

**Report of the Austin W. Marx School of Public and International Affairs
to the Baruch College General Faculty**
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Graduate Admissions and Enrollment

The Austin W. Marx School of Public and International Affairs received the highest number of graduate student deposits, 254, for its graduate degree programs since the pandemic peak in 2020. This represents a 28% increase over Fall 2025 deposit numbers.

Fall 2026 New Graduate Student Deposits

Program	Fall 2026
Master of Public Administration	100
Online Master of Public Administration	47
MSEd - Higher Education Administration	30
Master of International Affairs	34
Master of Science in City Planning	11
EdD - HEA	22
Adv Cert in Public Communication	2
Adv Cert in Quant Methods for Policy and Equity Analysis	8
Total	254

Current graduate headcount is 671 students, with the MPA, Online MPA and MSEd-HEA programs showing the highest headcount at 296, 136, and 109, respectively. Total graduate student headcount grew by 21.3% compared to the previous Fall semester.

Fall 2026 Graduate Headcount

Degree Program	Incoming Students (Fall '26)	Continuing Students (Fall '26)	Total Headcount (Fall '26)	Total Headcount (Fall '25)	% Change ('25 to '26)
Master of Public Administration	86	210	296	295	+0.3%
Online Master of Public Administration	41	95	136	82	+66.9%
MSEd-Higher Education Administration	22	87	109	124	-12.1%
Master of International Affairs	26	52	78	90	-13.3%
Master of Science in City Planning	10	6	16	6	+166.7%
Online EdD-Higher Education Administration	22	--	--	--	--
Adv. Cert. in Public Communication	1	2	3	6	-50.0%
Adv. Cert. in Quant. Methods	8	3	11	11	0.0%
Total	216	455	671	553	+21.3%

Source: CUNYFirst, as of 09/17/2026 (Fall 2026); Enrollment Trends at Baruch College (All Terms) Dashboard (Fall 2025)

Undergraduate Headcount and Enrollment

Currently, there are 80 BSPA and 19 OBSPA majors enrolled in the Fall 2026 semester. Overall BSPA/OBSPA headcount decreased from 103 to 99 between Fall 2025 and Fall 2026. There are 48 students enrolled in Marxé's Public Service minor, a 71% increase from last Fall's 28 minors. Total Marxé undergraduate course enrollment is 1,086, with 213 from BSPA majors and 873 from students in other majors.

New and Proposed Graduate Curriculum

We launched an MS in City Planning in the Fall 2025 semester, an EdD in Higher Education Administration this Fall 2026 semester and are planning for the launch of a Master of Public Policy in Fall 2027. Additionally, we currently have a newly developed Advanced Certificate in Nonprofit Management and Leadership and an MS in Nonprofit Management and Leadership under review by CUNY Central and scheduled for a vote at the December 2026 CUNY Board of Trustee meeting.

Student Scholarships

About 90 fellowships and scholarships were granted to newly enrolled students for the Fall 2026 semester, including awards such as Marxé Excellence Awards, Marxé Scholarship Awards, Hagedorn Scholar Awards, the Mayor's Graduate Scholarship Program, the Mary and Abraham D. Beame Award, the Hearst Fellowship in Nonprofit Management Award, the Marxé Certificate Scholarship, and the Marxé Student Ambassador Scholarship. In total, these newly enrolled student awards amounted to about \$273,500. Approximately \$257,000 was awarded to continuing students, and as part of our retention efforts, \$15,000 was awarded to students who had previously stopped out.

Academic Advisement

The Marxé Advisement team welcomed back 455 continuing graduate students and onboarded 216 new graduate students for a total graduate enrollment of 671 this Fall 2026. From 1/1/2026 through 9/1/2026, Graduate Advisors have recorded 201 one-on-one graduate student advising appointments via Navigate. This is in addition to group advisement sessions and registration drop-in hours held throughout the year, and does not include new student advising sessions for entering first semester students. The undergraduate advisor recorded 135 one-on-one advisement sessions with current BSPA, OBSPA, and Accelerated UG/Grad program students in Navigate during this same time period.

Marxé Career Services Updates

Marxé Career Services worked with 150+ current students and alumni during the previous four months. Students and alumni request general career advising appointments on multiple topics; the top two appointment types were for career advising and résumé reviews.

