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**Sara Beth Marchert's involvement in SLP in addition to her hard work and dedication has induced a successful career as a nonproliferation policy analyst at Sandia National Laboratories.**

Sara started at the University of Georgia as a Political Science major. However, after taking classes in Human Security and War and Politics, she realized her passion for International Affairs and added the IA major. She applied and was accepted to the 2016-2017 SLP cohort. SLP defined her senior year as it sparked her interests in nonproliferation and strategic trade control as well as allowed Sara to learn about internships, graduate school, and organizations in D.C.

Sara went on to complete an M.A. in Nonproliferation Terrorism Studies with a financial crime specialization from the Middlebury Institute of International Studies (MIIS) at Monterey and an M.A. in International Affairs from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations. Following her training at SLP, Sara was a Strategic Trade Control Intern at the Argonne National Laboratory and a Herbert Scoville Jr. Peace Fellow at the Nuclear Threat Initiative.

Today, Sara works as Senior Member of the Technical Staff at Sandia National Laboratories. She facilitates international capacity building on operational improvements in sanctions enforcement implementation and other counterproliferation topics. Her current project includes identifying proliferation risks in the maritime and finance industries. Simultaneously, Sara is serving as Russia & Eurasia Regional Lead for the Cooperative Monitoring Center.

She advises SLP students who are navigating the current job market to cast a wide net, and to not shy away from discussing accomplishments unrelated to your specific field, as they are all important. She greatly enjoyed making friends through SLP, many of whom are now also colleagues. In ten years, Sara hopes to work in science diplomacy. Sarah's story exemplifies the impact SLP can have in shaping one's calling.