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Vision

The UCF School of Public Administration is the preeminent source of public service leadership development for all communities in Central Florida, creating an internationally recognized model for professional education. Graduates of the school are culturally competent professionals who are effective communicators and well-prepared to manage their organizations and lead their communities. Collectively, the school's faculty, students, staff and alumni work collaboratively with citizens to demonstrably address the most daunting of societal challenges.

Mission

The UCF School of Public Administration prepares students for professional public service leadership through a curriculum set on a foundation of scholarship, ethical principles and engagement that creates relevant and accessible knowledge to address complex societal issues in Central Florida and beyond.

FOCUS is an annual publication that showcases the achievements and accomplishments of the faculty, staff, students and alumni of the UCF School of Public Administration.

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Letter from the Director



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**U.S. NEWS AND WORLD
REPORT BEST GRADUATE
PROGRAMS 2022

This past year has been one of tremendous acclaim for the School of Public Administration. Our emergency management and nonprofit management programs were recognized among the top in their fields by the nation's most prestigious rankings guides, and several public affairs disciplines garnered competitive rankings as well. I am so proud to see that the incredible work of our faculty and staff continues to be noticed by the wider academic community.

If there is one thing I have been constantly reminded of, it's the unbelievable reach our school has on communities and scholarship around the world. Our faculty traveled around the globe to share their insights, our researchers influenced tools that assist millions of American homeowners, our team celebrated program anniversaries and their impact, and our alumni continue to change the world for the better. We are in so many places, working with so many incredible partners on so many important issues.

The breadth of our research impact continues to astound me. Our faculty published 7 books, 14 book chapters, over 100 journal articles, and raised nearly \$900,000 in sponsored research grants and contracts. Academic Analytics also ranks our faculty research productivity among the best of our peers. We continue to Reach for the Stars, and the results are clearly visible. We are proud to have two principal journal editors among our faculty and more than a dozen associate editorships, plus the National Academy fellows and Fulbright scholars that take that research far and wide. I am deeply proud of the work being done at our school — most especially in the impact it has had and will have on our communities.

I would be remiss if I didn't take a moment to give my most heartfelt thanks to our students and our alumni. They are the present and future of this field; without them, our research would have no audience, no meaning and no conduit for impact. What they do when they take our knowledge outside our walls is what inspires us to ask better questions and expand what's possible.

Thank you for taking the time to read through just a few of our highlights from this past year. I hope you'll find the stories of our faculty, students, alumni and partners as inspiring as I do each and every day.

Charge On,

Doug Goodman, Ph.D.
Professor and Director

UCF School of Public Administration

Global Policy, G



School of Public Administration faculty have ventured around the world this year, sharing impactful research and providing thought leadership on topics from community resilience to interconnected governance.

1 Pegasus Professor Naim Kapucu spent Summer 2022 as the Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Applied Public Policy for the Heinz College at Carnegie Mellon University in Australia, in addition to conducting Fulbright research with colleagues at Flinders University in Adelaide.



Associate Professor Jungwon Yeo

2 Professor Thomas Bryer, Professor Abdul-Akeem Sadiq and Associate Professor Jungwon Yeo shared research with international colleagues at Kaunas University of Technology in Lithuania for the institution's Migration Crisis: Challenges and Possible Solutions conference in May.

3 Maritza Concha, lecturer and director of the UCF Center for Public and Nonprofit Management, hosted the inaugural Participatory Action Research and Evaluation Conference (PAREC), a virtual and fully bilingual event featuring prominent scholars and stakeholders from across Latin America. The conference aims to create sustainable development goals through participatory research that empowers the Latin American and Caribbean communities.

Global Audiences

Professor
Staci
Zavattaro



Pegasus
Professor
Naim Kapucu



Professor Staci Zavattaro began a yearlong appointment as a prestigious Richard P. Nathan Public Policy Fellowship from the State University of New York's Rockefeller Institute of Government in September 2022. Zavattaro's research will focus on an often-overlooked facet of public administration in communities around the world: deathcare. From waning workforce numbers to mental health challenges, her research will aim to identify the profession's most pressing issues and present potential policy and resource interventions.

