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Upcoming Events

- Be sure to tune in to *Commonwealth Politics* on Channel 68 on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.
- Center for Legislative Studies' Distinguished Speaker Series in March:
 - United States Congressman Steven Lynch (D-MA). Wednesday, March 26th, 2:00pm. Moakley
- Save the Date: The annual MPA Recognition Dinner will be held May 7th at 5:30pm in the Council Chambers of the Rondileau Campus Center.

Political Science Faculty News

The college's Institute of Regional Development will play a major role in an upcoming, multi-town study of water usage and conservation. An interdisciplinary team of BSC faculty experts lead by Dr. Deniz Leuenberger, an expert in sustainable development, will work together on the project, which is being done on behalf of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs in partnership with the Plymouth Carver Aquifer Advisory Committee.

The project will include the studying of residential, business and agriculture water usage and perceptions of water conservation issues in the Plymouth Carver Aquifer. The towns of Plymouth, Carver, Wareham, Bourne, Plympton, Middleboro and Kingston all depend on the Plymouth-Carver Aquifer as their principal source of water.

The faculty will implement a citizen survey, stakeholder and citizen focus groups, and comparable community analysis. Working closely with IRD's Project Manager and MPA Alumni Jennifer Reid, BSC faculty will gather data that will inform recommendations for both passive and active water conservation methods and incentives for citizens accessing the aquifer. The research findings will also be used to create customized, professional water conservation education and marketing resources, tools, and materials for use in the aquifer communities.

Department News

MPA Public Service Recognition Awards Dinner

Please join us the evening of **Wednesday, May 7, 2008** for the Annual MPA Public Service Recognition Awards dinner. This year, we will devote the annual event to the life and contributions of Dr. Guy Clifford, a valued colleague who recently passed away. We're pleased to announce that Fred Clark, a former student of Dr. Clifford's who now serves as the Chairman of the state Board of Higher Education, will offer the keynote speech. We also expect a healthy crop of new graduates and alums, as well the lucky recipient of the annual Guy Clifford Scholarship Award. Come enjoy a great evening with friends and colleagues, old and new.

Invitations will be mailed as soon as we have confirmation on the venue (likely the small ballroom at the student center). We'll also post the announcement on our web site and send out periodic e-mails. Please give Sharon Hines contact information for all those you think should be invited. We welcome your suggestions!

The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars

Interested in interning in our nation's capitol? Then the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars may be for you. The Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars is an educational nonprofit organization serving hundreds of colleges and universities in the U.S. and other countries by providing selected students challenging opportunities to work and learn in Washington, D.C. for academic credit. The largest such program, The Washington Center has over 35,000 alumni, many of whom are leaders in numerous professions and nations around the world. The Washington Center provides diverse, highly motivated interns to thousands of organizations in government, business and the non-profit sector. They contribute significantly to their placements and often prove to be of longer-term interest as prospective employees. For more information please stop by the Political Science Department, contact Dr. George Serra, or visit:

www.twc.edu

May 30th, 2008 is the deadline for the Fall '08 semester.

Alumni on the Move

Ken Holland, BSC graduate and Political Science major recently took a position with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) as a Fire Service Specialist. Prior to joining the NFPA Ken worked for the Town of Bridgewater as a full time firefighter/paramedic for 5 years. During this time Ken also served as the departments' ALS coordinator. The NFPA is an organization that provides approx. 300 safety standards and guides to agencies at the national and international level. These agencies include local fire departments, Dept. of Homeland Security, Dept. of Defense, state training and certification agencies, as well as building and construction trades. Standards set by the NFPA define what constitutes safe building codes, electrical codes, life safety codes, and professional qualifications of fire fighters. The Department would like to congratulate Ken on this new position and wish all the best in the future!

Department News Con'd

Civic Engagement with Keeping Pace with Multiple Miracles

The Civic Engagement class in the MPA program is partnering with the undergraduate Foundations of Citizenship and Community Leadership class in the Political Science department on an exciting project to help a local nonprofit, Keeping Pace with Multiple Miracles (KPPM). KPPM is an organization that provides support, education, resources and networking opportunities for multiple birth families and beyond. The goal of the two classes is to help KPPM in their transition to the next phase of their development process. Masters students are working on material that will be used to educate members of the community on the services this organization provides. Undergrad students are directly engaged with the organization, providing support with their day to day operation. Masters-level students are helping to develop and translate the mission of KPPM and enhance the capacity of organization to bring about social change. This project is a fine example of the MPA and undergraduate students working together to develop practical skills and partner with the local community.



KPPM Co-Founders Pam Pace and Donna Baker

Both classes are instructed by Prof. Jodie Drapal Kluver, who has extensive experience working with nonprofit organizations nationally.

MPA Program News

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