Public Administration Weekly
2005 - 2006
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<td><strong>Dr. Ronnie Korosec Represents PA Department at Meeting with President and Provost.</strong> Public Administration’s Institutional Effectiveness Team lead by Dr. Ronnie Korosec was recognized as a “Success Story” by Dean McCarthy in her annual presentation to the President and Provost on Institutional Effectiveness (IE). A poster board detailing the development of the Undergraduate IE Plan was displayed at the meeting and now is proudly displayed in our office.</td>
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<td>I would like to introduce myself to those faculty members and staff whom I've not yet met. I am you’re new Public Administration Program Assistant. I previously worked for the Human Factors Department at UCF as an office assistant and lab manager, and I have spent the past few years working as a technical writer and editor. I look forward to working with everyone and hope I can offer my assistance in improving this department.</td>
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<td>Regretfully, I have resigned from my position as Coordinator, Administrative Services with the Department of Public Administration. My last day of employment here will be July 21st. My husband has accepted a position with Boeing in Seattle, WA. I've kind of gotten used to having him around, so I'll be going with him. I'm not sure what I'll be doing there, but I'm hoping to return to a career in the aviation industry. It has been a pleasure working with everyone in this department and the university. I wish you all the best.</td>
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Live Oak Room  
Student Research Center |
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### WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Department of Public Administration Reception a Success!**

Over 100 community leaders, alumni, students, faculty, and friends attended the Reception for the Department sponsored by the Office of the Clerk, Orange County Circuit Court and Dean McCarthy last Thursday. The beautiful Citrus Club in downtown Orlando hosted the event. Event speakers such as Dean McCarthy, Dr. Wendell Lawther, Lydia Gardner, Clerk of Courts, and representatives from the Departmental Advisory Boards, the local American Society for Public Administration Chapter, and our Public Administration Student group shared their thoughts about the department. Dr. Montgomery Van Wart was recognized for his contributions as Chair of the Public Administration Department, and Dr. Mary Ann Feldheim was welcomed into her new leadership role as incoming, Interim Department Chair. Many favorable comments about both the department and the reception were heard as attendees enjoyed complimentary hors d’oeuvres and drinks.

**Drs. Kapucu and Feldheim Speak at the 12th Annual Orange County Community Conference.**

The department was represented at the 2005 Orange County Community Conference held at the Orange County Convention Center this past Saturday by Dr. Kapucu and Dr. Feldheim, who spoke on managing and nurturing volunteers. There were several hundred attendees at the day long conference, which focused on connecting neighbors and neighborhoods. This event was sponsored by Orange County and the Orange County Homeowners Association Alliance and brought together local governmental agencies and neighborhood associations to foster community leadership.

**Dr. Wang’s Textbook Publication Scheduled for February 2006.**


**Dr. Kapucu’s Manuscript Accepted for Publication.**

Reflecting his work on networks and emergency management, Dr. Kapucu’s article “Interagency Communication Networks during Emergencies: Boundary Spanners in Multi-agency Coordination” has been accepted for publication in an upcoming issue of the *American Review of Public Administration*.

### MESSAGES FROM THE STAFF

Please plan to attend the **Hail and Farewell Reception** this coming Thursday in our departmental suite from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.
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**Dr. Van Wart and Laura Pierce both officially left on July 21st**
Dr. Feldheim is Acting Chair until contracts are signed in August, when she becomes the Interim Chair.
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**Dr. Korosec's Manuscript Accepted**

Dr. Korosec's manuscript, "Planning to Coordinate and Coordinating the Plan: Evidence From Local Governments" has been accepted for publication in *The American Review of Public Administration*. This article looks at how local governments maneuver through the planning process and includes data that she collected from both a national survey and personal interviews. It is coauthored with Dr. Evan Berman of LSU.

**Departmental Retreat**

On August 24th the Department of Public Administration Department will be hosting a Departmental Retreat at the beautiful Canterbury Retreat and Conference Center (http://www.canterburyretreat.org/) in Oviedo Florida. The retreat will be held from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM and will include a catered lunch with a choice of entrees, a full salad bar, and a choice of deserts. This event is intended to allow the faculty and staff a chance to relax and regroup before the fall semester gets into full swing. Faculty members please RSVP to Robert Bradley II at rhbradle@mail.ucf.edu

**New Coordinator Administrative Services - Brenda Posey**

Brenda Posey is our new Coordinator of Administrative Services, and she began work last Friday. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to Brenda.

**Hello From Brenda Posey**

It is with great pleasure that I join the Department of Public Administration. I have been employed with the University of Central Florida for five years. Prior to coming to the Public Administration Department, I was the Administrative Assistant in the Activity & Service Fee Business Office for nearly three years and an Office Assistant in the School of Accounting. I look forward to being of assistance in anyway that I can.

**MESSAGES FROM THE STAFF**

This is finals week, please remember that grades are due next week.
**American Humanics Finds an Academic Home – Welcome**

The American Humanics program has found an academic home in the Public Administration Department. This is a natural partnership for American Humanics and will allow a coordinated effort to expand and develop the undergraduate nonprofit management courses.

As the Director Program, Joan Nelson will be part of our faculty starting in the fall 2005 semester. Both she and Stephanie Loudermilk-Krick will share Office 234 creating a centralized place for students interested in nonprofit management to get advising and information working in conjunction with our advisors.

In conjunction with Joan and Stephanie we plan to transition the core courses for the Undergraduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management to the web and to coordinate classes with the American Humanics program.

**Summer 2005 Graduation**

On August 6th the Master of Nonprofit Management Program graduated its **first** four (4) students. In addition, twelve (12) students received their MPA and seven (7) students received a Bachelor of Science in Public Administration.

**New Undergraduate and Graduate Coordinator for Fall**

Robert Morin is our new Undergraduate and Graduate Coordinator this fall. At this time Bob is meeting with Drs. Korosec and Liou to learn the duties, and working with Jacque Waleski to find an administrative mix that meets the needs of our students in the most efficient way. Please take moment to give Bob your input on ways to be an effective program coordinator.

**Messages from the Staff**

**Graduate Orientation August 16th at 5 PM in 247**

The orientation for both the MPA and MNM programs will be held next Tuesday in HPA II 247. Please make an effort to attend to meet our students and to discuss the programs.

**Departmental Retreat August 24th**. We encourage everyone to attend to help us plan our next academic year. Please let us know if you plan to attend, RSVP to Robert Bradley II at rhbradle@mail.ucf.edu
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<td>Our adjunct Dr. Harold Worrell, who teaches PAD 6387 Transportation Policy, has new book that will be coming out in September. The book is entitled &quot;A System at Risk: Transportation Economics in the U.S,&quot; which focuses on the deteriorating infrastructure of our interstate highway system and the lack of a clear policy to address the impending crisis.</td>
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Departmental Retreat Using Appreciative Inquiry (AI)
Appreciative Inquiry is a dynamic inquiry process that uses positive questioning to identify the strengths of a people and their organization to develop a unified vision of a productive and sustainable future. This organizational development tool is designed to create a forward focused culture that continues to grow over time.

Discovery is the first part of the process where there are paired interviews with each partner describing the following: The high point in their work experience. What they value about the organization. What they value about the nature of the work. What they value about themselves in their present roles? Then each pair shares their findings

Dream is the second step in the process of AI. Each member of the group is asked before hand to imagine after this meeting you went home and followed your usual evening routine. At the normal time you went to bed, and while you were asleep a miracle occurred. Over night your work and effort came to fruition and the Department of Public Administration became your ideal organization. As you went through the day how would you know that the miracle had occurred? What would be different? What would be the same only better? What would you see? Each member of the group is asked to share their dream for the department.

Design is the third step in the process. For this step groups are created to design plans to address teaching, service, and research. These groups are to develop a “Provocative Proposition” which is a combined mission and vision statement related to that area that inspires the group. Then the group is to develop a tentative action plan to move the department toward the “Provocative Proposition.”