Pegasus Professor Naim Kapucu was inducted into the National Academy of Public Administration in November 2021 as part of the Academy's 2021 Class of Academy Fellows. One of 39 public administration scholars and professionals selected to join the Academy, Kapucu will focus his work with the organization's standing panel on intergovernmental systems. Kapucu is the third School of Public Administration faculty member to be inducted as a Fellow, joining Professors Kuotsai Tom Liou and Jeremy Hall.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

David Smith '98 '00MPA was named Assistant Director of the United States Secret Service Office of Investigations, the culmination of a public service career spanning more than two decades. Having started with the agency in 2001, Smith currently leads the Secret Service's global investigative mission across its 161 offices.

TWO COUNTRIES,

STUDENTS TAKE ADVANTAGE OF UCF'S INNOVATIVE



For many students, the prospect of studying abroad or pursuing dual undergraduate degrees comes with a cost: extra courses, extra semesters and extra expenses to squeeze that extra bit out of their college experience.

For School of Public Administration students, however, they can have their cake and eat it too — academically speaking. Through a landmark partnership with Kaunas University of Technology (KTU) in Lithuania, discerning Knights are able to earn two bachelor's degrees — one in public

administration conferred by KTU and one in nonprofit management conferred by UCF — simultaneously during a standard four-year plan of study that includes a semester abroad in Lithuania.

Beyond the study abroad experience of UCF students, the partnership between UCF and KTU

extends both ways. In Fall 2022, UCF welcomed its first cohort of Lithuanian students studying at KTU for their semester abroad in the United States.

“It is such a privilege to be able to host such an engaged cohort of international students here at UCF,” school director Doug Goodman says. “The value their diverse experiences will bring to our faculty and their fellow students’ understanding of the concepts they’re being taught, and how those concepts apply in communities around the world, cannot be understated.”

TWO DEGREES

INTERNATIONAL DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

AUSTIN RIVERS '20MPA

Inspired by an idea sparked during a course at UCF, Austin Rivers launched a nonprofit organization in just a few years' time that is already making an impact. In 2020, Rivers founded Knit the Rainbow — a nonprofit organization that provides LGBTQ+ youth in the New York City area with handmade warm garments. In its first year, Knit the

Rainbow distributed more than 4,000 garments in its first year, earning significant local acclaim and an opportunity for Rivers to appear on The Kelly Clarkson Show.

THOMAS BRYER RECEIVES GLOBAL LITHUANIAN AWARD

Professor Thomas Bryer was honored by the government of Lithuania in December 2021 with the Global Lithuanian Award for his contributions to scientific progress. At

