Message from the Department Chair
Dr. John Lombard

Greetings! I am pleased to welcome you to the Fall 2010 semester. Many exciting things are happening this year and I encourage you to read this newsletter thoroughly so that you can join us in the events and activities planned this semester.

I am also pleased to welcome our new faculty member to the department, Dr. Katrina Miller-Stevens. Dr. Stevens comes to us from the University of Colorado Denver with a background in nonprofit management and public policy. She is teaching PADM 651 Administrative Theory 1 and PADM 695 Introduction to the Nonprofit Sector this semester. Please stop by and welcome her to Old Dominion University and the USPA Department! Her office is located here in Constant Hall, room 2089. We are looking forward to working with her on expanding the nonprofit emphasis area in the MPA program.

This semester also kicks off the Department’s undergraduate minor program in public service. Classes offered this semester include PAS 300 Foundations of Public Service and PAS 301 Accountability Governance Ethics. Next semester, PAS 395 Leadership in Public Service and PAS 410 Public & Nonprofit Organizations will be offered in addition to the PAS 300 and 301. The public service minor complements any area of major study for undergraduate students.

To promote this exciting new opportunity for ODU students, the Department will be celebrating Public Service Week (Oct 30 - Nov 6) with events featuring guest speakers, a roundtable discussion forum, blood drive, career exploration, and other exciting events. This week will provide useful information and topics discussion for both undergraduate and graduate students. Details for the week are found in this newsletter.

If you are in the office by all means please stop by and say hello. Lastly, if you have any suggestions or comments please feel free to send me an email (jlombard@odu.edu) or telephone 683-4809.

Monarchs Making a Difference
PhD Program Director Message  
Dr. John. C. Morris, Program Director

Welcome to the start of the new academic year! This year brings the largest new cohort in the PhD program—eleven new students. This is both exciting and challenging: it is exciting because we have some outstanding people joining our program, but challenging because it will make for some course scheduling issues. Those of you in PAUP 808 this semester understand this! We expect that the core courses for the next couple of years will be somewhat larger than normal as a result, but we think course enrollments will even out as this cohort group moves through the program.

This is also the first semester of the implementation of our updated PhD Student Handbook. For those of you who began the program prior to Fall 2010 and who have opted to adopt the new Handbook, please remember that you should identify your advisory committee prior to registration for spring classes. Please let me know if you have any questions about the advisory committee process. In addition, be on the lookout for designated socialization events to attend. All students under the new Handbook must attend at least seven of these events prior to graduation. Of course, we encourage you to attend as many of these events as possible; it will only make you more successful in the future!

Registration for the Spring Semester begins November 20. I strongly urge you to register as early as possible; especially those of you who need specific courses to stay on a graduation schedule. You should plan to meet with me (new students) or your advisory committee (returning students) prior to the beginning of the registration period. By the time you read this the spring schedule should be available online, so you can begin your planning process.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will read about our upcoming Public Service Week in November. We are very excited about this project, and excited about the people we will be bringing to campus to talk about public service. Of particular interest to PhD students will be the address given by Dr. James Perry of Indiana University. Dr Perry will present his research at the Dean’s Research Forum on Friday, November 5, from 12:00pm until 1:30pm. We are also hoping to be able to arrange an informal meeting between Dr Perry and interested PhD students prior to his public presentation; you will be receiving emails with specific details as we develop and finalize his schedule.

I hope all of you have a great fall semester!

Attention May 2011 graduates

If you are planning to graduate in May 2011, you must APPLY for graduation! The application is easily filled out and printed off the Registrar’s Website @ http://www.odu.edu/ao/registrar/graduation/candidates/applying.shtml. The deadline for May Graduation application is NOVEMBER 30, 2010.
Message from MPA Program Director
Dr. William Leavitt

Greetings to all MPA students and alumni! The big news this Fall is that the MPA program received reaccreditation from the accrediting body, the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA). The MPA program at Old Dominion University has been accredited for more than twenty years and we are pleased to be able to continue offering an accredited program. Just over two hundred MPA programs at universities across the county are accredited by NASPAA. It was important to retain this accreditation as proof of the quality of our program at ODU. The Site Visit team from NASPAA was impressed with the MPA program at ODU and so we have reason to be proud of the program. One change we made as a result of our self-study for reaccreditation was to significantly raise the admission standards for entry into the MPA program. This may result in fewer students admitted to the program, but the qualifications of those admitted will be significantly enhanced.

As I noted in the Spring Newsletter, we are continuing to provide advising to all MPA students. Dr. Alkadry and other faculty members are advising pre-service students who require internships and I continue to advise in-service students who do not require internships. Registration for the Spring semester begins later this Fall; if you haven’t received advising within the past academic year please plan on doing so soon. If you do not receive advising you may find that there is an “Advisor Hold” which prevents you from registering for Spring classes. Advising can be done in person or over the phone so please call our office at 683-3961 to schedule your appointment with me if you are an in-service student.

