



WEEKLY UPDATE	
	<b>Fall 2011 New Faculty Members</b>
Monday	<p><b>Assistant Professor – Brandi Blessett, Ph.D.</b>  This spring Blessett successfully defended her dissertation and graduated from Old Dominion University. This fall she begins teaching the undergraduate <i>Public Personnel Management</i> class and the graduate class on <i>Public Administration in the Policy Process</i>.</p>
Tuesday	<p><b>Instructor - April Fischer</b>  Starting this fall Fischer will be teaching the undergraduate introductory class to urban and regional planning and the graduate introductory class to urban and regional planning. Fischer has her master's degree in urban and regional planning and several years as a professional planner.</p>
Thursday	<p><b>Assistant Professor – Qian Hu</b>  In May Hu graduated from Arizona State University with her doctorate focusing her research on technology and learning. This fall she will be teaching both an online and a face-to-face class in the graduate <i>Strategic Planning and Management</i> course.</p>
Friday	<p><b>Assistant Professor – Rui Sun</b>  Prior to coming to UCF Sun was teaching at Georgia Southern University with a specialty in financial management and accounting. For our department she will be teaching <i>Public Financial Management</i> and <i>Analytical Techniques I and II</i>.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Faculty Transitions</b></p> <p><b>Associate Professor - Jay Jurie – Sabbatical</b>  This academic year Jurie will be on sabbatical, and he will return in the Summer 2012 semester.</p> <p><b>Assistant Professor – Christopher Hawkins – Planning Coordinator</b>  This semester Hawkins assumes the role Coordinator for the Master of Urban and Regional Planning program.</p> <p><b>Instructor – Vanessa Littleton – Internship Coordinator</b>  During the summer Littleton successfully defended her dissertation, and in December she will graduate from the COHPA Public Affairs Doctoral Program. In addition, Littleton is now the Internship Coordinator for the department working with Stephanie Krick, who coordinates the internships in the Nonprofit Leadership program.</p> <p><b>Professional-in-Residence – Owen Beitsch</b>  This fall Beitsch will assume the new “professional-in-residence” position for the Master of Urban and Regional Planning program. He has his Ph.D. from the PAF Doctoral Program and a distinguished career in the planning field. Beitsch will be teaching two courses this academic year in planning and serving as a mentor to planning students.</p>



WEEKLY UPDATE	
	<b>Center for Public and Nonprofit Management Fall 2011 Transition</b>
<b>Monday</b>	
Labor Day	<b>Kapucu Completes 3 Year Term as CPNM Director</b> The UCF Center for Public and Nonprofit Management (CPNM) was formally established in September 2008 to strengthen the management and leadership of public and nonprofit organizations through relevant research and capacity building services. The first Director of the CPNM was Dr. Naim Kapucu, who agreed to serve a three year term.
<b>Tuesday</b>	
	Under the direction of Kapucu, the center was the recipient of \$3.45 million in funding for projects in the research focus areas of capacity building, emergency management, and leadership development. Federal funders included CNCS, DHHS, DOE, NSF, and USDA.
<b>Wednesday</b>	
	In the area of nonprofit capacity building, 188 organizations received training at no cost during the center's first three years. The impact to the community included the award of \$1.9 million in external funding to these nonprofit organizations. Kapucu's superior leadership and management of the CPNM have been vital and invaluable and formal recognition of his contributions will be made at the October 19 <sup>th</sup> CPNM Advisory Council meeting.
<b>Thursday</b>	
	<b>Bryer Begins 3 Year Term as CPNM Director</b> At the September Oversight Committee Meeting Assistant Professor Thomas Bryer was named the next Director of the Center for Public and Nonprofit Management. Bryer states <i>"I am committed to building on the success of the CPNM experienced over its first three years of existence through the leadership of Dr. Kapucu."</i>
<b>Friday</b>	Bryer indicates that his vision consists of the CPNM producing research reports with applied recommendations, delivering services, and helping facilitate transformational change that is responsive to the needs and interests of government agencies, nonprofit organizations, and citizens in Central Florida. He states that during the next three years <i>"the CPNM will help create opportunities for faculty, students, and community members to participate together in the strengthening of our institutions and communities."</i>
	Please visit the center's web presence <a href="http://www.cpnm.ucf.edu">www.cpnm.ucf.edu</a> to learn more about Dr. Bryer and the CPNM's current initiatives, including partnership opportunities.



WEEKLY UPDATE – NONPROFIT EDITION	
<b>Monday</b>	<p><b>Congratulations to Nonprofit Advisory Board Member Margot Knight</b> Margot Knight, president and CEO of United Arts of Central Florida and member of the UCF Nonprofit Advisory Board, has accepted the position of Executive Director of Djerassi Resident Artists Program in Woodside, California. Margot has been a tremendous supporter of the nonprofit programs at UCF. We are sad to see her go but wish her the best of luck in this new endeavor.</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p><b>Students Receive National Scholarships</b> Congratulations to <b>Cassandra Webster and Christopher O'Connor</b> for being named NextGen Scholars! NextGen is a competitive national scholarship program underwritten by W.K. Kellogg Foundation which awards students \$4500 to help support students who are completing a 300 hour internship in a nonprofit organization as part of their national certification requirements. A total of 31 UCF students have received this award over the last 5 years. All students selected as NextGen Leaders agree to complete the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance certification process, to participate in a voluntary program evaluation, as well as a multi-year longitudinal research study designed to illustrate the positive effects of competitive internship stipends on the recruitment and retention of skilled entry-level professionals prepared to enter the nonprofit sector.</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>Nonprofit Student Groups Work Together to Learn the Art of Fundraising</b> The Nonprofit Management Student Association and the Collegiate Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals are co-hosting presentations by fundraising professionals during their monthly meetings. This fall, Carlee Thomas, Director of Development at the Burnett School of Biomedical Sciences at UCF will be presenting "Fundraising 101." Please join us at one of our next meetings. We meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month from 5:00 – 5:45pm in the Health &amp; Public Affairs Bldg. I (HPA I) Room 107.</p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p><b>Nonprofit Lecture Series</b> Our Nonprofit Lecture Series brings local nonprofit leaders to campus to share their expertise with our students. All presentations will be in HPA I Room 107 from 4:30 – 5:45pm. All are welcome to attend. This fall, we are excited to host the following professionals: <b>October 4<sup>th</sup></b> – Hedy Bass from Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) and <b>November 1<sup>st</sup></b> – Pamela Landwirth from Give Kids the World (GKTW)</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p><b>Nonprofit Days &amp; "Knights" Community Service Activities</b> Students in the Nonprofit Management Minor are serving our community through a new program called <i>Nonprofit Days &amp; Knights</i>. This summer, our students completed over 325 service hours at the following organizations: Community Food &amp; Outreach Center, Harvest Time International, Hope Helps, Inc., Easter Seals, Boys &amp; Girls Club, Summit Church – NiceServe, Give Kids the World, Samaritan Village, and Apopka Family Learning Center.</p> <p>This fall, our scheduled volunteer opportunities include projects with: American Lung Association, Community Food &amp; Outreach Center, Second Harvest Food Bank, Veteran's Affairs Hospital, Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund, and the Camaraderie Foundation Golf Tournament.</p> <p><b>Interested in Hosting an Intern?</b> Please visit our website at <a href="http://www.cohpa.ucf.edu/pubadm/internships-placement-request.shtml">http://www.cohpa.ucf.edu/pubadm/internships-placement-request.shtml</a> for more information or to request an intern.</p>
<b>Monday</b>	<p><b>Nonprofit Days &amp; Knights @ Community Food &amp; Outreach 3:30 – 6:30 pm</b></p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p><b>Nonprofit Days &amp; Knights @ Second Harvest Food Bank 1-4pm</b></p>



WEEKLY UPDATE – RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION EDITION	
	<b>Introducing the 1<sup>st</sup> Master of Research Administration Cohort</b>
Monday	The inaugural Master of Research Administration (MRA) cohort began this semester with a group of 21 students from nine different states: Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Texas. Their academic backgrounds vary from Business, Psychology, Biology, Forensic Science, and English among others. The majority of the MRA graduate students are full-time practitioners in research administration with one year to seventeen years of experience in the field. Their specializations in research administration include pre-award, post award, financial accounting, management, technology transfer, clinical services, and animal care. The institutions represented by the cohort include: Drexel, Florida Hospital, Johns Hopkins, Auburn, Universities of Georgia, South Carolina, and Texas, SUNY, UCF, and several others.
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Faculty Research Team Meeting 1 PM – Rm. 247	
Thursday	<b>Courses Offered in MRA this Semester</b>
	The first two courses being offered through this online program are PAD 6472 - <b>Introduction to Research Administration</b> taught and developed by Dr. Jo Ann Smith and PLA - 6488 <b>Regulatory Legal Framework</b> taught and developed by Dr. Robin Woods from Legal Studies.
Friday	The Introduction to Research is an overview of Research Administration, which lays the foundation for understanding the complex environment of this field. Topics cover in this course include the history of the profession, relationship between Research Administrator (as liaison) and the various partners in research (faculty member, sponsor, etc.), and purpose and value of research.
	The Legal and Regulatory Framework course outlines the requirements that govern research. The course provides an introduction to the OMB Circulars, the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FARS), and other Federal, State, and local regulations as a basis for understanding the legal requirements associated with adhering to sponsor terms and conditions. For more information visit our website at: <a href="http://www.ce.ucf.edu/Program/2874/Master-Of-Research-Administration/">http://www.ce.ucf.edu/Program/2874/Master-Of-Research-Administration/</a>
	<b>Upcoming Events</b>
	<b>September 28, 2011 – 4 PM to 5:30 PM – CPNM Research Colloquium</b> HPA II Room 247 – RSVP to Lauren O’Byrne at <a href="mailto:Lobrne@knights.ucf.edu">Lobrne@knights.ucf.edu</a>
	<b>Program:</b> Dr. Rui Sun will present her research on <i>“Fiscal Decentralization and Economic Growth in the United States: Evidence from the Metropolitan Areas”</i>
	<b>September 29, 2011 – 6 PM to 7:30 PM – Central Florida ASPA Chapter Meeting</b> HFUW - 1940 Traylor Boulevard, Orlando, FL 32804 ~ Ted Crowell Conference Room
	<b>Program:</b> The Chapter will launch this year’s theme, <i>The Changing Face of Public Service</i> , through a <i>Speed Networking Reception</i> with public service partners. Remember to bring your business cards! Members and non-members may attend. This event is free and light refreshments will be served. RSVP to <a href="mailto:aspa.cfl@gmail.com">aspa.cfl@gmail.com</a> by Tuesday, September 27th.



WEEKLY UPDATE – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EDITION	
<b>Monday</b>	<p><b>New and Returning Adjunct Professors</b></p> <p>The department welcomes <b>Mr. Jeff Morgan</b> as a new adjunct professor to the Emergency Management and Homeland Security (EMHS) program. Morgan has a Masters in Emergency Management, and he is the UCF Director of Emergency Management. He previously served in the US Air Force as an Anti-terrorism and Nuclear Security Officer, and is teaching the Introduction to Homeland Security and Emergency Management course.</p>
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<b>Wednesday</b>	<p>Along with our full-time faculty members, the department utilizes other emergency management professionals as adjunct professors including <b>Manuel Soto</b>, City of Orlando Emergency Manager; <b>Albert Hill</b>, Volusia County GIS Section Manager; <b>David McCallister</b>, City of New Smyrna Beach Fire Chief; and <b>Thomas Harmer</b>, Senior Vice-President of Pizzuti Solutions, LLC and former Fire Chief for the City of Titusville and President of the Florida Fire Chief's Association.</p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p><b>Research Colloquium</b> 4 PM – HPA II - 247</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p><b>EMSA Meeting</b> 6 PM ~ HPA II- 247</p> <p><b>ASPA Meeting</b> 5:30 PM ~ HFUW</p> <p><b>New Emergency Management Student Association</b></p> <p>The Emergency Management Student Association (EMSA) is hosting its first informative meeting this Thursday. The association is approaching the field from an interdisciplinary perspective: students from Public Administration, Criminal Justice, and Homeland Security are invited to join. EMSA meetings will include visits from public and private sector professionals. There are opportunities for membership in the Florida Emergency Preparedness Association (FEPA) and the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) for members of EMSA. These organizations are responsible for accrediting Professional and Certified Emergency Managers in the State of Florida. If you have any questions or are unable to attend, please contact Margaret Sanders at <a href="mailto:PresidentUCFEMSA@gmail.com">PresidentUCFEMSA@gmail.com</a>.</p> <p><b>New Emergency Operations Center at UCF</b></p> <p>The University is in the process of renovating the "old" police department building into a dedicated Emergency Operations Center (EOC). This facility will include an executive briefing room, breakout room, media/press room, and the main operations room, as well as backup power, redundant communication, and internet access. Construction is planned to start within the next few months and hopes to be completed before the next hurricane season.</p> <p><b>Call for Presentations – Governor's Hurricane Conference</b></p> <p>The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor's Hurricane Conference will be held May 13 – 19, 2012 in Fort Lauderdale. Last year Ihab Osman, an EMHS graduate student, presented his GIS research and analysis: Application of GIS and TIME Model in Evacuation of Brevard County During Hurricanes. The deadline for submitting an abstract is September 30, 2011. For additional information about the conference and/or submitting an abstract, please contact Dr. Claire Knox at <a href="mailto:Claire.Knox@ucf.edu">Claire.Knox@ucf.edu</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Upcoming Events</b></p> <p><b>September 29, 2011 – 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM</b>  <b>Emergency Management Student Association (EMSA) Inaugural Meeting</b>  <b>HPA II – Room 247</b>  RSVP to Margaret Sanders at <a href="mailto:PresidentUCFEMSA@gmail.com">PresidentUCFEMSA@gmail.com</a></p>