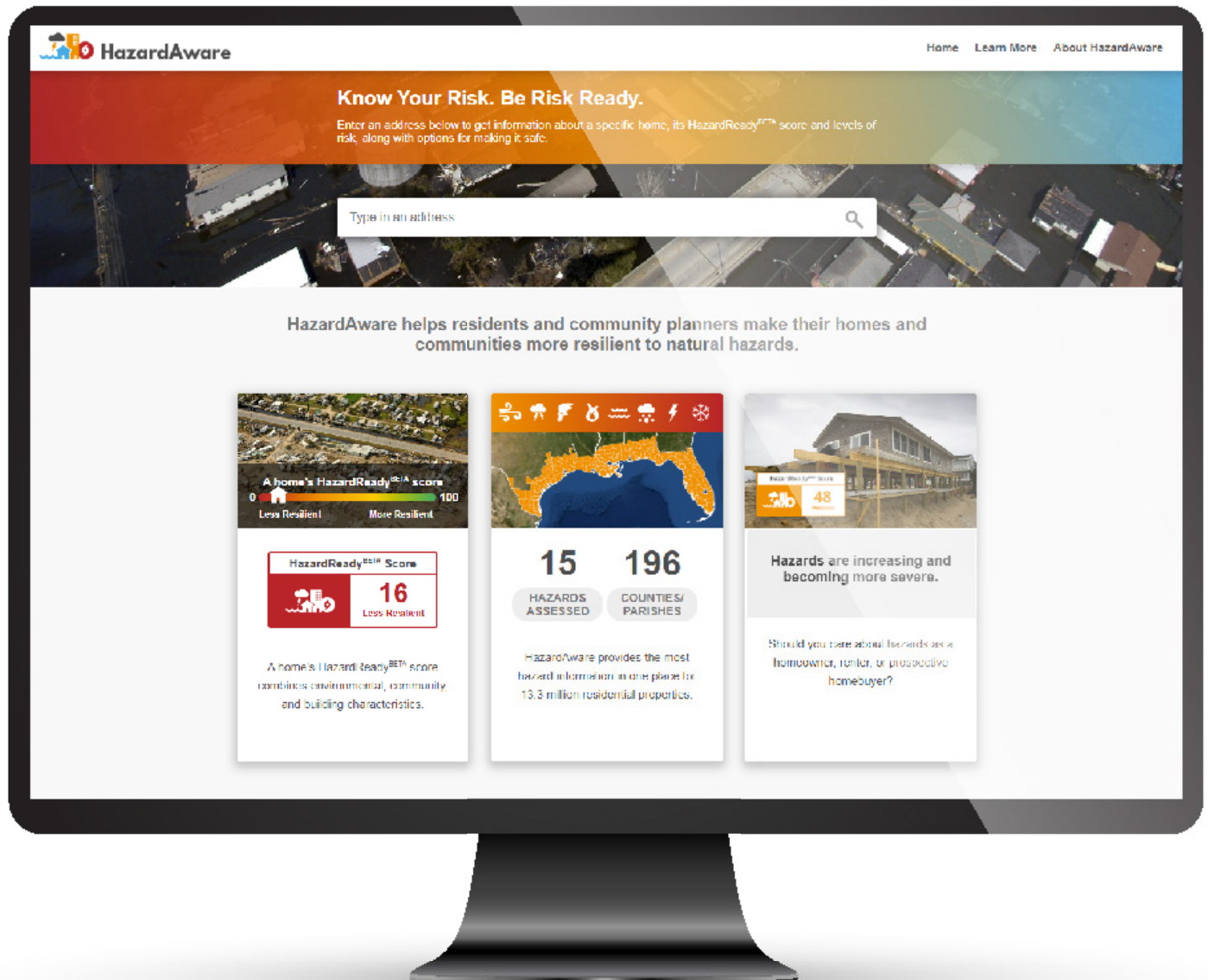
the award ceremony, the President of Lithuania said honorees' contributions represented "symbols of patriotism and meaningful leadership." Bryer — a descendant of Lithuanian immigrants on both sides of his family — received the award for multiple professional endeavors in the Baltic state, most notably the international dual degree program he was instrumental in developing between UCF and Kaunas University of Technology.

AUSTIN RIVERS '20MPA



UCF-LED TEAM DEVELOPS TOOL TO MAKE HOMEOWNERS

“HAZARD AWARE”



More than 13 million U.S. homeowners now have instant digital access to critical disaster readiness information tailor-made for them, all free of charge, thanks to a team of researchers led by two UCF School of Public Administration faculty.

HazardAware is a free online tool that allows homeowners to input their address and view a custom “HazardReady” score — aggregating publicly available data on 15 potential threats, from hurricane winds and flooding to environmental vulnerability, community resilience and home construction factors. The tool is currently available to

homeowners in 196 counties along the Gulf of Mexico, including all 67 Florida counties and parts of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas. The tool was developed as part of a larger \$3.4 million UCF-led, multi-institution project funded by the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine’s Gulf Research Program.



CHRISTOPHER EMRICH

“When people buy houses, they generally think about location, pricing, crime, walkability and things like that,” says Christopher Emrich, principal investigator of the research and

the Boardman Endowed Associate Professor of Environmental Science and Public Administration at UCF.

“But rarely do people think about how much hazards will cost. By going to HazardAware, people can compare houses and get more information they can use to make crucial decisions and smart choices about where they live.”

With continued funding, Emrich says, HazardAware could be expanded to cover the entire United States and include additional hazard factors, including wildfires and earthquakes.



CLAIRE KNOX RECEIVES EDUCATION AWARD FROM FEMA

Claire Knox, associate professor and founding director of UCF’s emergency management and homeland security program, was recognized by FEMA’s Higher Education Program for her exceptional contributions to emergency management education with the agency’s Kay C. Goss Innovation and Technology Award. Knox attributes her success in the field to the development of academic-practitioner partnerships, a cornerstone of both the FEMA Higher Education Program and UCF’s emergency management degree programs.



RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT

SOCIAL MEDIA AND DISASTER RECOVERY

Published in Risk Analysis, a study conducted by school faculty Jungwon Yeo, Claire Knox and Qian Hu analyzed the impact of social media as a conduit of communication in the digital age, specifically through the lens of Twitter during the 2016 floods in southern Louisiana. Utilizing detailed analyses of longitudinal Twitter data from the period following the disaster, their research surmises that public agencies should place stronger emphasis on long-term recovery communication — especially through trusted local channels — while also paying more attention to the information be distributed on social media platforms.



