



Summer Intern Program

Federal Careers in Budget and Program Analysis

Information on Presenters

9:00 am -- The Road Forward: Planning Your Career

Scott Leverty

Scott Leverty has spent nearly ten years in the federal government in different budget and program analysis capacities. Entering the federal government as a Presidential Management Fellow, Scott began his career first as a project manager and later as a senior budget officer at the Social Security Administration. In these roles, he was responsible for the all aspects of several agency and sub-agency budgets totaling over \$200 million annually. Scott currently serves as the Deputy Assistant Director for the Department of Justice overseeing the formulation, presentation, and reporting of the Department's annual \$20 billion budget for federal law enforcement and prisoner detention functions. Scott received his bachelor's degree from William and Mary and a Masters in Public Policy from the University of Maryland.

Nicole Kolt

Associate Director, Industry Coaching

GW Center for Career Services

Nicole began working at GW in 2013 and has served as a Career Exploration & Assessment Coach and as an Industry Career Coach for Human Services, Government, Law, and Education. Now as the Associate Director for Industry Coaching, she works with students pursuing all areas during all parts of their career journey. She has experience working with students from disciplines including international affairs, government, social work and other human services, and has worked with active duty military and veterans and enjoys helping them translate military experiences onto their resumes. Nicole also values the importance of students maintaining health and wellness throughout their college journey. Nicole holds a BS in Psychology from Virginia Tech and a M.Ed in College Student Development and Counseling from Virginia Commonwealth University. Nicole is is certified as a Federal Advisor through the Partnership for Public Service, a Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) practitioner, a CliftonStrengths educator, and is certified to interpret the Strong Interest Inventory.

Denise Riebman**Director, Career Development and Alumni Services, Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration, George Washington University**

Denise has spent 20 years in the nonprofit and higher education sectors, specializing in career advancement, professional leadership and community development. At George Washington University, Denise is currently the Director of Career Development and Alumni Services, Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration and has been an adjunct professor for "Science of Well-Being: Applied Positive Psychology." Prior to moving to Washington, D.C. in 2011 to work for Share our Strength as the Cooking Matters National Training Development Manager, Denise was the Assistant Dean of the Career Development Center at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University. Denise has a BA from Rutgers University and Masters in Public Policy and Management from the University of Southern Maine.

Alex Tremble**Certified Leadership and Career Coach, GPS Leadership Solutions**

Alex D. Tremble Jr. (aka The Federal Career Coach) is a certified Career and Leadership Development Coach, professional speaker, and author of the bestselling books, "[Reaching Senior Leadership: 10 Growth Strategies Every Government Leader Should Know](#)," and "[The GPS Guide to Success](#)." Alex's first bestselling book, "[The GPS Guide to Success](#)," focuses on helping people identify their goals and create strategic plans to reach them and his newest book, "[Reaching Senior Leadership](#)," helps ambitious leaders gain influence and strategically prepare themselves for their next leadership opportunity. Alex is a certified John C. Maxwell Speaker and Coach and has over 10 years of experience coaching and advising Federal Government senior leaders. He has also managed three government-wide executive leadership development forums and several executive mentoring programs. Alex received his Bachelor's degree in Sociology and Psychology from William Penn University and his Master's degree in Industrial and Organizational Psychology from University of Baltimore. Subscribe to his newsletter TODAY at www.AlexTremble.com to receive free leadership and career coaching advice and tools.

10:15 am – Program Analyst Roundtable**Brakeyshia Samms****Senior Associate, Fiscal Federalism Initiative, Pew Charitable Trusts**

Brakeyshia Samms is a Senior Associate on the Fiscal Federalism team at Pew, where she investigates the relationship between federal and state budget and tax policy. Before Pew, she was a Center on Budget and Policy Priorities State Policy Fellow with the Center for Public Policy Priorities in Austin, TX, where she conducted research on Texas' budget and tax policy. She earned a Master of Public Policy degree from George Mason University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and History from The University of Texas at Tyler. Beginning in the Fall, she will be a part-time student in the M.A. in Applied Economics program at The George Washington University.

Darreisha M. Bates**Director, Domestic Relations, U.S. Government Accountability Office**

Darreisha Bates is the Director of Domestic Relations at the U.S. Government Accountability Office under the Strategic Planning and External Liaison Office. She oversees GAO's management of National and Regional Intergovernmental Audit Forums, the Domestic Working Group, coordination with the Council of Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, and GAO's relationships with intergovernmental audit principals as well as academic and private sector officials. Prior to this role, she

managed the international auditor fellowship at the US Government Accountability Office. In that role she led the planning and execution of an intensive 4 month program that annually brings mid-senior level professionals from international institutions to undergo training in performance auditing and leadership. This 41 year program provides support to GAO counterpart Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) with the aim of improving the effectiveness of public administration and accountability worldwide. In addition to managing the fellowship, she was responsible for updating the GAO wide International protocols, partnering with international training organizations, and supporting the director of International Relations with strategic engagement worldwide. Prior to leading the fellowship, Darreisha served as a professional staff member with the House Armed Services Committee working on military personnel policy and Department wide strategic mission and capacity issues. Before her time with the committee, Darreisha worked on a variety of defense issues as a senior analyst with the Defense Capabilities and Management Team. Outside of GAO, Darreisha served as President of the Board of Directors for the American Association for Budget and Program Analysis and currently serves on the executive board as Secretary of the International Consortium on Governmental Financial Management, Inc. She holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration and a Bachelors in Psychology from the University of Delaware.

