



The Maddy Institute
California State University, Fresno

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A Note From the Director...

Is there is any good news about all the bad news that seems to be reported out of Sacramento and Washington these days?

One thing for sure—it has certainly increased interest by the public – and students – in the political process.

The Maddy Institute’s Legislative Intern Program continues Sen. Maddy’s vision of providing college students from the Valley with the opportunity to learn, firsthand, how the political and legislative process really works. Moreover, unlike many legislative intern programs, we provide our legislative interns with a scholarship—and that only happens because of your generous, on-going support.



In the following pages, we again provide you with a small sample of our Maddy intern alumni. As you read about their accomplishments, you should take some pride in knowing that your support has given them the opportunity to acquire the skills necessary to make a positive impact in the Valley. You are, quite literally, “paying it forward” by helping create the next generation of Valley political, civic and business leaders.

And you are doing more than that—you are also providing legislative interns the opportunity to learn “the Maddy Way” – developing the increasing rare and valued ability to find bi-partisan, common sense solutions to the challenges we face as a Nation, State, and Valley.

With Appreciation,

Mark J. Keppler
Kenneth L. Maddy Professor of Public Affairs

Where Are They Now?



Kuyler Crocker
Tulare County Board Supervisor

Supervisor Crocker interned as a Maddy Legislative Intern in Spring of 2007 in the Fresno office of U.S. Congressman Devin Nunes.

Shortly after graduating from Fresno State during one of the worst recessions in the past 100 years, he found work as a Night Shift

Supervisor at a local citrus packing house. After finishing the season, he found work with a local energy company in their Government Relations department, where he advocates for customers, partners with local industry groups in agriculture, business, and labor, and facilitates large charitable contributions to local non-profit organizations in need.

“The Maddy Internship gave me practical work experience that tied into my studies of Public Administration and Business. Working with local legislative leaders provided a foundation for me in government that I use day in and day out as a member of the Tulare County Board of Supervisors.”

Supervisor Crocker is very active in the community serving on a local Credit Union Board of Directors, Strathmore Alumni Association, Boys & Girls Club local committee, Friends of SCICON, and at his church. He also farms citrus and olives alongside his uncle and father in Lindsay/Strathmore.



Simon Header
Assistant Professor - West Virginia University

Simon F. Haeder was a Maddy Legislative Intern in the Fresno office of U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer during Spring 2005 and in the D.C. office of U.S. Rep. Dennis Cardoza in the Summer of 2006.

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After earning his PhD from the Univ. of Wisconsin, Simon was hired as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science in the John D. Rockefeller IV School of Policy & Politics at West Virginia University. His teaching and research interests include the public policymaking process, regulatory politics, lobbying and interest group politics, and healthcare policy.

“I learned a lot about politics and policy during my internships. But I think I learned even more about how to be professional and how to succeed in my career.”

He has been quoted in the Washington Post and the NY Times, His most recent work has focused on such issues as the implementation of the Affordable Care Act, provider directories, and regulatory policymaking at the Office of Management and Budget.

Adam Horn

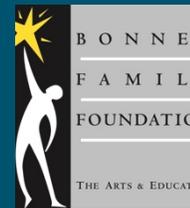
Legislative Consultant –
Office of Assembly-
member Jim Frazier



Adam interned as a Maddy Legislative Intern in the Fresno office of Assemblymember Juan Arambula in 2006 and in the Fresno office of Senator Barbara Boxer during Fall 2007.

“The breadth of knowledge and skills I gained through my experience with the Maddy Institute have been instrumental throughout my professional life. Being able to connect with Central Valley leaders and understand complex policy issues from multiple perspectives has served me extremely well as I’ve worked on policy that impacts all of California. I am truly honored to have learned from some amazing mentors, gaining valuable insight into myself and personal goals, while interning with the offices of U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer and Assemblymember Juan Arambula.”

Senator’s Circle



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- Mrs. Norma Foster Maddy
- Mr. Phillip Maroot
- Mr. Marvin Meyers
- Mrs. Jo-Ann Slinkard

Meghan Macaulay
Peace Corps Volunteer in
Cameroon.

Meghan interned at Congressman Jim Costa's Fresno District Office with the Maddy Institute from January-May, 2015. After graduating from Fresno State majoring in Political Science, minoring in French, she now lives in eastern Cameroon as a Peace Corps Volunteer.



"Interning at Congressman Costa's office through the Maddy Institute was one of the highlights of my college career. I gained invaluable insight into the workings of a public office and had the opportunity to work with incredible people doing great, meaningful work. I would not be where I am today without this experience and I am grateful to the Maddy Institute for providing students like me that once in a lifetime opportunity."

**Assemblymember's
Circle**

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Amanda Whitten
Partner at Bryant Whitten LLP

Amanda interned in the Fresno office of Senator Dean Flores in the Spring of 2003. She started at CSU Fresno in the Fall of 2000 in the Smittcamp Family Honors College and graduated in Spring 2004, with a double major in Criminology and Political Science. She then attended the University of California at Davis School of Law, graduating in 2007.

Amanda specializes in sexual harassment, discrimination, retaliation and wrongful termination. She is a native of the Central Valley, has a passion for Bulldog football at Fresno State, running marathons, and social justice.

"Looking back, I would say that the internship was a pivotal point between my education and my career. I not only learned important office skills and made real connections in the community, but I also worked on Senator Florez' air quality legislation that still feels important today. I also gained a unique perspective on how our government works, and sometimes doesn't. It has

informed so much of how I work now in my career, and also my view of politics as a citizen.”

