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Questions About Internships?

If you have questions or need more information about internships, please reach out to our experiential learning coordinator, Robyn Zipperstein. You can contact her at Robyn.Zipperstein@ucf.edu. Below she gives some tips on resume writing.

Resume Basics

What is a resume and why is it important? Fundamentally, a resume is your calling card; it encompasses the brand that you are selling to employers in order to get hired. There are three types of resumes, each containing personal, educational and experiential background. These include chronological, functional, and combination resumes which includes skill sets and employment history. Here are some tips for writing the perfect resume:

- It is important to tailor the resume and cover letter in response to a specific position. Place the most recent accomplishments at the top and work your way down. Remember that these documents are going

to be competing for priority against everyone else. Make sure to highlight all your great assets.

- The art of a great resume is in storytelling. You want your resume to be something to be admired and idealized, and you want to use your background to emphasize why you should be hired. Tell the truth and don't be afraid to market yourself.
- Following your initial draft of your resume, be sure to enlist the proofreading expertise of your colleagues. Get as many eyeballs as you can to review it before submitting to prospective employers. There are peer advisors at the Office of Experiential Learning who can critique your drafts. It would be wise to attend a resume workshop as well.

Use your cover letter to compliment the resume and to add information not listed otherwise. There should be three main components:

1. The introduction
2. The body
3. The conclusion

Start by explaining how you learned about the job, who you are, and what you know about the organization. Use the body to explain how you would be an asset to the company, use your experience as evidence. Elucidate how you are the ideal candidate. Conclude by thanking the employer for their consideration and offer to come in to interview and discuss your qualifications further.

Try to keep your cover letter, as well as your resume, to single pages. Send thank you notes after meeting in person and wait for an offer.

There are so many resources available to you that you will become an expert in time. Once you are hired and move up the ranks, perhaps you can pay your good fortune forward by hiring SPA alumni. Good luck and have fun with all of your success!

See You Soon!

We're taking a short hiatus from the PA Weekly, but it will return in August for the next academic year!

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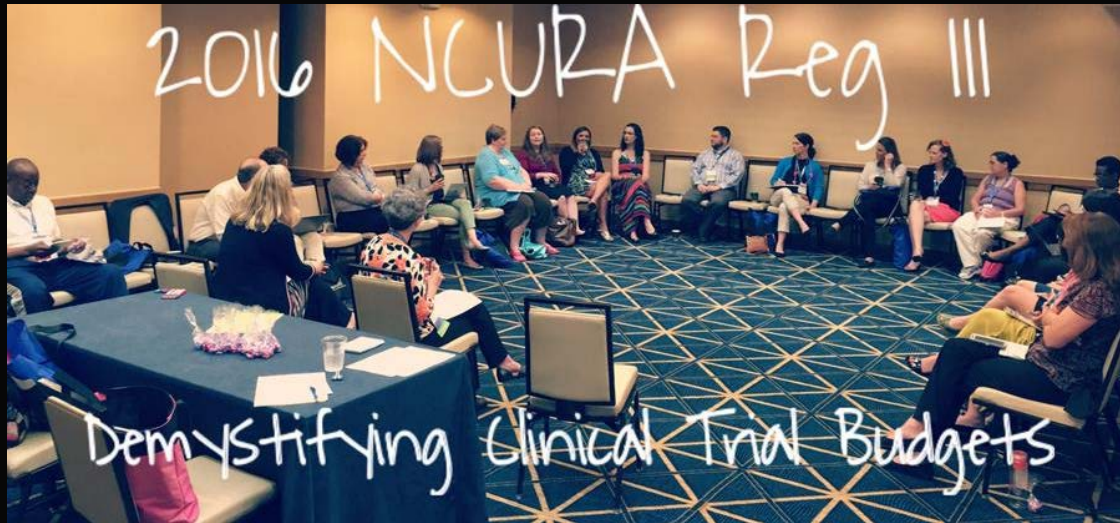


Governor's Hurricane Conference

Students and faculty were in attendance at the 2016 Governor's Hurricane Conference, which took place at the Rosen Shingle Creek in Orlando. This year's theme was #RebootReadiness.

Several of the school's students presented at GHC, including Taylor Baker, John Cardenas, George Detamarter, Carlos Kavetsky and Brian Pugh.

Several students, including Lilliana Pascuzzi, Taylor Haywood, Mariah Frison and Tiffany Islam, also received scholarships to attend the conference.



NCURA Conference

Jo Smith, director of the Master of Research Administration, and two M.R.A. students were involved in seven difference presentations at the NCURA Regional Conference, The event took place in Miramar Beach, Florida, and was themed around team building and collaborations.

Smith co-presented three presentations, one on designing presentations for RAs, and two others related to research on effective teams. Student Erin Blackwell co-presented on two sessions, one on post award and another on building relationships with researchers; and student Carrie Saites co-presented on two sessions related to clinical trials and pre-award best practices.

UCF had a strong presence at the conference. Several UCF RAs also presented and the keynote speaker, Stephen Fiore, was from UCF. Fiore is the the director of the Cognitive Sciences Laboratory and is nationally known for his research. He spoke to the attendees on the "Science of Team Science."

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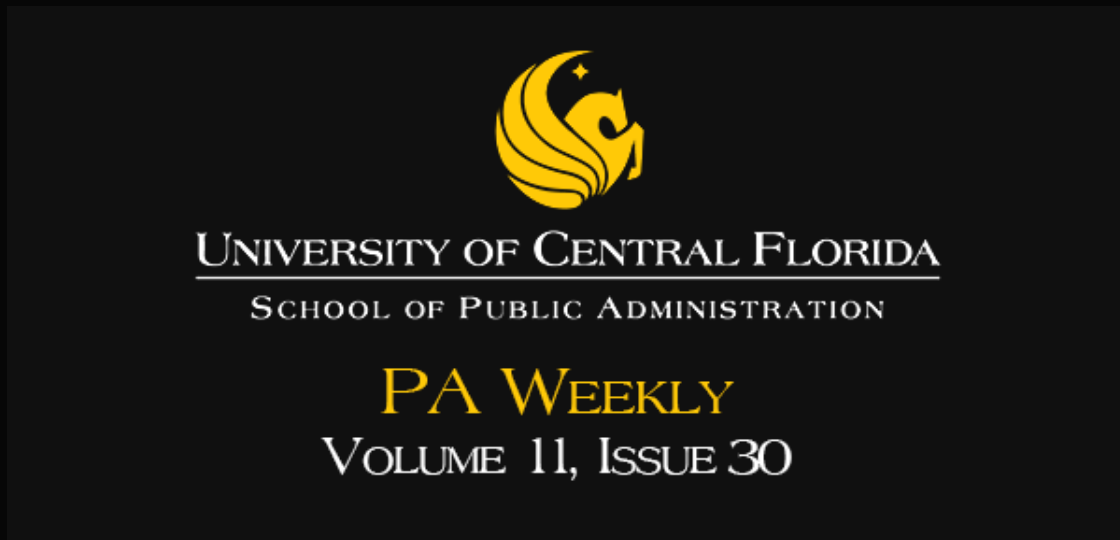
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Public Service Recognition Week

The University of Central Florida recognized U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson and Florida Sen. Andy Gardiner among others Wednesday night with 2016 Public Service Leadership Awards.

The awards are designed to honor elected officials, public-service professionals, nonprofit leaders and volunteers who have demonstrated leadership in and commitment to the field of public service.

"These awards recognize some incredible people in our community who have dedicated their lives to making the world a better place for all of us," said Michael Frumkin, dean of the College of Health and Public Affairs. "They truly embody the college's mission of Strengthening Communities: Changing Lives, inspiring our students as role models for the future careers."

Many of the honorees attended a ceremony Wednesday evening at the Morgridge International Reading Center on the main UCF campus.

To see the full list of winners, click [here](#).

To see the pictures from this event, click [here](#).



Pre-Graduation Celebration

The School of Public Administration hosted its Pre-Graduation Celebration for graduating students and their families on Thursday. The event featured food, fun and recognition of our graduates.

The students who recognized during the ceremony included:

- Vanessa Nieves, B.S.
- Tsciena White, B.A.
- Latoyia Hall, B.A.
- Ida Eskamani, M.P.A.
- Matthew Nabbie, M.P.A.
- Samuel Faith, M.P.A.
- Jesica Metellus, M.P.A.
- Libby Brown-Brock, M.P.A.
- Sara Corvil, M.N.M.
- Kyra Millbrook, M.N.M.

To view the pictures from yesterday's event, click [here](#).

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PUBLIC SERVICE Recognition Week

— *Celebration* —

Wednesday, May 4

6-7 p.m. | Reception

7-9 p.m. | Program

Morgridge International Reading Center

4143 Andromeda Loop

Orlando, FL 32816

Public Service Recognition Week

Join us as we celebrate our alumni and all public officials during Public Service Recognition Week. Our annual celebration will take place on Wednesday, May 4, at the Morgridge Reading Center.

The event, which is hosted by the school, the College of Health and Public Affairs Alumni Chapter and the Central Florida ASPA Chapter, will include drinks, hor d'oeuvres, and a presentation of awards.

To register, visit [UCF Knights Network](#).



The Florida Policy Institute is an independent, nonprofit and nonpartisan organization dedicated to promoting widespread prosperity through timely, thoughtful and objective analysis of state policy issues affecting economic opportunity.

The Institute provides analysis of state budget and revenue trends and proposes common-sense policy options with the aim of encouraging broad public education, discussion, and informed action. The Institute advances fiscal policies that expand economic opportunity for all Florida residents. Its goal is to be an accurate, trusted source of information for policymakers, advocates, the media, and the public at large. To learn more about The Institute visit www.fpi.institute.

Internship Position: Policy Intern

Intern Responsibilities:

The policy intern will help with writing and research on FPI projects. Depending on intern's expertise, they may work on health policy initiatives, economic policy, or on other research around the state budget.

Compensation: \$1,000 Stipend

Start Date: 05/16/2016

End Date: 08/05/2016

Application Process: Cover letter and resume;

email Wolcott@fpi.institute for more details as needed.

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May 4

Public Service Recognition Week

Morgridge Reading Center

6 p.m.

May 5

Pre-Graduation Celebration

HPA II, 247

10:45 a.m.

Graduation


CFE Arena


2 p.m.


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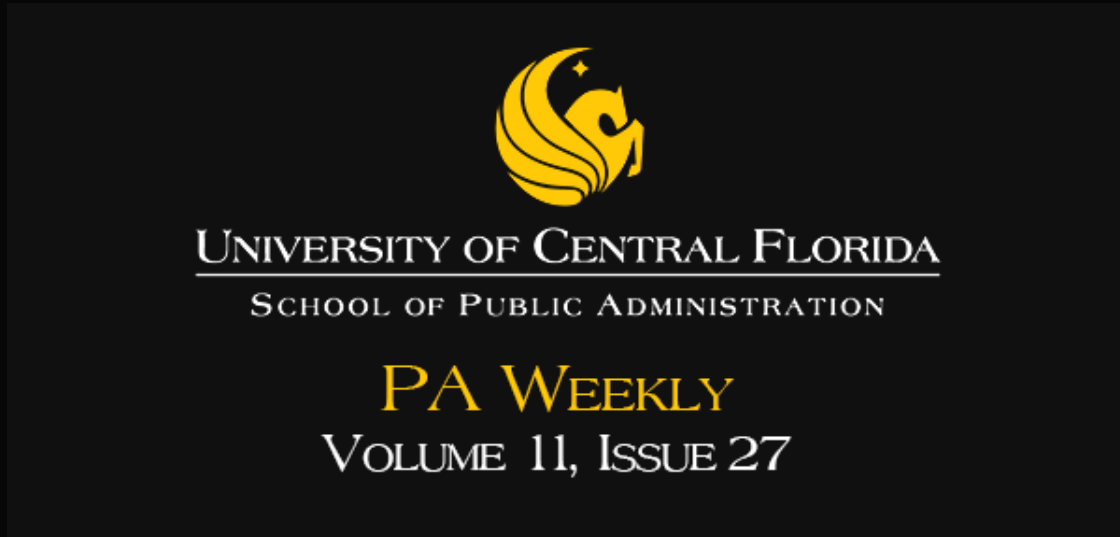
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Public Administration

Research Conference 2016

More than 100 scholars, practitioners, and students recently attended the School of Public Administration's 10th Annual Public Administration Research Conference, hosted at the FAIRWINDS Alumni Center on April 8.

