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CPPA News

Celebration of Public Service Awarded to Jody Williams

The Center for Public Policy and Administration in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences awarded its 2005 annual Public Service Award to Nobel Peace Prize Winner and activist Jody Williams. Jody Williams, founder of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines, was presented the award by Esther Terry, Associate Chancellor. Williams spoke on "What you Do Matters: Creating Communities to Solve Global Problems", highlighting the choices she made that led to her activism work and encouraging everyone to get involved. She said, "If everyone found a way to volunteer a little bit or to give back a little bit, what a world we'd have."



Earlier in the day her dedication to public service was honored at a lunch hosted by John Hird, Director of CPPA and attended by faculty, staff, students and local activists. Following lunch was a panel discussion on activism. In addition to Jody Williams, the panel included Megan Steinke (MPA '01) currently working with Save the Children; Nancy deProse (MPPA part-time student) founding member of Working Families Massachusetts; Pam Howland (MPA '87) working to build affordable housing in Western Massachusetts; and David Sharken the former Executive Director of The Food Bank of Western Massachusetts. The panel was moderated by Janet Rifkin, Dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. CPPA congratulates Jody Williams on her award.

HUD Awards Grant to CPPA

CPPA has been awarded a two-year \$90,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide opportunities for economically disadvantaged and minority graduate students in community development and public policy and administration. CPPA Director John Hird announced that the HUD grant will enable the creation of fellowships that couple full-time academic study with part-time work study in local governmental and nonprofit community development organizations. More than a dozen organizations based in the City of Holyoke that work in areas such as public health, education, and social policy have already indicated interest in partnering with these students.

John Hird stressed how important this grant is in providing new opportunities for students facing potential barriers to their pursuit of graduate degrees. This grant will contribute to a more diverse graduate student body and will "enrich the intellectual

and cultural environment for our graduate programs." He encourages all individuals who are interested in pursuing a Masters of Public Policy and Administration and who think they may be eligible to contact CPPA right away. Fellows must be enrolled full time in a college or university graduate program. The fellowship provides full tuition and fees, a stipend toward living expenses, health insurance and books. For additional information or an application, contact Satu Zoller at szoller@pubpol.umass.edu or 413-545-2714.

New Website Launched!

CPPA is pleased to announce the launch of our new website – www.masspolicy.org! The redesign effort is an ongoing process and we welcome your suggestions. Please contact Jackie Brousseau-Pereira, Special Projects Manager, at jackie@pubpol.umass.edu.

Faculty News

Newly Tenured Faculty at CPPA

Congratulations to Michael Ash and Katie McDermott, who were awarded tenure from the UMass Amherst Board of Trustees this summer. They are now Associate Professor of Economics and Public Policy and Associate Professor of Education and Public Policy, respectively.

Brenda Bushouse receives UMass Faculty Research Grant

For the 2005-2006 academic year, Professor Brenda Bushouse received a Faculty Research Grant from UMass Amherst. In addition, she has two new publications: (1) Bushouse, Brenda and Howard J. Wiarda (Eds.) 2005. *Comparative Public Policy*. New York: Routledge; and (2) Bushouse, Brenda. Forthcoming. "Community Nonprofit Organizations and Service-Learning: Resource Constraints to Building Partnerships with Universities." *Michigan Journal of Community Service Learning*.

Professor Mednicoff presents at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Professor David Mednicoff from the Department of Legal Studies and CPPA, recently presented at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. His paper, titled "Legalism Sans Frontieres? U.S. Rule of Law Aid in the Arab World," is the most recent paper in the Carnegie Endowment's Rule of Law Series. The paper can be viewed on the working papers page at the Carnegie Endowment website, Carnegie Paper #61, on this [page](#).

CPPA Director John Hird Has Two New Publications

John Hird is the author of a new book entitled *Power, Knowledge and Politics: Policy Analysis in the States* (Georgetown University Press, 2005). Details of the book, as well as Chapter 1, can be viewed by visiting <http://press.georgetown.edu/detail.html?id=1589010493>. His second recent publication appeared in the February 2005 issue of the *Policy Studies Journal* entitled, "Policy Analysis for What?: The Effectiveness of Nonpartisan Policy Research Organizations". The full article can be viewed at: <http://www.blackwell-synergy.com/doi/full/10.1111/j.1541-0072.2005.00093.x>.