Destiny or the creation of our destiny is the final step in the AI process. Groups return with their “Provocative Proposition” and their tentative plans to reach our destiny in the areas of teaching, research, and service. The result is to be a broadly designed plan that combines each of the areas to guide the department to reach its destiny.

MESSAGES FROM THE STAFF

From Robert:
I would like to ask that all faculty members please e-mail me their syllabi so I can have them for our records. I am creating an electronic file so that is the reason I would like them e-mailed to me. Thank you for your help. rhbradle@mail.ucf.edu
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**Dr. Lawther’s Manuscript Accepted by PPMR**

Public Performance and Management Review has accepted Dr. Lawther’s manuscript! It is entitled “The Growing Use of Competitive Negotiations to Increase Managerial Capability: the Acquisition of E-Government Services”. It will be published in the May 2006 issue.

**Bob Morin Instrumental in Obtaining Over a Million Dollar Grant for Orange County Fire Rescue**

Bob Morin received the good news last week that his hard work has paid off in the form of a $1,481,142 grant award to the Orange County Fire Rescue unit. This is one of the largest single grants ever awarded by the Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program. It will provide Emergency Vehicle Preemption Traffic Signal Systems for 300 high traffic intersections in Orange County, which will allow firefighters and rescue vehicles to change traffic signals on approach so that the flow of traffic is unimpeded -- making for a safer and quicker emergency response.

**Dr. Lawther Provides Evaluation for the Orange County Fire Rescue Grant**

Dr. Wendell Lawther will also be involved with the grant received by Orange County Fire Rescue. He will be providing a detailed analysis of the system's effectiveness.

### MESSAGES FROM THE STAFF

**STEPS TO ENSURE YOUR SAFETY WHEN DEALING WITH AN ANGRY STUDENT**

- Never confront an angry student alone. Set appointments and have a colleague or dean sit in OR request that police intervention be available.

- If confronted by an angry student:
  - **Remain Calm**
    - Do not react at his/her level.
  - **Attempt to Have a Colleague Present**
  - **Determine the Severity of the Situation**
    - Is it a 911, non-emergency or non-police matter?
    - You have the right to ask her/him to leave!
  - **Document the Incident**
  - **Report It to Your Supervisor**

*Faculty and staff members may also submit an Incident Report Form [link to http://www.goldenrule.sdes.ucf.edu/cgiform.html] to the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities [link to http://www.osrr.sdes.ucf.edu/].
RETREAT LEADS TO SOLDIFICATION OF DEPARTMENTAL GOALS
The retreat was facilitated by Nancy Ellis using Appreciative Inquiry with the final product being the provocative proposition for the department.

“The Department of Public Administration at the University of Central Florida is committed to continually assessing and improving the quality, uniformity, an rigor of coursework, to creating a service learning environment, to increasing community and university partnerships, and to conducting research in a collegial environment incorporating faculty, students and other departments in an interdisciplinary atmosphere.”

“Our goal is to be recognized by our peers, our local community, and nationally as the premiere source for public administration and nonprofit management research, teaching and community service.”

GRADUATE COMMITTEE CREATED
The department has created our own Graduate Committee to utilize the talents of faculty and staff. Dr. Wang will be the MPA Coordinator and make decisions regarding program content and program policies. Dr. Feldheim as the MNM coordinator will make decisions regarding program content and program policies. Bob Morin will become the Graduate Advisor providing students with general information regarding their programs of study. Jacque Waleski, as the Coordinator for Academic Services, will be responsible for administrative paperwork related to the graduate programs for both students and faculty.

Dr. Wang                          MPA Coordinator
Dr. Feldheim                     MNM Coordinator
Bob Morin                         Graduate Advisor
Jacque Waleski                Coordinator Academic Services

FALL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
A joint fall meeting with the Provost and the Dean is being held for both departmental advisory boards, Public Administration and Nonprofit Management on September 14, 2005 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM in Health and Public Affairs Building II Room 247

MESSAGES FROM THE STAFF

FACULTY MEETING SCHEDULE FOR FALL 2005

September 7th                  12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
October 5th                    12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
November 2nd                   12:30 PM to 2:00 PM
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**Legislative Scholars Program**

The deadline for application for the Legislative Scholars program is September 23, 2005. Last year we were able to have students accepted into this exciting program, and I hope we will be able to do so again. Please contact Debbie Phillis with students you recommend for the program.

**Public Administration's Joint Advisory Board Meeting**

On Wednesday September 14th both of our advisory boards will meet with the Provost and the Dean in HPA I Room 272 from 3:00 pm, to 5:00 pm. The agenda will include a short PowerPoint presentation of our departmental accomplishments, a visioning session for our department with our advisory board members, the Provost, the Dean, and our faculty.

**PA Faculty Presenting at PAF Research Conference**

The third annual PAF Research Conference will be held on October 21, 2005 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm at the Live Oak Ballroom in the UCF Marketplace. Dr. Lawther will be presenting “Public Private Partnerships in Transportation Policy,” Dr Wang will be answering the question “Does financial management matter in government?” and Kapucu will present “Community response to the Repeated Threats of 2004 Hurricanes in Florida.”

**Nice Know ‘PAF Program Statistics”**

To date our department has assisted seven (7) students to graduate with a specialty of public administration from the Ph.D. of Public Affairs program, making PA the largest Ph.D. producer in COHPA. Currently, there are eighteen (18) students active in the Ph.D. program with public administration as their area of specialization.

### MESSAGES FROM THE STAFF

**Faculty Post Office Hours**

If you have not posted your office hours outside your office or given them to Robert, please do so before the end of the week.

**Open Forum for COPHA College**

President Hitt and Dr. Hickey will be conducting an open forum for the college on Tuesday, September 13th from 2pm to 3:30 in the Student Union - Key West room.

COHPA faculty and staff are urged to attend.
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**Dr. Kapucu Article Accepted for Publication**
An article entitled "Organizational Learning and Self-Adaptation in Dynamic Environments of Disasters," by Drs. Kapucu and Sitki Corbacioglu has been accepted for publication in *Disasters: The Journal of Disaster Studies, Policy, and Management*. This article is expected to be published in the spring or summer of 2006.

**Dr. Lawther Signs Book Contract**
This week Dr. Wendell Lawther signed a book contract to co-author an advanced text entitled "Contracting for Construction Services". It will be published by the National Institute for Government Purchasing and used as a text in their Learning and Education to Advance Procurement (LEAP) Program.

**Dr. Wang Completes WPHF Project**
The Winter Park Health Foundation’s 2004-05 School Year Youth Initiative Evaluation Report has been completed by the COHPA team of Drs. Xiaohu Wang, Ermalynn Kiehl, Ana Leon, and Shellene Mazany. Last week the team reported their findings to the WPHF Trustees, and the report and presentation were very well received.

**PRESIDENTIAL MANAGEMENT FELLOWS PROGRAM**
Our department is seeking to nominate several students to the Presidential Management Fellows Program (PMF). The deadline for the application by the students is October 14, 2005. Please share this information with our top students and encourage them to apply. Students need to register online and begin the process before we can review their applications for our nomination. Encourage students to visit the website: https://www.pmf.opm.gov/howapp.asp

**FALL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**
The joint fall meeting with the Provost and the Dean was held last Wednesday with most of our PA Advisory Board members present, and several of the Nonprofit Advisory Board members present. Both Provost Hickey and Dean McCarthy gave the department ideas for visioning the future as UCF becomes the 7th largest research university in a metropolitan setting. The desirability of partnering with the city of Orlando for the creation of "UCF Downtown" was reinforced by Provost Hickey and Dean McCarthy.

### MESSAGES FROM THE STAFF

**Faculty Assignment Forms**
Please see Brenda Posey to complete your Faculty Assignment Forms.
Dr. Kapucu's serves as faculty fellow for Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning (FCTL) for the 2005-2006 academic year.

