SRCD Policy Fellowship Experience

Federal and state fellows are asked to write one-page reflections on their fellowship experiences. At the end of the fellowship year, fellows also develop a Professional Portfolio accompanied by a brief abstract to showcase a selected number of contributions the fellow made at the placement during the fellowship year.

Listing of Current SRCD Policy Fellows: 2020-2021

Federal Policy Fellow Spotlight and State Policy Fellow Portfolio Abstracts

Federal and State fellows are asked to write one-page reflections on their fellowship experiences. In addition, at the end of the fellowship year fellows are asked to develop a Professional Portfolio with brief abstracts of each entry to showcase a selected number of contributions the fellow made at the placement during the fellowship year. Prior to the 2020-2021 fellowship year, Federal fellows wrote one-page reflections while State fellows developed Professional Portfolios.

2021

Federal Policy Fellows

- Lorena Aceves, Ph.D.
State Policy Post-doctoral Fellows

- Jenn Finders, Ph.D.
  Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, Office of Early Childhood and Out of School Learning

State Policy Pre-doctoral Fellows

- Andrew (Drew) McGee
  Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Early Childhood
- Wendy Wei, Ed.M.
  Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care
2020

Federal Policy Fellows

- Krystal Bichay-Awadalla, Ph.D.
  Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families
- Ellen Litkowski, Ph.D.
  Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families
- Parisa Parsafar, Ph.D.
  Office of the Senator Christopher Coons
- Emily Ross, Ph.D.
  Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families
- Alayna Schreier, Ph.D.
  Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

State Policy Post-doctoral Fellows

- Christina Padilla, Ph.D., M.P.P.
  District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education, Division of Learning
- Sarah Prendergast, Ph.D.
  Colorado Department of Human Services, Office of Early Childhood

State Policy Pre-doctoral Fellows

- Kylie Bezdek
  North Carolina North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education
- Claudia Kruzik
  Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care
- Ann Partee, Ed.M.
  Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) Office of Early Childhood
- Callie Silver, M.A.
Federal Policy Fellows

- **Emily Ross, Ph.D.**
  Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families
- **Paula Daneri, Ph.D.**
  House Committee on Education and Labor
- **Amanda K. Gatewood, M.P.H., Ph.D.**
  Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families
- **Marisa Morin, Ph.D.**
  Senate Finance Committee, Office of Ranking Member Ron Wyden
- **Rachel McKinnon, Ph.D.**
  Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families
- **Francesca Longo, Ph.D.**
  Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families
- **Anne Day Leong, Ph.D., M.S.W.**
  *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health
- **Kelly Jedd McKenzie, Ph.D.**
  Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services
- **Sarah Blankenship, Ph.D.**
  Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families
- **Erin Cannon, Ph.D.**
  Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families

State Policy Post-doctoral Fellows
• Rachel Katz, Ph.D.
  Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Division of Early Intervention

• Alicia Miao, Ph.D.
  Early Learning Division, Oregon Department of Education

**State Policy Pre-doctoral Fellows**

• Nneka Ibekwe, M.S.W., Ed.M.
  Office of Early Learning, Delaware Department of Education

• Caroline Martin
  Vermont Agency of Education

• Meghan McDoniel, Ed.M.
  Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning

• Elizabeth Tremaine, M.S.
  Early Learning Division, Oregon Department of Education

2018

**Federal Policy Fellows**

• Rachel D. McKinnon, Ph.D.
  Office of Senator Bob Casey

• Alaina Flannigan, Ph.D.
  Joint Economic Committee, Office of Ranking Member Senator Martin Heinrich

• Erin Cannon, Ph.D.
  Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families

• Anne Day Leong, Ph.D., M.S.W.
  Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health

• Sarah Blankenship, Ph.D.
  Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families
• **Kelly Jedd McKenzie, Ph.D.**  
  Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services

• **Francesca Longo, Ph.D.**  
  Office of Senator Kirsten Gillibrand

• **Yunsoo Park, Ph.D.**  
  National Institute of Justice, Department of Justice

• **Jenessa Malin, Ph.D.**  
  Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families

• **Jameela Conway-Turner, Ph.D.**  
  National Institute of Justice, Department of Justice

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**State Policy Post-doctoral Fellows**

• **Aimée Drouin Duncan, Ph.D.**  
  Office of The State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), Division of Early Learning (DEL), District of Columbia

• **Kate Giapponi Schneider, Ph.D.**  
  Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care (EEC)

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• **Robert Carr, M.A.**  
  North Carolina Division of Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE)

• **Julie Casper, M.S.Ed.**  
  Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care (EEC)

