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Law and Public Policy Panel Discussion

CPPA Hosts Communication Law and Public Policy Panel Discussion

On Thursday, November 3, CPPA hosted a lively panel discussion about Communication Law and Public Policy. The panel was moderated by Jarice Hanson, Professor of Communication and it featured three alumni and a former faculty member. Panelists included:

- **Robert Corn-Revere**, MA in Communication '80 (JD from Catholic) Mr. Corn-Revere was Chief Counsel for the FCC for many years and is now with Davis Wright Tremaine in DC. He primarily focuses on communications law and First Amendment issues. Mr. Corn-Revere was responsible for getting Lenny Bruce pardoned.
- **Lonna Thompson**, MA in Communication '79 (JD from Georgetown) Ms. Thompson is Vice President of the Association of Public Television Stations.
- **David Donovan**, BA in Political Science '76 and MA in Communication Studies '79 (JD from Suffolk, '81). Mr. Donovan is President of the Association for Maximum Service Television. Previously he was Vice President for Legal and Legislative Affairs for Association of Local Television Stations, and Mass Media Legal Advisor for former FCC commissioner James Quello.
- **Brian Fontes** is a former faculty member in Communication. The other panelists are his former students. He is currently Vice President for Federal Relations for Cingular Wireless.

The panelists discussed emerging technologies, intellectual property rights in digital media, public television, who should have access to spectrum, and the role of the FCC.

Upcoming CPPA Professional Development Event on Education Policy

On Thursday, December 1, Paul Reville, President of the Cambridge-based Rennie Center for Education Research and Policy will be speaking in Thompson 620 at 4:00 PM about current research in the following topic areas:

- High School Reform
- Labor Management Relations in Education
- Improving Low Performing Schools
- The Truth about Charter Schools

The Rennie Center's mission is to develop a public agenda that informs and promotes significant improvement of public education in Massachusetts. Their work is motivated by a vision of an education system that creates the opportunity to educate every child to be successful in life, citizenship, employment and life-long learning. Applying nonpartisan, independent research, journalism and civic engagement, the Rennie Center works to create a civil space to foster thoughtful public discourse to inform and shape effective policy. This event is free and open to the public.

CPPA Seeking Nominations for the 2006 Public Service Award

Please send us your nominees for the 2006 CPPA Public Service Award. As you know, this year's recipient was Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Jody Williams; last year's (first) recipient was former Governor Michael Dukakis. CPPA is seeking nominees with unquestioned integrity who personify the highest ideals of public service. Over the years, we want the recipients to represent both the breadth and quality of public service at its best. We invite and encourage you to help choose next year's candidate. Please think broadly about what public service means, and send your suggestions to wwarner@pubpol.umass.edu by **November 14, 2005**.

Project Proposals Requested for CPPA's Spring Course in Policy Analysis

CPPA is currently seeking project proposals from public and nonprofit organizations for its Spring 2006 graduate course, Policy Analysis. Through this course, small teams of students work on real-life problems affecting organizations within the confines of actual constraints and opportunities. At the end of the semester, students prepare a final report and present the results of their project to the client. If your organization is interested in submitting a proposal, please contact: szoller@pubpol.umass.edu. The deadline for proposal submissions is Friday, December 9, 2005.

Faculty News

Professor Fountain Delivers Keynote Address to EU Workshop on e-Government

Jane E. Fountain, professor of political science and public policy, was a keynote speaker at the European Union's workshop on e-Government in 2020 held in Brussels on Oct. 26, 2005. Fountain provided her address by video and spoke on her key recommendations for successful e-government in 2020. The workshop was attended by over 70 people from academia, industry and public administration from the EU and beyond. To view Fountain's address and hear her recommendations go to:

<http://www.umass.edu/digitalcenter/home/jane%27s%20video.mov>

Professor Charlie Schweik hosts Linuxfest at UMass Amherst

Recently, CPPA Professor Charlie Schweik hosted two collaborative events between UMass and IBM related to public information technology issues. The first, was a talk given on October 27th, 2005 on "Open Source, Open Standards and Web Application Development," with an introduction by Schweik and a talk by Paul Coates, an Advisory Software Engineer with IBM. The second was a "Linux Install-Fest" at the UMass W.E.B. DuBois Library Learning Commons. The "Fest" provided students, faculty and UMass staff with an opportunity to learn and "test-drive" the Linux operating system and open source office technologies at three different levels - beginner, intermediate and advanced.



Approximately 40 people participated. The event was co-sponsored by IBM, Court Square Data Group in Springfield, the UMass CSBS Open Source Lab, the UMass Information Technology Program, the UMass Linux User Group, and the UMass W.E.B. Du Bois Library and the new Learning Commons.

Schweik also recently published the following articles generally related to this work on Internet-based collaboration:

Schweik, C.M. 2005. [An Institutional Analysis Approach to Studying Libre Software "Commons"](#) (pdf). Upgrade: The European Journal for the Informatics Professional. June. pp 17-27. (Spanish version available at <http://www.ati.es/novatica/>).

Schweik, C., T. Evans and J. Grove 2005. [Open Source and Open Content: a Framework for Global Collaboration in Social-Ecological Research](#). Ecology and Society 10 (1): 33. 25 pp.

Schweik, C.M., Stepanov, A. and Grove, J.M. 2005. "The Open Research System: A Web-based Metadata and Data Repository for Collaborative Research." Computers and Electronics in Agriculture. 47. pp. 221-242.

