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CPPA News

Former Mass. Governor Paul Cellucci to Visit CPPA on March 29th

The Center for Public Policy and Administration will host former Massachusetts Governor and US Ambassador to Canada, Paul Cellucci, on Wednesday, March 29, 2006. Governor Cellucci, who served as US Ambassador to Canada from 2001-2005, as Acting Governor of the Commonwealth from 1997-1998, and Governor from 1998-2001, will address separate audiences of CPPA graduate students and UMass Amherst undergraduate students on the use of policy research and analysis to inform public sector decision-making as well as reflecting on his experiences in public service. He is also scheduled to meet with Chancellor Lombardi and other university officials at a lunch reception in his honor.

IT Conference for Nonprofits Scheduled for May 2006

On May 31st, CPPA will host an Information Technology Conference for Nonprofit Organizations at the Learning Commons in the UMass W.E.B. DuBois Library. The conference will provide staff and board members of small to medium sized nonprofits with the opportunity to learn practical approaches and strategies to better manage their information technology systems.

Conference participants can choose from two, full-day workshops; one is focused on technology planning and relational databases and the other is centered on using technology to engage community stakeholders. For more information or to register for this event, please contact Jackie Brousseau-Pereira at 413-577-0239.

CPPA to Host Upcoming Job and Internship Fair

Save the date! CPPA will be holding its second annual Job and Internship Fair this month, as part of the Professional Development series for MPPA students. This event will take place on:

Date: Thursday, March 30th
Time: 4:00 - 5:30 pm
Place: UMASS Amherst, Thompson Hall, Room 620



CPPA Professor Jane Fountain drives the intersection of technology, institutions, and government
Photo by Ben Barnhart.

CPPA to Host Upcoming Job and Internship Fair (continued)

We are asking CPPA alumni to come and speak with Masters students about available job and internship opportunities at their organizations. If there are no current openings with your organization, you should still feel free to attend. Students are always looking to get information about careers in various fields, and this event provides them with an opportunity to network and practice informational interviews in a comfortable setting. Please contact Jackie Brousseau-Pereira at 413-577-0239 by Friday, March 10th if you plan to participate. Light refreshments will be available.

If you cannot attend, but know of internship or career opportunities in your organization or in others, please feel free to send job descriptions or other info to Satu Zoller, Associate Director, or Jackie Brousseau-Pereira. These announcements are sent to current MPPA students, and are also included in the alumni job opportunities listserv.

Faculty News

Professor Carol Heim Awarded Lincoln Fellowship in Land Value Taxation

Carol E. Heim, Professor of Economics and CPPA Faculty Member, has been awarded a David C. Lincoln Fellowship in Land Value Taxation by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy in Cambridge, Mass. During 2006, the fellowship award of \$40,000 will support some of her ongoing research on urban growth and property development.

Her project is entitled "Municipal Fiscal Structures and Land-Based Growth in the Phoenix Metropolitan Area." After documenting heavy reliance on sales taxes relative to property taxes, she will examine implications of the quest for sales tax revenues, including municipal incentives offered to attract retail facilities and the possibility of excessive zoning for commercial uses or overbuilding of retail facilities. She will investigate fiscal issues relating to infrastructure finance during rapid growth and consequences of build-out, including higher prices for land acquisition for public purposes.

CPPA Director and Professor John Hird Appointed Co-Editor of JPAM

John Hird, CPPA Director and Professor of Political Science, was recently appointed Co-Editor of the Journal of Policy Analysis and Management (JPAM). JPAM is a quarterly journal that presents articles on issues and practices in public management and policy analysis. Contributors to the journal include economists, public managers, and operations researchers.

Professor Jane Fountain Releases New Publications in 2006

Jane E. Fountain, Professor of Political Science and CPPA Faculty Member, will release two new publications relating to the intersection of institutions, global information, communication technologies, and governance, as shown below. In addition, Professor Fountain's book, *Building the Virtual State: Information Technology and Institutional Change*, was recently translated into Portuguese and Japanese.

Fountain, Jane E. "Challenges to Organizational Change: Facilitating and Inhibiting Information-Based Redesign of Public Organizations," in David Lazer and Viktor Mayer-Schoenberger, eds. *Information Government* (Cambridge, MA: MIT Press, 2006). Forthcoming.

Professor Jane Fountain Releases New Publications in 2006 (continued)

Fountain, Jane E. "Central Issues in the Political Development of the Virtual State," in Manuel Castells and Gustavo Cardoso, eds. *The Network Society: From Knowledge to Policy* (Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press, 2006).

Maxwell School and GSPIA to Host Lectures by Professor Laura Jensen

Professor Laura Jensen, Associate Professor of Political Science and Public Policy, will be giving invited lectures during the spring semester on her work on privatization and government accountability at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA) at the University of Pittsburgh and the Maxwell School of Syracuse University.