This year's theme focused on the growing use of social media in government and nonprofit agencies. Social media tools, such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram – to name a few – are becoming prevalent ways to connect with users in a rapid format. Presentations at the conference touched on several emerging issues regarding the tools such as public records concerns, negative comments, and employee time dedicated to using the platforms strategically.

Academic keynote speaker Lori Brainard, Ph.D., from George Washington University presented her findings on how policing agencies use the tools. Her findings show that police departments need to improve how they use social media to communicate with users, ideally to improve relations. Practitioner keynote speaker Teresa Tatlonghari, the vice president of marketing for Orlando City Soccer Club, showed attendees how her organization continues to grow its social media following by sticking true to the organization's brand values of family and community. Dr. Erik Johnston of Arizona State University wrapped up the day with his talk on the future of digital research, showing how citizens can make changes in their communities based on "big data" findings.

More information about this year's conference is available at ucfparc.wordpress.com, including information on sponsors and publication opportunities. The School looks forward to hosting the 11th annual conference next year about networking and collaboration in public service.

By Staci Zavattaro



We are now accepting applications for the Spring 2017 UCF Legislative Scholars Internship Program. Students interested in a tremendous learning and networking experience, working with state leadership in their offices in Tallahassee, should apply now. You can find the application [here](#), with more information on the program [here](#).

Click [here](#) to view the flier.

The deadline to submit your application is **Sept. 16, 2016**.

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April 28

Research Colloquium with Peter Jacques

HPA II, 345

3-4 p.m.

May 4

Public Service Recognition Week

Morgridge Reading Center

6 p.m.

May 5


Pre-Graduation Celebration


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APA National Conference 2016

Planning's new landscape: This was the theme for the 2016 American Planning Association's National Planning Conference. This year, 11 University of Central Florida students had the opportunity to attend the conference held in Phoenix, Arizona. The students who attended included

Dean Fathelbab, David McMahan, Leny Huaman, Joshua DeVries, JP Mansolf, Hector Guerrero, Christina Hyson, Tarik Milner, Shane Carman, Slade Davis, and Evan Futch. Attendance by these students was made possible by extensive fundraising efforts of the Urban Knights Planning Student Organization, and through generous donations and contributions.

While the conference had a specific theme, there was a wide variety of workshops, sessions, vendors and networking opportunities. The flight over the snow-capped Rocky Mountains, the Tonto National Forest, and into Phoenix (Valley of the Sun) was just the beginning of an amazing journey. The keynote speech, awards luncheon, networking receptions, student poster presentations, and numerous informational sessions provided each of the 11 students with a unique and enriching experience.

DeVries said that the students were able to further their bond with their fellow UCF family by exploring Downtown Phoenix, experiencing the local culture, learning about the functionality of an effective public transportation system through active use, hiking Arizona Mountains and visiting the Grand Canyon.

DeVries and Futch presented the process and results of the M.S.-URP Studio project during the student poster exhibition. The Wildwood Parks and Recreation Plan poster drew a number of enthusiastic conference attendees, including Richard J. Dolesh, the vice president of the national recreation and parks association. Other memorable sessions included the keynote address, awards luncheon in which participants witnessed the current and former APA Presidents discuss nationally recognized plans and processes, breakout sessions explaining public-private partnerships, and workshops demonstrating new technologies that provide for better regulation of short-term rentals. One of the students had the pleasure of meeting and discussing this new technology with Jeff Goodman, an APA Journalist who was published on the subject in the February 2016 issue of the APA Planning Magazine.

Hyson expressed interest in a session focused on equity planning and the dynamics involved in community revitalization. She enjoyed hearing the presenters share their experiences on working in a small, underprivileged

community in South Carolina. Having learned about social justice as part of several planning courses in the M.S.-URP program, she found the information both informative and inspiring.

On behalf of the Urban Knights Student Planning Organization, we would like to thank the great members of the School of Public Administration, Planning Advisory Board, the Student Government Association, the American Planning Association, and the numerous contributors who made this worthy trip possible. It was truly a memorable experience that will be cherished as we continue to expand our education and develop our careers in the planning profession.

By Joshua DeVries, AICP

Save the Date - GIS Speaker Series

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

SPEAKERS SERIES

The Matter of GIS in Public Health Studies

Fahui Wang, PhD

James J. Parson Professor and Chair
of the Department of Geography and
Anthropology at Louisiana State University

April 20, 2016

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Teaching Academy, Room 117

Abstract:

An overview of how geographic issues have become increasingly relevant to public health research and policy, particularly through the lens of GIS. We will cover several areas: scale; geographic variability; neighborhood effect; distance decay behavior; regionalization; and geographic disparities vs. equality. Each area will be illustrated mainly by case studies from the presenter's research projects supported by the NIH.

Biography:

Fahui Wang, PhD, is an internationally renowned expert in Geographic Information Systems, applications in the social sciences and public policy, and most well-known for his groundbreaking work on spatial analysis methods and related applications in urban studies, public health and crime analysis.



Wang received his bachelor's degree in geography from Peking University in China, his master's degree in economics and doctorate in city and regional planning from The Ohio State University.

For more information, email: Dr. Yingru Li at yingru.li@ucf.edu

The collaborating colleges and departments: College of Sciences (Anthropology, Biology, Political Science, Sociology), College of Health and Public Affairs (Criminal Justice, Public Administration), College of Arts and Humanities (English, History, Philosophy), College of Undergraduate Studies (Interdisciplinary Studies), College of Engineering and Computer Science, and College of Graduate Studies.



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April 19

Association of Fundraising Professionals Chapter Meeting

CSB I, 122

4:30-5:30 p.m.

April 21
Central Florida ASPA Board Meeting
Partnership II, 235
9:30 p.m.

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Navigating the Path to Success

What are your top three priorities of action to do before you graduate? Write a stunning cover letter? Acquire a top notch professional wardrobe? Get the job of your dreams?

It can be really overwhelming to know where to begin. Not only that, but it can be uncomfortable to do something new without a clear idea of the future. Not to worry – your dedicated experiential learning coordinator at the School of Public Administration is here to help. Here are some of her top tips for success:

- Ideally, by the time you are a junior, you will have secured an internship. Use that internship as an opportunity to try different things, to get your feet wet professionally and to figure out what you do and do not want to do for a living. You can never have too many experiences.

- The important part is to do a job with an open and focused mind. You are creating and sharing your personal brand every time you take action. Keep that in mind when you publish on Facebook or communicate on Twitter with the outside world. Employers can and will find it all.

Every experience you have is an opportunity to learn and grow. Luckily, a lot of what you do is in your control. Use our continuously growing list of job search resources to explore potential places of work. Soon we will be posting an interest survey to help you find the perfect internship match. We will also be posting prestigious fellowship opportunities with accompanying deadlines.

If you need guidance face-to-face, make an appointment to speak with our excellent academic advisors. They are here not only to help you register for classes, but they also want you to figure out your passion and become leaders in the field. We believe in our students!

So come check out the [website](#), and make some professional contacts that last a lifetime.

By Robin Ziperstein, Experiential Learning Coordinator for SPA



**Orange County Board of County Commissioner's District 2
Commissioner Nelson/Orange County Board of County
Commissioner's District 2 Office**

Click [here](#) to learn more about Commissioner Nelson.

Internship Position: District 2 Intern

Intern Responsibilities:

We need a candidate who has a flexible schedule, can help with writing articles, assist with daily operations, taking notes and planning events. They will have the opportunity to visit and research any of our departments.

Compensation: Unpaid

Start Date: 05/16/2016

End Date: 08/05/2016

Application Process: Email resume to Vanessa Lewis at Vanessa.Lewis@ocfl.net

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April 13

Urban Knights Technical Skills Workshop

HPA I, 104

6 p.m.

April 14

Distinguished Lecture Series

UCF Executive Development Center

5:30 p.m.

April 15

Urban Knights Monthly Meeting

Student Union, 222 - Pensacola Boardroom

7 p.m.

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Citizen Participation and Public Administration

In this exclusive article by Associate Professor Jay Jurie, Ph.D., he discusses the issues surrounding citizen participation, particularly voting rights and representation in congress. Below is an excerpt of the article:

"Arguably the most critical problem is the issue of class. Various sources indicate the cost of running a credible campaign for a seat in the U.S. House at around \$1.5 million, and for a seat in the U.S. Senate, at around \$10 million. This puts electability well beyond the means of the so-called middle class, at least those without connections to moneyed interests or unable to raise substantial funds on behalf of their candidacy.

This raises two additional issues that have become part of the contemporary political debate. One is how well those constantly in search of funding for electoral campaigns can meaningfully address other concerns, and closely related, the other is the degree to which elected officials represent the specific concerns of the affluent rather than those of

the wider public. Both of these issues serve to isolate elected officials from broad sectors of their constituency. It can be pointed out virtually identical issues are found at the state and local levels.

Similarly, these concerns are reflected in the administrative bureaucracy.

While it is generally understood administrative agencies are created by and serve at the pleasure of the elected branches of government, it is likewise understood they reflect the purposes and priorities of those branches. In other words, if the elected branches reflect certain values and predispositions, so will the administrative agencies."

To read the full article, click [here](#).



Professionalism and Career Connections

Graduation is just around the corner, but before you walk across that stage, it's important to start thinking about ways to stay connected with your peers in the field.

The Young Nonprofit Professionals Network is a powerful social networking tool with resources around the country. There are 42 chapters founded and led by young professionals, including the [YNPN Orlando](#)

Chapter, which is designed to develop skills, leadership experience, and connections that members can use for the rest of their careers.

The leadership framework is constructed around the “Five Pillars of Leadership Development.” This includes training, caching, promotion of skills, professional network access and building of emotional intelligence.

Thousands of young professionals have joined YNPN. There are ample opportunities to conduct research, join programs and mixers and contribute to their independent editorial publication. For more information or to join, visit ynpn.org or ynpnorlando.org.

Mark Your Calendar!

April 5

Nonprofit Student Association Meeting

Classroom Building I, Room 122

4:30-5:30 p.m.

April 6

Founder's Day Convocation

Pegasus Ballroom

10 a.m.

April 7

CPNM Research Circle

HPA II, 247

4-5 p.m.

April 8

Public Administration Research Conference

FAIRWINDS Alumni Center

8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

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ASPA Conference 2016

If the hallways seemed a little empty this past week, it was because a good portion of the faculty were presenting at the 2016 American Society for Public Administration Conference. This year's five-day conference took place in Seattle, Washington, and the theme was "Reflecting on

Challenges, Harnessing Opportunities."

Twelve faculty members, including School of Public Administration Director Naim Kapucu, Ph.D., Associate Professor Mary Ann Feldheim, Ph.D., Associate Professor Thomas Bryer, Ph.D., and Professor Kuotsai "Tom" Liou, Ph.D., participated in panel presentations as either a moderator, discussant or presenter.

Several of the College of Health and Public Affairs' doctoral students on the public administration track, including Yousef Alraqhas, Sarah Stoeckel and Lauren O'Byrne, were also panel participants.

Check out all of the fun that the faculty and students had at ASPA in our [photo album](#).




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The School of Public
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congratulates
Mary Ann Feldheim
on winning the
Joan Fiss Bishop
Leadership Award!

Connect with us: cohpa.ucf.edu/publicadmin | @spaucf

Mary Ann Feldheim Wins Leadership Award

Associate Professor Mary Ann Feldheim, Ph.D., received the Joan Fiss Bishop Leadership Award from the Section on Women in Public Administration during the SWPA awards breakfast. This award is given to

an individual who has promoted the increased participation of women in the field of public administration and has demonstrated innovative leadership and accomplished professionalism in their career.

Congratulations, Mary Ann!



