



**WISCONSIN**  
UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON

THE  
ROBERT M. LA FOLLETTE  
SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Spring 2023  
Graduation Ceremony

Sunday, May 14, 2023  
11:00 AM  
Assembly Chambers  
Wisconsin State Capitol

# **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

## **PRELUDE**

*Music by Beltline Bones*

Entrance of La Follette School Faculty

*The audience is to rise.*

## **PROCESSION OF GRADUATES**

### **OPENING REMARKS**

Susan Yackee

Director, La Follette School of Public Affairs,  
Professor of Public Affairs and Political Science

### **STUDENT SPEAKER**

Lilliana Teniente

Master of Public Affairs

### **FACULTY SPEAKER**

Mark Copelovitch

Professor of Public Affairs and Political Science

### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Representative Francesca Hong

State Representative of Wisconsin's 76th District

## **PRESENTATION OF AWARDS**

Susan Yackee  
Director, La Follette School of Public Affairs

## **PRESENTATION OF GRADUATES**

Mo O'Connor  
Graduate Program Manager,  
La Follette School of Public Affairs

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

Susan Yackee  
Director, La Follette School of Public Affairs

## **RECESSIONAL**

*The audience is to remain until all officials and  
graduates have left the room.*

A very special thank you to our ASL interpreters, Amy  
Free and Clara Culligan.

## **RECEPTION INFORMATION**

Please join us for a  
reception to honor the new graduates.

- **The Monona Terrace** -

1 John Nolen Dr, Madison, WI 53703

The Grand Terrace Room

Light hors d'oeuvres provided and a cash bar

1:00 PM to 3:30 PM

## **STUDENT AWARDS**

**THE PENNIMAN PRIZE** is awarded to the graduating student who has written the most outstanding paper while a graduate student in public affairs. La Follette School faculty nominate the papers that best demonstrate the writing and analytic skills the school emphasizes. A specialist in taxation and public finance, Clara Penniman was the founder and director of the La Follette School's predecessor, the Center for the Study of Public Policy and Administration. She was the first female chair of the University of Wisconsin– Madison's (then otherwise all male) Political Science Department. She retired in 1984 and passed away in 2009.

**THE DIRECTOR'S AWARD** is given by the La Follette School at graduation to recognize a student for his or her outstanding academic record. The major criterion for the award is attained GPA, but there must also be evidence of being an outstanding public policy thinker and communicator. The school started the award in 1991 when Bob Haveman ended his term as director.

**THE PIORE PRIZE FOR BEST PAPER IN SCIENCE AND PUBLIC POLICY** is named for Emanuel R. Piore and Nora Kahn Piore. The prize is awarded to recognize the best student paper in the area of science and public policy. Emanuel Piore was a research physicist who marshaled federal dollars for scientific research and helped IBM develop a new generation of digital computers. Nora Kahn Piore was a New York economist and health policy expert. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa in economics in 1933 from the University of Wisconsin, where she received an M.A. in economics a year later.

## STUDENT SPEAKER



Staying true to herself, her family, and paving a path of her very own, Liliana Teniente graduates today with a Master of Public Affairs. As a proud multicultural Wisconsinite, her roots are a constant reminder to make the most of the opportunities that were not afforded to earlier generations. During her time at La Follette, Liliana worked as an Academic Instructor at the Information Technology Academy (ITA) where she taught College Prep courses to local first-generation, underrepresented high school students. As Secretary of the La Follette School Student Association, Liliana played an integral role in student-led DEI initiatives to facilitate a more inclusive learning environment. Liliana aspires to make a difference in people's lives by elevating equity and opportunity in education policy and government. She is grateful to La Follette School faculty and staff for sharing their knowledge and mentorship, as well as to the Class of 2023 for their friendship and support. Liliana would also like to thank her parents, Rita and Ivan, and her fiancé, José, for helping her reach for the stars!