Dr. Naim Kapucu is serving as the faculty fellow for the FCTL this academic year with his focus being on service learning & collaborative learning. The following are the workshops he is offering for this fall semester:

### Collaborative learning & Social capital
This workshop will illustrate how collaborative learning can be enhanced in a classroom environment. The workshop will use social network analysis to assess the students' performance in collaboration during the term using the class as an organizational setting. The instructor collects course related and friendship network data at the beginning of the each term and toward the end of the term. Then, these two sets of network data compared to see the change in collaboration and networking among students over the term. We will discover implications and suggestions for implementing these activities in other courses and settings.

**Date & Time:** Friday, Oct 14th from 10:30-12:00PM

### 2) Service learning as community partnerships
The workshop will focus on the service learning practices at the University of Central Florida (UCF) and its capacity building among community organizations (public, private, nonprofit) in the region. The workshop will highlight service-learning pedagogy as a central strategy for bridging the instruction of civic knowledge and skills with opportunities for active service at UCF. In addition, it will explore how higher education institutions and community-based organizations form partnerships to meet the educational goals of students.

**Date & Time:** October 18; 12:30-2:00 PM

### 3) Service learning in virtual environment
This workshop discusses teaching service learning courses in an online environment. It will first briefly introduce the online teaching at UCF, then introduce the definition of the service learning at the university, and finally conclude with the discussion of challenges and recommendations for teaching service learning in an online environment.

**Date & Time:** November 8; 1:00-2:30 PM

### Messages from the Staff

**October 5th Departmental Meeting**
Please come early at 12:15 PM to have lunch with your colleagues, and the official meeting begins at 12:30 PM in HPA II Room 247.
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*Date & Time: Friday, Oct 14th from 10:30 - 12:00PM*

**Service Learning as Community Partnerships**
In this workshop the focus is on the service learning practices at the University of Central Florida (UCF), and its capacity building among community organizations (public, private, nonprofit) in the region. The workshop will highlight service-learning pedagogy as a central strategy to bridge the instruction of civic knowledge and skills with opportunities for active service at UCF. In addition, the workshop will explore how higher education institutions and community-based organizations form partnerships to meet the educational goals of students.  
*Date & Time: October 18; 12:30 - 2:00 PM*

**Service Learning in a Virtual Environment**
This workshop discusses teaching service learning courses in an online environment. It will first introduce online teaching at UCF, then introduce the definition of the service learning at the university, and finally conclude with the discussion of challenges and recommendations for teaching service learning in an online environment.  
*Date & Time: November 8; 1:00 - 2:30 PM*

**MESSAGES FROM THE STAFF**

**October 5th Departmental Meeting**

Please come early at 12:15 PM to have lunch with your colleagues, and the official meeting begins at 12:30 PM in HPA II Room 247.
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<td>Our MPA student, Angie Knowlton, presented a paper at SECOPA in Little Rock on the unique challenges faced by minority community-based organizations. The paper described University of Central Florida Department of Public Administration’s partnership project with the Orange County Health Department to assist 9 small community based nonprofit agencies in their capacity building. Ms. Knowlton specifically focused on the partnership relationships between the university, the health department, and the agencies.</td>
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<td><strong>Location:</strong> Orlando Marriott Downtown (P: 407.843.6664) at 400 West Livingston Street located across from the TD Waterhouse Centre Parking is provided across the street in the TD Waterhouse Centre ($5.00/day) or you may valet park at the hotel entrance ($3.00/local daily events).</td>
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<td><strong>Lunch:</strong> Mixed green salad, grilled breast of chicken, vegetable, dessert and drinks for $15 and a vegetarian entrée option is vegetable lasagna. Cash or check payments will be accepted at the door. Please make the check payable to the Central Florida ASPA Chapter and reference ASPA CF September Meeting on the checks.</td>
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Dr. Wang, Acting Chair, Week of October 10th 2005, while Dr. Feldheim attends the Florida Institute of Academic Leadership for Department Chairs from Sunday through Wednesday and the NASPAA Meeting in Washington from Thursday through Saturday.
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Monday
- **PAF Research Conference**
  - **Drs. Lawther, Wang, and Kapucu to Present**
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### Thursday
- **Diversity Luncheon**
  - 11:30am to 1:00pm
  - HPA 1 Atrium

### Friday
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#### PA Students Appointed to Dean’s Leadership Councils

- **Endira Sharma** has been appointed to the Dean’s Undergraduate Leadership Council, and **Rebecca Reis** has been appointed to the Dean’s Graduate Leadership Council.

#### Students Nominated for Presidential Management Fellowship

Three students have applied and been nominated from our department for the Presidential Management Fellowship this year:

- Tracey Trottier
- Angie Knowlton
- Gia Symonette.

#### Diversity Luncheon

On Thursday October 20th COPHA is hosting a diversity luncheon in the HPA 1 atrium from 11:30am to 1:00pm. It is a pot luck event so if you want to come then cook a good dish.

## MESSAGES FROM THE STAFF

### Staff Meeting Thursday

**10:30 AM to 12 PM**
**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Monday**

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**Drs. Lawther, Wang, and Kapucu Represent the Department**
Drs. Lawther, Wang, and Kapucu represented our department at the 2nd Annual Conference on Health and Public Affairs Research last Friday. Over 100 faculty and students attended the conference, and our panel on public affairs research covered financial accountability, hurricane response coordination, and transportation policy implementation.

**Drs. Colby and Korosec Aid in Development of CCP Action Plan**
Drs. Colby and Korosec worked with Dr. Larry Martin at the Center for Community Partnerships in developing an action plan to improve services to homeless persons with dual diagnoses in both mental health and substance abuse issues.

**Dr. Lawther Featured Speaker at East Orlando Vision Series**
Dr. Lawther will be a featured speaker discussing the Smart Growth project that both he and Dr. Jurie worked on with the Institute of Government. The community luncheon will be held on November 2, 2005 in the Key West Ballroom of the Student Union hosted by Avalon Park, the East Orlando Chamber of Commerce and COHPA.

**Public Administration's Teaching Conference**
Proposals for the Teaching Conference are due October 31. Send proposals to Bob Cunningham (rcunning@utk.edu). The conference will be held in Olympia, WA - Feb 9-12, 2006, cosponsored by The Evergreen State College and Seattle University. See the following site for more information. [http://www.evergreen.edu/events/teachingpa/](http://www.evergreen.edu/events/teachingpa/)

**PA Sends its Best to Tallahassee for Spring 2006 Internships**
The Legislative Scholars Internship Program Committee has met and selected two students to intern in the Spring 2006 term in Tallahassee. They are Cedric Brown, an undergraduate student, and Angel Smith, a graduate student. Each will be given a ‘boot camp’ style orientation at the end of January and will travel to Tallahassee in February to work with different senators. The internship runs through the beginning of May. They will be provided housing and a stipend, as well as excellent experience working in Tallahassee.

**Scholarships Awarded**
The Public Administration Scholarship Committee has selected Deirdre Campbell for the Raymond A. Shapek Scholarship, and Allison Adams for the Public Administration Internship Scholarship. Allison is currently interning in Washington, D.C.

**MESSAGES FROM THE STAFF**

**Reminder:**
Departmental Meeting November 2, 2005
12:15 PM to 2:00 PM in HPA II Room 247
Three Students Receive Provost's Graduate Fellowship Award
From the MPA program Alicia Pineiro and Nicole McNally have received the Provost's Graduate Fellowship Award, and Wesley Thomas from the MNM program has also received the award. Our department was very well represented by our students.

Dr. Kapucu Receives Orange County Health Department Award
Orange County Health Department presented the Director's Award to Dr. Naim Kapucu for the excellent service that was provided through the Capacity Building Institute to enhance services to all populations in Orange County. This award also acknowledged his successful management of the federal Capacity Building Grant through Capacity Building Institute at the Department of Public Administration. The award was presented at the Orange County Health Department's Staff Meeting held at the Student Union at UCF on October 25, 2005. All staff of the Orange County Health Department and the Acting Director of the Florida State Department of Health attended the meeting.

