

Center for Public Policy & Administration

At a glance

Students

Read about this semester's accomplishments and get to know some of the first year cohort

Academics

Spring 2010 courses are out. View the schedule [here](#) and check masspolicy.org for updates.

Faculty

The Center welcomes three visiting faculty this year. Be sure to stop by Thompson Hall to meet Fred, Ruixin and Fang.

Events

CPPA's AQAD Self-Study Site Visit will take place November 23 and 24, 2009. Contact Lee Badgett for more information.

Student profiles



Sarah Keister joins CPPA from the northern suburbs of Chicago. She received her bachelor's degree with a double major in political science and sociology from Illinois Wesleyan University and worked as the governmental affairs coordinator at a small association management firm that manages several regional medical societies in the Midwest prior to arriving here. While at CPPA, Sarah will focus on science, technology, and health care policy.

Jeff Hofer was raised in West Chester, PA and attended St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia. After graduating with a BS in Psychology, he served as a volunteer Educational Specialist for two years on a reservation located in Central Washington. For the past five years, he has been a Social Worker, primarily in housing and homelessness advocacy, and done short-term volunteer work in Guatemala.



Mijeong Kim is from Seoul, Korea. Her undergraduate studies and work experience have been in vocational rehabilitation and social welfare. She plans to study non-profit management at CPPA so she can return to Korea and make changes in the country's social welfare system.

News and Updates

AQAD Self Study

CPPA is using the Academic Quality Assessment and Development (AQAD) self study process at UMass to examine our accomplishments over the past 10 years and set a strategic agenda for the next few years. The written report was submitted to the dean and provost Spring 2009, and we will welcome a group of external evaluators to campus on November 23 and 24, 2009. This site visit offers an opportunity to showcase CPPA's strengths and to assess and improve the Center's teaching, learning, research, and other professional activities. Faculty, students, and alumni are encouraged to participate in the site visit. A final agenda will be circulated via email. Contact Lee Badgett for more information: lbadgett@pubpol.umass.edu

News and Updates, continued

Public Engagement Program (PEP)

PEP welcomed Chris Hellman, Director of Research at the National Priorities Project, and Cheryl L. Dukes, Associate Director of State Government Relations at UMass Amherst, for the panel "How to Make Friends and Influence Policy: Working with State and Federal Policymakers" on October 28, 2009. Read the [post in the PoliBlog](#) for more information

Grants Workshop

CPPA is leading a grants workshop for a selected group of faculty that provides them access to experienced grant writers, provides budgeting assistance, helps them to identify funding opportunities, and offers peer support as they prepare grant proposals. Read [the press release](#) or contact Susan Newton for more information: snewton@pubpol.umass.edu

Professional Development Course

Several alumni are lending their expertise to the professional development course this semester. Angus McQuilken, Joe Wyman and Frans Siahhan joined a panel discussion of public service careers; Maura Devlin offered resume writing pointers; and Carol Stewart will discuss conflict resolution in the workplace.

Of Note

Anna Tomaskovic-Devey is continuing research started in her summer internship at the British American Security Information Council (BASIC) on arms control treaties and tactical nuclear weapons. The [BASIC Blog](#) outlines some of Anna's research.

Congratulations to **Puja Jain** on her recent publication "The Girl Child- Reclaiming the Future and Seeking Education, Out of Child Labour - the India Case" in the *Danish Association of Teachers of English*.

Mark your Calendar

CPPA Pie Fest

Monday, November 16, 12:00 Noon, Thompson 620
All CPPA students and faculty are invited to attend this annual event

AQAD Self Study Review

Monday, November 23 & Tuesday, November 24, 2009
Please mark your calendars for this important visit. Check your email for schedule updates as they become available.

PAGC Lecture: Jon Western

Monday, November 30, 2009, 12:00 noon, Thompson 620
Jon Western will speak about his experience at the State Department during the genocide in Bosnian

Faculty Colloquium: "Urban Growth Coalitions: Research and Policy Issues"

Larry Zacharias, Management, and Todd Crosset, Sport Management
Monday, December 7, 2009, Thompson 620

Holiday Party – Save the date!

Save the date for CPPA's annual holiday party and join us to celebrate the end of a terrific semester
December 14, 2009, 5:00 – 7:00 PM, Location TBA

Be sure to check out the [events calendar](#) for more events

PAGC

The Policy and Administration Graduate Council (PAGC) has had a busy semester. They kicked things off with "Welcome Back" BBQ, gathered (and won first place) for local trivia nights, and have coordinated a few hikes in the lovely fall weather. Be sure to read the [PAGC blog](#) for all the Council happenings.



Turhan Mentis, Secretary General of Hacettepe University in Turkey, discusses digital government at a September 2009 seminar

Visiting Scholars



Fred Rose joins CPPA from the Pioneer Valley Project in Springfield, MA where he is the Staff Director and Lead Organizer. While at CPPA, Fred will examine ways to improve community organizing and empower communities to improve their quality of life. Fred holds a Ph.D. from Cornell University.

Ruixin Zhang is a Professor of Public Administration in the College of Administration at Jilin University in China. Ruixin is studying in the National Center for Digital Government (NCDG). While in residence at the NCDG, Ruixin will examine US e-government policies of implementation and administration and conduct three case studies at e-government research centers in the US. Ruixin holds a PhD in public administration from Jilin University.

Fang Wang is an Associate Professor of Information Management at the Business School of Nankai University in Tianjin, China. She is studying in the National Center for Digital Government (NCDG). Her research areas are application, information resource management of e-government, government information openness and information economy. As a Fulbright Scholar, Fang will measure the critical and potential factors that influence the success of service-oriented e-government.

On behalf of CPPA, **WELCOME!**

Faculty

Sylvia Brandt has been appointed to the Environmental Protection Agency's Advisory Council for Clean Air Compliance Analysis. The Council provides guidance on methodologies used to evaluate the Clean Air Act.

Lee Badgett was selected for a 2009 UMass Amherst "Distinguished Faculty Lecture." Her lecture, "From I Can't to I Do," was November 9, 2009. Faculty chosen for the series receive the Chancellor's Medal, the highest honor given for exemplary and extraordinary service to the University.

Jane Fountain has been appointed to the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on the Future of Governments for a second year. The information and recommendations discussed in the Councils feed directly into the World Economic Forum's Davos Meeting in Switzerland.

David Mednicoff facilitated a tele-lecture and Q/A session on Common Law with the US Embassy in Tunis and Tunisian graduate students. A second tele-lecture is planned for December on the US Supreme Court and US policy in the Middle East.

Nancy Folbre is now a regular contributor to the Economix Blog on the *New York Times*. Visit Nancy's [page](#) here.



Alumni

CPPA wants to hear from you! Please send alumni updates to Kathy Colon at kcolon@pubpol.umass.edu