

## UCR SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY

# Your Impact in Action



### *SPP Program Spotlight*

We're excited to highlight the Robert Heath Global Policy Scholars Program in Washington, D.C. This immersive program gives students the chance to meet with policymakers and dive into the world of international relations. Students have the unique opportunity to engage with experts like David B. Shear, former U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam, and Nancy Ely-Raphael, former Ambassador to Slovenia. These conversations give our students valuable insights into global policy, all while helping them grow academically and professionally.

### *A Message of Gratitude*

We want to express our gratitude to all who support and contribute to our school programs. Your generosity is at the heart of everything we do. Thank you for being part of this important journey!

### *Innovation in Action at SPP*

In our ongoing commitment to growth and excellence, we're welcoming three new faculty members who bring expertise in housing policy, state and local politics, and environmental economics. We're also excited to announce the opening of our newly renovated SPP Student Lounge and Student Advising Center.



### *Ask the Expert: Mehdi Nemati*

*Assistant Professor of Environmental Economics & Policy*

"As in many basins worldwide, the imbalance between water supply and demand in the Colorado River Basin in the US and Mexico is intensifying due to factors such as climate change and population growth. Our research team developed the first basin-wide hydro-economic model for the basin. The model offers a robust framework for evaluating policy interventions by estimating the value of water across regions and sectors. Our findings indicate that water use in the basin generates \$20.6 billion in annual benefits—\$18.3 billion from urban use, \$1.4 billion from agriculture, and \$874 million from hydropower generation. Results reveal substantial variation in the marginal value of water within and across states and sectors, providing key insights for designing compensation-based policies and supporting the development of efficient water trading systems."



## Faces of SPP : Meet the Students You've Helped

**Ashley Lopez** “Receiving this award brought tears of joy to my entire family, and as I near the end of my time here at UCR, this proved to me that I am deserving of the opportunities in front of me. Words cannot express how grateful I am.”

**Victoria Herrera** “Thank you so much for supporting my journey. Your generosity brings me closer to achieving my goals and making a meaningful impact in the community that raised me. I hope to one day create the same opportunity for the next generation of leaders, just as you have for me.”

**Price Gilchrest** “One day in the future, when I am a professional, I hope to be able to set up a scholarship to help students as well. Thank you again!”

**Juna Park Rogers** “Thank you so much for your generous support. This scholarship is empowering me to pursue a career advancing labor and immigration justice. Your investment in my future means the world to me.”

## Upcoming SPP Initiatives

Next fall, we're thrilled to launch the Lewis Policy Fellows program! This new initiative will offer students exciting opportunities for mentorship and professional development, giving them the chance to build meaningful connections with influential leaders. We can't wait to see the impact this will have.

## Impact by the Numbers

<b>\$916,000</b> Dollars Raised	<b>85</b> Unique Donors
<b>116</b> Generous Gifts	<b>+\$765,000</b> In Matching Dollars

## Driving Change Together

As we approach our 10th anniversary, we're excited to celebrate the impact we've made together over the years. We hope you'll join us in shaping the future of policy and leadership whether by supporting our programs, engaging with our community, or discovering new opportunities. Your involvement truly makes a difference. We'll keep you updated on all the incredible things your support is helping to make possible!

For questions, please contact:

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