



Summer Academy for Public Policy Analysis and Research

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Victoria Allison is majoring in sociology and education studies at Wellesley College. Victoria is from Brooklyn, New York. While at the Urban Institute, she will conduct research on the effect of single-sex learning environments on the academic performance of African-American males.



Angel Banks, from Gary, Indiana, is a public administration and economics major at the University of Northern Iowa. This summer, she will examine the relationship between state welfare-to-work policies and client employment and earnings.



Wendy Bermudez is an urban studies and education major at Barnard College. While at the Urban Institute, she will investigate school and housing segregation patterns in central cities, particularly Bronx, New York. Wendy lives in Huntington, New York.



Lamont Cobb is an urban and environmental studies major at Morehouse College. A native of Los Angeles, Lamont will examine the connection between university investment and economic development in surrounding communities, especially low-income neighborhoods.



Kyle Coleman is a public policy studies major at Syracuse University. Kyle, who is from St. Louis, will conduct research comparing student achievement in charter schools and traditional public schools.



Brian Howard is majoring in Native American studies and political science at the University of New Mexico. He is from the Gila River Indian Community in Arizona. This summer, Brian will examine Native American water rights on tribal lands.



Jose Loya is an urban studies and economics major at Brown University. While participating in the Summer Academy, he will conduct research on the impact of subprime loans and foreclosures on Latino neighborhoods and families. Jose lives in Los Angeles.



Mandi Martinez, from Coral Springs, Florida, is majoring in sociology at Florida State University. This summer, Mandi will conduct a cost-benefit analysis of the American Dream Act, which proposes a pathway to permanent resident status and citizenship for certain groups of undocumented immigrant children.



Enrique Valencia is a political science and Spanish major at the University of California, Berkeley. Enrique, who is from San Jose, California, will examine civic engagement among Latinos.



Dianna Williams is majoring in economics and minoring in black studies at Swarthmore College. From Peachtree City, Georgia, Dianna will investigate whether the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children leads to healthier lifestyle and nutrition choices among low-income African-American women.

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