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Monday	<b>Public Administration Now a "School"</b>
Tuesday	<p>UCF's nationally ranked Department of Public Administration has been designated as a school, a reflection of the department's accomplishments and excellence. Provost and Executive Vice President Tony Waldrop informed the university's Board of Trustees of the new designation on Wednesday, September 28, 2011.</p> <p>Public Administration offers 22 graduate and undergraduate programs and serves nearly 1,000 students. The school's areas of focus include public administration, nonprofit management, urban planning, research administration, and emergency management. Innovative programs include the first dual degree programs at UCF, a collaborative partnership with the Office of Research and Commercialization in creating the Master of Research Administration, and an interdisciplinary Master of Urban and Regional Planning Program. "<i>This is an amazingly innovative department,</i>" College of Health and Public Affairs Dean Michael Frumkin told the trustees and deserving of the designation of school.</p> <p>In the three years since it was created, the school's <b>Center for Public and Nonprofit Management</b> has earned over \$4 million in external funds and helped more than 200 nonprofit organizations. Faculty members publish extensively in top journals producing an average of 2.75 publications per faculty member per year. When compared to the other Schools of Public Administration in the state, the new UCF school surpasses these peer schools in every measure supporting the new designation.</p> <p>Public Administration is one of eight UCF graduate programs nationally ranked by <i>U.S. News &amp; World Report</i>. Faculty members believe this new designation will enhance the ranking of the new school in the future drawing attention to the research and scholarship demonstrated by faculty and students over the years. The new school is planning a gala celebration for alumni and the community in the new year. Read more at the School of Public Administration website <a href="http://www.cohpa.ucf.edu/pubadm/">http://www.cohpa.ucf.edu/pubadm/</a></p> <p><b>Public Administration Outstanding Alumnus – James Hartmann</b>  On September 22, 2011 public administration was proud to honor James Hartman, the newly appointed Seminole County Manager, as our Outstanding Alumni of the Year. Hartmann came to UCF after serving in the Coast Guard and earned both a BA and MPA in our department. During his time at UCF, he served as a student intern in the Orange County Administrator's office and upon graduation, spent twelve years there as Assistant to the County Administrator and later as Director of the Administrative Support Division. He then went on to serve as County Administrator in Eagle County Colorado and Spartanburg South Carolina and finally City Manager of Alexandria, Virginia for six years before recently accepting the Seminole County position. In addition, Hartmann has published an award-winning article in <i>Public Administration Review</i>, which can be found on our website. Congratulations to a very notable alumni ~ James Hartmann.</p>
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Sunday	<b>Calendar</b>
Monday	<p>A new calendar feature can be found on the School of Public Administration website with postings of faculty and student events. To potentially post your event contact Mary Ann Feldheim at <a href="mailto:mary.feldheim@ucf.edu">mary.feldheim@ucf.edu</a></p>





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<b>Monday</b>	<b>Conference Presentations</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p><b>Federal Grant Conference</b>            On Monday September 19<sup>th</sup>, Congressman Bill Posey hosted a conference for nonprofit organizations in east-central Florida designed to assist the over 200 representatives of nonprofits in attendance secure federal funding through grants. <b>Mary Ann Feldheim</b> and <b>Claire Knox</b> presented the keynote address in the morning entitled "Best Practices in Nonprofit Management."</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>Regional SECoPA Conference</b>            This year the annual Southeast Conference of Public Administration (SECoPa) was held in New Orleans from September 21<sup>st</sup> to September 24<sup>th</sup>. The theme for the conference was "Building Trust and Confidence in the Profession of Public Administration." Several faculty members presented papers at SECoPA and many with national committee assignments attended the mid-year ASPA Business Meeting.</p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p><b>Dorothy Norris-Tirrell</b> presented "Nonprofit Organizational Response to Economic Uncertainty: A Panel Survey of Mid-South Executives" and served as Chair of the SECoPA board.</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p><b>Thomas Bryer</b> presented "Restoring Politics in Public Administration to Gain Trust" and participated in the mid-year ASPA business meeting as Chair of Strategic Imperative Group 5 and Chair of the Technology Advisory Committee.</p>
<b>Teaching Mentoring Meeting @ 4:30 PM</b>	<p><b>Kuotsai "Tom" Liou</b> moderated a panel on "Understanding Economic Development Practices and Policies" and participated in the mid-year ASPA business meeting as President-Elect of ASPA.</p>
<b>Master of Research Administration Advisory Board Meeting</b>	<p><b>Ronnie Korosec</b> attended the mid-year ASPA business meeting as part of Tom Liou's Leadership Team for the next year.</p>
<b>Today October 14<sup>th</sup> 2pm to 3:30 PM</b>	<p><b>Rui Sun</b> presented her recent research on tax and expenditure limitations (TEs) with a paper titled "Constraining or Augmenting? Reevaluation of the Impact of Tax and Expenditure Limitations on Municipal Finance." Using a nationwide sample of 724 municipalities over the period of 1970 through 2004, Sun found that TELs have substantially augmented the utilization of municipal general own-source revenues and may lead to a bigger government. The result also suggests that TELs may add additional regressivity to the tax system through increased reliance on local option sales taxes and user charges. These effects could be unintended consequences for many states.</p>
<b>Upcoming Events</b>	
<p>See calendar on Public Administration website for details, and to add events contact Mary Ann Feldheim at <a href="mailto:Mary.Feldheim@ucf.edu">Mary.Feldheim@ucf.edu</a></p>	
<p><b>October 13<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 pm</b> – Teaching Mentoring Meeting for Faculty and Adjuncts</p>	
<p><b>October 14<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm</b> – MRA Advisory Board Meeting - Teleconference</p>	
<p><b>October 19<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 pm</b> – CPNM Advisory Council Meeting</p>	



CPNM WEEKLY UPDATE	
<b>Center for Public and Nonprofit Management (CPNM)</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<p style="color: blue;"><b>CPNM Featured Grant Update</b></p> <p>The second year of the Corporation for National and Community Service's Nonprofit Capacity Building Program grant is off to a great start. Access databases and 27 performance measurement systems have been designed for the nine nonprofit organizations. The first two weeks of October consisted of one-on-one trainings with 29 participants from eight nonprofit organizations. MPA students, Marie Michel, Jasmine Jones, and Juan Ortiz, led the trainings which focused on designing and implementing performance measurement systems, as well as hands-on exercises using Access and Excel. The first of three Executive Director's Roundtable meetings will be held October 21st with Dr. Martiza Concha, a performance measurement expert and consultant, as the guest speaker.</p>
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<b>3 p.m. – CPNM Advisory Council Celebration</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<p style="color: blue;"><b>Faculty Publications</b></p> <p>Since the beginning of 2011, faculty have developed 27 publications, including 1 book, 2 book reviews, 1 invited paper, and 23 articles in peer reviewed journals. The most recent published articles are by <b>Dr. Thomas Bryer</b> (The Costs of Democratization: Social Media Adaptation Challenges within Government Agencies, published in <i>Administrative Theory &amp; Praxis</i>), <b>Dr. Naim Kapucu</b> and co-authors (U.S. Presidents and Their Roles in Emergency Management and Disaster Policy 1950-2009, published in <i>Risk, Hazards &amp; Crisis in Public Policy</i>), and <b>Dr. Rui Sun</b> and co-author (Does Fiscal Decentralization Improve Healthcare Outcomes? Empirical Evidence from China, published in <i>Public Finance and Management</i>).</p> <p style="color: blue;"><b>Issue Brief Published</b></p> <p>The CPNM has published its first Issue Brief, in partnership with the Institute of Government and the Lou Frey Institute of Politics and Government. "Virtual Poll Worker Training: Engaging the Next Generation in Elections" reports on the use of Second Life to engage with and prepare students to serve as poll workers in the 2010 elections. Download the report at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/CPNM-IssueBrief1">http://tinyurl.com/CPNM-IssueBrief1</a>.</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;"><b>Upcoming Events</b></p> <p style="color: green;"><b>CPNM Advisory Council Meeting: October 19, 2011, 3pm to 5pm</b>, featuring a celebration of <b>Dr. Naim Kapucu's</b> tenure as Director of the CPNM and a welcome to <b>Dr. Thomas Bryer</b> as the new Director. This event is open for all. Contact for more information.</p> <p style="color: green;"><b>ASPA Lunch: October 20, 2011, 11:30am to 1:00pm</b>, UCF Business Incubator, 3218 E. Colonial Drive, Suite G. "A Panel Discussion on Education" with Larry Williams (Simeon Resource and Development Center for Men), Libba Lyons (Orange County Public Schools), and Tara Hormell (Children's Home Society). RSVP to <a href="mailto:aspa.cfl@gmail.com">aspa.cfl@gmail.com</a>.</p> <p style="color: green;"><b>Research Colloquium: October 26, 2011, 4pm to 5:30pm</b>, HPA II, 247. "Public Administration in the Federal Sector—An Executive Perspective" with Dr. C. Shannon Roberts. RSVP to <a href="mailto:lobyrne@knights.ucf.edu">lobyrne@knights.ucf.edu</a>.</p>
<b>Friday</b>	
	<p>Questions? Contact <a href="mailto:cpnm@ucf.edu">cpnm@ucf.edu</a> or (407)823-3794</p>





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	<b>Urban and Regional Planning Update</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<p><b>Central Florida City Profiles - 1<sup>st</sup> Cohort Students</b>            Graduate students in PAD 6316 – Planning Methods – are preparing community profiles and analysis of Central Florida cities. The first part of the community profile consists of evaluating changes in population and demographic characteristics, housing stock and income between 2000 and 2010 for select census tracts. The second part focuses on city population projections from 2010-2020. These projections are based primarily on the cohort component method. The third section evaluates county industry trends using data from the county business patterns and economic census. This section focuses on economic base analysis, location quotient, shift-share and input-output analysis. Planning methods is a required course for second year students.</p>
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<b>3 p.m. – Planning Advisory Board</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Cohort of Students Projects</b>            First year MSURP students are half way through completing PAD 5336 – Introduction to Urban and Regional Planning. This course is being taught by Dr. Chris Hawkins and Instructor April Fisher. As a required course, students have been actively discussing and demonstrating their knowledge of planning history, urbanization and human settlements, planning theory, and contemporary issues facing planners. Among their projects is an evaluation of a local comprehensive plan and an in-class debate on affordable housing, gentrification and redevelopment, urban sprawl and transportation.</p>
<b>Research Colloquium</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<p><b>Hawkins Presenting Planning Research</b>            Dr. Chris Hawkins recently attended the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning annual conference in Salt Lake City. He presented a paper entitled “Disaster Resilience and Sustainable Communities.” His preliminary analysis was based on a content analysis of county comprehensive plans and the results of a survey of key stakeholder groups involved in planning and disaster preparedness. Hawkins also presented a paper entitled “Nested Governance and Urban Politics: State Municipal Associations and Perceptions of Inter-jurisdictional Cooperation” at the 2011 American Political Science Association conference. His recent work on smart growth and local sustainability will be forthcoming in <i>Policy Studies Journal</i> and <i>Public Works and Management Policy</i>.</p> <p><b>The “UCF Planning Distinguished Lecture Series” Begins November</b>            Dr. “Chris” Nelson from the University of Utah will be presenting his research on healthy community planning to students and the community on both November 8<sup>th</sup> &amp; 9<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Nelson is a leading expert on land use planning. His visit to Central Florida is the first of three scheduled Distinguished Lectures sponsored by the School of Public Administration, the MSURP Advisory Board, and several community partners.</p>
	<b>Upcoming Events</b>
	<p><b>Planning Advisory Board Meeting: October 26, 2011, 3pm to 5pm</b>, at Orlando City Hall – Second Floor Conference Room “R”</p> <p><b>Research Colloquium: October 26, 2011, 4pm to 5:30pm</b>, HPA II, 247. “Public Administration in the Federal Sector—An Executive Perspective” with Dr. C. Shannon Roberts. RSVP to <a href="mailto:lobyrne@knights.ucf.edu">lobyrne@knights.ucf.edu</a>.</p>



	UPDATE
	<b>Making A Difference</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Students and alumni are making a difference in our communities, across the country, and around the globe. Three examples of how they are <i>“strengthening communities and changing lives”</i> are shared below.
Happy Halloween	
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>UCF Alumni Association’s Community Service Award – Julie Columbino</b> In 2008 <b>Julie Columbino</b> graduated with a Master of Nonprofit Management degree. Armed with the knowledge gained from her new degree and a passion to make a difference, Julie first worked at Heart of Florida United Way helping the central Florida community. However, when the earthquake hit Haiti, Julie armed with her knowledge and passion went there to give aid. Once in Haiti Julie wanted to find a way to help the people rebuild and learn a trade, and to accomplish those goals she formed the nonprofit organization “Rebuild Globally.” For Julie’s work in Haiti, last Friday she was awarded the UCF Alumni Association’s 2011 Community Service Award. To see a video of Julie’s work in Haiti follow this link and click on the picture of the sunset. <a href="http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=10150905942335525&amp;mid=513">http://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=10150905942335525&amp;mid=513</a>
Nonprofit Lecture Series	
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<b>Friday</b>	<b>President Hitt Recognizes PA Junior – Shardy Camargo</b> In President Hitt’s “State of the University” address last week, he introduced <b>Shardy Camargo</b> , a junior in public administration. Hitt stated <i>“Yes, our fall enrollment of 58,656 students sets yet another school record. But what counts is the access to a better life we can offer to more Floridians than ever who desire, and deserve, a college education – Floridians like UCF junior Shardy Camargo....During her freshman year of high school, Shardy’s single-parent family became homeless. They eventually found a home, but the experience made Shardy want to help others. So, she co-wrote a book and produced a documentary on homelessness. That documentary, “Everybody Has a Story to Tell,” is now part of the social sciences curriculum in all of Orange County’s most challenged public high schools. Shardy studied hard, earned scholarships, and became the first in her family to attend college. She is a LEAD Scholar and Burnett Honors College student with a 3.5 GPA and a bright future in public administration or nonprofit work. She remains dedicated to helping others, and she volunteers regularly. Shardy, thank you for being such an inspiration here at UCF.”</i>
	<b>Student’s Grant Proposal Secures \$72,000 for Temple – Orly Feldman</b> During the Spring 2011 semester in PAD 5850, Grantwriting and Contract Management, Orly Feldman authored the Nonprofit Security Grant from Department of Homeland Security on behalf of Temple B’nai Torah in Bellevue, WA. Temple B’nai Torah was one of 18 organizations in Washington state to receive the requested funding. With the \$72,000, Temple B’nai Torah will be able to enhance their current security measures by installing upgraded equipment and providing an increased sense of security for their members and guests.
	<b>Upcoming Events</b>
	<b>Nonprofit Lecture Series: November 1, 2011, 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm</b> Math and Physics Building Room 359 - Speaker Pam Landwirth, President of Give Kids the World. Event is co-sponsored by the Young Nonprofit Professionals Network. RSVP to Dr. Krick at <a href="mailto:stephanie.krick@ucf.edu">stephanie.krick@ucf.edu</a> .