Next Week
Dr. Tansu Demir Interviewing for Visiting Position Dr. Demir has recently completed his Ph.D. at Florida Atlantic University, and his research focused on the politics-administration dichotomy. In his cover letter he indicates that he would be able to teach in the areas of organizational theory, strategic planning, public policy, human resource management, and state and local government administration.

Tracy Trottier Defending Her Dissertation
Our own Tracey Trottier will be completing the final examination for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy on Wednesday. At that time, she will be defending her dissertation “How Leadership Affects Follower Satisfaction: The Federal Case.”

Departmental Meeting November 2, 2005
12:15 PM to 2:00 PM in HPA II Room 247

OPA Career Fair
November 8th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM
HPA I Atrium

News Flash!
Dr. Tansu Demir Interviews Visiting Position
Rescheduled for Next Week Due to Hurricane Wilma
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### Graduate Assistants Needed!
The department has received additional funding from Dean McCarthy to support up to 14 Graduate Assistants in the spring. Students would be working with faculty on research projects, departmental projects, or on faculty grants. Graduate Assistants will be selected using a competitive process. If you are interested in please submit a letter of interest, a resume, and your current SASS audit to Brenda Posey, Coordinator of Administrative Services as soon as possible: bposey@mail.ucf.edu

### Ramp Fellowships for Undergraduate Students
Those undergraduate students interested in a unique research opportunity are encouraged to contact Dr. Kapucu about working with him on a RAMP project: nakpucu@mail.ucf.edu

### Capacity Building Grant
The Capacity Building Institute and Dr. Kapucu have received $52,620 in funding for the Front Porch Capacity Building and Technical Assistance program. The goal of the project is to increase the capacity of the nonprofit community based organizations and faith-based institutions to compete for funding to implement redevelopment projects in the Holden Heights Front Porch Community.

### Extreme Makeover
The bulletin boards in the east hall have received an extreme makeover from Bob Morin, our Undergraduate Coordinator, and his wife Tina. In addition to a new background, they have current job postings at the federal, state, and local levels. Please take a moment to “check it out!”

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Undergraduate Intent to Graduate Form
Due Today

#### Students Graduating in Spring 2006
If you are intending to graduate at the end of the spring 2006 term, the deadline for filing is fast approaching.

**UNDERGRADUATES:** The filing deadline is December 2, 2005. You must pick up your Intent to Graduate form from the COHPA Office of Student Support (HPA II, Room 115). Be sure to declare any certificates or minors on your intent form.

**GRADUATE STUDENTS:** The filing deadline is January 13, 2006. You must pick up your Intent to Graduate form from the COHPA Graduate Office (HPA I, Room 343).

### City-County Manager’s Luncheon November 30th
The Center for Community Partnerships, the Institute of Government, and our Department will co-host a luncheon for city and county managers at the UCF Downtown Academic Center from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM on November 30th.
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Department Christmas Potluck Party
11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Departmental Meeting
12:30 PM to 2:00 PM

Thursday

ASPA Meeting
11:45 AM to 1:00 PM

Friday

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sarah Sprouse Order of Pegasus Nominee for COHPA
The competition to become the COHPA nominee for the Order of Pegasus represented the best and the brightest from our college. It is a great honor to announce that our own Sarah Sprouse, MPA student, has been selected as the COHPA nominee. Congratulations Sarah, we are very proud of you!

City-County Manager’s Luncheon a Success
There were over 30 managers who attended the luncheon along with the faculty from the Department of Public Administration, Dr. Larry Martin from the Center for Community Partnerships, and Marilyn Crotty from the Institute of Government. There was a lively discussion regarding the sharing of information and expertise and a consensus to hold future meetings. A meeting will be planned for the spring.

Article Published by Dr. Korosec
In the December issue of The American Review of Public Administration (Vol. 35, No. 4, 380-401) you will find the article “Planning to Coordinate and Coordinating the Plan: Evidence From Local Governments.” This article was written by Drs. Korosec and Berman.

Drs. Kapucu and Wang Make the News
The hurricane response survey conducted by Drs. Kapucu, Wang, and Berman along with Graduate Assistant Sarah Sprouse is getting a lot of attention thanks to Chad Binette, one of our Public Administration students. Chad wrote the story on the hurricane response study for the UCF webpage and sent out news releases. As a result of Chad’s efforts Channel 6 News came to interview Dr. Kapucu and a story was printed in the Orlando Business Journal.

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Students and Faculty Encouraged to Attend the local ASPA Luncheon Meeting December 8, 2005 11:45 AM to 1:00 PM
This meeting will feature Mark Brewer, President / CEO of the Community Foundation of Central Florida, Inc. speaking on the “Impacts of Growth on Social Services.” The meeting will be held at the Heart of Florida United Way office at 1940 Traylor Boulevard, Orlando.
RSVP contact Rebecca Reis at 407-835-0900 extension 243 or e-mail at Rebecca.reis@hfuw.org

New Office Assistant – Donna Mohney
Our new Office Assistant is Donna Mohney, who worked for the School of Nursing before coming to the Department of Public Administration. Her hobbies are sewing, crafts, calligraphy, poetry and decorating. Donna and her husband are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary on Christmas Day. In addition, she has a 32 year old son, who is a UCF graduate and bravely serves as an officer with Orange County Sheriff’s Department.
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<td>There were twelve students who received their MPA degrees: Page Barningham, Danielle Dean, Nancy DeRiggi, La Toya Dowdell, Nancy Dresser, Brad Howe, Murielle Jean-Jacques, Margarita Macon, Sarah Sprouse, Karen Stell, Amy Stevenson, and Lorraine Weinstock.</td>
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<td>Three students received the MNM degree: Michael Gallant, Mary Martin, and Myriam Saint-Vilus.</td>
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<td>A Bachelor of Arts degree was awarded to: Kathryn Bauman, Melanie Carrier, Stuart Eichelbaum, Shanae Stringer, Marci Marchewka, Susanne McFee, Amy Rawls, Krishna Singh, and Yesenia Velez.</td>
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<td>From our program Bachelor of Science program Christine Churms graduated Summa Cum Laude. There were fifteen students who were to receive a BS in Public Administration: Ryan Bottongion, Christina Churms, Nicholas Elrod, Brenda Filbert, Charles Girvin, Melanie Gravois, Constance Liscio, Nicholas Littman, Tiffany Martin, Tiffany Parks, Krystal Penn, Kathleen Pentecost, Joshua Sherman, Lea Streeter, and Trudy Siegelhofer.</td>
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**Drs. Wang and Kapucu Presenting Abroad**
Over the winter break Drs. Wang and Kapucu will be representing the department in both China and Turkey. Dr. Wang will be lecturing on government financial management at the Renmin University of China in Beijing. Renmin University has the largest MPA program in China, and is one of the top rated universities in the country. Dr. Kapucu will be visiting several of the top universities in Turkey speaking on his research in emergency management and homeland security. In addition, Dr. Kapucu will be marketing our programs to students in Turkey. Our faculty members are expanding the international focus of the Department of Public Administration.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### Classes Begin January 9th, 2006
Please check your schedules to confirm when your classes begin.

**January 11th, 2006 – Departmental Meeting and Faculty Development**

11:30 AM to 12:00 PM  Search Candidate Lecture  
Dr. Mary Ann Feldheim... *Symbols and Myths in Public Service*

12:15 – 2:00 PM  Departmental Meeting

2:00 PM to 3:00 PM  WebCT and Online Teaching Update
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**Welcome Back**  
Our winter break is over and the spring 2006 semester has begun. The Department of Public Administration welcomes faculty and students back.

**Article by Dr. Lawther Published**  
An article co-authored by Dr. Lawther was published in the November 2005 issue of the *International Journal of Public Administration*. The title of the article is: "Public Private Partnerships in Transportation Policy: the Case of Advanced Traveler Information Systems".

**Dr. Wang Presents at Renmin University in China**  
In December 2005, Dr. XiaoHu Wang visited Renmin University of China. He met faculty in the School of Finance and gave a presentation entitled "The Expenditure Structure of United States Governments: An Overview." Dr. Wang was invited by the faculty of that university, who are conducting a state-sponsored research on public expenditure and its impact on income distribution in China.

