



Monday	Welcome Back
	School Retreat
Tuesday	On August 23 rd the School held its annual retreat with Advisory Board Members and student leaders invited to participate. Over forty (40) people were able to attend for part or all of the day sharing their insights and dreams for the future of the School. The discussion focused on addressing one or more strategies for each of our five strategic goals.
Wednesday	Goal 1: Offer the best undergraduate education available in Florida. Here the discussion focused on ways to increase student and alumni interactions. Ideas were speed networking events, a speakers' bureau of alumni, and identifying 50 Alumni Champions to align with UCF's 50 th Anniversary. In addition we discussed strategies to increase our retention and graduation rates in all our programs.
Thursday	Goal 2: Achieve international prominence in key programs of graduate study and research. The faculty believe that the best way to increase the international prominence of our graduate programs would be through the creation of a doctoral program that reflects the values of our School and our diverse programs.
Friday	Goal 3: Provide international focus to curricula and research programs. This discussion focused on identifying international communities or activities to concentrate our efforts on. A summary was provided to the participants of all the international activities faculty have engaged in during the last three years. The top countries our cities identified for future work were with Seoul Korea, China, Turkey, and Romania. Our plan will be to increase our work with colleagues in those countries in the future.
	Goal 4: To become more inclusive and diverse. This discussion was enhanced by the students present, who provided specific examples of curriculum and classroom activities that they believed advanced the discussion on inclusiveness and diversity. In addition, members of the university's Diversity and Inclusiveness Taskforce provided specific strategies faculty could use to ensure that social equity, inclusiveness and diversity discussions were happening in the classroom.
	Goal 5: Be America's leading partnership university. Options for the School in terms of the types of partnerships were explored. Specifically if we should adopt a community, enter into a long term agreement with a specific organization, or look at global initiatives. The consensus at the end of the discussion was that the School should take a policy approach to partnerships. This was defined as selecting a policy area, such as planning issues, transportation, labor issues, or economic development and partnering globally other institutions to research and develop strategies to address the policy issue.
	Thank you to the Advisory Board Member and student leaders who attended.



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	<p style="text-align: center;">Public Administration Update</p> <p>Naim Kapucu is the New MPA Coordinator This fall Dr. Naim Kapucu has assumed the duties as the Master in Public Administration (MPA) Coordinator. In this role Kapucu will be teaching the Capstone Class, where he will be integrating the competencies as part of professional development and learning portfolio and into an assessment of the overall program. He will be building on the work begun by Dr. Lawther over the last several years incorporating the competencies from NASPAA, our accrediting body into the curriculum and our evaluation system. The mission statement, strategic plan, and core competencies identified by NASPAA and the School of Public Administration faculty will be guiding our effort in improving curriculum and our students experience in the MPA program next academic year and beyond. Please contact Dr. Kapucu anytime if you have suggestions to share with us on this.</p> <p>The NASPAA Universal Competencies are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · <i>To lead and manage in public governance</i> · <i>The ability to participate in and contribute to the policy process</i> · <i>The ability to analyze, synthesize, think critically, solve problems and make decisions,</i> · <i>The ability to articulate and apply a public service perspective,</i> · <i>The ability to communicate and interact productively with a diverse and changing workforce and citizenry.</i> <p>Thank You to Dr. Wendell Lawther for Service We would like to thank Dr. Lawther for his service as MPA Coordinator during the last five years. Under his guidance the MPA program was reaccredited by NASPAA until 2019, and we conducted a very successful state-mandated program review. These are significant accomplishments that reflect his dedication to our public administration students.</p> <p>Legislative Scholars Internship This prestigious internship place interns with state legislative offices in support of the 2014 Florida Legislative Session. This internship offers a full-time, stipend supported position during the spring semester. Applications are due by September 20th to be considered. For more information contact Dr. Vanessa Lopez-Littleton at vlittlel@ucf.edu or call her at 407-823-9326.</p> <p>ICMA Student Group Forming Students currently are in the process of starting a student chapter of the International City/County Managers Association. This student organization will be a direct link with the international organization and share benefits such as speakers, webinars, and access to publications. SunJin Sanker is the student to contact if you are interested in being involved. sunjin@knights@ucf.edu</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Upcoming Events</p> <p>September 9, 2013 Central Florida ASPA Chapter Networking Event 6 - 8 PM Elixir Bar & Hash House, 9 West Washington Street, Orlando Meet and network among public service professionals representing government, academia, nonprofit organizations, arts, and culture, healthcare and private sector at a this event. RSVP to ASPA.CFL@gmail.com</p>



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Emergency Management and Homeland Security (MHS) Update

Welcome New EMHS Advisory Board Members

We are excited to welcome to the "New" Advisory Board:

- **Shawn Collins** (Florida Division of Emergency Management Region 5 Coordinator)
- **Michelle Cechowski** (iSECUREtrac at John E. Polk Correctional Facility/Alumni)
- **Richard Collins** (Osceola County Office of Emergency Management Director)
- **Jennifer Fleischman** (UCF Office of Emergency Management Emergency Plan and Programs Coordinator/Alumni)
- **Alan Harris** (Seminole County Office of Emergency Management Director)
- **Al Hill** (Volusia County GIS Manager)
- **Steven Lerner** (Seminole County Office of Emergency Management EM Specialist)
- **David McCallister** (New Smyrna Beach Fire Chief)
- **Jeff Morgan** (UCF Office of Emergency Management Director)
- **Jim Russell** (American Red Cross Emergency Services Officer)
- **Paul Skinner** (Retired Fire Chief at Daytona Beach/Alumni)
- **Manuel Soto** (Orlando Office of Emergency Management Director)
- **Alumni: TeNeika Walker and Walter Thomas**
- **Undergraduate students: Frank Gomberg and Aubrie Parliament**
- **Graduate Students: Rebecca Dodson, Spencer Kostus, and Levi Stewart**

Advisory Board Members attended the SPA Faculty Retreat in August and will spend this year strategically planning for the EMHS undergraduate minor and graduate certificate programs.

Highlighted Internship Opportunity

Lake County Emergency Management Division has an opening for an unpaid internship for 15 hours a week for 12 weeks. The intern will assist in various activities including obtaining EMAP accreditation; updating of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan; and participating in training and exercise activities. Preference is given to graduate students who are proficient in Microsoft Suite and one or all of the following areas: Access, Project, and SharePoint. For information, contact Rebecca Dodson at rdodson@lakecountyfl.gov or Spencer Kostus at skostus@lakecountyfl.gov

Upcoming Events:

September 16th and 17th - Central Florida GIS Workshop

The 7th Annual CFGIS Workshop is at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando with a special student rate. For additional information, contact Al Hill at ahill@cfgisworkshop.org

September 18th - EMSA Meeting from 5:00 pm to 5:50 pm

The next meeting of the Emergency Management Student Association will be held UCF's Emergency Operations Center. The meeting is open to all students interested in emergency management. For information, contact Chris at presidentucfemsa@gmail.com or <http://EMSAatUCF.wix.com/home>

RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION UPDATE	
Monday	Research Administration Events
Tuesday	<p>Welcome the New MRA Cohort #3 for Fall 2013 The new MRA Cohort began classes on August 19th. There are thirteen students from various research institutions located in Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Virginia, and Uganda. Welcome new students! There are a total of 39 MRA graduate students in the program.</p>
Wednesday	<p>UCF Graduate Grantsmanship Certificate Workshops Start with Success In collaboration with the UCF College of Graduate Studies and the Office of Research & Commercialization, Dr. Smith developed a new workshop series for graduate students and post docs at UCF which is being piloted this Fall. The purpose of this series is to help build their grantsmanship skills. The series consists of five major components related to grantsmanship: identifying and selecting funding sources, reviewing guidelines, strategizing and writing proposals, budget development, and award management.</p>
Thursday	<p>Federal Demonstration Project (FDP) Meeting in Washington DC Dr. Smith will be attending the FDP meeting on May 15th – 17th as the UCF Faculty Designated Member. The FDP is a cooperative initiative among 10 federal agencies and 119 institutional recipients of federal funds. Sessions and discussions include information on the sequestration's impact on research funding, federal agency updates, open governance, and public access to research.</p>
Friday	Presentations
	<p>Smith to Present on Responsible Conduct of Research at National Conference on Research Administration Dr. Smith will be co-presenting at the annual Society of Research Administrators International Conference in New Orleans on October 29th. Her co-presenter is Griselle Baez-Munoz, Assistant Director of Ethics and Compliance at UCF. The session is focused on ethical research conduct as it relates to graduate students. Dr. Smith has been conducting workshops for the past three years for UCF graduate students as part of an effort to strengthen ethical research practices.</p>
	Industry and Research Partnerships
	<p>Working with Small Startups to Support Innovation Dr. Smith is currently working closely with a small technology company to prepare a Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) proposal in partnership with researchers at UCF. STTRs help support private industry in bringing new promising technologies to the market by providing the necessary funds for feasibility studies. The company will be partnering with UCF researcher(s) to conduct the study.</p>
	<p>MRA Students Working with Nonprofits and Research Administration Offices to Develop Strategic Plans The Cohort 2 MRA Students are partnering with research organizations and nonprofits to develop strategic plans as part of their strategic planning and management course. Students will be actively working with organizations on projects that not only provide a great service to the organization, but also a real-world experience for our students.</p>



WEEKLY UPDATE – NONPROFIT EDITION

Monday	SAVE THE DATE! Nonprofit Management Conference is Coming! This year, the 13 th Annual Central Florida Community Partners Nonprofit Management Conference will be held on Friday, February 7, 2014 at the UCF FAIRWINDS Alumni Center.
Tuesday	Nonprofit NEXUS – Open to Nonprofit Community to Post Calendar and Jobs The <i>Nonprofit NEXUS</i> is hosted by the Nonprofit Management Programs at the University of Central Florida. This site serves as a platform for the nonprofit community to network, post events to the Community Calendar , post jobs, internships and volunteer opportunities. You can visit the Nonprofit NEXUS at http://nonprofitnexus.ucf.edu/ .
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Thursday	Nonprofit Management Students Serving the Community Every semester, our undergraduate nonprofit management students serve the community through our “Nonprofit Days & Knights” events. This semester, we will be volunteering at the following organizations:
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 8th – Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida • September 28th – The Salvation Army • October 18th – Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida • October 20th - Sanford Zoo • November 16th – A Day of Magical Connections • Date TBA – Zebra Coalition <p>Nonprofit Lecture Series Continues Our Nonprofit Lecture Series brings local nonprofit leaders to campus to share their expertise with our students. Lee Nasehi, CEO of Lighthouse Central Florida gave an impactful presentation about “living, learning, and earning with vision loss.” All presentations will be in Classroom Building Room 103. All are welcome to attend. Other speakers this semester include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 10 – Lee Nasehi, CEO Lighthouse Central Florida • September 24 – Boo Gonzalez, American Red Cross • October 8 – Nilmarie Zapata, Public Allies • October 22 – Eric Gray, Executive Director, Community Food & Outreach Center • November 5 - Christina Tineo, VP HR, Feeding Children Everywhere <p>Association of Fundraising Professionals Collegiate Chapter Undergraduate student, Tiffany Hsieh, has done amazing work in her role as president of the AFP Collegiate Chapter. She has worked closely with Terry Knox from Boys Town Central Florida to develop a mentorship program where students in the AFP Collegiate Chapter at UCF are matched with a professional from the local community. This has been a meaningful experience for our students and hopefully their mentors as well! The AFP Collegiate Chapter will be hosting their monthly meetings in the Engineering Building I Room 327 on the following dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wednesday, September 25 • Wednesday, October 24 • Wednesday, November 20 <p style="text-align: center;">Upcoming Events</p> <p>October 14, 2013 – 12 PM to 1:30 PM – Central Florida ASPA Panel on Volunteerism City Year Orlando- 201 South Orange Avenue, Suite 600, Orlando Florida</p> <p>Panelists: Marcia Hope Goodwin, Chief Service Officer Orlando Cares; Judy Head, Northland Church Serve Team; Jordan Plante, City Year Orlando; Jeanne Ford, Disney VoluntEARS Team; Pam Carson, Orange County Public Schools.</p>

INTERNATIONAL UPDATE	
Monday	“The Romanians are Coming”
Tuesday	<p>Good Governance Exchange between Romania and Central Florida & the USA</p> <p>The Center for Public and Nonprofit Management (CPNM) this week is hosting a delegation of fifty (50) Romanian public officials and public administrators to share governing experiences. This exchange was organized by the Section for Public Management Practice of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) with the goal of furthering good governance through collaborative exchanges. This is a four (4) day professional development exchange offering local elected officials and public servants from Romania the chance to meet directly with American public sector counterparts on a variety of topics in varied settings. The project has been designed for municipal level leaders to gain exposure to alternative strategic public management models currently in use in the United States. We hope this is the first of many exchanges with our Romanian counterparts.</p>
Wednesday	<p>Welcome to Orlando</p> <p>On Monday, October 7th the first day of the visit, Dr. Bryer and ASPA Section Chair, Warren Master, will give an overview of the itinerary for the exchange. Presentations will include topics such as “Public Administration in Romania” by Lunut Luria and “American Governance” facilitated by Dr. Bryer. The day will conclude with a “Welcome to Orlando” presentation given by Mayor Buddy Dyer.</p>
Thursday	<p>Collaborations in Action</p> <p>On Tuesday, October 8th the visitors will spend the morning participating in presentations on “Public-Private Collaboration” and “Inter-Institutional and Cross-Sector Collaboration” facilitated by Dr. Bryer and Maria-Elena Augustin. The luncheon keynote speaker will be by Advisory Council member Mark Brewer of the Community Foundation of Central Florida. A field visit to Second Harvest Food Bank, hosted by CPNM Advisory Council Chair, Dave Krepcho, is planned, along with a roundtable on Professional Development and Certificate Programs facilitated by Warren Master, followed by a reception at the Lou Frey Institute.</p>
Friday	<p>Innovative Approaches to Public Problems</p> <p>On Wednesday, October 9th the Romanian visitors will travel to the Orlando Wetlands Park to see first-hand how treated waste water is being used to restore Florida wetlands. This creative approach to restoring nature will provide a fun morning in the wild. The afternoon will be spent touring the Evans Community School, where Dean Frumkin and leaders from the project will share their vision using a school to transform a community one family at a time.</p> <p>Community Engagement</p> <p>On Thursday, October 10th the visitors will participate in a discussion on citizen and community engagement followed by a panel on public health challenges in a changing world. Seminole County Manager and Advisory Board member, Jim Hartmann will provide the keynote address at lunch, and the day will conclude with a visit to the Orlando Emergency Management Operations Center hosted by Advisory Board member, Manuel Soto.</p>
	Upcoming Events
	<p>October 7, 2013 - 3:00 PM Student Chapter of International City County Managers Engineering Building I Room 224. Guest Speaker: Dr. Michael Abels will talk about the local government management profession. Learn more at http://icmaucf.wordpress.com/about/.</p> <p>October 14, 2013 – 12 PM to 1:30 PM – Central Florida ASPA Panel on Volunteerism City Year Orlando- 201 South Orange Avenue, Suite 600, Orlando Florida aspa.cfl@gmail.com</p>



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12-1:30 p.m. – CFL ASPA presents: A Panel Discussion on Volunteerism aspa.cfl@gmail.com
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3-5 p.m. – CPNM Advisory Council @ UCF Business Incubator Orlando
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CPNM UPDATE

Center for Public and Nonprofit Management (CPNM)

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.

