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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRANSITION NEWS IN THE MPA PROGRAM—Dr. Larry Walters has taken a year sabbatical to be a Visiting Senior Fellow at the prestigious Lincoln Institute for Land Policy at Cambridge, MA. Dr. Walters will be at Cambridge until August of 2004. Until his return, Dr. Tim Conlan will be Interim Director. Congratulations to both!

NEW WEBSITE—At last! The MPA website has been revamped to serve you better. Please visit <http://mpa.gmu.edu> to see all of the department's hard work. Please visit the website frequently for information on news and events, planning your degree, and much more!

STUDENT HANDBOOK—Sometime during the next 6 weeks you will receive via email a copy of our NEW student handbook as a PDF file. This handbook and revamped website should prove to be valuable tools during your academic career and beyond. Please save this file, print the handbook, and reference it when you have questions as your first means of inquiry.

PRESIDENTIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNSHIP (PMI) APPLICATION PROCESS—

The Office of Personnel Management is introducing a paperless Presidential Management Internship Process this year. If you are graduating with your MPA between September 1, 2003 and August 31, 2004 and you are interested in a career in the federal service, please read the new application process requirements below:

- Submit your on-line application and resume by **October 15, 2003, Midnight, EST**
www.pmi.opm.gov
- Complete the on-line application process to include the Accomplishment Record (**NEW** this year)
- The Nominating Coordinator for GMU is Dr. Robert Dudley, Department Chair. His email address is rdudley@gmu.edu; this is a **required info field!**

An info session will be held in September for all those interested in applying. Logistical details will follow. If you have any questions, please contact Bernadette Costello at bcostell@gmu.edu.

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GMU WEARABLES—Wear your MPA program proudly! Soon GMU wearables will be available for purchase at the following rates. Not only are these items professional and stylish, but proceeds will benefit the MPA department's efforts to provide improved events for students.

- Polo Shirts=\$30
- T-shirts=\$15
- Sweatshirts=\$35

Be on the lookout for the email announcing their arrival. Pictures and information will also be available on the MPA website.

HOUSE KEEPING INFORMATION

ANNUAL REPORT—As you have probably already noticed, you were sent the 2003 MPA Annual Report in a PDF file in the same email that you received this e-newsletter. Please take the time to read about the happenings of our MPA program. We are proud of all of our faculty, staff, and students and hope you enjoy the update. The annual report was sent to many professional organizations, universities, and GMU administrative personnel. The word is out on our rigorous and reputable program—be proud.

NORTHERN VIRGINIA (NOVA) FELLOWS COHORT PROGRAM—GMU is proud to announce that the first NOVA cohort group that started classes in the fall of 2001 is graduating in January of 2004. We are proud of the dynamics and experience they brought to the GMU program and are sad to see them go, although they are probably glad to be almost done with homework. GMU is continuing this successful program, and we are pleased to announce that a new NOVA cohort group will be starting the MPA program in January of 2004.

FUN WITH MATH

STATISTICS TUTORS—Do you love, like, or tolerate statistics? Okay, even if you don't, are you good at statistics? We need your help! The MPA program is compiling a database of MPA students and alumni who are interested in tutoring GMU MPA students in statistics. The MPA program will facilitate matching tutors up with tutees, as well as track the ensuing partnerships. However, beyond that, the parties involved will work directly with one another to set up meeting times, to go over materials, provide copies of resources (if necessary) and to set payment rates (if any). If you are interested in helping other students and/or making some money, then please fill out the attachment and email it to Suzanne at mpa@gmu.edu

STATISTICS WORKSHOP INFORMATION & 611 REGISTRATION—Successful completion of the qualifying screening exam is necessary before being 'forced-added' to PUAD 611 by the graduate coordinator. The test can be taken as part of the workshop or independently. Please see below for clarification.

If you have had statistics as an undergraduate student, and you want to take the qualifying entrance exam without taking the workshop, please call the Graduate Desk at (703) 993-1411 to

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schedule an appointment to take the test during normal business hours. The exam will take up to one hour and covers basic concepts of descriptive and univariate statistics. There is no fee to take the GMU screening exam, and it can be taken multiple times.

Please bring paper, pencils, and a calculator to the workshop AND/OR the qualifying screening exam.

The statistics workshop will be offered Thursday, January 8 through Saturday, January 10 from 9 am – 4 pm. The workshop fills up quickly, so call (703) 733-2800 well in advance. Please visit the MPA website for more information. The workshop costs \$195. The qualifying screening exam is administered during the last hour of the seminar. The exam is free and therefore is not part of the cost of the workshop. Once you successfully pass the screening exam, the MPA Program will register you for the section of 611 that you have notated on your screening exam.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Pi Alpha Alpha Banquet



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FILING FOR JANUARY GRADUATION

For JANUARY Graduates: PLEASE READ EVERYTHING BELOW!!! If you are planning on graduating in January of 2004, you must follow the ONE step below!

STEP ONE: FILE YOUR INTENT TO GRADUATE

Go to the Registrar's home page – <http://registrar.gmu.edu/> - and choose 'Graduation.' Follow the steps to file your *intent to graduate*. THAT'S IT!!!!

