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Message from the Chair



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In this issue of *PA Notes*, we are introducing a new feature: a brief “spotlight” on how one of our current students is contributing to public service.

One of the genuine pleasures of serving as chair of this department is the opportunity to hear from so many of you—from our graduates and from our current students—and to appreciate the many diverse and wonderful ways you are contributing to public service. It is extraordinarily gratifying—and humbling—to learn about how you are making this difference in your communities, and indeed, on the SUNY Brockport campus.

I think of all the members of our Advisory Board, all of them graduates of our program, and every one of them truly exemplifies

leadership through service in so many different, important ways.

I think of **Clinton Van Zandt**, an '82 graduate of our program who spoke on campus March 5. As an international counter-terrorism authority, it was hard not to hear him on radio or see him on TV over the last few months.

And, most of all, I think of the leadership through service of our graduates and current students who are cops and firefighters and emergency service personnel, and those like **Seth Hoffer** '01 and **Bill Bailey** '98 who are deployed in the armed services or in the reserves.

Which brings me to our current students. We are of course involved in preparing them to become leaders through service. But in no less important ways are our current students already demonstrating leadership through public service. **Lori VanAuken's** leadership work with the Children's Agenda is but one bright example of that. The department was pleased to be associated with this important community service effort.

So, please e-mail me at jfatula@brockport.edu. We have added a new link to our Web site where we are posting the many ways our graduates and current students are leading through service. We'd love to hear about how you are making a difference, and share that with your colleagues.

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Summer 2002 Courses

PAD 622.51 Legal Aspects of Public

Administration: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5/21, 5/23, 5/28, 5/30, 6/4, 6/6, 6/11, 6/13, 6/18, 6/20, 6/25, 6/27, 6-9:15 pm. Instructor: Neil Rowe, Esq.

PAD 624.51 Managerial Issues in Drug Use and Abuse: 7/22-7/26 and 7/29-8/02, (M-F) from 1 pm to 5 pm. Instructors: Gary Metz and David Monk.

PAD 653.51N Ethics In Administration:

Mondays and Wednesdays on 6/25, 6/27, 7/9, 7/11, 7/16, 7/18, 7/23, 7/25, 7/30, 8/1, 8/6, and 8/8 from 5:30-8:45 pm. Instructor: Dr. Jim Fatula.

PAD 661.51N Creating an Empowered

Organization: Wednesday, 5/22/02 AND 5/29/02 from 4 pm to 9:15 pm at the SUNY MetroCenter; AND on Wednesday, 6/5/01, Thursday, 6/6/02; and Friday, 6/7/02 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm at the St. Paul Boulevard Exempt Fireman's Club, 690 Thomas Avenue, Rochester. Instructor: Alexander Kralles, MPA

PAD 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695 Internships:

You must have completed at least 21 credits toward the MPA in order to enroll and must contact Dr. Wendy J. Wright at (585) 395-5570 or wwright@rochester.rr.com by **4/30/02**. If you are applying for an actual on-site internship, **you must complete an application by 4/30/02**.

PAD 696 and 698 Project Paper Seminars:

You must have completed at least 30 credits of course work toward the MPA degree in order to enroll, including PAD 687 Statistics for Managers and PAD 688 Research and Program Evaluation and must contact Dr. John Phillips at jphillip@brockport.edu by 4/30/02.

Our tentative three-semester course schedule is available at: www.brockport.edu/pubadmin/schedule.html.

- Summer registration begins April 15, 2002.
- Fall 2002 registration begins April 4, 2002, for matriculated graduates and May 13, 2002, for nonmatriculated graduate students

Congratulations!

The following students were awarded MPAs in December 2001:

Paulette Anderson
John Clark
Karianne DePalma
Matthew Flanigan
David Foley
Doris Green
Jennifer Lee
Joyce Lee
Franklin LeGree, Jr.
Joyce Murphy
Susan Romano
Jason Sabel
Pamela Stricker
Margaret Travis
Shelley Williams

If you anticipate graduating from SUNY Brockport in May or August 2002, please complete a Graduation Data Card by March 15, 2002. The Graduation Card is your application for graduation from Brockport!

