

## ALUM FEATURE: SAMANTHA BAYNE

Samantha Bayne, a graduate of the LPS program in December of 2019, now lives and works in Washington, DC. She works as a Consulting Fellow at Ballast Research. In her position, Bayne analyzes the reputation of her clients' government affairs teams based on the primary research of policymakers. "My LPS degree helped me understand that policymaking isn't just about what happens on the Hill, but it's about constituent needs, timely relevance, power relationships, and more," said Bayne. She says her LPS degree helps her "take the broad, 3000-foot view required of this analysis rather than getting caught up in the politics of the Beltway."

Bayne's favorite memories from LPS include learning about the impact of surveillance on everyday life and dissecting crime movies. On advice for upcoming LPS grads, Bayne says it's okay to not have your entire life planned out. She recommends focusing on your first job or program after graduation. The rest, she says "will eventually shake out from there."

## MORE THAN A BOOK CLUB: THE HERB AND KAREN BAUM CHAIRSHIP OF ETHICS

LPS Professor Renée Cramer received the Herb and Karen Baum Chairship of Ethics in the Professions, a three-year professorship term for a major project on university education. Dr. Cramer chose student research assistants and a Guiding Coalition of faculty and staff to learn and converse about the best ways Drake University can embody its ethical obligations to an increasingly diverse student body, many of whom experience college differently from past generations. Student researcher Marisa Morris says that the goal of the project is to "acknowledge the demographic shift already happening in higher education and rise to meet the needs of future students academically, professionally, and ethically." The Baum Chairship will bring an author to Drake in spring of 2021 for a keynote speech and campus discussion, so be on the look-out for that upcoming event!

\*Registration is necessary for both events. You can find the information on the Drake University upcoming events page.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- *Vanessa Roberts' Afropuff Lederhosen: A Critically Comical Investigation of Race, 6pm-8pm, March 17th at the Olmsted Center, Sussman Theater\**
- *2020 Civil & Human Rights Symposium, 8am-5pm, March 18th at the Olmsted Center\**



Professor Cramer with student researchers