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Upcoming Event

Eileen Otis, Assistant Professor of Sociology
"Market-Embodied Labor: The Gender Politics of Labor in China's Globalized Service Workplaces"
 State University of New York, Stony Brook
 Thursday, March 3rd at 4:00 p.m., 620 Thompson Hall

Craig Nicolson, Department of Natural Resources Conservation
Eskimos, Harvest Quotas and Environmental Variability: The Case of the Endangered Bowhead Whale in Alaska
 University of Massachusetts Amherst
 Monday, March 7th at 12:00-1:00 p.m., 620 Thompson Hall

CPPA News

Welcome **Paula Chakravartty**, Assistant Professor in Communications, has joined the core faculty of CPPA. Professor Chakravartty's area of research includes media and telecom policy, communications policy and social movements and immigration policy as it relates to high-skilled workers. She is the co-author of the forthcoming book, "Globalization, Communication and Media Policy: A Critical Perspective", and the author of several articles on communications policy in India and labor and migration policy in the U.S. She teaches courses on Asian media policy and politics, comparative new media policy and communications and "development". She looks forward to working with CPPA faculty and students in areas of mutual interest.

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Charles Schweik, Assistant Professor with the Department of Natural Resources Conservation and the Center for Public Policy and Administration at

the University of Massachusetts Amherst, has received a 5-year CAREER award for just under \$500,000 from the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Division of Information and Intelligent Systems. According to NSF, this prestigious award "recognizes and supports the early career-development activities of those teacher-scholars who are most likely to become the academic leaders of the 21st century."

Schweik's project, entitled "Open Source\Content Commons as a New Paradigm for Collaborative Scientific Research", seeks to identify factors that lead to success or failure of Internet-based "open source" (OS) programming projects. The broad goal of the project is to identify design principles that lead to successful OS projects such that they can be used to inform new forms of collaboration in other "open content" domains, such as scientific research. The project will also develop a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) curriculum based entirely on OS GIS software. In addition, students will be taught about participation in OS/OC GIS projects. A more detailed abstract can be found at <http://people.umass.edu/cschweik/career2005.html>. Information on the NSF CAREER program can be found at <http://www.nsf.gov/home/crssprgm/career/>.

Rutherford H. Platt, Professor of Geography and Planning Law and faculty at the Center for Public Policy and Administration, recently collaborated with Istanbul Technical University (ITU) to hold an ecological cities workshop in January-February. The goal of the workshop was to begin developing a proposal to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Institution's (UNESCO) Man and Biosphere Program to establish an "urban biosphere reserve" in the vicinity of Istanbul. Platt gave a keynote talk, summarizing strategies for making cities more ecological and humane. The Ecological Cities Project was started by Platt in 1999 as a program of research, outreach and teaching based in the UMass Amherst Department of Geosciences. The project is documenting innovative approaches to making cities greener, healthier, more people-friendly and more socially equitable.

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Student News

Congratulations to **Jason O. Chang** who was accepted into the U.C. Berkeley's PhD program in Ethnic Studies to start in fall of 2005. Jason will be moving to the San Francisco Bay Area in August.

This January, MPPA student **Heddi Nieuwsma** conducted a survey project for the Citizens' Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA) as a collaborative outreach activity of the Center for Public Policy and Administration. During the month, Heddi conducted a telephone survey of 30 partner agencies to learn more about the participant registration and client tracking methods of homebuyer education counseling programs. The primary purpose of the study was to clarify results obtained from a previous survey of partner agencies and prepare a summary report of the major findings from the survey, including a comparison of current registration forms, client database software, and course graduate follow-up and tracking procedures utilized by partner agencies.

Zosia M. Wadoski, CPPA student and Coordinator of the Family Self

Sufficiency at the Holyoke Housing Authority (HHA) authored and was awarded a Resident Opportunities and Self Sufficiency grant for its elderly/disabled population. The funding is for three years of supportive services programming for this needy population. Under this grant, the Authority will be able to continue providing assisted transportation and translation services for medical appointments for elderly residents. In addition, the YMCA will be offering on-site health and fitness classes, the Holyoke Creative Arts Center will provide arts and crafts classes, and the Boys and Girls Club will offer computer technology classes. All of these programs will be offered at no charge to the Authority's elderly and disabled residents. Moreover, the Center for Public Policy and Administration will provide program evaluation services. The grant is likely to pay for a summer internship of a CPPA student to assist with the evaluation. It is anticipated that program services will begin shortly after July 1st of this year.

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Graduate Opportunities

Professional Development Series

There are some great connections happening at CPPA this semester! We have a full schedule of talks by alumni and others as part of the Professional Development Series and are always looking for interested alumni to speak!