Claire Knox Wins Best Paper Award

One of the most notable presentations was by Claire Knox, Ph.D., the director of the emergency management and homeland security program. She presented her paper, "A Football Field Lost Every 45 Minutes: Local Coastal Zone Management Capacity in Louisiana," for which she won the William J. Petak Best Paper Award. This award is given by the Section on Emergency and Crisis Management to the best paper on emergency and crisis management presented at the conference.



Foundation for Foster Children

Foundation for Foster Children is a small office located in Winter Park. They serve foster children living in or case-managed out of Orange County, Osceola County and Seminole County. The hallmarks of their program, educational support, personal development, and life-skills guidance target the areas essential to changing a child's direction from poverty, crime and government assistance so that they can better become independent, contributing members of our community.

To learn more about the Foundation for Foster Children, visit <https://foundationforfosterchildren.org/>.

Internship Position: Programs Intern

Intern Responsibilities:

As a summer intern, you will primarily help with processing summer camp grant applications, as we will have a high number of summer camp requests from both individual foster families and group homes. You must be highly motivated, detail-oriented, task-focused, and budget-conscious. You must have good negotiation skills and interpersonal skills. The negotiation piece will come in with providers while you ensure that you are working within the budget guidelines. You must also have the ability to work well under pressure and with a high volume. While the position may be demanding at times, it will be rewarding knowing that you have been key in helping many foster children have memorable camp experiences.

Compensation: Unpaid

Start Date: 05/02/2016

End Date: 08/05/2016

Application Process:

1. Complete the volunteer application and attach resume within [the application](#).

-Under "How did you hear about us?" please note: UCF-PUBLIC ADMIN-
INTERNSHIP REQUEST

2. Interview

3. Complete background check paperwork

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March 30

Nonprofit and Public Service Career Showcase

FAIRWINDS Alumni Center

12 p.m.

March 31

Research Presentation by Deborah Carroll

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10 a.m.

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How Do Plans Become Reality? Faculty and Students Explore Strategic Implementation

America currently faces a government problem, as a majority of its citizens do not trust the public sector and believe that private and nonprofit avenues are more effective to achieve societal change.

Although much of this is perceptual, governments in general have not been effective in achieving the promises made through various strategic plans.

A School of Public Administration research team, comprised of David Mitchell, Ph.D., Master of Public Administration students Claudia Colantonio and Christina Nguyen, and an incoming faculty member, are working with a nationwide sample of local governments to identify the

reasons why some municipalities are more successful than others in achieving their strategic goals.

To date, the research has demonstrated that success depends upon matching the implementation approach to the project's priority level and complexity. Ultimately, the team hopes to study over 1,500 municipal strategic initiatives in order to determine the best implementation practices for recommendation to local governments, which could ultimately improve government effectiveness and prestige.



SPA Plans for the Future

As the School of Public Administration continues to grow, the faculty and staff have begun the process to identify a strategic plan for the next five years. To do this, the school has enlisted the help of three students from this semester's graduate strategic planning and management course, under the direction of David Mitchell, Ph.D.

To date, the school—along with input from advisory boards and students—has conducted a review of its mission, vision, and values and determined its strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. Based on this review,

strategic issues and goals will soon be identified, along with strategies to achieve them. The School plans to approve of the 2016-2021 strategic plan in May.



Equality Florida is the state's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender civil rights organization. To learn more about the Equality Florida, visit www.eqfl.org.

Internship Positions:

- Campaign Intern
- Field Intern
- Electoral Organizing Intern
- Development Intern

Compensation: Unpaid

Start Date: 5/16/16

End Date: 8/5/16

Application Process: Apply at eqfl.org/about/intern

Click [here](#) to view the full listing.

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NETWORKING OPPORTUNITY**

**Florida
PUBLIC WORKS
EXP
2016** APWA FLORIDA CHAPTER
ANNUAL CONFERENCE
AND EXPOSITION
TAMPA BAY



WHEN Wednesday, April 20th

All young professionals (35 years old & younger) are cordially invited to experience the full day of Expo activities on Wednesday for a reduced rate of \$10! Join us for the opportunities to network with your fellow public works professionals. Register as a YP and access to the following activities:

General Session • Technical Sessions • 5K Fun Run/Walk • YP Networking Reception

Admission to YP Networking Reception is FREE. If you cannot come during the day, please join us after work for the event. Event registration is still required.

**RECEPTION
DETAILS**

4:30 pm-6:00 pm
Jackson's Bistro
601 S. Harbour Island Blvd.
Tampa, FL 33602

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For questions, contact Amanda Millirons,
Diversity & YP Committee Chair
at amanda.millirons@gmail.com

 **CPWG**
Cobb Philbeck Weaver Group



Presented by Lauren
O'Byrne

Doctoral Candidate at the
College of Health and
Public Affairs

March 24
4-5 p.m.
HPA I, 345

Research Colloquia and Dialogue Series:
"The Impact of Board Capital and Servant
Leadership on Board Effectiveness"

Community foundations have considerable potential for positive social change in the communities they serve yet are understudied in nonprofit management and leadership literature.

Lauren Obyrne will discuss her exploratory study which considers board capital through human capital, structural capital, and social capital and the impact this has on board effectiveness. In addition, she will discuss the impact of servant leadership on board effectiveness.

Have questions about the Research Colloquia and Dialogue Series? Email Qian.Hu@ucf.edu for more information.

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March 18

Urban Knights March Meeting
Student Union 224, Egmont Key
7 p.m.

March 21

Urban Knights Technical Skills Workshop
BA I, Room 225
6 p.m.

March 23

COHPA Grad Fair
HPA I Atrium
11 a.m.

March 24

Research Colloquium
HPA I, Room 345
4 p.m.

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Alumni Achievement Awards

Nominations are now open for the Alumni Achievement Awards! This award is for alumni who have demonstrated consistent excellence in their careers and leadership in the field. Award recipients should have made significant contributions to their chosen profession, as well as furthering SPA's goals of improving the ability of public, not-for-profit, and private organizations to address the most difficult challenges facing society.

Eligibility criteria:

Must be a graduate of the School of Public Administration
(undergraduate or graduate degree).

- A record of distinguished professional achievement and/or exceptional service in local, state, national or international affairs.
- Exceptional community service in support to the advancement and continued excellence of the college/university.
- A reflection of the college's values in the candidate (i.e. diversity, collaboration, excellence, innovation and creativity, knowledge, truth and honesty, fairness and equity, passion and service) and strive to uphold the tenants of the [UCF Creed](#).
- Must demonstrate a commitment to maintaining a lifelong relationship with UCF through involvement with COPHA and alumni association-related activities.
- Must be willing to submit a professional headshot that can be published by the UCF Alumni Association and other UCF entities, as deemed appropriate.
- Self nominations will be accepted.

The deadline to submit nominations is March 11.

For more information and to access the nomination form, visit [our website](#).

Public Service Leadership Awards

The School of Public Administration has also extended the deadline for the Public Service Leadership Awards to March 11. Nominations for the following awards are being accepted:

- Team Achievement Award
- Young Professional Award
- Career Achievement Award
- Exemplary Public Service Award for a Public Official
- Exemplary Public Service Award for an Elected Official

For more information, click [here](#). Submit your nomination form, found on the website, to marisa.ramiccio@ucf.edu.



Development Intern at United Arts of Central Florida

United Arts is a nonprofit organization with a staff of 11 and usually 4 to 5 interns. UACF is organized and operated exclusively for cultural and educational purposes in order to further programs in the arts, sciences and humanities in Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties. For more information please visit their website at www.unitedarts.cc.

Intern Responsibilities: Responsibilities include but are not limited to the following: - Assist the development staff in entering data into Raiser's Edge, GFC's donor database. - Conduct research on potential donors, strategic partners, markets and industries. - Prepare reports and presentations for internal and external use. - Draft correspondence, reports, proposals, and donor appeals. - Assist the development staff in planning donor events and other activities.

Length of Internship: 12 Weeks

Compensation: Unpaid

Start Date: 5/16/2016

End Date: 8/5/2016

Min. hours per week: 20

Max. hours per week: 30

Preferred Days: M, W, Th

Application Process: Please send cover letter and resume to
erica@unitedarts.cc.

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March 4

Urban Knights Walking Tour of Downtown Kissimmee
Lakefront Park
6 p.m.

March 7-11

Spring Break!

March 11

Deadline for award nominations

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M.S.-URP Studio Concept Plans

The M.S.-URP Studio will be presenting its concept plans and park improvement recommendations to the City of Wildwood. Students will be asking residents at this second public participation event for their input on the recommendations. The final report will be presented to the city commission on April, 25. You can keep up to date on the M.S.-URP Studio [here](#).



Student's Perspective: City of Orlando Internship

In my short time working with the City of Orlando's Housing and Community Development Division, I've already gained some valuable experience. I have been living in Central Florida for about two years now and it is my second semester in the M.S.-URP program at UCF. I pounced on the opportunity to learn more about my new home and participate in something so meaningful.

My internship focuses on fair housing and consolidated planning, data-driven and public processes that examine Orlando's impediments to fair housing as defined in the Fair Housing Act, as well as affordable housing, community and economic development to assist the city in identifying its needs and priorities for the most vulnerable populations. The data that I help collect and analyze will be utilized in the formulation of a five-year strategic plan to address these needs. Part of this initiative entails working in close coordination with Orange County and a number of nonprofit organizations, public citizens and other stakeholders. I've already had the opportunity to participate in an affordable housing focus

group hosted by Orange County and a fair housing workshop co-hosted by the City of Orlando and Orange County to discuss regional impediments to fair housing, as well as solutions to mitigate these impediments.

Although the consolidated and fair housing plans will be based primarily on quantitative data, focus groups and citizen participation serve to provide qualitative data; thus, creating a more comprehensive study analysis. I'm looking forward to learning more about how the City plans to address impediments to fair housing, affordable housing and community development needs.

By Lauren Damiano

Urban and Regional Planning Student



Article of the Week

Check out this article from assistant professor Chia-Yuan Yu, Ph.D.:

"Yu, C. Y. (2015). How Differences in Roadways Affect School Travel Safety. *Journal of the American Planning Association*, 81(3), 203-220."

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What: Distinguished Lecture Series

Who: David Andrew King, Ph.D., assistant professor at UCLA

Date: Thursday, April 14

Time: 5:30-6:30 p.m. -

Networking

6:30-8 p.m. - Lecture

Location: UCF Downtown

Executive Development Center

Urban Knights Events

- Walking Tour of Downtown Kissimmee Lakefront Park, Friday, March 4, 6p.m., 201 Lakeview Dr, Kissimmee 34741

Local planners will take us on a tour of Downtown Kissimmee Lakefront Park and discuss techniques to activate downtown districts. There will also be a car show, food trucks, movie in the park, and more.

- March General Meeting , Friday, March 18, 7 p.m., UCF Student Union, Egmont Key Room 224

- March Technical Skills Workshop: Monday March 21, 6p.m.
Administration Building (BA) Room 225
Topic/Speaker TBD

- American Planning Conference, April 2 -5
Please wish 10 of our students well as they represent UCF at the APA National Conference in Phoenix, Arizona.

- Graduate Research Forum, April 5, UCF Student Union- Pegasus Ballroom
M.S. Urban & Regional Planning and Urban Knights students will be presenting their 2016 Capstone Final Design Project, analysis and recommendations for the City of Wildwood Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

- April Technical Skills Workshop: Wednesday April 13, 6p.m., Health & Public Affairs Building 1 (HPA 1) Room 104
Keys to Success in Local Economic Development by Jonathan Evans, City Manager for Haines City

- April General Meeting , Friday, April 15, 7 p.m., UCF Student Union, Pensacola Board Room 222.

Interested in our events or becoming an Urban Knight? We meet every third Friday of the month at 7 p.m.

Nominations are currently open for new officers. If you would like to nominate yourself or another student, please send that students' name

and email to urbanknights3@gmail.com Nominations close March 31.
Elections are April 15 in our regularly scheduled general meeting.



Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida

SHFBCF is a member of Feeding America – the largest charitable domestic hunger-relief organization in the United States. SHFBCF secures and distributes food and grocery products to approximately 550 local nonprofit feeding programs throughout Central Florida. Last year, with the help of food and financial donors, volunteers and a caring, committed community, the food bank distributed nearly 55 million pounds of grocery products – the equivalent of more than 44 million meals – to partner programs such as food pantries, soup kitchens, women’s shelters, senior centers, day care centers and Kids Cafes. Our community turns to Second Harvest’s partner agencies more than 71,000 times per week. To learn more about SHFBCF, visit <http://www.FeedHopeNow.org>.

