

School of Public Service Old Dominion University Spring 2015 Newsletter

MESSAGE FROM DR. JOHN LOMBARD CHAIR



Greetings and welcome to the Spring 2015 semester!

Whether you are a working alum or active student we all enjoy the advent of spring and given our rather harsh winter the warmer weather is even more welcome. We are now in the midst of the spring semester and the academic rhythm suggests a gearing up for the inevitable increase in student work load preparing papers and studying for exams. These rituals signal that the end of the semester is near.

John Lombard, Ph.D. jlombard@odu.edu One of the School of Public Service spring rituals is celebrating student success and net working with fellow alums at our annual **Breakfast Banquet**. This year we celebrate on Wednesday, April 8th from 7:30 – 9:00 am. The official program will begin at 8:00 am but please come early and enjoy reconnecting with old class mates and meeting current students. The event will be held in the Webb University Center - Hampton Newport News Room.

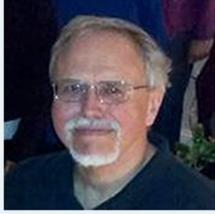
The School of Public Service has been very busy this year. Our MPA program is growing and under the direction of Dr. David Chapman I anticipate more growth in our on-line program. We completed an external review of our doctoral program. John Bartle, Dean of the College of Public Affairs and Community Service at the University of Nebraska, Omaha and Anne Khademian, Director of the School of Public Affairs at Virginia Tech conducted their review and were very impressed with our program. Their report offered a number of suggestions and recommendations that will further strengthen an already outstanding doctoral program. Our Public Procurement and Contract Management graduate certificate program continues to attract students.

As Chair, I do want to point out that our minor in Public Service is going gangbusters! This semester, we had 100 students enroll in the introductory course, which is the largest enrolled class for the School of Public Service. The growth of the Public Service minor falls squarely on the shoulders of the program manager, Meg Jones. Her tireless networking and promotional efforts have paid off as evidenced by the dramatic increase in enrollments. If student enthusiasm for public service continues who knows, we may someday have an undergraduate major in Public Service.

Please take the time to review the rest of this newsletter to find out more detail about what is going on in our School. This will be my last newsletter as Chair. I will step down at the end of the summer. It has been six years since I assumed the Chair duties. We have accomplished so much over this time frame thanks to the efforts of an engaged and enthusiastic faculty and a very productive and entrepreneurial program manager. It has truly been an honor to work with all of you in making our School the program of choice for those interested in all things public.

There are a number of awards to share with you would like to congratulate the 2015 Outstanding Student of the Year Recipients, Krista Barkley-Braun (MPA) and Andrew Williams (PAUP). (continued page 4)

MESSAGE FROM DR. DAVID CHAPMAN MPA GRADUATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR



NOTES FOR THE MPAers

Hi, folks! For live students, we had a lot of snow interruptions, but... no snow closures for the online classes!

IMPORTANT: we have a curriculum change coming up, effective in Fall 2015. PADM 723 will take the place of PADM 733 as a core (required) course. **IF** you have taken PADM 733 as a core class, that is not a problem. **IF** you have previously taken PADM 723 as an elective course and haven't taken PADM 733, please contact me.

Registration will be open starting in the first couple of weeks in April for Fall 2015 (check the university calendar for the exact start date). Please register as soon as you can, because some classes have a tendency to fill up.

While we still have two months until the Summer 2015 sessions, two Summer classes are already filled (as I write this) and at least two others are near capacity. There are still plenty of courses, but you may not get your first choice. Given that we don't want to prematurely cancel a class because of low enrollments, please register earlier for your classes. A recent report showed that a little over 20% of MPA students had not registered for the Summer yet (not everyone will take classes, but a good number will do so).

For the online-only students nearing degree completion, remember that the Capstone course (PADM 746) will be offered this Summer 2015 and then again in subsequent summers.

