Consent/Disclaimer

Consent for Participation in this Study
Georgetown IRB STUDY00009024

Key Information:
The following is a short summary of this study to help you decide whether or not to be a part of this study. More detailed information is listed later on in this page.

Why am I being invited to take part in a research study?
I invite you to take part in a research study because I am seeking to understand whether building alumni networks in classes helps students with their career potential over time.

What should I know about a research study?
This document will explain this research study to you. Whether or not you take part is up to you. You can choose not to take part. You can agree to take part and later change your mind. Your decision will not be held against you. You can ask all the questions you want before you decide.

Why is this research being done?
In the field of government, scholars are increasingly focused on the prospects for students to have fruitful careers in the field. However, literature is weak on whether specific, tailored interventions make a difference as to whether students choose careers in policy and whether they succeed over time. This research is designed to examine whether students who have had the opportunity to partner with alumni in a class have seen benefits from the partnership over time.

How long will the research last and what will I need to do?
I expect that you will be in this research study for no more than four

months total, if you choose to opt in. You will be asked to fill out this Qualtrics survey to share your experiences in international relations and foreign policy as well as your career aspirations and some demographic information. If you are interested in participating further, you will be invited to select whether you would like to participate in an interview or focus group about your experiences. More detailed information about the study procedures can be found under "What happens if I say yes, I want to be in this research?"

Is there any way being in this study could be bad for me?
You may worry as a former student of mine that being in this study could somehow taint your career aspirations or options for future study with me or other faculty. I can assure you that will not be the case. I have enough former students that if even a small fraction of you choose to participate, there will be sufficient results to shape the research program. Beyond that, you may be concerned if confidential information you provide is disclosed, affecting your academic and career trajectory. I have put controls in place to anonymize all information, and will keep qualitative data tightly controlled. Participating former students will also have the opportunity to review findings before presentation or publication.

Will being in this study help me in any way?
We cannot promise any benefits to you or others from your taking part in this research. However, possible benefits include building greater ties into the foreign policy community by identifying opportunities for career advancement and awareness of alumni engagement.

What happens if I do not want to be in this research?
Participation in research is completely voluntary. You can decide to participate or not to participate. Nothing you already did in whichever class you took from me is used in this study. Your alternative to participating in this research study is to not participate.

Detailed Information:
The following is more detailed information about this study in addition to the information listed above.

Who can I talk to?
If you have questions, concerns, or complaints, or think the research has hurt you, talk to the research team at schlickw@georgetown.edu or 202-486-3589. This research has been reviewed and approved by an Institutional Review Board ("IRB"). You may talk to them at (202) 687-1506 or irboard@georgetown.edu if: Your questions, concerns, or complaints are not being answered by the research team. You cannot reach the research team. You want to talk to someone besides the research team. You have questions about your rights as a research subject. You want to get information or provide input about this research.

How many people will be studied?
I have invited approximately 1,200 people to participate in this research study.

What happens if I say yes, I want to be in this research?
The principal component of this is a single survey of approximately 30 questions that should take you approximately 30 minutes to answer. If you so choose, you are done with participation upon finishing the survey. If you want to participate further, at the end of the survey you can indicate if you want to participate in a one-on-one interview or a focus group about your experiences in professional development and your career aspirations. An interview would be 30 minutes in length; a focus group would be 45 minutes in length. Interviews and focus groups would be conducted over Zoom. If you participate in an interview or a focus group, that session will be recorded on Zoom. The transcript of that interview or focus group will be anonymized using a unique identifier not associated with your name, email, or other personally identifiable

information. Once that transcript has been anonymized, any audio or video recording of the interview or focus group will be destroyed.

What happens if I say yes, but I change my mind later?
You can leave the research at any time. It will not be held against you. If you choose to withdraw yourself from the research after completing the survey and/or the interview/focus group, your responses will be withdrawn from the dataset and purged from the records.

Is there any way being in this study could be bad for me? (Detailed Risks)
I do not store your name, email address, or other personally identifiable information. I only store your NetID and your answers to the survey questions, and your NetID is kept in a separate codebook only available to me for the purpose of eliminating your entry into the data if you want to withdraw from the research. You may judge that participating in this research somehow "taints" you and your career aspirations if you judge that I and my career/experiences are harmful for your goals.

What happens to the information collected for the research?
Efforts will be made to protect your personal information to the extent allowed by law. However, we cannot guarantee absolute confidentiality. Records of research study participants are stored and kept in an encrypted cloud drive. De-identified data without any personal identifiers will be stored on Dataverse for replication purposes, but the codebook with NetIDs (neither names nor emails) is kept separate and encrypted by me. You will not be identified in any reports or publications resulting from this study. In addition to the researchers and research institution(s) conducting this study, organizations that may request to inspect and/or copy my research records for quality assurance data analysis, replication, and other research related and operational or administrative purposes, include groups such as: Georgetown University, Georgetown University Institutional Review Board (IRB),

or peer and editorial reviewers of academic journals considering publication of the final study.. Because identifiers are removed from your identifiable private information that is collected during this research, the de-identified information could be used for future research studies or distributed to another investigator for future research studies without your additional informed consent. Your personally identifiable information will not be shared with other researchers.