Your application will be verified by the Graduate Coordinator and will be forwarded to the College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Coordinator for verification, and then forwarded to the Graduate Section of the Registrar's office for final processing. If you have any questions please email Bernadette at bcostell@gmu.edu.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

COURSE DAYS FOR WEEKEND CLASSES

Session 1: Meets 1/9, 1/16-1/17, 1/30-1/31, 2/13-2/14, 2/27-2/28
Classes Offered: PUAD 612, PUAD 615, PUAD 660

Session 2: Meets 3/12, 3/19-3/20, 4/2-4/3, 4/16-4/17, 4/30-5/1
Classes Offered: PUAD 640, PUAD 661, PUAD 680

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Course	Title	Section	Day	Time	Bldg.	Room	Prof.	Note
PUAD 502	Intro Admin Pub/Non Prof	002	W & F	4:30 PM-9:30 PM 2:00 PM-7:00 PM	R	A206	Conant	Open to Government Fellows Only! This session meets on Wednesdays from 1/21-3/3 and on Friday, March 5.
PUAD 502	Intro Admin Pub/Non Prof	003	T	7:20 PM-10:00 PM	ARL	331	Uscher	
PUAD 502	Intro Admin Pub/Non Prof	004	R	7:20 PM-10:00 PM	IN	137	Brown	
PUAD 505	Intro Nonprofit Mgmt	001	TBA	NET	NET	NET	Lewis	
PUAD 510	Policing in a Democratic Society	001	M	7:20 PM-10:00 PM	R	A205	Mastrofski	
PUAD 611	Prblm Slvng/Data Anlys I	001	T	4:30 PM-7:10 PM	ENT	277	Balint, P.	Contact MPA Desk to register after you pass the screening exam.
PUAD 611	Prblm Slvng/Data Anlys I	002	T	4:30 PM-7:10 PM	IN	205	Mahler	Contact MPA Desk to register after you pass the screening exam.
PUAD 612	Prblm Slvng/Data Anlys II	001	W	4:30 PM-7:10 PM	IN	203	Bushee	Prerequisite: PUAD 611

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PUAD 612	Prblm Slvng/Data Anlys II	002	F & S	6:00 PM-9:00 PM 9:00 AM-4:00 PM	ARL	253	Bushee	FIRST WEEKEND SESSION Prerequisite: PUAD 611
PUAD 612	Prblm Slvng/Data Anlys II	003	W	7:20 PM-10:00 PM	ARL	302	Fant	Prerequisite: PUAD 611
PUAD 615	Administrative Law	001	F & S	6:00 PM-9:00 PM 9:00 AM-4:00 PM	ARL	245	Burroughs, J.	FIRST WEEKEND SESSION
PUAD 620	Organztn Thry/Mgmt Behav	001	W & F	7:30 PM-9:30 PM 2:00 PM-7:00 PM	R	A206	Brindle	Open to Government Fellows Only! This session meets on Wednesdays from 3/17-5/5 and on Friday, April 30.
PUAD 620	Organztn Thry/Mgmt Behav	002	M	7:20 PM-10:00 PM	ARL	331	Casamayou	
PUAD 620	Organztn Thry/Mgmt Behav	003	T	7:20 PM-10:00 PM	R	A203	Conant	
PUAD 640	Public Policy Process	001	T	7:20 PM-10:00 PM	R	A206	Casamayou	

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PUAD 640	Public Policy Process	002	R	7:20 PM-10:00 PM	ARL	332	Posner	
PUAD 640	Public Policy Process	003	F & S	6:00 PM-9:00 PM 9:00 AM-4:00 PM	ARL	253	Casamayou	SECOND WEEKEND SESSION
PUAD 659	Nonprof Law/Govrnce/Ethi	001	NET	NET	NET	NET	Staff	
PUAD 660	Pub/Nonprof Acct & Fnan	001	M	7:20 PM-10:00 PM	FAB	B112	Sauer	Prerequisite: Must be admitted to the MPA program or Nonprofit Mgmt. Certificate program
PUAD 660	Pub/Nonprof Acct & Fnan	002	F & S	6:00 PM-9:00 PM 9:00 AM-4:00 PM	ARL	246	Vance	FIRST WEEKEND SESSION Prerequisite: Must be admitted to the MPA program or Nonprofit Mgmt. Certificate program
PUAD 661	Public Budgeting Systems	001	F & S	6:00 PM-9:00 PM 9:00 AM-4:00 PM	ARL	245	Shafroth	SECOND WEEKEND SESSION
PUAD 670	Human Resource Mgmt	001	M	4:30 PM-7:10 PM	ARL	268	Staff	

