SANFORD STUDENT GROUPS
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The Sanford Energy and Environment Club (SEEC) is dedicated to representing graduate students interested in energy policy, environmental policy, water and oceans policy, and agricultural and food policy.

What does SEEC do?

- Hosts educational events on energy and environmental policy, including speakers and debates.
- Coordinates with the Duke University Energy Initiative to organize events, such as “Power Lunches” with energy industry professionals.
- Provides career advice and opportunities to meet Sanford alumni in the energy and environment field.
- Provides social opportunities for students to meet faculty members and students from other graduate schools interested in energy and the environment.
- Assists students in choosing relevant classes at Duke.

Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship Initiative (SIPI)

The Social Innovation and Policy Initiative (SIPI) advocates the advancement of social entrepreneurship and innovation as it relates to local, federal, and global policy-making, while equipping Sanford students with the skillset to operate within this space. SIPI explores the intersection between social entrepreneurship and public policy in the following ways:

- By enhancing entrepreneurial and innovative thinking by coordinating design thinking workshops and advocating for changes to be made to the Sanford curriculum.
- By providing networking and career development opportunities by hosting meetings with club members, coordinating gatherings with similarly-minded student groups at other professional schools, and arranging site visits to businesses and organizations that share this focus.
- By raising awareness of social entrepreneurship events happening on campus and in Durham by providing a space – the SIPI Facebook page – where relevant news can be circulated.
- By spotlighting the efforts of policymakers and institutions to understand the progression of social entrepreneurship at the local, federal, and global levels by organizing brown bag lunches, panel series, and site visits.

Facebook:
www.facebook.com/groups/735609169829879/
Duke Groups:
https://dukegroups.com/organization/sipi

Academic Committee

The MPP Student Academic Committee aims to regularly and consistently evaluate the MPP program from the students' perspective, and provide useful and reliable feedback to the Sanford administration on behalf of its students. Toward these efforts, we aim to: review all aspects of the curriculum holistically, tailor the questions to our needs, represent the entire MPP student body, and collect feedback from faculty and alumni to put the results in context.
Duke Interdisciplinary Social Innovators (DISI)

What we do: Strategy & Operations Consulting - Pro Bono for Social Impact
We convene interdisciplinary teams of Duke graduate students to provide pro-bono consulting services to social organizations in Durham and beyond. We provide students with the opportunity to gain experience beyond the classroom in a collaborative environment while strengthening the work of change makers at the intersection of technology, business, and public policy.

How we do it: Sharing New Ideas, Creative Strategies, and Cutting-edge Tools to Realize Social Missions
Teams are assigned to selected partners for one semester (4 months) to conduct projects in the following categories:

- **Impact Evaluation**: Comprehensive assessment of changes in the social, environmental, and financial outcomes of programs and policies.
- **Technology Integration**: Develop new tools or implementation of current technology to help improve service efficacy.
- **Social Change Strategy**: Design strategic plans and help establish programs to identify new visions that achieve social change.
- **Development and Finance**: Help identify areas of financial concern and implement fundraising and grant writing strategies.
- **Capacity Building**: Enable partner organizations deliver on their missions with lasting impact by effectively identifying community needs and empowering organizations with knowledge and skills.

Social Committee

Social Committee is committed to providing opportunities for Sanford MPP students to get to know each other. We provide a number of events each year that bring students together outside of the academic environment. In addition to providing events for MPP's to bond, we periodically plan events that include the other programs and schools. Past events include Policy Pubs, Sanford Prom, Sanford Olympics, and Flapjacks and Lumberjacks with the Nicholas School.

Sanford Pride

Sanford Pride fosters a supportive, inclusive community for LGBTQ individuals at the Sanford School of Public Policy. The organization works directly with the administration to develop policies and programming that support all individuals at Sanford. Pride also creates a safe space for community members to socialize and share their experiences.
Sanford Journal of Public Policy

The Sanford Journal of Public Policy (SJPP) is devoted to exploration of timely concerns and pragmatic solutions in public policy. SJPP aims to take students’ policy and skill-building aspirations as the jumping off point for a thoughtful, generative conversation. Our print journal is published twice annually and solicits articles across the spectrum of public policy in a variety of formats, including policy research and position papers, issue briefs, opinion pieces, reviews of recently published books, and interviews with policy professionals. Our website, dukepolicyjournal.org, empowers public policy scholars and practitioners to stay connected to current policy discussions and express their own views on today’s policy challenges.

Bridging Communities

Bridging Communities seeks to promote a Sanford Community that is more connected to the Durham community beyond Duke’s borders. Bridging Communities develops more socially conscious policy makers by being a forum to build relationships with organizations and individuals making an impact in the community. Through these connections, Bridging Communities will engage Durham residents as the experts on the policy issues they face, assist them humbly in their efforts, and connect students to the social and racial justice issues on the streets surrounding Sanford.

Action: Bridging Communities provides forums for dialogue, space for learning, and opportunities for engagement between the greater Duke and Durham communities. BC will coordinate the planning of several events during the course of each semester; members design single-day volunteer events, learning labs, guest speakers, panel discussions, support drives and more. BC supports its members in these endeavors with planning, network, and financial services, as well as branding and exposure.

National Security Student Group

Sanford’s National Security Student Group (NSSG) serves as a forum for graduate students to discuss national security issues, network among peers and leaders with similar interests, and facilitate interaction between students and key faculty. Examples of past activities include guest speaker events and group lunch and learns, and we maintain a close collaborative relationship with Duke’s American Grand Strategy Program. Recently, we co-hosted an event for William McCants, a senior fellow at Brookings and an expert on the Islamic State who recently wrote a book called The ISIS Apocalypse. We have also hosted General Martin Dempsey, former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, for an exclusive discussion session for NSSG members.
Sanford Women in Policy
Sanford Women in Policy (SWP) is a graduate student organization at Sanford that provides a forum to discuss and address challenges and opportunities for women in public policy. SWP also serves as a space for female and male students to discuss gender-related public policy issues. SWP organizes professional development opportunities, speaking events and panels, alumni networking events, educational film screenings, and social gatherings.

Past Events:
- Salary Negotiations Workshop
- North Carolina alumnae mixer
- Self-Defense Workshop
- DC Alumnae Reception
- Lean-In Circle Discussions
- Lunch and Learn with female Sanford professors

Sanford Board Leadership Initiative (SBLI)
The Sanford Board Leadership Initiative (SBLI) places MPP students on the Boards of nonprofits in Durham. Students apply their policy skills outside of the classroom and develop valuable experience in nonprofit governance and strategy. Students serve on board committees, task forces and project teams.

SBLI is a two-semester commitment that begins in January of an MPP’s first year and continues through the fall of their second year. This timeline is designed with the MPP academic schedule in mind, maximizing involvement and developmental opportunities.

Which non-profit organizations have previously participated in the program?
Southern Documentary Fund, North Carolinians Against Gun Violence (NCGV), Achievement Academy Durham, Ellerbe Creek Watershed Association, Youth Empowerment Solutions (YES!), Durham Community Land Trustees, El Centro Hispano, Meals on Wheels, Crayons 2 Calculators

What are the program benefits to students?
- Gain valuable insight into nonprofit governance.
- Learn from experienced mentors in a field of interest.
- Promote on-campus leadership.
- Contribute to development of the Durham non-profit community.

Latin American Club (LAC)
The mission of the Sanford Latin American and Caribbean Group is to lead and support academic, career, outreach, cultural, and social efforts of the Sanford community focused on Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) in order to strengthen collaboration and engagement between LAC and Sanford.

Please follow us on our Facebook group: www.facebook.com/groups/SanfordLAC/