



# PA Notes

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## **Message from the Chair**



*James Fatula, PhD  
Chair, Department of Public Administration*

It is always a pleasure to recognize the continuing accomplishments of our graduates and current students, so we are devoting much more of the space in our newsletter to that purpose. I do want to acknowledge the (exemplary) public service of **Diane Larter** and **Don Vacanti**, both Deputy Directors of the Monroe County Department of Social Services, who are retiring from (this phase of) public service. I do not know of two finer public servants, and I look forward to the new ways they will contribute to public service.

Let me mention a couple of new developments in the MPA program. Through **Ed Downey's** leadership, we have been developing a new

emphasis in public safety management for the MPA program. Stay tuned.

We are up for reaccreditation by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) in two years, so we will likely be in touch with some of you for some involvement in that process.

Be sure to visit our Web site ([www.brockport.edu/pubadmin](http://www.brockport.edu/pubadmin)) periodically for current information about program requirements and changes. As always, feel free to contact me at [jfatula@brockport](mailto:jfatula@brockport)



The Department of Public Administration is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA), whose twofold mission is to ensure excellence in education and training for public service and to promote the ideal of public service. NASPAA is the membership association of graduate programs in public administration, public policy and public affairs. NASPAA's Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation is the specialized accreditor of those master degree programs. To learn more about NASPAA, visit their Web site at [www.naspaa.org](http://www.naspaa.org).

## ***MPA Student and Alumni News***

- **Ron Adams** '00 had an article published in the December 2001 issue of the American Society for Public Administration's (ASPA) publication, *PA Times*, on the increasing use of the Internet by college public administration departments for attracting students. Adams had a second article published in the May 2002 issue of *PA Times* describing what employees look for in management and how managers may be to blame for high employee turnover rates. Adams was also reelected president of the greater Rochester chapter of ASPA.
- **Ekpe Agbe** '81 works with the New York State Department of Correctional Services as superintendent of the Riverview Correctional Facility in Ogdensburg, NY, in St. Lawrence County. Riverview is a medium security, full program facility.
- **Steven Bartley** '02 is a second lieutenant with the United States Army stationed in Ft. Gordon, Georgia. Bartley will soon be relocating to Texas to be signal platoon leader in an Infantry division at Fort Hood.
- **Robert Carlson** '89 is director, HealthWorks Occupational Health Program, for the Thompson Health System in Rochester.
- **Sandra Cullen** '93 is an adjunct lecturer at Genesee Community College where she teaches statistics. Cullen formerly taught various math courses at the Albion Correctional Facility and currently works in the Department of Nursing at SUNY Brockport.
- **Shannon Doolin** is marketing communications associate at SUNY Brockport.
- **Tracey Dreisbach** '02, upon her graduation in May 2002, received a promotion to associate executive director of Rochester Rotary.
- **Carlos Febo** '97 is a United States customs inspector for the Port of Buffalo Outbound Enforcement Team.
- **Christa Filipowicz** is marketing director for Brockport Auxiliary Service Corporation (BASC) at SUNY Brockport.
- **Dave Hernandez** was recently promoted to captain in the Rochester Police Department.
- **David Keefe** '81 is an adjunct lecturer at Monroe Community College and SUNY Brockport in the Department of Political Science. Keefe is also a member of the Department of Public Administration's Advisory Board.
- **Janice Kisiel** '97 is medical meeting manager for Nurcon/Neuroconferences in Buffalo, NY.
- **Meghan Kodweis** '92 is human subjects research program administrator for The University of Iowa Dows Institute for Dental Research, Office of Clinical Research.
- **Jim Lampert** '98 is budget and finance division chief for the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, the commercial truck/bus interstate commerce safety regulatory agency within the Department of Transportation in Washington, DC.
- **Tracy Logel** '80 is deputy majority leader for the Monroe County Legislature. She also has served as the chair of the Human Services Committee of the Legislature.

