Greetings! I am happy to welcome you to the Fall 2011 semester. I strongly encourage you to read this newsletter thoroughly so that you can join us in the events and activities planned this semester.

I am pleased to welcome our new faculty member to the department, Dr. Stephen Gordon. Dr. Gordon comes to us from the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing in Herndon, VA with a background in government & politics, political science, and procurement. He is managing the Graduate Certificate Program in Public Procurement & Contract Management, now available to degree and non-degree seeking students. Please stop by and welcome him to Old Dominion University and the USPA Department! His office is located 2094 Constant Hall. We are looking forward to working with Dr. Gordon as he settles into Old Dominion University and Norfolk.

Our new Certificate Program in Public Procurement & Contract Management is designed to prepare professionals. The certificate is taken to satisfy either a graduate student’s elective requirement, or as a standalone certificate. The certificate itself consists of four required courses and one elective (15 credits total) that are taken for-credit. Details about courses can be found on our website.

The Department is also celebrating its second annual Public Service Week (Nov 5 - Nov 12) with events featuring guest speakers, an exciting women’s roundtable discussion forum, blood drive, career explorium, and other exciting events. The week will provide useful information and discussions appropriate for undergraduate and graduate students as well as alumni. Details for the week are found in this newsletter on page 3.

If you are on campus 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.

Best wishes, John Lombard PhD
Welcome to the start of a new school year! To begin with, please join me in welcoming our new Ph.D. students: Stacey Bennett, Terina Brooms, Tiffany Henley, Luisa Diaz-Kope, April Lee, Jesse "Kawika" Vellalos, and Steven Wright.

I'm also pleased to announce that Dean Yochum has allocated $2,000 to support PAUP students' travel for this academic year. If you are planning to present a paper or know if you have a paper accepted at a conference, please let me know. The funds will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. For those of you unfamiliar with the process, funding is available to students who present a paper at an international, national, or regional conference in the discipline. Funding amount is generally limited to $200 per student per year, and you must comply with the University's travel policies in order to receive any funding.

This year our department hosts ODU's Public Service Week, scheduled for November 7-11, 2011. We have several events planned for the week, including featured speaker Professor Robert Montjoy, University of New Orleans, on Tuesday November 8th at 7 p.m. Additional details regarding Public Service Week are included in this newsletter. Please plan to attend all of the events you possibly can, and be sure to encourage your friends, co-workers, classmates, etc. to do the same!

Finally, please join me in congratulating Drs. Brandi Blessett, Mike Brown, and Rhonda Myers, all three of whom successfully defended their dissertations this past spring and summer. Well done to all three!

Sincerely, John Morris PhD

Greetings to all MPA students and alumni! Enrollment in the MPA program continues to be strong and admission to the program is more and more competitive with the MPA program now ranked in the top 100 programs in the country.

As many of you know, Dr. Alkadry has taken a position with another university and is no longer with us. Due to his departure we have made some changes to student advising. I am now serving as the Internship Coordinator so I will be advising the majority of pre-service as well as in-service MPA students. Dr. Yusuf will continue to advise students who have been assigned to her, but I will do advising for all other students. I want to see every student at least once per academic year and it is your responsibility to call the office at 683-3961 to schedule an in-person or phone appointment with me. The Advisor hold will only be removed after advising has taken place so call before Spring registration begins if you haven't received advising since last Fall!

Please note that the MPA Student Handbook and the Internship Guidelines can both be found on the Department's website. Please read these important documents before advising!

I hope the semester is going well for all of you and that your courses are meeting your expectations.

Sincerely, Bill Leavitt PhD
Public Service Week 2011

Monday
Women in Public Service Roundtable:
Women in Higher Education
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
River Rooms, Webb Center

President’s Public Service Lecture
Speaker: TBA
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
North Cafeteria, Webb Center

Tuesday
Executive-in-Residence
Dr. Mary Maniscalco-Theberge
CBPA Alumni Public Service Award
12:15 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Academic Speaker: Robert Montjoy
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Hampton/Newport News Room, Webb Center

Thursday
Public Service Career Explorium
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Constant Hall Lobby

Public Service Careers: Professional Development
Workshop
9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. & 2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Constant Hall Room 2003

Friday
Workshop with Cosmo Fujiyama
Time & Place TBA

Blue Star Families
Veterans Day Service Event
Time TBA
Hampton/NN Room, Webb Center

Saturday
Monarch Service Day
Time TBA
Webb Center VIP Parking

*subject to change
A leading authority in public sector procurement and contract management, Dr. Stephen Gordon, FNIGP, CPPO, brings thirty five years of experience in the not-for-profit, for-profit, and public sectors to the Department of Urban Studies and Public Administration (USPA). In addition to teaching graduate-level classes and conducting research, Dr. Gordon plays the lead role in starting up the USPA's new Graduate Certificate in Public Procurement and Contract Management program. Stephen's research interests include intergovernmental relations, strategic management, and various aspects of public procurement, including performance-based acquisition, alternative construction delivery methods, outsourcing/insourcing, sustainable procurement, and fraud, waste, and abuse. A member of the charter steering group of the Association of Government's Accountants' Partnership for Intergovernmental Management and Accountability, Dr. Gordon facilitates the steering group of the Sustainable Procurement Initiative, a volunteer effort of professionals with varying but complementary expertise focused on making sustainability a routine consideration in the award of governmental purchases and contracts. A past national president of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP), Dr. Gordon has served in various volunteer leadership roles at community, state, and national levels. He is the recipient of the two highest individual awards conferred by NIGP.

