

School of Government and Public Policy **2024 Alumni Panel**



Ramses Sepulveda, MPA, PMP, CAPM is the Deputy Director of the Arizona Prevention Research Center (AzPRC) and Program Director of Communication and Research Dissemination for AzPRC community-based projects. With over a decade of experience in community-based prevention and research project management, he specializes in community-based participatory research, particularly within US-Mexico border communities. His work is centered on addressing health disparities in chronic diseases, advancing health equity, crafting public policy, and supporting the adoption of Community Health Worker programs.

Sepulveda's research aims to leverage participatory methods to influence policy reforms, foster environmental change, and improve healthcare delivery systems. His collaborations with Federally Qualified Health Centers in border areas emphasize optimizing health service utilization and strengthening community-clinical linkages. In addition to his administrative and research roles, Sepulveda teaches undergraduate courses in the Department of Health Promotion Sciences, including Principles of Health Education & Health Promotion, and has taught cross-listed courses in Mexican American Studies, focusing on Transformative Leadership and Foundations of Student Health.

Deputy Director, Arizona Prevention Research Center

Marvin Smith is originally from San Diego, California. He attended the University of Arizona from 2015-2019. In May of 2019 he graduated from the school of Government & Public Policy with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice Studies, a bachelor's degree in Public Management & Policy, as well as a Thematic Minor in History & Culture. Shortly after graduating from the UofA, Marvin was hired by the University of Arizona Police Department in May of 2019, where he has been since. While at UAPD, he has obtained a General Instructor Certification, a Bicycle officer certification and is part of the protective detail for the UofA Football coach. Marvin is currently assigned to the Community Engagement/Crime Prevention office where he puts on various presentations across campus, oversees the UAPD internship program and functions as one of the Department's Public Information Officers.



UAPD Officer, Community Engagement & Crime Prevention Office



Deema Homsy is a Special Assistant for the Biden-Harris Administration serving in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology. Deema originally joined the Biden-Harris administration as a White House Defense Fellow in July 2023. Prior to joining the administration, Deema worked both at the Department of State and the Department of Commerce on commercial arms sales licensing to Pacific and Southeast Asia and as a CFIUS case analyst. Deema is the daughter of Syrian immigrants, and grew up between the Middle East and Phoenix, Arizona. She graduated from high school in rural Lebanon, and is a native Arabic speaker. In between earning her BA and MA, Deema was selected as a Fulbright Scholar to Kazakhstan where she supported the U.S. Embassy Nur-Sultan's efforts of strengthening U.S. cultural diplomacy in Central Asia. She was also a recipient of the American Research Institute of the South Caucasus Fellowship in Tbilisi, Georgia.

Special Assistant, Biden-Harris Administration

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Cameron Kays is a practitioner focusing on transitional justice, human rights, global health, and poverty alleviation. She is currently the Associate Director of Programs at the World Shoe Fund, a social enterprise disrupting chronic cycles of poverty and preventable disease by investing in global health from the ground up. In addition to her role at the World Shoe Fund, Cameron is also a consultant at Collaborative Social Change and the Co-Chair of the Harambee Centre. Previously, Cameron was working in the field of Transitional Justice on international truth and justice-seeking initiatives with the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition and the International Center for Transitional Justice. Additionally, Cameron worked for the Global Survivors Fund, an organization that aims to enhance access to reparations for survivors of conflict-related sexual violence across the globe. Cameron holds a Master's degree in Transitional Justice, Human Rights, and Rule of Law from the Geneva Academy in Geneva, Switzerland and a B.A. in International Relations and a minor in Cultural Anthropology from the University of Arizona. Cameron was set on this trajectory after working for the University of Arizona's Cultural Anthropology department as an undergraduate researcher with Tribal Nations in the Southwest. She has since sought opportunities to support victim-centric, bottom-up approaches to addressing global inequalities and injustices.



Associate Director of Programs, World Shoe Fund



Sara Leinenveber is a Medicolegal Death Investigator with the Maricopa County Office of the Medical Examiner. She has completed over 1,300 death investigations to include all manners of death with a focus on supporting and informing public health. Sara is a 2019 University of Arizona alumni with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Studies and a minor in psychology. She became a national and state certified EMT and completed a Master in Forensic Psychology following completion of her undergraduate degree. She has worked with local, state, and private companies that handled the pandemic, to include work at vaccination sites and primary care clinics. In her free time, she is an avid rock climber and is the COO of a non-profit climbing organization that supports people of color within the climbing community.

Medicolegal Death Investigator, Office of the Maricopa Medical Examiner

Annie Curtis-Sanchez works at the San Francisco District Attorney's office, where she has been an Assistant District Attorney for almost 5 years. She is currently on the General Felony Trial team and has previously been assigned to the Misdemeanor, Domestic Violence and Preliminary Hearing units. Annie has worked and assisted on various types of criminal cases including homicide, manslaughter, attempted homicide, robbery, assault, theft, vandalism, drug possession for sale and so on. Annie was born and raised in Yuma, Arizona and comes from a family of Wildcats! She graduated the University of Arizona in December of 2014 with a major in Political Science and a thematic minor in Criminal Psychology. Annie went on to live in San Diego for a year and then moved to San Francisco in 2016 for law school, where she attended the University of California College of the Law, San Francisco (formerly UC Hastings). While at U of A, Annie enjoyed using her Zona Zoo pass for every sports game, reading a good book in the sun on the mall, and coaching a kid's basketball team at the rec. Bear Down!



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