Marxé Career Services Meetings with Students and Alumni

June 2026 to October 2026

	Current Students	Alumni	Total
Number of Appointments	102	49	151
Average Monthly Appointments	25	12	38

Marxe Career Services and Alumni Relations Appointments by Type
June 2026 to October 2026

Appointment Type	# of Appointments
Career Advising	67
Resume Review	32
Cover Letter Review	20
Job / Internship Search	15
Mock Interview	14
Fellowship Application Support	3
TOTAL	151

Marxe Graduate Student Internships & Fellowships

Over 30 Marxe graduate students interned this summer or are currently interning this Fall 2026, including at the following internship sites:

- Australian Trade and Investment Commission (Austrade)
- H RTP: A Public Health Internship Program, NYC DOHMH
- NYC Independent Budget Office
- NYC Department for the Aging
- Port Authority of New York & New Jersey
- Genocide Watch
- Supportive Housing Association of NJ
- FPWA
- Mixteca
- NYU Silver School of Social Work
- International Rescue Committee
- NYC Sustainability Help Center

Eight graduate and undergraduate students at the Marxe School received \$2,500 Hagedorn Internship Awards for unpaid internships in Summer 2026. Three graduate students received \$2,500 for the Washington Semester Internship awards for unpaid internships in Fall 2026. A Marxe MIA student was selected for the John D. Solomon Fellowship for Public Service with NYC Emergency Management this academic year 2026-2027. Two Marxe MPA students were selected for the NYC Community Planning Fellowship hosted by the Fund for the City of New York.

Undergraduate Student Internships

Fourteen BSPA students are interning for credit through PAF 5452 this Fall 2026 with the following organizations:

- NYC Department for the Aging, Internships and Youth Workforce Engagement Unit
- Research Alliance for NYC Schools at New York University
- Harvey Epstein District 2 Constituent Affairs Office
- Policy Sphere
- Cypress Hills LDC
- Rehabilitation Through the Arts (RTA)
- NYC's Department of Housing, Preservation, and Development/University of Michigan
- New York City Office of U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand
- The Century Foundation (two students)
- New York State Senate - Senator Kevin Parker
- Harvey Epstein District 2 Constituent Affairs Office

- Alfa Art Gallery
- CUNY Baruch Office of Legal Affairs, Labor Relations, and Compliance

Marxe Career Events in Fall 2026

This Fall semester, Marxe Career Services hosted the following events: Welcome Session, Internships Info Session, HEA Beyond the Campus, EdD Cohort LinkedIn Workshop, Albany Alumni Reception, NYS Assembly Graduate Internship Info Session, EDF Climate Corps Info Session. Forthcoming is the DC Virtual Trek with NASPAA school partners, networking night for Marxe MIA students and alumni (open to all programs), MDRC Gueron Scholars Program info session, and a site visit in November to NYC Housing Development Corporation.

Recent Graduate Accomplishments

Sevara Ibragimova (HEA '25) has been selected as a recipient of the 2026 LCU Fund President's Award for Excellence in Leadership for the ways her lived experience has informed her educational and professional journey. She will be formally presented with the award at the LCU Fund's Home Changes Everything celebration on Thursday, October 29. Nico Antonucci (MIA '25) was awarded the NYS Senate Graduate Fellowship which began in Albany this September and continues through May 2027. Zoe-Brianne Clarke (MPA '26) was awarded the NYS Excelsior Service Fellowship 2026-2028 in Albany at the NYS Department of Transportation's Office of Sustainability. In Fall 2026, the Marxe School passed an important milestone, reaching 10,000 alumni.

New Marxe School Initiatives

The Marxe School, in conjunction with the Volker Alliance, launched the inaugural cohort of the Next Generation Fellows Program this Fall 2026 with 13 students from all three schools. This initiative is a two-year public service and leadership development program open to all Baruch College undergraduates, regardless of major. The program is Baruch's local chapter of the national Volker Alliance "Next Generation Service Corps" network, focused on developing undergraduates from across disciplines in public-service values and practical leadership skills

<https://www.volkeralliance.org/initiatives/next-generation-service-corps>

The Washington Semester

The Marxe School is proud to celebrate its 15th Anniversary of The Washington Semester (TWS) this year. The semester long program offers Marxe graduate student's opportunities to network with policymakers and thought leaders, tour historical landmarks, and explore the local culture. Over 100 students have participated in this program where students move to, live and work in our nation's capital while studying full-time and earning 12 credits toward degree completion.

Marxe Events – Fall 2026

Critical Migration and Deportation Studies Conference (08/06). Marxe hosted a day-long conference convening for critical conversations on migration, deportation, and immigration policy. Bringing together scholars, advocates, and individuals with lived experience, the conference examined criminalization, state violence, surveillance, detention, sanctuary policies, and community resistance amid the expanding reach of contemporary immigration enforcement and deportation regimes.

Climate Week NYC 2026 Webinar: Clean Energy Supply Chains in the Era of Industrial Policy (09/23). The discussion analyzed how countries can strengthen energy security and domestic industries while speeding up the deployment of affordable clean technologies, covering solar photovoltaics, offshore wind, electric vehicles, climate diplomacy, and global energy policy

2026 Inaugural Baruch College Affordable Housing Forum (09/23). The Steven L. Newman Real Estate Institute (Zicklin School of Business) and the Austin W Marxe School of Public and International Affairs

co-hosted the inaugural Baruch College Affordable Housing Forum. Addressing the vast shortage of affordable and workforce housing, the Forum convened public sector leaders, developers, operators, and capital providers to explore housing policy, finance, new development, and innovative solutions for NYC.