A Two Year Retrospective

The Center for Public and Nonprofit Management was founded in 2008, transitioning from the Capacity Building Institute under the founding director, Dr. Naim Kapucu. The Center for Public and Nonprofit Management (CPNM) represents the formalization and expansion of services and research being conducted through various faculty members within the School of Public Administration. Current core research focus areas for the center are:

- Collaborative Governance
- Democracy and Citizen Engagement
- Diversity and Inclusiveness
- Sustainability

Dr. Thomas Bryer assumed directorship in 2011, and in the past two years, the center has taken on three transformational initiatives:

- **CPNM AmeriCorps VISTA Project** – building the capacity of homeless education programs in Orange and Seminole County Public School Districts
- **Walking School Bus** – expanding and evaluating a program addressing safety, health, and environment in nine counties
- **ICMA partnership** – providing contract capacity building services to the membership organizations of the International City/County Management Association

These efforts are supported by a reconstituted advisory council, chaired by Dave Krepcho of Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida, a new strategic plan, and additional new infrastructure including the permanent position of assistant director and the development of the research coordinator role.

The Fellows Program is now facilitated by the center, and includes graduate and undergraduate students in public administration, nonprofit management, and urban and regional planning, plus research topics that span all disciplines. A recent development is the center's international work with Romanian government officials. The center hosted a four-day professional development exchange with Romanian local elected officials and public officials in October that is the first in a series.

Contact cprm@ucf.edu or (407)823-3794 for partnership opportunities.

Center Ongoing Initiatives

Research Colloquia and Dialogue Series

On **October 23, 2013, 4-5:30 p.m.**, Dr. Jo Smith will present “**Conflict of Interest Regulations: How to Manage?**” in HPA II Room 247. With the current significance of conflict of interest regulations, Dr. Smith will look at what conflict of interest is, how it is currently being managed, and the best practices for dealing with conflicts of interest in research. Present and future researchers welcome! Rsvp to cpnn@ucf.edu

Upcoming Events

Save the date! March 28, 2014, The 8th Annual Public Administration Research Conference, FAIRWINDS Alumni Center



PLANNING UPDATE	
Monday	Urban and Regional Planning @ UCF
	Planning Studio The 2013-2014 Studio is conducting a Land Use Inventory and Development Analysis for the City of Lake Helen. The Studio is developing a public sector action plan for attracting new businesses and retaining existing businesses in the downtown area. The "My Main Street" land use and development visioning event is scheduled for December 2 nd . At this event, students in the Studio will present the primary results of their analysis and facilitate an interactive planning exercise with residents and businesses.
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3-5 p.m. – Planning Advisory Board @ UCF Downtown Center	Planning Methods Class Students in Planning Methods are developing socio-demographic profiles of 18 neighborhoods that the Center for Public and Nonprofit Management (CPNM) has identified as potential sites for implementing the Walking School Bus program. Students are also conducting walkability audits of the neighborhoods surrounding three potential Walking School Bus sites. The results will be used in the CPNM evaluation of the Walking School Bus program.
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Friday	Publications Recent publications by Dr. Hawkins focus on smart growth and land conservation. In his forthcoming article in <i>Urban Studies</i> – "Competing Interests and the Political Market for Smart Growth Policy" he examines the influence of political institutions on the use of policies that aim to redirect private investment towards urban areas. In "Landscape Conservation through Residential Subdivision Bylaws: Explanations for Local Adoption" (<i>Landscape and Urban Planning</i>), he explains the use of cluster and conservation subdivision designs as mechanisms to mitigate environmental impacts of development.
	3rd Annual Distinguished Lecture Series
	This is the 3 rd Annual Urban and Regional Planning Distinguished Lecture Series, which is hosted by the Development Committee of the UCF Planning Advisory Board. This year brings three top speakers in the planning field and CM credits will be available. The programs are free and open to the public, however there is limited seating. To register to attend: RSVP @ www.ce.ucf.edu/lectures
	Lecture 1 - Jeff Speck on Building the Walkable City November 19, 2013 – 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM – Leu Gardens, Orlando
	Lecture 2 - Richard Jackson, M.D. on Designing Healthy Communities February 27, 2014 – 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM – Florida Hospital, Orlando
	Lecture 3 - Randall Arendt on Design Characteristics of Healthy Communities April 24, 2014 – 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM – Florida Hospital, Orlando

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Monday	<p>Innovative Philanthropy, Fundraising and Social Entrepreneurship Class Offered Spring In this innovative course students complete a service-learning project with the Community Foundation of Central Florida. For the project students work with mentors from the Community Foundation in reviewing Donor Edge portraits to make funding recommendations that they then present to the Board of the Community Foundation. These recommendations have the potential to fund exciting and deserving programs offered by central Florida nonprofit organizations. To learn more about the class watch the video with a description of the class by the Instructor Stephanie Krick and Co-Instructor Mark Brewer and student testimonials. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O8nr30guclg#t=47</p>
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Thursday	<p>Over 40 Students Planning to Travel to National Conference in Chicago Forty-three students (38 undergraduate and 5 graduate) plan to attend the Alliance Management/Leadership Institute (AMI) in January. They have spent the semester fundraising and planning their trip to Chicago. Graduate student, Leah Hargrave-Suarez, will be presenting her research on a funded research project she is completing as part of her employment.</p>
Friday	<p>Association of Fundraising Professionals Collegiate Chapter The final AFP Collegiate Chapter meeting of the fall semester will be held in the Engineering Building I Room 327 on Wednesday, November 20th from 4:30 – 5:30.</p> <p>Nonprofit Internships As part of their program requirements, students in the Nonprofit Management Minor are required to complete a 300 hour internship over the course of one semester. Recent placements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Make-A-Wish Central and North Florida · New Covenant Anglican Church · Ocal/Marion County Chamber and Economic Partnership · Marriage and Family Research Institute · YMCA of Central Florida · Give Kids the World · Feeding Children Everywhere · Knights Helping Knights Food Pantry · Muscular Dystrophy Association · The Salvation Army <p>If your organization would like to host an intern, please complete an Internship Request Form found at http://www2.cohpa.ucf.edu/pubadm/internships-placement-request.shtml</p> <p>Have You Visited The Nonprofit NEXUS Yet? The <i>Nonprofit NEXUS</i> is a website hosted by the Nonprofit Management Programs at the University of Central Florida and serves as a platform for the nonprofit community. Visitors to the site are encouraged to post events to the Community Calendar, post jobs, internships and volunteer opportunities. You can even ask a question in our “Ask an Expert” section. Please visit us at the Nonprofit NEXUS at http://nonprofitnexus.ucf.edu/.</p> <p>SAVE THE DATE! February 7th 2014 – Annual Nonprofit Management Conference This year, the 13th Annual Central Florida Community Partners Nonprofit Management Conference will be held on Friday, February 7, 2014 at the UCF FAIRWINDS Alumni Center. The conference format will be short presentations by the most interesting people in central Florida, which was a huge success last year. To register for the conference go to the website. http://nonprofitnexus.ucf.edu/conferences/</p>