By taking this survey, you consent to participation in this research. If you wish to withdraw your participation after taking this survey, please reach out at schlickw@georgetown.edu or 202-486-3589 and your information will be removed and purged.

I consent to participating in this survey.

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Demographic Data

Please enter your Georgetown NetID

What school are/were you enrolled in for undergraduate study?

- ○ COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
- ○ SCHOOL OF FOREIGN SERVICE
- ○ MCCOURT SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY
- ○ MCDONOUGH SCHOOL OF BUSINESS
- ○ SCHOOL OF HEALTH

- ○ SCHOOL OF NURSING
- ○ SCHOOL OF CONTINUING STUDIES
- ○ EXCHANGE STUDENT
- ○ [ ] OTHER (PLEASE NOTE)

What is your year of graduation/anticipated graduation?

- ○ 2021
- ○ 2022
- ○ 2023
- ○ 2024
- ○ 2025
- ○ 2026
- ○ 2027
- ○ 2028
- ○ 2029

What is your major?

[ ]

What is your country of citizenship?

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Have you been a member of or participated in any of the following extracurricular organizations or University programs? Please select all that apply:

A CAPPELLA
ALEXANDER HAMILTON SOCIETY
ALPHA PHI OMEGA
ASIAN AMERICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION
BLACK STUDENT ASSOCIATION
CAMPUS MINISTRY
CARDINAL O'CONNOR SOCIETY
CENTER FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE
CLUB SPORTS
COLLEGE ACADEMIC COUNCIL

Class Membership Questions

Have you taken GOVT 060 or GOVT 1600 with Prof. Schlickenmaier?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

If you took GOVT 060 or GOVT 1600 with Prof. Schlickenmaier, have you ever come back to a future class as an alum?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No
- ○ Not relevant

Have you taken GOVT 264 or GOVT 2604 with Prof. Schlickenmaier?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

If you took GOVT 264 or GOVT 2604 with Prof. Schlickenmaier, have you ever come back to a future class as an alum?

- ○ Yes

- ○ No
- ○ Not relevant

If you took GOVT 264 or GOVT 2604 with Prof. Schlickenmaier, have you ever participated in class activities on Discord?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No
- ○ Not relevant

If you took GOVT 264 or GOVT 2604 with Prof. Schlickenmaier, have you ever engaged in another way as an alum, such as referring students to the class or providing alumni support?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No
- ○ Not relevant

Career Questions

Have you considered a career in national security or foreign policy?

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Why or why not?

Are you currently pursuing a career in national security or foreign policy?

- Yes
- No

Why or why not?

Have you used the Cawley Career Center in support of your career objectives?

- Yes
- No

Please rate the Career Center's helpfulness for your career objectives on a scale of 1-10, 1 being not at all helpful, 10 being extremely helpful

	1	2	3	4	5	6	6	7	8	9	10	
Career Center support	○											

Have you used alumni in support of your career objectives?

- Yes
- No

Please rate alumni helpfulness for your career objectives on a scale of 1-10, 1 being not at all helpful, 10 being extremely helpful

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Career Center support	○											

Where have alumni who have helped in your career development come from? Please pick all that apply.

- ☐ GOVT 060/1600
- ☐ GOVT 264/2604
- ☐ _____ Another class
- ☐ _____ An extracurricular activity
- ☐ _____ Other alumni contacts
- ☐ Alumni have not helped in my career development

If you are pursuing a career in national security or foreign policy, what kind of alumni support is most beneficial? Please pick all that apply.

- ☐ JOB REFERRALS
- ☐ RESUME REVIEWS
- ☐ INTERVIEW COACHING
- ☐ SUBSTANTIVE KNOWLEDGE
- ☐ SHARED EXPERIENCES
- ☐ POLITICAL GUIDANCE
- ☐ OTHER (PLEASE NOTE)

  _____
- ☐ NOT RELEVANT

If you are not pursuing a career in national security or foreign policy, what kind of alumni support would have led you to consider doing so? Please pick all that apply.

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- ☐ RESUME REVIEWS
- ☐ INTERVIEW COACHING
- ☐ SUBSTANTIVE KNOWLEDGE
- ☐ SHARED EXPERIENCES
- ☐ POLITICAL GUIDANCE
- ☐ OTHER (PLEASE NOTE)
- ☐ NOT RELEVANT

Skills Questions

How have you used writing skills developed in either GOVT 060/1600 or GOVT 264/2604 in your professional experience (jobs and/or internships)?

How have you used public speaking skills developed in either GOVT 060/1600 or GOVT 264/2604 in your professional experience (jobs and/or internships)?

How have you used collaboration skills developed in either GOVT 060/1600 or GOVT 264/2604 in your professional experience (jobs and/or internships)?

Follow Ups

Are you willing to participate in a follow-up one-on-one interview about your professional development efforts and career aspirations? If yes, I will contact you via email to set up a time.

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Are you willing to participate in a focus group on Zoom about your professional development efforts and career aspirations? If yes, I will contact you via email to set up a time.

- ○ Yes
- ○ No

Is there anything else you would like to share in support of this research project?

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