



New Director steps up to the plate



*Augustine Hammond, PhD
Director
MPA program*

We are pleased to announce that in conjunction with his many accomplishments in 2010 in July, Dr. Hammond also assumed the directorship of the Master of Public Administration (MPA) program.

In the past year Dr. Hammond co-authored three journal articles on nursing home regulatory and the adoption of English-Only laws in the U.S. One of the articles has been published and the other two are forthcoming. He also served as the Co-Director, University System African Council's Southeast Model African Union (SEMAU) which was hosted by Augusta State University.



MPA Student Profile:

Timothy Williams
Audio Visual System
Integrator

In this issue, we are highlighting Timothy Williams, who is in his first year in the MPA program. Tim is a 2009 graduate of Augusta State University, having majored in Communications with a focus on television and cinema and minored in Drama. He has worked at Augusta State since 2004, when he started as a student assistant, as well as WJBF Channel 6 and Watchmen Broadcasting. When asked what made him decide to enter the MPA program, Tim said that he was faced with a choice between Business Administration and Public Administration, and his decision was strongly influenced by his desire to help others. Cont. -Timothy

Professor News



Dr. Sandra Reinke
Director

Center for Public Service & Research

At the November, 2010 meeting of the Georgia Political Science Association, former MPA student Gretchen Keneson (graduated in May 2009) and Dr. Rainke received the McBryer award for having the best paper presented at the 2009 meeting of the GPSA. That piece was published in the *Proceedings of the Georgia Political Science Association 2009*.

Also published this year: Reinke, Sandra J. and Randall D. Miller. (2010) "Women in the Military (book chapter)" in *Women in Public Administration: Theory and Practice*, Maria d'Agostino and Helen Levine (Eds.), Jones & Barrett Publishing.

Fall conference presentations:

Two Steps Forward, One Step Back: Women in the Military (with Dr. Randall Miller) presented at the Southeastern Conference on Public Administration, October 2010 and at the Georgia Political Science Association Annual Meeting, November 2010.

Out and Serving Proudly: Repealing DADT (with Dr. Tim Smith and Andrew Jensen, MPA Student) presented at the Southeastern Conference on Public Administration, October 2010 and at the Georgia Political Science Association Annual Meeting, November 2010.

In addition to the two presentations with Dr. Reinke, Dr. Miller also gave two presentations entitled *Performance Evaluation: A Three Step Process*. One at the SECOPA Conference at Wilmington, NC, in Oct. 2010, and at the GPSA Conference in Savannah, GA, in Nov. 2010.



Dr. Randall Miller



Dr. Martha Ginn

Dr. Ginn presented paper to the Southeastern Conference on Public Administration 31st Annual Conference, Wilmington, NC, 10/15-10/16, paper co-authored with Gretchen and William Keneson (a graduate of our MPA Program who is now a PhD candidate at USC, along with her husband who is getting his MBA at USC). The paper was entitled “Small Business Administration 7(a) and 504 Lending Programs:

Panacea or Band-Aid?”

Dr. Ginn also presented a version of the same paper focused specifically on the state of Georgia at the Georgia Political Science Association in Savannah 11/11-13. That paper was also co-authored by Gretchen and William and was entitled, "Exploring the Relationship between Small business Administration 7(a) and 504 Lending Programs and Unemployment Rates in Georgia" While at GPSA, Dr. Ginn also participated on a best practices in teaching panel and was chair of panel where one of her graduate students, Jeffrey Dennis, presented his capstone research (Mr. Dennis graduated this fall).

WHY THEY TEACH

Dr. Reinke’s

Thoughts about teaching:

Having bestowed all he has on others, he has yet more;

Having given all he has to others, he is richer still.

Lao Tzu, *Tao Te Ching*

The above quotation goes to the heart of what I believe about teaching. As a teacher, I offer my students all the knowledge, experience, and wisdom that I have gained over the years. In return, I open myself up to their ideas, insights, experience, and knowledge. They learn from me, and I learn from them. To paraphrase Lao Tzu, the more I give to the students and their research projects, the more I learn and grow. In short, teaching for me is not just a profession, it is my calling. I LOVE teaching here because this is a place that respects and honors teaching as a professor’s first, and most important, responsibility. And my colleagues are truly wonderful, gifted people who are a joy to work with. Dr. Sandra Reinke

Dr. Ginn says:

As for why I enjoy teaching in the MPA program/what I like to teach, etc. I have the opportunity to take our first set of students through the new methods sequence the past two years and I enjoyed it tremendously. I got a cohort of students that I instructed through quantitative methods (PADM 6600), then research methods (PADM 6500) and finally, capstone (PADM 7050). I felt like I really got to know these students and their projects. I really enjoyed taking them through the entire project from a basic idea, to a research design, and then seeing them complete a piece of original scholarship. Another great thing is that they all finished their capstone on time and graduated! While I miss each of them, I am very proud of their accomplishments and wish them the best in their future endeavors. Dr. Ginn

Tim can usually be found helping others in the Media Center, where he works as an Audio Visual System Integrator. His duties include assisting with audiovisual equipment, power point presentations, digital displays, and other visual aids. He is also an Apple certified user for Final Cut Pro. In addition, Tim is the Video Director at New Hope Worship Center, where services are streamed live online.