**Dr. Demir Visiting Assistant Professor in Spring**  
The department has hired Dr. Demir as a visiting assistant professor for the spring 2006 semester. Dr. Demir recently graduated from Florida Atlantic University with a Ph.D. in public administration. His new office is HPA II Room 235.

**Urban and Regional Planning Event- January 25, 2006**  
Noted author Carl Hiassen will discuss “Naturally Central Florida: Putting the Pieces Together” at an environmental forum on January 25, 2006 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The forum is free and sponsored by UCF’s Metropolitan Center and myregion.org. It will be held at The Ballroom at Church Street in downtown Orlando. Please call 407-823-2741 for reservations.

**OPA Book Swap- Thursday January 12 from 5-7 PM**  
Wait Don’t buy or resell books. Bring all your old books to OPA’s Book Swap! Don’t pay for books that you could get for free! Join us in HPA II Room 247 from 5 -7 PM on Thursday January 12th.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
**Faculty Annual Reports Due January 23, 2006**  
The university is moving to a calendar year for faculty evaluations, and December 31, 2005 was considered the end of the current evaluation period no matter what terms it covers. Faculty members will receive a blank annual evaluation form via e-mail this week.

**Faculty Evaluations Must Be Completed by March 1, 2006**  
In addition annual evaluations and Cumulative Progress Evaluations for all tenure track faculty need to be completed and to the faculty member no later than March 1, 2006.
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**Dr. Korosec Conducting Performance Reviews for CCP Grant**
Dr. Ronnie Korosec and Dr. Paul Maiden are currently conducting site visits of the major programs in Youth and Family Services for the Orange County Health Department. The work is part of a performance review involving the Center for Community Partnerships at UCF.

**Nine Students Attend American Humanics Management Institute**
Joan Nelson and Stephanie Krick joined nine American Humanics students as they traveled across the country to San Diego to attend the American Humanics Management Institute (AHMI) the first week in January. AHMI is administered by the American Humanics National office and is designed to be a capstone experience in nonprofit management education. In addition to interactive workshops, case studies, and forums, students are able to interview with representatives from national nonprofits such as the American Red Cross, YMCA, United Way of America, and Boy Scouts of America. The student attendees included Jacqueline Benjamin, Eric Bratcher, Evelyn (Bel) Conley, James (Jim) Cundiff, Brittany Dale, Sarah Dillon, Elyse Olson, Jeremy Roth, and Jaclyn SanRoman. Jim Cundiff was also given the honor of being named a “Stardust Fellow.” The Stardust Fellowship is a leadership development experience with a goal of building the student leadership capacity within the American Humanics network. Jim was one of only twenty-five students selected nationally for this honor.

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**Adjunct Faculty Evaluations Now Required by SACS**
The accrediting body for the university, SACS, is now requiring that all adjunct faculty members be evaluated. For those teaching in spring 2006, the evaluations must be completed by the summer term.

**OPA and PA Department Sponsor Trip to Tallahassee**
The Department of Public Administration and OPA are seeking students who wish to go to Tallahassee to meet with key administrators and members of the Legislature in late February. The Department will pay a portion of the cost of this trip and will provide transportation. For further information, please contact Dr. Korosec at rkorosec@mail.ucf.edu

**OPA Kick-off Meeting Tuesday January 24th at 4:40 PM**
The Organization of Public Administrators (OPA) will hold a kick-off meeting on at 4:30 on Tuesday, January 24, in HPA 2-- Room 247. All interested MPA, MNM and Undergrad students are welcome to attend! Come by and see how OPA can make a difference in your future!
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**Dr. Kapucu Presents in Turkey**

Between December 16, 2005 and January 4, 2006 Dr. Kapucu traveled to Turkey, where he presented at several universities and met with scholars for future partnerships. Dr. Kapucu also met informally with students who want to come to universities in the United States for graduate studies. On December 22, 2005 he presented at Istanbul Technical University’s Center of Excellence for Disaster Management. Then on December 27 Dr. Kapucu presented at Faith University the topic “Fine Tuning in Homeland Security: Reconciling Democracy and Security after September 11.” Dr. Kapucu concluded his trip by presenting at Bosphorus University’s Earthquake Research Institute a talk on “Community Partnership in Response to Disasters.”

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**Social Capital Faculty Workshop January 24th at 1:00 PM**

Dr. Kapucu will be presenting a workshop on collaborative leaning and social capital at the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning. This workshop will illustrate how collaborative learning can be enhanced in a classroom environment. The workshop will use social network analysis to assess the students’ performance in collaboration during the term using the class as an organizational setting. The instructor collects course related and friendship network data at the beginning of the each term and toward the end of the term. Then, these two sets of network data compared to see the change in collaboration and networking among students over the term. The workshop will discover implications and suggestions for implementing these activities in other courses and settings.

**Emergency Management Research Update Meeting** is scheduled on Thursday January 26, 2006 between 4:30-5:45PM at HPA II 247. Graduate students will share their research on Emergency Management and Homeland Security. The meeting is open to faculty and students.
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**Freedom Forum**<br>U.S. Sen. John McCain, R- Arizona will be the keynote speaker Monday, Feb. 6, at the first "Freedom Forum" town hall meeting organized by U.S. Sen. Mel Martinez, R-Florida. McCain and Martinez will speak at 11 a.m. in the Cape Florida Ballroom, Room 316, of the Student Union. The forum is free and open to the public.<br>

**Important Dates**<br><br>**OPA Meeting February 7th at 4:30 PM**<br>Graduate and undergraduate students in public administration are encouraged to attend the next meeting on February 7, 2006 at 4:30 PM in HPA 2 – Room 247 to talk about ways that OPA can become more engaged in the community and to hear about the Tallahassee trip.<br>

**Departmental Advisory Board Meeting February 15 HPA I Room 363**<br>Our February meeting is scheduled in two weeks at 3:00 PM to discuss our alumni initiative and departmental visioning.<br>

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WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Students are Tallahassee Bound
Eight of our students are to spend two days in Tallahassee visiting with state lawmakers. Our Undergraduate Coordinator, Bob Morin, will be the faculty representative and guide our students during their visits with lawmakers as they attend one of Governor Bush's Cabinet meetings.

The following students are going on the trip:
- Edira Sharma
- Jillian Bowers
- Keila Walker
- Charmaine Abundo
- James McIntyre
- Jacque Coulon
- David Taylor
- Justin Tabor.

ASPA Luncheon Thursday February 16th
Preston Cook, Director of Orange County Office of Emergency Management, is the featured speaker presenting on the topic of "Community Coordination in Response to an Emergency", which takes a look at the coordination efforts of community services in the event of an emergency situation. With a growing regional population, it is essential for public administrators to understand the challenges that are faced in providing services to the citizenry in emergency situations.

The meeting will be held at the Heart of Florida United Way at 1940 Traylor Blvd, Orlando, Florida 32804. Please contact Rebecca Reis either at 407.835.0900 ext. 243 or via e-mail at rebecca.reis@hfuw.org with your reservation no later than tomorrow. Students are encouraged to attend!

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Nonprofit Advisory Board Meeting February 16
Held at the UCF Downtown Center
The February meeting is scheduled on Thursday this at 3:30 PM to discuss the annual nonprofit conference and programmatic visioning.
### Students Ambassadors for PA Department in Tallahassee

According to Representative, David Mealor, "the UCF students from the Department of Public Administration made a very favorable impression on state legislators... with several members of the House Appropriations Committee commenting on the professionalism of the UCF students."

The students, who traveled to Tallahassee to see first hand how the Legislature operates, were guided by Undergraduate Coordinator, Bob Morin and his wife Tina. The itinerary for the trip was developed by Mr. Fred Kittinger, Associate V.P., Director of State and Local Government Affairs at UCF who provided the students with an in-depth look at how our state legislature functions.