I hope the semester has been a productive one for you so far!

Spring Registration Info

Spring registration begins November 15 for degree-seeking students! To check your registration status, go to LEO Online, click the registration link, then the time ticket link to check for holds and view when you are able to begin registering.

For those students who have not been advised once already this year, call the USPA office (683-3961) to make an appointment.
Time Management & Graduate School

Casey Smith, MPAA President

Balancing time is difficult in graduate school and is much different than balancing time at work or even with family. While assignment due dates and the occasional test will provide hard deadlines to get work done, it is up to you as the student when you will actually do it. Here are a few tips to help reign it all in.

- **Make a plan.** At the start of each semester, create a comprehensive calendar with your entire academic due dates, as well as major events that will force you to shift time around to have your academic work in on time. Block off time each week and devote it to your studies—how much depends on you and your course load.

- **Stick to your plan.** While this seems obvious, it is incredibly easy to allow readings to pile up and to fall behind on semester-long projects. While things do inevitably come up, it is important to reschedule your academic work time.

- **Utilize electronic/internet tools.** I use the iCal calendar software on my MacBook to make my semester plans and set alarms for upcoming due dates. Depending on the extent of the project, I will usually set one for a week in advance and another for two days in advance. For me, having a reminder sent to my email works wonderfully. Microsoft Outlook, as well as Google, also has an excellent calendar/alert features as well.

- **Take a step back.** I have the tendency to become very overwhelmed, very quickly...and for no good reason. When I find myself stressing out about my academic work, on top of all of my other commitments, I force myself to take a step back and look at the whole picture. Make a pragmatic plan on how to tackle each task in your to-do list, and suddenly you will find your blood pressure begin to drop.

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**Professor Profile**

Terry Jenkins, Ph.D.

Terry Jenkins has spent her entire career working in local government - first in Richmond and then in Virginia Beach. She retired as the Virginia Beach Director of Human Services in January 2008 and joined the faculty as an adjunct professor that summer. Her responsibilities as Director included oversight of more than 1100 employees working in social services, mental health, substance abuse, developmental disabilities, juvenile detention, community corrections and pretrial services. During her career, she worked with numerous statewide and national groups, including several gubernatorial and legislative appointments. Shortly before her retirement, she was appointed to a mental health reform panel by the Chief Justice of the Virginia State Supreme Court. Named as the recipient of a number of recognitions and awards through her career, she approaches her faculty responsibilities with enthusiasm and passion for the public sector. She currently enjoys teaching PADM 695 (Nonprofit Governance) PADM 704 (Program Evaluation), PADM 715 (Nonprofit Management), and PADM 719 (Leadership) and is looking forward to teaching PADM 724 (Administration of Human Services) next semester.

Terry received her Master’s degree in gerontology and Doctorate in psychology from Virginia Commonwealth University, and obtained her MPA from Old Dominion University. Since her retirement, she is involved with a number of volunteer activities including the creation of a nonprofit organization (The Together We Can Foundation) focusing on the needs of youth aging out of the foster care system. She also serves on the boards of directors of Light Rail Now and the Creeds Senior Resource Center. She also serves on the Medical and Scientific Advisory Committee for the Alzheimer’s Association and was appointed by the Virginia Beach City Council to the city’s Deferred Compensation Board and the Community Allocation Grant Awards Committee. She is also active with her church as a Trustee with Virginia Beach United Methodist Church. In her spare time, she enjoys gardening and all kinds of music!
The Internship Corner
Dr. Mohamad Alkadry, Associate Professor

More than sixty current MPA students are required to do an internship. The internship experience provides a great opportunity for students who do not have enough work experience. It also provides an opportunity for experienced public servants who are seeking a career change. The internship includes a minimum of 300 hours of approved work experience, a series of reports and a reflection. The internship may well be the best thing that you will do to have a better future career.

In 2009-2010, the MPA program is grateful to the following agencies for hosting MPA interns in the past year: the Interagency Consortium and the Office of Housing in the City of Chesapeake, The Development Office in the City of Newport News, the Department of Grants Management in the City of Norfolk, the Department of Human Services and the Treasurer’s Office in the City of Virginia Beach, and Commonwealth of Virginia Legislature, Tidewater Community College, United States joint Forces Command, Government Accountability Office (3 Students), Office of Civilian Human Resources/Navy, the Virginia Beach Police Department, ODU Purchasing Department, the City of Norfolk, and the ODU Department of Materiel Management, the Government Accountability Office, Habitat for Humanity of South Hampton Roads, Military Sealift Fleet Support Command, Norfolk State University, and Virginia International Terminals.

