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First year students (from left) Till Bullman, Sorin Dan, Dana Sambuco and Nyudlia Araeva at the CPPA fall picnic.

CPPA News

STS Initiative Receives \$300k for Ethics Education in Science and Engineering



The National Science Foundation announced yesterday that a group of eight researchers from the University of Massachusetts Amherst will be awarded \$300,000 to build, evaluate, and disseminate a series of international ethics modules for science and engineering students. The group, led by Political Science and Public Policy Professor Jane E. Fountain, represents six academic departments from four colleges and includes Paula Stamps, Professor of Community Health Studies; MJ Peterson, Professor of Political Science; Marc Achermann, Assistant Professor of Physics; Beverly Park Woolf, Associate Research Professor of Computer Science; Neal Anderson, Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering; John Hird, Professor of Political Science and Public Policy, and Peter Haas, Professor of Political Science. The project will work in partnership with researchers from the University of New Mexico and Northeastern University.

CPPA Welcomes Martha Fuentes-Bautista

Martha Fuentes-Bautista joins CPPA as a joint faculty member with the Department of Communication. Her research focuses on social and policy implications of information and communication technologies with a particular interest in how ICT may exacerbate or alleviate social inequalities. Building on case studies in Latin America and the U.S., her research projects explore the institutional context of ICT adoption and use in inner city and rural communities, and the role of local governments, non-profits, and social movements in promoting and managing community computing solutions for these populations. She has a B.A. from Universidad Central de Venezuela,

an M.A. from State University of New York at Buffalo, 2000, and a Ph.D. from the University of Texas at Austin, 2007.

Faculty News



CPPA Director **Lee Badgett** testified before Congress on September 5 that the passage of HR 2015, the Employment Non-Discrimination Act (ENDA), a federal nondiscrimination law including sexual orientation and gender identity, would benefit both LGBT people and employers. Badgett summarized findings from a recent Williams Institute study, *Bias in the Workplace*, which reviews 50 studies over the last decade and demonstrates a disturbing and consistent pattern: sexual orientation-based and gender identity discrimination is a common occurrence in many workplaces across the country.

For the testimony, visit: http://www.masspolicy.org/pdf/pressrelease/badgett_testimony.pdf

Jane E. Fountain, Professor of Political Science and Public Policy and Director of the National Center for Digital Government, has joined two dozen prominent researchers, government officials, and business professionals to evaluate the federal e-Rulemaking initiative through the American Bar Association's Committee on the Status and Future of Federal e-Rulemaking.



The Committee was created to examine and provide recommendations on the funding, design, and implementation of the four year old e-government initiative.

A report documenting the Committee's findings will be released at the end of the year and is expected to include short and long-term recommendations for congressional, presidential, and administrative actions needed for the initiative's success.

Commissioned in 2002 by the E-Government Act of 2002, e-Rulemaking is an effort to move paper-and-pencil rulemaking to the web. Such a move is expected to improve access to rulemaking documents and allow for better searching and sorting of proposed rules and comments. The initiative plans to move all federal rulemaking documents online by the end of 2007. Information about the e-Rulemaking initiative is available at www.Regulations.gov.



Charles Schweik, associate professor of natural resources conservation and public policy and Associate Director of the National Center for Digital Government, has been awarded a grant from the USDA Forest Service to develop an online carbon calculator.

The Boston CarbonPlus Calculator will allow users to estimate their personal carbon footprints, or tons of Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) produced by their travel, homes, and businesses each year. Once users learn about their personal CO₂ production, the Calculator will also provide guidance on reducing and off-setting those emissions. For instance, once a user discovers his/her CO₂ production level, the Calculator will provide him/her with actions he/she could take to reduce those levels such as upgrading to Energy Star appliances, turning down thermostats, planting trees, and increasing recycling. The Calculator will also compute how much CO₂ the user could avoid each year by making these simple changes.

Student News

The George T. Sulzner Scholarship Fund was established in 2000 to provide financial assistance to promising graduate students in the Master's Program in Public Policy and Administration at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. The fund supports outstanding students who complete internships with organizations which are not in a position to offer sufficient financial compensation to interns. This year, three students were awarded the Sulzner Scholarship and used their skills in a variety of projects.



Amy Ferrer took a summer internship as a research assistant with Professor Aline Gubrium of the Community Health Education department at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. During her internship, Amy worked with Professor Gubrium to co-author a paper on the contraceptive injection Depo-Provera, analyzing the ways the drug has been marketed and provided differently to different populations. They plan to submit the paper for publication in *Social Science and Medicine* later this year. Amy's internship also included assisting Professor Gubrium with an interview-based research project on women's experiences with long-term, provider-controlled contraceptives.



Dave Caleta spent the summer working with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) in West Springfield, MA - specifically, in the Environment and Land Use Department. The majority of his internship focused on the formation of a Clean Energy Plan for the Pioneer Valley. This Clean Energy Plan was written in conjunction with the Franklin Regional Council of Governments and the Pioneer Valley Clean Energy Collaborative. It seeks to reduce carbon emissions and increase the production of clean energy in the Pioneer Valley. As secondary tasks, he worked on a regional emissions inventory, monitored energy legislation at the state and federal levels, and received public comments on a draft of the Clean Energy Plan.



