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Professor George Sulzner reconnects with Jane Donahue, one of many former students present to celebrate George's contributions throughout his career.

CPPA News

Professor Sulzner Honored at Reception



Professor George Sulzner was honored at a retirement reception on October 6th. Colleagues, former students, family members, and friends joined together in celebrating George's significant contributions throughout his career, and many of George's former students spoke of his remarkable journey and the long-lasting effects it has had on their professional lives.

The reception also served as a fundraiser for the George T. Sulzner Endowment Fund, which provides scholarships to support MPPA students during their summer internships. The fund has allowed students to participate in internships in the United States and throughout the world where they have contributed to important work with public, nonprofit, and nongovernmental organizations.

For more information on the Sulzner fund, or to contribute, please contact Colleen O'Shaughnessy at colleen@pubpol.umass.edu or (413) 577-0239.

NCDG Welcomes Fellow

The National Center for Digital Government welcomes Seok-Jin Eom, a 2006-2007 Doctoral Fellow. Seok-Jin is a Ph.D. candidate in Public Administration at the Seoul National University in Korea. He received his Master of Public Administration in 2001 and his Bachelor of Economics in 1996, both from Seoul National University.

Prior to enrolling in the Ph.D. program, Eom was a business consultant for Korea's national e-government initiatives and research programs. He is currently analyzing the characteristics of e-government-building in Korea from an institutional perspective, focusing on the institutional arrangements that encourage the adoption of IT.



Faculty News

Charlie Schweik Speaks at Beijing Conference and United Nations University

Professor Charles Schweik participated as a panelist in the first US-China International Workshop on Digital Government Research and Practice (IntDG 2006), held in Beijing, China, on October 12. Professor Schweik's talk, entitled "Some Progress Areas in Digital Government and the Environment" was presented to the panel on Digital Government and the Environment. This panel addressed key themes of the workshop, including environmental monitoring, risk assessment, computing infrastructure, implications to public sector decision-making, and related regulatory considerations.

While overseas, Professor Schweik also spoke at the [United Nations University – International Institute for Software Technology](http://www.iist.unu.edu) in Macau. There, he presented "Toward an "Open Source Commons" in Environmental Management and Policy" and discussed two categories of progress (commons governance and information technologies used to monitor the environment), before focusing more specifically on online collaboration.

Jane Fountain Speaks at E-Governance Program

Professor Jane Fountain was an invited lecturer at a 10-day E-Governance Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. Her talk, titled "Institutional Transformation of Government in the Network Society," was given on October 12 to a group of government officials from Dublin and Belfast at Boston College.

The E-Governance program is focusing on strategies to integrate technology into government, employ IT to drive public sector productivity, encourage open communication between government and citizenry, and foster deeper citizen involvement within the governing process through technology. The program is sponsored by the Irish Institute at the Center for Irish Programs at Boston College, and the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

Krista Harper Interviewed on Hungarian Revolution

Professor Krista Harper was interviewed by the Toledo Blade in an article marking the 50th anniversary of the 1956 revolution in Hungary. In the article, she commented on the continued

effect the uprising has on people worldwide. You can read the article by clicking here.
<http://www.toledoblade.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20061022/NEWS08/610220305>.

Rutherford Platt – Making Cities Greener Places to Live Better

Professor Rud Platt was featured in the UMass magazine on his work as the founder of the Ecological Cities Project. His new book, *The Human Metropolis: People and Nature in the 21st-Century City*, explores creative solutions for making cities healthier, more habitable, and more equitable. Read more. (http://umassmag.com/2006/Fall06/Emerald_Cities.html)

STS Featured at Center for Hierarchical Manufacturing Meeting

In September, the work of the NanoScience and Society Research Group, led by Jane Fountain, was featured as part of the fall meeting of the Center for Hierarchical Manufacturing (CHM) at UMass Amherst. This Research Group is part of the Science, Technology and Society (STS) Initiative, which is coordinated through CPPA. The STS Initiative was established by the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences to serve as a catalyst for thoughtful dialogue, jointly sponsored research, and integrated education about the role of scientific advancement and technological innovation in society. By exploring public perceptions of nanotechnology and public opinion formation about new technologies, visual perception of nanotechnology research and instrumentation, and conflict resolution in emerging technology policy, the NanoScience and Society Research Group plays a key role within the CHM and nanotechnology research. In April of 2007, the STS Initiative will organize, convene and host the first in a series of workshops to address issues of public policy and nanotechnology.

