Now accepting nominations!

Scholars Strategy Network
2024 Chapter Leadership Awards

Chapters play a vital role in the Scholar Strategy Network’s mission to advance the use of research and evidence wherever key policy decisions are made—from cities and local communities to state legislatures to Washington.

With your nominations, you can join us in recognizing SSN’s extraordinary chapter leaders, the scholars who lead this collaborative work in state and local chapters across the nation.

David Brian Robertson Excellence in Leadership Award
For an individual who has made exceptional contributions to the development of the Scholars Strategy Network through outstanding chapter leadership

Eligibility: Open to all current and former chapter leaders (see pp.2–3 for list). Recipient will receive a $1,000 prize, plus $1,000 added to their chapter for use in 2024-2025.

Click here to nominate a chapter leader for this award. Multiple nominations and self-nominations are welcome!

Nomination deadline: May 31, 2024

Outstanding Chapter Award 2024
For the chapter leadership team that has engaged their members in innovative chapter projects that advance the use of research to inform policy and strengthen democracy

Two awards will be given in this category: an Outstanding Chapter Award for established chapters and an Emerging Chapter Award for recently launched chapters.

Eligibility: Open to all current chapter leadership teams (see p.4 for list). Winning co-leaders will receive a prize of $500 each, plus $1,000 added to their chapter budget for 2024-2025.

All chapter leadership teams will automatically be considered for this award based on their 2023-2024 year-end chapter reports. Short supporting testimonials from chapter members, affiliates, and external partners—a few sentences describing how their chapter experience enhanced their policy work—will play a key role in the selection of awardees.

Click here to submit a supporting testimonial

Submission deadline: May 31, 2024

Questions? Contact Pamela Metz, Director of Chapter Development: pam@scholars.org
David Brian Robertson Excellence in Leadership Award

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Eligible nominees: Current or former chapter leaders — ( chapters listed alphabetically by state)

Alabama
Peggy R. Biga (2018– )
Peter Jones (2018– )
Bridgett A. King (2019–2023)
Maura Mills (2021– )

California – Bay Area
Drew Halfmann (2012–2014)
Margaret Weir (2012–2014)
Irene Bloemraad (2014–2016)
Carole Joffe (2014–2016)
Katrina Kimport (2016–2021)
Kim Voss (2016–2019)
Anu Gomez (2018–2022)
Carina Gallo (2021– )
Rana E. Barar (2022– )
Martha Lincoln (2022– )

California – Los Angeles Unified
Marcus Anthony Hunter (2015–2020)
Jean Bearman (2020– )
Terrell Winder (2020– )
Hajar Yazdiha (2023– )

California – Sacramento
Bernadette Austin (2019–2023)
Ethan J. Evans (2018– )
Tonya Lindsey (2023– )

California – San Diego
John Skrentny (2012–2021)
David Scott FitzGerald (2012–18)
Brian E. Adams (2018– )
Abigail Andrews (2021– )
Greg Prieto (2021– )

Colorado
Sarah Horton (2017–2019)
Whitney Duncan (2017–2019)
Rebecca Galembo (2017–2019)
Edelina Burciaga (2019– )
Jennifer C. Greenfield (2019– )

Connecticut
Jacob S. Hacker (2012– )
Andrew Papachristos (2014–17)
Keri M. Raissian (2018– )
Abigail Williamson (2020– )

Florida
Heide Castañeda (2017–2021)
Elizabeth Aranda (2017– )
Elizabeth Strom (2019– )
Amanda D. Clark (2023– )

Georgia
Jennifer McCoy (2014–2021)
Kate Pride Brown (2017–2021)
Richard F. Doner (2015–2024)
Michael Evans (2024– )
Bernard Tamas (2024– )

Hawaii
Colin Moore (2012–2022)
Morgen Johansen (2012–2016)
Krysa N. Mossakowski (2019– )
Robert Perkinson (2022– )

Illinois – Chicagoland
Barbara Risman (2017–2021)
Julia Henly (2017–2018)
Susan Lambert (2017–2018)
Christine Percheski (2018– )
Maria Krysan (2020– )

Indiana
Rosalee Clawson (2018–2021)
Leigh Raymond (2018–2021)
Robin Stryker (2018–2020)
Stacey L. Connaughton (2021– )
Krista O. Kelley (2021– )