GAI CONSULTANTS NAMED COLLEGE PEGASUS PARTNER

At the College of Community Innovation and Education's first annual Celebration Knight event in May 2022, GAI Consultants received the college's inaugural Pegasus Partner award. The award, which recognizes an individual or organization that has made significant

contributions to the advancement of the college through partnership, is awarded only once per year across the college's eight academic units and is selected based on a competitive nomination process.

"It is so exciting to have GAI be recognized as the college's first

Pegasus Partner," school director Doug Goodman says. "They have been so instrumental in the building of our urban and regional planning programs, and their commitment is evident in the partners who sit on our advisory boards and the students employed by their firm."

MSURP Student named Student Planner of the Year

Jady Chen, a graduate student in the urban and regional planning graduate program, was honored by the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association as Student Planner of the Year for 2022. Recognized at the chapter's annual conference in September, Chen was recognized for her exceptional work in urban and regional planning, which included a term as president of UCF's Urban Knights student planning association.

"I am so proud of Jady," says Chia-Yuan Yu, associate professor and urban and regional planning academic program coordinator. "She really represents the best that our program has to offer. I have no doubt she has a bright career ahead of her."



RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT:

Implementing City Sustainability

Professor Christopher Hawkins co-authored a new book, *Implementing City Sustainability*, which examines how local governments can move past traditional administrative pitfalls to pursue environmental, social and economic well-being within their communities. The book shows students that sustainability goals are not a one-size-fits-all solution, and to achieve them typically implies bending traditional function-based governance models in favor of an all-hands-on-deck approach.



Students And Professionals Matched For Mentoring

Fifteen students in the urban and regional planning graduate program had the opportunity to be paired with professional mentors the first week of October 2022 to further enrich their professional and academic development. Students were partnered with field professionals — planning managers and directors from across the public

and private sectors — from the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association based on their field of interest. The mentorship program, which lasts approximately six months over an academic year, allows students to obtain insights about the planning profession while setting attainable goals based on mentors' real-world experience.



Celebrating 10 Years of MRA At UCF

The 2021-22 academic year marked the 10th year of the Master of Research Administration program at UCF. From humble beginnings as one of the nation's first dedicated research administration graduate degree programs, the past decade has seen the program blossom as the field extended beyond its academic roots into the broader professional world. Healthcare providers, consulting firms, nonprofit organizations and government agencies are all in the market for professional research administrators who can fill a variety of roles, including funding and budget management, grant writing, proposal review, contract negotiations and regulatory compliance.

"In today's instantaneous world, sustaining anything for 10 years can seem improbable, or impossible" says Angela White-Jones, lecturer and MRA academic program coordinator. "But when it comes to creating an academic practice and growing a profession, 10 years is something to celebrate and a wonderful achievement of which to build upon. We are proud to celebrate this anniversary of welcoming our first cohort."

One of the most game-changing aspects of the MRA program's success has come through its landmark partnership between the School of Public Administration and UCF Online. As part of the UCF Online family of programs, the MRA program is uniquely poised to reach national and global audiences with the student resources to back it up. UCF Online's success coaches act as a key factor in students' persistence and retention through the program, providing them with the support they need outside the virtual classroom.

Looking at the success the research administration program has

had in its inaugural decade, White-Jones points to the people whose vision brought the program into existence in the first place. Those include former SPA Director Mary Ann Feldheim and inaugural Program Coordinator Jo Smith, as well as a

grant from the National Council of University Research Administrators that helped launch the program.

While the preceding decade brought many changes with it, White-Jones points to the three guiding constants that lie at the heart of the MRA program's current and future success — a commitment to creating highly skilled and ethical research administrators who excel in their field; a high standard in creating courses and curriculum that matters to students in the fast-changing world of research; and the sense of family that is created through the program's cohort model.

"With these principles rooted as strongly as ever in our program, we can't wait to see what the next 10 years have in store for this program," White-Jones says.



DOCTORAL STUDENT AWARDED FELLOWSHIP FOR DISSERTATION RESEARCH ON HISPANIOLA



Public affairs doctoral student Ruth Kessa was named a Mellon Fellow by the University of Illinois Chicago's Crossing Latinidades Humanities Research Initiative, a partnership between the university and the Inter-University Program for Latino Research. Kessa's fellowship will assist her dissertation research on policymaking and disaster vulnerability within the nations of Hispaniola. Kessa, whose family heritage traces back to the island nations of Haiti and the Dominican Republic, wants to produce research that ultimately benefits the people of the island nations.