WEEKLY UPDATE – NONPROFIT EDITION	
Monday	<p><b>New Nonprofit Advisory Board Members - Linda Landman Gonzalez &amp; Shari Orr</b>            We are happy welcome both Linda and Shari to the advisory board and know that their expertise will be an asset to our programs. <b>Linda Landman</b> Gonzalez is the Vice President of Community Relations &amp; Governmental Affairs for the Orlando Magic. She serves in a senior leadership role overseeing community relations, government affairs, multicultural insights and serves as the president of the Orlando Magic Youth Foundation. Prior to joining the Magic, she spent nine years as director of diversity and community relations for Darden Restaurants, Orlando's only Fortune 500 corporation.</p>
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Wednesday	<p><b>Shari Orr</b> is the Partnerships Committee Chair for the Young Nonprofit Professionals Network of Central Florida and the Manager of Community Participation at Heart of Florida United Way's Volunteer Resource Center. She is responsible for building strategic relationships with corporate and civic groups in Central Florida. Shari has a Master's in Public Administration and a Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management from the University of Central Florida.</p>
Thursday	<p><b>President Hitt Nominated for National Award</b>            President Hitt was nominated for the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance H. Roe Bartle Presidential Leadership Award. This award is presented to the President of an Alliance –affiliated college/university that has demonstrated exceptional leadership and support for nonprofit management education. President Hitt exemplifies this through his commitment to nonprofit education both at UCF and in our local community. The award winner will be announced during the Alliance Management/Leadership Institute in January.</p>
Friday	<p><b>Nonprofit Advisory Board Meeting 3-5pm @ Heart of Florida United Way</b></p> <p><b>40 Students to Attend National Conference – January 3 – 6, 2012, Kansas City, MO</b>            With 40 students attending, UCF will be sending one of the largest contingents to the Alliance Management/Leadership Institute (AMI) in January. AMI, presented by the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance, is an intensive educational symposium designed for college students, alumni, campus directors, faculty members, nonprofit partners, nonprofit professionals, volunteers and AmeriCorps members. Many of our students will receive their "Certified Nonprofit Professional" credential (or CNP) at this year's conference.</p> <p><b>Faculty and Students Scheduled to Attend ARNOVA</b>            UCF will be well represented at the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual ARNOVA Conference in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, from November 17 – 19<sup>th</sup>. This year, the conference will focus on the theme "Diversity in the Voluntary Sector: Who Are the Participants, Funders, Beneficiaries, and Volunteers?" Faculty members attending/presenting include Dr. Thomas Bryer, Dr. Mary Ann Feldheim, Dr. Claire Knox, Dr. Stephanie Krick, and Dr. Tom Liou. School of Public Administration students Jasmine Jones, Marie Michel, and Juan Ortiz will also be presenting.</p> <p><b>Alumni Spotlight – Sheena Arroyo</b>            Nonprofit Leadership Alliance (formerly American Humanics) alumni Sheena Arroya is currently employed by Public Allies and has been assigned to work at the Beta Center as her partner placement. Public Allies is a 10 month-long AmeriCorp program that identifies talented young adults from diverse and under-represented backgrounds who have a passion to make a difference, and helps them turn that passion into a viable career path. Prior to being accepted as a Public Ally, Sheena spent 8 months living in Nashville interning with her "dream" nonprofit, Blood Water Mission. She says, "I learned so much about asset-based community development there ... It was an amazing networking opportunity and I got to meet some really influential people who were kind enough to build into me an incredible worldview of service and development."</p>



WEEKLY UPDATE – NONPROFIT EDITION

**New Public Administration Board Member – James Hartman**

We are happy welcome James “Jim” Hartman to the advisory board and know that his expertise will be an asset to our public administration programs. Hartman is the newly appointed Seminole County Manager, who earned both a BA and MPA in our department. He spent twelve years there as Assistant to the Orange County Administrator and later as Director of the Administrative Support Division. He then went on to serve as County Administrator in Eagle County Colorado and Spartanburg South Carolina and finally City Manager of Alexandria, Virginia for six years before recently accepting the Seminole County position. In addition, Hartmann has published an award-winning article in *Public Administration Review*, which can be found on our website.

**NASPAA Accreditation Self-Study**

The Master of Public Administration (MPA) program at the School of Public Administration at the University of Central Florida is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Administration and Affairs or NASPAA. In August this year we submitted our self-study report for re-accreditation utilizing the new five standards developed by NASPAA. Public Administration has been at UCF since 1963, with a Masters of Public Policy within Political Science from 1963 to 1976. The MPA program was approved in 1983, and in 1989 a separate Department of Public Administration was formed. In 1997 NASPAA Accreditation received for the MPA program, and it was reaccredited in 2004. The next step in the process will be to host a site-visit team in the spring, who will meet with Public Administration Advisory Board Members, students, and other key stakeholders to reconfirm the high quality of our MPA program and reaccredit the program.

**Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management Conference**

One of the most prestigious conferences in public administration is the Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM) Conference, which was held this year in Washington, D.C. One of our doctoral students and three faculty members presented papers at the conference. First doctoral student, **Fatih Demiroz** and **Naim Kapucu** presented *Developing and Managing Inter-organizational and Cross-Sector Networks in Building Disaster Resiliency in Rural Communities* as a poster. **Christopher Hawkins** presented his paper *Building Disaster Resiliency in Rural Communities: A Network Approach* and **Qian Hu** presented her original paper *Fostering Collaboration Through IT Tools: An Experimental Study of Policy Deliberation on Water Sustainability*. Lastly, Naim Kapucu and Vener Garayev, one of our doctoral alumni, presented their paper *Organizational Goals, Information-Communication Technology, Inter-Organizational Trust, and Network Sustainability in Solving Complex Problems*.

**Upcoming Events**

**November 16, 2011 @ 3 PM Public Administration Advisory Board Meeting**

Institute of Government Offices 12443 Research Parkway, Suite 402- Orlando Florida 32826-3282

**November 17, 2011 @ 7:30 AM – Central Florida ASPA Chapter Breakfast Meeting**

*American Society for Public Administration Central Florida Chapter*  
IHOP – 11571 University Boulevard, Orlando Florida 32817  
Panel on Homelessness in Florida

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Public Administration  
Advisory Board Meeting  
3 pm @ IOG Offices

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	UPDATE
	<b>ARNOVA Conference Presentations</b>
Monday	<b>Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action</b> This international conference provides the largest forum for research on the voluntary sector, and the 40 <sup>th</sup> ARNOVA Annual Conference was held in Toronto Canada this year. Faculty members, students, and alumni presented at the conference providing UCF a strong research presence at the conference.
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Wednesday	<b>Mary Ann Feldheim</b> , as Vice-Chair of the ARNOVA Teaching Section convened the pre-conference workshop "Curriculum, Collaborations, and Resources." The leaders from ARNOVA, ASPA, CCVA, NACC, NASPAA, and NLA participated on a panel to identify ways to collaborate on curriculum. On this panel <b>Tom Liou</b> , President-Elect of the National ASPA Council spoke about his initiative to have ASPA take a stronger role in nonprofit management education.
Thursday	<b>Tom Bryer</b> served on the Conference Planning Committee and presented his work with social media in the classroom as a member of the panel "Utilizing Technology to Enhance and Improve the Learning Experience." <b>Stephanie Krick</b> participated as part of a panel discussing longitudinal research on "The Economic Downturn and the Nonprofit Sector: Innovation and Entrepreneurship."
Happy Thanksgiving	
Friday	<b>Claire Knox</b> presented the findings from the CPNM federal grant working with small nonprofit organizations design performance measures on a panel entitled "Performance Management." Doctoral student, <b>Margaret "Leigh" Broxton</b> presented research conducted with Naim Kapucu on the Strengthening Communities grant as part of a panel on "Institutions and Effectiveness." Lastly, doctoral alumnus and adjunct professor, <b>Maritza Concha</b> , presented her work with Naim Kapucu "Understanding Collaboration, its Antecedents and Perceived Outcomes in Service Partnerships."
	<b>Upcoming Events</b>
	<b>Research Colloquium: November 30, 2011, 4pm to 5:30pm</b> , HPA II, 247. "Case Study: Policy Management in Seoul, South Korea"
	University of Central Florida participants in the 6th Seoul Field Trip will share findings and experiences from their study abroad program in Seoul, South Korea. Participants will share information on the innovative strategies and cultural shifts occurring in Seoul, which have resulted in Seoul becoming a world-class city where technology and innovation intersect with the promotion of work-life balance and an improved quality of life. Topics include changes in human resource management system, performance system, e-government, social service infrastructure, city management and competitiveness. Using the relationship between Seoul Metropolitan Government and Korea University as an exemplar, opportunities for future partnerships will be offered along with preliminary information on the 7th Seoul Field Trip. In conclusion, a brief montage of student experiences in pictures and video will also be presented. RSVP to <a href="mailto:lobyrne@knights.ucf.edu">lobyrne@knights.ucf.edu</a> .
	<i>Colloquium organized by the Center for Public and Nonprofit Management</i>





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<b>Monday</b>	<p style="color: red;"><b>Seoul, Korea: Case Study</b></p> <p><b>6<sup>th</sup> Annual Seoul Field Trip</b></p> <p>Through the combined efforts of the Seoul Metropolitan Government (SMG) and Korea University, students from UCF, Cornell University, and the University of Delaware were provided with an opportunity to experience public administration in the city of Seoul through lectures, seminars, and field visits. The objective of the study abroad program was to expose young scholars to a broad range of public administration efforts, including: policy management reforms, cultural policy, welfare policy, urban restoration policy, and efforts to promote civil participation. The UCF Study Abroad course was organized by <b>Dr. Peter Colby</b> and the following students made the trip to Seoul: <b>Iliana Castro, Fred Coulter, Elizabeth Krekel, Kaitlyn Lefebvre, Vanessa Littleton, Eva Marcos, Taylor Mountain, Sandra Ruff, and Kelda Senior.</b></p>
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<p style="color: blue;"><b>Research Colloquium</b> <i>Seoul, Korea Case Study</i></p>	<p><b>Transportation Innovation</b></p> <p>With a population of 10.44 million, Seoul faces numerous transportation and environmental challenges. The following are a few of the innovative approaches to urban transport implemented in the city of Seoul.</p> <p>First, to reduce the cost associated with purchasing a vehicle for government officials, Seoul initiated a "Business Call Taxi". Under this program, the government contracts with a taxi service to pick up and drop off government officials for work related activities. The result is a substantial cost savings as well as a reduction in overcrowding in parking areas.</p> <p>Secondly, a weekly "No- Driving Day" was implemented to reduce emissions and traffic congestion. Automobile owners may voluntary participate in the program by placing an electronically monitored vehicle tag on the windshield. Program participants receive reductions in vehicle registration costs, congestion charges, and public parking fees. Violations are monitored and fined through an electronic system monitored by Seoul Transport Operation and Information Service (TOPIS). Seoul TOPIS is a comprehensive traffic management system that monitors the overall traffic situation in Seoul using real-time technologies.</p> <p><b>Work-Life Balance</b></p> <p>Seoul is committed to the promotion of "work-life" balance. To achieve this goal, the city of Seoul implemented various women-friendly and parent-friendly programs, including: on-site childcare facilities, the declaration of Wednesday as "Family Day" in which workers are limited to nine working hours, pregnant women are allowed to leave work each day at 5 p.m., and parents with children under six years of age can take off one paid hour per week. In addition, parking areas were designated for pregnant women, bathroom facilities were equipped for small children, and public facilities were identified as women-friendly.</p> <p>To read more about the innovative public administration approaches to urban issues please visit the School website and to see the student video follow this link <a href="http://www.wix.com/ucfseoul2011/casestudy">http://www.wix.com/ucfseoul2011/casestudy</a></p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;"><b>Upcoming Events</b></p> <p><b>Research Colloquium: November 30, 2011, 4pm to 5:30pm, HPA II, 247.</b> <i>"Case Study: Policy Management in Seoul, South Korea"</i></p>
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	UPDATE
	<b>UCF Hosts Central Florida Legislative Delegation</b>
Monday	<p>On December 1, 2011 the Central Florida Legislative Delegation met at the UCF FAIRWINDS Alumni Center. The meeting began with opening remarks by UCF President John Hitt, Central Florida Partnership President Jacob Stuart, and Senate President Mike Haridopolos. The purpose of the meeting was to update the delegation on issues that are of importance to the central Florida region. There were four panels with key leaders discussing commuter rail, the business climate, the regional water strategy, and innovation. Alumni and Advisory Board Members from the School of Public Administration facilitated the panel discussions, including <b>Shelley Lauten, James Sellen, and Fred Kittinger.</b></p> <p><b>Commuter Rail</b> The first panel gave a regional update regarding Central Florida Commuter Rail (SunRail) focusing on the infrastructure and growth leadership. The panelists speaking about the rail project were Mayor Buddy Dyer, Alex Martins, and Rasesh Thakkar.</p> <p><b>Business Climate and Entrepreneurship</b> The second panel was "Open for Business": Business Climate and Competitiveness. The panelists: Mayor Gary Bruhn, Brian Butler, and Rick Weddle. The next panel was "Innovation and Entrepreneurship: Innovation and Economic Development", and the panelists were Waymon Armstrong, Leslie Hielema, and Dr. Thomas O'Neal.</p> <p><b>Regional Water Plan</b> The last panel focused on "Central Florida Regional Water Strategy: Civic and Governance Systems" and the panelists were Erik Jacobsen, Sam Johnson, and Kathleen McIver. Dr. Claire Knox was invited to attend the session as a representative of our school based on her work on the Central Florida Regional Water Strategy.</p> <p>The overall discussion had panelists covering the pressures to stabilize and increase economic development in central Florida through partnerships and streamlining the permitting processes, however there were other underlying, long-term planning issues that will affect public administration and planning students specifically.</p> <p>Smart growth, alternative transportation, and reliable water sources will continue to confront local government leaders, as well as urban and regional planners in central Florida. These issues, along with other sustainability issues, will be discussed further at the <b>6<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Administration Research Conference on March 30, 2012</b> at the UCF FAIRWINDS Alumni Center. More information about the conference can be found on the conference website: <a href="http://iog.ucf.edu/2012PAC/">http://iog.ucf.edu/2012PAC/</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Upcoming Events</b></p> <p><b>School Meeting: December 7, 2011, 11 AM to 2 PM</b> HPA II, 247</p> <p><b>Teaching Mentoring Circles: December 8, 2011, at 4:00 PM</b> HPA II, 247 – Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning- Grading Rubrics &amp; Syllabi Creation</p>
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WEEKLY UPDATE	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>GRADUATION ISSUE</b>
	Several people attended the "Pre-Graduation Celebration" on December 16, 2011, for students, their families and guests hosted by the school. ~ Congratulations Everyone ~
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Doctorate in Public Affairs Conferred – Vanessa Lopez-Littleton</b>
	Our instructor, Vanessa Lopez-Littleton, received her doctorate in Public Affairs this December. We are very proud of her accomplishment, and look forward to calling her "Dr. Littleton."
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Master of Public Administration Graduates (13)</b>
	Rosemarie Anne Cogswell, Fredrick Coulter, Dorothy Gabriel, Timothy Jon Gamblin, Jessy Hamilton, Steven, Harris, Elchin Kazimov, Thomas Leary, Jessica Moses, Valerie Murphy, Prashant Patel, Jeffrey Plaughter, and Alexander Trauger.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Master of Nonprofit Management Graduates (21)</b>
	Cordelia Brown, Alexandra Bush, Paulette Campbell, Brianna Catton, Toi Gilliam, Rachel Greshes, Stacy Groff, Jessica Heck, Zaida Hernandez, Sharon Jimenez, Kara Johnson, Richard Johnson, Sr., Benjamin Kuykendall, Judith Monroe, Heather Morton, Lori Richards, Shelley Rodgers, Albert Romanowski, III, Lasheena Ross-Williams, Elizabeth Schlacher, and Christy Smith.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Master of Nonprofit Management Graduates (3-Cohort Track)</b>
	Daniela Koci, Tamaira Remy, and Robin Troutman
	<b>Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration (5)</b>
	Special congratulations go to <b>Ashley Hietpas</b> who for graduated Magna Cum Laude. Other graduates with a BA are: <b>Michael Alicea, Kenyona Baker, Cara McSweeney, and Nicholas Tuttle.</b>
	<b>Bachelor of Science in Public Administration (27)</b>
	Special congratulations go to <b>Timothy Kinkopf</b> , who graduated Summa Cum Laude, and to <b>Joseph Algee</b> , who graduated Magna Cum Laude. Other graduates with a BS are: <b>Inna Babakulieva, Chadd Blodgett, Wyatt Brouillard, Sr., Cabot Brown, Alejandro Calcia, James Dale, Stephanie Dazo, Andrew Diepppa, Amelia Greer, Vincent Hahr, Christopher Lewis, Richard Mudd, Damaris Negron-Cortes, Molly Newsom, Adero Ogwada, Reginald Paros, Rosalyn Ram, Lauren Riffel, Richard Robins, Jr., Christopher Rowl, Jeffrey Schilling, Gabriel Smither, Nicolas Thalmueller, Neitra White, and Jacob Wiese.</b>
	<b>Upcoming Events</b>
	<b>January 9, 2012</b> <b>Classes Start &amp; Add / Drop Week Begins</b>



