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We look forward to seeing you in our new [Gordon Hall location](#) in the Fall.

News & Updates

CPPA to Offer Dual MPPA/MPH Degree

CPPA and the School of Public Health and Health Sciences have announced a three-year dual degree Master of Public Policy and Administration (MPPA) and Master of Public Health (MPH) program. Enrollment will commence with the 2010-2011 academic year.



Puja Jain and Anna Tomaskovic-Devey pose for a photo after receiving their MPPA degrees.

Conference Examines "Politics of Open Source"

The Journal of Information Technology and Politics (JITP), in conjunction with CPPA, held its 2nd annual thematic conference, the Politics of Open Source, at UMass Amherst May 6 and 7, 2010. The conference brought together an international group of experts examining the politics surrounding open source software (OSS) and the free/libre open source movement (FLOSS).

Students

CPPA Bids Farewell to Class of 2010

Congratulations graduates! Following an evening of celebrations at the CPPA graduation reception, students officially graduated at the May 14, 2010 graduate Commencement. A slideshow of the ceremony is available on the [UMass website](#).



Graduates present Lee Badgett with a gift for the new CPPA Gordon Hall space during the graduation reception.

Post-Graduation Plans

CPPA prepares its grads to excel in a range of careers across public, non-profit, and even private sectors. Here are just a few examples of recent student placements:

- **Josh Geyer** received a Presidential Management Fellowship and will be working for the Department of Housing and Urban Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities in Washington DC
- **Megan Nagel** is working for the US Fish and Wildlife Service in Hadley, MA
- **Qimti Palenjtton** has accepted a position with UNICEF in Bangkok, Thailand
- **Anna Tomaskovic-Devey** will return to UMass in the Fall to complete a Master of Business Administration.

Faculty



Fuentes Bautista Receives Healey Grant to Study Broadband Initiatives

Martha Fuentes-Bautista, Assistant Professor of Communication and Public Policy, has received a



2010-2011 Faculty Research/Healey Endowment grant. Support from this grant will enable Fuentebautista to conduct a year-long study, "Examining Impacts of Local Broadband Initiatives on Universal Service Goals."



Hanson Awarded Microsoft IMPACT Grant

Jarice Hanson, Professor of Communication and CPPA Faculty Associate, was one of four professors selected to receive a Microsoft IMPACT Grant for Blended Learning from the Office of Faculty Development and the Center for Teaching at UMass Amherst.

Alumni

News from Alums

Ramil Maharramov '06 was interviewed by News.Az about Azerbaijan and US relations. Read the interview [here](#).

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