

# School of Government and Public Policy **2023 Alumni Panel**



**Aerik Koerner, PhD** graduated from the School of Government and Public Policy with a B.S in Public Management & Policy and a B.S in Criminal Justice Studies in 2016. He has the privilege to serve as the Analysis Administrator for the Tucson Police Department's Analysis Division. Through this role, he manages enterprise-level projects focused on 1) technology deployment and governance, 2) reporting systems & big data management, and 3) analytical products & policy evaluations. He has used his time in this position to emphasize the implementation of data science practices, evidence-based policing strategies, and the deployment of modernized technology for the advancement of the Police Department and the betterment of the Tucson Community.

Aerik is an applied econometrician and policy evaluator by training. His research is centered on turbulence within public safety nets and seeks to explore the heterogeneous “why, when, and how” effects of disruption. He applies a particular focus to answer questions surrounding the ongoing reform of American police departments and criminal justice system.

***Analysis Administrator, Tucson Police Department***

**Glaucia Brannock** was born and raised in Brazil and has been an Arizona resident since 2010. Prior to moving to the United States, Glaucia attended law school in Brazil for four years and then transferred her studies to the United States. At the University of Arizona, she earned a bachelor's degree in Political Science, with honors, focusing on International Relations and her law degree. During law school, Glaucia volunteered for an international nonprofit organization in Switzerland that focused in providing competent legal representation in criminal courts to citizens of developing countries. After law school, she served as judicial law clerk for the Pima County Superior Court, as Deputy Public Defender for the Pascua Yaqui Tribe, and as Staff Attorney for the Florence Immigrant and Refugee Rights Project. She is currently serving as Decision Writer for the Social Security Administration. Glaucia enjoys traveling, spending time with her family, and Mexican food – “the spicier the better!”



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**Arielle Devorah** is currently serving as Communications Director for Phoenix Mayor Kate Gallego, where she leads the execution of the Mayor's press strategy and advises her on high-stakes media appearances. Before working in the Office of the Mayor, Arielle served as Speechwriter and Press Secretary to Senator Mark Kelly (AZ), where she played a pivotal role in his re-election to the U.S. Senate in 2022. During her tenure with the Senator, she traveled thousands of miles across Arizona, working with hyperlocal, statewide, and national media to shape and tell engaging stories about Western drought, rural infrastructure investments, and national security. Arielle began her career in political communications with the Office of Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick in Washington, D.C.

Arielle credits her passionate involvement in Arizona Model United Nations (AZMUN) as well as her deep relationships with professors in the University of Arizona English and Law Departments for fostering her love of writing and civic engagement.

Arielle received a Bachelor of Arts in Law and a Bachelor of Arts in Creative Writing (with Honors) from University of Arizona in 2020.

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**Krystal De La Ossa** is a Deputy County Attorney at the Pima County Attorney's Office Civil Division, where she litigates tax and land use cases. Primarily, she provides legal advice and representation for the Assessor and Treasurer in property tax appeals and tax lien foreclosure and excess proceeds cases. Previously, she was a judicial law clerk for the Honorable D. Douglas Metcalf at Pima County Superior Court. She earned her law degree from the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law in 2021. While in law school, she was the Senior Note Editor for the Arizona Journal of International & Comparative Law. She was also a law clerk for the Pima County Public Defender's Office, a legal intern for DeConcini McDonald Yetwin & Lacy, P.C, and a judicial extern for the Honorable Maria S. Aguilera at United States District Court for the District of Arizona.

Krystal received a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science, summa cum laude, in Psychology and Criminal Justice from the University of Arizona in 2017.

Krystal is currently a member of the Pima County Bar Association and the Arizona Minority Bar Association.



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**Fatima Escalante** is an Associate Consultant at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) where she provides strategic advisory, crisis communications, and congressional engagement preparation for U.S. senior government executives and agency leadership. Upon graduating from the University of Arizona in 2018, she transitioned into this role where she developed expertise in national security, policy analysis, congressional relations, and communication between the White House, U.S. Congress, and 25 DHS field offices. During her junior and senior years at the University of Arizona, Fatima began her career in government affairs as an intern at the United States Senate. Her time in Washington, D.C. gave her the opportunity to work on legislative research, community outreach, analysis, and Foreign Relations Committee matters.

Fatima is not only dedicated to her profession but is also an active member of the Women in Government Relations (WGR) Group in Washington, D.C., serving as a member of the State Relations Task Force and the Telecom, Tech, & Intellectual Property Task Force. She is currently pursuing a Master's degree at Georgetown University in Security Studies, with a keen interest in the intersection of technology, government, and international security.

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