Friday February 18, 12:30-1:30pm

Brendan Culley, MPA 2001, Analyst at Government Accountability Office (GAO)

Friday February 25, 12:30-1:30pm

Kristen Anderson, MPA 1996, Budget Director at Middlebury College, VT

Friday March 4, 12:30-1:30pm

Mark D'Angelo, MPA 1980, Deputy Director of Employee Relations, State of MA

Friday March 25 12:30-2:00pm

Sara Morrison, MPA 2000, Research & Education Associate, MA Council of Human Service Providers

Tim Jones, MPA 2001, Assistant Attorney General, MA Attorney General's Office

Friday April 1, 1:30-3:00pm

Women in Policy Panel Discussion (location TBD)

M. Clare Higgins, Mayor of Northampton; MA

Ellen Story, MA State Representative

Lisa Wyatt, Dean of Arts and Sciences at Holyoke Community College

Kristen Keel, MPA 1992, VP Financial Planning and Analysis

Moderator, Dean Janet Rifkin, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (Moderator)

Friday April 15, 12:30-3:00pm

Budgeting Workshop

John Musante, MPA 1984, Finance Director, Town of Amherst

For more information about the Professional Development Series, or if you would like to participate, please contact Jackie Brousseau-Pereira, Special Projects Manager at 413-577-0239 or by email jackie@pubpol.umass.edu

Employment Opportunities:

Coordinator of Individual Giving at The Fund for Women Artists: The Fund for Women Artists is seeking a Coordinator of Individual Giving. This new part-time staff position will coordinate a campaign to build support from individual donors at all levels, with an emphasis on donors capable of major gifts. The Coordinator will work closely with the Executive Director, the Associate Director, the Board of Directors, and Advisory Board, managing the logistical aspects of the campaign. The Fund for Women Artists is a national non-profit organization dedicated to helping diverse women artists get the resources they need to do their creative work.

This position is based in our office in Northampton, Massachusetts, which has been voted the "Number One Best Small Arts Town in America." The position will start at 20 hours per week, \$18/hour, with the potential to grow into full-time. Women of color are especially encouraged to apply. Please send a resume and writing sample by February 22, 2005 to Job Search, The Fund for Women Artists, P.O. Box 60637, Florence, MA 01062 or info@WomenArts.org. Website <http://www.womenarts.org/>

External Relations Associate at Verité: This is a full-time position. Verité is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Salary is competitive. Position Overview: The person in this position will be responsible for coordinating communications and fundraising activities, with a focus on: Drafting press releases and other communications materials; Coordinating liaison with media outlets; Conducting donor and funder research; Drafting program proposals; Supporting donor and communications events; Managing aspects of the Verité annual appeal to individual donors

To apply please send a letter outlining your qualifications, with a resume, by email to: externalrelations@verite.org Please put EXTERNAL RELATIONS in the subject line of your email. <http://www.verite.org/>

Data Base Coordinator Position at the Sisters of Providence Health System: The Database Coordinator is responsible for entering all gifts and pledges, including cash, securities and gifts-in-kind which are made to the Sisters of Providence Health System and its affiliated organizations in the Fund Development information system of Raiser's Edge 7 software. Ability to generate reports and prepare reconciliation between gift entry reports and deposits essential. Candidate must have a strong attention to detail with maximum accuracy. Good interpersonal and communication skills. Ability to work independently.

The Sisters of Providence Health System is a faith-based, non-profit organization serving all patients regardless of background or ability to pay. We are known for our tradition of a high-touch, holistic approach to health care combined with state-of-the-art medical technology. Visit our website at <http://www.mercycares.com/>
Candidates should apply online (or) send a cover letter, resume and references to: Sisters of Providence Health System, 1233 Main Street, Holyoke, MA

01040, ATTN: Human Resources.

River Restoration Coordinator at the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services: The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Water Division (NHDES) is seeking to fill the River Restoration Coordinator vacancy in its Dam Bureau. Specifically, we are looking for an individual to administer NHDES's River Restoration Program. A brief overview of the position, minimum education and experience requirements, salary range and contact information are included in the Job Advertisement.

2005 Summer Fellowships

Mathematica Inc., is offering five summer fellowships for eligible students who are interested in pursuing independent research on social policy issues affecting minorities. The deadline to send in an application is March 15. Applicants must be enrolled in a masters or PhD program in public policy or a social science.

Qualified minority students are encouraged to apply. The research is expected to take place June 1 to August 31 in any of the three Mathematica Inc. locations: Princeton, New Jersey; Washington, D.C.; and Cambridge, Massachusetts.

For more information and application requirements, visit www.mathematica-mpr.com, click on Employment and then Summer Fellowships.

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Grant Opportunities

The Office of Grants and Contracts Administration (OGCA) website has been greatly improved over the past months and provides clear and helpful information: <http://www.umass.edu/research/ogca/index.html>.

Did you know that CPPA has gathered a comprehensive list of on-line research and informative webpages for your use? Visit: <http://www.masspolicy.org/pages/research/Tools/resources.htm>

Grant assistance: CPPA faculty may contact Wendy Varner for assistance with grant submissions at wvarner@pubpol.umass.edu or by calling 577-0478.

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Alumni News

Victoria Groves ('02) had an article published in the fall issue of *CommonWealth* on how public management internships help Massachusetts cities and towns snag public policy students when they graduate and keep them as public servants. Take a look at the piece at <http://www.massinc.org/handler.cfm?type=1&target=2004-4/inquiry3.htm>

Please keep in touch! Send your news to: <mailto:info@pubpol.umass.edu>

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Upcoming Five College Events

Exhibition

Town and Country: Modern Life in America

Selected from the rich holdings of the Mead's American collection, this exhibition offers images by 43 artists who recorded life in America between 1900 and 1950. Includes paintings, drawings, watercolors, prints, photographs, and sculpture.

January 18 to May 29, 2005

Amherst College, Fairchild Gallery, Mead Art Museum

SAVE the DATE: Graduation is May 21st, 2005

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UMass Fine Arts Center: <http://www.umass.edu/fac>



UMass Arts and Theatre Calendar
<http://www.umass.edu/music/calendar/index.html>

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