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Kevin Knobloch, President of the Union of Concerned Scientists spoke at UMass on April 24, 2006
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CPPA News

CPPA Hosts New England Public Policy Center Western/Central Massachusetts Summit

On April 6, 2006, the Center for Public Policy and Administration (CPPA) hosted a regional summit of the [New England Public Policy Center](#), a new venture of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. Economists, policy analysts, and research assistants with backgrounds in labor and urban economics, economic development, state and local public finance, and healthcare met with policymakers and elected officials from Western and Central Massachusetts to learn about regional policy issues and initiatives. The purpose of the conference was to introduce policymakers to the New England Public Policy Center and facilitate a partnership between the public policy community and regional policy and economic analysts.

Faculty News

Professor Michael Ash Receives Funding for Corporate Toxics Information Project

[Michael Ash](#), Associate Professor of Economics and CPPA faculty member and Professor James Boyce are recipients of a \$75,000 grant from the V. Kann Rasmussen Foundation for the Corporate Toxics Information Project. Under the auspices of the Political Economy Research Institute (PERI), the project develops and disseminates analysis of corporate releases of toxic chemicals and the resulting exposures of communities to pollution hazards. The project will produce rankings that rate corporate performance in terms of the total amount and toxicity of chemical releases; the resulting pollution burdens, taking into account the number of people impacted; and the extent to which these burdens fall disproportionately on low-income communities and people of color.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.umass.edu/peri/programs/development/ctip.htm>

<http://www.umass.edu/peri/interviews/ctipinterview.htm>

Student News

More Employment Updates from the MPPA Class of 2006

As we reported last month, the MPPA Class of 2006 will graduate on Saturday, May 27, and several more students have already accepted job offers.

- **Michelle Le** will begin work in August 2006 as a Resident Director at California Polytechnic State University in San Luis Obispo, CA.
- **Zhimin Ma** will work as a family advocate at the Domestic Violence Program at the Asian American Community Involvement in San Jose, CA. She will provide direct services to the survivors of domestic violence through hotline and shelter, including emergency help, group and individual counseling, and translation for legal support.
- **Ina Mitzkavietz** will work for the Research division of the newly merged JupiterKagan in New York City. Her title will be, Research Associate, and she will conduct direct, primary research relating to the Internet and new technologies.

Congratulations to all!

Alumni Updates

Oryx Cohen, '02 - The American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) has selected Oryx Cohen as one of 10 national finalists for the 2006 Paul G. Hearne/AAPD Leadership Award. Oryx was selected because of his outstanding leadership within the psychiatric disability community, which includes co-founding the [Freedom Center](#) in Northampton.

New Alumni Profiles Available on CPPA's Website

Want to catch up with former classmates and learn more about the academic or professional pursuits of CPPA alumni? Check out the new [Alumni Profiles](#) section of the CPPA website, where you will find brief post-CPPA bios of graduates ranging from 1993 to 2005. These profiles help to provide examples to prospective and current students of the public service careers pursued recent graduates of the program.

Update your alumni profile information online!

A new online, [Alumni Update Form](#) provides CPPA alumni with a fast, easy way to stay in touch! Alumni can use the update form to:

- Revise their contact information;
- Send professional or personal news updates;
- Sign up for the job opportunities listserv; and
- Express interest in volunteering.

CPPA wants to hear from you! Alumni can also send updates and news to Jackie Brousseau-Pereira at jackie@pubpol.umass.edu.

Grant and Research Opportunities

Smith Richardson Foundation: Domestic Public Policy Research Fellowship Program

The [Domestic Public Policy Program](#) of the Smith Richardson Foundation provides research grants to public policy researchers and analysts. During the 2006 program year, the Foundation will award grants in the amount of \$60,000 to at least three individuals that will conduct research and write on domestic public policy issues. The Foundation must receive all Public Policy Research Fellowship Program proposals by **June 30, 2006**.

Events

The following are upcoming events during the month of **May 2006** that are sponsored either entirely or in part by the Center for Public Policy and Administration (CPPA).

Land Use and Zoning Policy Discussion

CPPA Professional Development Series

Speaker: Dwight Merriam, '68 - FAICP, CRE, Partner at Robinson & Cole LLP

Place: Thompson Hall, Room 620

Date: Thursday, May 4th 2006

Time: 11:30 AM

Dwight Merriam, author of the book *The Complete Guide to Zoning* and a leading national expert on land use law will discuss a particularly contentious aspect of local policy. Zoning and land use policies can have substantial impacts on communities, developers, landowners, and the environment. For more information, go to: <http://www.dwightmerriam.com/>.

"The Neighborhood Ecology of Family Influence on Delinquency and Violence"

Tay Gavin Lecture Series

Speaker: Deborah Gorman-Smith, University of Illinois at Chicago, Institute for Juvenile Research, Department of Psychiatry

Place: Thompson Hall, Room 620

Date: Thursday, May 4th 2006

Time: 4:00 PM

This lecture is co-sponsored by the Center for Research on Families and the Center for Public Policy and Administration. For more information, go to: <http://www.umass.edu/family/lecture.htm>.

CPPA Graduation Celebration

Come celebrate with the MPPA Class of 2006!
Place: UMass Amherst, Fine Arts Center Lobby
Date: Friday, May 26th 2006
Time: 4:00 - 6:00 PM

The Center for Public Policy and Administration (CPPA) is hosting a graduation celebration and ceremony for the 2006 MPPA graduates at the UMass Fine Arts Center Lobby on Friday, May 26, 2006. CPPA alumni are invited to join us for this event and should call Kathy Colon to RSVP at (413) 545-3956.

Information Technology Conference for Nonprofits

Trainers: Professor Charlie Schweik and consultants Katrin Verclas and Sarah Bennett
Place: UMass Amherst, W.E.B. Du Bois Library - Learning Commons
Date: Wednesday, May 31st 2006
Time: 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

The Center for Public Policy and Administration (CPPA) will host an information technology conference for nonprofit organizations on May 31, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

This conference is designed to provide key staff at the executive and program level with critical technology planning and implementation skills. The conference offers a choice of two all-day workshops: the "Technology Planning and Database Fundamentals" session is being taught by CPPA Professor Charlie Schweik, and the "eAdvocacy and Communication" session will be taught by consultants Katrin Verclas and Sarah Bennett.

For more information or to register, visit www.masspolicy.org/IT.

Questions or comments about the CPPA E-Bulletin?

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