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Public Administration Update	
Monday	<p>Organization for Public Administration (OPA) OPA is providing Public Administration students with programming designed to engage students outside the classroom. In addition to tabling in the Health and Public Affairs Building I Atrium, we partnered with other student and professional organizations like the Emergency Management Student Association and the Central Florida Chapter of ASPA to volunteer at the Second Harvest Food Bank and the Zebra Coalition. As the semester begins to draw to a close, OPA continues to plan programming encouraging students to take pride in both UCF and the School of Public Administration. On November 21st, we will host our first tailgate in which t-shirts will be sold prior to and at the event to promote school spirit. The Spring semester meetings will focus on professional development and the Annual Tallahassee Trip. If you are interested in purchasing an OPA t-shirt, please contact Stacy Raymonville at ucfopa@outlook.com. Stay informed for upcoming meetings and events; find us on Facebook at UCF Organization for Public Administration.</p> <p>Annual Tallahassee Trip Planning Meeting - Monday, Nov. 18th Every year our student group, the Organization for Public Administration (OPA) with the assistance of Fred Kittinger, UCF Associate Vice President and Director of State and Local Government Affairs, visit our state's capital, attend meetings while the House and Senate are in session, debate on the Senate floor, and meet some of our state's leaders. Students who would like to be a part of this year's trip are encouraged to attend the next OPA meeting. The meeting is dedicated to planning for the Annual Tallahassee Trip, and it will be held on Monday, November 18th at 5 p.m. in Health and Public Affairs, Building I, Room 110. Similar to last year, Dr. Knox, Mr. Kittinger, and Prof. Stevens will lead the three-day trip. This planning meeting will include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overview of last year's trip with testimony from past attendees. 2. Discussion of potential trip agenda items, such as meeting with central Florida representatives, senators, lobbyists, cabinet aides (i.e., Department of Agriculture, Secretary of State, Lt. Governor) and directors (i.e., Florida League of Cities, Senate Committee on Ethics and Elections); and touring the Emergency Operations Center and Old Capitol Building. 3. Potential trip dates. Previous dates have coincided with Committee, House, or Senate Session dates in February or March. 4. For those students interested in the trip, there is a sign-up sheet with student contact information, which we need to start the paperwork for Student Government Funding. <p>Central Florida ASPA Chapter Central Florida ASPA and OPA participated in a community service project at the Zebra Coalition this past Saturday. The Zebra Coalition, a network of organizations, provides services and individualized programming to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and all youth (LGBT+) ages 13 – 24. Our members helped to sort the food pantry and clothing closet, and collected and donated nearly 100 pounds of professional clothing items for the organization.</p> <p>Exciting programming for the Spring semester will focus on the new SunRail system, learning about Giving Circles in the Central Florida region, and discussions around other topics of interest for our membership. Our Spring programming kicks off with a networking event in January. To keep up with Central Florida ASPA's events, visit our Facebook page at facebook.com/CentralFloridaAspa or our website at http://centflaspa.wordpress.com/ !</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Upcoming Events:</p> <p>OPA Meeting – Monday, November 18th at 5 p.m. in HPA I, Room 110.</p> <p>OPA Tailgating – Thursday, November 21st on Memory Mall.</p>
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WEEKLY UPDATE – VETERAN’S DAY EDITION	
Monday	<p>In honor of Veteran’s Day, this PA Weekly is dedicated to faculty and staff in the School of Public Administration who have served our country in one of the branches of the armed forces. <i>We thank them for their service.</i></p> <p>Michael Abels ~ Army</p> <p>Dr. Abels was commissioned in 1970 as 2nd Lt in U.S. Army. He served on active duty, with Army Reserve, and Army National Guard, retiring as LTC in 1996. His primary duties were Special Operations, Infantry, and Civil Affairs. He states, “from my service I learned two lifelong lessons: 1. when inspired with a higher purpose people will willingly make any sacrifice, and 2. nothing is impossible.”</p> <p>Maria-Elena Augustin ~ Marines</p> <p>Maria-Elena Augustin was raised as a community volunteer and took a leap of faith at age 17 to enlist as a Private in the U.S. Marine Corps, swearing an oath to support and defend the constitution of the United States of America. She served as an aviation electronics technician before embarking on a career in the officer corps, assigned on both active and reserve duty as an aircraft maintenance officer for squadrons at air stations in HI, NC, PA, and CA, and in several headquarters units, including at the Pentagon. She also served in administration, logistics, and recruiting. She retired in 2012 at the rank of Colonel. She continues her lifelong public service with credentials from the University of Central Florida, having earned her MPA and Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management in 2008.</p> <p>Vanessa Lopez-Littleton ~ Army</p> <p>Dr. Littleton states, “as a veteran of the U.S. Army, I believe that military service is important to our nation’s history, security, and future.” She served as an enlisted soldier in the U.S. Army stationed in Baumholder, Germany with the 8th Infantry Division Mechanized (Artillery). In addition, her two sons and their father are military veterans. Her oldest son, Peter J. Lopez II, served in the U.S. Air Force and completed a tour in Afghanistan. Her youngest son, Marcus Lopez, served in the Army and completed a tour in Iraq. Their father, Peter J. Lopez, participated in both Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm with the U.S. Army. She goes on to say of her service, “my hope for the future is even brighter because of the benefits military service allowed me to accomplish. The Montgomery G.I. Bill afforded me the opportunity to become the first in my family to graduate from college and to go on to earn a PhD. It is my belief that my willingness to serve others, my self-discipline, and my passion for community were all enhanced by my military service. I am ARMY STRONG!”</p> <p>Brenda Posey ~ Air Force</p> <p>Dr. Posey served in the United States Air Force (U.S.A.F.) and received numerous awards from January 1979 – October 1987 with an Honorable Discharge as Staff Sergeant (E-5). She states that the U.S.A.F. helped to further cultivate her personality and other distinct ideologies. She continues to live by and conform to the Air Force Core Values each day of her civilian life. These values are integrity (honesty and self-restraint); service (follow rules and respect other as human beings); and excellence (mutual respect and continue education). She states, “one significant principle that was reinforced while serving is “respect for others.” “People should treat others as they want to be treated, and the mission or objective will be accomplished much more quickly and efficiently.” In addition to the values that were reinforced while serving in U.S.A.F., she was also granted the opportunities to be stationed and visited several states in the U.S. and several countries in Asia, Australia, and Europe that, otherwise, she would not have been able to visit.</p> <p>Jacque Waleski ~ Navy</p> <p>Dr. Waleski was a Viet Nam era active-duty sailor for three years and then transferred to the Naval Reserves. Upon reflection on her service, Dr. Waleski stated, “Being in the military was a good option for me as I had no skills or employment history when I first enlisted. While on active duty, I received exceptional training in administrative processes and, after, was fortunate to be able to complete a bachelor’s and master’s degree using the G.I. Bill. The benefits of serving the United States of America through military duty are numerous, and I would recommend it to anyone.”</p>
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A Student's Perspective: The 2013 Field Study of Metropolitan Governance in Seoul

By Amber Myers-Ferguson

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Field Study Participants

The study abroad program in Seoul, coordinated by the Seoul Metropolitan Government (SMG) and the University of Seoul was designed to allow students to understand the culture, politics, and economy in Seoul. Led by Dr. Thomas Bryer, eight diverse students from the University of Central Florida participated in the field study: Amber Myers (MNM), Raquel Tapia (MPA/MNM), Levi Stewart (MSURP), Caesar Cabral (MSURP), Pamela Medina (PhD. Public Affairs), Tina Yeung (PhD. Public Affairs), Mercedes Beaudoin (MSURP), and Lauren Cantrell (MPA/MNM). We spent 7 days in Seoul, attending lectures given by SMG officials and researchers at the University of Seoul as well as visited many sites including the 120 Dasan Call Center, TOPIS, Digital Media City (DMC), the Han River, and many more.

