



*"Participating in the UC Berkeley Summer School IPPA program expanded the knowledge and career readiness I continue to experience as a doctoral student at the University of New Orleans. I was honored to represent our great state and Urban Studies program in a course full of international intellectuals determined to pair policy standards and best practices with their passion and professionalism to phenomenally contribute to the field and change the world." Maniko Barthelemy*

Third-year Ph.D. student, Maniko Barthelemy, had the honor of representing UNO and the Department of Planning and Urban Studies at the International Public Policy Association's Summer School at the University of California, Berkeley from June 10 –14, 2024.

Ms. Barthelemy was one of only 19 Ph.D. students chosen from an international applicant pool of 50 to participate in an accelerated Public Policy summer program taught at the University of California, Berkeley by Dr. Philippe Zittoun and Dr. Christopher Ansell (University of California, Berkeley). Dr. Zittoun is a Research Professor of Political Science at LAET, ENTPE, University of Lyon (France), an author <https://www.ippapublicpolicy.org/book/the-political-process-of-policymaking/5>, and General Secretary of the International Public Policy Association. Dr. Ansell, <https://polisci.berkeley.edu/people/person/christopher-ansell>, is an award-winning public policy professor at UC Berkeley and a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration.

Ms. Barthelemy spent the week with emerging public policy experts representing Africa, Canada, Singapore, Peru, Mexico, Berlin, India, Brazil, and Australia. In this prestigious setting, career researchers and Ph.D. students attended lectures and workshops, pitched their research proposals, identified areas of improvement, and represented their respective university programs by introducing theories, philosophies, research, and cultural values throughout the week.

In addition to lectures, seminars, and workshops, the experience included several professional development opportunities, dynamic roundtable discussions, and an intellectually in-depth exchange of best practices to consider when it comes to the introduction, intent, implementation, and impact of public policy on a national and international level.

Ms. Barthelemy is a native New Orleanian and Air Force veteran with a Master's degree from American University in Washington D.C. and a Bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland. In addition, she is a member of the Louisiana College and Career Readiness Commission and serves as the Advocacy and Policy Chair of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women-Greater New Orleans Chapter and an executive board member of the Louisiana Association of Broadcasters.

*Congratulations Maniko from everyone in the Planning and Urban Studies Department on your truly outstanding achievement!*