As a reminder, I need to talk with every student at least once per academic year about your courses. Please contact me at dchapman@odu.edu to schedule an in-person or other type of appointment; we can discuss things via Email, phone, Skype, Adobe Connect, and WebEx. Your Advisor Hold will be removed after we've discussed your plans. The MPA Student Handbook and the Internship Guidelines are on the Department's website; please be familiar with these documents!

The MPA Student Survey will be released soon (or maybe before you read this). This survey provides the Department with information about your preferences for class locations, class times, elective course offerings, and instructional approaches. Your input is very useful to us in structuring the MPA program so that it provides you with the best possible learning experience.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

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MESSAGE FROM DR. JOHN MORRIS PAUP GRADUATE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

As most of you know by now, I have stepped back into the role of Graduate Program Director on an interim basis through Summer 2015. As I will be stepping away from the GPD role after that point, this is my last newsletter as GPD for some time.

We recently concluded our Program Review site visit. Our site visit team consisted of two well-known scholars in the field, and they visited with us on campus for three days. They have issued their report, and they were largely very complimentary of our program, our students, and our school. They did offer several very insightful suggestions for program improvement, which was the point of the process.

The department has formed a faculty committee to plan the program revision process. At this point the planning is at its early stages, and cannot proceed until we have met with the Provost and Vice Provost for Graduate Studies. After that meeting, we will begin the process of program redesign. I am very hopeful that we can include direct PhD student participation in that process, and I will be reaching out via PAUPers to seek input. I would expect that some changes might be implemented in the near future, but other changes are likely to require much more time to develop and implement.

Finally, I expect we will have several dissertation and prospectus defenses over the next several months; please do your best to attend all of these you can. In addition to providing support for your fellow students, students who attend these events find them much less stressful when they are the students in the “hot seat!”

Have a great semester!

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC SERVICE BASKETBALL SOCIAL SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2015

MPAA & PAUPERS HOLIDAY DRIVE

Thank you to everyone for all of the generous donations for the holiday drive to benefit Envoy of Thornton Hall Nursing Home.

We were able to donate gifts for all of the 55 residents living at the facility.

The staff and residents were so happy and thankful for our donations when we delivered the gifts on December 18th.

The gifts were distributed at the holiday party for the residents.

Thank you again for participating in our annual joint MPAA and PAUPers service project!



Faculty, students and alumni joined together to celebrate the newly founded School of Public Service on Saturday, January 17th, for the ODU Men versus North Texas basketball game at the Ted Constant Convocation Center. A wonderful time was had by the 100 plus attendees.



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I would also like to congratulate the 2015 Wolfgang Pindur Endowed Scholarship in Applied Research Recipients, Melina Da Silva Matos (MPA) and Pragati Rawat (PAUP).

Every spring we induct a group of students into Pi Alpha Alpha, the Global Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration. Congratulations to the 2015 inductees; Krista Barkley-Braun, Margaret Barber, Nicole Benson, Jakya Brooks, Casey Gilchrist, Naomi Gunnell, Michael Johansson, Derek Myers, Lien Nguyen and Trevor Nystrom.

I have enjoyed serving the students, faculty and college as Department Chair for the past six years. It has been a privilege to work with so many of you. This August my term as Department Chair will come to a close. I look forward to continuing to teach and work with all of you.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. John Morris as the next Chair of the School of Public Service.

Dr. Morris has previously served as the PAUP Graduate Program Director and the Chairman of the Old Dominion University Public Service Week Committee.

Good luck to all of the PAUP students that will be taking their comprehensive exams at the end of March.

Best of Luck,
John Lombard, Ph.D.

MPA Core Course Matrix (as of March 2015)

| Format | COURSE | Summer 2015 | Fall 2015 | Spring 2016 | Summer 2016 | Fall 2016 | Spring 2017 | Summer 2017 | Fall 2017 | Spring 2018 | Summer 2018 |
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| Live | PADM 753 | | VBHEC | | | Norfolk | | | VBHEC | | |
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