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Academic Preparation

Prior to our journey to Seoul, each of us choose a topic to research that would be explored during our time in Seoul. Topic choices included Cultural Policy, Green Policy, Seoul's New Human Resources Management System, City Planning, e-Government, Welfare Policy, and Municipal Finance. I chose Seoul's new HR Management System. We all prepared an informal presentation to give prior to leaving for Seoul about our policy issues to educate our fellow classmates. During our time in Seoul, these issues were addressed and presented upon by lecturers from the SMG or the University of Seoul and field visits were arranged to allow students to gain further perspective on issues facing Seoul and how the SMG responded to those issues. Upon returning to Orlando, students were asked to produce a research report using existing literature and knowledge obtained on the trip. Students were asked to provide recommendations that could be implemented either in the United States or in Seoul. Our research was presented at the Center for Public and Nonprofit Management Research Colloquium.

Field Trip Day

A typical day in Seoul began with all of us having breakfast together in the hotel restaurant. It would be remiss of me if I didn't mention how fantastic the breakfast buffet was! In fact, almost all meals were actually planned and paid for which relieved a huge amount of stress and decision-making off the group. After breakfast, we all headed to our tour bus which took us to the University of Seoul where our lectures were held every morning. Typically we had two lectures each morning before we took a break for lunch. Lunch, as I said before was provided and varied in type; sometimes we ate Korean food and other times we ate American food (California Pizza Kitchen and Outback Steakhouse were some of the places we ate lunch at). Once lunch was over we headed out to our field visits. Usually we would have two field visits per day in the afternoon. Most of the time we had dinners and evenings free to explore, however one of the nights we had a welcome dinner and another night we had a farewell dinner. Many students went sightseeing at night, exploring the nightlife, shopping, and natural landscape (such as the Cheonggyecheon). Yes – some of us even did it Gangnam style in Gangnam!

Impact of the Trip

As one of Asia's largest and most progressive cities, Seoul was amazing to experience in person! I think I speak for everyone in my group when I say that visiting Seoul was a life-changing event. The staff from the University of Seoul were so helpful and hospitable, and the SMG very generous in offering their expertise and funding that allowed us to have this opportunity. I recommend all students to really consider this opportunity to enhance their personal and professional growth. Although our trip was short, I truly feel like I got to know the soul of Seoul.

Upcoming Events
November 19th 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM ~ Event held at Leu Gardens, Orlando

Urban and Regional Planning Distinguished Lecturer – Jeff Speck – “The Walkable City”

ARNOVA UPDATE	
Monday	ARNOVA Conference
Tuesday	The 42 nd Annual Conference of the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA) was held in Hartford, Connecticut last week. The theme for the conference this year was --"Recession, Renewal, Revolution? Nonprofit and Voluntary Action in an Age of Turbulence."
Wednesday	Pre-Conference Teaching Section Workshop "Developing Competency-Based Curriculum" Mary Ann Feldheim and Kathleen Hale from Auburn University co-presented on the process of developing a competency-based curriculum for nonprofit management programs. The strategic process presented was the one used by our faculty in developing our competency-based curriculum.
Thursday	Feldheim New Chair of ARNOVA Teaching Section This year Mary Ann Feldheim assumes the leadership of the Teaching Section. The top strategic goals for the coming year is to expand the teaching resources for section members through an online presence, and the second strategic goal is to continue the discussion with NASPAA and ASPA on competencies in nonprofit management education.
Happy Thanksgiving	
Friday	<p>Faculty Presentations</p> <p>Thomas Bryer presented "Extending the Classroom through University Sponsorship of AmeriCorps VISTA", which shared the experience of our Center for Public and Nonprofit Management's hosting a VISTA program to work with homeless school children in central Florida. In addition, he chaired the panel on "Service Learning: Theory and Practice."</p> <p>Mary Ann Feldheim presented at the "Teaching Section Colloquium: Aligning Nonprofit Program Competencies and Course Content: Why and How to Start the Process." At this session she shared the Competency-Based Institutional Effectiveness process for the MNM program at UCF.</p> <p>Qian Hu presented two papers at the conference. The first was entitled "Strengthening Collaborative Organizational Networks in Homeless Service Delivery," and the second was the paper with Naim Kapucu. Hu also chaired a panel on "Innovation at the Interaction of Multiple Sectors."</p> <p>Naim Kapucu co-authored a paper with Qian Hu entitled "Development and Sustainability of the Nonprofit Sector in Times of Economic Stress." The paper was part of a panel on "The Nonprofit Sector and the Recession."</p> <p>Stephanie Krick was a discussant in a session titled, "Downturn Survival: Are We Learning or Reacting." During this session, Krick lead participants in a discussion about how the For-Profit Sector reacted to economic fluctuations and what lessons, if any, the nonprofit sector can learn from them.</p> <p>Dorothy Norris-Tirrell presented the paper "Intersecting Scholarship of Public Administration and Nonprofit/Voluntary Action: How Each Sector has Conceptualized the Other." Co-authored with Jennifer Alexander, University of Texas, San Antonio.</p> <p>Student Panel Presentations</p> <p>Amber Myers-Ferguson, MNM student, co-authored a paper with Dorothy Norris-Tirrell on "Charity Watchdogs: Improving Disaster Relief Efforts by Increasing Nonprofit Accountability." Ferguson presented the co-authored paper examining the assessment of four ratings organizations for 44 nonprofit agencies with significant private donor fund raising following the 2010 Haiti earthquake.</p> <p>Wanzhu Shi, doctoral student, made her first professional presentation at the ARNOVA conference under the mentorship of Qian Hu. The paper was entitled "So the Organization has a Social Network Presence -- Now What?"</p>