CPNM WEEKLY UPDATE	
Center for Public and Nonprofit Management (CPNM)	
<b>Monday</b>	<p>The center enthusiastically embraces the College of Health and Public Affairs motto: <i>Strengthening Communities. Changing Lives.</i> Please enjoy a recent video of successful partnerships at work in Central Florida:  <a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4zvf3b1K04Q">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4zvf3b1K04Q</a></p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">CPNM Featured Grant Update</p> <p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">Building Disaster Resilience and Sustainability in Rural Communities in Central Florida: Applications of Social Network Analysis</p> <p>The USDA grant project is on track as scheduled. Several of the major activities are completed. Some examples include: a disaster response asset map has been finalized, input into GIS for the 11 UCF service-area counties, and shared with each county electronically for feedback. A disaster resiliency survey of the 11 county disaster response partners is also completed. An interdisciplinary undergraduate course is developed based on the initial results of the research study. The course will be team-taught by <b>Drs. Kapucu and Hawkins</b>, and Rivera for the Honors College. The course is also added as an elective to the Emergency Management minor program at the School of Public Administration. The team is currently conducting focus groups with selected representatives for each county. The March 29<sup>th</sup> workshop program is also finalized as part of the grant project. Leading scholars in the field will be participating from the US and abroad. Details about the workshop are available at <a href="http://www2.cohpa.ucf.edu/pubadm/workshops.shtml">http://www2.cohpa.ucf.edu/pubadm/workshops.shtml</a>.</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">3 p.m. – CPNM Advisory Council Meeting UCF Business Incubator Orlando</p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">Research Publications</p> <p>In 2011, faculty members have developed more than 30 publications, including books, book reviews, and articles in peer reviewed journals. The most recent published articles and appearing in print during the months of November and December 2011 are by <b>Dr. Thomas Bryer</b>: (1) Online Public Engagement in the Obama Administration: Building a Democracy Bubble? in <i>Policy &amp; Internet</i>, and (2) Training in Virtual Worlds: Engaging the Next Generation of Poll Workers in <i>National Social Sciences Technology Journal</i> and co-authored with Terri Fine, Michelle Gardner, and Adrienne Mathews. Doctoral student <b>Danny Seigler</b> published a book review in <i>Public Administration Review</i>.</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; text-align: center;">Upcoming Events</p> <p style="color: green; font-weight: bold;">CPNM Advisory Council Meeting: January 18, 2012, 3pm to 5pm.</p> <p>Major agenda topics: mentors for 2012 Fellows, updated research framework, membership. UCF Business Incubator: 3218 E. Colonial Drive, Suite G, Tony Ortiz Training Room, Orlando, FL 32803</p> <p style="color: green; font-weight: bold;">11<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Partners Nonprofit Management Conference: February 2, 2012, 8am to 4pm, FAIRWINDS Alumni Center.</p> <p style="color: green; font-weight: bold;">Urban and Regional Planning Distinguished Lecture Series: February 8, 2012, 6:30pm to 9:30pm, Mr. Chris Steiner "\$20 a Gallon."</p> <p style="color: green; font-weight: bold;">Research Colloquium: February 29, 2012, 4pm to 5:30pm, HPA II, 247.</p> <p style="color: green; font-weight: bold;">Research Colloquium: March 28, 2012, 4pm to 5:30pm, HPA II, 247</p> <p style="color: green; font-weight: bold;">6<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Administration Research Conference: March 30, 2012, 8:30am to 2pm, FAIRWINDS Alumni Center.</p>
Questions on the CPNM?	<p>Contact <a href="mailto:cprm@ucf.edu">cprm@ucf.edu</a> or (407)823-3794.</p>



URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING UPDATE	
	<b>Urban and Regional Planning Program</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Planning Research Fellows</b> The Fellows program in the School of Public Administration provides outstanding students with the opportunity to partner with faculty in conducting meaningful research in the areas of urban and regional planning, public administration, and nonprofit management. Master of Urban and Regional Planning students, <b>Nihkila Rose</b> and <b>Shawn Gannon</b> are working as Planning Research Fellows with Dr. Christopher Hawkins on a research study of economic development networks within the Orlando Metropolitan Area. The study is coordinated by the Center for Public and Nonprofit Management, and the students will be collecting data throughout the Spring Semester.
<b>Tuesday</b>	
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<b>Planning Advisory Board Meets at 3 p.m. FAIRWINDS Alumni Center</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Distinguished Planning Lecture Series</b> The second of the UCF Urban and Regional Planning Distinguished Lecture will be held on February 8, 2012. Christopher Steiner will be making a presentation on Energy and Transportation Planning. Mr. Steiner is author of the New York Times Bestseller " <b>\$20 Per Gallon: How the Inevitable Rise in the Price of Gasoline Will Change Our Lives for the Better.</b> " This free event will be held at Florida Hospital, Ginsburg Tower Werner Auditorium. RSVP at <a href="http://cohpa.ucf.edu/pubadm/urban_planning_lectureseries_reform.shtml">http://cohpa.ucf.edu/pubadm/urban_planning_lectureseries_reform.shtml</a>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Hawkins Presents Sustainability Research</b> Recently faculty member, Christopher Hawkins, presented his work on local sustainability at the annual Southern Political Science Association conference in New Orleans, LA. His presentation - <i>Political Support and Administrative Capacity for Local Sustainability</i> - provided the results of a study that examines the incentives associated with demand-side and supply-side sustainable development policy.
	<b>Upcoming Events</b>
	<b>Planning Advisory Board Meeting: January 25, 2012, 3pm to 5pm.</b> FAIRWINDS Alumni Center
	<b>Public Administration School Social: January 25, 2012, 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.</b> FAIRWINDS Alumni Center
	<b>11<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Partners Nonprofit Management Conference: February 2, 2012, 8am to 4pm, FAIRWINDS Alumni Center.</b>
	"The Ground Hog Day Effect ... breaking the cycle ... if you do what you have always done you get what you always got." <b>Register now at <a href="http://www.ce.ucf.edu/community">www.ce.ucf.edu/community</a></b>
	<b>Urban and Regional Planning Distinguished Lecture Series: February 8, 2012, 6:30pm to 9:30pm, Mr. Chris Steiner "\$20 a Gallon."</b> See above to RSVP for the event.
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RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION UPDATE	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Research Administration Program</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>School of Public Administration (SPA) Research Fellow</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>Christina Griffith</b> (a student in the Nonprofit Program) is working on a project with <b>Dr. Jo Ann Smith</b> to examine the National Center for Charitable Statistics (NCCS) database. Christina is analyzing the data items found within this extensive data base to help select which items will best answer a specific research question related to NPOs that conduct research. The SPA Fellows provides outstanding students with the opportunity to partner with faculty in conducting meaningful research in the areas of public administration, and nonprofit management. The study is coordinated by the Center for Public and Nonprofit Management, and the students will be collecting data throughout the Spring Semester.</p> <p><b>11th Annual Community Partners Nonprofit Management Conference</b>            Dr. Smith will be co-presenting with <b>Dr. Clair Knox</b> at the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Partners Nonprofit Management Conference on February 2, 2012. Dr. Smith will be presenting on Program Evaluation Peer Review.</p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p><b>Research Integrity Presentation</b>            Dr. Smith presented "Doing the right thing: What every graduate student should know about research misconduct" on January 30th in the Student Union. This is a required workshop for graduate students across disciplines at UCF. The presentation covers the nine core areas of research integrity. During the presentation an interactive simulation is used to practice ethical decision-making skills.</p> <p><b>Annual Society of Research Administrators International Conference</b>            The annual conference for the SRA International professional conference will be held Gaylord Palms Resort in Orlando, September 29 – October 3, 2012. Dr. Smith is part of the Conference Planning Committee and will be assisting in developing the conference program and reviewing presentation proposals.</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Upcoming Events</b>
	<p><b>11<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Partners Nonprofit Management Conference:</b>  <b>February 2, 2012, 8am to 4pm, FAIRWINDS Alumni Center.</b></p> <p>"The Ground Hog Day Effect ... breaking the cycle ... if you do what you have always done you get what you always got." <b>Register now at <a href="http://www.ce.ucf.edu/community">www.ce.ucf.edu/community</a></b></p> <p><b>Urban and Regional Planning Distinguished Lecture Series:</b>  <b>February 8, 2012, 6:30pm to 9:30pm, Mr. Chris Steiner "\$20 a Gallon."</b>            See above to RSVP for the event.</p> <p><b>Research Colloquium: February 29, 2012, 4pm to 5:30pm, HPA II, 247.</b></p> <p><b>6<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Administration Research Conference:</b>  <b>March 30, 2012, 8:30am to 2pm, FAIRWINDS Alumni Center.</b></p> <p><b>Research Administration Advisory Board Meeting: April 20, 2012, 2pm to 3:30pm. (Teleconference Meeting)</b></p>



	PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION UPDATE
	<b>Public Administration</b>
Monday	<b>Public Administration Research Fellows</b>
	This spring semester, Public Administration Fellows <b>Chelsea Anderson</b> and <b>Mark Justice</b> are working closely with <b>Dr. Qian Hu</b> and the Florida Benchmarking Consortium (FBC), the largest intra-state local government benchmarking consortium within the United States. The Fellows have been reading relevant research on performance measurement and will now focus on information technology (IT) performance measurement. Anderson and Justice will review practices in Florida and other states, and write a final project report on IT performance measures. The Fellows program provides them hands-on experience working with FBC to develop and update IT performance measures for local government in Florida, conducting relevant data analysis, and interacting with local city government. Their final report on IT performance measures will be considered for presentation at the FBC 2012 Spring Conference.
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Distinguished Lecture Series - Chris Steiner	
Thursday	<b>Presidential Management Fellow Finalist</b>
	Congratulations to MPA student, <b>Burt Seearam</b> , recently became a "finalist" in the Presidential Management Fellowship (PMF). To become a Presidential Fellow is very rigorous. It began with UCF sponsoring Seearam for the nomination, then he passed the written and multiple choice exams online, and lastly he interviewed for the PMF program in Atlanta, Georgia. The next step is for Seearam to attend the PMF Job fair in Washington D.C. with the objective of securing a position in the Federal Government.
Friday	<b>Annual Tallahassee Trip – MPA Students Apply Now</b>
	The Annual Tallahassee Trip will be February 26 <sup>th</sup> through 28 <sup>th</sup> and is limited to Masters of Public Administration students. Drs. Knox and Hu along with Mr. Fred Kittinger, Associate Vice President of UCF's University Relations. The trip will include meeting with key central Florida representatives, senators, cabinet aides, and department directors.
	Expenses will be partially covered by the School of Public Administration. All interested MPA students are to submit their resume and a statement of interest indicating how the experience will further their career to Dr. Claire Knox (Claire.Knox@ucf.edu) by Monday, February 13 <sup>th</sup> 2012.
	<b>Upcoming Events</b>
	<b>Urban and Regional Planning Distinguished Lecture Series:</b> February 8, 2012, 6:30pm to 9:30pm, Mr. Chris Steiner "\$20 a Gallon."
	<b>Public Administration Advisory Board Meeting</b> February 15, 2012 from 3 PM to 5:00 PM Institute of Government Offices
	<b>Nonprofit Management Advisory Board Meeting</b> February 16, 2012 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM Heart of Florida United Way Offices
	<b>Central Florida ASPA Chapter and PA Alumni Panel</b> February 16, 2012 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM Orlando City Hall



WEEKLY UPDATE – NONPROFIT EDITION

<b>Monday</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>
Nonprofit Lecture Series Terry Knox, Boys Town 5-5:45pm Classroom Bldg. 1 Room 122
<b>Wednesday</b>
Public Administration Advisory Board Mtg. IOG Offices 3-5pm
<b>Thursday</b>
Nonprofit Advisory Board Mtg. 3-5pm Heart of Florida United Way
<b>Friday</b>

**President Hitt Receives National Award for his Leadership in Nonprofit Education**  
 President Hitt received the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance H. Roe Bartle Presidential Leadership Award for his exceptional leadership and support for nonprofit management education. His commitment to nonprofit education is evidenced by the growth of our nonprofit management programs at UCF. *Congratulations Dr. Hitt!*

**Students Attend National Conference**  
 Forty-one students (37 undergraduate and 4 graduate) attended the Alliance Management/Leadership Institute (AMI) in January. Students heard from keynote speakers from Boys Scouts of America, Camp Fire USA, YMCA of the USA, and Youth Volunteer Corps. The highlight of the conference was the Case Study Day when over 400 students went to 37 different Kansas City nonprofit organizations to conduct a case study about an important issue within each respective organization.