Amy Cookson spent the summer working as an intern at Healthy Androscoggin, a community health coalition, in Lewiston, Maine. Healthy Androscoggin began as Tobacco Free Lewiston-Auburn, and while Healthy Androscoggin remains committed to promoting tobacco free lifestyles, the organization also works to promote healthy eating and physical activity and to prevent youth substance use and abuse. In addition to numerous writing and research projects, Amy designed a new Healthy Androscoggin website, created two fact sheets as an addendum to the Androscoggin County Community Profile and developed a cultural competency plan for Healthy Androscoggin.

Welcome to the CPPA Class of 2009!

John Ake (Dual Degree MBA/MPPA Program)

John grew up in rural Ohio and moved to Winston-Salem, North Carolina for college in 2000. He attended Wake Forest and graduated with a bachelor's degree in English. After college, John taught elementary school for a year before going to work at his college library, where he remained until heading to Amherst. He hopes to focus on education policy, with the goal of improving the public school system from the federal level.

Nyudlia Araeva

Nyudlia comes to CPPA from Elista, the capital of the Republic of Kalmykia, one of the minority republics of Russia. She graduated from Kalmyk State University, with a focus on English Philology, more than 10 years ago. Nyudlia has worked in several different positions, including an English teacher, a translator and interpreter for ecological projects carried out in Kalmykia, and for the last

7 years, she has been working in various departments of the Government of the Republic. Her last position was head of the department for natural resources of the Committee for Natural Resources and environmental protection of the Republic of Kalmykia.

Carolyn Bernstein

Carrie grew up in the Pioneer Valley and attended Hampshire College from 1997-2001, where she earned a B.A. focused on inequality in the U.S., culminating in a thesis on the personal economics of owner-built housing. She then moved to New Haven, CT for five years and worked in a soup kitchen, in New Haven city government, and for Habitat for Humanity in consulting, development, administrative, and budgeting capacities. She also established a nonprofit with four other people called the New Haven Center for Economic Interpretation, and served as its Executive Director. She returned to the Valley two years ago and has been working at UMass in the Peace Psychology concentration as its Project Manager.

Till Bullman

An exchange student from southern Germany, Till is a grad student at the University of Heidelberg studying Political Science and Economics. He loves to travel, and plans to seize the chance to get to know New England and the U.S.

Sorin Dan

Sorin is an international student from Romania. He recently earned a BS in Economics (with an International Trade track) from Babeş-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca. He is primarily interested in development economics, comprehensive development, and sustainable development in developing countries, in transition economies as well as in the developed world. Within the MPPA Program he'll try to follow the international/comparative policy track and/or the social policy track and to take as many economics and quantitative courses as possible.

Lisa Forhan

Lisa has lived in Western Massachusetts her whole life, and received her Bachelor's degree through the University Without Walls at UMass, with a concentration in Human Services and Public Policy. She is a self-proclaimed "nontraditional" student and has worked for the past 16 years in the health and human service field. She was also fortunate enough to participate in some internships during her undergraduate study that allowed her to get involved with workgroups sponsored by the Massachusetts Departments of Health and Human Services, Mental Health and Mental Retardation. Currently, she is employed as a Human Relations Manager for a healthcare company in Berkshire County.

Diana Gerardi

Diana is from Dalton, MA and has lived most of her life in the Berkshires. She graduated from Union College in June 2007, where she majored in Political Science with a minor in History and Japanese. While at Union she did a term abroad in Osaka, Japan. Diana is very interested in foreign policy and global politics. One of her main goals is to join the Foreign Service.

Haley Keenan-Gray

Haley grew up in Amherst, MA and attended Syracuse University where she graduated in 2005 with a degree in Sociology and African American Studies. For the past two years, she has worked for City Year, an Americorps program that unites 17-24 year olds in a commitment to service, with a focus on literacy tutoring and civic engagement. She served both of her corps years in Little Rock, Arkansas as the Service Leader for the Young Heroes program--a service-learning program for 6th, 7th and 8th graders. She has a particular interest in learning further about non-profit management through her work at CPPA.

Ryan Kidder

Ryan is originally from Concord, New Hampshire. He has a BA in History from Palm Beach Atlantic University. After graduation, he worked for a consulting company in Uzhgorod, Ukraine. He worked with local NGOs and small business entrepreneurs. He is interested in adapting what he learns at

Umass into an international program in Eastern Europe, specifically Ukraine. He is also interested in town management and non-profit.

