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We look forward to seeing you in our new [Gordon Hall location](#) in the Fall.

#### News & Updates

##### **CPPA to Offer Dual MPPA/MPH Degree**

CPPA and the School of Public Health and Health Sciences have announced a three-year dual degree Master of Public Policy and Administration (MPPA) and Master of Public Health (MPH) program. Enrollment will commence with the 2010-2011 academic year.



Puja Jain and Anna Tomaskovic-Devey pose for a photo after receiving their MPPA degrees.

##### **Conference Examines "Politics of Open Source"**

The Journal of Information Technology and Politics (JITP), in conjunction with CPPA, held its 2nd annual thematic conference, the Politics of Open Source, at UMass Amherst May 6 and 7, 2010. The conference brought together an international group of experts examining the politics surrounding open source software (OSS) and the free/libre open source movement (FLOSS).

#### Students

##### **CPPA Bids Farewell to Class of 2010**

Congratulations graduates! Following an evening of celebrations at the CPPA graduation reception, students officially graduated at the May 14, 2010 graduate Commencement. A slideshow of the ceremony is available on the [UMass website](#).



Graduates present Lee Badgett with a gift for the new CPPA Gordon Hall space during the graduation reception.

##### **Post-Graduation Plans**

CPPA prepares its grads to excel in a range of careers across public, non-profit, and even private sectors. Here are just a few examples of recent student placements:

- **Josh Geyer** received a Presidential Management Fellowship and will be working for the Department of Housing and Urban Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities in Washington DC
- **Megan Nagel** is working for the US Fish and Wildlife Service in Hadley, MA
- **Qimti Palenjton** has accepted a position with UNICEF in Bangkok, Thailand
- **Anna Tomaskovic-Devey** will return to UMass in the Fall to complete a Master of Business Administration.

#### Faculty



##### **Fuentes Bautista Receives Healey Grant to Study Broadband Initiatives**

Martha Fuentes-Bautista, Assistant Professor of Communication and Public Policy, has received a



2010-2011 Faculty Research/Healey Endowment grant. Support from this grant will enable Fuentebautista to conduct a year-long study, "Examining Impacts of Local Broadband Initiatives on Universal Service Goals."



#### **Hanson Awarded Microsoft IMPACT Grant**

Jarice Hanson, Professor of Communication and CPPA Faculty Associate, was one of four professors selected to receive a Microsoft IMPACT Grant for Blended Learning from the Office of Faculty Development and the Center for Teaching at UMass Amherst.

## **Alumni**

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### **News from Alums**

Ramil Maharramov '06 was interviewed by News.Az about Azerbaijan and US relations. Read the interview [here](#).

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