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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

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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)
Paul Lichterman (2015–2019)
Jean Beaman (2020–)
Terrell Winder (2020–)
Hajar Yazdiha (2023–)

California – Sacramento

Drew Halfmann (2018–2019)
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 Galemba (2017–2019)
Edelina Burciaga (2019–)
Jennifer C. Greenfield (2019–)

Connecticut

Jacob S. Hacker (2012–)
Vesla M. Weaver (2013–2015)
Andrew Papachristos (2014–17)
Douglas Spencer (2016–2018)
Kerri M. Raissian (2018–)
Abigail Williamson (2020–)

Florida

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

Georgia

Jonathan Schneer (2012–2017)
Jennifer McCoy (2014–2021)
Kate Pride Brown (2017–2021)
Charles Hankla (2012–2015);
(2020– 2024)
Richard F. Doner (2015– 2024)
Michael Evans (2024–)
Bernard Tamas (2024–)

Hawaii

Colin Moore (2012–2022)
Morgen Johansen (2012–2016)
Jennifer Darrah (2016–2019)
Krysia N. Mossakowski (2019–)
Robert Perkinson (2022–)

Illinois – Chicagoland

Joe Feinglass (2013–2016);
(2020–2021)
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)
Sarah Bruch (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

Carol Ann McGregor (2012–2018)
Laura Murphy (2012–2014)
Celeste Lay (2014–2018)
Anna Mitchell Mahoney (2018–
23)
Frankie J. Weinberg (2018–)
Aidan Smith (2023–)

Maine

Amy Fried (2012–2021)
Luisa Deprez (2012-17, 2019–2021)
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

Erin O'Brien (2012–2017)
Rachael Cobb (2014–2018)
Helen Marrow (2014–2015)
Ben Railton (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.

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

Kimberly Kelly (2018–2019)
Melena Melo (2018–2019)

Nebraska

Lissette Aliaga Linares (2020–)
Jodi Benenson (2020–2023)

Nevada

Christopher Harris (2018–2019)
Vanessa Mari (2018–2021)
Leila Pazargadi (2018–)
Barbara Gayle Brents (2021–)

New Jersey – Philadelphia

Sara Wakefield (2013–2014)
Janice Fine (2014–2016)
Lori Minnite (2014–2020)
Brandi Blessett (2016–2018)
Joan Maya Mazelis (2018–2021)
Julia Sass Rubin (2020–2023)
Susan DeJarnatt (2021–)
Andrea Hetling (2023–)

New Mexico

Peter Evans (2012–2018)
Cathleen Willging (2014–2019)
Elise Trott Jaramillo (2018–2021)
Janet Page-Reeves (2018–2021)
Shannon Sanchez-Youngman (2021–)
Daniel Shattuck (2021–)

New York – Central New York

Christopher Faricy (2017–2020)
Gretchen Purser (2017–2019)
Peter Cannavò (2019–2022)

New York – Finger Lakes

Christopher Wildeman (2013–17)
Laura Tach (2014–2021)
Jamila Michener (2016–2021)

New York – NYC

Wendy Chavkin (2014–2018)
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

Ling Zhu (2013–2019)
Carolyn Heinrich (2013–2014)
Becky Pettit (2014–2017)
Jennifer Clark (2017–2019)

Texas – Dallas–Fort Worth

Meghna Sabharwal (2019–2022)
Alex Piquero (2019–2020)
Timothy Bray (2020–2022)
Eugenia Gorina (2022–)

Utah

Tabbitha Benney (2014–2018)
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)
Hedwig Lee (2015–2017)
Sarah Quinn (2016–2021)
Margaret O'Mara (2016–2021)
Megan Finn (2020–2021)

Wisconsin

Sara Goldrick-Rab (2013–2015)
Katherine Cramer (2015–2017)
Nicholas Hillman (2015–2018)
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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