

THE PUBLIC SERVANT

NEWS FROM ASU'S MPA PROGRAM

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Special points of interest:

- ASU holds ASPA Conference (page 1)
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ASU HOSTS SIXTH ANNUAL GEORGIA PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION ACADEMIC CONFERENCE

Augusta State hosted the Sixth Annual Public Administration conference on March 5. The conference was sponsored by the Georgia chapter of the American Society for Public Administration. The Georgia Chapter of ASPA serves ASPA members in the Atlanta metropolitan area and most of Northeast, Northwest, East and West Georgia.

The conference consisted of five panel discussions, two of which featured ASU MPA students. Patrick Clayton presented "Punch vs. Touch: A Comparative Study of Voting technology", in the panel discussion on E-Government at the Cutting Edge. The Emergency Management: Lessons Learned from disaster panel, which was chaired by Dr. Miller, consisted of all ASU students. Drawing from papers written in their Emergency Management class, Summer 2003, student presenters were: Tom Chumbley "Chernobyl: A Failure of Public Administration", Tammy Jackson "Are Nonprofits Ready for Disaster? A Critique of Golden Harvest Food Banks Emergency Response Plan", Donnie Porter

presented "Mount St. Helen's: Are We Ready for Next Time" and Patrick Clayton presented "Columbine: Lessons Learned". After the panel discussion presenters answered questions from the audience.

It was a great pleasure for the University and the MPA Program to hold the annual conference meeting as well as sup-

port a panel that consisted entirely of ASU students.

An MPA Director from another Georgia institution said, "I wish my students presented as well as the ASU students!" 9These students did an excellent job representing both the University and the MPA program, Thank You!



Patrick Clayton presents "Punch vs. Touch" in the E-Government Panel.

LINCOLN COUNTY COHORT PROJECT

Over the past two semesters the research methods cohort group has been working with the CSRA Regional Development Center (RDC), in a study of Lincoln County economic development.

In the fall 2003 semester the class researched economic development efforts for both Lincoln and Wilkes counties. Following an update from the RDC the class fo-

cused strictly on Lincoln County for the Spring semester. The class conducted a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis of the county using data from Business Retention and Expansion Process (BREP) surveys and Local Economic Impact Analysis (LOCI) output. The students also inputted data into the LOCI system, software that enables you to

estimate the fiscal impact on your local government from a new and/or expanding business, for the RDC.

The results of the SWOT analysis conducted will hopefully be used by the RDC and Lincoln County as a strategic management tool to accomplish short- and long-term goals to promote economic development in Lincoln County.

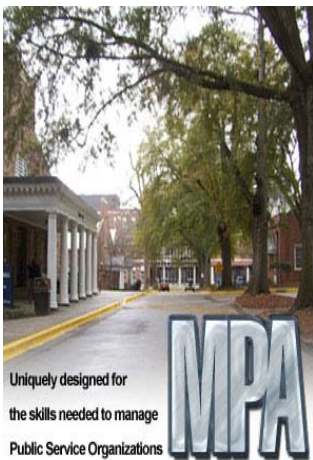
FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

• **Dr. Harris** is taking part in an international collaborative effort with scholars from Germany, Israel and the U.S. in a research project titled: "A Transnational Diaspora in the Making: The Case of Russian-Speaking Jews in Israel, Germany and U.S." Dr. Harris recently returned from a three-day workshop held at Tel Aviv University, Israel, February 25-28. Assisting him with the day-to-day management of the project is Thomas Chumbley, a current MPA student. The research project is funded by a generous grant of \$200,000.00 from the German Volkswagen Foundation.

• **Dr. Harris** has also published the following guest editorials: the first, "Anti-Jewish Feelings Stir in Germany" appeared in the Atlanta Journal Constitution, on Nov. 17, 2003 and the second, "Proposed Guest Worker Program Lacks Adequate Provisions" appeared in the Augusta Chronicle on Feb. 4, 2004.

• **Dr. Reinke** published a guest editorial in the Augusta Chronicle entitled "Liberal and Conservative needs to be better understood", on April 11, 2004. In addition, she was named a member of the Vision 2010 committee for the United Way of the CSRA, assisting them in the collection and analysis of data for their strategic planning effort. Assisting her in this research is Tom Chumbley, a current MPA student. Dr. Reinke was granted tenure and promoted to the rank of associate professor.

• **Dr. Miller** published a review in *Global Virtue Ethics Review*. The book criticizes ethics legislation at the federal level. Progressively prohibitive legislation needs to be reformed in order to attract quality people to accept politically appointed executive positions.



CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

Our May graduates, **Anthony Chandler, Patrick Clayton** and **Amy Poston**.



Michael Simmons, who has been accepted into the College of Urban and Public Affairs, at the University of New Orleans. Michael will be pursuing his doctorate in Urban Studies, he has also received a full ride and a \$6,000 fellowship.

Dwight Johnson for being selected as the summer 2004 winner of the Gwen Y. Wood Memorial Book Scholarship and **Annette Carter** for the Fall 2004 term. Named in honor of the MPA Program's first director, the book scholarship seeks to assist our very best students.

