

# CPPPA

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## Center for Public Policy & Administration

### At a glance

#### Students

### Welcome MPPA class of 2010!

With Fall we welcome another outstanding group of MPPA candidates. Drawing from across the US and a host of different countries, the class of 2010 brings a depth of experience and a clear commitment to exciting work. Welcome, all, and thank you for choosing UMass and CPPA.

#### Events

### Celebrating 10 years and kicking off talks, panels and other events.

On October 3rd and 4th, CPPA celebrates its 10th anniversary with two days of and a celebratory dinner. Along with the anniversary events, CPPA is also kicking off a new lecture series, Change Climate, as well as sponsoring other key policy-related events.

#### Alumni

### Outstanding alumni to participate in anniversary events

October 3rd and 4th anniversary events highlight the accomplishments of CPPA's many outstanding alumni.

#### Faculty

### Fountain on World Economic Forum council

Jane Fountain and other CPPA faculty continue to garner local, national and international attention.

### Student profiles

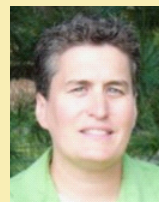


Elena Kvochko joins CPPA from Moscow, Russia where she completed her undergraduate work at the Russian State University for the Humanities (RSUH). She completed an English/German language study abroad program in management and economic sciences in Konstanz, Germany. Elena also participated in a two-year Initiative on Distance Learning through Stanford University, which provided her with a good introduction to the US education system.

While at RSUH, Elena always tried to combine her academic work with practical engagement in the social life of her community. She spent several years working with the Russian government and the Delegation of the European Commission to Russia, as well as being involved in various projects and initiatives all across the EU and the CIS. Elena and her colleagues could see these organizations change and influence people, and they decided to facilitate Russian-E.U. relations by founding a new NGO – the EU-Russia Communication Center. The aim of this Center is to promote and develop scientific and political cooperation between 'New Europe' and 'New Russia'. Several hundred young experts and specialists from EU countries and Russian regions benefited from their programs and events! One of the most rewarding international experiences for Elena was her internship at the European Parliament in Brussels and Strasbourg this past summer.

At CPPA Elena is interested in undertaking an interdisciplinary program that combines elements of politics, finance and developmental economics while placing an emphasis on quantitative methods. Elena is thrilled to be on the UMass ballroom dancing team, and is looking forward to discovering how competitive dance is different here in the U.S. from what she is used to.

Cheryl Kiras grew up in Rhode Island and earned her undergraduate degree in social work at RI College in 1999. Since then she has been pursuing a career in Information Technology (support, systems and network administration, information security and awareness), and has been in the field for about 12 years. Cheryl has been active in community organizations such as Marriage Equality RI, Youth Pride Inc, AIDS Project RI and Equity Action.



Dawa Gyatso is studying in both the CPPA and Public Health departments at UMASS Amherst. Dawa is a Tibetan refugee who has lived in Dharamasala in Northern India for most of his life. Before coming to Massachusetts this summer Dawa worked as an accountant in the Tibetan Government in exile headed by the Dalai Lama.

Dawa completed his undergraduate studies at Delhi University with a commerce degree and a major in accounting. He was interested in Political Science during college but his interests have been shifting towards community building, health, and human rights advocacy. Dawa is excited that he gets to take classes on community building and health education this semester here at UMASS. He wishes to serve the world by assisting the poor and disadvantage people in his communities at a local level. Dawa has always had the consistent view that Global peace can be maintained only through a fair distribution of income, and humanitarian actions at the local level.

### MPPA class of 2010

Charlene Coleman  
Alan Dallmann  
Holly Fitzpatrick  
Joshua Geyer  
Dawa Gyatso  
Puja Jain  
Cheryl Kiras  
Minako Koike  
Elena Kvochko  
Lucia Miller  
Megan Nagel  
Alanna Nelson  
Baigalmaa Oyungerel  
Qimti Paienjton  
C. Maxwell Solie  
Patricia Tillmann  
Rachel Trafford  
Anna Tomaskovic-Devey  
Phoebe Walker  
Jonathon Williams  
Oxana Zabelina

## Alumni

### Outstanding alumni featured at anniversary event

The depth and breadth of CPPA MPPA alumni will be highlighted in subject-area and career-development panels during both Friday and Saturday of the October 3rd and 4th alumni event. Alumni on Friday subject-area panels include Larry Kocot of the Brookings Institute, Raikhan Sabirova of the Asian Development Bank, Bernie Lynch City of Lowell Town Manager, Geoff Buswick of Standard and Poore's, Maura Geary of United Way, Pam Howland who owns Natural Siding Associates.



### Alumni continue to support CPPA

A heartfelt thank you to the many alumni who have made recent donations and pledges, including the Class of 2008 (thank you all!), Pam Howland, Barbara Whalen, Michaela Morzuch, Victoria Groves, Dave Celata, Maura Devlin, Henry Barr, Andrea Barr, Mary Terry, Mary Lyman, James Lyman and many others. Again, thank you.

