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### Events

January 18 - 19

#### **MPPA Professional Development Trip to D.C.**

Current students will meet with alumni and get to know organizations in Washington, D.C.

January 18, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

#### **Alumni Reception in Washington, D.C.**

Location to be announced. Watch your inbox for further details.

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### News & Updates

#### **Two Grants Advance Economic Development Project in Springfield**

The Center for Public Policy and Administration's Wellspring Initiative will benefit from two recent grants that will help create jobs in Springfield, Mass., and strengthen the local economy. A prestigious **two-year \$200,000 grant** from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation will allow CPPA to collaborate with Springfield-based Partners for a Healthier Community, the grant recipient, to establish worker-owned companies that will employ city residents. Wellspring is coordinating with the region's largest employers to identify key areas where the purchase of goods and services could be shifted to the new local businesses and away from large chains. Together, Springfield-area institutions like hospitals and colleges purchase more than \$1 billion in goods and services each year, but less than 10 percent of that money is spent within the city, according to CPPA lecturer Fred Rose, who directs the Wellspring Initiative. The **second grant comes from Third Sector New England**, a Boston-based organization that supports nonprofits working to solve social problems and promote social justice in communities throughout the region.



#### **Science, Technology and Society Initiative Receives Public Service Endowment Grant**

CPPA's Science, Technology and Society (STS) Initiative has received a Public Service Endowment Grant from the University of Massachusetts.



The grant will support the Commonwealth's participation in World Wide Views on Biodiversity, a project that will bring citizens' voices to the 2012 United Nations Convention on Biodiversity in India next October. In addition, the grant will help fund a collaboration between UMass Amherst and the Museum of Science in Boston. As a result, the museum will host a day of dialogue and deliberation about biodiversity for 100 residents throughout Massachusetts next fall. [Click here](#) for more information about the grant and the resulting biodiversity project.

#### **Emerging Relationship with Brazilian Scholar Feeds into Campus-Wide Strategy**



A recent visit from Brazilian scholar Diego



Canabarro is helping connect CPPA's Science, Technology and Society (STS) Initiative with a broader campus-wide effort to build strong ties between researchers at the University of Massachusetts Amherst and their counterparts in Brazil. Canabarro is a lawyer and international relations expert, and currently helps run the **Centro de Estudos Internacionais sobre Governo (CEGov)**, a digital government research center in Porto Alegre. Gov. Deval Patrick and UMass officials have entered into an agreement with Brazil's equivalent of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service to foster closer collaboration between agricultural and technology research projects on the Amherst campus and throughout Brazil. [Read more](#) about the UMass-Brazil partnership.

### Spring 2011 Faculty Colloquium Schedule Set

Mark your calendars. The schedule for next semester's monthly lunchtime speaker series is **now available**. Each session promises to be informative and engaging. Join CPPA faculty, students and others from the UMass community for the hour-long talks at noon in Thompson 620. Information about each speaker is available on our [calendar](#).

## Students

### Student Trips Provide Networking and Professional Development Opportunities

MPPA students are taking advantage of opportunities to meet with alumni and get to know some agencies and organizations through professional development trips to Boston and Washington, D.C. In November, 18 students traveled to Boston and met with CPPA graduates Michaela Morzuch ('08) at Mathematica Policy Research, Elizabeth Malloy ('04) at Victory Programs/Technical Assistance Program and Christine Barber ('03) at Community Catalyst. The group also spoke with Ashley Seybold at Jumpstart. Next month, about 10 students will go to Washington, D.C., for two days. The group plans to meet with CPPA alumni at the Pentagon, the Institute of Medicine, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and the World Bank.



### Two CPPA Students Part of State Department Graduate Fellowship Program



Three students from Central Asia are pursuing master's degrees at the University of Massachusetts Amherst thanks to the U.S. Department of State's Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellowship Program. Two of those



students - Gulchekhra Khuseyonova ('13), from Tajikistan, and Anatoliy Solnyshkin ('13), from Kazakhstan - are studying at



CPPA. Congress established the fellowship program in 1992 to encourage economic and democratic growth in the 12 countries of the former Soviet Union. The Muskie program is highly competitive, averaging nearly 4,000 applications per year with a 4 percent rate of acceptance.

## Faculty

### Heim Interviewed for TV Series on Capitalism

Carol E. Heim, professor of economics and CPPA faculty member, was interviewed earlier this month for a six-part television series on capitalism. The series will explore the history of capitalism and its contemporary presence around the globe. Written and directed by documentary filmmaker Ilan Ziv, it is organized around key historical debates and thinkers, and will air in 2013. Heim was interviewed about Joseph Schumpeter, a 20<sup>th</sup>-century economist who focused on innovation, entrepreneurship and large-scale firms. In *Capitalism, Socialism, and Democracy*, he highlighted the "creative destruction" that characterizes capitalism, incessantly destroying old structures and creating new ones. Heim also answered questions on the emergence of capitalism, its distinctive institutions and its historical evolution.



### Fountain Keynotes at Singapore E-Government Conference



Jane Fountain, professor of political science and public policy, gave the keynote address last month at GovCamp Singapore, a conference that brought together leading thinkers from government, academia, industry and citizen organizations to share ideas about how to improve citizen engagement and government services in Singapore through technology. The conference was based on the international GovCamp model, which applies a government context to evolving Web 2.0 technologies. [Read more](#) about GovCamp Singapore.

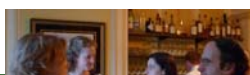
### McDermott Presents at National Education Policy Conference

Kathryn McDermott, associate professor of education and public policy, was one of 15 scholars to present at the recent Rethinking Education Governance for the Twenty-First Century conference. [McDermott's paper](#) examines the new national Common Core education standards and assessments. She analyzes interstate collaborations that have produced math and English language arts standards, and explores the governance challenges that such multistate endeavors create.



## Alumni

### Save the Date: D.C. Alumni Reception



CPPA alumni are invited to join current



MPPA students and Satu Zoller, CPPA's associate director, for drinks in Washington, D.C., on Wednesday, January 18, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Location to be announced. Watch your inbox for further details.

**Amy Cookson '08** works at the American Lung Association in Maine, promoting the importance of healthy air through a campaign to protect the Clean Air Act. She also sits on the board for **Emerge Maine**, an organization that trains Democratic women to run for political office.



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