Student News

The MPPA class of 2006 recently completed summer internships with various private nonprofit and public sector organizations, including municipal departments, state government and federal agencies. The internship program allows students the opportunity to integrate their theoretical coursework with practical applications. Here is a list of current second-year students and their summer 2005 internship placements:

Robyn Barros – Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in Framingham, MA

Matthew Butler – Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center in Boston, MA

Maura Devlin – Women's Fund of Western MA in Easthampton, MA; and Bay Path College in Longmeadow, MA

Xingan Ge – Verité in Amherst, MA

Elizabeth Gonzalez – Town of Hempstead, Department of Planning and Economic Development in Hempstead, NY

Molly Jackson-Watt – City of Holyoke, MA

Michelle Le – Orange County Social Services Agency in Santa Ana, CA

Zhimin Ma – Academy for Educational Development in Washington, DC

Ramil Maharramov – The World Bank, Social Development Department in Washington, DC

Ina Mitskaviets – Office of Information Technology, UMASS Amherst

Heddi Nieuwsma – U.S. Government Accountability Office in Boston, MA

Michelle Sagan – Springfield Technical Community College in Springfield, MA

Barbara Steel Lowney – California Research Bureau in Sacramento, CA

Susan Wanjau – International Finance Corporation in Washington, DC

Ann-Marie Watt – U.S. Government Accountability Office in Washington, DC

Joe Wyman – City of Holyoke, MA

For more information about recent CPPA internship placements and other career and internship resources, please go to [Careers and Internships](http://www.masspolicy.org/index.php?section=students&page=careers) at <http://www.masspolicy.org/index.php?section=students&page=careers>.

Alumni Updates

Kathy Lizotte, '96 – Kathy is leaving her job as an Economist with the Systems and Policy Analysis Division of the Federal Aviation Administration to work as a Senior Transport Economist in London for ARUP, a multi-national engineering firm.

Victoria Groves, '02 – Victoria is now working as a health policy writer and editor for the Veterans' Administration at its Jamaica Plain Campus.

Emily Hopta, '02 – On October 20th, the West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence presented Emily with a 2005 Purple Ribbon Award to honor her work to end violence against women in West Virginia. Emily currently works as the Executive Assistant to the Secretary for the WV Department of Health and Human Resources.

Jennifer Lynn Goldblatt (Mutchler), '03 – Jennifer Mutchler and Kevin Goldblatt were married on October 2, 2005.

CPPA wants to hear from you! Please send alumni updates to Jackie Brousseau-Pereira at jackie@pubpol.umass.edu.

Grant and Research Opportunities

Michigan Journal of Public Affairs issues "Call for Papers"

The [Michigan Journal of Public Affairs](#) (MJPA) is currently accepting previously unpublished submissions from faculty, practitioners, and graduate and professional students involved with domestic and international affairs for its next edition, which will be published in late spring 2006. MJPA is the student-run academic journal of the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan . The MJPA promotes dialogue on a wide range of public policy issues by publishing original research from a diverse group of contributors, including students and public policy professionals. The deadline for submissions is **January 4, 2006**.

National Health Policy Conference scheduled for February 2006

Academy Health and Health Affairs are co-sponsoring the [National Health Policy Conference](#), which is scheduled for February 6-7, 2006, in Washington, DC . Conference participants will include federal and state policymakers, policy researchers and analysts, health industry executives, clinical decision makers, research funders, and health services researchers. Among the topics to be addressed are: reducing disparities in health care, patient safety, improving services for mental health and substance use disorders, public and private sector perspective on responsibility for America's health care, preventing and managing chronic conditions in children, pay for performance, and MMA implementation.

The William T. Grant Scholars Program

The [William T. Grant Foundation](#) has just released its 2006-2007 [William T. Grant Scholars Program](#) brochure. The program supports promising early career researchers from diverse disciplines. The award is given to support the professional development of early career scholars who have some demonstrated success in conducting high quality research and are seeking to further develop their skills and research program. Studies from these Scholars deepen and broaden the knowledge base on how to improve the lives of young people ages 8-25. The program is now in its 26th year. The Foundation is particularly interested in reaching early career scholars of color. Questions about the program should be sent to wtgs@wtgrantfdn.org.

Events

Consulting - How to Make it Work

Aron Goldman, *Executive Director*, Policy Development
Place: Thompson Hall, Fourth Floor, Mainzer Room
Date: Monday, November 21, 2005
Time: 12:00 PM

The MPPA Professional Development Series presents Aron Goldman, Executive Director of *Policy Development*, who will speak about the pros and cons of consulting, how to market oneself and how to build a work portfolio and client list.

Governance Without Politics: The Curious Case of the World Summit on the Information Society

Paula Chakravarty, *Assistant Professor of Communication*, UMass Amherst

Place: 620 Thompson Hall

Date: Monday, December 5, 2005

Time: 12:00 PM

CPPA Holiday Party

Place: UMass Amherst, Memorial Hall Lounge

Date: Thursday, December 8, 2005

Time: 5:00–7:00 PM

CPPA will hold its annual party on Thursday, December 8th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, to celebrate the holidays and the closing of another successful semester. The event will be filled with delicious food, good cheer and great company. All are welcome, and please contact **Kathy Colon** if you plan to attend.

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