Internship Position

Digital Storytelling Intern

Intern Responsibilities:

We are looking for an intern to help us collect stories of hope and courage from our partner agencies. We want an individual who is passionate about

storytelling and wants to get more experience learning how to gather info to tell a hunger story. The stories will be used online on our website and shared via social media. We will also use the stories in offline publications and at events or speaking engagements. This internship will also involve helping to gather photos and write content for our social media channels. Photography skills are a plus but not required.

Compensation: Unpaid

Start Date: 05/01/2016

End Date: 08/05/2016

Application Process: Please send resume to Maria Shanley, Digital Marketing Manager at Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida.

Email: mshanley@feedhopenow.org

Mark Your Calendar!

March 1

Nonprofit Management Student Association Meeting
Classroom Building I, 122
4:30-5:30 p.m.


March 2

Sociology Career Fair
Student Union
10 a.m.

EMSA Workshop
EOC
4 p.m.

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15th Annual Community Partners Nonprofit Conference

It is not too late to register for the Community Partners Nonprofit Conference. This year's conference will be held Friday, Feb. 26, in the UCF Student Union. Join us for the region's largest gathering of nonprofit professionals and students for a day of enlightening and entertaining sessions from local and national thought leaders. This is a fantastic networking opportunity for emerging leaders and seasoned professionals alike. Registration is \$75 for general public and \$25 for students. Please visit www.nonprofitnexus.ucf.edu/conferences for

more information and to register.


Pre-Conference Networking Social Event

Our second annual Nonprofit Networking Knight is coming soon! This is a networking event hosted in partnership with the Young Nonprofit Professionals Network and the UCF Alumni Association, and it will be held the evening before our annual conference at Bar Louie near the UCF main campus. Please join us for a fun evening and a great opportunity for students and nonprofit professionals to connect. Click [here](#) for more information or to register.


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Nonprofit and Public Service Career Showcase

Please join us for the **Nonprofit and Public Service Career Showcase** on March 30, 2016, from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the University of Central Florida. Open to tax exempt nonprofit, government, and public service organizations, this showcase will provide you with the opportunity to connect with UCF students and alumni from a variety of academic

backgrounds. Attend to:

- Recruit volunteers, interns and potential employees.
- Build your brand awareness at the second largest university in the nation.
- Educate students/alumni on various career paths in your organization.
- Highlight your organization's best practices and display awards/recognition.

Participation is open to the first 48 organizations that register. Sign up by March 2, 2016, to secure the \$50 early registration rate. Parking and refreshments are included. [Registration information](#).

This annual showcase is hosted by Career Services in collaboration with the College of Health and Public Affairs and the UCF Alumni Association. We look forward to hosting you. Questions may be directed to Neal Robinson: neal.robinson@ucf.edu, 407-823-1726.



[JDRF Central Florida](#) is the leading global organization funding type 1 diabetes (T1D) research. Their strength lies in their exclusive focus and singular influence on the worldwide effort to end T1D. Their chapter works with nine counties in the Central Florida area and they provide resources, outreach and fundraising opportunities to families and people affected by T1D.

Internship Position: Outreach and Development Assistant

Intern Responsibilities:

- Coordinate and plan upcoming summit with a group of volunteers and staff.
- Assist with the OneWalk in Brevard.
- Assist with the Imagine Gala.

Compensation: Unpaid

Start Date: 05/16/2016

End Date: 08/05/2016

Application Process: Please send your resume and cover letter to Martin Bernstine at mbernstine@jdrf.org. Phone interview to follow. Select candidates will be asked to an in-person interview with JDRF development managers and the executive director.

More information on JDRF Central Florida can be found at www.jdrf.org.

Mark Your Calendar!

Feb. 24

EMSA General Meeting

EOC

4-5 p.m.

Feb. 25

Research Colloquium

HPA II, 247

4-5 p.m.

Nonprofit Networking Knight

Bar Louie

6-8 p.m.

Feb. 26

Community Partners Nonprofit Conference

Student Union
9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

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Florida Research Administration Conference

There was a high level of participation at the recent Florida Research Administration Conference from Master of Research Administration students and faculty. One M.R.A. student, Andra Kiscaden, came from the University of New Mexico to attend.

Several MRA alumni were also present from UCF and Florida Hospital. Approximately 200 attendees participated in sessions led by prominent professionals from around the nation.

Presenters included five M.R.A. faculty and one M.R.A. graduate student,

Terri Vallery. The keynote presenter who opened the conference was Thomas O'Neal, Ph.D., the UCF associate vice president of research who teaches PAD6746 Intellectual Property, Tech Transfer and Commercialization.

Other M.R.A. faculty presenters included Michael McCallister, Ph.D.; Jennifer Shambrook, Ph.D.; Jo Ann Smith, Ph.D., and Doug Backman.

To see more pictures from the conference, visit our [website](#).



NCURA Research and Videos

The research administration program director, Jo Ann Smith, Ph.D., was recently awarded a research grant from the National Council of University Research Administrators to examine retention and job turnover among early career research administrators.

Research administrators are part of a unique professional field having their own distinct and expansive body of tacit knowledge. Substantial time and resources are required to initiate an incoming research administrator to the profession, and their turnover can be costly to an institution. In addition, the need for seasoned research administrators is expected to increase rapidly in the coming years. Researcher

administrators that have mastered this unique body of knowledge, and those that have honed specific skills ,are better prepared to avoid costly errors and create optimal solutions to complex problems. Results of the study are expected to be publish by the end of 2016.

For the month of February, the NCURA YouTube Tuesday 3 minute informative videos are being produced by our MRA Faculty. To hear Dr. Jennifer Shambrook share the *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Uniform Guidance* go to: <https://youtu.be/ie5Pswfv3Bg>

ICMA Meeting

On behalf of the International City/County Management Association UCF Collegiate Chapter, we are excited to announce that Assistant Professor [David Mitchell, Ph.D.](#) will be speaking at our next scheduled meeting. Come out and join us for this great networking opportunity. Refreshments will be served.



Autism Speaks is looking for a **Field Development Assistant!**

Intern Responsibilities:

- Work closely with Autism Speaks staff to achieve the Walk goals through practicing the Walk strategies identified in the business plan

for the annual Walk, including strategies regarding sponsorship, team recruitment and retention, media outreach, kickoff and a year-long communication plan.

- Provide administrative support to the Autism Speaks staff as needed (answer telephones, data entry, email correspondence, mailings, materials management, packet assembly, etc.)
- In conjunction with the Autism Speaks staff, manage volunteer committee and provide customer service for Walk participants, team captains, volunteers, committee members and chairpersons, including donation questions, shipment of materials, etc.
- Assist Autism Speaks staff with planning of Walk Kick-Off events, awards events and various Walk/Chapter functions.
- Create Walk/event materials (fliers, posters, email correspondence, letters, etc.) as needed

Start Date: 5/16/2016

End Date: 8/5/2016

Compensation: Stipend of up to \$400 (depending on hours worked and length of stay)

Min. hours per week: 16

Max. hours per week: 24

Application Process: Please submit resume to Amy Packard at amy.packard@autismspeaks.org.

Mark Your Calendar!

Feb. 16

AFP Collegiate Chapter Meeting

CB I, 122

4:30-5:30 p.m.

Feb. 18

CFL ASPA Board Meeting

Partnership II, 235

8:30-9:30 a.m.

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The Function of Public Procurement in Public Service

Visiting Instructor Joshua Steinfeld recently conducted a study of public procurement that focuses on the translation of public policy initiatives into tangible provision of public goods and services for communities.

The study specifically focuses on the roles and responsibilities of public procurement practitioners, which is centrally important to understand how the public is served according to budgetary allocations that are dictated by public policies.

Steinfeld argues that it is important for public managers and community

residents to understand whom public procurement officers are and what they do.

"Identifying the job positions and occupational duties assumed by public procurement practitioners enables public managers to be accountable for their work and provides a mechanism for the public to contribute to public policy outcomes through their own assessment of government's execution as users and consumers of public goods and services," Steinfeld wrote.

To read his full article, click [here](#).



Students interested in an opportunity to gain experience in the nonprofit field should consider interning with Runway to Hope!

Runway to Hope is looking for six interns to help them with their annual summer fundraiser.

[Runway to Hope's](#) mission is to provide direct support and aid to Central Florida children and their families impacted by pediatric cancer. Through partnerships with Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children, Florida Hospital for Children, and Nemours Children's Hospital, Runway to Hope fosters collaborative efforts among corporations, local businesses, and philanthropists to not only raise funds and awareness, but also bring new

programs and initiatives to the pediatric cancer community.

Special Events Intern

Responsibilities:

- Assist with the planning and coordination of events meetings
- Assist with the creation of hard and soft copy files
- Assist with on-site event management and set-up

Compensation: \$250 stipend as long as the student stays through the event

Length of Internship: 16 weeks

Start Date: 02/01/2016

Min. hrs per week: 15

Max. hrs per week: 20

Application Process: Send resume to rebecca@runwaytohope.org.
Interview process will follow.

This internship does not count for academic credit as registration for spring semester has closed.

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Feb. 8

ICMA Meeting

HPA I, 363

4 p.m.

Feb. 10

EMSA Meeting

EOC

4 p.m.

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Undergraduate Program Update

The B.A./B.S. undergraduate public administration program is very strong this year with 233 students enrolled in the program. This is the second largest undergraduate enrollment the program has experienced, being exceeded only in 2011 when 238 students enrolled in the public administration program.

A little known fact about the undergraduate public administration program is that UCF is only one of three public colleges in the State of Florida that offer students an undergraduate degree in public administration.

A formula for professional success is the ability to network with students and professionals in the field of public administration. Students are encouraged to join the Organization of Public Administration and the student chapter of the International City/County managers Association. You may learn more about OPA through the [OPA Facebook page](#) or by viewing the [student organizations page](#). Receive more information on the student ICMA chapter by emailing Libby Brown-Brock at oebrownbrock@knights.ucf.edu or by attending the next ICMA meeting on Monday at 4 p.m. in HPA 1 363.



It's never too early to plan for a summer internship!

Communications and Development Interns

[Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Florida](#) is looking for interns for their development, communications and program departments. The responsibilities for each intern may include

- Communications: May include social media, press releases, media partnerships, editing and proofreading.

- Development: May include event management, logistics, website maintenance, marketing, and stewardship.
- Program: Marketing, project management, stewardship, relationship building, recruitment.

Compensation: Unpaid

Min. hrs: 10

Max. hrs: 30

Application Process: Please inquire with the internship coordinator, Morgan Harvey at InternshipSPA@ucf.edu if you are interested in one of these opportunities.

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Jan. 28

Research Colloquia and Dialogue Series

HPA II, 247

4-5 p.m.

Feb. 1

ICMA Meeting

HPA I, 363

4 p.m.

Feb. 2

Nonprofit Management Student Association Meeting

Classroom Building I, Room 122

4:30-5:30 p.m.


Feb. 3


President and Provost Forum for Faculty and Staff


Student Union


1:45 p.m.