Tim is also involved in music ministry. His gospel rap group The Lively Stones have been together for six years, and have been featured in a variety of local media, including WJBF's Sunday morning Parade of Quartets as well as Watchmen Broadcasting in North Augusta. His involvement with the group has taken him across the country, with engagements in New York and Milwaukee.

Tim hopes to use the education and experience gained during his time in the MPA program to start his own nonprofit organization offering video production services. At some point in the future, he would also like to hold public office at the local level or beyond. In the near future, Tim plans to get married on May 19, 2012, which will be shortly after his graduation from the program. Report by: Betty Eason



Tim is a very important part of the Media Center. I can count on him to complete any task that I ask of him. He is very knowledgeable and he is always willing to help and go the extra mile to achieve a goal. Tim has been balancing work, school and his music career and he has managed to keep up with all his obligations and I admire that about him. I am sure that in the future Tim will be a great leader and someone that we will be proud of.

Edgar La Motte

I first met Tim while working in the Media Center. On instant he was very polite and willing to help in any way. Teaching when necessary and just coming to the aid of any student, faculty or staff that came to the media center was a priority of his. Upon getting to know Tim he is just the nicest guy with a great sense of humor. I look forward to the day he graduates and enters the doors that are wide open just for him. Donna Oellerich



Tim Williams has such a genuine and sincere attitude towards school and life. His positive attitude is infectious, and his presence in class has always been enjoyable. Tim stands out among his peers as a capable and caring future public administrator. Janell Thompson



PI Alpha Alpha Candidates

Gerry Dillon

Charles Dixon

Andrew Jensen

Janell Thompson

Regina Tudor

We are Hosting:

The 13th Annual Conference of the Georgia Chapter of America Society for Public Administration on March 25, 2011 at JSAC. More information on the Chapter and conference is available at:

<http://apache.northgeorgia.edu/bdf/GaASPA/index.htm>.

A Students view of the MPA Program:

The Masters of Public Administration program at Augusta State University has been a challenging yet enriching experience. I found the teaching faculty to be particularly motivating. My personal and professional development has been greatly impacted by the MPA program. Janell Thompson

ALUMNI

New graduates have one year from their graduation date to utilize the services of the Career Center free of charge. Any alumni that graduated more than one year ago will fall under our fee-based alumni services.

A FREE consultation appointment is available to determine if our fee based services are the best fit for you. Should you decide to enroll, the fee is \$60 and allows for six months of access to the services and resources of the Career Center. These are the same services that our currently enrolled students are eligible for. For alumni that can provide documentation of their active status as a paid member of the Alumni Association, there is a \$10 reduction provided in the Alumni Career Services fee.

Services for Alumni in the Career Center include:

- Appointments with a Career Advisor to receive additional help in mapping out your job search plans and tailoring a job search strategy to meet your individual needs
- Guidance in career transitions and access to developmental resources to facilitate career choice
- Access to our web based job listings of professional openings in the Augusta area and beyond that are listed with the ASU Career Center
- Ability to post your resume in our Web Resume Book for employers and Career Center staff to access directly
- Participation in any of our career fairs or on campus recruiting events
- Critiques and resources on cover letters and resumes
- Computer lab with Internet access and a fax machine to assist you in all of your job search needs

We firmly believe we are the most accessible and resourceful option for our students and alumni seeking assistance in a job search and encourage you to make an appointment with a staff member to learn more.

For additional information concerning Augusta State University Alumni programs and activities including the Alumni Newsletter visit the **Office of Development and Alumni Relations**.

The **ASU Counseling Center** also provides a fee based alumni service that focuses purely on career counseling. This fee provides ASU alumni with a series of **career counseling appointments and assessments**. This is a good step for someone who is really unsure about their career aspirations or looking to identify alternate career interests



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Stop by the Career Center for these Upcoming Events!

Thursday, February 10 between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Resumania

Get your resume reviewed by an expert

Thursday, February 17 and Friday, February 18 between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Career Center Closet

Pick out a free professional suit or outfit to wear for your next job interview

Elsewhere on Campus....

Friday, February 25 between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Christenberry Field House

Employer Expo

Monday, March 7 between 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. , Tuesday, March 8 between 3:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

JSAC: Hardy Meeting Room

Federal Employment Seminar

You must register online through the Career Center to attend this workshop.

For all events listed above, see http://www.aug.edu/career_center/ for details.