- **Beth Milano** '00 is director, Healthcare Early Detection & Prevention, American Cancer Society Eastern Division.
- **Dave Morse** and **Ron Adams** '00 were on the organizing committee for the eighth annual Celebrate Quality Day held in October. This event is cosponsored by Monroe County and the local chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA).
- **Jack Pease** '89, recently became administrator at St. Ann's Nursing Home in Rochester, NY. Pease also is a member of the Department of Public Administration's Advisory Board.
- **Matthew Rizzo** recently had an article accepted for publication in *Health Care Manager* journal. Rizzo's article, entitled "Clinical Supervision: A Working Model for Substance Abuse Acute Care Settings," will be published in late fall.
- **Elizabeth (Crawford) Rosato** welcomed a new baby girl, Maria, on July 26.
- **John Sapienza** '99 is assistant director of advancement in the Office of Institutional Advancement at SUNY Brockport.
- **Kathleen Saville** '02 was the beneficiary of the prestigious New York State Finance Officers' Association for the Stanley Schoenfeld Memorial Scholarship award in May 2002. Saville is director of finance for the Town of Ogden, Ogden, NY
- **Adam Standish** '00 is scholarship office coordinator at SUNY Brockport.
- **Angela Veltre** '01 was promoted to the position of deputy controller in the Monroe County Department of Finance/

Controllers Division. Veltre has been employed by the county since 1978.

- **Steven White** '94 is a captain with the New York State Police in Rochester, NY.
- **Shirley Wright** '00 has become a grandmother again. Wright was recently appointed secretary/treasurer of the Greater Rochester Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA).

**Please send your news for the next issue of PA Notes to: [acanale@brockport.edu](mailto:acanale@brockport.edu).**



## Pi Alpha Alpha



Seventeen new members (see page 4) were inducted into the Department of Public Administration's honor society, Pi Alpha Alpha (PAA), at its first annual spring dinner held at Valicia's in Greece, bringing its membership to well over 60 MPA students and graduates—and more keep joining the ranks every year. Pi Alpha Alpha is the national honorary society for the field of public affairs and administration whose purpose is to encourage and recognize accomplishment in public affairs and administration and to foster integrity, professionalism and effective performance in the conduct of government and related public service activities.

Students are invited to join Pi Alpha Alpha when they have completed at least 30 credits in the program and have attained at least a 3.75 cumulative GPA. For more information about Pi Alpha Alpha, visit our Web site at [www.brockport.edu/pubadmin/current/PiAlphaAlpha.html](http://www.brockport.edu/pubadmin/current/PiAlphaAlpha.html)

## ***Pi Alpha Alpha 2002 Initiates***

Margaret Baackes  
Susan Barbato  
Steven Bartley  
Karianne DePalma  
Sandra Diciaccio  
Tracey Dreisbach  
David Foley  
James Marotta  
Thomas J. Miller  
Thomas Placito  
Kathleen Saville  
Michael Seeloff  
Lauren Snyder  
Donald Swain  
Maria Thomas  
Julie Vellozzi



## ***In the Spotlight***



**Alison Stoller,** MPA student, has been awarded the prestigious Thomas R. Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. One of

only 20 recipients, Stoller was selected from more than 300 students who applied for the fellowship from colleges and universities nationwide and is the first student from SUNY Brockport to achieve this honor. "It is definitely an honor to represent SUNY Brockport in this capacity. The MPA program is a strong one and I'm sure it will more than adequately prepare me for my career in federal government," said Stoller.

The highly sought after fellowship program provides Stoller with full tuition; room and board at the graduate school of her choice; and two paid summer internships, one at the Department of State and the other anywhere in the world at the embassy of her choice. She'll also receive round-trip travel to wherever she chooses for her overseas internship.

Upon completing her MPA, she is obligated to a minimum of three years service in an appointment as a foreign service officer. Officers staff United States embassies, consulates, and missions worldwide, and also serve in Washington, DC. Stoller plans to begin her appointment as a foreign service officer in either Australia or somewhere in the Caribbean.

"We're delighted to have Alison as a part of our MPA program, and we expect great things from her. She exemplifies the commitment to public service that characterizes our students and graduates," said **Jim Fatula**, associate professor and chairperson of the Department of Public Administration.