The students met with House Representatives Dave Mealor, Sherry McInvale, Dennis Baxley, Frank Attkisson, Dean Cannon (House Speaker Elect), Dorothy Bendross-Mindingall, David Simmons and State Senator Lee Constantine (UCF graduate). In addition, the group met with lobbyists for the City of Orlando and for Orange County, and with Mr. Mike Sittig Executive Director, Florida League of Cities.

Commissioner Bronson’s aide, Mr. Jim Baxall provided the students with an introduction to the Cabinet duties and responsibilities. The visit was highlighted by a photo opportunity at the Cabinet Meeting with cabinet members Agriculture Commissioner Charles Bronson, Attorney General Charlie Crist, Insurance Commissioner Tom Gallagher and of course our Governor Jeb Bush. The students returned on Wednesday February 15 enthused and appreciative of Mr. Kittinger’s time and commitment to make this a memorable experience. Please stop by the department to see the slideshow of the trip.

### Important Date

The next Organization for Public Administration (OPA) meeting is on Tuesday February 21, 2006 at 4:30 PM in HPA II, Room 247. Come see the slideshow and hear about the Tallahassee Trip.

### Spring Break Opportunity for Students

The Orange County Supervisor of Elections has temporary positions for Touch Screen Operators responsible for the proper operation of the electronic voting machines during municipal elections.

Orientation is on Monday March 13, 2006 from 8:00 AM to 5 PM and the election is on Tuesday March 14, 2006 from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM. The pay rate is $11.00/hr plus mileage ($0.36 mile).

Qualified candidates please contact Dionne Puckerin - Human Resources at 407-254-6514 or Dionne.puckerin@ocfelections.com
**PA Students Photo Op with Governor**
Check out the lead photo on the COHPA web to see our students and Undergraduate Coordinator, Bob Morin with Governor Jeb Bush, Attorney General Charlie Crist; Insurance Commissioner Tom Gallagher, and Agriculture Commissioner Charles Bronson.

**Call for Proposals**
The Georgia (USA) Political Science Association will meet in Savannah on November 16, 17 and 18, 2006. We welcome attendees and presenters from all disciplines worldwide. Over 200 participants from United States and overseas attended our 2005 conference. For more information, about submitting proposals and for the agenda of past conferences -- please go to our web site at [www.gpsanet.org](http://www.gpsanet.org). Email: GPSA06@GeorgiaSouthern.edu

**Adopt a Precinct Program**
We are looking for 8-10 students whom are registered voters in Orange County to work the Adopt a Precinct program in the Fall of 2006. Those chosen will receive from $120 to $240 for each election day they work. For more information, please contact Dr. Korosec, who is coordinating the project at rkorosec@mail.ucf.edu

**Student Successes**
**MPA Student, Angie Knowlton** as a result of working as a graduate assistant on the Orange County Health Department Capacity Building grant has started to work as a Grant Writer for The Howard Phillips Center for Children and Families. This is a division of the Arnold Palmer Medical Center, which is a part of the Orlando Regional Healthcare Network. As the Grant Writer, Ms. Knowlton is responsible for researching, writing, submitting, and reporting on grants for all seven programs.

**MNM Student, Jackie Houck**, has been promoted from a part-time Administrative Assistant to the position of Marketing and Public Relations Coordinator at the Orlando Museum of Art (OMA). According to Ms. Houck this promotion is a direct result of her working on her MNM degree. Her Executive Director was thrilled to see her dedication to the nonprofit sector and felt that this degree would greatly increase her level of knowledge in the field and make her a very valuable asset to the Museum.

**Save the Dates**
**April 20th** - Annual Alumni and Pi Alpha Alpha Luncheon
Craig Fugate, Director Florida’s Division of Emergency Management

**May 10th and 11th**
5th Annual Nonprofit Management Conference
“Collaboration: The Power of Partnerships”
Scholarships and Internship Opportunities

FCCMA Annual Conference Assistant’s Scholarships
This scholarship is designed to allow public administration students to attend the 2006 FCCMA Annual Conference. To apply come to our office and complete the application form and bring your resume and a one page double-spaced typewritten page answering “Why is receiving assistance important to you?” The deadline for application is March 9, 2006. Contact Jacque Waleski jwaleski@mail.ucf.edu for more details.

Washington Center Internship Program
Peter Storandt, regional representative for the Washington Center will hold informational sessions with students on March 7, 2006 from 10 AM to 11:30 AM and from 1 PM to 2:30 PM in the Pegasus Ballroom of the Student Union. These internships can earn students UCF credit and provide an exciting opportunity for career advancement.

International Association of Emergency Managers Scholarship
The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) Scholarship Program is available to full-time students pursuing degrees in emergency management or related programs. Information, and the application, at www.iaem.com/resources/scholarships/intro.htm. The deadline for application is March 31, 2006.

Dr. Kapucu Participates in International Conference
This past weekend Dr. Kapucu was part of the “Managing Extreme Events: Transatlantic Perspectives” conference held at the University of Pittsburgh. The goals of this conference were to explore new alternatives for detecting, assessing, and mitigating the risk of extreme events on both sides of the Atlantic, and to develop new patterns of communication and exchange of knowledge regarding strategies of action to reduce those risks.

Student Successes
MNM Student, Mary Martin, as a result of working as a graduate assistant on the Nonprofit Management Annual Conference, has been hired as the WalkAmerica Coordinator for the March of Dimes in Atlanta. She will be responsible for coordinating two WalkAmerica campaigns and other fundraising efforts.

MPA Student, Susan McGrady, has been hired by the city of Cocoa as their new Community Redevelopment Area Coordinator. According to Ms. McGrady, the MPA program has had a huge impact on her career choices and job opportunities.

Spring Break Next Week
The next PA Weekly will be published March 20, 2006.
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### WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Faculty Focus**

**Mary Ann Feldheim & Joan Nelson Attend BenchMark 3 Conference**

Every ten years the nonprofit management educational community holds a conference that is intended to measure the state of the sector. The BenchMark 3 Conference held in Phoenix over spring break was the third of its kind providing an update on nonprofit management education and thoughts on future direction. Internationally and nationally the focus is pointing to civic engagement and the use of service learning to accomplish this. Our American Humanics and nonprofit management programs use of service learning to enhance of this civic connection makes our programs very relevant and meeting the benchmark of the field.

**Dr. Jurie Publishes Article “Conserving Open Land in Central Florida”**

In the March Newsletter for ASPA Section on Environmental and Natural Resource Administration, Dr. Jurie wrote a timely article on conserving our open land. He discusses the need for a coordinated approach in the region to purchase and preserve open land in our region, which could be accomplished by a proposal made by the Audubon Society to create region-wide land authority.

**Undergraduate Student Opportunity**

**Ford Foundation Summer Institute on Replenishing Democracy**

Undergraduate students may attend the Institute from June 11-24, 2006 at Amherst College. For those students interested in social justice and activism this is an opportunity that brings together distinguished scholars and activists with undergraduates to rigorously study the theory and practices of democratic engagement. In this forum, undergraduate student leaders will learn about the complexities of political action and gain practical knowledge about grassroots organizing. The Institute will be free of charge for the selected participants. The participants will be provided with the necessary course materials and reimbursed for their travel expenses to Amherst. Information about the program and online application materials at: [http://www.amherst.edu/~democracy/](http://www.amherst.edu/~democracy/).