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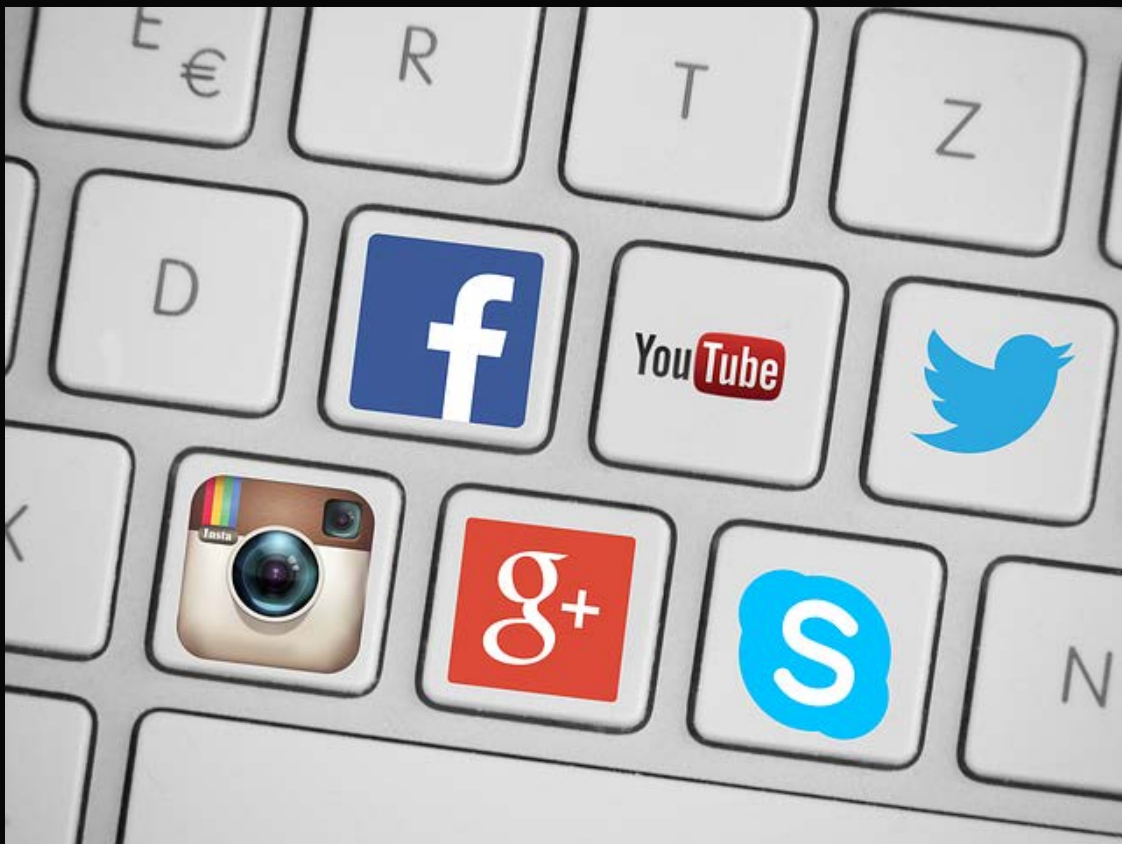
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Social Media Update

Stay connected with the School of Public Administration! Whether you are a student, an alum or a member of the community, we encourage you to engage with us on social media.

You can now find us on [Instagram](#), @spaucf, where we'll post behind-the-scenes pictures of events, fun pictures of the faculty and throwback photos of the school.

We're also on [Twitter](#), @spaucf, and on [Facebook](#). Please follow us and tag us in your posts!



Share Your News With Us

Students: We want to hear from you! If you are working on interesting research, have won an award, or if your student organization is hosting a big event, let us know. We would love to share your news on our website, social media, and in the PA Weekly and the PA Access.

Submit your news and announcements to marisa.ramiccio@ucf.edu.



Submit Your Poster Proposals

Students are encouraged to submit their research poster proposals for the 2016 Public Administration Research Conference. This year's theme is Social Governance: Developments in Digital Democracy. The student who presents the best research poster at the conference will win a \$100 honorarium,

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courtesy of Central Florida ASPA.
For more information, visit the
[conference website](#).

EMHS Program Announcements

- The Emergency Management Student Association is actively seeking new members. The organization seeks to improve professional development in the discipline of emergency management. If you are interested in being involved, please email Nicholas Gerth at nickgerth234@knights.ucf.edu for more information.
- Students are invited to attend the Student Symposium at the 2016 Florida Emergency Preparedness Association annual meeting and work session on Feb. 3 at the Hilton - Daytona Beach. The symposium provides students with an opportunity to hear from and to network with the leading emergency management professionals and future colleagues. For more information: <http://bit.ly/1nyBICI>
- Want to attend the 2016 Governor's Hurricane Conference, but need help paying for registration? A scholarship is available for students who would like to attend the conference. Click [here](#) for details.

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Jan. 22

Adaptive Planning for Coastal Resistance Under Climate Change
Harris Corporation Engineering Center
3-4 p.m.

Jan. 26

Association of Fundraising Professionals Collegiate Chapter Meeting
Classroom Building I, Room 122
4:30-5:30 p.m.


Jan. 28


Research Colloquia and Dialogue Series
HPA II, 247
4-5 p.m.


Feb. 2


Nonprofit Management Student Association Meeting
Classroom Building I, Room 122
4:30-5:30 p.m.

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Welcome to Spring 2016 and Happy New Year!

The School of Public Administration at UCF is recognized nationally and internationally for its scholarship and its research in creating usable knowledge that can inform public policy, planning,

leadership and management practice, and address complex societal issues. Our faculty with interdisciplinary backgrounds work together with practitioners in the community as well as our advisory board members to address the complex problems in our communities. Our faculty are very productive scholars and excellent teachers. Most of our faculty regularly interact with government, nonprofit and private sector organizations as

part of our professional education model at the school, which integrates research, teaching, and service. We look forward to expanding our faculty with several new teachers who will be joining us in the fall.

We also have exceptional and professional staff at the school, which will soon include a new position for the university: a coordinator of experiential learning. This position will enhance our partnerships between the school and public, nonprofit, and private sectors to help our students develop practical skills and competencies.

I look forward to working with you all in Spring 2016!

-Naim Kapucu, Ph.D.

Professor and Director, School of Public Administration



Still looking for an internship for the Spring 2016 semester? Please consider submitting your resume to Easter Seals Florida!

Special Events Intern

Easter Seals Florida is looking for a bright and enthusiastic individual to assist the special events coordinator and development team with one of Central Florida's top fundraising events, Easter Seals annual "A Pair to Remember." This ladies' luncheon and shoe auction raised more than \$180,000 for children and adults with disabilities and special needs in

2015. The special events intern should be prepared to work in a fast-paced team environment, and will finish the internship having gained experience in event planning, sponsor identification and recruitment, marketing and fundraising for a highly respected, nationally recognized nonprofit organization.

Start Date : 01/25/2016

Length of Internship: 10-15 weeks

Compensation: Unpaid

Min. hours per week: 10

Max. hours per week: 25

Application Process: Email resume to thsieh@fl.easterseals.com

For more information, click [here](#).

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Jan. 21

Central Florida ASPA Board Meeting

Partnership II, Room 235

8:30-9:30 a.m.

Jan. 22

Adaptive Planning for Coastal Resistance Under Climate Change

Harris Corporation Engineering Center

3-4 p.m.

Feb. 26

15th Annual Nonprofit Conference

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April 8

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Congratulations to all of our graduates!

The School of Public Administration congratulates all of its graduates from this morning's commencement at the CFE Arena. Before our graduates walked across the stage, they received some words of wisdom from the commencement speaker, Mark Brewer.

Brewer, who is the president and CEO of the Central Florida Foundation is also a member of the nonprofit management advisory board. He encouraged graduates to pick their passion and go after it.

SPA faculty members also attended the ceremony.



Pre-Graduation Ceremony

SPA hosted its pre-graduation ceremony to celebrate the achievements of its Fall 2015 grads. Some of SPA's faculty members, including Stephanie Krick, Claire Knox, David Mitchell, Tom Liou, Qian Hu and Staci Zavattaro, were on hand for the celebration, which included awards, food and drink, and lots of goodbyes.



MPA Capstone Portfolios

Before the M.P.A. students could graduate, they had one last assignment: to turn in their capstone portfolios.

The portfolio consists of the students' biographies, resumes, and evidence of how they have met the core competencies of the program.

Students are also asked to include a personal reflection on all of the work they have completed as master's students.

"Going back through all of our assignments for the past five years was enlightening," said Caryn Selph. "It reminded me of some of the projects I worked on that I had almost forgotten about and it showed me all the hard work that had gone into completing this program."

To view some of the portfolios from the Fall 2015 capstone course, click [here](#).

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Faculty Transitions

The School of Public Administration is saying goodbye to two faculty members this month, Dorothy Norris-Tirrell, Ph.D., and Vanessa Lopez-Littleton, Ph.D. Both of them will be missed by students, faculty and staff members alike.

Associate Professor Norris-Tirrell, who has been with the school for three years, will be serving as the new senior director of academic affairs and research at the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance. Below is a goodbye note from her:

Best wishes to you all!

Saying good bye is always bittersweet. My time with the UCF School of Public Administration has been fruitful and enjoyable. I have enjoyed working with SPA faculty members, students, alumni, community board members and community supporters -- and will miss you all. I look forward to continuing to work with many of you in my new position as Senior Director of Academic Affairs and Research at the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance. Please keep in touch!

Best,

Dorothy Norris-Tirrell

New email: Dorothy.NorrisTirrell@NonprofitLeadershipAlliance.org

For the past few years, Lecturer Vanessa Lopez-Littleton, Ph.D., has served the school, our students, and the community in her role as internship director. She is moving on to a new position with the University of Southern California. Below is a goodbye note from her:

Over the past several years, I have had the chance to serve students and the Central Florida community as a faculty member and director of the internship program in the School of Public Administration. I am grateful for the countless opportunities I have had to utilize my skills and abilities in service to others. As I transition to my new role as Assistant Professor at California State University Monterey Bay, I want to wish my students, friends, and peers the very best. As a proud UCF alumnus, I am excited about the possibilities and what the future holds. Go Knights.

Taking over Vanessa's internship duties is our newest addition to the staff, Morgan Harvey. She has been with us for a few weeks now and is already working closely with Academic Service Coordinators Steven Carrillo and Nasrin Lakhani. She is also a graduate student in the nonprofit management program. Below is a note of introduction from her:

Hello!

I'm excited and honored to be joining the School of Public Administration as the Internship Coordinator! I'm looking forward to helping our students through the internship process and ensuring quality experiences. I myself, have recently joined the Master of Nonprofit Management graduate program and am enthusiastic about the work ahead. If and when you have questions, comments or concerns about the internship process, placement or registering for the internship course, please feel free to reach out to me at InternshipSPA@ucf.edu or at 407-823-1897.

Internship Spotlight

Alexis Elafros, School of Public Administration senior, served a joint appointment with the Central Florida Urban League and the UCF Center for Law and Policy to meet the requirement for the minor in nonprofit management. During her internship at the Central Florida Urban League, she worked on a project focused on creating awareness of human trafficking. At the Center for Law and Policy, Alexis worked closely with director Cynthia Schmidt to lead "Conversations about Race" and conduct research on the law enforcement agency practices.

Fall Internship Experiences

School of Public Administration interns are gaining valuable experiences at nonprofit organizations and government agencies around the country. Some of the great placements include: Communication Workers of America in Boca Raton, City of Orlando Office of Emergency Management, Community Food and Outreach Center, Easter Seal Florida, Big World Project, Orange County Corrections, Central Florida Urban League, City of Orlando Office of Community Relations, Orange County Utilities, and the Hemophilia Foundation of Greater Florida. If your nonprofit or government agency would like

to have an intern, please contact
Morgan Harvey at
407-823-1897 or
InternshipSPA@ucf.edu.

Coming Soon: Internship Corner

Many other great organizations, including Volunteers for Community Impact, Covenant House Florida, Florida United Methodist Children's Home, UCF Office of Emergency Management, Seminole County Office of Emergency Management, Mustard Seed of Central Florida, Market Colors, and Second Harvest Food Bank, are looking for interns.

Starting in January, the PA Weekly will feature internship opportunities from these and other organizations in the area. If you are a student looking for hands-on experience at a local nonprofit or government agency, be sure to check out the PA Weekly for new and exciting opportunities!

If you would like to learn more about the School of Public Administration internship program, please visit [our website](#) or contact Morgan Harvey at 407-823-1897 or at InternshipSPA@ucf.edu.

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2015 ARNOVA Conference

Members of the Association for Research of Nonprofit Organizations and

Voluntary Action, including School of Public Administration faculty, recently congregated in Chicago for ARNOVA's 44th Annual Conference.

This year's theme was "The Dynamic Landscape of Nonprofit Organization and Voluntary Action: Innovation, Inspiration and Creativity Across Boundaries."