Designing Organizations for Social Impact (11/10). Legal structure is often treated as a technical detail. In reality, it determines who holds power, how mission is protected, and whether social goals endure over time. In this talk Dana Brakman Reiser, Centennial Professor of Law at Brooklyn Law School, explores how nonprofits, foundations, social enterprises, and hybrid organizations are designing and redesigning themselves to meet contemporary challenges, including the kinds of governance questions that have made OpenAI's structure the subject of global attention.

Fall 2026 Ackerman Lecture - Fostering Intersectional Belonging & Resisting the Anti-LGBTQ+ Backlash (11/17). Dr. Carla Smith, CEO of The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Community Center will share personal lessons from four decades in the non-profit sector. Drawing on The Center's legacy of standing at the frontlines of major LGBTQ+ community crises from HIV/AIDS to current legislative threats, her presentation will explore how leaders can transform immediate community response into long-term structural defenses that foster true intersectional belonging.

Save the Date for the Spring 2027 Ackerman Lecture (02/25/2027) featuring Miguel Cardona, an American leader and educator who served as the 12th United States Secretary of Education, a position he was nominated for by President Joe Biden.

Save the Date for the HEA Program Symposium "Beyond the Dashboard" (04/15/2027) with Jillian Kinzie, Associate Director, National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), Center for Postsecondary Research, Indiana University School of Education.

<https://marxe.baruch.cuny.edu/homepage/events/marxe-community-events/>

Marxe Faculty Scholarly Work (*Since Last Report*)

Since the last (March 2026) report, Marxe faculty have published nearly 40 scholarly works, including more than 30 peer-reviewed journal articles in leading outlets such as *Public Administration Review*, *Public Administration*, *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, *Demography*, *Energy Economics*, and *One Earth*.

Arias, E. D. (2026). Illicit value chains, market challenges, and non-state armed governance in Colombia. *Geoforum*.

Heiland, F. W., Brite, J., & Balk, D. (2026). Deep disadvantage in mortality on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic. *Scientific Reports*.

Ahn, Y., **Balk, D.**, MacManus, K., Leyk, S., & Engin, H. (2026). Coastal population and settlement trends in the U.S. 1990–2020: Where and why data choice matters for exposure assessment in coastal resilience studies. *Geomatica*.

Gaughan, A. E., Stevens, F. R., Zimmer, A., **Balk, D.**, Gidey, E., Tuholske, C., & Nghiem, S. V. (2026). Synthesizing land use and demographic change in Southeast Asia's smaller urbanized areas from 2000–2015. *Environmental Research Letters*.

Heiland, F. W., Ozdogan, S., Balk, D., Brite, J., & Marcotullio, P. (2026). Extreme Weather and Mortality of Vulnerable Urban Populations: An Examination of Temperature and Unclaimed Deaths in New York City. *Demography*.

Kenney, M. A., Kopp, R. E., Samaras, C., and 172 co-authors including **Balk, D.** (2026). Research Priorities for Robust Climate Assessments in the United States. *Earth's Future*.