Meet the Faculty Stephen B. Gordon

The USPA Department’s own graduate assistant, Brittni McCrimmon, was featured in the Virginian Pilot for her “Athletics begins with an ‘A’” tutoring program. Her program offers tutoring for student athletes on the Hampton Roads Wildcats football and cheerleading teams. Brittni established and runs the program as part of her AmeriCorps VISTA internship with One Economy Corporation. Read the article online!

Two hours a week is all it takes to become a volunteer tutor in her program! Contact Brittni at bmccr009@odu.edu.
A Summer Internship in the Nonprofit Sector
Pre-Service MPA Student

As a pre-service student in the MPA program, I was tasked with finding an internship that not only fulfilled the MPA requirements but also met my personal goal of nonprofit outreach involvement. I landed a non-paid summer internship as a Clinical Data & Research Intern at Operation Smile. Securing an internship with Operation Smile, a global nonprofit focused on improving children’s lives, has been one of the most educational and rewarding experiences I could have ever hoped for.

A large amount of the work I did was using my research and language skills to find, complete and translate clinical data information. Once I proved to be efficient at basic research and translation, I took on my own project to evaluate and improve the database Op Smile uses for international electronic medical records. I am now preparing for a trip to Nyeri, Kenya as an International volunteer for Operation Smile September 20 - October 2 for the work I have done.

Summer Internship with the City of Portsmouth:
Department of Permits and Inspections
Second Year MPA Student

This summer I had the opportunity to further my interests in local government administration by interning with the City of Portsmouth’s Department of Permits and Inspections. I knew that in this location I’d have the opportunity to broaden my knowledge of local public administration by working and interacting with nearly every other City department. One of the most useful benefits I’ve received in this context was first-hand experience with the dynamic interdepartmental and inter-organizational relationships that are characteristic of municipal government. I also received an in-depth understanding of the inner workings of Portsmouth.

The primary appeal of this internship was the prospect of supplementing my general administrative experience in HR with a more operational and practical take on local government work. Also, Permits and Inspections department is a prime example of interdepartmental cooperation and collaboration- I found that some of the work done in Permits and Inspections relates directly to the work in other City departments (e.g., Fire, Planning, and Engineering). Collaborating with the Assistant to the Building Official, Permit Technicians and Inspectors, and personnel from Planning, I investigated various City codes to address citizen inquiries, evaluate permit processes, and assess general office functions for suggestions on how to increase effectiveness and efficiency.

Wondering about YOUR internship requirement?

Email the Internship Coordinator, Dr. Leavitt, at wleavitt@odu.edu or call 683-3961 to schedule an appointment. For copies of the NEW & IMPROVED internship guidelines, visit here.
The Public Administration & Urban Policy PhD Student Association (PAUPers) is a student run organization whose mission is to represent and advocate for the interests of its members, so as to enhance the overall educational experience and professional development. PAUPers is a vibrant and evolving group that seeks to encourage and facilitate open communication among students, faculty, staff, and the ODU administration.

PAUPers is pleased to introduce our 2011-12 officers: Adale Martin, President; Tiffany Henley, Vice President; Robert Kenter, Secretary; and Wesley Ross, Treasurer.

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College April 2011 Awards Banquet

PAUP Wolfgang Pindur Scholarship
Matt Cable

MPA Wolfgang Pindur Scholarship
Brittni McRimmon

Outstanding PAUP Student
Rhonda Myers

Outstanding MPA Student
Lynnanne Gornto

Pi Alpha Alpha Inductees
Luisa Diaz-Kope
Arlana Fauntleroy
Frederick Grayton III
Janis Miller
Rhonda Myers
Lynn Noel
MPA Program Welcomes Fulbright Scholar, Asnal Ngartolna

This semester the MPA Program welcomes its first Fulbright Scholar. According to their website, “the Fulbright Program is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to ‘increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries.’ With this goal as a starting point, the Fulbright Program has provided almost 300,000 participants — chosen for their academic merit and leadership potential — with the opportunity to study, teach and conduct research, exchange ideas and contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns.” USPA GA Laura Hayes sat down to talk with Asnal about himself and the Fulbright Student Program:

Laura: Tell us a little about yourself.
Asnal: My name is Asnal Ngartolna. I am from Chad; Chad is a landlocked and French speaking country in central Africa. I have studied English, Communication of Enterprise and Human Resources Management at the University of N’Djamena (Chad). While studying, I worked in the U.S. Embassy of country for five years. After completing my studies, I worked for two years with Esso Exploration and Production Chad, Inc., an affiliate of ExxonMobil.