Associate professors Dorothy-Norris Tirrell, Ph.D., and Stephanie Krick, Ph.D., presented a paper titled "The ROI of Service Learning for Community Partners," while graduate teaching assistant Yousef Alraqhas presented a paper titled "Employee Engagement in the Nonprofit Sector: An Examination of the Antecedents and Consequences." Tirrell also presented in the workshop "Teaching Ethics for NPOs."

SPA Director Naim Kapucu, Ph.D, was also in attendance, and participated in panels that were focused on teaching and curriculum.

Alraqhas, who attended the conference for the first time this year, said the experience was wonderful.

"This is my first time to attend the ARNOVA conference. I had a paper to present only. It was great to meet and get to know great scholars in the field of nonprofit [research]. This networking opportunity is invaluable. I learned different things from how to publish in major nonprofit journals, big issues surrounding the nonprofit sector, network research, as well as various interesting topics related to nonprofit management. The advice that I got on my paper is so great, because this is how young scholars emerge. It was a well organized conference. From the volunteers, to the materials given, to the supportive staff, they were all awesome and helpful. I definitely recommend this conference to anyone who's interested in topics related to the nonprofit sector. "

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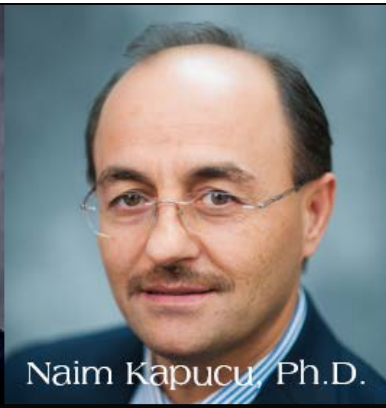
The Center for Public and Nonprofit Management strives to deliver **excellence in research, education, and service**. Here are a few highlights of current activity. Contact us at CPNM@ucf.edu for more information, and opportunities for partnership.



Jo Ann Smith, Ph.D.



Chris Hawkins, Ph.D.



Naim Kapucu, Ph.D.

Faculty Research

A number of faculty members are working on funded **research** projects.

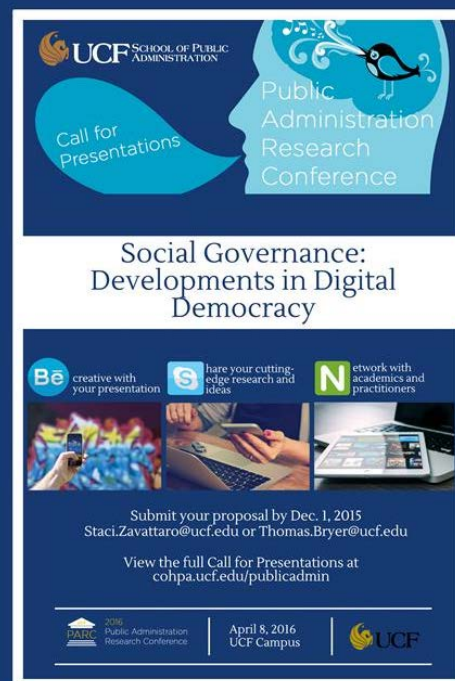
Jo Ann Smith, Ph.D., is developing a model Research Operation and Administration (ROAd) Program for the Petroleum Institute. The National Science Foundation has funded Chris Hawkins, Ph.D., and partners from FSU and University of Kansas to perform collaborative research on integrated city sustainability. NSF has also funded Naim Kapucu, Ph.D., for collaborative research regarding public safety communications which will then be shared with FIU, University of Miami, and University of Nevada, Reno. A College of Health and Public Affairs-wide project proposing leadership development training for the Florida Department of Children and Families is engaging a number of our research faculty: Thomas Bryer, Ph.D.; Stephanie Krick, Ph.D.; David Mitchell, Ph.D.; Dorothy Norris-Tirrell, Ph.D.; and Jo Smith, Ph.D.



AmeriCorps

Vistas Project

Our sponsorship of an AmeriCorps VISTA project, funded by the Corporation for National and Community Service, is in its third, and final, year. VISTA volunteers continue to provide capacity building of the homeless education programs of Brevard, Orange, and Seminole Public Schools, and to programming for homeless students at the University of Central Florida through the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities. In 2014-2015, the VISTA project facilitated service delivery to 10,805 disadvantaged youth, capacity building to 110 organizations, recruited 410 volunteers, and the provision of \$67,000 in cash donations and \$27,000 in in-kind donations.



PARC 2016

The 10th Annual Public Administration Research Conference is planned for April 8, 2016. Join us on the UCF main campus for a day discussing cutting edge research on Social Governance: Developments in Digital Democracy. This conference will explore growing trends in social media and overall information communications technologies (ICTs) shifts that are affecting, and are expected to affect, governance practices in public and nonprofit organizations. We are inviting proposals for PARC 2016 at this time. Please contact conference co-coordinators [Staci M. Zavattaro](#), Ph.D., and [Thomas A.](#)

[Bryer](#), Ph.D., for more
information.



CPNM Events

The center continues its research **education** through monthly programming open to the UCF community. This month's Research Colloquium and Dialogue Series will present student study abroad experiences through the "Seoul, Korea Research and Culture Report." The center's Research Circles, a new initiative providing an informal research mentoring meetings, will feature "Academic Book Publishing," lead by Thomas Bryer, Ph.D., and Staci Zavattaro, Ph.D., as the December topic. Please see dates and locations below, and join us!

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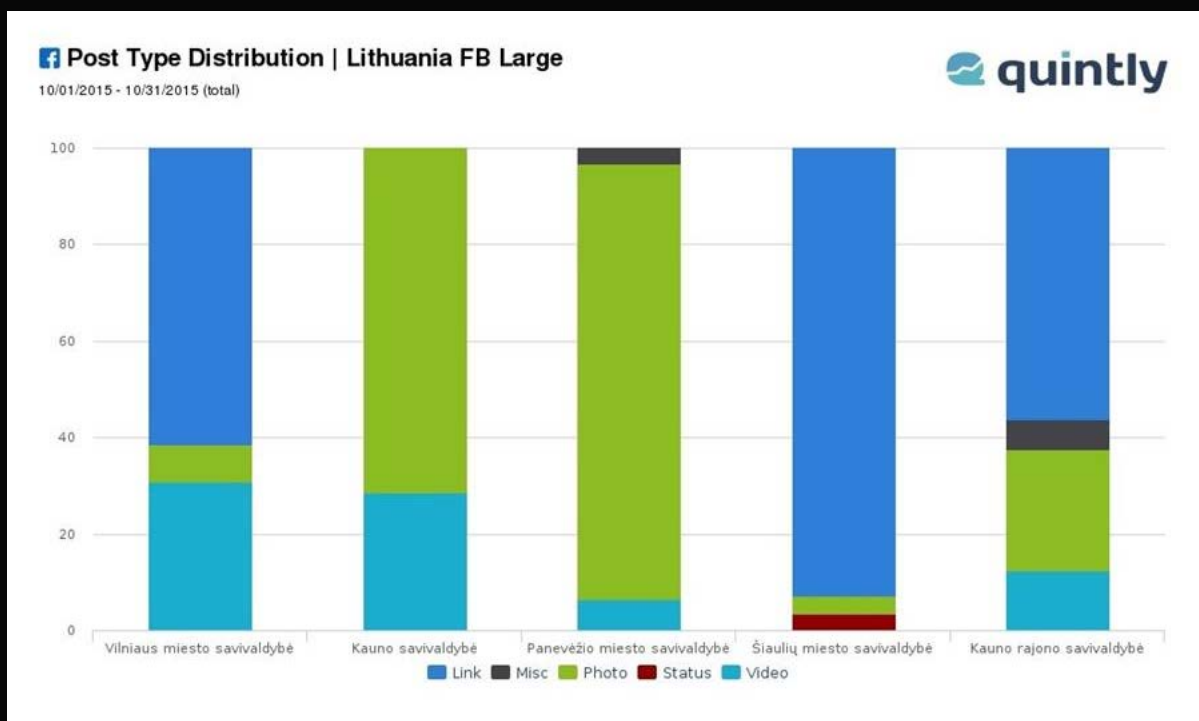
Ph.D. Public Administration Track

Coordinator Finishing European Visit

Ph.D. track coordinator and Center for Public and Nonprofit Management Director Thomas Bryer, Ph.D., is completing a nine-week visit to Europe, where he has been working as a Fulbright scholar in the Faculty of Social Sciences, Arts, and Humanities at Kaunas University of Technology in Lithuania.

During the past two months, Bryer has been conducting research on citizen participation with municipal governments in Lithuania, including how municipal governments are using social media technologies for interaction with citizens. He delivered eight lectures in undergraduate and graduate classes on a range of subjects, and [he delivered presentations for Kaunas City Municipality](#) by invitation, one on social media and the other for the community of non-government organizations and the challenge of building government-NGO partnerships.

His research, in coordination with the Municipal Training Centre at the university, has also taken him to Latvia, Netherlands, and Poland during these two months. Bryer will repeat this two-month visit again in 2016 and 2017.



Bryer Assisted by Ph.D. Students

During his two-month visit in Lithuania, Bryer was assisted remotely by public affairs Ph.D. student Wanzhu Shi, and, within Lithuania, by Ph.D. student Ieva Aurylaitė. Both Shi and Aurylaitė are interested in research on social media; Shi is currently completing dissertation research about social media use by NGOs in the United States for stakeholder engagement. Aurylaitė is developing a research plan for her future dissertation research that may consider various participation forms and communication strategies of social media. Bryer hopes both might have a chance to meet at the 10th Annual [Public Administration Research Conference](#), which this year has a theme of “Social Government: Developments in Digital Democracy.”

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Local Emergency Management Professionals Support UCF's EMHS Program

The Disaster Response and Recovery course, PAD4395, has welcomed several local emergency management professionals into the classroom as guest lecturers.

Frankie Lumm and Lesslee Cornelius, both with The American Red Cross, spoke about their experiences managing volunteers and donations including what it was like to personally respond to disasters locally and throughout the world.

Steve Triggs, the Public Information Director for the Orlando Utilities Commission, shared his knowledge of public and media relations, from both his current position in the private sector and from his twenty-plus years as a news reporter and news anchor here in Central Florida.

Most recently, the class welcomed six local emergency managers to participate in a panel discussion. The panelists spoke about their professionally diverse backgrounds, education, and how they found their way into the emergency management profession. They also offered advice on how to best prepare for entry level positions in the field explaining education is a part of the process; volunteerism, internships, networking, and taking FEMA's Independent Study courses will also help to prepare for a long, rewarding career.

-By Michelle Cechowski, emergency preparedness manager at the East Central Florida Regional Planning Council and SPA adjunct instructor

Mock Disaster


PAD4395 students will have the opportunity to activate and run Seminole County's Emergency Operations Center during a mock disaster on Nov. 30.

The goal of the Disaster Response and Recovery course is not only to make sure students have an understanding of what goes into the planning, mitigation, response, and recovery phases of emergency management for all types of hazards, but also to offer opportunities beyond the education that can be added to their resumes.

Adopt a Fire Station

This holiday season, Orange County Fire Rescue will be participating in Adopt a Fire Station. The purpose of Adopt a Fire Station is to provide community groups with an opportunity to volunteer their time with Orange County firefighters over the holidays. Local businesses, organizations and neighboring communities are welcomed to schedule a visit to an Orange County Fire Rescue station to visit with firefighters and tour the station. Visitors may

-By Michelle Cechowski

bring food or holiday treats to the stations if desired. The event takes place throughout November and December. To participate, contact Tiana Davis at 407-836-5531  or Tiana.Davis@ocfl.net.

NSF Grant Update

Through funding by the National Science Foundation for project titled *Collaborative Research: Pervasive Spectrum Sharing for Public Safety Communications*, Naim Kapucu, Ph.D., is collaborating with principal investigators from the University of Nevada-Reno, Virginia Tech, and Florida International University. Specific for the University of Central Florida, Kapucu is researching and examining key policies and regulations related to wireless communication and spectrum sharing within an public safety context.

