. Her previous research has explored the impact of Medicaid expansions, the Affordable Care Act, the Massachusetts health reform of 2006, and employer-sponsored health insurance plans.
Mark Schlesinger is Chair of the Department of Health Policy and Management, Professor of Health Policy, a fellow of the Institution for Social and Policy Studies, and the second ISPS editor of the *Journal of Health Policy, Politics and Law*. He studies patient experience and patients' responses to problematic medical encounters, including ways of enhancing the scope, clarity, and influence of patient voice. Schlesinger’s other research addresses the determinants of public opinion about health and social policy, the influence of bounded rationality on medical consumers, and the impact of economic insecurity on public well-being and political attitudes. His favored sports include uncompetitive volleyball and unlighted table tennis.
Emeritus Professors

THEODORE MARMOR, PROFESSOR OF MANAGEMENT

Ted began his career at ISPS in 1979 when he spear-headed the Health Studies Program. He was the editor of *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* in its first incarnation at ISPS, and he was the Director of the RWJ Health Scholars Program from 1994-2002. His scholarship primarily concerns welfare state politics and policy in North America and Western Europe. He particularly emphasizes the major spending programs, which is reflected in the second edition of *The Politics of Medicare* (2000). He has authored or co-author of eleven books, and has published over a hundred articles in a wide range of scholarly journals, as well as being a frequent op-ed contributor to U.S. and Canadian newspapers.
Limor Peer, PhD, is Associate Director for Research at ISPS, where she oversees research infrastructure and communication. At ISPS, she led the creation of a specialized research data archive (the ISPS Data Archive), a digital repository for research produced by scholars affiliated with ISPS with a focus on experimental design and methods. She is responsible for establishing Archive policies and for designing a model workflow for sharing and preserving research data that implements the ideals of scientific reproducibility and transparency. Peer co-founded Curation for Reproducibility (CURE), a consortium of social science data archives. She sits on the board of the Roper Center for Public Opinion Research and serves on a number of advisory and task force groups working on data curation and research transparency.
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ISPS “HANDLERS”

Pam Lamonaca
Pam Greene
Tory Bilski
“I think my best memory has to be the launch of the Policy Lab - it showed how deeply students were to ISPS and how they very much needed a space to innovate and learn. I hope that President Salovey’s description of it as a “Maker’s space for policy” comes to fruition!”

~ Andy Papachristos, Northwestern
“When I joined Yale a couple years after graduate school, Don reached out to me and welcomed me to the ISPS family. I knew about Don's work by googling "power calculations encouragement design" when a first year professor at Princeton. Needless to say, this was early days and we were reinventing the wheel a bit. Luckily, Don's transparency and public service made my life easier. When I arrived at Yale, little did I know how great a home ISPS would for me. No doubt the intermingling of experimental designs and econometric discussions with elegant board games was great for capturing my attention. Thanks for helping to make Yale a great place to have grown-up, so to speak!”

~ Dean Karlan, Northwestern
JOHN BULLOCK, PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

“During my time at ISPS (2008 to 2015), it was a good place for many reasons—but I'd like to single out one reason, which was its large and excellent group of junior faculty. They were as smart as they were supportive of each other. I've been fortunate to work in good places ever since I became a professor, but I've never seen a place that had such a stellar collection of junior faculty interacting on a regular basis. It's something that I'll always miss, and something that I was lucky to be part of.”

~John Bullock, Northwestern University
“ISPS was a wonderfully stimulating place to begin my academic career, thanks to the energetic leadership of Don Green and the support of a great staff including Pam Greene, Pam Lamonaca, Victoria Bilski and Ella Futrell. ISPS was an ideal place to do policy-relevant social science research. The intellectual diversity of the scholars in the ISPS community made coming into the office a daily source of learning and fun. Fond memories include participating in RWJ health policy seminars moderated by Ted Marmor, watching my young kids play with ‘K’nex’ during ISPS holiday parties, and developing lifelong professional and personal friendships with Alan Gerber and Marty Gilens.