## Events

### The CPPA 10 year anniversary event, details

Friday, October 3, 2008

10:00-10:15 am Welcome and introductions. Robert Holub (Chancellor), Sharon Fross (Vice Provost, Community Outreach), M.V. Lee Badgett (Director, CPPA)

10:15 - 11:15 am. Accountability in education: Learning from experience? Secretary of Education Paul Reville (Massachusetts Executive Office of Education), Cheri Harrington '02 (US GAO), Kathryn McDermott (UMass Education & Public Policy), Sharon Rallis (UMass Education)

11:30 am -12:30 pm. Reforming health care with the Massachusetts model. Senator Richard Moore '76 (Massachusetts), Larry Kocot '86 (Brookings Institution), Christine Barber '03 (Community Catalyst), Sylvia Brandt (UMass Resource Economics), Michael Begay (UMass Public Health)

12:30 - 1:30 pm. Lunch (10th Floor Campus Center)

1:30 - 2:30 pm. The universal preschool movement in Massachusetts and the nation. Amy Checkoway (MA Dept. of Early Education & Care), Sally Fuller (Cherish Every Child), Maura Geary '07 (Regional Employment Board, Hampden County), Brenda Bushouse (UMass Political Science & Public Policy), Sally Powers (UMass Psychology)

2:45 - 3:45 pm. The Digital Divide. Representative John Scibak (Massachusetts), Jane Fountain (UMass Political Science & Public Policy), Martha Fuentes-Bautista (UMass Communication & Public Policy), Michele DesAutels (UMass MPPA/MBA candidate)

4:00 - 5:00 pm. Leading and learning on same-sex marriage in Massachusetts. Senator Stan Rosenberg '77 (Massachusetts), Jennifer Levi (Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders; WNEC School of Law), M.V. Lee Badgett (Director, CPPA), Amy Schalet (UMass Sociology).

5:00 - 7:00 pm. Wine & Cheese reception, Exhibit Opening—"PhotoVoice: Engaging Communities in Public Policy Research Through Photography" (10th Floor Campus Center)

Saturday, October 4, 2008

10:00 - 11:00 am. Alumni Panel: Career Paths in Public Policy & Administration. Geoffrey Buswick '96 (Standard & Poor's), Bernie Lynch '80 (City Manager, Lowell), Raikhan Sabirova '00 (Asian Development Bank)

11:00 am - 12:00 pm. Alumni Panel: Sector-Switching. Pam Howland '87 (Nature Siding Associates, Inc.), Marjorie Hutter '88 (Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts), Carlo Ruiz-Giraldo '04 (German Cooperation at GTZ, State Reform Program)

12:00 - 1:00 pm. Alumni & Current Student Networking

1:00 - 6:00 pm Free time

6:00 - 7:00 pm Wine & Cheese Reception, "PhotoVoice: Engaging Communities in Public Policy Research Through Public Policy" (10th Floor Campus Center)

7:00 pm CPPA Gala Dinner. Keynote Speaker: Gail Collins '70. Special Honorees: Kathy Colón, Glen Gordon, John Hird, Janet Rifkin, Satu Zoller

### *Alumni planning on attending the CPPA anniversary weekend include*

Larry Kocot  
Irena Kibickaja  
Maura Geary  
Christine Barber  
Tricia Loomis  
Raikhan Sabirova  
Bernie Kubiak  
Chris Ketchen  
Elizabeth Gonzalez  
Carolyn Lee-Davis  
Laura Pillsbury  
John Mathews  
Karen Pelto  
Carlo Ruiz-Giraldo  
Robert O'Donnell  
Mary Terry  
Irena Kibickaja  
Christine Barber  
Maura Geary  
Tricia Loomis  
Pamela Howland  
Geoffrey Buswick  
Bernard Lynch  
Barbara Whalen

## Faculty

CPPA faculty have consistently attracted national and international attention through their research and teaching, briefing U.S. ambassadors, testifying before Congress, and advising officials in the U.S. and abroad on issues ranging from land use to natural resource conservation.

### Jane Fountain named to World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council Future of Governments

Jane Fountain, UMass Professor of Political Science and Public Policy, Director of the National Center for Digital Government (NCDG), and Director of the Science, Technology and Society Initiative (STS) has been appointed to the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on the Future of Governments. Fountain is one of thirteen experts worldwide selected for membership on the Future of Governments Council, which will examine how governments globally might better adapt to the rapid pace of technological change while building or maintaining transparency, accountability, and civil society.

### Krista Harper to exhibit photos

Along with MPPA candidate Catherine Sands, Krista Harper (Public Policy, Anthropology) will exhibit *PhotoVoice: Engaging Communities in Public Policy Research Through Photography* an exhibition featuring work by young photographers in a Hungarian Roma community organization and a Western Massachusetts farm-to-school program.

The opening reception is Friday, October 3rd from 5 to 7 pm on the 10th floor of the UMass Amherst Campus Center

### Ray La Raja to give distinguished professor talk

Political Science Professor Ray La Raja, who specializes in American politics and election reform, will discuss the upcoming presidential election: "Will the 2008 Presidential Election Change Politics?" 1:00 pm, Campus Center, Room 804-08.

### Also coming up

CPPA's Change Climate Policy Series  
*Global Warming, Plentiful Oil, and the Failure of Bio-Alternatives: What To Do?*

Tom O'Donnell. 2008 U.S. Fulbright Scholar, Venezuela

Wednesday, October 1st 2008. 11:45 AM  
Thompson Hall, Room 620. UMass Amherst

International workshop presented by the  
Science, Technology & Society Initiative  
*Networks, Risk and Knowledge Sharing*  
October 3, 2008 | 8:00 - 4:00  
Lincoln Campus Center, 10th Floor

CPPA faculty colloquium: Lee Badgett  
will present her talk "True Adventures of a  
Policy Analyst in the Culture War: Going  
Up Against the Gubernator, Sarah Palin,  
and the National Review on Gay Marriage"  
Monday, October 6th, Noon to 1pm

Saturday, October 18, 2008  
First Annual Distinguished Speakers Series  
Political Science Professor Ray La Raja,  
who specializes in American politics and  
election reform, will discuss the upcoming  
presidential election: "Will the 2008  
Presidential Election Change Politics?" 1:00  
pm, Campus Center, Room 804-08