**Final Career Preparation and Internship Reflection Paper (2 Parts)**

**Part I:** 1000-1200 words reflecting upon what you experienced and learned at your internship site over the duration of your internship. Use at least three sources from scholarly journals or credible news outlets that relate your internship to political theory, current events, or and academic area of interest. When reflecting on your experience, consider the following questions:

* *How did your work with your agency illuminate or highlight what you are learning in your class or major?*
* *What organization did you work with? What is the mission of the organization you worked with? What are they doing to carry out that mission? What kind of barriers exist to their carrying out their mission?*
* *What seem to be the root causes of the issue/problem addressed?*
* *What kinds of activities are currently taking place in the community related to this project?*
* *How did you help? What did you do as a part of their work?*
* *What contributes to the success of projects like this? What hinders success?*
* *What learning occurred for you in this experience? How can you apply this learning?*
* *What would you like to learn more about, related to this project or issue?*
* *How have you changed? What have you learned about yourself? What about our community?*
* *What would you like to tell a student about to participate in service or an internship to help them get the most out of it?*

**Part I:** 500-700 words laying out a specific plan as to what you intend to do over the next 3/6/9/12 months to work on your career options. (Courtesy of Dr. Alison Holmes)

You are all at different points on this path, but wherever you are, there are many things you can do in the short/medium and long term to keep moving forward, for example - keeping looking for grad programs (putting them in a contact/network system), actually contact grad programs, talk to faculty here about your plans and ask about future references, set up informational interviews by phone or in person over an upcoming break or the summer to make initial contacts, put in a specific number of applications to certain types of jobs by a certain time. The options are only limited by your own seriousness of intention and an action plan is an important first step.