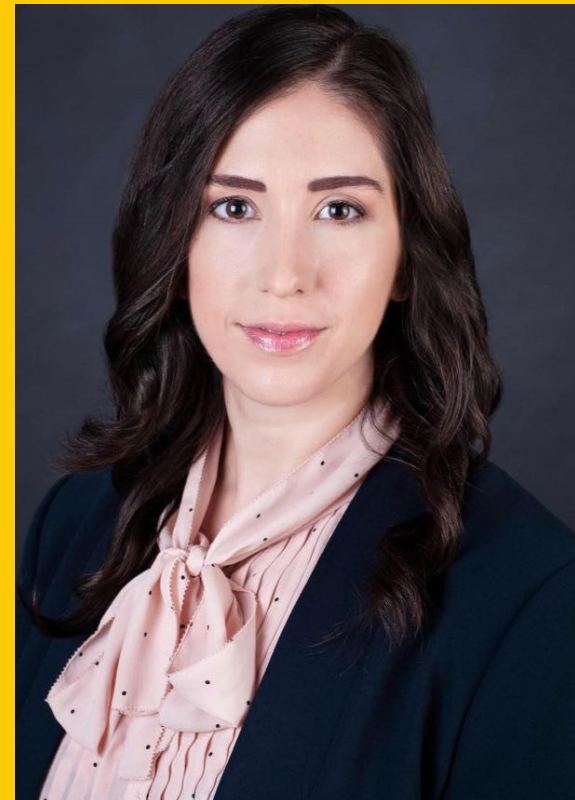
"Recovery efforts from the 2010 earthquake were stalled because of corruption and other policy challenges," Kessa says. "These issues make the whole island — Haiti and

the Dominican Republic — uniquely vulnerable to future natural disasters. If there is a way my research can help develop stronger policies and relationships between the two nations, I want to pursue it. We need to work together to respond to disasters."

Maritza Concha, lecturer and director of the Center for Public and Nonprofit Management, adds that Kessa's research is more important than ever. "The implications of Ruth's research will have great policy making implications for public administrators in the region," she says. "Intergovernmental relationships are extremely important in developing long-term solutions, especially as it relates to assisting vulnerable populations before, during and after disasters."

DOCTORAL STUDENT RECEIVES SOCIAL WORK FELLOWSHIP

Alexis Tsoukalas, a public affairs doctoral student, received the Social Work Doctoral Student Policy Fellowship from the Council on Social Work Education, Society for Social Work and Research and Group for the Advancement of Doctoral Education in Social Work. As part of the fellowship, Tsoukalas will be virtually matched with a U.S. Congressional office to provide research assistance on labor and immigration policy while receiving mentorship from federal policy practitioners.





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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Maritza Concha, Ph.D.
CPNM Director

In the year since my appointment as the CPNM Director, the center shifted its operations towards becoming financially sustainable. We were to achieve this without changing its mission of promoting research and leading public service projects that will ultimately impact and strengthen communities. In this transition, we expanded community partnerships, delivered academic and practitioner conferences, and initiate new projects to build the capacity of great nonprofit organizations.

I would like to tell you about some of the CPNM's accomplishments:

- Launched our first Nonprofit Professional Certificate Program in collaboration with the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance (NLA) and UCF Continuing Education. This certificate will allow nonprofit professionals to obtain the Nonprofit Professional Credential offered by NLA.
- Hosted the first international Participatory Action Research and Evaluation Conference (PAREC), with more than 250 participants, in collaboration with an international committee from the Latin American & Caribbean region and the United Nations Development Program.
- Facilitated a capacity building seminar funded by the Orange County Citizens' Commission for Children for the eighth time.
- Coordinated the Nonprofit Conference and the Public Administration Research Conference showcasing academic projects from our faculty, students, public and nonprofit sector.
- Received funding totaling more than \$600,000 to continue empowering the public and nonprofit sector in areas of capacity building and professional enhancement.