Krista Harper featured in Anthropology News

The September 2005 issue of Anthropology News, a monthly newspaper for the American Anthropological Association, features an article on Krista Harper's recent research on Roma human rights advances and attitudes in Hungary and Belgium. Dr. Harper is an Assistant Professor of Anthropology and faculty of CPPA, and she is the first anthropologist to receive the European Union Policy Affairs Research Fellowship from the Fulbright Scholars Program. PDF available [here](#).

Jane E. Fountain Joins CPPA Faculty

In September 2005, Jane E. Fountain joined the UMass Amherst faculty in CPPA and the Department of Political Science. In this capacity, she will lead the Science, Technology and Society Initiative and continue as Director of the NSF-funded National Center for Digital Government. Professor Fountain's research is focused on the intersection of institutions, global information and communication technologies and governance. She is the author of Building the Virtual State: Information Technology and Institutional Change (Brookings Institution Press, 2001) and numerous publications on information technology, governance and management.

CPPA Welcomes Scott Cooper

Scott Cooper joins CPPA this fall to teach a course on "Globalization and Its Discontents." The course looks at the compelling cross-border issues that may require greater consensus-building for resolution, such as global environmental issues, consumer empowerment in the global marketplace, patent rights and world health issues, as well as business regulation, taxes, investment and foreign aid. Cooper has led policy formulation on global electronic commerce issue for Hewlett-Packard for the past eight years.

Student News

Welcome to CPPA's new students!

RYAN AYLESWORTH

Ryan is from the western mountains of Maine, and in May of 2005 he graduated cum laude from Cornell University with a Bachelor of Science in natural resource management. Within the MPPA program he plans to specialize in environmental and natural resource policy, and hopes that the set of skills he acquires will help him rise to a position of great influence with an agency such as the National Park Service or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. His favorite hobbies include fly fishing, bird hunting, and golf.

REBECCA BALDER

Rebecca grew up near Springfield, Massachusetts. She graduated in 2005 from Skidmore College, a small school in New York State, with an interdepartmental major in Psychology and Sociology. She does not have specific career goals as of right now, but issues surrounding social inequality have always interested her, and she wants to be a part of creating and evaluating the policies that affect it. In her free time she enjoys doing all kinds of crafts, especially knitting and sewing.

KATHLEEN BOGGS

Katie Boggs is originally from South Dakota. After completing a B.A. in Economics at Drake University in May of 2005, she decided to jump right into Master's work at UMass-Amherst. While she has not pinpointed a specific career goal, she is extremely interested in studying the relationship between women and the labor market. In her spare time in college, she participated in Student Senate and coached a high school debate team. She likes watching movies and going to concerts.

CLAUDIA CIANO-BOYCE

Currently, Claudia is a professor of psychology at Westfield State College. Her research with non-traditional families, gender roles, and civil rights has fed her interest in exploring change at the level of public policy. Taking the Ethics in Public Policy course this spring while on sabbatical, she found that the CPPA program of courses were invigorating, both professionally and personally, at this time in her career. She has lived in the Pioneer Valley for about 20 years and currently lives in Southamptton, MA.

MAURA GEARY

Maura recently returned to Massachusetts after 13 years in Seattle. She received a BA in English from the University of Washington, and has taken full advantage of the range of employment options that comes with such a degree. For the past two years she has worked as a GED instructor and case manager for young parents in Springfield and Holyoke. She is interested in education policy and the relationship between school systems and local economies.

NANCY HAQUE

Nancy is excited to be in school again after nine years of activism and work in the labor and global justice movements. She has spent much of her time helping build labor community coalitions and fighting for workers' rights and economic justice through Jobs with Justice. She was born in Washington, DC, but has also lived in the Pacific Northwest. She went to the Evergreen State College and her concentration was in Political Economy and Social Change.

MICHAEL HAMEL

Michael grew up in Western Massachusetts and recently graduated from Westfield State College with a degree in Economics and Political Science. He has always been passionate about working for the public good, and he is looking forward to enhancing his policy knowledge and skills. He is not sure exactly what his focus will be, as his interests include everything from healthcare to energy policy, but he does know that he wants to bring positive change, and this program will help him to do that.

LISA HILT

Lisa graduated from Indiana State University with degrees in Sociology and Psychology. Since she graduated two years ago, she has worked for a year at a Domestic Abuse shelter, spent six weeks in Spain, and completed an internship as a research assistant for a policy research institute in Indianapolis. Her goal is to conduct policy research, specifically in international policy.

