

Drew Newman, Class of 2004

I am currently the Chief of Staff at Single Stop, a national anti-poverty non-profit organization. We partner with community colleges and neighborhood-based nonprofits to connect low-income families to an array of benefits and services through a unique one-stop-shop model so that they can complete their degrees, get better jobs, and rise out of poverty. We have built a new anti-poverty screener/case manager that has been described as an “Amazon.com for Social Services.” We have 140 sites in 9 states. Since 2007, we have served 1.3 million households, connecting them to \$3.4 billion in benefits and resources. Building on my liberal arts background, I do a little bit of everything in my role. Single Stop is a spinoff of the Robin Hood Foundation; I know that Professor Bradburd has done a lot of work with Robin Hood that has benefited us.

Before joining Single Stop 18 months ago, I spent a decade in DC. I moved there after graduating from Williams in 2004 to attend law school at American University. After clerking at the D.C. Court of Appeals, I spent 5.5 years at the D.C. Council, the city-state legislature for Washington, D.C. There, I was the Legislative Director for the member representing upper Northwest D.C. I also ran the Committee on transportation, environment, and public works, and I led a special committee that investigated the Mayor. As a young lawyer working at the Council, I had an amazing opportunity to craft legislation and promote progressive policies on just about every subject matter imaginable.

This summer, however, I am leaving Single Stop to go to Princeton’s Woodrow Wilson School to attend a one-year “mid-career” MPP program. I am really excited about returning to the classroom and studying all of the things that I have either forgotten from my time as a Political Economy major or didn’t absorb at Williams because I wasn’t academically mature enough.