Monday	Emergency Management Update
Tuesday	<p>Functional Exercise Training</p> <p>Students in Claire Knox's PAD 4395 (Disaster Response and Recovery) gained valuable hands-on training experience at Seminole County's Office of Emergency Management. Steven Lerner (alumni) and Nathan Shaw (Emergency Management and Homeland Security Minor Student) designed and facilitated the functional exercise. Students ran the Emergency Operations Center by answering incoming calls, managing and entering resource requests into the SharePoint database, and participating in a hot wash.</p>
Wednesday	
Thursday	<p>2014 Governor's Hurricane Conference: May 11 - 16, 2014</p> <p>The 2014 Governor's Hurricane Conference theme is #Rethink Risk and will be held at the Orange County Convention Center and Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando. This nationally recognized conference is a great opportunity for students interested in emergency management to receive training (and will receive certificates upon completion), network with practitioners, and learn about innovative research.</p> <p>Students in the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Minor and Graduate Certificate Program are eligible for the Conference's Student Scholarship Program. Applications will be accepted between January 20th and February 21st. For more information visit: www.flghc.org/</p> <p>Emergency Management (EM) Internships Available</p> <p>Obtaining practical experience prior to entering the field of emergency management is vital. Internships with local emergency management departments are available, including the City of Orlando, UCF, Florida Division of Emergency Management, and Lake, Orange, Osceola, and Seminole counties. For additional information, visit http://www2.cohpa.ucf.edu/pubadm/internships_connections.shtml</p> <p>Emergency Management Student Association (EMSA) Update</p> <p>The Emergency Management Student Association had a great fall semester with five meetings and guest speakers including Eric Alberts (Emergency Manager at Orlando Health), Michele Jones (Emergency Services Officer for the American Red Cross), and Mark Brewer (President of Community Foundation of Central Florida). In October, EMSA volunteered at Second Harvest sorting frozen foods; the members had a wonderful time and look forward to more volunteer opportunities.</p> <p>Emergency Management Student Association members will travel to New Orleans January 6th through 10th for the International Disaster Conference and Expo for a week of exposure to the Emergency Management field, including networking and training. This student association is growing; membership is free and all majors/minors are welcome. For more information, visit: http://EMSAatUCF.wix.com/home</p>
Friday	
	Upcoming Events
	<p>Annual Public Administration Tallahassee Trip</p> <p>The Tallahassee Trip is officially scheduled for Sunday, March 23rd through Tuesday, March 25th. Students will leave around 1 p.m. on Sunday and return around 7 p.m. on Tuesday, and they will meet with various Central Florida representatives and lobbyists, debate on the Senate floor, and tour the state's Emergency Operations Center. Estimated cost per student is \$50 to \$75 (not including food). If you are interested in participating in the trip contact Dr. Claire Knox at Claire.Knox@ucf.edu</p> <p>Public Administration Pre-Graduation Ceremony December 14, 2013 -7 AM – 8:00 AM Health and Public Affairs Building II - - Room 247</p> <p>A light Continental Breakfast will be served, and graduates are welcome to bring their family and friends accompanying them to the graduation. RSVP to Steven.Carrillo@ucf.edu</p>

RESEARCH ADMINISTRATION UPDATE
Monday
New Master of Research Administration (MRA) Advisory Board

The newly appointed MRA Advisory Board had their first meeting on October 18th to discuss opportunities to grow the MRA Program. The following are the list of new and returning Advisory Members and their institutions.

Tuesday

Michael Carpio	Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute/Lake Nona
Julie B. Cole	Duke University
Mary Ann Feldheim	University of Central Florida
April Heyward	University of South Carolina
Kathy Huson	Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute/Lake Nona
Bruce Morgan	University of California - Irvine
Suzanne M. Rivera	Case Western Reserve University
Garrett Sanders	The Research Foundation of SUNY
Jennifer Shambrook	St. Jude Children's Research Hospital
Toni Shaklee	Oklahoma State University
Gregory C. Slack	Clarkson University
Kirsten Torguson	California State University, Fullerton
Tony Ventimiglia	Auburn University
Denise Wallen	University of New Mexico

Wednesday
Thursday
Friday

Graduation
December 14, 2014

Federal Demonstration Project (FDP) Meeting in Washington DC

Dr. JoAnn Smith will be attending the FDP meeting on January 5th – 7th as the UCF Faculty Designated Member. The FDP is a cooperative initiative among federal funding agencies and grant recipients (universities and research centers). Sessions will include updates from federal agencies (NIH, NSF, NASA, ONR, etc.), discussion of faculty workload, STAR Metrics, eRA, compliance issues, and administrative burden.

MRA Student Accomplishments

Edith Wakida (Cohort 4) received the AuthorAID Workshop Grant Award. The workshop will focus on writing and publishing scientific papers. It will serve researchers from the medical faculties of 2 institutions: her university and Kampala International University–Western Campus. AuthorAID is a program based at the International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP). AuthorAID was developed to support researchers in developing countries to promote and publish their research at a global level.

April Heyward (Alumni 2013) presented two sessions of "The Conversation About Indirect Costs" to Faculty and Staff in the Arnold School of Public Health at the University of South Carolina on October 3 and 14. The presentations delved into a discussion of what costs are included in the indirect and the issues that arise when determining the distribution of indirect cost.

Upcoming Events
Graduate Grantsmanship Certificate Workshops

Dr. Smith will be co-presenting with Joshua Roney from ORC a workshop series to develop grantsmanship for UCF graduate students and post docs. First workshop starts January 21st! For more information go to:

<http://ww2.graduate.ucf.edu/calendar/index.cfm?eventID=3863>

January 3, 2014, **Research Administration Advisory Board Meeting**



HAPPY HOLIDAYS	
Monday	<p>Graduation Issue</p> <p>Doctoral Degree – Public Affairs and Public Administration</p> <p>Sana Khosa was awarded a Ph.D. in Public Affairs – Public Administration Track this Saturday. Her major advisor was Dr. Naim Kapucu, and her dissertation focused on emergency management responses in Pakistan after the devastating flooding. Dr. Khosa will be a Visiting Lecturer for the School of Public Administration during the Spring 2104 Semester.</p>
Tuesday	
Wednesday	<p>Master of Public Administration Graduates (21)</p> <p>Juan-Carlos Barrientos, David Cook, Kimberly DelGaudio, Judith Evers, Leilani-Rae Graham, Arlene Grey-Clarke, Michendy Joseph, Dipti Mahagaonkar, Stuart McCutcheon, Patricia McNeil, Christy Meyer, Michael Miller, Nikolai Mon, Reginald Paros, Latosha Robinson, Lisa Staton, Tashina Walters, Samuel Weekly, Tara Wilson, Tishia Jewell, and Parveen Ramnarain.</p>
Thursday	<p>Graduate Certificate in Public Administration</p> <p>Scott Nickle, Martha Rodriquez, and Vitoria Vighetto</p>
Friday	<p>Master of Nonprofit Management Graduates (26)</p> <p>Carissa Batten, Andrew Boyer, Jeannette German Vega, Tara Gilbert, Michelle Goldys, Jennifer Hunter, Amanda Kinzey, Corey Leong, Anna Lozier, Victoria Martinez, Lindsay McConnell, Amber Myers, Malcia Paul, Nicole Preston, Nicole Pulcini Mason, David Schleith, Jonathan Thomas, Michael Thompson, Patrick Van Dyke, Victoria Vighetto, Kelly Wessner, Danielle Alexander, Natasha Carter, Emily Greenfield, Tishia Jewell, and Ramnarain Parveen.</p> <p>Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Management</p> <p>Naomi Hochstadt, Christy Meyer, <i>and</i> Kelly Travis</p> <p>Graduate Certificate in Emergency Management & Homeland Security</p> <p>Stuart McCutcheon, Patricia McNeil, <i>and</i> Rafael Perez</p> <p>Bachelor of Arts in Public Administration (8)</p> <p>Andres Abreu-Martinez, Justin Eason, Ryan Grail, Fabiola Hewitt, Sean Maher, Roberta Marziotto, Bianka Salomon, <i>and</i> Stephen Shams.</p> <p>Bachelor of Science in Public Administration (25)</p> <p>Summa Cum Laude denotes students in the top 2.5% of their class, and Michael Douglas Stapp earned that distinction during his time at UCF. Here are the students graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Public Administration: Anthony Cappadoro, Christina Chu, Lorisa Dicky, Mark Edwards, Thomas Evans, Alyssa Foulke, Emily Hedges, Crystal Hernandez, Amy Hyler, Tahir Jeffers, Matthew Kahle, Jaimesen Lawhorne, Alexander Leon-Rivera, Melvin Lopez, Shawn McHargue, Kimberly McKean, Heather Murphy, Carmen Palade, Aubrie Parliment, Mark Peterson, Jafet Rios, Deanna Schneider, Michael Stapp, Mallory Weintraub, Cortez Whatley, <i>and</i> Kyle Williams.</p> <p>Order of Pegasus - Cortez Whatley</p> <p>The Order of Pegasus is the highest honor our university can bestow upon a student for exemplifying the UCF Creed. Undergraduate Cortez Whatley received this honor for his service and dedication to the UCF community.</p>