## FACULTY SPEAKER



Mark Copelovitch is a Professor of Political Science and Public Affairs. He has been on faculty at UW – Madison since 2006. Copelovitch studies and teaches international political economy and international relations, with a focus on the political economy of international finance, international organizations, and

the politics of economic shocks and financial crises. He also studies the European Union and has been Director of UW's Center for European Studies since 2021. From 2022-25, Copelovitch holds the European Commission's Jean Monnet Chair in the EU and the Global Economy. Copelovitch received his B.A. from Yale University and Ph.D. from Harvard University. He is the author of two books – *The International Monetary Fund in the Global Economy: Banks, Bonds, and Bailouts* (Cambridge University Press, 2010) and *Banks on the Brink: Global Capital, Securities Markets, and the Political Roots of Financial Crises* (Cambridge, 2020) – and has published widely in academic journals including the *American Journal of Political Science*, *International Organization*, and *International Studies Quarterly*.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Born and raised in Madison WI, Francesca Hong is a first-generation Korean American mother, chef and community organizer. In 2016 after the birth of their son, Francesca and her partner Matt opened Morris Ramen Restaurant in downtown Madison. Shortly after, she co-founded the

Culinary Ladies Collective (CLC) and currently serves as the Board President. CLC is an organization which aims to empower women and non-binary food and beverage professionals through shared resources, networking, and fundraising for non-profit organizations. In 2020 Francesca co-founded Cook It Forward Madison, an initiative that brings healthy meals directly to under-resourced communities while uplifting restaurants and their ecosystems. Francesca is a resident of the Tenney Lapham neighborhood and the Wisconsin State Representative for the 76th Assembly District.

# 2023 GRADUATING CLASS

## MASTER OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Boelter, Jacob Tauriev #	O'Connor-Giles, Joseph Ian
Boland, Brian Patrick	Padfield, Haley Madeline π
Borowska, Natalia #	Peake, Makenzie Rae
Dickler, Ethan Colorado	Pesch, Makayla Elizabeth ~
Eidler, Ben Scott	Peterson, Abigail ±
Flores, Fredrick Charles §	Pietroske, Andrew
Gigliarano, Gillian Candace	Recht, Allison π
Hammersmith, Ariana Lucille #	Russell, Samuel Broughton
Hundt, Henry August ∅	Schneider, Sam
Intruss, Conner Haig	Singh, Sukhvīr π
Johnson, Elizabeth Aurora # π	Teniente, Liliana Savann #
Johnson, Spencer Edward ~	Terrell, Gabriel Stowe #
Joshway, Amber Sarita ›	Wagner, Amelia Snow Birgitta #
Jurvich, Samantha Ann ∅	Weigel, Willem Mark ~
Landowski, Samuel Anton	Wenzel, Mitchell Craig
Luckey, Michael Loren	Williams, Tyler
Mertens, Stephanie Elizabeth	Yang, Kao Lee ♦
Moralez, Mark	Zordani, Christina Marie ∅
Nesci, Sarah Veronica	

## MASTER OF INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Arcoleo, Adrian	O'Malley, John Daniel ~
Attipetty, Matthew Lal	Riley, Adam Robert # ~
Feeley, Megan Elizabeth	Shaw, Megan Elizabeth
Fraley, Austin Mitchel + □	Simkus, Phelan Anne
Knight, Lucas	Springer, Nichole
Mohlke, Benjamin David ~	Vargas, Benjamin A ~
Morzfeld, Jennifer	

- § Certificate in Science Communication
- ∅ Certificate in Energy, Analysis and Policy (EAP)
- ± Certificate in Health Advocacy
- + Certificate in African Cultural Studies
- Certificate in Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia Studies
- # La Follette School Student Association Board Member (LSSA)
- π Master of Public Health (MPH) Dual Degree
- ~ Member of the Accelerated Program Cohort
- ♦ Neuroscience (PhD) and Public Policy Program
- › Urban & Regional Planning Double Degree

# THANK YOU!

The 2023 La Follette graduating class would like to thank our families and friends. Without your support and encouragement, this day would not have been possible. We would also like to thank the professors and staff at the La Follette School of Public Affairs. We are sincerely grateful for your instruction, guidance, and assistance. We now look forward to all that is coming in the future, knowing that the La Follette School has prepared us for the adventure.



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