**New Administrative Addition**

**James “Jimmie” Oddie** will be at the front desk every Tuesday and Thursday between the hours of 12-4 pm. He started at that position in late February. Jimmie is a junior working toward a BA in liberal studies with majors in public affairs and communications with a minor in political science, pre-law track. After he graduates in spring 2007, he plans to do his graduate studies right here at UCF. Before deciding to attend UCF full time, Jimmie won an award as the sports editor for “In Motion” the Daytona Beach Community College student newspaper. In addition, he was the executive producer and co-host of a mid-day talk show with Dave Laing on AM 1150 WNDB and Blackcrow Media LLC.
**UCF RESEARCH WEEK**

**Public Administration Graduate Students Present Research**

Several graduate students from our department will be presenting on Wednesday at the UCF Graduate Student Research Forum in the Pegasus Ballroom. Please check at the registration for the exact location of their presentations. Below are the names of our students and the titles of their presentations:

- **Kelly Morrell, Bower, Jillian, Kapoor, Ruchu., McKinney, Katherine** “The Ties That Bind Young Adults”

- **Meagan Pfeltz, Amy Turner, Andrea Lauffer & Leighton Colvin.** “The Impact of Take Stock in Children (TSIC) on Program Participants,”

- **Reneé Cartee, Maria-Elena Augustin, Katherine McKinney, Sommer Pattison.** “Community Capacity Building for Economic Development in Holden Heights,”

- **Angie Knowlton.** “National Response Plan (NPR) in Response to Hurricane Katrina,”

- **Carmen Stokes, Angie Knowlton, Sommer Pattison, & Ian Nance.** “Nonprofit Partnerships in Central Florida,”

**Undergraduate RAMP Student Presents Research**

Undergraduate Christopher Gilhooley, who is in the RAMP program working with Dr. Kapucu will present his research “Planning in Emergency Management” on Thursday at the Undergraduate Research Forum in the Pegasus Ballroom between 2-3 PM.

**PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION RESEARCH FORUM**

**Students & Faculty Encouraged to Attend Lecture**

**Dr. Van Wart to Speak on Research Agendas**

Our department will host a research forum on Thursday, and the event will feature a lecture by Dr. Montgomery Van Wart entitled “Research Agendas: Seven Strategies for Building an Academic Agenda and Getting it Published.” Dr. Van Wart is chair of the Department of Public Administration at California State University, San Bernadino, and former chair of UCF’s public administration department.

Refreshments will be served at the presentation.

- March 30th at 4 PM
- Health and Public Affairs Building II, Room 247.
UNIVERSITY AWARDS

2006 Excellence in Professional Service – Awarded to Dr. Liou
This prestigious UCF award is given to only two faculty members every year, and Dr. Kuotsai Liou has been selected this year. Internationally Dr. Liou has served as an unofficial ambassador to China for the university, where he has been invited to present at numerous conferences and to work on the State Committee on Public Service. Nationally, he was awarded the “Presidential Citation of Merit” for service to the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) our primary professional organization. Locally Dr. Liou is active in our ASPA chapter; however his most notable service is to the Department of Public Administration where he served as Department Chair from 1997 to 2003 and as the Master of Public Administration (MPA) Coordinator from 2004 to 2005 providing strong leadership to the faculty and students.

20 Years of Service to UCF – Dr. Jurie and Debbie Phillis
At the Founder’s Day Awards ceremony both Dr. Jurie and Debbie Phillis from our department will be recognized for their 20 years of service to the university. Congratulations to you both for your dedication to our students and the university.

STUDENTS ON THE MOVE

Melissa Brochu Studying in Tasmania Writes
“I am currently in the middle of my 6 month stay in Poatina, Tasmania. This intense course in Youth and Community Outreach has been life changing! My class of 25 is comprised of people from all over the world, and we have students from Canada, England, and Australia. Our classes are conducted Monday through Friday with intense youth and community work throughout the week. Aside from the academics the culture, landscape, and vibe of Australia has been absolutely gorgeous! I have enjoyed and benefited from every moment of being here.”

Pauline Strauss & Talia Cerrone Meet Mayor Crotty
Two students accepted the invitation to attend the luncheon with Mayor Crotty. They indicated that it was a great opportunity to meet with the Mayor in a small setting.

Research Day Lecture Well Attended by Students
Over twenty (20) students attend the lecture given by Dr. Van Wart on the “Seven Strategies to Enhance Your Research and Increase Your Publication Rate.” Key points were to first have a strategy, second to give priority time to your research, know the journal styles, do comprehensive literature reviews, let the data speak for themselves, write well, and stick with your projects. Several graduate students were prompted to form a strategy for publishing now!
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#### ASPA 67TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE


Dr. Korosec presented a paper *Is Strategic Planning an Effective Tool for Evaluating Organizations? Evidence from US Cities* as part of a panel on the Essentiality of Measurement to Effective Planning.

Dr. Liou developed and moderated a panel *Contracting Out Government Services - Taiwan's Developments and Services*. Participants in this panel were professors from Taiwan.

Dr. Wang and Feldheim facilitated a roundtable discussion on the *Interpretations of Ethical Symbols in Government*.

#### STUDENTS ON THE MOVE

Angel Smith in Tallahassee Writes

“It has been an honor representing UCF and our PA department as one of the 2005-2006 Legislative Scholars. Working at the capital has given me the opportunity to charter new territory with a "behind-the-scenes" look at how policy is developed and implemented at all levels of government. Although, duties vary from office to office, I have been engaged in legal and fiscal research, bill analysis, constituent work, monitoring sessions, attending committee hearings, and general office work. Major issues this session are Eminent Domain, Telephone Company Rate Increase, Medicare, School Start Date Change, and Hurricane Preparedness. To find out more about these issues go to: [http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/](http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/).”

#### SPECIAL EVENT - April 20th, 2006

Craig Fugate, Director of Florida's Division of Emergency Management to speak at the annual Public Administration Alumni Luncheon on April 20th at the Fairwinds Alumni Center from 11 AM to 1 PM. This is great opportunity for the community and our students to meet a national leader in Emergency Management.

The cost of the luncheon is $16.00 payable in advance to the UCF Foundation. Please send your check or money order to Department of Public Administration, Attention Donna Mohney, HPA II, Suite 238, Orlando, Florida 32816-1395. If you have questions regarding the event, please contact Donna Mohney at dmohney@mail.ucf.edu.
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**UCF’s Quality Enhancement Plan**

Information Fluency is the ability to gather, evaluate, and use information effectively. Information Fluency requires the integration of information literacy, technology literacy, and critical thinking. An information fluent graduate will be able to:

- Determine what information is needed
- Access information effectively and efficiently
- Evaluate information critically
- Use information to accomplish a specific purpose
- Understand economic, legal, ethical, and social issues involving information.

**SACS Visit -- April 18th through April 20th**

The site team from SACS will be on campus asking students, faculty, and staff about our Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). If you are asked please remember it is “Information Fluency” using an integrated approach focused on student learning outcomes and faculty development.

### COLLEGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Dean McCarthy Leaving**

It has been announced that Dean McCarthy has accepted the Provost position at the University of Missouri. She will be stepping down from her current position by the end of June.

**Joyce Dorner Interim Dean**

For the next year Joyce Dorner for Associate Dean for COHPA will be the Interim Dean of the College. The Provost is in the process of considering ways to restructure the college based on the approval of the Medical School.

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**May 5th, 2006** 2nd Annual Florida ASPA Conference “Rising to the Challenges of Public Management in the State of Florida” to be held at the Orange County Regional History Center. For information contact Claire Mostel at ctel@miamidade.gov.

**May 10th and 11th** 5th Annual Nonprofit Management Conference See the website for more information www.ce.ucf.edu/nonprofitconf Students interested in scholarships contact Barbara Howell at bhowell@mail.ucf.edu.
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ALUMNI LUNCHEON A SUCCESS
Craig Fugate, Director of Florida's Division of Emergency Management was the keynote speaker at our Annual Alumni Luncheon held April 20, 2006. During his presentation, Fugate showed a film in which he described the state's response to recent hurricanes. The event attracted more than 80 public administration alumni, students and faculty members and community guests.

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION FACULTY AND STUDENTS PRESENTING AT FLORIDA ASPA CONFERENCE

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UCF Student Presenters
Stephanie Loudermilk Krick "Does Ethical Behavior Matter?"