~Eric Patashnik, Brown University
VESLA WEaver, PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

“ISPS is a space where so many of my ideas and collaborations took shape. It was there that we had the idea to launch working groups – amidst a nation struggling with predatory government in Ferguson and Flint, we came together to build new concepts and dream big and work with folks on the ground. That group remains some of the first colleagues I turn to. It birthed the idea that landed a Carnegie, a co-authored book, and a new technological infrastructure. Jacob created the space to pose new questions about inequality, to revisit tired models, and to bring us together with non-academics always in conversation with urgent policy problems. This model should exist everywhere. I’m deeply grateful for the years I spent at ISPS and the colleagues I learned from and with.”

~Vesla Weaver, Johns Hopkins
ROGERS SMITH, PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

“In my early years at Yale, nothing was better than the weekly ISPS seminars that included Robert Dahl, Ed Lindblom, Bob Lane, Jim Fesler, Doug Rae, Bruce Ackerman and so many others. In the mid-1990s, then-assistant professor Cathy Cohen said to me that we should start an interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Race, Inequality, and Politics at ISPS, focused on graduate students as well as faculty. Cathy said “we’ll train the next generation of leaders in race and politics studies!” A few years later, the Dean of Yale’s Graduate School called to ask why recruitment of under-represented minority graduate students had increased so sharply in the social sciences. I said that was the Cathy Cohen/CSRIP curve. Seven scholars associated with the Center have since won the American Political Science Association’s annual Ralph Bunche Prize for best book on racial and ethnic politics. Cathy was right; and ISPS was vital to that success.”

~Rogers Smith, University of Pennsylvania
Sophie Jacobson is a PhD candidate in political science. Her research focuses on social policy and inequality in the United States and other advanced democracies. Sophie was a Graduate Policy Fellow in 2016-2017, and has been involved in coordinating the undergraduate fellowships at ISPS since beginning graduate school. She currently oversees the Dahl Research Scholars program.
CELENE REYNOLDS

Celene is a PhD candidate in the Department of Sociology at Yale. She studies why antidiscrimination law is used and interpreted differently in organizations over time, despite the fact that the letter of the law remains the same. Her dissertation project and book manuscript examine this question using the case of Title IX, the 1972 U.S. civil rights law that prohibits sex discrimination in education. She was a Graduate Policy Fellow in 2015 - 2016. She has received grants from NSF, NEA, and the National Academy of Social Policy.
TOREY MCMURDO

Torey is a political science Ph.D. candidate at Yale, with a research focus on cyber conflict and information warfare, and a pre-doctoral fellow at the U.S. Naval War College. She concurrently serves as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy and the National Academy of Social Policy. Originally from San Diego, McMurdo holds a B.A., magna cum laude with highest honors in political science from UCLA, and a M.A. in political science and Master of Philosophy from Yale. She was an ISPS Graduate Policy Fellow, and a fellow at Yale Law School’s Information Society Project.
GWEN PROWSE

Gwen is a joint doctoral student in political science and African American studies, with a focus on race and political economy in the United States. Her research explores how state policies shape civic agency, federalism, and how the legacy of slavery shapes political institutions. She is a Graduate Policy Fellow at ISPS and affiliated with the Justice Collaboratory at Yale Law School. She is a Resident Graduate Student at ISPS.
LILLA ORR

Lilla is a doctoral candidate in Political Science at Yale. Her research examines group conflict within political and health behavior, including political polarization and health effects of discrimination. Currently, she is an ISPS Graduate Policy Fellow studying the policy response to the modern opioid epidemic in the United States. Prior to pursuing graduate studies, Lilla completed a B.S. in Biochemistry and Cell Biology at the University of California, San Diego. She is a Resident Graduate Student at ISPS.
BAOBAO ZHANG