JAMIE JEE

While at CPPA, Jaime plans to focus on health care reform and campaign finance reform. He graduated from UMass in 2002 with a major in History and a minor in Spanish. After graduating, he worked on Clean Elections campaigns in Massachusetts. He then moved to New York City, where he worked as a legal aid tenant organizer and on affordable housing campaigns. He has since returned to MA and has been working with the Mass Voters for Fair Elections on public financing of campaigns.

BETH MCBRATNEY

Beth graduated in 1998 from UMass Amherst with a degree in History. Her first job out of college was with a private international tour operator, and she stayed with that company for over six years. She traveled extensively for work and for the past three years she has been working/living abroad in Switzerland and Australia. Her job positions have been varied – from Sales to Operations to Customer Relations. She is interested in learning more of both international comparative policy and nonprofit management.

PETER MONEGO

Peter comes to UMass Amherst after a half-year in the corporate insurance world with a British firm named Aviva. Before this, he received a BA in International Relations from Brown University. This major had a focus in international political economy, US-EU relations, and specifically the Czech Republic. He hopes to pursue these topics at the CPPA, in addition to expanding his knowledge of foreign languages.

JENNIFER NEIRA

Jennifer is originally from Lincoln, RI. She graduated from Bryant University in 2000 with a concentration in Finance and International Studies. After working in the corporate finance sector, she decided to return to school to pursue her true interests. She intends to specialize in International Policy and to supplement the MPPA program with a certificate in Latin American Studies. She eventually hopes to contribute to economic development programs in Latin America or immigration policy effecting the Hispanic population.

KAREN ISABEL PELTO

Karen is pleased to be back in the Valley to study after over 15 years in the nonprofit and government sectors. She graduated from Hampshire College in 1988 and has been involved in local, state, and regional natural resource protection ever since. As a staff member of the Massachusetts Riverways Program from 1992 through 2005, she supported municipal and volunteer-led efforts to monitor, protect, and restore rivers and the aquatic species they sustain.

CATHERINE SANDS

Catherine is the director of Fertile Ground, a grassroots initiative that creates teaching gardens in schools and links diverse communities through agricultural and educational programs. For the past three years she has been working in sustainable agriculture, creating programs that build bridges between communities and generate awareness of the benefits of eating fresh, local food. She has Bachelors Degrees in Art History and English from Georgetown University.

STEFANIE SANTANIELLO

Stefanie is a 2003 graduate of Boston College with majors in business administration, marketing and communications. After graduating from BC, she returned home to Western Mass. to complete an internship at the Food Bank in Hatfield, MA and volunteer on the John Kerry campaign in Keene, NH. She sees the MPPA program as being a good fit for her, as she believes it will fuse her interest in public policy and her background in business nicely. Her intended focus in the program is higher education administration.

CHRISTOPHER MING SUN

Chris grew up all his life in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He just graduated in 2005 from the College of William and Mary, where he majored in Public Policy and Psychology. He is hoping to focus my studies on education administration. He worked in the West Indies in the winter with a school for kids with special needs. He loved the kids so

much that it helped him to figure out what he wanted to do. Other than that, he is a big fan of snowboarding.

FIDA C. TOUMA

Fida comes to CPPA from Palestine. She graduated from Birzeit University near Ramallah in 2000 from the Faculty of Engineering, and holds a B.S. in Architecture. Before arriving at CPPA, she worked at a local NGO in Ramallah called Riwaq-Center for Architectural Conservation; her field of work covered actual conservation projects for historic buildings and sites as well as policy preparation for cultural heritage protection and fund raising procedures. She is interested non-profit management and policy design.

Alumni Updates

CPPA wants to hear from you! Please send alumni updates to Jackie Brousseau-Pereira at jackie@pubpol.umass.edu.

Pam Howland, '87 – Pam has just taken a position as Land Use/Sustainable Development Planner for the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. She is involved with grants and developing programs that focus on affordable housing and smart growth.

Lori Gordon (Schwarz), '00 – Lori is pleased to announce the birth of her daughter, Madeleine Sofia, on July 31, 2005.

Oryx Cohen, '02 – The July 2005 issue of the Journal of Humanistic Psychology features an article by Oryx entitled, "How Do We Recover?: An Analysis of Psychiatric Survivor Oral Histories." To view the entire article, go to http://www.freedom-center.org/pdf/oryx_journal_of_humanist_psych.pdf

Cheri Harrington, '02 – Cheri is pleased to announce the birth of her son, Nicholas L. Harrington King, on June 11, 2005.

Matthew Shilvock, '02 – Matthew is now working as the General Director's Associate at the San Francisco Opera.