Anthony Chandler completed the National Forum for Black Public Administrators Executive Leadership Institute 2003-2004.

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COURSE OFFERINGS FOR 2004/2005

Summer 2004

PADM 6020, Intro. to GIS (Howard)
 PADM 6200, HRM (Miller)
 PADM 6300, Budgeting (Crosson and Yi)
 PADM 6650, Public Policy (Harris)

Fall 2004

PADM 6010, Communication Skills (Wood) **New!**
 PADM 6000, History, Scope &

Practice (Miller)
 PADM 6500, Research Methods (Reinke)
 PADM 6550, Human Services Administration (Landy) **New!**
 PADM 6850, Intergovernmental Relations (Harris) **New!**

Spring 2005

PADM 6010, Communication Skills (Wood)
 PADM 6100, Organizational The-

ory (Walker and Miller)
 PADM 6600, Quantitative Methods (Reinke)
 PADM 6800, State Government (Harris)
 PADM 6040, Strategic Planning for Nonprofits (Maypole) **New!**
 PADM 6050, Constitutional & Administrative Law (Whiting)
 PADM 7050, Capstone (Reinke & Johnston)

MPA COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD

On February 27th the Community Advisory Board met and elected Andy Crosson as the new chair. The Board has also formed a committee to review the internship process for MPA students.

Board Members include:

Andy Crosson,

Executive Director of the CSRA RDC (chair)

Chief Al Gillespie,

Augusta/Richmond County Fire Department

Todd Glover,

Director of Management Services for Columbia County

Cedric Johnson,

Chair, Airport Commission

George Kolb,

Augusta/ Richmond County City Administrator

Charles Martin,

North Augusta City Administrator

Dr. Jo Maypole,

Executive Director of United Way CSRA

Wayne Rogers,

Executive Director of the Lower Savannah Council of Government

Katherine Sweeney,

ASU Registrar and Director of Admissions

Steve Szablewski,

Columbia County Administrator

Ronald Wiggins,

Principal of Seago Middle School

The purpose of the CAB is to assist the MPA program in fulfilling its mission statement and to assist in 1) designing curriculum that will help the program and its graduates meet regional needs for professionals in the discipline, 2) locating appropriate internship and applied research opportunities, 3) promoting the program, 4) providing practitioner insight into faculty selection, and 5) evaluating program performance, particularly in light of the ASU goal of "improving economic and social conditions in the area", and "promoting personal and professional development for area citizens."

INTRODUCING...

Ms. Carmen Landy who will be joining our program in the Fall, teaching Human Services Administration. Ms. Landy is an ASU MPA graduate (2001) who works at the Cumbee Center to Assist Abused Persons.

Dr. Jo Maypole will be joining the program in Spring of 2005 teaching Strategic Planning for Nonprofits. Dr. Maypole serves on the MPA Community Advisory Board and is the Executive Director of United Way CSRA.

Dr. Gwen Wood will be returning to the classroom for Fall 2004 and Spring 2005, teaching Communication Skills for Professionals. Welcome Back, Dr. Wood!

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Angela and **Andre David** who were married on November 30, 2003. Congratulations Angela and Andre!

Mickey Williford, who is now the Assessment Coordinator at MCG. Mickey coordinates assessment to assist administrators in strategic planning and the continuous improvement of MCG's academic and administrative processes, including support of programmatic and institutional accreditation.

Katie Little and **Laura Collins** for receiving graduate assistantships for Fall 2004 and Spring 2005.

Patrick Clayton, Tom Chumbley, Tammy Jackson and Donnie Porter for presenting papers at the Sixth Annual Georgia Public Administration Conference.



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Our Faculty

Dr. Paul Harris

Dr. Nabil Ibrahim

Dr. Bob Johnston

Dr. Sandra Reinke

Dr. Ralph Walker

Dr. Steven Weiss

Dr. Ray Whiting

Dr. Gwen Wood

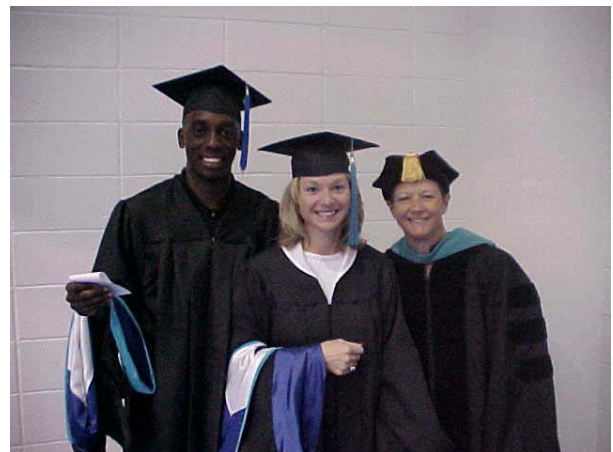
Ms. Mary Howard

Mr. Andy Crosson

Dr. Randall Miller

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES

Dr. Reinke and May 2004 Graduates
Anthony Chandler and Amy Poston.



Christy Donovan, Laura Collins, Christal Duggan and Linda Grijalva (2003 alum) pose for the camera at Dr. Harris' reception for the Sixth Annual Georgia Political Science Association Conference.