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CPNM UPDATE	
Monday	Center for Public and Nonprofit Management (CPNM)
	<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>
Tuesday	Excellence in research, education and service
	Research
Wednesday	The four core research areas of the center are collaborative governance, democracy and citizen engagement, diversity and inclusiveness, and sustainability. Current community based research projects include:
3-5 p.m. – CPNM Advisory Council @ UCF Business Incubator Orlando	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Florida Department of Transportation (Dr. Thomas Bryer) – Walking School Bus: addressing safety, health, and environment • Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando (Dr. Jo Smith) – economic impact study • Heart of Florida United Way (Dr. Brandi Blessett) – program and macro-level analyses of data • Orange County Fire Department (Dr. Chris Hawkins) – commercial fire interventions analysis
Thursday	
Friday	Five graduate and undergraduate Fellows were selected for the spring semester. Working with Dr. Norris-Tirrell on a nonprofit management research topic are Jeremy Waller and Samantha Whitham . Dr. Hawkins will be guiding the urban and regional planning research of David McMahan and Andrew Russell . Steven Carrillo will be working as the CPNM Fellow on the HFUW analysis with Dr. Blessett.
	Education
	Research Colloquia and Dialogue Series: In the spring semester, this monthly series will feature Dr. Sana Khosa in January, Barbara Truman in February, and a preview of faculty ASPA conference presentations in March. The Fellows will present their research projects in April.
	The 8th Annual Public Administration Research Conference will be held March 28, 2014. Two dynamic keynote speakers, Paul Schmitz, CEO of Public Allies, and Wendy Spencer, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service, will kick off and support the conference theme of <i>The State of the Research on Civic Engagement: How Service and Volunteerism is Reshaping our Civic and Community Health</i> . The conference will feature five panels, 10 poster presentations, and two interactive workshops. More information and registration is available at http://iog.ucf.edu/2014pacon/
	Service
	The center's AmeriCorps VISTA project continues to build the capacity of the homeless education programs in several school districts. Six (6) VISTAs will commence a year of service in February. In addition to a second year in Orange and Seminole Counties, Brevard Public Schools is a new partner this year, as is the UCF Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.
	Contact cpnm@ucf.edu or (407)823-3794 for more information!
	Upcoming Events
	Wednesday, January 15, 2014: quarterly meeting of the CPNM Advisory Council at the UCF Business Incubator, 3218 E. Colonial Dr. Suite G, Orlando, FL 32803



Upcoming Events

February 7th
13th Annual
Community
Partners Nonprofit
Conference
9 am – 2:45 pm
FAIRWINDS Alumni
Center

February 20th
Nonprofit Advisory
Board Meeting
3-5pm

Nonprofit Lecture
Series -held from
4:30 -5:30 in HPA I
Room 125

February 25th
Rosalina Stober

March 25th
Marcus Pruitt

13th Annual Community Partners Nonprofit Management Conference

Register now at: www.nonprofitnexus.ucf.edu/conferences. The theme of this year's conference is "Strengthening Communities/Changing Lives." Speakers will present short and high energy sessions focusing on something new and innovative to strengthen communities. Registration is \$70 for general public and \$25 for students. Scheduled speakers include:

- **Annetta Wilson**, President, Annetta Wilson Media Training & Success Coaching
- **Bakari Burns**, CEO, Healthcare Center for the Homeless
- **Bunkie Righter**, Senior Business Director, GuideStar
- **Carol Wick**, CEO, Harbor House
- **Dr. Charles Dziuban**, Director of the Research Initiative for Teaching Effectiveness, UCF
- **Joan Nelson**, Vice President Community Investment, Heart of Florida United Way
- **Mark Brewer**, President/CEO, Central Florida Foundation
- **Dr. Thomas Bryer**, Director for the UCF Center for Public and Nonprofit Management
- **Donald Hale**, Director of Gift Planning, UCF Foundation
- **Susan Schmidt**, Vice President, Nonprofit Leadership Alliance
- **John Rivers**, Chef & Owner, 4R Restaurant Group
- **Lou Frey**, US Congressman (R-FL,'69-'79); Founder, Lou Frey Institute of Politics & Government at UCF
- **Alyce Lee Stansbury**, CFRE, Founder & President, Stansbury Consulting
- **Shawn Seipler**, Executive Director & Co-Founder, Clean the World
- **Gary Cain**, President & CEO, Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida

Nonprofit Lecture Series

Our Nonprofit Lecture Series continues! This spring semester, we will welcome Rosalina Stober, Vice President of the Hispanic Business Initiative Fund of Florida on February 25th. In March, we will welcome Marcus Pruitt. Marcus is a graduate of our program and will share his experiences since graduation including research and evaluation in nonprofit organizations, graduate school, and the value of his nonprofit undergraduate education on his career.

Students Attend National Conference

Thirty-three (33) graduate and undergraduate students attended the Alliance Management/Leadership Institute (AMI) in January in Chicago. As you may recall, Chicago experienced the "polar vortex" storm in January, and temperatures there dropped to over thirty below zero. Despite the weather, students were able to enjoy the conference and some were even able visit nonprofit organizations in the Chicago area. Unfortunately, the severe weather impacted air travel causing eleven students to miss the conference. These students have been given the choice to either attend a "virtual" conference to be held in April or receive a complimentary registration to next year's conference to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Nonprofit Leadership Seminar Field Trip & Service Learning Projects

Students in the Nonprofit Leadership Seminar have been engaged in service learning in the community this spring! Students will be working with the Zebra Coalition, Community Food & Outreach Center, and United Global Outreach (UGO) in Bithlo. In addition, students will take a field trip to UGO for a guided tour with UGO's Executive Vice President, Tim McKinney. UGO is a nonprofit organization that focuses on transforming neglected & underprivileged communities by meeting their educational, physical & emotional needs by giving a hand-up, unleashing unlimited potential & possibilities. In Bithlo, UGO is creating the 'Transformation Village' which will have a small school, a hydroponic community garden, space for community events, a beauty salon, a library and computer lab, adult education classes, social services, and much more.



