2012-2013 Martin School Graduates
Ph.D. Students: Amanda Deerfield, John Foster, Bryan Gibson, Rob Greer, C.B. Mamali, Zhizei Zhang
MPA Students: Elyse Altro, Robert Glenn Aierson, Learn Seagrawes Barber, Kenneth Bai, Kandace N. Bright, Boya Chen, Samuel Taylor Cotts, Amy Gibson, Geoffrey Griggs, Jennifer Hale, Pamela Anne Henderson, Nurlan Kussainov, Sun Ki Kwon, Kelsey Laxer

2012-2013 Scholarship Recipients
Dan Reedy Award
Seungjini Choi - Michelle Hill, Jeepeon Koo - Cole Rakow - Changseun Yun
Graduate School Academic Year Fellowship
Cole Rakow
The Joe Toy Scholarship
Jenna Skow
Kentucky Opportunity Fellowship
Seungjini Choi
Virgil Couch Fellowship
Amanda Laskoe
Ezra Gillis Tuition Scholarships
Shen Huang, Scott Tremolla, Christopher Record - Elda Ward
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Martin School Assesses LFUCG Social Service Agencies

Martin School students Zheng Li, Ellie Song, Chenglin Zhao, and Heath Rico recently worked on a joint project with graduate students from the U.K. College of Social Work for the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) under the supervision of Dr. Ginny Wilson. Their task was to provide information that the Urban County Council could use to allocate funding to non-profit social service organizations. Zheng Li reported on the results of a survey of all nonprofit, social service organizations in the County, which indicated that respondents perceive a lack of affordable housing to be the issue that should receive the greatest attention from LFUCG in the future. Heath Rico showed that most nonprofit social service agencies in the County are not located in or near the neighborhoods with the highest likely need. Chenglin Zhao also mapped the location of subsidized housing units, along with Census data on the share of income devoted to housing, to show that residents of many neighborhoods in the County still spend a large share of income for housing. Ellie Song developed a set of best-practice reporting systems for funded agencies, then compared those to the actual practices of the 21 nonprofit social service agencies who received funding from LFUCG in the last budget. She then determined that most of the funded agencies met best practice guidelines for reporting financial and governance data, but were weak in reporting on privacy protections and outcomes for clients. Dr. Wilson and her students provided a final report linking affordable housing and safe transportation to the LFUCG council members on August 27, 2013.

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