**Students Awarded “Certified Nonprofit Professional” Credential**  
 Congratulations to the following eight (8) graduates who received their “Certified Nonprofit Professional” credential (or CNP) at this year’s conference: **Jessica DelGatto, Nancy Denton, Ashley Gonzalez, Samantha Greenberg, Melissa Martinez, Molly Newsom, Jenine Pigati, and Rosalyn Ram.** Nineteen (19) other students became “CNP Designates.” This means that they have met all the criteria for the credential except for graduation with a bachelor degree. These 19 students will receive their credential upon graduation.

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Partners Nonprofit Management Conference a Success!**  
 The theme of this year’s conference, held on February 2<sup>nd</sup> (Groundhog’s Day), was “The Groundhog Day Effect...breaking the cycle.” Participants were treated to a day of speakers who encouraged them to look at leadership differently, to leverage social media to support their organizations, and to recognize the signs of burnout. Breakout sessions also informed participants how to evaluate program effectiveness, how to develop a fundraising board, and how to create partnerships that increase funding. A special thank you to our sponsors: **Heart of Florida United Way, United Arts of Central Florida, Valencia Foundation, AFP of Central Florida, Give Kids the World Village, Cross Fernandez Riley, LLP, BKHM CPA, and The Compass Group.** Thank you also to our advisory board member **Pam Landwirth** whose leadership made this conference a success!

**Nonprofit Days & Knights Events – Students In Action In Our Community**  
 Students in the Nonprofit Management Minor and Nonprofit Management Student Association have been volunteering in the community this spring! Since January, students have served the following organizations: Pet Rescue by Judy, Harvest Time International, American Lung Association, and Straight Street Orlando. Our next service project is at the Orlando Wetlands Park on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> from 9-3pm. Please contact [Stephanie.krick@ucf.edu](mailto:Stephanie.krick@ucf.edu) if you want to find out how your organization can benefit from a group student service project.

**Upcoming Events**

- February 14, 2012 – Nonprofit Lecture Series - Terry Knox, CFRE @ 5 pm @ Classroom 1**
- February 15, 2012 – Public Administration Advisory Board Meeting @ 3 pm @ IOG**
- February 16, 2012- Nonprofit Advisory Board Meeting @ 3 pm @ HFUW**
- February 16, 2012 – Central Florida ASPA Chapter and PA Alumni @ 6 pm @ City Hall**



WEEKLY UPDATE

Faculty Awards

Monday

Abels Receives COHPA Instructor Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching

As an instructor in the School of Public Administration, Dr. Michael Abels serves as a professional role model for graduate students and as a mentor for MPA students. Abels utilizes his professional experience as a city manager and his continued strong ties with local governments to enhance the MPA student experience by providing a bridge between local governments and academia. ~ Congratulations~

Tuesday

Bryer Receives Two COHPA Excellence Awards – Research and Service

First, Assistant Professor, Dr. Thomas Bryer is the recipient of the College of Health and Public Affairs Excellence in Research Award recognizing his ambitious research agenda. Since his arrival at UCF, Bryer has thirty-three (33) publications with twenty-one (21) articles in peer-reviewed journals. In addition, Bryer has made twenty-five (25) conference presentations including three presentations outside of the United States. Lastly, his peers have recognized his research credentials with his appointment as the new Director of the Center for Public and Nonprofit Management. ~ Congratulations~

Wednesday

Thursday

Second, Bryer is the recipient of the College of Health and Public Affairs Excellence in Public Service Award. Within the University, Dr. Bryer has served on the COHPA Faculty Council and currently is a member of the Faculty Senate in addition to serving on several search committees, conference planning committees and advisory boards. Professionally Bryer is the President of the Central Florida Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration, and nationally he serves as Treasurer of the national Social Equity Award Committee and as a board member of the section on Democracy and Social Justice. Locally he has been appointed by Congressman Grayson to an Education Advisory Board for the FL 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Lastly, Bryer has crafted ambitious service learning projects that are meaningful for both students and community. ~ Congratulations ~

Friday

Howell Receives UCF Service Learning Recognition Award

At the Service Learning Day festivities last week, Barbara Howell was honored as a recipient of the University of Central Florida Service Learning Recognition Award. For over 15 years Howell has been teaching PAD 5850, the Grants and Contract Management class. She was the first in public administration to teach an online course and one of the first to teach a service learning course. Each year Howell improves the course content and the technology aiding students to write grant proposals that have brought significant dollars to public and nonprofit organizations in our community. ~ Congratulations ~

Upcoming Events

February 29, 2012 – Research Colloquium – Dr. Qian Hu - @ 4:30 pm @ Room 247

March 21, 2012 – Distinguished Lecture Series – Craig Pittman @ 6 pm @ OMA

March 30, 2012 – 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Administration Research Conference  
"Community Resiliency and Sustainability: Current Trends in Public Service"

FAIRWINDS Alumni Center – 8 am to 2 pm

For information contact Claire Knox at 407-823-0153 or [Claire.Knox@ucf.edu](mailto:Claire.Knox@ucf.edu)

Register at <http://iog.ucf.edu/2012PAC>



WEEKLY UPDATE

Emergency Management and Homeland Security Program Update

Florida Emergency Preparedness Association (FEPA) Annual Meeting

Dr. Claire Knox, Assistant Professor and Emergency Management and Homeland Security Program Coordinator, and Mr. Jeff Morgan, Adjunct Professor and UCF Director of Emergency Management, presented at the FEPA's Annual Meeting on Thursday, February 9th in Daytona Beach. The panel, Higher Education in Emergency Management, was well attended by practitioners, students, and officials including Mr. Bryan Koon, Director of Florida Department of Emergency Management. Dr. Knox's presentation, Utilization of Service Learning in Emergency Management Programs in the U.S., highlighted results of a national survey she and Dr. Kapucu recently completed. Mr. Morgan's presentation, Universities and Emergency Management, explained emergency management at the university level.

Emergency Management Student Association (EMSA) Approved by SGA

The EMSA was granted Registered Student Organization status through the Office of Student Involvement at UCF. EMSA strives to build upon basic Emergency Management knowledge and provide professional development for its members. Heather Engelking from Career Services and Eric Alberts, Director of Emergency Preparedness at Orlando Health Inc., were guest speakers at recent EMSA meetings.

Recent Emergency Management Activities

Florida Severe Weather Awareness Week was January 30 – February 3, 2012. UCF Office of Emergency Management (UCF OEM) partnered with the Emergency Management Student Association and handed out materials to faculty, staff, and students to help with preparedness. UCF OEM and some UCF students participated in the region's largest hospital exercise on January 26th. Hosted by Orlando Health, this exercise consisted of a terrorist event at the Citrus Bowl that caused a mass casualty event and activated all local hospitals. The exercise was a huge success and benefited the region's first responders.

New Emergency Operations Center at UCF

The new Emergency Operations Center for UCF is in the final design phase and construction is expected to begin in the next few months. The EOC will include an operations center, break-out rooms, an executive conference room, and space for live press releases. When not activated, the EOC will support large campus events, as well as emergency management training and exercises.

Upcoming Events

February 29, 2012 – Research Colloquium – Dr. Qian Hu - @ 4:30 pm @ Room 247

March 13, 2012 – 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM - HPA II – Room 247

Emergency Management Student Association Meeting

Speaker: April Raulerson, East Central Florida Regional Planning Council ~ RSVP to Margaret Sanders at [PresidentUCFEMSA@gmail.com](mailto:PresidentUCFEMSA@gmail.com)

March 21, 2012 Planning Distinguished Lecture Series – Craig Pittman @ 6 pm @ OMA

March 30, 2012 – 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM UCF FAIRWINDS Alumni Center 6th Annual Public Administration Research Conference

Registration and Program Information at: <http://iog.ucf.edu/2012PAC/>

Table with days of the week (Monday-Friday) and a Research Colloquium entry.





	UPDATE
	<b>American Society for Public Administration ASPAs</b>
Monday	<b>Liou National ASPA Council President</b>
Tuesday	<b>Professor Kuotsai Tom Liou</b> is the new national President of ASPA, and he is the first Chinese/Taiwanese-American ASPA President. This is a great honor for Liou and for the School of Public Administration. During his presidency he will focus on increasing the ASPA affiliations with public administrators in Asia. In addition, Liou strongly supports the development of a nonprofit management section within ASPA, and efforts to develop this new section are underway spearheaded by <b>Dorothy Norris-Tirrell</b> from UCF and Jennifer Alexander from Cleveland State.
Wednesday	<b>Dean Ronnie Korosec</b> serves as the Co-Chair for the 74 <sup>th</sup> Annual ASPA Conference, which will be held next year in New Orleans. The theme of the conference is <i>"Governance and Sustainability: Local Concerns and Global Challenges."</i> The ASPA leadership selected New Orleans as the site of the next conference to demonstrate the profession's commitment to re-building the city.
Distinguished Lecture Series – Craig Pittman	
Thursday	<b>Faculty and Students Present at ASPA Conference</b> <b>Thomas Bryer</b> , Assistant Professor, participated in a roundtable on Social Justice. He also served as a moderator/panelist addressing the impact of volunteering with doctoral student, <b>Brandy Hill</b> , and on a panel with <b>Qian Hu</b> , Assistant Professor, discussing the use of social media.  <b>Fatih Demiroz</b> , doctoral candidate, served as moderator /panelist for a panel on disaster management along with UCF alumnus <b>Vener Garayev</b> , who is an Assistant Professor at Gediz University in Turkey.  In a panel on Building Civil Society through Nonprofit Management Capacity, <b>Leigh Broxton</b> , doctoral candidate, presented along with <b>Mary Ann Feldheim</b> , Associate Professor, and <b>Claire Knox</b> , Assistant Professor, whose paper on Building Nonprofit Evaluation Capacity Building was co-authored with students <b>Jasmine Jones</b> , <b>Marie Michel</b> , <b>Juan Ortiz</b> , and <b>XiaoHu Wang</b> , Professor, at the City University of Hong Kong.  Doctoral student, <b>Michelle Gardner</b> , presented her work on social media innovation and the engagement of citizens, and <b>Christopher Hawkins</b> , Assistant Professor, presented his research on sustainable and resilient communities. Alumnus, <b>Hillary Knepper</b> , Assistant Professor at Pace University, presented on community health care safety nets, and <b>Naim Kapucu</b> , Associate Professor, presented on the structure of networks, and on designing classrooms as communities of practice in emergency management.
Friday	<b>Upcoming Events</b> <b>Urban and Regional Planning Distinguished Lecture Series:</b> <b>March 21, 2012 - 6:30pm to 9:30pm</b> , Mr. Craig Pittman, author of <i>"Paving Paradise"</i> SunTrust Auditorium at Orlando Museum of Art  <b>6<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Administration Research Conference</b> <b>March 30, 2012 from 8 am to 2 pm</b> <i>"Community Resiliency and Sustainability: Current Trends in Public Service"</i> FAIRWINDS Alumni Center



	<b>School Update</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<p><b>Writing Initiative with Grant Professional Network</b>  <b>Claire Knox</b>, Assistant Professor and Emergency Management and Homeland Security Program Coordinator, has been leading our effort to improve professional writing skills. This spring she is volunteering and leading a series of writing workshops with the Grant Professionals Network (GPN). Julie Tindall (GPN President, Coordinator of the Mayor's Matching Grants at the City of Orlando, and Government Liaison/Outreach for the Central Florida ASPA) organized the writing workshop after receiving feedback from members about needing to improve their writing skills. The workshops are held the second Tuesday of each month from January to May and focus on reviewing and correcting common grammatical and punctuation errors; writing concisely by reducing redundant words and simplifying phrases; and diagnosing each member's writing weaknesses in a personalized editing checklist. These hands-on workshops have been well attended and received positive feedback from the GPN members.</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>Annual Student Trip to Tallahassee</b>  During the last week of February students <b>Marie Michel, Michael Miller, Reggie Paros, Kelda Senior, and Sarah Watson</b> traveled to Florida's capital to learn more about public administration in the legislative process. The students met with several members of state government including Lt. Governor Jennifer Carroll, Secretary of State Ken Detzner, and state Senator Bill Simmons. <b>Kelda Senior</b> said "One highlight was meeting with Florida Secretary of State Ken Detzner, who stated that it has been his time in public service that has been the most rewarding because he has been able to impact the lives of Floridians directly and meaningfully. His insight served as a reminder to me that public servants are still a respected and essential part of society."</p> <p>In addition, students participated in a mock debate on the Senate floor. <b>Michael Miller</b> said "Having the opportunity to see how our state leaders represent their constituents in the Senate and actually debating an issue in the mock-debate on the Senate floor was an eye-opening and memorable experience". After visiting the Capitol, students toured the state Emergency Operations Center and learned how all the intricate components of the State Emergency Response Team (SERT) come together in times of crisis. This year's trip was led by <b>Fred Kittinger, Maria Augustin and Dr. Qian Hu.</b></p>
<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>Emergency Management International Conference</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Administration Research Conference</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Upcoming Events</b></p> <p><b>International Emergency Management Conference</b>  <b>March 29, 2012 - 8:00am to 1:30pm</b>  FAIRWINDS Alumni Center</p> <p><b>6<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Administration Research Conference</b>  <b>March 30, 2012 from 8 am to 2 pm</b>  <i>"Community Resiliency and Sustainability: Current Trends in Public Service"</i>  FAIRWINDS Alumni Center</p> <p><b>Annual Public Service Career Showcase</b>  <b>April 19, 2012 from 10 am to 1 pm</b>  <i>Opportunities for Students to Network for Internships and Potential Jobs</i>  Pegasus Ballroom – Student Union</p>