I would like to end this letter by thanking Dr. Young-joo Lee, Dr. Stephanie Krick and Dr. Daniel Seigler for their support with CPNM projects. I also want to extend a special thanks to Dr. Doug Goodman for his continued support and trust. Finally, please join me in appreciating the excellent work and commitment of CPNM graduate assistant, Rasha Mannaa, and undergraduate assistant, Jackson Brown. The success of this first year is the reflection of Ms. Mannaa and Mr. Brown's dedication, work ethic and continued professional growth.

We look forward to working with all of you in the future.

We are adapting, we are changing, we are learning.
Go Knights and Charge On!

Dr. Maritza Concha



Nonprofit Professional Certificate

CPNM launched the Nonprofit Professional Program Certificate in August 2022 in partnership with the Nonprofit Leadership Alliance and UCF Continuing Education. This certificate is 100% online and is designed to serve busy nonprofit professionals. It is composed of 8 modules targeting main components of nonprofit management and can be completed in 4 months. This certificate will prepare nonprofit professionals to pass the Certified Nonprofit Professional (CNP) examination. The CNP is the only recognized credential in the United States. For more information about the program, please visit the following website: <https://www.ce.ucf.edu/Program/nonprofit-professional-program>

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Lisbeth speaking
on the Nonprofit
Professional
Program Online
Certification

Having worked in the nonprofit world for more than 10 years, this program has allowed me the opportunity to enhance the experience I already possessed and the ability to learn and acquire new knowledge and skills about today's nonprofit practices...



Continuing
Education

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VISION STATEMENT

The Center for Public and Nonprofit Management improves policy and governance in partnership with communities from central Florida and worldwide to positively and collectively impact society through research and community engagement.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Center for Public and Nonprofit Management facilitates and supports sponsored research on policy and management and leads public service projects that inclusively enhance lives and strengthens communities.

Capacity Building Seminar



For the eighth consecutive year, CPNM launched the capacity building seminar during the summer of 2022, funded by Orange County Citizens' Commission for Children (OCCC). The 2022 capacity building seminar cohort was composed of 40 participants from 20 Orange County nonprofit organizations. The primary goal of the seminar is to provide essential training to participating nonprofit organizations, equipping them to successfully compete for Orange County funding and external funding venues. The training seminar covers topics related to governance, strategic planning, evaluation, financial management and grant writing as well as technical assistance led by UCF graduate students.

As part of this program, CPNM staff facilitated a program evaluation to measure preliminary impact and best practices.

It was found that all participating agencies (100%) were satisfied with the program with an attendance rate of almost 90%. More than 85% also indicated to have increased knowledge in all seminar topics. With more than 600 hours dedicated to technical assistance, participants felt this program would bring positive change to their organizations. One participant stated the importance of participating in this training as reflected in this quote: "Recapping and reliving the story of how the organization was created, the mission and where we come from. Passion turned into purpose." The CPNM plans to host the capacity building seminar with OCCC over the next three years and will perform a follow up study to document participants' grants acceptance rate. For more information about this program, please reach out Dr. Maritza Concha at maritza.concha@ucf.edu

Participatory Action Research Evaluation Conference (PAREC)

Rasha Mannaa, graduate research assistant at CPNM, served as the Program Coordinator for the first international Participatory Action Research Evaluation Conference (PAREC). PAREC's theme was: "Working towards the Sustainable Development Goals through participatory research and evaluation empowering the Latin America and Caribbean community." The conference took place in April of 2022, in collaboration with an international committee, and CPNM staff who planned and

executed this first bilingual conference for CPNM and the School of Public Administration. The conference had a total of nine panel discussions focusing on the following tracks within participatory evaluation: 1) values and standards, 2) theoretical frameworks and methods, and 3) application and experiences. Speakers included experts in evaluation from the region as well as from the UNDP Independent Evaluation Office leadership. More than 250 participants (evaluators, students, and academics) from

Latin American, the Caribbean and the United States participated in this one-day event. The conference was well received as stated in this participant's comment: "Very enriching experience, I would have liked it to be extended for two days to be able to go deeper into the topics and network with peers." The Center plans to coordinate this conference every two years expanding to other regions of the world.

21 de abril, 2022
A VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

Center for Public and Nonprofit Management
UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

Panel inaugural

Ada Ocampo

maritza concha

Oscar Garcia

Pablo Rodriguez-Bilella

Janett Salvador-KP
Moderator

21 de abril 9:00 – 10:15 EST

Registro:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/parec-participatory-action-research-evaluation-conference-tickets-265339687147>

EMINENT SCHOLAR SERIES



EMINENT SCHOLARS LECTURE SERIES
11.9.21 | 9 AM
Zoom


Participatory evaluation in Latin America: Principles and good practices

Pablo Rodriguez-Bilella, Ph.D.