The major goals of this research project are to address these challenges by introducing a novel, interdisciplinary framework for modeling, designing, simulating, analyzing, and operating large scale sharing of wireless resources in PSC scenarios.

Working alongside Kapucu is doctoral student Brittany Haupt who is focusing on interoperability of emergency management communication systems along with connections to resilience capacity of local communities. In addition, she is researching the effect on vulnerable populations.

Within the first year of the project, Kapucu the collaborators discussed key findings at the annual meeting for the Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management and generated a website for Pervasive Spectrum Sharing for Public Safety Communications: <https://sites.google.com/site/pss4psc/>. In addition, the researchers achieved the following publication:

A. Merwaday, M. Yuksel, T. Quint, I. Guvenc, W. Saad, and N. Kapucu, "Incentivizing spectrum sharing via subsidy regulations," submitted to

IEEE Trans. Networking, Sep. 2014. Available online:

<http://arxiv.org/abs/1411.5302>

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MRA Students and Faculty Attend the Society of Research Administrators International Meeting in Las Vegas

The UCF Master of Research Administration program was well-represented at the SRAI Annual Conference this year. I am excited to announce that four M.R.A. students were selected to present at this year's annual conference and two M.R.A. instructors also presented. This clearly demonstrates the leadership role and the attitude of service to the

profession our students' and faculty exemplify. During the conference the UCF M.R.A. Exhibit Booth was very busy talking with research administrators about pursuing a professional graduate degree in research administration. There were 10 M.R.A. alumni and students also attending the conference. Jo Smith, Ph.D. also served as one of the judges for the symposium paper presentations.

Presentations:

Mir Asghar Ali Khan (M.R.A. 2016) – Khan presented “*Managing a Sub-award from U.S. Entity in a Developing Country.*” His presentation focused on helping other research institutions understand how they were able to reach consensus at Aga Khan University, Pakistan, on awards having multiple U.S. provisions, most of which many developing countries have never encountered. In addition to describing their processes, Khan shared tips from and for other U.S. research administrators to consider when developing a sub-award to an outside U.S. organization facing similar issues (IRB, HIPAA, export controls, animal rights, foreign tax status, etc.). In addition, he made the same presentation for research administrators and faculty during a visit to the UCF campus on Oct. 26. Khan is a research manager at the Aga Khan University, Pakistan.

Anastasia (Annie) Lenfest and Kirsten Torguson (M.R.A. 2013) - They co-presented “*SBIR/STTR: Increase Your External Funding through Collaborative Research with Industry.*” The presentation provided helpful information for research administrators assisting principle investigators in understanding and preparing federally-funded Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Transfer (SBIR/STTR) grants. The session provided an overview of SBIR/STTR programs, the federal agencies who fund SBIR/STTR grants, eligibility requirements, and how universities, hospitals and research institutes can participate. They also discussed tips and tricks for developing a strong application and budget, as well as how partnerships with small businesses benefit everyone. Lenfest is a research program officer at Western Michigan University and Torguson is the director of sponsored research services at the Keck Graduate Institute and an adjunct instructor for PAD5850 in the nonprofit management program at UCF.

Jean Mercer (M.R.A. 2015) - She co-presented a roundtable discussion with Tammy Good at the SRAI Annual Conference. The roundtable discussion allowed research administrators in departments and central offices to openly discuss common communication issues, how to break down barriers and increase collaboration. The ultimate goal of the session was to improve communication and collaboration between these offices to more effectively support the research infrastructure within their own institutions. Mercer is the director of grant services at Indiana University.

Douglas Backman (Instructor - PAD6747) - Backman co-lead a Learning Café Session with Susan Wyatt Sedwick, They exchanged ideas, responded to questions, and shared solutions related to common complications that may occur when university researchers are affiliated with the startup as an owner or advisor. The session shared some effective practices for managing the inherent conflicts of interest that seem to plague many of these projects. Backman is director of compliance for the Office of Research and Commercialization at UCF.

Jennifer Shambrook, Ph.D. (Instructor - PAD6744 & PAD6745) - Shambrook co-presented with Robert Shambrook on a half-day workshop session titled “*Communicating as a Leader: Public Speaking with Credibility and Confidence.*” This workshop enabled participants to learn and apply the essential elements of public speaking necessary to become skilled, confident and credible speakers in any venue. Shambrook is the director of research operations at UCF.

Symposium Paper Presentation:

Shambrook was one of four chosen for the symposium paper presentations. She presented a paper titled “*Results of the 2015 RASPerS: Stress, work-life balance, and health behavior.*” This paper was co-authored by James Thomas Owens, Ph.D., UCF College of Education; and Shiva Jahani, Ph.D., UCF Center for Multicultural and Multilingual Studies.

Events

New Grant

The second Annual Florida Research Administration Conference will be held on Jan. 16, 2016, at the University of Central Florida. FRAC 2016 includes 35 concurrent sessions, two half-day workshops, a RACC Review Session, and a MAXIMUS Export Control Workshop.

[Register today!](#)

Awards

Jo Smith, Ph.D., collaborated with the St. Mary's College of Maryland as the external evaluator for a National Institute of Health Biomedical/Biobehavioral Research Administration Development Award. Smith's role is to evaluate the outputs and outcomes of the capacity building endeavors on SMCM's research infrastructure. Sabine Dillingham, Ph.D., is the PI at SMCM. The amount of the award for UCF is \$36,367.00.

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Visiting Doctoral Student

The School of Public Administration recently hosted Jia Shi, a visiting doctoral student from Xian Jiaotong University in China. Shi conducted research in emergency management and risk communication under the mentorship of SPA Director Naim Kapucu, Ph.D. She also participated in the first Research Colloquium of the semester. The picture above was taken at the goodbye lunch for Jia Shi, who is sitting next to Knightro.

Recent Publication

Knox, C. C., & Haupt, B. (2015). [Incorporating Cultural Competency Skills in Emergency Management Education](#). *Disaster Prevention and Management*, 24(5), 619-634.

From the publisher: "The purpose of this paper is to incorporate a model of prejudice reduction and cultural identity development theory to assess: the implementation of a diversity case study in a disaster management course; and the cultural competency understanding among the students.

Design/methodology/approach: A diversity case study was implemented in an undergraduate Disaster Response and Recovery course (Fall 2013

Service Learning Project

This semester, PAD 6397 (Managing Emergencies and Crises) is working directly with the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association on a service learning research project titled "Critical Incident Stress of the Local Emergency Manager in the United States." Claire Knox, Ph.D., will submit a white paper based on the students' research reports to Director Alan Harris (Seminole County Office of Emergency Management) in December and will present the results at FEPA's Annual Meeting in February. FEPA will use this product to advocate for legislation to (1) identify the local emergency management staff as special or high risk and (2) develop programs to help local emergency managers deal with stress.

$n=17$; Spring 2014 $n=21$; Fall 2014 $n=35$). The discussion encouraged students to contemplate how their biases, preconceived notions, and stereotypes affect their future role in emergency management.

Findings: Results from Likert scale pre/post tests showed a marked increase in knowledge and a positive change in attitudes ($p < 0.05$). Open-responses denoted linkages to the prejudice reduction model and cultural identity development theory.

Research limitations/implications: Bias can be attributed to the instructor and facilitator, and contextual limitations including a lack of: previous conversations and courses on diversity-related topics and participation motivation.

Practical implications: By developing cultural competency, managers initiate intergroup contact reducing negative perceptions and increasing empathy for those deemed different. Integrating cultural competency into emergency management academic programs allows students to identify how their biases, stereotypes, and preconceived notions affect their

Important EMHS Events

Whether you are an emergency management student, faculty member, advisory board member or alumni, mark your calendar for these major events:

FEPA 2016 Annual Meeting and Work Session

Feb. 1 – 5, 2016

Daytona Beach Hilton, Daytona Beach, Florida

30th Annual Governor's Hurricane Conference®

May 8 – 13, 2016

Rosen Shingle Creek Hotel
Orlando, Florida

<http://flghc.org/>

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EMSA Meeting Next Week

The Emergency Management Student Association is hosting a meeting next Wednesday, Oct. 28, from 4-5 p.m. in Business Administration I, Room 126. The meeting is open to all students who are interested and there are no required dues. The association is currently working on a number of different projects and events, including:

- Attending the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association Conference in February 2016
- Potentially sending four individuals to the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association Intermediate Emergency Management Academy in March 2016
- Development of an Emergency Operations Center Support Team to provide social media and citizen information line services to local emergency managers
- Professional speakers and workshops are being developed
- Volunteer opportunities in regional emergency management exercises
- Networking opportunities with professionals and other students as well as assisting in internship searches

Leadership positions within EMSA are also available. For more

information, email nickgerth234@knights.ucf.edu.

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Oct. 29


ASPA Networking Event


Orange County Supervisor of Elections Office


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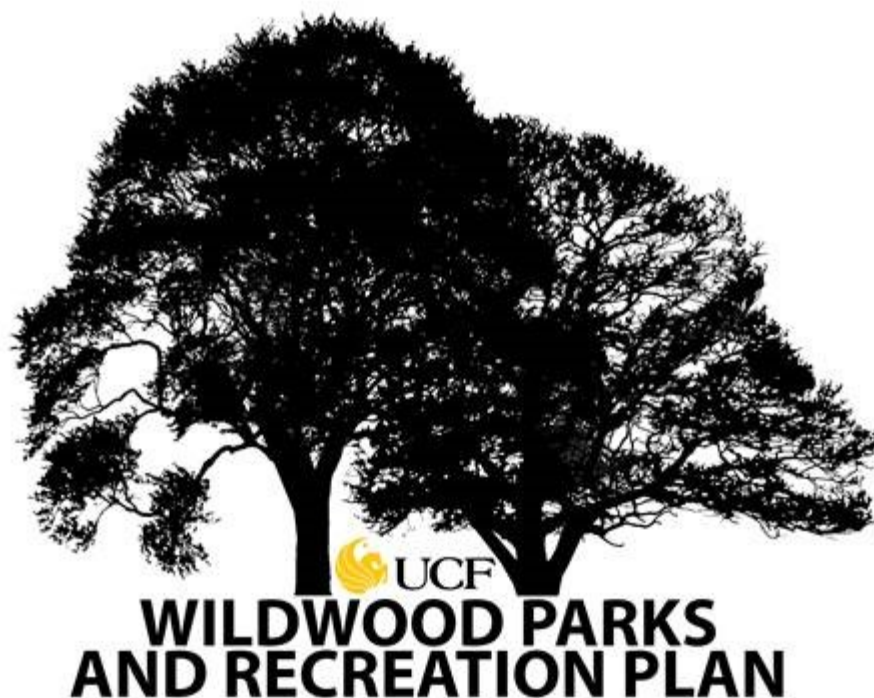
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2015-16 M.S.-URP Studio Project

The UCF urban and regional planning program has partnered with the

City of Wildwood to develop a Parks Plan for the 2015-2016 Planning Studio. The general purpose of the Planning Studio is to conduct an analysis and develop recommendations for improving the functionality and public access to parks and recreation facilities in the City of Wildwood. The Studio will produce a green infrastructure plan and recreation land use analysis that provides creative solutions for the development of new and the redevelopment of existing public facilities that address the need for improved passive and active recreational infrastructure.

Students will conduct green infrastructure mapping and evaluation, analyze the historical development patterns and the current and planned developments within the city and across the region, evaluate connectivity among the passive and active recreational facilities within the city, and conduct public outreach to identify community needs related to recreational amenities in the city.

Students are engaging the public by conducting a survey of families using city-owned recreation facilities and are hosting a parks and recreation planning charrette on Nov. 19 at the Wildwood Community Center.

Follow the progress of the studio:

<https://www.cohpa.ucf.edu/publicadmin/urban-regional-planning/ms-urp-studio-2015/>



Research Colloquium

This month's research colloquium

Research Paper

A co-authored research paper by SPA associate professor Christopher Hawkins, Ph.D., was accepted by *Review of Policy*

focused on the "Health Impacts of Walkable Communities."

Assistant professor Chia-Yuan Yu, Ph.D., shared his research on the walkable community of Mueller in Austin, Texas. He found that walkable communities such as this promote physical activity and better social interaction among neighbors. Instructor Roberta Fennessy was the discussant.