Emily Mew

Emily grew up in Northampton, MA. In 2001, she received her BA in Anthropology (with a minor in Spanish) from Skidmore College in upstate NY. Since then, she has worked in the Social Service field, mostly with at-risk and troubled youth as a case-manager at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center in Springfield, working with children and families involved with the Department of Social Services. In addition to her interest in working at the local level and learning more about Non-profit Management, she is also excited about Sustainable Development and Policy at the International level. She recently spent 7 months traveling through Central America, living for 5 of those months (studying and volunteering) in Xela, Guatemala.

Elaine O'Brien

Elaine is a Massachusetts native originally from north of Boston. She came to Amherst in the early 1990's to attend UMass, where she received a BA in Sociology. Much of the last fifteen years she has spent working in human services in this area, and she comes to CPPA as a part time student while continuing to work full time in Northampton at a human service agency. Part of her work will be as an intern providing assistance with the organization's technology needs and preparation for the future.

Vanessa Otero

Vanessa lives in Chicopee and before CPPA worked at a local Head Start program. She has a B.A. in Women's Studies from Smith and is currently a Schott Foundation Fellow. The fellowship has given her the opportunity to advise the implementation of Universal Pre-K in the state. Her paper developed from this fellowship is for the Department of Early Education and Care and focuses on inclusion, especially of the children of immigrant workers.

Kristen Pueschel

Kristen was born and raised in the Western Mass area and is currently a resident of Northampton, MA. After her graduation from Providence College in 2001 with a BA in English, she came back to the area to work for a local financial institution and has been working for them in various positions since. For the past couple of years she has been pursuing her PMBA with UMass and is looking forward to completing that program next year. While her career has been based in financial services, it has been her experience working as a child life volunteer at Shriners' Hospital that has lead her to pursue studies at CPPA.

Ludgarda Rehfisch

Ludgarda moved to the U.S. from Ecuador last year and currently lives in Northampton. She finished her undergraduate degree in statistics in Ecuador in 1999. From then through 2006, she worked for a small non-profit organization that worked on Coastal Resources Management in Ecuador and Latin America. Most of her main duties were related to coordinating, implementing and budgeting of projects. Currently she is interested in developing her career in the non-profit sector.

Dana Sambuco

Dana graduated last year from Goucher College in Maryland, where she majored in English (Writing) and minored in Women's Studies. She plans to concentrate in social policy or nonprofit management, and is particularly interested in gender, family, and housing policy.

Mushfig Tahirov

Mushfig is from Azerbaijan, a former Soviet Union republic. He is a recipient of the Edmund S. Muskie Fellowship of the State Department. Educated as a lawyer, he has also worked as a journalist, military officer, political party activist, and instructor at Baku State University law school. He would like to study Public Policy because he hopes it will enable him to help his country to overcome current problems of occupation, autocracy, and corruption.

Raija Vaisanen

Raija is from Worcester, MA and she graduated from UMass Amherst in 2002 with a bachelor's degree in Political Science. Since then, she's worked mostly in the non-profit arena for a variety of organizations. She is looking forward to returning to UMass to gain more in-depth research experience through the MPPA program. She is excited about working with the UMass Donahue Institute as a Research Assistant and exploring the world of social and economic research. Over the past year she has traveled extensively on the West Coast, parts of Europe, and Southeast Asia.

Alumni Updates

Cheri Harrington, '02 – Cheri, John, and their son Nico welcomed the newest addition to their family, baby girl Quincy Lynden Harrington-King, on August 29, 2007.

Nelson Petrosyan, '02 – Nelson was appointed as Managing Director of Grant Thornton in Georgia. Grant Thornton is one of the world's largest networks of accounting and auditing firms.

Jennifer (Mutchler) Goldblatt, '03 – Jennifer and her husband Kevin celebrated the birth of their daughter Sarah Rose Goldblatt on May 19, 2007.

Jessica Rajotte Wozniak '03 - Jessica had a baby boy, Anthony Jr., AJ for short, on January 12, 2007.

Tricia Loomis, '05 -Tricia and Tonja welcomed the birth of their daughter, Rio Shanti Loomis Santos, on June 13, 2007.

Molly Jackson Watts, '06 – Molly is working as the Manager of Regional Information and Policy Center with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission in West Springfield, MA.

ALUMNI - We'd love to hear from you! Send your updates to info@pubpol.umass.edu or use the online alumni update form.

<http://www.masspolicy.org/index.php?section=alumni&page=alumniupdateform>

Events

Policy Implications of Competing Methodologies for Valuing Health: The Case of Asthma

Sylvia Brandt, Resource Economics

CPPA Colloquium Speaker Series

Place: 620 Thompson Hall

Date: Monday, October 1, 2007

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Universal Preschool: State Policy Change in Georgia, New York, Oklahoma and West Virginia

Brenda Bushouse, Political Science and CPPA

Political Science Colloquium Series

Place: 620 Thompson Hall

Date: Wednesday, October 17, 2007

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Gender, Care, and Public Policy: Developing New Agendas

Robert Drago, Penn State University

Economic Theory Workshop

Place: 9th Floor Conference Room, Thompson Hall

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Questions or comments about the CPPA E-Bulletin?

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