	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Annual Public Administration Research Conference</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Keynote Speakers</b> On Friday, March 30 <sup>th</sup> , the School of Public Administration (SPA) held its 6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Public Administration Research Conference. The theme, " <i>Community Resiliency and Sustainability: Current Trends in Public Service</i> ," was included in each panel ranging from economic development, social justice, environmental sustainability, emergency management, and collaborative governance. <b>Dr. Frances Edwards</b> was the morning keynote speaker presenting "All Hazards, Whole Community: Creating Resiliency." The presentation posed the question "What is a Community?" and then answered it from a variety of perspectives, including that of an urban planner, government official, local businessperson, and nonprofit organization leader. The luncheon keynote speaker was <b>Joyce Shanahan</b> , City Manager of Ormond Beach and incoming FCCMA President. She discussed why local government matters, the value public servants bring to public service, how important it is to tell the public service story, and how to combat negative perceptions due to recent scandals in government.
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	
School Meeting	
<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Faculty and Student Participation</b> <b>Dr. Claire Knox</b> was the conference chair and many SPA faculty presented their research, including <b>Dr. Chris Hawkins</b> , <b>Dr. Naim Kapucu</b> , <b>Dr. Jo Ann Smith</b> , <b>Dr. Brandi Blessett</b> , <b>Dr. Vanessa Littleton</b> , <b>Dr. Qian Hu</b> , and <b>Dr. Rui Sun</b> . Public Affairs doctoral students, <b>Fatih Demiroz</b> , <b>Rebecca Dodson</b> , <b>Matt Bagwell</b> , and <b>Marie Pryor</b> , presented at the conference, as well as <b>Evelyn Hernandez</b> , an MPA student.  <b>Honor Society Induction</b> The conference concluded with the Public Administration Honor Society, Pi Alpha Alpha, Induction Ceremony lead by <b>Dr. Tom Liou</b> , President of ASPA National Council. Dr. Mary Ann Feldheim and Howard Tipton assisted with the ceremony. Inductees who participated in the ceremony were: <b>Dr. Brandi Blessett</b> , <b>Fred Coulter</b> , <b>April Fisher</b> , <b>Jasmine Jones</b> , <b>Marie Michel</b> , <b>Juan Ortiz</b> , <b>Dr. Jo Smith</b> , and <b>Natasha Wedderburn</b> .  <b>Poster Awards</b> Four graduate student research posters competed for the top cash prize sponsored by the Central Florida ASPA Chapter; <b>Jennifer Mantis</b> from the Biology Department won first place, while <b>Patrick Panza</b> and <b>David Holly</b> , MSURP students, won second place. <b>Alfredo Reyes</b> , Public Affairs Doctoral Candidate, and <b>Nikhila Rose</b> with <b>Shawn Gannon</b> , MSURP students, presented research posters at the conference.
	<b>Upcoming Events</b>
	<b>April 18, 2012 – 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM</b> <b>Central Florida ASPA Chapter Monthly Meeting</b> Brown Bag Lunch - Report on American Recovery and Investment Lou Frey Institute - 12443 Research Parkway, 400 Building, Suite 406
	<b>April 19, 2012 – 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM</b> <b>Public Service Career Showcase</b> UCF Union – Pegasus Ballroom



	<b>Internships in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Why Intern?</b> In the 21 <sup>st</sup> century, students must prepare themselves to compete in the global market. This includes demonstrating skills and abilities over and beyond what is achievable in the classroom. An individual who interns demonstrates to a potential employer a greater commitment to learning, personal growth, and development than individuals with no hands-on experience.
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	In competitive job markets, real-world work experience – including internships – are highly valuable in helping you stand out. Similarly, graduate schools and programs are now placing a higher value on those students who have dedicated themselves to an internship while fulfilling undergraduate and graduate requirements. As the ultimate reward, an internship proves to employers and graduate schools that you: 1) are dedicated to your field of interest; and 2) possess an in-depth understanding of how your specialty/career operates in the real world.
<b>Thursday</b>	
Teaching Mentoring Circles Meeting	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Benefits</b> Internships allow students to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earn academic credit.</li> <li>• Apply classroom learning in a workplace setting.</li> <li>• Exploration of career choices.</li> <li>• Develop and enhance professional skills.</li> <li>• Increase of self-confidence in a work environment.</li> <li>• Try out job seeking skills and expand professional network.</li> <li>• Add relevant work experience to improve resume.</li> <li>• Demonstrate an interest and/commitment to a field.</li> <li>• Potentially earn money to offset expenses.</li> <li>• Develop and enhance leadership and/or teambuilding skills.</li> </ul> <b>Quick Stats...</b> Here are the statistics regarding job opportunities for students who complete an internship. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On average, more than 50% of students were offered a full-time job after completing their internship.</li> <li>• Two-thirds of employers of college grads said they paid those who had internship experience about 9% more than those that did not intern.</li> <li>• A 2006 study found that 57% of interns receive full-time job offers, and 50% of students with internship experience receive higher salaries at their first jobs than those that never completed an internship.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Upcoming Events</b></p> <b>April 18, 2012 – 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM</b> <b>Central Florida ASPA Chapter Monthly Meeting</b> Brown Bag Lunch - Report on American Recovery and Investment Lou Frey Institute - 12443 Research Parkway, 400 Building, Suite 406  <b>April 19, 2012 – 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM</b> <b>Public Service Career Showcase</b> UCF Union – Pegasus Ballroom - <a href="#">Come to explore internship opportunities</a>



	<b>Center for Public and Nonprofit Management (CPNM) Update</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<p><b>“New” VISTA Volunteer Program</b>  The CPNM has been selected to host 17 Volunteers in Service to America (VISTAs) from the Corporation for National and Community Service. VISTAs are recruited to serve one year to build the capacity of community-based organizations and agencies. The CPNM VISTAs will be placed in government, faith-based, and nonprofit organizations in Seminole and Orange Counties to enhance capacity in organizations, relationships, and programs to better meet the needs of homeless students. VISTAs receive a modest living and housing allowance, health care, and child care during the year of service. The CPNM will begin receiving applications for positions soon. The project is led by CPNM Director <b>Dr. Thomas Bryer</b> and directly supervised by CPNM Assistant Director <b>Maria-Elena Augustin</b>. For more information contact the CPNM at <a href="mailto:cprm@ucf.edu">cprm@ucf.edu</a>.</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	
<b>2-5 p.m. – CPNM Advisory Council meeting at UCF Business Incubator Orlando</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<p><b>Community Engagement Initiative in Lake and Sumter</b>  The CPNM also executed a contract with the United Way of Lake and Sumter Counties to begin conducting focus groups and town hall meetings in each county to identify the most salient issues in education. This work will engage community stakeholders and help the United Way develop strategies for programmatic investment in education. This project will be led by <b>Dr. Thomas Bryer</b> and <b>Dr. Brandi Blessett</b>. Student research assistants are needed. If interested, contact <a href="mailto:thomas.bryer@ucf.edu">thomas.bryer@ucf.edu</a>.</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p><b>Pine Hills Nutritional Study</b>  Last, the CPNM will be completing a study of nutrition, food access, and food culture in Pine Hills with funding from the Giving Circle, 100 Women Strong, and others. This project will be led by <b>Drs. Bryer and Blessett</b>.</p> <p><b>Research Publications: Research Focus Areas</b>  The following have been published in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2012: <b>(1)</b> Gardner, M. and <b>Bryer, T. A.</b> Training for Technological Democracy: A Civic Engagement Class Example. In <i>Engaging the Avatar in Global Education</i>, Randy Hinrich and Charles Wankel (eds.). Charlotte, NC: Information Age Publishing, <b>(2)</b> Chen, B. and <b>Bryer, T. A.</b> Investigating Instructional Strategies of Using Social Media in Formal and Informal Learning. <i>International Review of Research in Open and Distance Learning</i>, <b>(3)</b> Demiroz, Fatih and <b>Kapucu, N.</b> Anatomy of a Dark Network: The Case of Turkish Ergenekon Terrorist Organization. <i>Trends in Organized Crime</i>, <b>(4)</b> <b>Kapucu, N.</b> Disaster and Emergency Management Systems in Urban Areas. <i>Cities: The International Journal of Urban Policy and Planning</i>, <b>(5)</b> <b>Liou, K. T.</b> Incentive Policies and China's Economic Development: Change and Challenge. <i>Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting and Financial Management</i>, and <b>(6)</b> <b>Sun, R.</b> &amp; Jung, C. Does user-charge financing reduce expenditure levels for the charge-financed services? <i>American Review of Public Administration</i></p>
	<b>Upcoming Events</b>
	<p><b>CPNM Advisory Council Meeting: April 25, 2011, 2pm to 5pm</b>  Major agenda: CPNM strategic plan facilitated by <b>Marilyn Crotty</b>, UCF Institute of Government. UCF Business Incubator: 3218 E. Colonial Drive, Suite G, Tony Ortiz Training Room, Orlando, FL 32803  Contact <a href="mailto:cprm@ucf.edu">cprm@ucf.edu</a> or (407)823-3794.</p>





	<b>Celebrating Public Service</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<p><b>Public Service Month</b>          Since the end of March the School of Public Administration in partnership with the Central Florida Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration has been celebrating public service. We kicked off the celebration at the annual Public Administration Research Conference in late March with Joyce Shanahan, incoming-President of the Florida City County Management Association, speaking on the value of public Service.</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>Career Showcase and Community Partners Recognition Breakfast</b>          On April 19<sup>th</sup> we hosted the Annual Public Service Career Showcase where over 35 public service organizations were represented. That day we also held our first Annual School of Public Administration Community Partners Recognition Breakfast. Each program coordinator nominated the person or organization that made a significant contribution to the program over the past year. We value their contribution to our students and to our school and thank each of them for sharing their time and expertise with us.</p>
<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<p>The following organizations were recognized:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Association of Fundraising Professionals of Central Florida</b></li> <li>· <b>Community Foundation Central Florida</b></li> <li>· <b>Give Kids the World</b></li> <li>· <b>Government Services Group, Inc.</b></li> <li>· <b>Heart of Florida United Way</b></li> <li>· <b>Young Nonprofit Professionals of Central Florida</b></li> </ul> <p>The following individuals were recognized:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· <b>Tracy Crowe &amp; John Jones</b> - Littlejohn Engineering Associates</li> <li>· <b>Kevin Sherin</b> - Orange County Health Department</li> <li>· <b>Kathlyn Huson</b> - Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute</li> <li>· <b>David Krepcho</b> - Second Harvest Food Bank</li> <li>· <b>Alan Harris</b> - Seminole County Emergency Management</li> </ul> <p><b>Mayor Proclaims Public Service Week</b>          On May 7<sup>th</sup> Mayor Dyer and Orlando City Council proclaimed public service week and presented the Proclamation to Tom Bryer, President of the Central Florida ASPA Chapter. To see photos of the event with City Council go to: <a href="http://www.flickr.com/photos/cityoforlando/sets/72157629578634156">http://www.flickr.com/photos/cityoforlando/sets/72157629578634156</a>.</p> <p><b>ASPA Public Service Recognition Awards Ceremony</b>          Our month long celebration of public service concludes with the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) Annual Public Service Recognition Week awards ceremony on May 9, 2012. For more information on this, see <a href="http://centflaspa.wordpress.com/">http://centflaspa.wordpress.com/</a></p> <p><b>Celebrate Being a Public Servant</b>          Please join us in celebrating public service by proclaiming without embarrassment, without shame, and with a great deal of pride that you are a public servant and admire public servants who work every day to strengthen our communities. In this political environment it is imperative that we stand up as a community and state clearly that public service careers are cherished and necessary.</p>



WEEKLY UPDATE	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>GRADUATION ISSUE</b>
	Over 60 people attended the "Pre-Graduation Celebration" on May 3, 2012, for students, their families and guests hosted by the school. ~ Congratulations Everyone ~
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Doctorate in Public Affairs – Public Administration Track</b> <b>Fatih Demiroz</b> and <b>Nicolas Lebrede</b> both received a doctorate in Public Affairs – Public Administration Track with Dr. Naim Kapucu as their major advisor. Congratulations Dr. Demiroz and Dr. Lebrede.
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Master of Public Administration Graduates (24)</b> Emily Brown, Gabriela Casado, Iliana Castro, Christopher Colbert, Tarik El Bir, Jonathan Hammock, Jasmine Jones, Jennifer Lasser, Kaitlyn Lefebvre, Catherine Lowenstein, Marie Michel, Alicia Ming, Thomas Oreste, Juan Ortiz, Joshua Phillips, Jennifer Poston, Alvin Rameau, Shirdricka Roberts, Robert Salmon, Burt Seearam, Kelda Senior, Marsett Solomon, Michael Wajada, and Sonya Williams.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Master of Nonprofit Management Graduates (26)</b> Katja Acquaviva, Angelica Benjamin-Jones, Ashley Bigge, Kasia Castro, Willis Chico, Karen Cobbs, Jamie Cooler, Nancy Denton, Michelle Garland, Ligia Hardy, David Jessup, Carissa Johnson, Erin Lewin, Yee Lui, Roger Meadows, Judith Monroe, Lanarva Owens, Drishtie Patel, Jenine Pigati, Juliana Romnes, Julie Schaffer, Elizabeth Schlacher, Deborah Stalter, Justin Steadman, David Thomas, and Lisa Wilson.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Master of Nonprofit Management Graduates (6-Cohort Track)</b> Melissa Brochu, Jeffrey Buchman, Michelle Desanno, Deirdre Fields, Glynda Russell, and Sarah Schrader.
	<b>Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration (7)</b> Special congratulations go to <b>Robert Goldenberg</b> who for graduated Cum Laude. Other graduates with a BA are: <b>Marlin Bigelow II, Cory Bruh, Michelle Cechowski, Juan Escobar, Yvena Loiseau, and Shirley Vargus.</b>
	<b>Bachelor of Science in Public Administration (18)</b> Special congratulations go to <b>David Mariutto</b> , who graduated Summa Cum Laude, and to <b>Gregory Hampton II</b> , who graduated Cum Laude. Other graduates with a BS are: <b>Megan Burgin, Maria Falco, David Farrar, Jaren Goode, Taylor Jones, Michael Knoll, Spencer Kostus, Guillermo Laguna, Hager Lofty, Adero Ogwada, Andrew Palmer, Brian Pelletier, Laura Roberts, Briana Sawyer, Niconia Smith, and Rachelle Woods.</b>