Hillary Knepper "A Network Analysis of Lake County's Community Access Network for Uninsured and Underinsured Residents"

Sommer Pattison "Disaster Management Logistics and Staging Areas in the State of Florida"

Angie Knowlton "Organizational Factors Influencing Nonprofit Collaborations in Central Florida"

Kelly Morrell "The Ties That Bind Young Adults: Developing Social Capital in Central Florida"

Maria-Elena Augustin, Renee Fish, and Katherine McKinney "Community Organizations Mobilizing for Partnerships, Assistance, and Sustainable Strategies (COMPASS) for Front Porch Communities in Florida"

UFC Faculty and Community Partners Participating
Dr. Naim Kapucu "Better Community Organizing, Better Public Emergency Preparedness in Florida"

Dr. Ann Manley, Dr. Phillips Foundation, Chair Nonprofit Management Session

Dr. Ronnie Korosec "E-Government in Orange County, Florida"

Drs. Tom Liou and Mary Ann Feldheim – Discussants
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**FACULTY and STAFF AWARDS**

**Drs. Lawther and Liou Receive TIP Awards**
In recognition of their outstanding teaching performance Dr. Lawther and Dr. Liou have been selected by their colleagues to receive a *UCF Teaching Incentive Program Award*. Congratulations to you both on receiving this prestigious award.

**Dr. Wang Receives UCF Research Incentive Award**
The selection of Dr. Wang for this award has been long overdue, and he richly deserves this recognition for his outstanding research in the area of performance measures. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Wang on his accomplishment.

**Brenda Posey - Graduates UCF Leadership Enhancement Program**
The UCF Leadership Enhancement Program is sponsored by the Office of Diversity Initiatives and offers a two semester mentorship program to develop leadership potential in those selected. Congratulations to Ms. Posey on completing this rigorous leadership program.

**5th ANNUAL NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE**
The 5th Annual UCF Community Partners Nonprofit Conference: **“Collaboration...The Power of Partnerships”** is right around the corner – May 10th and 11th, 2006. This conference will be held at the UCF Rosen School of Hospitality Management offering easy access from major highways and ample parking.

The focus of the conference is on the power of partnerships as a way for nonprofit organizations in the central Florida area to successfully meet their missions. A three-pronged approach will be utilized to examine collaborations focusing on theory, experiential learning, and the experience of successful nonprofit leaders. Featured speakers are: **Mark Brewer** of the Community Foundation, **Dr. Naim Kapucu** of the Department of Public Administration, and **Art Cross** a well-known Collaboration Consultant.

There are many scholarships available to the nonprofits in the community sponsored by The Community Service Center, The Valencia Foundation, and UCF College of Health and Public Affairs.

Immediately preceding the 5th Annual Nonprofit Conference, there will be a pre-conference workshop held from 8:30am to 1:30pm on May 10th that will focus on grant writing. Please find attached flyers for more information or visit our website at http://www.ce.ucf.edu/nonprofitconf/.

Scholarship information and registration can also be found on the site.
GRADUATION
Spring 2006

Doctoral Graduates
Two students focusing on public administration and nonprofit management were granted their doctorates in Public Affairs this spring. Gina Beckles focused on performance measurements with Dr. XiaoHu Wang as her major advisor, and Matthew Hodge focused on nonprofit management with Dr. Lawrence Martin as his major advisor.

Master of Public Administration
There were eighteen (18) students receiving their MPA degrees: Howard Bailey, Carolyn Cassidy, Marjorie Ceballos, Jacqueline Flynn, Paris Kirkland-Dukes, Angela Knowlton, Alexis Luna, David McCallister, Victoria McDonough, Susan McGrady, Miriam Moore, Sommer Pattison, Maria Resto, Rashika Russell-Hall, Angel Smith, Carmen Stokes, Simone Symonette, and LaKieva Williams.

Master of Nonprofit Management
There were two (2) students receiving their MNM degrees: Monica Dufault and Robert Hubbard III.

Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration
From our Bachelor of Arts degree program Victoria Paterson graduated Cum Laude. The following students were awarded BA degrees: Kelly Booth, Amanda Choos, Serena Favors, Angel Gerard, Jason Johnson, Casie Jonap, Matthew Lee, Debbielee Levy, Carol McFarlane, Keith Miller, William Pulver, Jr., Alyssa Ramirez, and Nicola Taylor.

Bachelor of Science in Public Administration
From our Bachelor of Science degree program Jennifer Zubek graduated Cum Laude. The following students were awarded BS degrees: Allison Adams, Sarah Altman, Erin Brothers, Cedric Brown, Beth Ciocio, Christopher Cottrill, Jason Diner, Kellen Erlandson, Charles Girvin, Gregg Gruskin, Kathleen Hicks, Christopher Hooper, Kylie Ittenbach, Gretchen Kerr, Jeramie Maxwell, and Laruen Murphy.

5th ANNUAL NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE
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If you are interested in attending you may register at the door.
# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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# WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

## UPDATES

### Conference a Success
The 5th Annual UCF Community Partners Nonprofit Conference: "Collaboration...The Power of Partnerships" was held on Wednesday May 10th and Thursday May 11th, 2006. The conference received rave reviews from the over ninety (90) participants, who enjoyed the exciting and informative speakers and the Rosen College of Hospitality Management’s campus facilities and wonderful food.

Next year’s conference is being planned for **January** to increase the opportunity for students to participate and to connect students and nonprofit organizations in service learning projects. The tentative topic of the conference is "nonprofit management leadership and professionalism."

### American Humanics Program Awarded Kellogg Foundation Grant
The American Humanics Program just received a $3,000 ($1,000 per year for 3 years) mini-grant from the Kellogg Foundation to enhance service-learning at UCF. The project is designed to support the efforts of the Faculty Service-Learning Committee by encouraging more students to participate in service-learning projects and to earn a Service-Learning Certificate.

### Internships

**Sommer Pattison** has taken an intern position with the prestigious Guggenheim Museum in New York City in their corporate development department. Congratulations Sommer, this is a fantastic opportunity!

**Jennifer Lee** and **Bret Hart** have paid internship positions with the Valencia Foundation. The students will work directly with Geraldine Gallagher, who is a leader in resource development and a valued Nonprofit Management Advisory Board member. The students will help plan the Valencia Foundation's very successful wine tasting fundraiser "Taste for Learning" held on October 14, 2006.

Other summer internships are listed below:

- **Chad Brown** --- Orange County Utilities Department;
- **Holly French** --- Orange County ORNL;
- **Jessica Kuechenmeister** --- South Dakota State American Humanics;
- **Olivia Perin** --- City of Orlando;
- **Einstein Sanitil** --- Orange County Administrative Services;
- **Daniel Stephens** --- Osceola County;
- **Carrie Stern** --- Washington Center;
- **Marshall Wade** --- Brevard County;
- **Austin Watkins** --- Seminole County Planning;
- **Patricia Young** --- Kissimmee Emergency Management.
**ANNUAL REPORT**

**Teaching**
Our first priority is quality and innovative teaching. Two faculty members have been recognized for their quality teaching, and the department received the [ASPA Curriculum Innovation Award](#) for the new online Master of Nonprofit Management.

**Research**
At UCF there are three research goals – publications, grant funding, and student mentoring.

**Publications**
During the last year our faculty members produced the following:
- Total 43 publications
- 27 peer-reviewed articles
- 7 book chapters
- 8 articles in other publications
- 1 book
- Drs. Korosec & Wang articles in *(PAR)*
- Dr. Kapucu article in *Administration & Society*
- Dr. Lawther article in *PPMR*

**Grants**
Faculty members in partnership with other COHPA faculty members have secured **$1,030,918.00 in grant monies for UCF.**

**Mentoring**
Faculty members assisted 20 students in presenting their original research at international, national, regional, state, and local conferences. In addition, 7 doctoral students in public administration graduated during the last year.

Faculty and students provide service through our service learning course and through our [Capacity Building Institute](#), which provides training and services to small nonprofit organizations. In addition, the [Annual Nonprofit Conference](#) is a service to the community supported by the department.

**Awards**
Four faculty members received awards this year in each of the areas of teaching, research, and service.
- Dr. Wang - UCF Research Incentive Award
- Dr. Lawther - UCF’s Teaching Incentive Award
- Dr. Liou - UCF’s Teaching Incentive Award