Patrick Washington

Business Intelligence Analyst, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and Adjunct Professor, Schar School of Policy and Government at George Mason University

Patrick Washington is a Business Intelligence Analyst at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and Adjunct Professor in the Schar School of Policy and Government at George Mason University. He previously worked at GAO, SBA-OIG and in the private sector. His professional work and research interests include government and not-for-profit financial management, data analytics, performance management, and personnel issues. He has been an AABPA Board member since 2011.

Catherine White

Director of Child Care and Early Learning, National Women's Law Center

Catherine White is the Director of Child Care and Early Learning at the National Women's Law Center. Catherine brings deep expertise on child care and early learning from years of working at the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the US Department of Labor (DOL).

While at OMB, she managed the early childhood portfolio totaling over \$70 billion annually, including the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG), Head Start, preschool, and child related tax credits. She developed the Federal budget for these programs, including new legislative proposals to expand access to high-quality, affordable child care and proposals to expand the duration of Head Start services. She provided technical assistance on legislation and crafted other policy changes to ensure that Federal programs meet the needs of low-income women and children, including helping to revise the Head Start Performance Standards and develop new CCDBG regulations.

From her work at DOL specializing in issues affecting low-wage workers, she brings a focus on the needs of the child care workforce. While at DOL, she worked on strategies to effectively enforce, and policies to strengthen, Federal minimum wage, overtime, family and medical leave, and other labor laws. She also developed and managed an initiative to combat worker misclassification.

11:15 am – Budget Analyst Roundtable

Brian Hanson

Program Examiner, Office of Management and Budget

Brian Hanson is a Program Examiner at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Prior to OMB, Brian was a Budget Analyst at the Department of Justice Budget Staff, where he analyzed budgets for federal law enforcement programs. Brian is on the Board of Directors of the American Association for Budget and Program Analysis (AABPA). He has a Master of Public Administration from The George Washington University and a BA in Political Science from American University.

Edward Brigham

Retired Federal Senior Executive

Edward Brigham had a 34-year Federal career at OMB, the professional staff of the House Budget Committee, and the Department of Transportation. The last 13 years were as a career senior executive. All his positions were in the Federal budget process. He is now an executive consultant with the Federal Consulting Alliance. He is a current board member and former president of AABPA.

Karin O’Leary

Fellow, IBM Center for the Business of Government

Karin O’Leary is a Senior Managing Consultant with IBM’s Global Business Services, U.S. Federal Team and serves as a subject matter expert in federal budgeting and financial management. She has extensive experience in managing complex organizational change in federal agencies, with over 25 years of government service. Before joining IBM in June 2018, Karin was a career executive in both the Judicial and Executive branches of government. She was the Chief Financial Officer of the Judicial Branch, where she led a team that implemented a single financial and procurement system to over 450 court locations in 3 years and transitioned local disbursing to the U.S. Treasury. Before that, Karin was the Budget Director for the U.S. Department of Justice for nearly 10 years, with responsibility for developing, promoting, and executing a budget exceeding \$25 billion per year, as well as departmental strategic planning and performance management. Karin also held senior positions at the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, which she helped to establish.

Courtney Timberlake, Senior Vice President and Director of Federal Financial Advisory Services at The Craddock Group, LLC

Courtney Timberlake is Senior Vice President and Director of Federal Financial Advisory Services at The Craddock Group, LLC. Before joining Craddock in 2018, Courtney worked for more than two decades in the Federal government: as an analyst and executive at the Office of Management and Budget, and as the Deputy Chief Financial Officer for the Department of Housing and Urban Development. She spent seven years at OMB as the senior career budget official, and was responsible for the development, production and tracking of the annual President’s Budget; leading strategic analyses; and issuing and interpreting Government-wide budget and related management guidance, including Circulars A-11, A-123 and A-129. Courtney worked with the Budget Review Division leading development, analysis and implementation of portions of major legislation, including TARP, the Recovery Act, the Budget Control Act, and the Bipartisan Budget Acts of 2013 and 2015. She advised and developed presentations and briefing materials for White House and OMB policy officials, Congress and the public; and briefed Congressmembers and staff on budget and data-related issues. She also served on OMB’s “credit crew”

for nine years, working on the government's loan portfolios, and was a program examiner for the Small Business Administration.

As HUD's Deputy CFO, she provided executive direction to the agency's budget, financial reporting, audit remediation and financial systems functions, including development of the annual Agency Financial Report, audit remediation strategies and resolution of audit findings; and the agency's DATA Act compliance efforts. She briefed Congressmembers on HUD's financial management improvement efforts and testified before Congress on DATA Act implementation.

Courtney has a Master of Public Policy from the University of Southern California, and a B.A. in political science from Barnard College, Columbia University.