WEEKLY UPDATE	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Nonprofit Management Issue</b>
	<p><b>Master of Nonprofit Management Program Nationally Ranked</b>            The Master of Nonprofit Management program at UCF was ranked by <i>US News and World Report</i> as 25<sup>th</sup> in the country. There are now two graduate programs with national ranking in the School of Public Administration. This recognition reflects the curriculum, the students, and the research of our faculty in nonprofit management, capacity building, and civic engagement.</p>
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<b>PA Advisory Board</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	<p><b>Nonprofit Student Receives National Scholarship</b>  <b>Janelle Hardy</b>, a nonprofit minor student, received the NextGen Scholarship from the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance and funded by the Kellogg Foundation. This competitive \$4500 scholarship is intended to support students financially as they complete the required 300 hour internship for the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance national certification.</p>
<b>Nonprofit Advisory Board Meeting &amp; Retreat</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<p><b>Nonprofit Students Win Service Learning Showcase Award</b>            Congratulations to <b>Carole Becker</b> and <b>Hiram Matos</b> for winning the top award for the College of Health &amp; Public Affairs during the UCF Service Learning Showcase. These two undergraduate students presented about the nonprofit management minor and the Nonprofit Leadership Seminar course and how the hands-on volunteering, fundraising, and communications/marketing experiences have helped them to develop nonprofit competences. They shared that these experiences have made them more confident in their ability to make a difference in the world.</p> <p><b>AFP Collegiate Chapter Hosts Roundtable Discussions</b>            The AFP Professional Chapter of Central Florida will be working with our students in "Roundtable" discussions held throughout the upcoming summer and fall semesters. Students in the AFP Collegiate Chapter will have the opportunity to learn about development in the nonprofit sector and meet with experts in the field during these small group meetings. Another benefit our students will receive through their participation in AFP and the Roundtable discussion is the opportunity to be assigned a professional mentor. Thank you to AFP Central Florida and especially <b>Terry Knox</b> and <b>Todd Ruopp</b> for making this event happen.</p> <p><b>UCF NLA Program Ranks #1 - Number of National Certifications</b>            With 42 students receiving national certification from the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance this year, UCF ranks #1. Students in the Nonprofit Management Minor and the Masters in Nonprofit Management program have the opportunity to certify once they complete their requirements at UCF. The university with the second highest number of certifications was Western Kentucky University with 31 certifications.</p>



WEEKLY UPDATE	
	<b>Emergency Management Issue</b>
Monday	<p><b>26<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor's Hurricane Conference</b>            The 2012 Governor's Hurricane Conference was held last week in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Many undergraduate and graduate EMHS students attended the conference with <b>Claire Knox</b>, Assistant Professor and EMHS Program Coordinator; <b>Lee Kernek</b>, UCF Associate Vice President for Administration and Finance; <b>Jeff Morgan</b>, UCF Office of Emergency Management Director; and <b>Jennifer Fleishman</b>, UCF Office of Emergency Management Emergency Plans and Programs Coordinator.</p>
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Wednesday	<p>The UCF EMHS program had seven Conference Student Scholarship recipients: <b>Rebecca Dodson</b>, <b>Susan Gains</b>, <b>Robert Goldenberg</b>, <b>John Hampton</b>, <b>Steven Lerner</b>, <b>Indira Reyes</b>, and <b>Tyler Smith</b>. The scholarship process is very competitive and we are proud of our recipients. UCF had the second highest number of student scholarship recipients.</p>
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Friday	<p>The conference theme was "20 Years Since Hurricane Andrew – Remembering the Past, Looking to the Future." The first three days consisted of training sessions, and on Wednesday, Governor Scott and Department of Emergency Management Director Koon addressed 1,400 attendees about the importance of public-private partnerships and planning for all emergencies.</p> <p><b>Emergency Management Student Association (EMSA) Update</b>            Congratulations to <b>Steven Lerner</b> who was elected the 2012-2013 President of EMSA. Thank you to <b>Margaret Sanders</b> who presided over EMSA during its inaugural year and got the organization off to a great start. EMSA is open to all students interested in emergency management. For more information, contact Steven at <a href="mailto:presidentucfemsa@gmail.com">presidentucfemsa@gmail.com</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Upcoming EMHS Trainings and Events</b></p> <p><b>2012 Atlantic Hurricane Season - June 1<sup>st</sup></b>            Are you prepared? It is not too late to purchase hurricane supplies and make a family plan. For more information: <a href="http://www.floridadisaster.org/">www.floridadisaster.org/</a></p> <p><b>City of Orlando Emergency Information Line Trainings</b>            These trainings will be offered in June and July for interested volunteers, who want to serve as volunteers answering non-emergency calls at the Emergency Operation Center. For additional information on the trainings, contact <b>Julie Tindall</b> at <a href="mailto:julie.tindall@cityoforlando.net">julie.tindall@cityoforlando.net</a></p> <p><b>Orange County Hurricane Expo</b>            The Expo will be held June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd in the Fashion Square Mall. Some UCF EMHS students will be volunteering at the event, including <b>Angela Moreno</b>. For additional information, contact the Orange County Department of Emergency Management at <a href="mailto:ocoem@ocfl.net">ocoem@ocfl.net</a></p>




WEEKLY UPDATE	
	<b>ASPA Issue</b>
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<b>Memorial Day</b>	<b>Central Florida ASPA Chapter</b> May 6 <sup>th</sup> through May 12 <sup>th</sup> is nationally designated Public Service Recognition Week, and during the Central Florida Chapter of the American Society for Public Service (ASPA) celebrated with two notable events. First, Chapter President Dr. Thomas Bryer and other board members received a proclamation from the City of Orlando naming the first week of May as Public Service Recognition Week every year beginning in 2012. This proclamation will be shared with the members every May to reaffirm the importance of public service to central Florida.
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<b>Thursday</b>	Secondly, the chapter held a Public Service Awards Reception on May 9 <sup>th</sup> at Orlando City Hall to recognize exemplary public servants. The first award was for Public Service Excellence and both organizations and individuals were nominated. The winner of this award was the <b>Community of Faith United Methodist Church</b> for their work assisting their neighbors who are experiencing difficulty economic times. The second award was for Academic Excellence, and <b>Dr. Terri Fine</b> of the UCF Lou Frey Institute was the award winner. Next the award for new professional in public service went to <b>Kari Williams</b> , of the UCF Center for Public and Nonprofit Management, who has left to conduct research in Columbia South American. UCF Undergraduate, <b>Sarah Watson</b> , won the award for student essay providing a fresh perspective on public service. In there were fifteen (15) nominations for the four categories of awards and all nominees deserve congratulations for their outstanding public service.
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Central Florida ASPA Chapter Leadership Transition</b>  At the May meeting <b>Dr. Thomas Bryer</b> ended three years as chapter president. The new president for two-years is <b>Julie Tindall</b> , Office of Mayor Buddy Dyer in Community Affairs, City of Orlando. Other new board members for the next year include UCF students <b>Sarah Watson</b> (undergraduate), <b>Stephanie Dazo</b> (graduate), <b>Maggie Mickler</b> (graduate), and <b>Dan Stephens</b> (doctoral).  <b>Dr. Brandi Blessett</b> joins the board as Vice President for Programming; <b>Dr. Claire Knox</b> continues her two year term as secretary, <b>Whitney James</b> from Heart of Florida United Way serves as Vice President for Outreach to Nonprofits, and CPNM assistant director <b>Maria-Elena Augustin</b> continues her two-year term as treasurer.





WEEKLY UPDATE	
	<b>Service Learning Issue</b>
<b>Monday</b>	
	<b>What is Service Learning?</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Service Learning a teaching methodology that is part of UCF's initiative to provide an opportunity for every student to enhance his or her academic program with hands on learning opportunities. Service learning projects address community needs and require students to produce a final product for the partner organization. These projects are a part of the course requirements and are reviewed and graded by faculty members. A goal of this teaching methodology is for students to gain an appreciation for the relationship between civics and academics.
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<b>Thursday</b>	Service Learning within the School of Public Administration provides an opportunity for students to work with community partners by collecting and compiling data and producing quality products that will be beneficial to nonprofit organizations. Students have been involved in the following projects:
<b>Friday</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>· Volunteer program evaluation</li><li>· Strategic planning</li><li>· Grant proposal writing</li><li>· Nonprofit administration case study</li><li>· Nonprofit program evaluation</li></ul>
	<b>Examples of Completed Service Learning Projects</b>
	Students have worked with hundreds of organizations from Central Florida and from across the country. Some of our partners include US Department of Veteran Affairs, Simeon House of Men, Xtending Hands, Apopka Family Learning Center, Children's Home Society, Beta Center, Inc., Disney World, City of Orlando Economic Development, UCF Human Relations Department, Osceola County, US Department of Homeland Security, Junior League of Greater Orlando, Winter Park Health Foundation, and Salvation Army in Sanford, Florida. To read student reports generated from some of our classes, please visit the following link: <a href="http://www2.cohpa.ucf.edu/cpnm/capstone_papers.shtml">http://www2.cohpa.ucf.edu/cpnm/capstone_papers.shtml</a>
	<b>How Can Your Organization Become a Service Learning Partner?</b>
	If your organization is interested in becoming a service learning partner, please visit the following link: <a href="http://www2.cohpa.ucf.edu/pubadm/internships-service-learning.shtml">http://www2.cohpa.ucf.edu/pubadm/internships-service-learning.shtml</a> . We will do our best to place a student with your organization.

WEEKLY UPDATE	
Summer Conference Edition	
<b>Monday</b>	<p>We are only a few weeks into the summer semester, and our faculty has been hard at work both in the classroom and at conferences. This PA Weekly will highlight a few of our faculty members and their summer conference presentations:</p> <p><b>Dr. Brandi Blessett</b>            Dr. Brandi Blessett has presented at three conferences this summer. She co-presented with her colleague Tia Gaynor from Marist College in a presentation titled 'CDCs and Social Capital: An Investigation of Expectations and Realities' was given at the Public Administration Theory Network (PAT-Net) Conference. The next presentation titled "All Groups Welcome: The Floor is Open" was given at the Teaching Public Administration Conference (TPAC). Both were located in South Padre Island, TX. The final presentation was at the Social Equity Leadership Conference (SELC) in Savannah, GA. During the lunch plenary, Dr. Blessett presented a paper titled "Social Equity in the Criminal Justice System: Rhetoric or Reality." Her co-author, Nina Joyner was unable to attend the conference.</p> <p><b>Dr. Claire Knox</b>            Dr. Claire Knox presented, Utilization of Service Learning in Emergency Management Programs in the U.S., at FEMA's Higher Education Conference held last week in Maryland. The presentation highlighted results of a national survey completed by Drs. Kapucu and Knox. Shirley Vargas and Margaret Sanders, two former undergraduate students from UCF's Emergency Management and Homeland Security Program, attended the conference as well.</p> <p><b>Dr. Wendell Lawther</b>            Dr. Wendell Lawther will be presenting a paper at the Fifth International Public Procurement Conference, held In Seattle, WA, August 16-20, 2012. The title of the paper is "Succession Planning: Support and Formal Guidelines for Career Development in Public Procurement."</p> <p><b>Dr. Jo Ann Smith</b>            Dr. Smith chaired a panel presentation in May at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference for the National Organization of Research Development Professionals (NORDP) in Alexandria, VA. She was joined on the panel by researchers from Florida State University and Duke University. The panel discussed the opportunities, challenges and unique issues that arise when researchers collaborate with educators and how to sustain K-16 partnerships.</p> <p>Dr. Smith will be making two presentations at the National Council of University Research Administrator's Pre-Award Research Administration Conference in Vancouver, Canada in July. The first presentation will discuss the challenges of building a fully online creation of graduate programs in research administration using instructional design methodology. The second presentation focuses on how to mentor and guide junior university faculty to become successfully funded researchers by building a relationship on mutual understanding, respect, and trust.</p>
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<p style="color: blue; font-size: small;">Flag Day!</p> 	