Baobao is a PhD candidate in Yale’s Political Science Department and a research affiliate with the Governance of AI Program at the University of Oxford. Her current research focuses on public opinion toward artificial intelligence and how the American welfare state could adapt to the increasing automation of labor. Her previous research covered a wide range of topics including the politics of the U.S. welfare state, attitudes towards climate change, and survey methodology. She graduated from Yale College with a BA in political science in 2013 with distinction; received an MA in statistics from Yale University in 2015; and was an ISPS Graduate Policy Fellow 2016-2017.
Annabelle Hutchinson is a fourth-year PhD student studying American politics, political economy and social policy. Annabelle’s current research focuses on gender and income inequality in the United States. She is currently a Graduate Policy Fellow, and is a Resident Graduate Student at ISPS.
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CURRENT GRAD STUDENTS

JENNIFER WU

Jen is a third-year graduate student in the Political Science department. Her research focuses on American Politics, specifically on topics related to political behavior and public opinion. She has been at ISPS since fall 2014, having joined ISPS Health as a research assistant for Zack Cooper, and then subsequently joining the Political Science department as a graduate student. Jen is an ISPS Policy Fellow for 2018-2019 academic year and a Resident Graduate Student at ISPS. (Pictured here in Michael Sierra’s robes and miter.)
PAUL MERKLINGER

Paul is a doctoral student in Yale’s political science department and is currently a Graduate Policy Fellow at ISPS. His research focuses on the domestic political implications of civ-mil relations, perception of veterans, and online political behavior. Paul serves as an active-duty United States Army Aviation officer. Following his time at Yale, Paul will teach American Politics in the Department of Social Sciences at the United States Military Academy at West Point.
ADAM THAL

Adam is a Postdoctoral Associate in Policy Research at Yale’s Institution for Social and Policy Studies. He received his Ph.D. from the Department of Politics at Princeton University in the fall of 2017. He studies political behavior, public policy, and inequality in the United States. His research was awarded the Best Dissertation on Political Psychology by the American Political Science Association. Adam runs the Yale Policy Lab at ISPS.
ALBERT FANG
Al is a Postdoctoral Associate in the Center for the Study of American Politics and the Institution for Social and Policy Studies, where he conducts research at the intersection of political psychology, political behavior, identity politics (race, ethnicity, and gender), and the politics of public policy and law. His work has been published in *The Journal of Politics, Political Psychology, Political Science Research and Methods*, and *American Politics Research*, and has been funded by the Russell Sage Foundation as well as grants at Yale and Columbia. He received his Ph.D. from Columbia University and his B.A. from UC Berkeley.
MARY MCGRATH

Mary McGrath is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Northwestern University, and Faculty Fellow at Northwestern’s Institute for Policy Research. Mary was a research assistant for Don Green, an editorial assistant for Bob Lane, and a member of the inaugural class of ISPS Policy Fellows (2012-13). Mary has an MEM from the Forestry School and a PhD in Political Science from Yale. Her favorite food is still Modern Apizza, even though she now lives in Chicago, surrounded by deep dish.
Adam Dynes

Adam received his Ph.D. in political science from Yale in 2015, and was in the inaugural class of ISPS’s Graduate Policy Fellows program. Currently, he is Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science at Brigham Young University. He researches legislative behavior with an interest in representation, political psychology, distributive politics, and political parties. His work has been published in the American Political Science Review, the American Journal of Political Science, Legislative Studies Quarterly, and Political Behavior.
VIVEK ASHOK

Vivek was a Graduate Student and Policy Fellow at ISPS and served as the founding manager of the ISPS Behavioral Research Lab. He received his Ph.D. in Political Science (2018) and M.A. in Statistics from Yale. Currently, he is a Presidential Postdoctoral Fellow at Cornell University (2018-2021) and a Postdoctoral Associate in the Department of Government. He is also a faculty affiliate of the Roper Center for Public Opinion Research. Vivek studies American politics, political economy, and methodology. His research centers on understanding how citizens form preferences about economic policies, focusing on their demands for redistribution and government spending.
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Scenes from ISPS Parties

Welcome Party for Senator Feingold (Nov. 2017)

Senator Feingold spent the academic year as a guest lecturer at Yale, and we were fortunate to have him teach two semester-length workshops at the Policy Lab:

“Fake News” (Fall 2017)
“Reforming Electoral Institutions” (Spring 2018)
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