

**American University**  
**Department of Public Administration and Policy**  
**Spring 2014 Research Seminar Series**

**January 30<sup>th</sup>** (MGC 200)

*Is the U.S. Federal Government a “Model Employer” of LGBTs? Comparing LGBT and Non-LGBT Employee Attitudes toward Work*

David Pitts, Associate Professor, DPAP

**February 13<sup>th</sup>** (MGC 5)

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David Lewis, William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of Political Science, Vanderbilt University

**February 27<sup>th</sup>** (MGC 245 – 90 minute seminar: 12:00 – 1:30)

*Examining the Impact of State Parental Work Policies on Parental Involvement in Children's Education – Katie Vinopal, Ph.D. Student, DPAP*

*Gaps in High School Students' Non-School Study Time – Steve Holt, Ph.D. Student, DPAP*

*The Economics of Summer Learning Loss – Mike Hayes, Ph.D. Student, DPAP*

**March 6<sup>th</sup>** (MGC 245)

*Forecasting Elections: Voter Intentions versus Expectations*

Justin Wolfers, Professor of Public Policy and Economics, University of Michigan;  
Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution

**March 20<sup>th</sup>** (MGC 245)

*Student Based Budgeting: Evidence from Texas*

Christopher Birdsall, Ph.D. Student, DPAP

**March 27<sup>th</sup>** (MGC 245)

*Intergovernmental (Dis)incentives, Free-Riding, Teacher Salaries and Teacher Pensions*

Maria Fitzpatrick, Assistant Professor, Department of Policy Analysis and Management,  
Cornell University

**April 10<sup>th</sup>** (Ward 301)

*Telework and the Federal Government: Performance Expectations and Considerations*

Sarah Towne, Ph.D. Student, DPAP

**April 17<sup>th</sup>** (MGC 247)

*Is kindergarten the new first grade? The changing nature of kindergarten in the age of accountability*

Daphna Bassok, Assistant Professor of Education Policy, University of Virginia

All seminars convene on Thursdays from noon to 1:00 p.m. Room assignments are listed next to each date. Please feel free to bring a bag lunch. Contact Seth Gershenson at [gershens@american.edu](mailto:gershens@american.edu) with any questions.