Iowa
David Frisvold (2014–2019)

Kentucky
Michele Foster (2020–2022)
Eladio Bobadilla (2020–2023)
Nicholas D. Hartlep (2023– )
Ana Rachel Herrington (2023– )
Ariana R. Levinson (2024– )

Louisiana – New Orleans
Laura Murphy (2012–2014)
Celeste Lay (2014–2018)
Anna Mitchell Mahoney (2018–23)
Frankie J. Weinoney (2018– )
Aidan Smith (2023– )

Maine
Amy Fried (2012–2021)
Flynn Ross (2016–2019)
Robert W. Glover (2016– )
Laura M. Cyr (2021–2022)
Jordan P. LaBouff (2022– )
Karyn Sporer (2022– )

Maryland – D.C.
Nora Gordon (2023– )
Jaime Alison Lee (2023– )
Elizabeth Rigby (2023– )

Massachusetts – Boston
Rachael Cobb (2014–2018)
Helen Marrow (2014–2015)
Ben Raiton (2016– )
Arthur MacEwan (2017–2018)
Tiffany Gayle Chenault (2018– )
Natasha Warikoo (2018–2023)

Missouri – Confluence
David Robertson (2012–2020)**
David C. Kimball (2012–2023)
Mary Angelica Painter (2020–23)
Rebecca J. Clendenen (2022– )
Douglas J. Swanson (2022– )

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** This award honors the memory of David Brian Robertson, one of the Scholar Strategy Network’s 50 original members and founding co-leader of the Confluence chapter. A distinguished scholar of American politics, Dave Robertson was known to many as a beloved teacher, valued mentor, and a remarkably warm and kind human being.
2024 CHAPTER LEADERSHIP AWARDS

David Brian Robertson Excellence in Leadership Award

Eligible nominees: All current and former chapter leaders — (continued)
(Chapters are listed alphabetically by state)

**Michigan**
- Mark Axelrod (2017– )
- Sarah Reckhow (2017– )
- Davia Downey (2019–2021)

**Minn – Minneapolis-St. Paul**
- Lawrence R. Jacobs (2012– )
- Doug Hartmann (2012–2015)
- Chris Uggen (2012–2015)

**Mississippi**

**Nebraska**
- Lissette Aliaga Linares (2020– )
- Jodi Benenson (2020–2023)

**New Jersey – Philadelphia**
- Sara Wakefield (2013–2014)
- Lori Minnite (2014–2020)
- Joan Maya Mazelis (2018–2021)
- Julia Sass Rubin (2020–2023)
- Susan DeJarnatt (2021– )
- Andrea Hetling (2023– )

**New Mexico**
- Peter Evans (2012–2018)
- Elise Trott Jaramillo (2018–2021)
- Shannon Sanchez-Youngman (2021– )
- Daniel Shattuck (2021– )

**New York – Finger Lakes**
- Christopher Wildeman (2013–17)
- Laura Tach (2014–2021)
- Jamila Michener (2016–2021)

**New York – NYC**
- Ruth Milkman (2014–2021)
- Heath Brown (2014– )
- Diana Romero (2018–2022)
- Sofya Aptekar (2021– )

**North Carolina**
- Nicholas Carnes (2012–2018)
- Kristin Goss (2012–2016)
- Deondra Rose (2016– )
- Lindsey Haynes–Maslow (2018–)
- Sarah Verbiest (2019–2023)

**Ohio – Central Ohio**
- Peter Shane (2014–2019)
- Alison Norris (2017– )
- Anne–Marie Nuñez (2019–2022)

**Ohio – Northeast Ohio**
- Megan E. Hatch (2017–2020)
- Joe Mead (2017–2019)
- J. Rosie Tighe (2017–2022)
- Ashley Nickels (2019–2022)

**Oklahoma**
- Cynthia Rogers (2012–2019)
- David Blatt (2012–2017)
- Riley E. Dunlap (2012–2016)
- Naneida Lazarte–Alcalá (2016– )
- Angela Urick (2019–2020)
- Andrea Benjamin (2019– )