The February 23rd lecture in Pittsburgh is part of the School of Information Sciences and Johnson Institute Policy, Ethics & Accountability Lecture Series. In addition to the public lecture, she will also be speaking in a public management class and participating in a research roundtable for faculty and doctoral students. For more information about Professor Jensen's lecture, entitled "Public Ethics, Legal Accountability and the New Governance," go to <http://www.johnsoninstitute-gspia.org/events.asp>.

Alumni Updates

Kristin Mory, MPA '94 - After working in the public sector for 12 years in the field of economic development in Leominster, MA; the Montachusett region of MA; and Plantation, FL, Kristin recently decided to start up a small construction company that builds residential additions. This past year she created a new development company, Smart Development, which is focusing on town home development in Fort Lauderdale. She continues to network with her economic development colleagues in South Florida.

Vivian Saravelas, MPA '01 – Vivian was recently appointed the Director of Budget and Finance for the Boston Centers for Youth and Families. This agency is the city's largest human services organization, with an annual budget of \$26 million and 470 staff, and is comprised of 46 community centers throughout the city. Each community center has its own 501(c)(3) nonprofit status and receives city, state and federal grants managed by her office. Community centers leverage these dollars to develop additional programming to support the agency's mission of providing services that reflect the needs, interests and concerns of Boston 's neighborhoods. Her immediate goals include developing the agency's FY07 budget and performance measures, evaluating processes in budget and grants management, and implementing a newly created work plan for administration and finance.

Michael Qualter, '02 – Michael works in Employment and Training for the Department of Labor in Washington, DC, and he has recently been selected as a member of the Workforce Innovation for Regional Economic Development (WIRED) project. He will be on site in the coastal Maine region - getting back to his New England roots.

Dina Khassenova, '04 – Since her graduation from CPPA in 2004, Dina returned to her native Kazakhstan and worked first for the Academy for Educational Development and is now currently employed as a Civic Education/Budget Specialist with USAID.

Last year, Dina attended a 10-day training with Open Society Institute on ethnic diversity and conflict management in Budapest and then studied for one month in Sweden at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute for the Regional Program on the Equal Status and Human Rights of Women. She will be holding a seminar in Almaty in March as a follow up of this program, and then in May she will travel to Ukraine to present the results of the seminar.

We want to hear from you! Alumni should send updates and news to Jackie Brousseau-Pereira at jackie@pubpol.umass.edu.

Grant and Research Opportunities

UMass Boston Graduate School of Policy Studies to Host Student Research Conference

The John W. McCormack Graduate School of Policy Studies at UMass Boston will host a student research conference on "Social Inequalities in a New Century" on April 28, 2006. This event offers Boston area students in public policy, sociology, political science, economics, and related disciplines an opportunity to engage in interdisciplinary scholarly dialogue regarding the policy implications of social inequality.

The conference seeks to provide students with an opportunity to present their research in an academic environment, to receive feedback from professors in these disciplines and other graduate students. The luncheon keynote address will be given by Professor Frances Fox Piven. Papers presented at the conference will be made available to all attendees. For more information about the event, go to <http://www.publicpolicy.umb.edu/~pubpol/NEWS.HTM>.

NSF Grant Opportunities

Decision, Risk and Management Sciences (DRMS): The Decision, Risk and Management Sciences program supports scientific research directed at increasing the understanding and effectiveness of decision making by individuals, groups, organizations, and society. Disciplinary and interdisciplinary research, doctoral dissertation research, and workshops are funded in the areas of judgment and decision making; decision analysis and decision aids; risk analysis, perception, and communication; societal and public policy decision making; management science and organizational design.

Science and Society (S&S): S&S considers proposals that examine questions that arise in the interactions of engineering, science, technology, and society. There are four components: Ethics and Values in Science, Engineering and Technology (EVS); History and Philosophy of Science, Engineering and Technology (HPS); Social Studies of Science, Engineering and Technology (SSS); and Studies of Policy, Science, Engineering and Technology (SPS). The components overlap, but are distinguished by the different scientific and scholarly orientations they take to the subject matter, as well as by different focuses within the subject area.

CPPA Events

"Public Accountability in the Information Age"

Speaker: Professor Albert Meijer, *Visiting Scholar*, National Center for Digital Government

Place: Thompson Hall, Room 620

Date: Monday, March 27, 2006

Time: 12:00 PM

This event is part of the Science, Technology, and Society Speaker Series.

CPPA Job and Internship Fair

Place: 620 Thompson Hall

Date: Thursday, March 30, 2006

Time: 4:00 PM

This event is part of the MPPA Professional Development Series.

UMass MPA program alumni will present information about internship and career opportunities at their agencies/organizations.

"Does Conservatism Make Black People Sick? - The Politics of Racial Health Disparities"

Speaker: Dean Robinson, Associate Professor of Political Science and CPPA Faculty Member

Place : 620 Thompson Hall

Date: Monday, April 3, 2006

Time: 12:00 PM This event is part of the CPPA Colloquium Speaker Series.

Questions or comments about the CPPA E-Bulletin?

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