CPPA at APSA

CPPA was well represented at the 2006 annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, with many faculty members presenting on their current research. Among these presentations were:

- **Katie McDermott** presented "'Expanding the Moral Community' or 'Blaming the Victim?': The Politics of State Education Accountability Policy."
 - **Jane Fountain** participated in the panel "Nanotechnology and Public Policy: Reports from the Field" and also presented "Technology Enactment Theory: Understanding the Role of Power, Bureaucracy, and Institutions in Government Information on Technology Initiatives."
 - **David Mednicoff** presented "Law as Power and as Empowerment: The Rule(s) of Law and Contemporary Arab Democratization" and "The Power of the Rule of Law in Islamic Theory and Contemporary Arab Politics."
 - **John Brigham** presented "Seeing in Context? Dangerous Spaces and the Constitution of Law", was the co-discussant on "Dimensions of Power and Inequality" and participated in the panel "Honoring Sheldon Goldman: 2006 Lifetime Achievement Award, Law and Courts."
 - **Dean Robinson** presented "Politics is Fundamental: Making Sense of Black-White Health Disparities in the United States" to the Committee on Health Politics, "The American Laggard: Health Disparities and What We Can Do About Them" panel.
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Student News

MPPA Student Fellowships

As part of a grant through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, three first year MPPA students have received fellowships that couple full-time study with part-time work in local Holyoke public and nonprofit community development organizations.

- **Tyler Boone** is working with Nuestras Raices, helping to coordinate an EPA-funded community-based coalition working to identify environmental health risks and educate and organize community members around environmental issues.
- **Christie Barcelos** is working for Tapestry Health Systems on a project that will provide educational programs and written materials to pharmacists and community-based providers related to the recently-enacted “emergency contraception (EC) access act.”
- **Chris Sullivan** is working with Western Massachusetts Legal Services (WMLS) to conduct a housing needs assessment for Holyoke. The project’s goal is to produce a proposal that will provide WMLS with an overview of Holyoke’s current housing climate, suggest specific actionable items that the agency can pursue and provide housing policy recommendations for WMLS to advocate.

Alumni Updates

Elizabeth Malloy '04 – Elizabeth is working as a Program Coordinator for the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development in Boston.

Kristen Behnke '05 – Kristen and her husband Matt welcomed the birth of their first son, James Kelson, on September 22nd.

Ann Marie Watt '06 – Ann Marie is working with the Evaluation and Planning Section of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration in Washington, D.C.

Ramil Maharramov '06 – Ramil is currently working as a Programme Coordinator for the Baku office of the International Organization for Migration (IOM). In this position, Ramil is responsible for donor relations, program development, documentation and reporting of several programs run by IOM throughout Azerbaijan.

ALUMNI - We'd love to hear from you! Send your updates to info@pubpol.umass.edu or use the online alumni update form.

<http://www.masspolicy.org/index.php?section=alumni&page=alumniupdateform>

Events

The Family and the National Institute of Child Health & Human Development
Jeffery Evans, Director of Intergenerational Research at the National Institutes of Health and Human Development (NICHD)

Science, Technology, and Society Partners Speaker Series

Place: 620 Thompson Hall

Date: Tuesday, October 24, 2006
Time: 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Chasing Interdisciplinarity while Chasing Tornadoes: an Overview of the CASA Engineering Research Center

David McLaughlin, CASA Engineering Research Center
Science, Technology, and Society Partners Speaker Series
Place: W.E.B. DuBois Library, Lower Level Event Space
Date: Thursday, October 26, 2006
Time: 4:30 p.m.

Seeing Jurisdictions: Same Sex Custody Disputes in Vermont and Virginia

John Brigham, Political Science and Center for Public Policy and Administration
CPPA Colloquium Speaker Series
Place: 620 Thompson Hall
Date: Monday, November 6, 2006
Time: 12:00 p.m.

CPPA Holiday Party

Place: UMass Amherst, Memorial Hall Lounge
Date: Thursday, December 14, 2005
Time: 5:00–6:30 PM

All are welcome - please contact [Kathy Colon](#) if you plan to attend.

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