Research. The article - "Impacts of Federal Stimulus Funding on Economic Development Policy Networks among Local Governments" – advances a transaction cost explanation for how federal funding shapes the risks of collaboration among cities for economic development.



Distinguished Lecture Series

The Distinguished Lecture Series returns next week with a presentation from Florida Greenways and Trails President Dale Allen. The event will take place at the UCF Executive Development Center on Oct. 22 from 6:30-8 p.m. If you haven't registered yet, you can do so at

<http://www.ce.ucf.edu/lectures>

Mark Your Calendar!

Oct. 20
Association of Fundraising Professionals Collegiate Chapter Meeting
Classroom Building I, Room 122
4:30-5:30 p.m.


Oct. 22
Distinguished Lecture Series
UCF Executive Development Center
6:30-8 p.m.

Oct. 29
ASPA Networking Event
Orange County Supervisor of Elections Office
11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

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Nonprofit Students Participate in Knights Give Back

This students in the Nonprofit Management Students Association have adopted to motto “learning and serving” this year. They are committed to finding opportunities to serve in our community and learn more about the local nonprofit sector. On Saturday, Oct. 3, nonprofit students volunteered at the Grand Avenue Primary Learning Center as part of the annual “Knights Give Back” event where UCF students volunteer throughout the Central Florida Community.

Nonprofit Lecture Series

The Fall 2015 Nonprofit Lecture Series is off to a great start! **Ann Manley, Ph.D.**, was the first speaker in our Retired Nonprofit Executives working with UCF (ReNEW with UCF) series. She is currently the vice president of strategic initiatives at Manley Consulting Group, LLC in Orlando, Florida. Manley recently retired from Dr. Phillips Charities after over 25 years of service in various positions, most recently as the director of grants, and has been a tremendous asset as chair of our nonprofit advisory board. The dates for upcoming Nonprofit Lecture Series events include:

*Oct. 27 - Julie M. Gillespie, senior director of philanthropy for the Orlando Ballet - Julie Gillespie recently joined the Orlando Ballet in July 2015, after two-and-a-half years as the senior director of capital campaigns, grants and research at the Dr. Phillips Center, where she helped lead a \$55 million capital campaign and a \$2 million annual campaign. She has over 12 years' experience in the nonprofit sector working with grants, development and capacity building.

*Nov. 17 – YNPN Panel Discussion - A panel comprised of board members from the Young Nonprofit Professionals Network will discuss various issues facing young/new professionals in the nonprofit sector.

All events will be held in **Classroom Bldg. I, Room 122, from 4:30 – 5:45 p.m.** All are welcome to attend. Please contact Stephanie Krick, Ph.D., at Stephanie.krick@ucf.edu with any questions.

Mark Your Calendar!

Oct. 15

ASPA Board Meeting

Partnership II, Room 235

8:30-9:30 a.m.

Research Colloquium

HPA II, Room 247

4-5 p.m.

Oct. 20

Association of Fundraising Professionals Collegiate Chapter Meeting

Classroom Building I, Room 122

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Public Administration Graduate Program Update

The University of Central Florida recently hosted the 2015 Grad Fair, which was a success for the

Public Administration Undergraduate Program Update

The School of Public Administration at UCF is one of three schools in Florida to offer an undergraduate program in public administration. This semester, 215 students have enrolled in the program -- 67 in the B.A. program and 148 in the B.S. program. It is the second most popular major this semester with nonprofit management being the most popular major.

School of Public Administration. The Master of Public Administration program, in particular, received quite a bit of interest by prospective students, including many working professionals who are interested in seeking the degree to support their career development. Students seemed particularly interested in the fact that the program is accredited and is related to the graduate certificate programs in emergency management and in nonprofit management.

Additionally, the school has built the minor programs into the B.A./B.S. requirement. This allows students to complete a minor that does not require additional courses to their program. The minors are: nonprofit management, urban and regional planning, and emergency management and homeland security. Students can pursue the nonprofit management certificate as well.

A Note from the President of Central Florida ASPA

It was recently decided by the board of **Central Florida ASPA** that we should break from tradition and open the monthly board meetings to the general membership. The thought behind this was to enhance accessibility: to re-establish our connection with the members. Ultimately we see the move as serving the dual purpose of making the board meetings both a time to conduct chapter business in the sunshine, while affording the membership a regular networking opportunity. We hope you agree, and invite you to join us at the following events.

Sep 30 – Oct 3

SECoPA (regional ASPA meeting in Charleston, SC)

Oct 15

8:30am – 9:30am

Jan 21

8:30am – 9:30am

Board meeting (UCF Research Park, Partnership II building, room 235)

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room 235)

Oct 29

11:00am – 2:00pm

Networking event (Orange
County Supervisor of Elections
office)

Nov 12

11:00am – 1:00pm

Networking event / holiday
luncheon (Ruby Tuesday's on
University Blvd near UCF)

Feb 18

8:30am – 9:30am

Board meeting (UCF Research
Park, Partnership II building,
room 235)

Mar 18 – Mar 22

2016

ASPA Annual Conference
(Seattle, WA)

Apr 21

8:30am – 9:30am

Board meeting (UCF Research
Park, Partnership II building,
room 235)

May 2 – 6

2016 Public Service Recognition
Week

**NOTE: The schedule for our 2016 board meetings is subject to change,
as additional networking events may be added*

For more information about the chapter, or to keep abreast of upcoming
events, please visit our chapter website at

<https://centflaspa.wordpress.com/>

In closing, I am privileged to serve as chapter president for another year.
The board & I hope this step of opening the meetings will encourage
members -- both old and new -- to come out to join us as we engage the
community.

Yours in service,

Daniel Stephens, President
Central Florida ASPA
ASPA.CFL@gmail.com

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Sept. 30-Oct. 3

SECoPA Regional ASPA Meeting
Charleston, SC

Oct. 6

Nonprofit Management Student Association Meeting
Classroom Building I, Room 122
4:30-5:30 p.m.

ICMA Student Association Meeting

Grad Student Center
4-5 p.m.

Oct. 8

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Want to Get Involved at SPA?

Are you interested in exploring your career options and in meeting other students? If you are, the School of Public Administration encourages you to join one of its many student organizations. Keep reading to find out what organizations you can join and to read messages from some of the student leaders.



Nonprofit Management Student Association

The Nonprofit Management Student Association is an organization on campus successfully serving our community and learning about the nonprofit sector. In addition to working with our fellow students for volunteer projects aiming to interact with nonprofits in the greater Orlando area, we engage and learn about the 12 competencies which are essential to receiving the Certified Nonprofit Professional credential. NMSA offers the chance to attend conferences, allowing students to network with other nonprofit professionals, bridging connections with leaders in this sector. We meet the first Tuesday of every month in Classroom Building 1, Room 122, at 4:30. Our next meeting is October 6! Some great outlets for more information are adding us on [Knight Connect](#), or adding us on Facebook ([Nonprofit Management Student Association At UCF](#)). All are welcome!

-Kristina Reyes, NMSA President



Association of Fundraising Professionals Collegiate Chapter

Students in the [AFP Collegiate Chapter](#) have the opportunity to learn about fund development and to explore their career options. The biggest perk about joining AFP? All dues-paying members of the student association receive the full benefits of membership in AFP International.



Organization for Public Administration

The [Organization for Public Administration](#) is having its general interest meeting soon! OPA is a student-run organization aimed at professional development for public administration graduates and undergraduates. Events include guest speakers, community development, social mixers, tailgates and an annual trip to Tallahassee. Non-majors are welcome too!

-Vanessa Lopez-Littleton, Ph.D.,
OPA Advisor



Emerging Urban Knights Student Association

The goal of the [EUKSA](#) is to connect future planners with faculty members and planning professionals in the community. Students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of events, including the National American Planning Association Conference and the UCF Distinguished Lecture Series, hosted by SPA. This semester, the group is hosting social mixers, lectures and general meetings.




Leaders at the Core of Better Communities

International City/County Management Student Association

[ICMA's](#) mission is to create



excellence in local governance by developing and fostering professional management to build better communities. They also help provide resources for students who are interested in research, publications, data and information, and professional development. The first meeting of the semester will be held on Oct. 6, 2015 in the Grad Student Center at 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. In this first meeting, we will discuss and plan for this school year. If you have any questions, comments and suggestions feel free to contact me directly at icmaucf@gmail.com and at 407-452-9978 .

-Alex Rivera, ICMA President

Emergency Management Student Association

The mission of **EMSA** is to further students' education, to help them foster relationships with their peers and to professionalize the field of emergency management. This past year, the organization participated in numerous conferences, including the Governor's Hurricane Conference in Orlando and the American Society for Public Administration Annual Conference in Chicago.

Mark Your Calendar!

Sept. 25

Urban Knights Social

Wackadoo's

6-10 p.m.

Sept. 28

Organization for Public Administration Meeting

Engineering I, Room 286

5 p.m.

Sept. 29

Urban Knights Lecture with Bruce Stephenson

Galloway Room, Rollins College

7 p.m.

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SPA Retreat Update

The School of Public Administration recently hosted its 2015 school retreat, which was open to faculty, staff, advisory board members and student organization leaders. The retreat took place in Research Park and included an update on the college from Dean Frumkin as well as a strategic discussion of the future of the school.

During the discussion, the participants were divided in groups and asked to brainstorm ways in which the school could improve its academic programs, its scholarship and its graduates. Each answer was rated by the participants.

The program directors also had a chance to discuss the most pressing issues pertaining to their programs.



CPNM Retreat Update

Representatives from the Central Florida nonprofit community recently met with faculty and staff from the Center of Public and Nonprofit Management to outline strategic goals related to the Center's growth. Nearly 20 members of the community, School of Public Administration faculty, and Center staff attended the retreat to discuss the Center's core mission and avenues for growth and expansion. As a result of the brainstorming session, participants detailed the need for an overall identity that better captures the Center's role in the Central Florida community and beyond. Working groups focused on how to better serve local organizations, how to better share research from SPA faculty, and how to disseminate research and practical findings internationally. Staff

from the Center now are working on analyzing the data and expect a final report by the end of the fall 2015 semester.

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Welcome!

As director of the school, I would like to welcome to you the first issue of Volume 11 of the PA Weekly, which features updates from the School of Public Administration at UCF!

Our school is committed to being the premier resource and a model in advancing excellence in public service leadership for greater good by creating, advancing and sharing relevant knowledge for scholars, policy makers, professional practitioners and the public at large in an evolving metropolitan environment.

Please regularly visit the School of Public Administration's website to learn more about our academic programs, recent news from the school's alumni, students, faculty and advisory boards. The school offers graduate programs in five areas: [public administration](#), [nonprofit management](#), [urban and regional planning](#), [research administration](#), and [emergency management and homeland security](#). We also offer undergraduate programs in all areas except for research administration.

The school houses the Center for Public and Nonprofit Management, which is the research arm of the school. Information on the CPNM can be found on its [website](#), which shares updates on research conducted by our faculty members and students on our four strategic areas - collaborative governance, democracy and citizen engagement, diversity and inclusiveness, and sustainability.

Four new faculty members joined the school this semester: Chia-Yuan Yu and Roberta Fennessey are teaching students in the urban and regional planning program while Staci Zavattaro and Joshua Steinfeld are now teaching students in the public administration programs. Steven Carrillo, an M.P.A. graduate, has also started working as the school's academic services coordinator. I am very excited to announce a new position funded by UCF as a new initiative: Coordinator of experiential learning. This position will coordinate the school's internships, service learning, and other student community engagement activities. Of course, several new faculty will join us as well for the next academic year.

We did have a very productive retreat for the school on August 21. The retreat was facilitated by Drs. Hu and Mitchell. Several students, faculty, staff and community members participated in the meeting. We expect that the retreat will provide us guiding principles when we start finalizing our strategic plan for 2016-2020. You will read more about the retreat in the next issue of the PA Weekly.

Please also follow us in social media! We are on [Facebook](#) and on [Twitter](#) at @spaucf.

I wish you a wonderful academic year!

Naim Kapucu, Ph.D.,

Director, UCF School of Public Administration

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