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Welcome to a New Semester, MPA Students!

A Message from the Chair

Hello MPA Community: incoming and returning MPA students, alumni, and prospective students. The production of this newsletter is the responsibility of our MPA Graduate Assistants, Colin Fleming and Jana Wong. We hope that it provides you with a rich variety of news and information. Feedback regarding the newsletter, our MPA program, and your experiences are always welcomed.

MPA students are future leaders in the public and private sectors. Your constructive ideas and solutions are your strengths. We, therefore, encourage you to start your professional growth now and get to know your community. We hope to see everyone at our Fall MPA Speaker Series and all of our events. This is a great way for alumni to stay involved and current students to network. You can always see and register for our events on our department website. Current students, please consider becoming a member of our MPA Student Steering Committee that meets regularly to strategize and provide feedback to MetroCenter faculty and staff (please contact your GA’s for more information).

Your MPA is NASPAA accredited which means that you are guaranteed the gold standard of education.

Your NASPAA accredited MPA program is one of 11 in New York State and the only one in the Finger Lakes / Western New York Region. However, our program is only as strong as our students -- so excel, engage, and make differences in your lives and communities. If I or the department can ever be instrumental in complementing your vision for change, please meet with me and share your thoughts.

My best,
Dr. Celia Watt,
Chair, Department of Public Administration
New MPA Students

This semester we admitted over 60 new students into the MPA Program here at The College at Brockport. Please take a minute to get to know your new classmates by reading their profiles below. If you see them in class, in the hallway, or at an MPA event, please make sure to give them a warm welcome into the program.

- Carolyn McCarrol

“I currently work as a nurse and would like to broaden my knowledge of the health care system.”

Susan Archacki
I graduated from the University of Rochester in 2000. I have worked at Xerox for many years.

Asia Collins
I graduated from SUNY Albany in 2012. I am currently working at Lifetime Assistance Inc. as an HR Assistant. My future career goal is to become a Director of Human Resources.

Patrice Cummings
I graduated from SUNY Geneseo in 2013 as a Sociology major with a double minor in Business and Psychology. Currently, I am the Graduate Assistant for Prevention and Outreach Services, Center for Select Respect at SUNY Brockport.

Jennifer De La Rosa
I graduated from the University of Texas Pan American in Spring of 2015. I fear the New York Winter! But bring it on :)

Marta Driscoll
I currently work as a Program Coordinator for the Ad Council of Rochester. I graduated from SUNY Geneseo with a BA in Economics in 2011.

Megan Griffin-Adams
My bachelor's degree is from SUNY Geneseo, in Speech and Hearing. I currently work for the Arc of Monroe as a Treatment Coordinator in the clinic. I live in Penfield with my husband and our 17-month-old daughter.

Scott Horsington
I received a BM in Music Education and an MM in Music Performance from SUNY Fredonia. I am a faculty member in Brockport’s Department of Theatre & Music Studies. I am pursuing an MPA with a focus in Nonprofit Management as well as the Certificate in Arts Administration.

Cecelia Johnson
I am the Executive Director of Rochester Global Connections, a nonprofit that works with international students and visitors. I graduated from Ithaca College in 2010.
New MPA Students Continued...

Andrea Lanze
I graduated Ithaca College with a degree in Music Ed. Currently, I am a first year teacher with RCSD. I hope to one day address the way the education system works for our students.

Nicole Lasnicki
I am an MPA student concentrating in healthcare management. I graduated with a bachelor's degree in Health Science from SUNY Brockport in 2015. I am currently a Graduate Assistant for Building Operations at the Student Union.

Asha Matthews
I graduated from St. Bonaventure University in May 2015.

Amber McAninch
I graduated from the University of Buffalo in 2013. I am currently volunteering at a youth football organization in Lockport, NY.

Carolyn McCarrol
I graduated from SUNY Brockport in 2013 from the Nursing program. I currently work as a nurse and would like to broaden my knowledge of the health care system.

Dawn McClure
I graduated from SUNY Brockport with a BSN in 2014. I'm currently a Clinical Nurse Leader at Rochester Regional Health System.

Morgan McKenzie
I graduated from SUNY Potsdam in 2011. I currently work at Foodlink as the Food Bank Programs Coordinator.

Erin McMullen
Erin is a first semester MPA student focusing on Nonprofit Management.
New MPA Students Continued...

Thomas Morrissey
I graduated Michigan State in 2009 with a BA in Journalism. I am currently a Research Analyst with Monroe County.

Holly Smith
I graduated from SUNY Brockport in 2013 with a double major in Criminal Justice and Psychology.

Kenneth Pink Jr.
I graduated SUNY Geneseo in 2012 with a BS in Accounting. I then graduated from Fordham University in 2013 with a MS in Accounting. Currently, I work at Western Regional Off-Track Betting as a Corporate Accountant. I’m also the Assistant Head Coach of the Irondequoit Gators Swim Club.

Marie Torchia
Maria is a first semester MPA student with a concentration in Nonprofit Management.

Matthew Rewald
I have a BS in Health Care Administration. I am a Pharmacy Technician Instructor/Coordinator at the REOC. I am married and my wife is expecting a baby in October.