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PUAD 680	Managing Info Resources	001	F & S	6:00 PM-9:00 PM 9:00 AM-4:00 PM	ARL	246	Day	SECOND WEEKEND SESSION Prerequisite: Must be admitted to the MPA program
PUAD 680	Managing Info Resources	002	R	4:30 PM-6:30 PM	R	A243	Staff	Open to Government Fellows Only! This session will also meet for two Friday's during the semester.
PUAD 680	Managing Info Resources	003	T	4:30 PM-7:10 PM	IN	137	Staff	Prerequisite: Must be admitted to the MPA program
PUAD 700	Ethics/Publ Admin	001	T	7:20 PM-10:00 PM	ARL	302	Staff	Prerequisite: Must be admitted to the MPA program and completed 18 credit hours.
PUAD 700	Ethics/Publ Admin	002	T	4:30 PM-7:10 PM	R	A203	Brown	Prerequisite: Must be admitted to the MPA program and completed 18 credit hours.
PUAD 720	Performance Measurement	001	R	4:30 PM-7:10 PM	R	A206	Staff	

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PUAD 729	Intergovernmental Issues in the DC Region	001	T	4:30 PM-7:10 PM	R	A206	Travis	Prerequisite: PUAD 502 and completed 9 graduate hours.
PUAD 729	Issues in Public Mgmt	002	W	7:20 PM-10:00 PM	ARL	332	Burroughs	Prerequisite: PUAD 502 and completed 9 graduate hours.
PUAD 729	Nonprofit Leadership and Change	003	R	4:30 PM-7:10 PM	ARL	257	Staff	Prerequisite: PUAD 502 and completed 9 graduate hours.
PUAD 729	TBA	004	R	7:30 PM-9:30 PM	R	A206	Conant	Open to Government Fellows Only! This session will also meet for two Friday's during the semester. Dates and times TBA.
PUAD 749	Environmental Policy	001	W	7:20 PM-10:00 PM	IN	207	Balint	Prerequisite: PUAD 502 and completed 9 graduate hours.
PUAD 749	Intr Comp Social Science	001	W	4:30 PM-7:10 PM	IN	139	Cioffi-Revilla	Prerequisite: PUAD 502 and completed 9 graduate hours.

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PUAD 750	Federalism and Changing Patterns of Governance	001	W	4:30 PM-7:10 PM	R	A203	Conlan	
PUAD 794	Internship	001	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA	Harvey, D.	Prerequisite: Completion of 12 credit hours or permission of instructor. Open only to MPA students. Enrollment is controlled. Contact professor at धारवेय@gmu.edu one semester before enrolling.
PUAD 799	Crime Policy	001	M	4:30 PM-7:10 PM	KH	253	Maguire	Prerequisite: PUAD 502 and completed 9 graduate hours.

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CURRENT STUDENT NEWS

T'Ronda Flagg—I will be a third semester MPA student in the fall. I work fulltime at the Public Health Foundation as an Analyst. I have been searching for graduate assistantships so that I can become a fulltime student.

Christian Hoff—I am running for the Virginia House of Delegates in the 47th District (central Arlington). My website is www.vote4hoff.com

Lemene Wakjira—I am a student who is graduating in August 2003. I am currently working full time at Westat, which is an employee owned research corporation. I work as a research analyst/programmer.

Lisa Zabawa—I work for the Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. I specifically work for the Office of Air and Marine Operations.

ALUMNI NEWS

Cedric Cole—I received a MPA from GMU in January 2002. Currently I am employed by the US Army Force Management Support Agency at Ft. Belvoir, VA. I am the Chief of the Special Operations Forces Team where I lead a team of analysts in analyzing, building, and maintaining authorization documents to include personnel and equipment adjustments for Army units under the command and control of Headquarters, US Army Special Operations Command, Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

Tom Jagusch—I am a new alumni of the MPA program, as of 17 May. I am a Senior Operations Officer for Joint Task Force-180 in Afghanistan.

Randa Kayyali—I am currently in Cairo, Egypt at the Sasakawa Young Leaders' Foundation Fund (SYLFF) Regional Forum being held at the American University in Cairo. The theme for the forum is Multiculturalism and Leadership; and my presentation was on Arab-American Identity and its implications for leaders. The conference has been fascinating so far and we still have 2 more days to go!

Regan Mahoney— I received my MPA in 2000. I am still working at Didlake, Inc, a non-profit that serves the disabled, as an analyst and project manager. I am working with some of my Alpha Chi Rho Graduate Brothers from our Undergrad alma mater (SUNY Geneseo) to incorporate an education based non-profit in Geneseo, NY. I hope to have more good news in the next month as I am actively interviewing with several non-profits in the area

Brad Pfaff— I graduated in May 2000 and am currently a senior political advisor for U.S. Representative Ron Kind (D-Wisconsin). He has served on the Congressman's staff since February 1997. I am also actively involved in the agriculture, environmental, and labor community. My wife and I are the parents of two children (Andrew-- 29 months, and Elizabeth, 9 months) and live in Onalaska, Wisconsin.

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Alicia Smith—I am a 2002 graduate of the MPA program, my concentration was nonprofit management and as such I landed a job in Atlanta, GA as one of the Development Directors in the Atlanta Area office of UNCF, which is ironically headquartered in Fairfax, VA. Prior to that I was a Program Director at the Northern Virginia Urban League.

For more alumni updates, please visit http://mpa.gmu.edu/alumni/about_alumni_association.htm .

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