- Beeman, A.** (2026). Intersectional Solidarity through Linked Fate. In *American Antiracism: Examining the Fields of Contemporary Racism*. Routledge.
- Prettner, K., **Bennett, N. G.**, Bloom, D. E., Hanna, T., de la Vega, R., & Lavopa, A. (2026). The future of jobs in an era of demographic and technological transformation. *Policy Brief Series: Insights on Industrial Development*. United Nations Industrial Development Organization.
- Zhang, X., Yan, B., **Chen, B.**, Wu, L., & Liu, Y. (2026). Unraveling Bureaucratic Procrastination: Probabilistically Sufficient Factors and Necessary Conditions. *Public Administration*.
- Tang, G., & **Chen, B.** (2026). Intra- and Cross-Sectoral Collaboration. In *Nonprofit Organization Management in China*. Routledge.
- Chen, B.**, Zhang, Z., Liu, G., & Huang, K. (2026). Social Capital and Policy Compliance in a Polarized Democracy: A Necessary Condition Analysis of COVID Vaccination Rates Across US Counties. *Public Administration Review*.
- Zhao, X., Huang, H., & **Chen, B.** (2026). The Conditional Promise of Open Data: A Cross-Country Qualitative Comparative Analysis of Corruption Control. *Journal of Comparative Policy Analysis: Research and Practice*.
- Tang, Q., **Chen, B.**, Chen, L., & Zhang, W. (2026). Configuring open government data (OGD) platforms for digital entrepreneurship: A socio-technical systems perspective using fsQCA. *Technology in Society*.
- de Graauw, E.** (2026). Mayors and migration policies. In *Handbook on Migration and Public Policy*. Edward Elgar.
- Engel, J.** (2026). The Rise of Health Insurance, 1910s–1960s. In *The Oxford Handbook of American Medical History*. Oxford University Press.
- Gibson, D. M.** (2026). Visits to optometrists or ophthalmologists by U.S. school-aged children with autism: Estimates from the 2022–2023 National Survey of Children’s Health. *Optometry and Vision Science*.
- Kattel, G., Paudel, A., **He, G.**, & Choi, J.-K. (2026). Bridging the industrial carbon divide: a techno-economic framework for carbon capture pathways in the cement sector of emerging economies. *Journal of Cleaner Production*.
- Liu, J., Kahrl, F., Peng, L., Lin, J., & **He, G.** (2026). Toward efficient resource adequacy: The role of shared reserves in China’s power grid. *Energy Strategy Reviews*.
- Mu, X., Zhang, X., **He, G.**, & Liew, K. (2026). Toward low-carbon 3D concrete printing through circular construction and waste valorization. *Journal of Building Engineering*.
- Lu, Z., Ye, B., Yu, Z., **He, G.**, & Shao, S. (2026). Emission trading scheme reshapes the decarbonisation pathways of China’s power sector. *Applied Energy*.
- Peng, L., **He, G.**, Abhyankar, N., Yang, H., Paliwal, U., & Lin, J. (2026). Aligning offshore wind deployment with local priorities to accelerate power system decarbonization. *Communications Earth & Environment*.
- Wang, J., Liu, J., Zhu, L., & **He, G.** (2026). Resilience planning for power systems under deep climate uncertainty. *Energy Economics*.
- He, G.**, & Lin, J. (2026). How hard are hard-to-abate sectors? Rethinking industrial decarbonization pathways. *One Earth*.
- Leavitt, T.**, & Rivera-Burgos, V. (2026). Navigating the mismeasurement of intermediary variables in message-based experiments. *Political Science Research and Methods*.

- Leavitt, T.** (2026). Fisher Meets Bayes: The Value of Randomisation for Bayesian Inference of Causal Effects. *International Statistical Review*.
- Zheng, G., Lee, H., Li, W., **Liu, Y.**, & Tang, T. (2026). Navigating the Algorithmic State: Public Values and Citizens' Preferences of AI -Driven Public Service Delivery. *Public Administration*.
- Mampilly, Z.** (2026). Why America Gets Africa Wrong. *Foreign Affairs*.
- Mampilly, Z.** (2026). The Politics of Decolonial Violence. In *The Palgrave Handbook on Decolonizing International Affairs*. Palgrave Macmillan.
- Mitchell, G. E.**, Rice, P., & Selzler, V. (2026). Profiles of Generosity: A Segmentation Analysis. *Nonprofit Management and Leadership*.
- Mitchell, G. E.**, Xu, C., & Li, H. (2026). Information Costs and the Impact of Charitable Giving. *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*.
- Mitchell, J.** (2026). Artificial Intelligence and the future of policy studies: positivist research and the interpretive pivot. *Critical Policy Studies*.
- Spicer, J.**, & Kay, T. (2026). A Global Organization Based on the Structure of a Social Movement: A Model to Solve Social Problems at Scale. *Voluntas: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*.
- Spicer, J.**, & Wang, R. (2026). Just transition, double bind or both? Climate change action by North American community land trusts. *Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society*.
- Dang, H., Lu, Y., **Spicer, J.**, Kay, T., Yang, D., Yang, Y., Brockman, J., Jiang, M., & Li, T. J.-J. (2026). Uncovering Disparities in Rideshare Drivers' Earning and Work Patterns: A Case Study of Chicago. *Proceedings of the ACM on Human-Computer Interaction*.
- Smith, R. A.**, & **Valente, R. R.** (2026). How Prevalent are Colortocracies in Latin America? An Examination of Cross-National Heterogeneity in the Effects of Skin Tone and Self-Identified Race on Occupational Status and Material Wealth. *Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race*.
- Golden, L., **Valente, R. R.**, Okulicz-Kozaryn, A., & Mikhaeil, E. (2026). Do Unpredictable and Unstable Work Hours Reduce Subjective Wellbeing? *Social Indicators Research*.
- Valente, R. R.**, & **Smith, R. A.** (2026). Religiosity and Life Satisfaction Across Latin America. *Religions*.
- Yin, N.**, Chen, Y.-J., Cheng, P., & Tran, V. (2026). Mental and Physical Health Impacts of Anti-Asian Violence on Chinese Older Adults. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*.