Stoller, who anticipates completing her MPA by May 2004, is a resident of Rochester. Her future plans include a life-long career in the Foreign Service or with the federal government in some capacity.



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## ***Faculty Activities***

**Drs. Ann Altmeyer, Edward Downey and Richard Lumb**, chair and associate professor in the Department of Criminal Justice, recently participated in the Eighth Annual Monroe County Celebrate Quality Day sponsored by the local chapter of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA). The panel, chaired by Ron Adams '00, was on employee retention. Altmeyer made a presentation on distance learning and Downey and Lumb presented some of the data they gathered over the summer from public safety professionals to determine the feasibility of an MPA emphasis in public safety.

**Faith Prather, PhD**, and **Margie Lovett-Scott, EdD, RN**, had their article, "How Demographic Destinies Affect Teaching and Learning: Innovative Strategies for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Education" published in *The Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin*, Vol. 68, No. 4. This is the second lead article for Prather in an international publication. The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.

**Gregory Saxton**, PhD, has had an article accepted for publication in *The American Review of Public Administration* with co-authors **Christopher W. Hoene** and **Steven P. Erie**. Saxton's article is entitled, "Fiscal Constraints and the Loss of Home Rule: The Long-term Impacts of California's Post-Proposition 13 Fiscal Regime."

**Wendy Wright, PhD**, assistant professor, will be delivering her paper, "How Attractive is the State?," at the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management's 14<sup>th</sup> annual conference to be held in Kansas City, Missouri, this October. Wright is also chair of the conference panel on economic development finance. The Association for Budgeting and Financial

Management is a section of the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA).

**Jim Fatula, PhD**, presented at SUNY Brockport's *Mornings With the Professors* lecture series this fall. Fatula's presentation, "Medicare and Prescription Drugs, What's the Fuss?" gave an historical, fiscal and political perspective on Medicare and the rising costs of prescription drugs.



## ***Congratulations!***

The following students were awarded MPAs in 2002:

Margaret Baackes  
Susan Barbato  
Susan Browning  
Steven Bartley  
Cynthia Cooper  
Tamala M. David  
Sandra DiCiaccio  
Tracey Dreisbach  
Sheryl Gonzalez  
Jacqueline Haircrow  
Harold S. Legg  
James Marotta  
Paul Mastrodonato  
Thomas J. Miller  
Raymond Moore  
Daniel Nuijens  
Thomas Placito  
Kathleen Saville  
Annie Mae Smith  
Lauren Snyder  
Donald Swain  
Maria Thomas  
Viatta Tolbert-Carter  
Cynthia Utter  
GuyValone  
Julie Vellozzi  
Patricia Williams



## ASPA

The American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) is an organization of public administration professionals including academicians, researchers, practitioners and students in the public and nonprofit sectors. ASPA publishes the monthly *PA Times* and the bimonthly research journal *Public Administration Review*.

The society consists of more than 100 geographic chapters and almost two dozen special interest sections covering most areas of public administration. The Greater Rochester Chapter, founded about 20 years ago, is composed of a cross section of instructors and practitioners.

In August, the Rochester chapter held a dinner cruise on the Sam Patch boat on the Erie Canal. The weather was perfect and the turnout was good with some members showing up at an event for the first time. We had as constant companions ducks, seagulls, towpath joggers, other boats, and fish breaching the surface lunging at insects. Keen eyes caught sight of a deer grazing alongside the canal. The chapter held a similar event dinner cruise a few years ago, but all attending this one agreed that it should be an annual event.

To learn more about ASPA, visit [www.aspanet.org](http://www.aspanet.org) or the local chapter at <http://members.aol.com/GRCASPA>.

*Ron Adams '00*  
*Greater Rochester Chapter President*



## Career Services

As a graduate student, you may not be aware that the Office of Career Services offers several options such as: résumé and interviewing workshops, résumé and cover letter critiques, job fairs, on-campus recruitment and internship assistance. The office is staffed by five career professionals, four secretaries and a number of student career advisors and office assistants.