Dr. Pablo Rodriguez-Bilella holds a Ph.D. in Sociology from Sussex University in the United Kingdom. Dr. Rodriguez-Bilella is a member of CONICET, Argentine Research Council and a professor in Anthropology at Universidad Nacional de San Juan (Argentina). This lecture discusses participatory evaluation functions as an approach that enables programs to be reviewed and improved from a local perspective, opening up new spaces for understanding and dialogue, deemed particularly necessary in pandemic times. This presentation gives an account of the participatory traditions rooted in the Latin American region that paved the way for its development of participatory evaluation.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT CPNM
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On November 9, 2022, CPNM invited Dr. Pablo Rodriguez-Bilella, CONICET Faculty of Social Sciences National University of San Juan, Argentina to present in the Eminent Scholar Series for the fall 2021. In his presentation entitled: Participatory evaluation in Latin America: principles and good practices, Dr. Rodriguez-Bilella discussed participatory evaluation functions as an approach that enables programs to be reviewed and improved from a local perspective, opening up new spaces for understanding and dialogue, deemed particularly necessary in pandemic times.

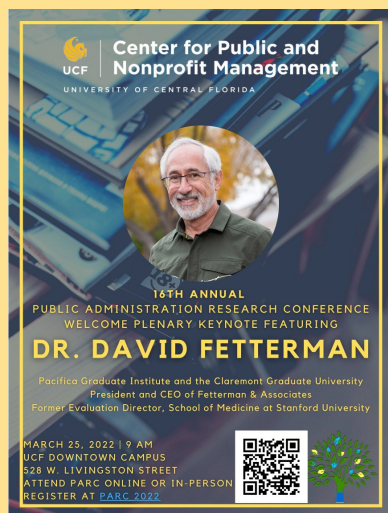


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SPRING 2022 EMINENT SCHOLAR SERIES
FEATURING
MR. SCOTT JENKINS
Strategy Director for State Policy, Lumina Foundation

MARCH 24, 2022 | 2 PM TO 3 PM
UCF DOWNTOWN CAMPUS
528 W. LIVINGSTON STREET
FREE, PUBLIC EVENT
REGISTER AT [EVENTBRITE](#)

On March 24th, 2022, CPNM held a discussion with accomplished UCF Alum, Mr. Scott Jenkins, the Strategy Director for State Policy at the Lumina Foundation. This is an independent, private foundation in Indianapolis that is committed to making opportunities for learning beyond high school available to all. In this role, he leads the development and advancement of the foundation's state policy agenda.



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16TH ANNUAL
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION RESEARCH CONFERENCE
WELCOME PLENARY KEYNOTE FEATURING
DR. DAVID FETTERMAN
Pacifica Graduate Institute and the Claremont Graduate University
President and CEO of Fetterman & Associates
Former Evaluation Director, School of Medicine at Stanford University

MARCH 25, 2022 | 9 AM
UCF DOWNTOWN CAMPUS
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ATTEND PARC ONLINE OR IN-PERSON
REGISTER AT [PARC 2022](#)

On March 25th, 2022, CPNM held the Public Administration Research Conference with Keynote Speaker Dr. David Fetterman. Dr. Fetterman spoke about empowerment evaluation, social equity and inclusion strategies for both public and nonprofit sectors.

Grants & Contracts

Orange County

Capacity Building Seminar Series

PI: Maritza Concha, Ph.D.;
Co-PI: Young-joo Lee, Ph.D.
Amount funded: \$205,803
Orange Citizens' Commission for Children
(Under contract negotiation and multiple year contract)

Orange County

Financial Management Series

PI: Sarah Larson, Ph.D.;
Co-PI: Maritza Concha, Ph.D.
Amount funded: \$350,820
Orange Citizens' Commission for Children
(Under contract negotiation and multiple year contract)

Osceola County

Capacity Building Seminar Series

PI: Maritza Concha, Ph.D.;
Amount funded: \$66,522
Osceola County Board of County Commissioners
(Under contract negotiation)

HUD Rental Outcomes

PI: Christopher Emrich, Ph.D.
Co-PI: Maritza Concha, Ph.D.
Amount funded: \$112,336
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
(Under contract negotiation and multiple year contract)

Association Management Service

PI: Maritza Concha, Ph.D.;
Co-PI: Karen Allen
Amount funded: \$39,000
Volusia County League of Cities

Cultural Interventions for Domestic Violence Prevention

PI: Maritza Concha, Ph.D.
Amount funded: \$40,000
City of Orlando

2022 Research Seminar Series

Launched in Spring 2018, the Research Seminar Series promotes opportunities for faculty and students to present early-stage research for peer feedback. In addition, visiting scholars are invited each semester to present on various topics within the field.