Laura: Why did you decide to apply for the Fulbright Scholar program?
Asnal: I decided to apply for the Fulbright Program for two reasons. First, I wished to continue my education. Unfortunately, the university in my country does not offer Master’s or PhD programs. The only possibility to continue my studies was abroad and the Fulbright Program is the means to achieve my goal.

The second reason is that the Fulbright Program is a prestigious open and merit-based fellowship offered by the U.S. government (the Foreign Scholarship Board is appointed by the U.S President) in more than 155 countries in the world since 1946. Becoming a ‘Fulbrighter’ means entering lifelong membership in a diverse community of accomplished individuals who perpetuate a tradition of excellence. Fulbright alumni have achieved distinction in various domains: twenty eight Fulbright alumni have served as heads of state or government and forty three of them have been awarded the Nobel Prize. It is a great honor for me to be in this program. It is a marvelous experience which, I am sure, will have a significant impact in my life.

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You must apply for graduation & commencement- these are TWO separate processes! The deadline for May 2012 graduation is November 30, 2011. The application for graduation can be found here (click to be sent to link). Commencement registration must also be completed online. Instructions for applying for commencement are found here (click to be sent to link). In order to receive your diploma, you must complete the Graduate Assessment, which is accessed here (click to be sent to link).
The Inaugural CREED Tennis Pro-Am was held on Thursday, September 22, from 4 - 7 p.m. at the Folkes-Stevens Indoor Tennis Center on ODU’s Norfolk campus. This event was an opportunity for CREED members and real estate/economic development colleagues to come together in a unique venue to network and to show their support for CREED, Old Dominion University and Monarchs Tennis.

Registrants were partnered with members of the ODU Monarchs Tennis Team to compete in a high energy, fast-paced match Pro-Am Division or participated in mixed doubles against each other.

PAUPers hosts social events, student meetings, and peer research support and collaboration. In August, we welcomed both incoming and returning students at our Fall Semester party. The monthly Scholarly Café meetings will continue for students to engage in lively peer to peer discussion about various topics, share current research and ideas, as well as, build confidence in scholarly discourse. All current and past PhD students are welcome to participate in our programs.

Congratulations to Sawsan Abutabenjeh, Sebawit Bishu, Vivian Greentree, Robert Kenter, Adale Martin, Katie Neill, and our advisor, Dr. John Morris for your outstanding presentations and representation of ODU at the 2011 SECoPA Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Stay informed about upcoming events, meetings, and conference announcements at the PAUPers website: www.orgs.odu.edu/paupers.
Laura: How long are you a part of the Fulbright Student Program?
Asnal: My two-year program started last month at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte where I attended a three-week pre-academic program. This program enables graduating college seniors, graduate students, young professionals and artists to study, teach, or conduct research. For this program, a Bachelor’s degree (or equivalent) is required.

Laura: What about the public administration degree inspires you?
Asnal: Chadian administration attracts very few competent people, not only because of smaller financial compensation, but because of a lack of professional code of ethics, the recurrent embezzlement and waste of public funds, and other endemic corruption. This in turn inspires a lack of commitment and motivation in employees, a general disrespect of the public good, and other organizational problems (e.g., professional mediocrity). This particular situation appeals to me as a challenge to take up. I came here to learn the general background of American government so that I may teach this in Chad.

Laura: How will you use what you learn in the MPA program to give back to your community?
Asnal: I am striving to get immersed into the diverse and complex field of public administration and gain as much knowledge as I can. This is not an easy thing when you come from a French speaking country with a hazy background in Public Administration, and in American Public Administration in particular. However, I am very confident that I will gain the knowledge I need to bring about positive changes Chadian government.

Coming back to your question, I would say that I have a big plans when I return back home: 1) teaching English and administration at the University of N'Djamena and other private Institutes in order to share [my new knowledge] with as many people as possible, 2) working in the Chadian government, 3) having a private consultancy office of HR if possible, and 4) maybe something in politics.

Upcoming Conferences
Click to follow the links

Association for Budgeting & Financial Management (October 13-15, 2011)
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (Nov 16-19, 2011)
Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics (March 6-7, 2012)
American Society for Public Administration (March, dates TBA)
Midwest Political Science Association (April 12-15, 2012)
Southern Political Science Association (January 12-14, 2012)
International Academy of Business and Public Administration (January 2-5, 2012)
Public Administration Theory Network (May 17-20, 2012)
Global Awareness Society International (May 24-27, 2012)
### Responsible Conduct of Research Training (RCR)

All graduate students are required to complete Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR) training through CITI.

Please note that RCR training must be completed within 12 months of your enrollment. This means that if you registered into the program in Fall 2010 and after, you are required to complete the training before completing PADM 753/853 in order to receive a grade. You do not need to be enrolled in PADM 753/853 in order to complete RCR training. Any student who has not completed RCR training will receive an 'Incomplete' for PADM 753/853 until they complete the training.

Training is free through the University. Instructions to guide you through the process of signing up and completing the training can be located on the Office of Research website or here. There are seven modules within the RCR training— it takes approximately 2.5 to 3 hours to complete all seven modules.

Should you have any additional questions regarding RCR training, please contact the Department or the Office of Research at 683-3460.

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