In 2010-2011, we anticipate a demand for about 40 internships. If you are a student who is considering an internship or who is required to do one, please contact the internship coordinator, Dr. Mohamad Alkadry at malkadry@odu.edu, as soon as possible. If you are alumnus who is looking for an intern, contact Dr. Alkadry and he will direct you to many excellent and promising MPA students – quality employees at a fraction of the cost.

My Internship @ the GAO
Ejay Anderson, MPA Student

By working with Dr. Alkadry through ODU’s MPA internship program I was able to find my dream internship. This past summer I worked over 400 hours as a paid intern with the Government Accountability Office (GAO). This internship was a perfect fit for me because it fulfilled my desire to serve the public at the federal level. During my time at the GAO, I was assigned to the division that assesses the Department of Defense’s capabilities and readiness. Interns at the GAO have the same responsibilities as a typical employee.

I was placed on an actual GAO team and performed the same duties as everyone else. On two separate occasions I went with my team to GAO’s headquarters in Washington, D.C. At the headquarters, my team supported a GAO director during a congressional hearing and conducted audits at various locations, including Quantico and the Pentagon. My coursework in the MPA program prepared me for the work I performed during my internship. Learning the theoretical principles of public sector accountability and effectiveness really helped me when the opportunity came to apply them this summer at the GAO.
Jim Redick to Serve on Secure Commonwealth Panel
City Manager’s Update, City of Virginia Beach, Aug 20, 2010

Jim Redick, Emergency Management Planner was recently selected by Governor Bob McDonnell to serve as a Board Member on the Secure Commonwealth Panel. The Secure Commonwealth Panel is established as an advisory board in the executive branch of state government. The panel monitors and assesses the implementation of statewide prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery initiatives. Where necessary, the panel also reviews, evaluates, and makes recommendations relating to the emergency preparedness of government at all levels in the Commonwealth. The panel includes five sub-panels: Outreach, Business and Industry, Health and Medical, First Responder, and Critical Infrastructure Protection.

Redick is the Emergency Management Planner for the City of Virginia Beach. A Certified Emergency Manager with the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), Jim serves on several preparedness-related committees at all levels of government. He has been trained for FEMA’s Hurricane Liaison Team, serves as an instructor for the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) and his additional focus areas include collaboration, technology, and critical infrastructure protection. He holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Organizational Leadership and Management from Regent University and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from Old Dominion University. Jim lives in Virginia Beach with his wife and daughter.

Rick Berry, ODU MPA Alum ’94, featured in Virginia Pilot

Rick Berry, Executive Director, Construction & Procurement Services at ODU’s Material Management and adjunct professor in the USPA Department was featured in the Virginia Pilot in their “At-Work” series. The article can be accessed online at the Virginia Pilot Online website. In his current position in ODU’s Material Management, he oversees two departments: procurement and design/construction. He also teaches a class in the MPA program, PADM 718 Contract Management.

Support Team Keegan @ ODU

March for Babies (a 2.5 mile walk)
Saturday, November 6th in Chesapeake

Every day, thousands of babies are born too soon, too small and often very sick. My son, Keegan, was also born early, but today he is a healthy 2 year old. Many other babies have not been so lucky. This year, I have created a March for Babies team, and we are walking because we want to do something to change this. The money we raise will support March of Dimes research and programs that help moms have full-term pregnancies and babies begin healthy lives. And it will be used to bring comfort and information to families with a baby in newborn intensive care.

Please consider joining us for the walk. If you can’t join us, please help by sponsoring our team. You can sign up to walk or sponsor our team at http://www.marchforbabies.org/team/TeamKeeganODU.

Help us show the world that ODU and Hampton Road cares! Thanks in advance for your support of March for Babies and the March of Dimes.

Dr. Wie Yusuf
Summer 2011 in Hong Kong and Shanghai
History and Development of the Chinese Port System

May 30 – June 15
MGMT 463/563, ECON 495/595, INBU 463, MSCM 495/PORT 695, ASIA 395 (3 credits)

This course examines the influence of the port industry on the economic and cultural development on two major Chinese cities – Hong Kong and Shanghai. The program includes visits and lectures at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and the Shanghai Maritime University, both renowned for their research in the fields of maritime and supply chain management. Students will also visit key ports, distribution centers, and offshore sites, including the HACTL Operations site, Shenzen, and the Pearl River Delta Distribution Center. Students will tour related historical port areas, receive lectures on the history and the present status of the ports, learn how the ports shaped the culture and economy of the cities, as well as how they adjusted themselves to the requirements of international trade during the past centuries.

In addition to the port tours, students will have the opportunity to visit Lantau Island, Zhiuzhou water village, Victoria Peak and Victoria Harbor. The program also coincides with Hong Kong’s annual Dragon Boat Festival, a truly amazing cultural event. Students are encouraged to explore other cultural sites in these historic cities. **Priority application deadline is February 11, 2011.**

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