



Meet the SSN Graduate Fellows for 2013-14

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Regional groups in the Scholars Strategy Network choose a graduate student fellow each year. Our second class includes thirteen young women and men studying at universities from the North to the South and from the Atlantic to the mid-Pacific. Each is doing cutting-edge research that speaks to critical public challenges.

To learn more about each of the 2013-14 Fellows, click on a name to see the person's full profile with research interests and civic involvements. Click on a title to read the full brief. For the full list of Fellows, click [here](#).

[Angela Bruns](#), Northwest SSN Graduate Fellow

PhD Student in Sociology, University of Washington

Key Findings: ["Can Marriage Promotion Help Children Growing Up with Single Mothers?"](#)

[Charlie Eaton](#), Bay Area SSN Graduate Fellow

PhD Candidate in Sociology and Javits Fellow, University of California, Berkeley

Key Findings: ["Why America's Public Universities - Not Just Their Students - Have a Debt Problem"](#) (with Jason Habinek)

[Angela S. García](#), San Diego SSN Graduate Fellow

PhD Candidate in Sociology, University of California, San Diego

Basic Facts: ["Comparing the 2013 Senate Immigration Legislation to Piecemeal Bills in the House of Representatives"](#) (with Linda Naval, John D. Skrentny, and Tom K. Wong)

[Kristen D. Gleason](#), Hawaii SSN Graduate Fellow

PhD Candidate in Community and Cultural Psychology, University of Hawai'i at Manoa

Key Findings: ["Understanding Human Trafficking in the Hawaiian Islands"](#)

[Gilbert Gonzales](#), Minneapolis-St. Paul SSN Graduate Fellow

PhD Student in Health Policy and Management, University of Minnesota

Key Findings: ["Why Same-Sex Marriage is Important for Good Health"](#)

[Barbara Hosto-Martí](#), Confluence SSN Graduate Fellow

PhD Candidate in Political Science, University of Missouri-St. Louis

Basic Facts: ["Can Global Civic Campaigns Democratize International Regulation?"](#)

[Marion Johnson](#), Research Triangle SSN Graduate Fellow

Master of Public Policy Candidate, Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University

Basic Facts: ["Why America's Women of Color Have Lost Ground Since the Great Recession"](#)

[Alison Mitchell](#), Maine SSN Graduate Fellow

Graduate Research Assistant and Master of Social Work Candidate, University of Maine

Basic Facts: ["The Case for Expanding Head Start as a Wise Investment in America's Future"](#)

[Michael Sierra-Arevalo](#), New Haven SSN Graduate Fellow

PhD Student in Sociology and Graduate Policy Fellow, Institution for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University

Basic Facts: ["How Targeted Deterrence Helps Police Reduce Gun Deaths"](#)

[Christopher Skovron](#), SSN Graduate Fellow

PhD Candidate in Political Science, University of Michigan

Key Findings: ["Politicians Think American Voters are More Conservative Than They Really Are"](#) (with David Broockman)

[Leah C. Stokes](#), Boston SSN Graduate Fellow

PhD Candidate in Public Policy and Environmental Politics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Key Findings: ["The Benefits and Challenges of Using Feed-In Tariff Policies to Encourage Renewable Energy"](#)

[Trey L. Trosper](#), Oklahoma SSN Graduate Fellow

PhD Candidate in Economics, University of Oklahoma

Basic Facts: ["Can Development Impact Fees Reduce Urban Sprawl?"](#) (with Gregory S. Burge)

[Alexis N. Walker](#), SSN Graduate Fellow

PhD Candidate in Government, Cornell University

Basic Facts: ["How U.S. Labor Laws Have Divided Public and Private Sector Workers and Undermined Union Clout"](#)