



Meet the SSN Graduate Fellows for 2012-13

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Every regional group in the Scholars Strategy Network chooses a graduate student fellow each year. Our first class includes a dozen young women and men studying at universities from the North to 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 2012-13 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](#).



[Elizabeth S. Ackert](#), Northwest SSN Graduate Fellow

PhD candidate in Sociology, University of Washington

Key Findings: ["Understanding How Mexican Immigrants Become Full Members of American Society."](#)



[Ashley Elizabeth Anglin](#), Hawaii SSN Graduate Fellow

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

Key Findings: ["Promoting Civic Habits in Multi-Cultural Schools."](#)



[Christy Daggett](#), Maine SSN Graduate Fellow

Masters candidate in Public Policy, University of Southern Maine

Basic Facts: ["Simple Screening Tests Could Reduce Colon Cancer Deaths in Rural America – Including Rural Areas of Maine."](#)



[Daniel S. Feder](#), New Haven SSN Graduate Fellow

PhD candidate in Political Science, Yale University

Basic Facts: ["The Strengths and Limits of the Earned Income Tax Credit as a Tool to Fight Poverty."](#)



Jessica Garrick, Southwest SSN Graduate Fellow

PhD candidate in Sociology, University of New Mexico

Basic Facts: ["Demanding Fairness on the Job: New Uses for an Old Law."](#)



Micah Gell-Redman, San Diego SSN Graduate Fellow

PhD candidate in Political Science, University of California at San Diego

Basic Facts: ["Migrant Health in the Debate About Immigration Reform."](#)



Alexander Hertel-Fernandez, Boston SSN Graduate Fellow

PhD candidate in Government and Social Policy, Harvard University

Basic Facts: ["Why U.S. Unemployment Insurance is in Financial Trouble"](#)

Basic Facts: ["Who Pays America's Taxes?"](#) (with Vanessa Williamson).



John Holbein, Research Triangle SSN Graduate Fellow

PhD candidate in Public Policy, Sanford School, Duke University

Basic Facts: ["Are Politicians Prejudiced Against the Poor?"](#) (with Nicholas Carnes).



Rachel L. Moskowitz, Evanston SSN Graduate Fellow

PhD candidate in Political Science, Northwestern University

Key Findings: ["What Americans Think about the Future of Social Security"](#) (with Fay Lomax Cook).



Elizabeth Pearson, Bay Area SSN Graduate Fellow

PhD candidate in Sociology, University of California, Berkeley

Basic Facts: ["When and Why Have Americans Supported Higher Taxes?"](#)



Sarah Shannon, Minneapolis-St. Paul SSN Graduate Fellow

PhD candidate in Sociology, University of Minnesota

Key Findings: ["Does Providing Publicly Funded Jobs to Hard-to-Employ People Reduce Crime and Drug Use?"](#)



Vanessa Williamson, At-Large SSN Graduate Fellow

PhD candidate in Government and Social Policy, Harvard University

Key Findings: ["Making Sense of the Tea Party"](#) (with Theda Skocpol);

Basic Facts: ["Who Pays America's Taxes?"](#) (with Alex Hertel-Fernandez).