<b>Monday</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>School of Public Administration Annual Report 2011-12</b></p> <p>This Annual Report shares the many accomplishments of our faculty members and our students. The complete report will be published on the School of Public Administration's home page shortly.</p> <p><b>Goal 1: Offer the best undergraduate education available in Florida.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developed and required new Administrative Writing Class</li> <li>Developed grammar and writing tutorials for website</li> <li>Students traveled to Tallahassee to meet with legislators</li> <li>Nonprofit Management Student Association created</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 2: Achieve international prominence in research and education</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Two (2) US News and World Report National Rankings  <b>MPA program ~ 59<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>MNM program ~ 25<sup>th</sup></b></li> <li>Grant Funding (\$2,099,204) in 2011-12</li> <li>Faculty published a total of 83 books and articles</li> <li>Faculty and students published (14) book chapters</li> <li>Faculty published (60) articles in refereed journals</li> <li>Faculty made (101) national and international presentations</li> <li>Students published (12) articles or book chapters</li> <li>Students made (16) international and national presentations</li> <li>5<sup>th</sup> &amp; 6<sup>th</sup> Public Administration Research Conferences</li> <li>Master of Research Administration program approved 2011</li> <li><b>Designated a School by UCF Board of Trustees September 2011</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 3: Provide international focus in curricula and research</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Faculty publish (10) international articles in public administration</li> <li>Faculty made (16) international presentations (8 countries)</li> <li>Colby offered the second Study Abroad Course in Seoul Korea</li> <li>Kapucu mentored (5) international visitors from Turkey</li> <li>Kapucu international book ~ <i>Managing Emergencies and Crises</i></li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 4: To become more inclusive and diverse</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Developed a Diversity and Inclusiveness Plan</li> <li>Public administration has a very diverse student body</li> <li>Faculty made (10) presentations on inclusiveness &amp; social equity</li> <li>Blessett published (1) article addressing diversity issues</li> </ul> <p><b>Goal 5: Be America's leading partnership university.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual Nonprofit Conferences (2) organized by Advisory Board</li> <li>CPNM – grant assists 10 nonprofits with performance measures</li> <li>CPNM – grant studies disaster resilience in rural communities</li> <li>CPNM – grant studies collaboration in virtual organizations</li> <li>CPNM - <i>New</i> VISTA program provides community volunteers</li> </ul>
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<b>Summer Internship Issue</b>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Nonprofit Internships</b> Graduate and undergraduate students in the School of Public Administration are spending their summer participating in internship programs across the U.S. and abroad. Over 30 interns had the opportunity to work with local nonprofits, including: Second Harvest Food Bank, Give Kids the World, Habitat for Humanity, the American Red Cross, the Early Learning Coalition, and Goodwill Industries.
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<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Governmental Internships</b> Students were also placed at local government agencies in Orange, Osceola, Lake, Seminole, and Lake Counties as well as the City of Orlando and the City of Oviedo. Undergraduate and graduate students interning at the UCF Office of Emergency Management worked on training teams, assisted in the development of electronic manuals, coordinated events for National Preparedness Month, developed templates for Emergency Support Function (ESF) Plan, developed outreach strategies, and participated in numerous exercises for first responders.
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<b>Friday</b>	<b>Student Experiences</b> <b>Eddie Garcia</b> , senior, participated in an internship program with the Public Education Foundation in Sidney, Australia. While <b>Jonecia Mahan</b> , senior, traveled to the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) to serve as facilities and special events intern for the John Wooden Center and the Student Activities Center. Lastly, <b>Sinan Oztimurlenk</b> , graduate student, traveled to Washington, D.C. as an intern with the Assembly of Turkish American Associations.
<b>Internship Information Contact:</b> <b>Dr. Vanessa Lopez-Littleton</b> <a href="mailto:vlittlet@ucf.edu">vlittlet@ucf.edu</a> <b>407-823-3926.</b>	<b>Fall Opportunities</b> Internships are an exciting way to get experience in a broad variety of settings. Some opportunities are listed below and all are at: <a href="http://www2.cohpa.ucf.edu/pubadm/internships.shtml">http://www2.cohpa.ucf.edu/pubadm/internships.shtml</a> <b>Congressman Dennis A. Ross</b> has internship opportunities in his Lakeland District Office as well as his office in Washington, D.C. <b>Holden Heights Front Porch</b> , community organizers, needs a graduate student to develop a community plan. <b>UCF Legislative Scholars Internship Program</b> is recruiting applications for the Spring 2013 session. Interns will be assigned to a member of the Central Florida Legislative Delegation and will be expected to spend at least three months in Tallahassee (housing provided), supporting the legislative member with research, constituent relations, bill tracking, and other duties required in the daily operations of a legislative office during the Session. The program offers a \$3,000 stipend and covers travel. <b>The application deadline is September 21, 2012</b>



The MRA Application Deadline Extended to August 1, 2012

	<b>Research Administration Program</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Master of Research Administration (MRA) Completing First Year!</b> The MRA Graduate Students are completing the final weeks of their first year of the graduate program. Fall 2012 will begin their second and final year. We want to extend special congratulations to these hard-working students who have successfully completed a year of rigorous academic work in addition to working as full-time research administrators.
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<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>M.R.A. Program Highlighted in U.K. Publication</b> The MRA program was highlighted in a June 27 article in Research Fortnight, an online newsletter published by the London-based company "Research." To read the article go to: <a href="http://www.researchresearch.com/index.php?option=com_news&amp;template=rr_2col&amp;view=article&amp;articleid=1203095">http://www.researchresearch.com/index.php?option=com_news&amp;template=rr_2col&amp;view=article&amp;articleid=1203095</a>
CPNM Advisory Council Meeting @ 3 pm	
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>NCURA Conference, Vancouver, British Columbia</b> Dr. Jo Ann Smith will deliver two presentations at the National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA) conference. The first session will discuss building an online graduate program in research administration. The discussion will include the purpose and mission of graduate education in research administration. The second presentation will discuss how to mentor junior faculty in research development and building a long-lasting relationship of trust and mutual benefit among researchers and research administrators.
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<b>Program Coordinator for the Master of Research Administration</b>	
<b>For more information contact:</b>	<b>Professional Accomplishments MRA Students</b>
<b>Dr. Jo Ann Smith</b>	<b>Promotions:</b> <b>Cindy Bruin</b> was promoted to Director of Grants Development at Indian River State College. <b>Bob Sullivan</b> was promoted to Manager of Pre-Award in the Office of Research Administration at Drexel University
<a href="mailto:jo.smith@ucf.edu">jo.smith@ucf.edu</a>	<b>Presentations:</b> <b>Ginger Phillabaum</b> co-presented at the NCURA Region III Spring Meeting in Panama City Beach, Florida, entitled "Post Award Chronicles" and will present again at the SRA Alabama Chapter meeting in August. <b>April Heyward</b> also presented at the NCURA Regional meeting in Florida, "Legislative Impact on Grant Management" and presented "Post-Award is More Than 1+1=2" at the University of South Carolina.
<b>407-823-3925.</b>	<b>Certifications:</b> <b>Annie Lenfast, April Heyward, Ginger Phillabaum, and David Yeater</b> completed the Human Subjects Research in Social and Behavioral Sciences certification course. <b>April Heyward</b> also completed the Responsible Conduct of Research in Social and Behavioral Sciences certification course. <b>Michelle Kilponen</b> completed the Good Clinical Practice certification course.
<b>Annual Society of Research Administrators' (SRA) International Conference will be in Orlando</b>	<b>Upcoming SPA Events:</b>
<b>September 29 – October 3, 2012</b>	<b>August 4, 2012</b> 11:30 am ..... SPA Pre-graduation Celebration - HPA II Room 247 2:10 pm ..... Summer 2012 Commencement Ceremony – Arena





CPNM UPDATE	
	<b>Center for Public and Nonprofit Management (CPNM) Update</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<p><b>Breaking news!</b> Visit <a href="http://bit.ly/LHATKP">http://bit.ly/LHATKP</a> for an inside look at how the CPNM helped Apopka Family Learning Center enhance its ability to serve children in the Orlando area.</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p><b>AmeriCorps VISTA Program</b> The CPNM has successfully hired 15 Volunteers In Service To America (VISTA) to fight poverty with passion. VISTA members will attend a pre-service orientation with the Corporation for National and Community Service before arriving at UCF on August 10. After on-site orientation and training, VISTAs will be placed at Orange County Public Schools Homeless Education Program, Coalition for the Homeless, First Baptist Church, Harbor House, Orlando Union Rescue Mission, Seminole County Public Schools Families in Transition Program, and Northland Church. The project is led by CPNM Director <b>Dr. Thomas Bryer</b> and directly supervised by CPNM Assistant Director <b>Maria-Elena Augustin</b>. For more information contact the CPNM at <a href="mailto:cpnm@ucf.edu">cpnm@ucf.edu</a>.</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p><b>3-5 p.m. – CPNM Advisory Council @ UCF Business Incubator Orlando</b></p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p><b>CPNM Strategic Planning</b> <i>The mission of the Center for Public and Nonprofit Management at the University of Central Florida is to strengthen communities through relevant research by faculty and students and through capacity building services to public and nonprofit organizations.</i></p> <p>The CPNM held a strategic planning workshop on April 25, 2012 to update its existing strategic plan and develop goals for the next few years, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote, conduct, synthesize, and disseminate research to improve practice in the public and nonprofit sectors.</li> <li>• Build the capacity of the public and nonprofit sectors.</li> <li>• Expand CPNM capacity.</li> </ul> <p><b>Florida Department of Transportation</b> Faculty have signed or are about to sign to contracts with the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT). Drs. Wendell Lawther and Larry Martin are conducting a study of public-private partnerships (P3s) for the DOT. Drs. Bryer and Hawkins are leading a project called Walking School Bus/Safe Routes to School. With the latter contract, the CPNM will be hiring a full time project coordinator to expand a program to ensure elementary school students living within two miles of their schools have a safe walking route, to be walked by adult volunteers. The CPNM will be implementing and evaluating expansion of the program throughout the local DOT district.</p> <p><b>New Team Member</b> Please join us in welcoming <b>Sarah Watson</b>, Program Assistant. Sarah is a 5<sup>th</sup> year undergraduate with a double major in Public Administration and Criminal Justice, and a welcome addition to the team!</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p style="text-align: center; color: red;"><b>Upcoming Events</b></p> <p><b>CPNM Advisory Council Meeting: July 18, 2011, 3pm to 5pm</b> Major agenda: CPNM strategic planning UCF Business Incubator: 3218 E. Colonial Drive, Suite G, Tony Ortiz Training Room, Orlando, FL 32803 Contact <a href="mailto:cpnm@ucf.edu">cpnm@ucf.edu</a> or (407)823-3794.</p>



PLANNING UPDATE	
<b>Planning Program Update</b>	
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<b>3-5 p.m.</b> <b>MSURP Advisory Board Meeting @</b> <b>UCF Downtown Center on Pine Street</b>	<p><b>Fall 2012 Planning Studio Announced</b></p> <p>For the next two semesters the first cohort of MSURP students will be preparing a <b>Strategic Community Civic Land Use Plan for the Town of Windermere</b>. The project will entail a rigorous evaluation of the town's current open space, parks, and recreation facilities and employing planning processes to identify community needs for recreation space. The final plan will include alternative redevelopment scenarios and a feasibility analysis for the Butler Bay Recreation park. In addition, the plan will identify opportunities for linking town recreation and public use assets through the development of a green infrastructure strategy.</p> <p><b>Third MSURP Cohort Ready to Begin</b></p> <p>The third cohort will begin classes on August 20<sup>th</sup>. An information session will be held on August 9 at 6:00pm for new MSURP students. Advisory Board members and current students are invited to attend the information session.</p>
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<b>Dr. Christopher Hawkins,</b> Program Coordinator 407-823-2706 <a href="mailto:Christopher.Hawkins@ucf.edu">Christopher.Hawkins@ucf.edu</a>	<p><b>Faculty and Students Attend Health Impact Assessment Training</b></p> <p>MSURP students <b>Michelle Beamon</b> and <b>Judy Pizzo</b> along with Drs. Chris Hawkins, Mary Ann Feldheim, and Brandi Blessett attended the Health Impact Assessment Workshop. This was a two day training sponsored by the Winter Park Health Foundation.</p> <p><b>A Health Impact Assessment (HIA)</b> is used to estimate the healthy impact of a decision, process, policy, or plan. A HIA is a combination of procedures, methods, and tools that systematically judges the potential or unintended effects of a policy, plan, program, or project on the health of a population and the distribution of those effects within the population. The steps in the process include: screening to determine the value of conducting a HIA; scoping refers to the development of the HIA plan, assessment is conducting the HIA, reporting requires sharing the findings with multiple stakeholders in many settings in different ways; monitoring and evaluation reviews the impact of the HIA on the policy, plan, program or project. The primary outcome of the HIA process is that public health concerns are considered in all planning projects, and that our students become the leaders in creating healthy communities in the future.</p> <p><b>Planning Distinguished Lecture Series Continues</b></p> <p>The highly successful MSURP Distinguished Lecture Series will continue this fall. The previous three lectures drew more than 180 attendees combined. The first lecture is scheduled for October 11<sup>th</sup> with <b>Dr. Nisha Botchwey</b>, Associate Professor at Georgia Institute of Technology, presenting on "Green Health".</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Upcoming Events</b></p> <p><b>MSURP Advisory Board Meeting: July 25, 2011, 3pm to 5pm</b>            Major agenda: Strategic Planning – Development of Objectives and Strategies for the future - UCF Downtown Center on Pine Street.            RSVP to Laura O'Donnell at <a href="mailto:Laura.O'Donnell@ucf.edu">Laura.O'Donnell@ucf.edu</a></p> <p><b>New Student Information Session – August 9, 2012 6 pm to 8 pm</b>            Health and Public Affairs Building II – Room 247            RSVP to Laura O'Donnell at <a href="mailto:Laura.O'Donnell@ucf.edu">Laura.O'Donnell@ucf.edu</a></p>



<b>GRADUATION ISSUE</b>	
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<b>Friday</b>	<p><b>Commencement Program</b> The President of the Student Government Association, <b>Cortez Whatley</b>, a public administration major, congratulated the graduates on their accomplishments. In addition, Commencement Speaker, The Honorable Kenneth Bradley, mayor of Winter Park referenced General Eisenhower on the eve of D-Day writing two memos reflecting his thoughts on the outcome of the venture. In one memo he acknowledged the efforts of the troops in achieving success, and in the other he accepted responsibility for failure. Either outcome was possible on D-Day as in all our endeavors, so the takeaway message is that each of us should prepare for success and acknowledge the help we receive along the way when we achieve it, and we need to be prepared to fail, recognizing that failure is an opportunity to learn and grow.</p> <p><b>Doctorate in Public Affairs – Public Administration Track</b> <b>M. Leigh Broxton</b> both received a doctorate in Public Affairs – Public Administration Track with Dr. Naim Kapucu as her major advisor. Dr. Broxton will be teaching nonprofit management at Texas A &amp; M International University in the fall.</p> <p><b>Master of Public Administration Graduates (7)</b> <b>Valesca Bendigo, Joshua Knipp, Michelle Kominarek, Norma Longhi, Juan Ortiz, Zheyi Shen, and Edina Toth.</b></p> <p><b>Master of Nonprofit Management Graduates (13)</b> <b>Renee Goldsby Ellis, Alyse Gossman, Jennifer Kriete, Maureen Mason, Leah Maxwell, Heather McMillan, Annie Peterson, Kathleen Rodriguez, Christy Smith, Thomas Szuba, Molly Wensell, Stephen Williams, Carla Santos.</b></p> <p><b>Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration (5)</b> Special congratulations go to <b>Myra Allcock</b> for graduating Cum Laude. Other graduates with a BA are: <b>Ranson Thomas Agee, Delbressa Jordan, Rodh Joseph Lamothe, and Aaron Vinson</b></p> <p><b>Bachelor of Science in Public Administration (7)</b> Special congratulations go to: <b>Patrice Elaine Johnson</b>, who graduated Summa Cum Laude, to <b>Thomas Walter Pringle</b>, who graduated Magna Cum Laude., and to Norma <b>Rachelle Garcia</b>, who graduated Cum Laude. Other graduates with a BS are: <b>Guillermo Antonio Laguna, Adero Janel Ogwada, Adam James Roe, and Christopher Williams.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Special Recognition – Benda Posey, D.P.A.</b></p> <p>The School of Public Administration would like to acknowledge and congratulate <b>Brenda Posey</b>, Administrative Services Coordinator for the School, on earning her D.P.A. (Doctor of Public Administration) from Valdosta State University on July 27, 2012. <b>Congratulations Dr. Posey!</b></p>