DOCTORAL PROGRAM UPDATE	
Monday	<p style="text-align: center;">Public Administration Track in Public Affairs Ph.D. Program Update</p> <p>Competency-Based Curriculum Revisions The new competency-based curriculum for the Ph.D. program will take effect in fall 2014. This new curriculum revised the previous curriculum using a competency-based approach. Special thanks go to the faculty members who served on the curriculum committee to make this change happen. The committee members from Public Administration Track include Drs. Thomas Bryer, Mary Ann Feldheim, Naim Kapucu, and Jo Ann Smith.</p> <p>Returning Students The Public Administration Track currently has eighteen students enrolled. Four students successfully passed the most recent Qualification Exam in December 2013 and moved to the prospectus development stage of their doctoral study. Other students are at different stages of coursework.</p> <p>Recent Graduates Sana Khosa successfully defended her Ph.D.in Public Affairs (public administration track) at UCF in fall 2013. Dr. Khosa's dissertation is entitled "Performance of multi-level and inter-organizational collaborative response to disasters: The case of Pakistan Floods 2010," and it was chaired by Dr. Kapucu. Dr. Knox, Dr. Wan, and Dr. Sadri served on her dissertation committee as committee members. Dr. Khosa currently teaches in the MPA program at UCF.</p> <p>Research Activities Kapucu, N. & Khosa, S. (2013). Disaster resiliency and culture of preparedness for university and college campuses. <i>Administration & Society</i>, 10.1177/0095399712471626.</p> <p>Dr. Khosa shared her dissertation work with SPA faculty and students at the School Research Colloquium Series in January 30.</p> <p>Second-year doctoral student, Wanzhu Shi, presented her paper entitled "So the organization has a social network presence, now what?" at the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA) Annual Conference in November 15-17, Indianapolis, Indiana.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Upcoming Public Administration Research Conference</p> <p>The 8th Annual Public Administration Research Conference, The State of the Research on Civic Engagement: How Service and Volunteerism is Reshaping Our Civic and Community Health, March 28th, UCF FAIRWINDS Alumni Center, Orlando, Florida. More information can be found at the conference website. Dr. Bryer is the conference chair and can be reached at Thomas.Bryer@ucf.edu.</p> <p>For more information about the Public Administration Track in the Public Affairs Ph.D. Program, please contact Dr. Qian Hu at Qian.Hu@ucf.edu.</p>
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UPDATE	
Acknowledging One of Our Best	
Monday	<p>Jacque Waleski to Retire End of February</p> <p>Jacque was hired as the Academic Services Coordinator and began her service in the fall 2005 semester. At the time, the (then) Department of Public Administration had a student base of 450 graduate and undergraduates and seven programs. She has been with the (now) School of Public Administration for 13 years and has seen it grow to almost 1,000 students and 23 programs!</p>
Tuesday	
Wednesday	<p>During this time Jacque has frequently gone above and beyond her call of duty to ensure students successfully complete their program. Apart from being Academic Advisor she also assumed roles of being a mentor, a friend or even just a shoulder. In 2010 Jacque received the college's A&P Employee of the Year Award for her dedicated service and for serving as "the face of public administration", since she is generally the first point of contact for both new and returning students.</p>
Thursday	<p>Then in 2013, Jacque was featured in the UCF College of Graduate Studies <i>GraduateNEWS</i> for her service to UCF and the School of Public Administration. She also continued her education earning a D.M.S. last year. Most recently Jacque was designated a UCF Woman of Distinction, and she will be featured as one of 31 women of distinction during the month of March on the UCF Center for Success of Women Faculty's website.</p>
Friday	<p>Retirement Party for Jacque Waleski February 28th at 3:30 PM</p> <p>The School of Public Administration will be hosting a retirement party for Dr. Waleski on February 28th from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM in Health and Public Affairs Building II, Room 247. Everyone is invited to attend to wish Jacque the very best in the future. Please RSVP to Nasrin Lakhani at 407-823-0912 or Nasrin@ucf.edu</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">Upcoming Events</p> <p>February 18, 2014 - Dodge Ball Tournament</p> <p>Come join the Nonprofit Management Student Association (NMSA) for a fun fundraising event! NMSA is hosting a dodge ball tournament on Tuesday, February 18th from 5-7 pm in the Education Complex. Proceeds will benefit Relay for Life and NMSA. The cost is \$30 per team. Please email UCFNMSAVP@GMAIL.COM with any questions.</p> <p>February 27, 2014 - Planning Distinguished Lecture Series</p> <p>Dr. Richard Jackson will speak on Planning Healthy Communities at the Werner Auditorium of Florida Hospital at 6:30 pm. To RSVP contact www.ce.ucf.edu/lectures</p> <p>March 28, 2014 – 8th Annual Public Administration Research Conference</p> <p>The State of the Research on Civic Engagement: How Service and Volunteerism is Reshaping Our Civic and Community Health. Register at HTTP://IOG.UCF.EDU/2014PACON/</p> <p>April 10th - 11th Annual Service-Learning Student Showcase:</p> <p>All students are encouraged to present their service learning projects at the Service-Learning Student Showcase on Thursday, April 10, 2014. Award criteria include separate awards for graduate and undergraduate categories. Go to www.explearning.ucf.edu to view awards and judging criteria and fill out an application. Applications are due Friday, March 28th.</p>
Mentoring Circles @ 4 PM	
Nonprofit Advisory Board Meeting @ HFUW	



	UPDATE
	Acknowledging Our Award Winners
Monday	<p>Three (3) Faculty Receive Excellence in Community Partnership Awards The University of Central Florida's Center for Success of Women Faculty this year began the Excellence in Community Partnership Award. The purpose of the award is to recognize women faculty members who demonstrate a successful ongoing partnership with a community organization. Read More http://cohpa.ucf.edu/blog/2014/women-faculty-honored-for-community-partnerships/</p>
Tuesday	
Wednesday	<p>Claire Connolly-Knox was honored for her ongoing relationship with the Seminole County Office of Emergency Management. Students in Dr. Knox's undergraduate Disaster Response and Recovery course are part of an intensive functional exercise in disaster response. Students are placed in a simulated real-world scenario that requires the use of the equipment and resources of the Seminole County Office of Emergency Management.</p>
Mentoring Circles @ 4 PM	
Thursday	<p>Stephanie Krick was honored for her ongoing relationship with the Central Florida Foundation (CFF), where students in her Philanthropy, Fundraising, and Entrepreneurship class make funding recommendations to the Board of the CFF. Key staff members and board members help teach the class and mentor the students in evaluating funding opportunities. Last year the foundation board approved over \$100,000 of grant funding recommended by the students in the class.</p>
Nonprofit Advisory Board Meeting @ HFUW	
Friday	<p>Jo Ann Smith was honored for her relationship with the National Council of University Research Administrators (NCURA), which provided the School of Public Administration a \$40,000 grant to create the Master of Research Administration program. During the last three years NCURA has worked with Dr. Smith to promote the new graduate program among their members.</p> <p>Faculty Excellence Awards http://cohpa.ucf.edu/blog/2014/congratulations-excellence-award-winners/</p> <p>Christopher Hawkins received the Distinguished Researcher Award for the College of Health and Public Affairs. This award acknowledges his strong record of research in urban and regional planning and disaster resiliency.</p> <p>Claire Connolly-Knox received the Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching Award for the College of Health and Public Affairs recognizing her innovation and dedication to teaching our undergraduate students.</p>
	Upcoming Events
	<p>February 18, 2014 - Dodge Ball Tournament Come join the Nonprofit Management Student Association (NMSA) for dodge ball on Tuesday, February 18th from 5-7 pm in the Education Complex. Proceeds will benefit Relay for Life and NMSA. Please email UCFNMSAVP@GMAIL.COM with any questions.</p>
	<p>February 27, 2014 - Planning Distinguished Lecture Series Dr. Richard Jackson will speak on Planning Healthy Communities at the Werner Auditorium of Florida Hospital at 6:30 pm. To RSVP contact www.ce.ucf.edu/lectures</p>