• **Melanie Fish**  
  Washington State Department of Early Learning (DEL)/Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF)

• **Mayra Parada**  
  Office of Early Childhood and Humanities, Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)
2017

Federal Policy Fellows

• Yunsoo Park, Ph.D.
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• Jenessa Malin, Ph.D.
  Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families
• Angelique Day, Ph.D., M.S.W.
  Office of Congressman Danny Davis
• Emily M. Douglas, Ph.D.
  Office of Senator Ron Wyden
• Elizabeth Day, Ph.D.
  Office of Senator Kirsten Gillibrand
• Jameela Conway-Turner, Ph.D.
  National Institute of Justice, Department of Justice
• Marina M. Mendoza, Ph.D.
  National Institute of Justice, Department of Justice
• Elizabeth Shuey, Ph.D.
  Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families

2016

Federal Policy Fellows

• Amy Leffler, Ph.D.
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• Tracy Clopêt, Ph.D.
Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families

- Marina Mendoza, Ph.D.
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- Elizabeth Shuey, Ph.D.
  Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families
- Sangeeta Parikshak, Ph.D.
  Office of Head Start, Administration for Children and Families
- Kirby Chow, Ph.D.
  Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services

2015

Federal Policy Fellows

- Lynlee Tanner Stapleton, Ph.D.
  U.S. Agency for International Development
- Cristina Novoa, Ph.D., M.P.P.
  Office of Senator Kirsten Gillibrand
- Kirby Chow, Ph.D.
  Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services
- Amy Griffin, Ph.D.
  Office of Senator Al Franken
- Sangeeta Parikshak, Ph.D.
  Office of Head Start, Administration for Children and Families
- Beth Meloy, Ph.D.
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- Michelle Boyd, Ph.D.
  Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services
2014

Federal Policy Fellows

- Lynlee Tanner Stapleton, Ph.D.
  U.S. Global Development Lab, U.S. Agency for International Development
- Kathleen McCoy, Ph.D.
  Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families
- Julie A. Leis, Ph.D.
  Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families
- Christine Fortunato, Ph.D.
  Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families
- Sangeeta Parikshak, Ph.D.
  Office of Senator Sheldon Whitehouse
- Nina Philipsen Hetzner, Ph.D.
  Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families
- Beth Meloy, Ph.D.
  Office of Head Start, Administration for Children and Families

2013

Federal Policy Fellows

- Amanda Clincy, Ph.D.
  Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families
2012

Federal Policy Fellows

• Charlayne Hayling-Williams, Ph.D.
  Maternal and Child Health Bureau, Health Resources and Services Administration
• Akilah Swinton, Ph.D.
  Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families
• Pamala Trivedi, Ph.D., NCSP
  Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services
• Rebecca Taylor, Ph.D.
  Office of Representative Betty McCollum
2011

Federal Policy Fellows

- **Joseph L. Mahoney, Ph.D.**
  Office of Senator Jeff Bingaman

- **Elizabeth O’Hare, Ph.D.**
  Office of Representative Rush Holt

- **Charlayne Hayling, Ph.D.**
  Office of Senator Jeff Bingaman

- **Michelle Sternthal, Ph.D.**
  Office of Policy, Development and Research, Department of Housing and Urban Development

- **Tisha Wiley, Ph.D.**
  Office of the Behavioral and Social Sciences Research, National Institutes of Health

- **Melinda Leidy, Ph.D.**
  Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families

- **Sarah Oberlander, Ph.D.**
  Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services

- **Sarah D. Lynne-Landsman, Ph.D.**
  National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health
2010

Federal Policy Fellows

• Melinda Leidy, Ph.D.
  Office of Senator Christopher Dodd
• Binta Beard, Ph.D.
  Office of Representative Edward Markey
• Elisa Klein, Ph.D.
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• Molly Irwin, Ph.D., M.P.H.
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• Sarah Oberlander, Ph.D.
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• Sacha Klein, M.S.W., Ph.D.
  Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE) and the Children’s Bureau’s Office of Child Abuse and Neglect, Administration for Children and Families
• Nancy Geyelin Margie, Ph.D.
  Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families
• Ann Rivera, Ph.D.
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2009

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- **Taryn Morrissey**, Ph.D.
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2008

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- **Kathleen Dwyer**, Ph.D.
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- **Sara Vecchiotti**, Ph.D.
  Perspective from a former Fellow with a placement in Congress

- **Ann Marie White**, Ed.D.
Perspective from a former Fellow with placements in Congress and in the Executive Branch

- **Glenetta Hudson Harris, Ph.D.**
  Office of Head Start and Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families
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