Did you know that all career services offerings are free of charge and can be utilized on a walk-in basis, five days a week, between 11 am and 4 pm? If you are unable to take advantage of the walk-in hours, individual appointments are available by calling (585) 395-2159.

For more information, call (585) 395-2392 or go to [www.brockport.edu/career](http://www.brockport.edu/career).

*Rob DiCarlo '90*  
*Assistant Director for Career Services*



## New Spring 2003 Courses

Visit [www.brockport/pubadmin](http://www.brockport/pubadmin) for the complete list of spring 2003 course offerings.

### ➔ PAD 612 Negotiation and Conflict Management

**Dr. Faith Prather** will be offering a new elective on Thursdays from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. "Negotiation and Conflict Management" examines a variety of workplace and social dilemmas facing today's public manager. Course objectives include helping managers learn how to effectively prepare for negotiation and conflict, enhance their power for troublesome situations, and develop appropriate negotiations and conflict management styles to deal with multiple parties,

navigate social dilemmas, and negotiate across cultures. This three-credit course will consist of three sections: fundamental concepts of negotiation and conflict management, developing, negotiating and conflict management styles, and application of negotiation and conflict management styles in public sector scenarios.

## ➔ PAD 618 Readings in Public Administration

**Professor Edward H. Downey** will be offering a course that meets both at the SUNY MetroCenter and online. Six sessions will be held at the MetroCenter and online discussions will take place between these meetings. The purpose of the course is to create a seminar atmosphere where students can read and discuss some of the considerable literature that is relevant to the field of public administration.

**What are the expectations?** Students will be provided with one or two assigned readings that are relevant to the field of public administration and will be asked to find readings on their own that are related to the assigned readings. Students will use the readings they find to develop a short paper for presentation and discussion at the next class meeting. Before the class meeting students will communicate with each other online to circulate: a summary of the article(s) they will use; their thoughts on the relevance of their found articles to the assigned readings; and eventually a draft of their presentation. Students must also provide constructive comments to their colleagues online.

### **What are the assigned readings like?**

The readings will be chosen to allow the seminar to examine some of the critical issues of public governance. For example, to what extent can private sector management techniques be introduced into managing democratic public institutions? After looking at the use of private sector management techniques in a *Public Administration Review* article, Larry D. Terry (1998) concludes that, “*public entrepreneurs of the neo-managerialist*

*persuasion are oblivious to other values highly prized in the U.S. constitutional democracy. Values such as fairness, justice, representation, or participation are not on the radar screen. This is indeed, troublesome.”* In response to Terry’s conclusion Howard L. Frant (1999) writes: “*the ideology described by Terry does not exist. Terry misinterprets the theories he describes, which are extensions of traditional concerns in public administration. Public administration scholars should not fear these theories, but welcome them as giving us new insights into the way organizations do and can work.”* These opposing views have developed into more than just an academic controversy. They are at the heart of the way politicians and administrators manage and develop the institutions of democratic governance that affect us.

**When does the course meet?** This course meets the following Tuesdays at the MetroCenter from 5:30 to 8:30 pm: January 28, February 18, March 4, March 25, April 16 and May 6, 2003. **Given the nature of the seminar, students must attend all sessions at the MetroCenter.**

If you have questions about the course, or if you would like to contribute to some issues or readings that might be used in the course, please contact Ed Downey at [profharley@aol.com](mailto:profharley@aol.com).

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***Etc.***

- Please notify us if you have recently changed your address, name, employer or position so that we can keep in touch with you. E-mail information to [acanale@brockport.edu](mailto:acanale@brockport.edu).
- If you anticipate graduating from SUNY Brockport in December 2002, please complete a Graduation Data Card by November 30, 2002. The Graduation Card is your application for graduation from Brockport!
- We encourage you to visit SUNY Brockport's Alumni and Friends Web site and take a moment to update your records: [www.brockport.edu/alumni/alumdir.html](http://www.brockport.edu/alumni/alumdir.html).

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