



COLLEGE OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

School of Government and Public Policy

2015 Alumni Panel



Casey Caylor brings experience in program management, development, and evaluation for youth-focused nonprofits. Upon graduating from the University of Arizona in 2012 with an Honors B.A in Political Science and a B.A. in Sociology, she attended Middlebury Institute of International Studies in Monterey, CA earned her Master's of Public Administration. She currently works at the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Peninsula managing on-going grants and corporate partnerships and has previously worked with Girl Scouts of Southern Arizona, Girls Inc. of Alameda County, and 4Cs of San Mateo County. Following her passion for education, she has also served as a pro-bono consultant for several schools, including Connect Community Charter School in Redwood City, CA and the Big Sur Charter School in Monterey, CA.

She is excited about innovative social impact opportunities, especially in the fields of education and youth development. Her hobbies include reading, cooking, and traveling.



Laura Dent is a two-time graduate of the University of Arizona; she holds a B.A. in Political Science, with minors in Latin American Studies and Spanish and Masters degree in Public Administration. Laura began her professional career as Field Director for the Pima Area Labor Federation, the Southern Arizona subsidiary of the AFL-CIO. In this position she managed issue-based campaigns, union member education, and voter outreach efforts. She then spent time working as an organizer and Union Representative for the United Food and Commercial Workers Union Local 99, the largest private sector union in Arizona. Laura currently serves as Chief of Staff to Tucson City Council Member Regina Romero, the first Latina elected to the city council and the first woman to represent her district, Ward 1.

Laura is the Vice-President of the YWCA of Southern Arizona and serves as a member of the executive committee of the American Civil Liberties Union of Arizona. She is immediate past-president of Las Adelitas Arizona, a group dedicated to empowering and engaging Latinas in the political process.



Hilary H. Hiser's diverse public service career has included positions in municipal and county levels of government, from the criminal justice system to information management. She graduated magna cum laude from the University of Arizona in 2006 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Sociology. Ms. Hiser transitioned an undergraduate internship with the Pima County Attorney's Office, Community Justice Unit into a full-time position focusing on program evaluation and community outreach. Desiring a stronger foundation in management, Ms. Hiser earned her Master of Public Administration from the University of Arizona in 2009. Dedicated to the ideals of civil service and the democratic process, she worked for the City of Tucson Clerk's Office during the 2009 primary election. Later, Ms. Hiser worked in the fast-paced environment of

Pima County Superior Court's Pretrial Services experiencing the complexity of the judicial process and its relationship to community well-being. Seeking new professional growth opportunities, Ms. Hiser became the Town of Marana's Records Administrator in 2012. Responsible for applying innovative technologies to maintain government transparency and accountability, Ms. Hiser also works to preserve Marana's heritage as documented in its permanent records.



Theo Kwong attended the University of Arizona from 2005 to 2009, where he obtained a dual degree in Molecular and Cellular Biology and an honors degree in Political Science. During his undergraduate studies, Theo competed in collegiate Tae Kwon Do tournaments, studied philosophy at the University of Oxford, and learned about intellectual property issues in Taiwan under the National Security Education Program scholarship. Upon graduating from the University of Arizona, Theo was a volunteer intern at the Maricopa County Attorney General's office before attending law school at the University of Virginia. During law school, Theo served as the executive editor of the Virginia Journal of Law and Technology. After law school, Theo worked as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Andrew S. Hanen in the United States District Court for the Southern District

of Texas. He currently practices intellectual property litigation and life sciences law in the Dallas office of Gibson, Dunn, & Crutcher LLC.



Lauren Petty graduated from the University of Arizona with a Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice Administration and was hired by the Tucson Police Department in January of 2009. As a Patrol Officer, I worked in both Operations Division Midtown, and Operations Division West and became a trained as a Field Training Officer, Rifle Operator, General Instructor, and Defensive Tactics Instructor. As an officer, I was fortunate enough to work several undercover details which included covert underage liquor operations and prostitution stings. In 2013, I was selected to become a full-time undercover narcotics officer for the Southern Arizona Counter Narcotics Alliance. During my time working undercover, I was assigned to the Mid-Level Narcotics Trafficking Squad, where I remained until being promoted to Detective in 2014. As a Detective I was assigned to the Child Sexual Assault Unit and received specialized training in conducting forensic interviews

with children who had been victimized by sexual assault. In May 2015, I was promoted to the rank of Sergeant where I am a patrol supervisor in the Operations Division Midtown area. As a supervisor, I am responsible for patrol operations in an area larger than 44 square miles.

Thursday, October 22, 2015

2:00-3:15PM in Modern Languages 350

3:30-4:45PM in Social Sciences 100