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Roundtable Participants: Biographical Notes

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Amber is a passionate advocate for research and higher education. She advises Lewis-Burke clients on a range of research areas, including the Department of Defense, defense health, biomedical research, global health, and international affairs. Amber analyzes legislation and policy trends to keep clients on the forefront of opportunities in these issue areas. Amber also specializes in faculty engagement and planning strategic outreach events in DC.

Issue Areas: Defense, national security, defense health, global health, biomedical, manufacturing, technology, and international affairs

Additional Experience: Prior to joining Lewis-Burke, Amber worked as a Research Assistant at the Bertelsmann Foundation, a transatlantic think tank where she covered European Union-U.S. policies in artificial intelligence, technology, manufacturing, and the future of work. She also interned with the Department of State at the U.S. Embassy in Lisbon, Portugal and gained international diplomatic experience in the Embassy's politics and economics section. Amber also worked as an Education Outreach Assistant at the Center for European Studies, at the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill.

Vital Statistics: Amber received both her undergraduate and graduate degrees from UNC (Go Heels!). She earned a B.A. in Global Studies, a B.A. in Contemporary European Studies, and a minor in Spanish. She also earned an M.A. in Political Science, during which she studied at Pompeu Fabra University in Barcelona, Spain, and was awarded two Foreign Language Area Studies (FLAS) scholarships by the U.S. Department of Education for her study of Portuguese. Amber has a love for languages and is an aficionada of the Iberian Peninsula, having lived in Lisbon, Barcelona, and Seville before moving to D.C.



Eric M. Feldman
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Eric leads *The Talent Lab*, which trains the FIU community on the workings of the federal government and policymaking. The Fly-In Seminars, internships, and the 'Impact Series' of events he programs focus on the skills of communication, emerging technology, and global learning, which are essential to career success in Washington, D.C. For eight years prior to this, Eric managed the signature student programs associated with FIU's [Global Learning for Global Citizenship](#) initiative, including the Global Learning Medallion, Tuesday Times Roundtable, and Peace Corps Prep.

Eric has supported DC and Miami-based nonprofits in an advisory capacity, including [Pay Our Interns](#), which advocates for paid internships, the [Electo Foundation](#), a service to inform voters, and the CWS Miami Immigrant and Refugee Program.

Eric has had the opportunity to publish on topics related to higher education including virtual internships (in press for 2021), [law enforcement on campus](#) (2019), [publicly engaged scholarship](#) (2018), [democratic deliberation](#) (2016), and [social media](#) (2015).



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MODERATOR



Markus Thiel

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Markus Thiel is associate professor in the Department of Politics and International Relations at Florida International University, Miami, and director of FIU's Jean Monnet Center of Excellence. Dr. Thiel's research interests are the political sociology of the EU and European (Union) Politics more generally, as well as Nationalism & Identity Politics. He graduated with a Ph.D. from the University of Miami in 2005 and has published several EU-related articles and book chapters in peer reviewed journals. In addition, his research on the political sociology of the EU produced the monograph, 'The Limits of Transnationalism' (Palgrave, 2011), and 5 co-edited volumes on: 'Diversity and the European Union' (with Lisa Pruegl, Palgrave, 2009), 'Identity Politics in the Age of Globalization' (with Roger Coate, Lynne Rienner/First Forum Press, 2010), 'European Identity & Culture: Narratives of Transnational Belonging' (with Rebecca Friedman, Ashgate, 2012), 'Sexualities in World Politics: How LGBTQ Claims Shape International Relations' (with Manuela Picq, Routledge, 2015) and 'EU Development Policies between Norms and Geopolitics' (with Sarah Beringer & Sylvia Maier, Palgrave, 2019). Most recently, he published a book on the linkage of European transnational civil society groups with the EU Fundamental Rights Agency: 'EU Civil Society and Human Rights Advocacy' (University of Pennsylvania Press, 2017).

He supervises doctoral students in the areas of EU Politics and International Organizations

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