Erica Shaw
Erica is a first semester student concentrating in Nonprofit Management.

“I Graduated from Brockport in 2015 with a BA in English Literature. I am currently working in the office of International Education as a Study Abroad Advisor.”
-Dylan George

“I graduated from SUNY Geneseo in 2015 with a degree in Political Science. I hope to enter the field of International Student Education.”
-Patrick Reichard

“I was born and raised in Rochester, New York and I received my undergraduate degree at the University at Buffalo in 2014 as a Political Science major. I’ve spent nearly all of my professional career working at the NYS Senate for Senator Joseph Robach and just recently transitioned to working for Uncommon Schools!”
-Ahnjelica Blake
New Students Not Pictured in our Newsletter:

Mohammed Algahtani  
Fabrice Broyld  
Ashley Burek  
Kari Cameron-Hill  
*Hailey Cammilleri  
Coral Chovaniec  
Jonathan Compton  
Danielle Dyminski  
David Foos  
Jane Forbes  
Elizabeth Gorall  
Tatum Hartmann  
Meghan Hayes  
Heather Hemmer  
Shawna Hicks  
Crescentia Hill  
Jonathan Hoose  
Christopher Jackson  
Steven Kanoff  
Gene Kim  
Gregory Lebens-Higgins  
Sarah Lenhard  
Christine Lucas  
*Jennifer Montfort  
Rachel Maschoff  
Paul Mattey  
Brynn Matthews  
Nikolas Von Stackelberg  
Shanna Timmerman  
Dylan Sullivan  
Thomas Nolan  
Abbey Pettis  
Aggie Robinson  
Joseph Serio  
Jocelyn Sikorski  
Katelyn Smith  
Sean Sorrento  
*Combined Degree Students  
(Senior Undergraduate Political Science or Sociology Majors)

MPA Faculty & Staff

**Dr. Bradford Daly**  
Adjunct Lecturer

**Doreen Hagen**  
Department Secretary

**Dr. Muditha Halliyadde**  
Faculty Fellow

**Philip F. LaPorta**  
Adjunct Lecturer

**Brandon Leisten**  
SUNY Student Diversity Fellow

**Jessica L. Muratore**  
Adjunct Lecturer

**Danielle Pierleoni**  
Assistant to the Chair

**Dr. James J. Ross**  
Visiting Assistant Professor

**Allyn M. Stelljes**  
Adjunct Lecturer

**Dr. Weijie Wang**  
Assistant Professor

**Dr. Celia A. Watt**  
Professor and Chair

**Dr. Wendy Wright**  
Visiting Assistant Professor

**Dr. Ryan Yeung**  
Assistant Professor

*MPA faculty and staff with the College’s Provost of Academic Affairs, Dr. Mary Ellen Zuckerman, Dean of the School of Education & Human Services, Dr. Thomas Hernandez, and Former Lieutenant Governor of NY and Rochester Mayor, Mr. Robert “Bob” Duffy.*
Meet Your MPA Graduate Assistants

Jana Wong
I graduated from SUNY Geneseo in 2013 with a BA in Sociology. Currently, I am pursuing my MPA in Health Care Management, as well as the Non-Profit Management Certificate. I am also the Graduate Assistant for the Office of Diversity. My career aspirations lie in the health care field where my passion for health policies and the quality of health care services delivered to underserved communities will be combined.

Colin Fleming
I graduated from SUNY Fredonia in 2011 with a BS in Music Business. My MPA emphasis is in Nonprofit Management, and I am also pursuing the Arts Administration Certificate. I hope to work for an arts-related nonprofit that addresses education. Also, I love my beard.

Welcome new, returning, and prospective students! We are delighted to be your Department of Public Administration Graduate Assistants for this academic year! If you have any ideas for future MPA events and student activities, please feel free to send us an e-mail at: PADGA@brockport.edu.

We encourage you to join us for our upcoming events this semester including, our bi-weekly PUB Nights, MPA Student Steering Committee meetings, and other social events. Introduce yourself to us, we would love an opportunity to meet everyone! Our office is located in the first floor PAD Suite next to your MPA Academic Advisor, Dr. Wendy Wright’s office.

MPA Student Steering Committee

The MPA Student Steering Committee is a student-run organization that aims to address student issues and concerns, propose solutions, and organize activities that contribute to the culture and experience of the MPA program. We meet bi-weekly at Boulder Coffee (100 Alexander St.) to discuss initiatives and brainstorm ideas as a group. Meeting nights vary, but announcements will always be sent out in the weeks prior via Facebook and email.

If you’re interested in student government and collaborative problem solving, or to just bring an idea or concern to the attention of your Graduate Assistants, please feel free to join us!