Christine Barber, '03 – Christine now works as a Researcher for the new Joint Committee on Health Care Financing at the Massachusetts State House.

Celina Hurley, '03 – Celina now serves as the Director of Annual Fund and Special Events at the New Hampshire Political Library.

Carlo Ruiz-Giraldo, '04 – Carlo is currently working as an Environmental Specialist at the Ecuadorian Municipalities Association in Quito. He provides technical assistance in environmental management issues at municipalities in Ecuador and works with other government agencies in this field.

Kristin Behnke, '05 – Kristin is working as a Fiscal Policy Analyst with the Executive Office for Administration and Finance for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Jason Chang, '05 – Jason is now pursuing a PhD in Cultural Studies at University of California Berkeley.

Gillian Crippen, '05 – Gillian works as the Membership Director for the Hampshire Regional YMCA in Northampton.

Amy Cronin, '05 – Since graduating in May, Amy is now working for Tapestry Health in Northampton.

Julio Dantas, '05 – Julio is traveling around the world conducting research on trafficking in persons.

Holly Gerhart, '05 – This summer, Holly started her new job working as an Analyst in the Professional Development Program with the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) in Washington, DC.

Tricia Loomis, '05 – Tricia now works as a Program Manager with Policy Development in Amherst.

David Roth, '05 – David was accepted to the Public Management Intern program, and is now working in New York State government.

Jonathan Weiser, '05 - Jon works for a nonprofit in New York City called CHEST, in which he is the Assistant Project Director for the PARTY (Prevention Assessment of Risk Taking Youth) project, which studies the impact of club drugs in individuals between the ages of 18-29.

Grant Opportunities

UMass Amherst Funding Opportunities

The University of Massachusetts Amherst's Office of Grant and Contract Administration now features a comprehensive listing of internal and external grant funding opportunities as well as "Funding by Category" assistance. You can go to their website for complete information:

<http://www.umass.edu/research/ogca/funding/>

NSF Sociology Program Director visits UMass Amherst

Pat White, Program Director for the Sociology Division, and Coordinator of the Social and Political Sciences Cluster at the National Science Foundation (NSF) visited UMass Amherst on September 21, 2005, and spoke on "Funding Opportunities for Social and Behavioral Science at the National Science Foundation." Her talk was co-sponsored by CPPA and the UMass Social and Development Research Institute (SADRI) and Center for Research on Families (CRF). She provided information to a large audience of faculty and graduate students on how to direct funding requests. For more information about the Sociology Program, you can contact Ms. White at pwhite@nsf.gov or go to [NSF Government Funding](#)

Society for Research on Adolescence (SRA) Social Policy Awards

The Society for Research on Adolescence (SRA) Committee on Research, Policy, and Public Information has announced a call for submissions to be considered for the SRA's three Social Policy Awards: best edited volume, best authored book, and best journal article at the intersection of adolescent research and social policy. Nominated articles or books should exemplify research on adolescence with implications for social policy. Submissions can include policy-oriented research, program evaluations, or basic research in which implications for policy or practice are clearly articulated. Submissions should be sent by November 15, 2005. For more information, you can go to: <http://www.s-r-a.org/whatsnew.html#policyaward>

CPPA Events

Inequality, Race, and Mortality: A Critical Replication

Michael Ash, Associate Professor of Economics and Public Policy
CPPA Colloquium Series Event
Place: 620 Thompson Hall
Date: Monday, October 3, 2005
Time: 12:00 PM

MCAS and High Stakes Testing: Is It Working? Is It Fair?

Ron Hambleton, UMass Amherst Department of Education and Walter Haney,
Professor of Education at Boston College.
Event co-sponsored by CPPA and the UMass Dept. of Education
Place: TBA
Date: Tuesday, November 1, 2005
Time: 3:00 PM

Communications Law and Public Policy Panel Discussion

moderated by Jarice Hanson, Professor of Communication
MPPA Professional Development Event
Place: Thompson 620
Date: Thursday, November 3, 2005
Time: 4:00 PM
Panelists:

- Robert Corn-Revere, partner at Davis Wright Tremaine
- Lonna Thompson, Association of American Public TV Stations
- David Donovan, Association for Maximum Service Television
- Brian Fontes; Cingular Wireless.

Universal Preschool: Policy Entrepreneurs at the State Level

Brenda Bushouse, Assistant Professor of Political Science and Public Policy
CPPA Colloquium Series Event
Place: 620 Thompson Hall
Date: Monday, November 7th 2005
Time: 12:00 PM