Overcoming Missing Data's Impact on Measurement of Risk and Equity: An Application of Machine Learning to Improve Imputation

Anthony Kassekert, Ph.D.

U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

Human Trafficking Initiative

Juliana Semione, Ph.D.

University of Nottingham

Building Client-Centered and Trauma-Informed Mental Health Services for Refugees

Asli Cennet Yalim, PhD

University of Central Florida

Pasaporte Solidario - Solidarity Passport

Rasha Manaa Mannah

University of Central Florida

Councils, Managers...and Consultants?

Management Consulting and Complementarity in Municipal Strategy Implementation

Dr. David Mitchell

University of Central Florida

Prostate Cancer Disparities Project: Students' Poster Presentation

Undergraduate student Catalina Esguerra and graduate student Jocelyn Daniels presented their work to support the development of an artificial intelligent user-friendly on-line resource for African American males.



Public Administration Research Conference (PARC) and Nonprofit Partners Conference Remarks.



Jackson Brown, CPNM undergraduate assistant, served as a technical and communications lead for the 20th annual Nonprofit Partners Conference that took place October 1st, 2021. The theme of the conference was "Hope and Humanity in Central Florida." This conference attracted 150 attendees participating over the span of 10 sessions. The event was held on a virtual conference platform that Jackson was entirely responsible for populating, monitoring, and updating. This event was co-organized by the Nonprofit Advisory Board.

The 16th annual Public Administration Research Conference (PARC) took place March 24th & 25th, 2022. The 2022 PARC theme was: "Promoting broadened prosperity, social equity, community resilience, and inclusive governance through policy reform and public service from local to global initiatives." The first day was hosted at UCF downtown and included pre-conference workshops, an Eminent scholar lecture, student research posters, and a social event organized by student organizations. This event was particularly monumental because it marked the first time that the School of Public Administration was able to host an in person since the start of the pandemic. The PARC panels took place virtually the following day using the same virtual conference platform that was utilized for the Nonprofit Partners Conference. PARC hosted 14 panels with over 100 attendees.

SAVE the DATE

Thursday, March 9th, 2023

PARC 2023

In Person (UCF Downtown)

"To explore innovations aimed at expanding community, organizational, and learning outcomes through improved interdisciplinary and cross sectoral approaches."

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Lecturer



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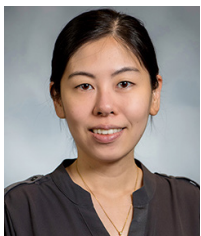
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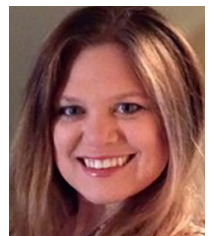
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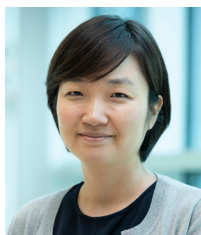
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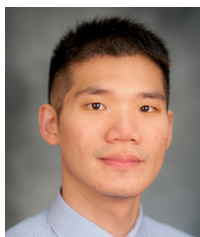
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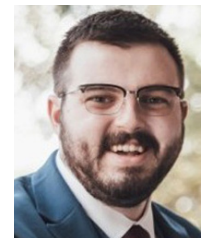
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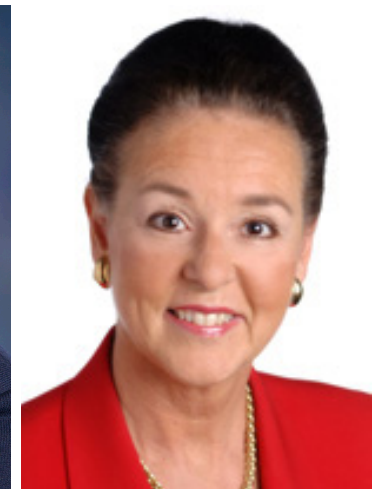
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