Our Current Initiatives and Proposals:
- Go-Green Initiative
- Food Services at MetroCenter
- Exercise Room
- End of Semester Social Events
- Pi Alpha Alpha Expansion
Fall 2015 Student Spotlights

Jessica Martin

Program: MPA, Nonprofit Management Emphasis

Undergraduate College and Major: Anthropology, with minor in Sociology, The College at Brockport

Expected Graduation Date: May 2016

Current Occupation: Graduate Assistant with the Office of Research, Analysis and Planning at The College at Brockport and also Intern Business Administrator at Christ Community Church, Brockport

What are your future goals? Someday when my life comes to a close, I’d like to say that I helped fix problems that threaten others’ abilities to live fulfilled and healthy lives. This overarching goal can include helping provide clean water, health care, and sustainable food systems during crises when communities lack them. I look forward to helping manage a high-impact non-profit organization that allows me to travel as I do this, and ultimately spread the things that I often take for granted.

Jennifer Pincus

Program: MPA, Healthcare Management Emphasis

Undergraduate College and Major: Visual Communications, School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Expected Graduation Date: May 2017

Current Occupation: Program Coordinator for the Office of Community Medicine at Rochester Regional Health

How and why did you decide to apply for The College at Brockport MPA program? I learned about Brockport’s MPA program when I moved back to Rochester in 2006. Wanting to get back to a place where I felt a sense of community, I left Chicago and the design world behind and decided to explore opportunities in the public sector. As time went by, I came to realize that Rochester has a very unique group of individuals who are dedicated to making the community stronger and see the value in collaboration. The MPA program at Brockport seemed like a perfect fit to help me lay the foundation in leadership and management skills as well as policy, public service, and the non-profit sector.
Dr. Yeung in the News!

On August 17th, 2015, Dr. Ryan Yeung was featured in Rochester’s Democrat & Chronicle after writing an Op-Ed column discussing the controversy and political climate surrounding America’s Social Security program.

Check it out here.

SUNY Brockport’s Washington Internship Program

- Intern in Washington D.C!
- Graduate students are now eligible to participate
- For application information, visit the Study Abroad website
- Or contact Dr. Susan Orr, the Washington Program Campus Coordinator
- Credits can count toward an MPA Internship Experience Course (PAD 694)

Professional Headshot

FREE

Contact College Photographer Matt Yeoman:
myeoman@brockport.edu

Students can order professional business cards for only $5!

Visit the website of Career Services
Advisement Corner

Need to make an appointment with Career Services? It’s easy! Do it online at the Brockport Website.
- Click on the Eagle Connect icon and follow the easy prompts
- For assistance, contact Career Services (585-395-2159)

Interested in pursuing a Certificate in Non-profit Management or Arts Administration?
- Please make an appointment with Wendy Wright before applying online through Web Banner
- You will need to fill out a plan of study BEFORE applying

A Few Dates to Remember:
- Course listings for Spring Semester ’16 are online now!
- Online registration for Spring ’16 semester begins November 2nd
- Last day for course withdrawal is November 6th
- Online registration for the Winter ’16 session begins November 9th

If you plan to complete your degree requirements by the end of the Fall ’15 Semester, please fill out a graduation application on Web Banner ASAP!

Pi Alpha Alpha Global Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration (PAA)
- PAA is a global honor society with more than 160 chapters around the world, offering professional distinction, networking potential, and a highlight to your resume
- Interested students must complete 27 hours at the graduate level and hold a minimum GPA of 3.70
- If you’re interested in applying, please contact Robin Schepler: rscheple@brockport.edu
Check Out What’s Happening in the MPA Community!

Fall ’15 MPA Speaker Series Events at MetroCenter

Former Rochester Mayor and Lieutenant Governor, Mr. Bob Duffy, spoke with MPA students on October 6th about the relationship between government, non-profits, and the private sector. Duffy answered questions from an eager audience. Thank you to all those who attended for making this another fantastic MPA Speaker Series event at the MetroCenter!

Don’t miss Mr. John Urban, President and CEO of Greater Rochester Health Foundation!

Mr. Urban has more than 30 years of experience in health care in New York State. His work has included establishing programs for chronically mentally ill people in Syracuse and serving as Deputy Commissioner in the NYS Office of Mental Health. He was also the CEO of Preferred Care where he served for 20 years.

Date: Thursday, November 12th, 2015
Time: 5:30pm in the Grand Hallway followed by a reception with light refreshments.

Don’t forget to RSVP!

PUB Nights

are reoccurring, bi-weekly student-focused events held throughout the semester where students meet after class at a convenient downtown venue to share a casual drink, appetizer, and to get to know their classmates. Students take advantage of these events to network with other students in the program, "talk shop", and mingle in a non-academic setting.

All PUB Nights are held from 8:30pm - 10pm.

Fall ’15 PUB Night Dates:

- Thursday, October 15th
  Scotland Yard Pub, 187 St. Paul St., Rochester
- Tuesday, October 27th
  Public House, 729 Park Ave, Rochester
- Friday, November 13th
  Stoneyard Brewing Co., 1 Main St., Brockport
- Thursday, December 3rd
  Legends Sports Bar, Radisson Riverside Hotel, Rochester

End of Semester Celebration and Networking Event

Thursday, December 17th (Time & Location TBA)

You’re invited to come engage in an evening to renew, maintain, and create new relationships with current students, prospective students, alumni, faculty, and others that support the Department of Public Administration. It is also a time to honor students graduating and new inductees to the Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society. Free food and drinks will be served.