**Oregon**
- Lina Stepick (2018–2021)
- Lisa Dodson (2019– )
- Mary King (2018– )

**Pennsylvania – Central PA**
- Candis Watts Smith (2020–2021)
- Christopher Witko (2020– )
- Ray Block (2021– )

**South Carolina**
- Bryan Grady (2020–2022)
- Megan Haggard (2020–2022)
- Bridget Trogden (2022–2023)
- Ken Kolb (2022– )

**Tennessee**
- Caroline Heinrich (2014–2020)
- Nathan J. Kelly (2014–2023)
- Noam Lupu (2020–2023)

**Texas**
- Carolyn Heinrich (2013–2014)
- Jennifer Clark (2017–2019)

**Texas – Dallas-Fort Worth**
- Meghna Sabharwal (2019–2022)
- Alex Piquero (2019–2020)
- Timothy Bray (2020–2022)
- Eugenia Gorina (2022– )

**Utah**
- James M. Curry (2014– )
- Sara Yeo (2018–2021)
- Jessica N. Sanders (2020– )

**Virginia**
- Benjamin Blankenship (2021– )
- Bobbi Gentry (2021– )

**Washington**
- Jake Rosenfeld (2012–2015)
- Katherine Beckett (2014–2016)
- Sarah Quinn (2016–2021)
- Margaret O’Mara (2016–2021)
- Megan Finn (2020–2021)

**Wisconsin**
- Noam Lupu (2015)
- Annalee Good (2017– )
- Gladys Walthour-Mitchell (2018–22)
- Paru R. Shah (2022–2023)
- Anthony Hernandez (2024– )

Anyone missing from this list?
Please let us know! pam@scholars.org
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Eligibility: All current chapter leadership teams
An Award will be given in each category. Chapters are listed alphabetically by state:

ESTABLISHED CHAPTERS

**Alabama**
Peggy R. Biga
Peter Jones
Maura Mills

**California**
Rana E. Barar
Carina Gallo
Martha Lincoln

**California – Los Angeles Unified**
Jean Beaman
Terrell Winder
Hajar Yazdiha

**California – Sacramento**
Ethan J. Evans
Tonya Lindsey

**California – San Diego**
Brian E. Adams
Greg Prieto

**Colorado**
Edelina Burciaga
Jennifer C. Greenfield

**Connecticut**
Jacob S. Hacker
Kerri M. Raissian
Abigail Fisher Williamson

**Florida**
Elizabeth Aranda
Amanda D. Clark
Elizabeth Strom

**Georgia**
Richard F. Doner
Charles Hanks
Michael Evans
Bernard Tamas

**Hawaii**
Krysa N. Mossakowski
Robert Perkinson

**Illinois – Chicagoland**
Maria Krysan
Christine Percheski

**Indiana**
Stacey L. Connaughton

**Louisiana – New Orleans**
Aidan Smith
Frankie J. Weinberg

**Maine**
Robert W. Glover
Jordan P. LaBouff
Karyn Sporer

**Massachusetts – Boston**
Tiffany Gayle Chenault
Ben Railton

**Missouri – Confluence**
Rebecca J. Clendenen
Douglas J. Swanson

**Michigan**
Mark Axelrod
Sarah Reckhow

**Minnesota – Minneapolis-St Paul**
Lawrence R. Jacobs

**Nevada**
Barbara Gayle Brents
Leila Pazargadi

**New Mexico**
Shannon Sanchez-Youngman
Daniel Shattuck

**New Jersey – Philadelphia**
Susan DeJarnatt
Andrea Hetling

**New York City**
Sofya Aptekar
Heath Brown

**North Carolina**
Lindsey Haynes-Maslow
Deondra Rose

**Ohio – Central OH**
Alison Norris

**Oklahoma**
Andrea Benjamin
Naneida Lazarte-Alcalá

**Texas – Dallas-Fort Worth**
Eugenia Gorina

**Utah**
James M. Curry
Jessica N. Sanders

**Wisconsin**
Annalee Good
Anthony Hernandez

EMERGING CHAPTERS

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Nicholas D. Hartlep
Anna Rachel Herrington
Ariana R. Levinson

**Maryland-DC**
Nora Gordon
Jaime Alison Lee
Elizabeth Rigby

**Nebraska**
Lissette Aliaga Linares

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