Amanda’s law practice extends from Bakersfield to Sacramento to Oakland. She has filed cases in both federal and state courts throughout the Central Valley, as well as had significant experience with jury trials in courts throughout the state.

2018 "Big 5" Beverly Fundraiser in Sacramento

On March 19th, the Maddy Institute hosted our annual “Big 5” reception at the California Museum in Sacramento to raise funds for the Maddy Institute and our Sen. Bob Beverly Sacramento Legislative Intern Scholar Program.



Governor Jerry Brown.

Photo courtesy: Steven Hellon Photography

We were honored to again be joined by Gov. Jerry Brown, Sen. Republican Leader Patricia Bates and Assemblymember Dr. Joaquin Arambula. It was a wonderful sight—elected leaders from both parties and across the political spectrum come together in a spirit of bi-partisanship to celebrate and support the Maddy Institute’s programs, generally, and our legislative intern program, in particular.

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Introducing our Wonderful Public Service Fellow Graduates – Fellows 2016

The Wonderful Public Service Fellowship aims to foster the next generation of San Joaquin Valley bi-partisan leaders and problem-solvers by helping San Joaquin Valley students obtain their graduate degree from top graduate programs and return home to apply what they have learned to make the San Joaquin Valley a better place.

The goal of the program is to assist the brightest San Joaquin Valley students attend a top graduate program in one of the following areas: Public Administration, Public Policy and Urban Planning.

This Fellowship program is made possible by a gift from Lynda and Stewart Resnick through the Resnick Foundation. As owners of The Wonderful Company, the Resnicks have a vested interest in the Central Valley. For a General Overview of the program, please [HERE](#).

The Maddy Institute is proud to present our upcoming graduates:



Gilbert Felix, is currently working toward a Master's in Public Policy at University of Southern California. His projected graduation date is June 2018.

In the Summer of 2017, Gilbert interned with the Office of Community and Economic Development at California State University, Fresno.

A Central Valley native, Gilbert earned his undergraduate degree in political science from California State University, Fresno. Prior to attending USC, he worked for elected officials at the state and local government levels throughout the Central Valley. Additionally, he has worked in community and labor organizing, political campaign management, and philanthropy.

Gilbert is dedicated to returning to the Fresno area after graduation to focus on regional economic development and serve in elected public office.

Edgar R. Garcia, is projected to graduate in June 2018 with a Masters of Public Policy program within the Department of Urban Planning and Public Policy at the University of California, Irvine.

As a graduate student, he served as Chair of the Public Policy Student Association, and organized the #SpeakerSeries that included City Managers, City Councilmembers, the California Secretary of State, and several researchers. In addition, he planned the first cohort-wide trip to Sacramento to meet with the Governor's office, legislators, lobbyists, and several notable think tanks. In his second year, he planned a Solutions to Homelessness forum for policymakers, researchers, nonprofits, and advocates to discuss best practices in tackling homelessness in the Greater Los Angeles area.



During the summer of 2017, Edgar had the opportunity to work in the City Manager's Office and the Community and Economic Development Department with the City of Modesto.

Prior to graduate school, Edgar served as the Vice President of Legislative Affairs for the California State Student Association (CSSA), representing over 460,000 California State University (CSU) students, acting as the spokesperson and lead liaison on higher education legislation that impacts CSU students. He has also interned in Governor Jerry Brown's Office of Legislative Affairs, working directly with legislative secretaries on education, public safety, and transportation policy issues.

Edgar graduated with a double-major in Political Science and Criminal Justice from CSU Stanislaus with honors and served as Commencement Speaker. He is originally from Firebaugh, California.

Following graduation, Edgar hopes to become a City Manager to help develop more effective and equitable communities in the Central Valley.

**Introducing our San Joaquin Valley
Maddy Legislative Interns for Spring - Summer 2018**

- Daniel Araujo, CSU Fresno - Office of U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein (D)
- Kelly Blichfeldt, CSU Fresno – Office of U.S. Senator Kamala Harris (D)
- Colleen Busby, CSU Fresno – Office of U.S. Congressman Devin Nunes (R)
- Marshall Garcia, CSU Bakersfield – Office of Assemblymember Rudy Salas (D)
- AubreyEnna Garten, CSU Fresno - Office of Senator Andy Vidak (R)
- Athena Niayesh, CSU Fresno – Office of Assemblymember Dr. Joaquin Arambula (D)
- David Paredes, CSU Fresno – Office of Fresno City Councilmember Esmeralda Soria
- Angela Pimentel, CSU Stanislaus – Office of U.S. Representative Jeff Denham (R)
- Gustavo Rodriguez, UC Merced – Office of Assemblymember Adam Gray (D)
- Cody Sedano, CSU Fresno – Office of Fresno City Councilmember Paul Caprioglio
- Tomas Valadez, CSU Fresno – Office of Fresno City Councilmember Oliver Baines III

**Introducing our
Jim Costa Washington. D.C. Legislative Intern Scholars
for the summer of 2018**

- Naseem Hamud, CSU Fresno – Office of U.S. Congressman Jim Costa (D)
- Nicholas Matoian, CSU Fresno – Office of U.S. Congressman David Valadao (R)
- Blake Zante, CSU Fresno – Office of U.S. Congressman Devin Nunes (R)

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