In the Spotlight

SUNY Brockport Student Helps Community Prioritize Children's Issues



Lori VanAuken

MPA candidate **Lori VanAuken** recently completed a unique independent study that focused on community issues related to the welfare of children in Monroe County. Her work was done to aid The Children's Agenda, a new advocacy initiative in Monroe County that is working to identify children's issues that can be addressed through advocacy efforts at the local level. Her work included a review of local reports and trends affecting children. She canvassed state and national advocacy agencies to determine the advocacy climate regarding children. Most of her time was spent conducting 22 interviews with stakeholders who are policy makers, funders, service providers, politicians and others who are knowledgeable about challenges children face. This work shaped a public opinion poll that was developed by the Children's Institute, a local think tank.

VanAuken presented interview results in December during a public forum. Issues identified by stakeholders include: improving public education, increasing quality after-school opportunities, ensuring children's mental and physical health, reducing poverty, reducing child abuse and exposure to violence, and ensuring affordable and quality child care.

VanAuken is a program officer at Rochester Area Community Foundation where she advises the Community Foundation's grant making in the area of early childhood reviews proposals and serves as a community resource. She is active on several committees, including The Children's Agenda, where she continues to work on prioritizing children's issues and shaping the direction of this community-wide initiative.

For more information about The Children's Agenda call (585) 271-4271 extension 4310.

Visit our Web site for more MPA student and alumni spotlights! From our home page, www.brockport.edu/pubadmin, click on the logo:

In the Spotlight

If you would like to be featured in our next edition of our newsletter or on our Web site, please send information to:

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Student and Alumni News

Mark Bonsignore '99 is captain of the administrative services division for the Irondequoit Police Department.

Paul H. Bush '99 is director of marketing and communications at ABVI-Goodwill Industries of Greater Rochester, Inc.

Barbara Darbey '88 has been appointed executive director of the Board of Directors of Pre-trial Services Corporation of the Monroe County Bar Association. Darbey has been with the agency since 1985.

Ashley Eckman '00 is assistant director of alumni relations at Rochester Institute of Technology.

Cynthia Elliott '95 is assistant to the executive director at Baden Street Settlement in Rochester.

Roderick Green '95 is assistant director for Hillside Work Scholarship Connection in Rochester.

Ann Harris '98 is a PhD candidate at North Carolina State University.

Lt. Daniel Varrenti '98 has been named Chief of Police for the Village of Brockport. Varrenti formerly headed the Criminal Investigations Unit of the Irondequoit Police Department since 1991 and was in charge of the Monroe County Multi-Agency Drug Task Force based in Irondequoit.

We'd love to hear from you! Please send your news for the next issue of PA Notes to: acanale@brockport.edu

Faculty Activities

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 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, presented a paper at the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management (ABFM) conference in Washington, DC, on January 18, 2002, entitled, "What Influences Change in Manufacturing Employment."

ASPA

Welcome to the first ASPA article to appear in *PA Notes*. ASPA, the American Society for Public Administration, is an organization founded more than 60 years ago and is comprised of those in the fields of public administration and public affairs. It covers researchers, academicians, public-sector workers on the federal, state and local levels, nonprofit workers, school district administrators and workers, and students of public administration. It is a meld of academicians and practitioners, a symbiosis benefiting both camps.

The Greater Rochester Chapter (GRC) of ASPA covers the statistical Metropolitan Area of Rochester—Monroe and its five surrounding counties. Chapters are usually associated with schools of public administration. The GRC, allied with SUNY Brockport, is midway between the Niagara Frontier Chapter, allied with SUNY Buffalo's PA department, and the Central New York Chapter, allied with Syracuse University's PA department and Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs.

Career Services

ASPAs consist of dozens of chapters arranged geographically throughout the country. It also consists of almost two dozen sections. Sections cover various fields of interest within public administration such as ethics, budgeting, criminal justice, health and human services, personnel administration and labor relations, public administration education, science and technology, women in public administration, etc. Most sections have their own online or hard-copy journals. When you join ASPA you may also join any sections of interest.

All members receive the monthly newspaper *PA Times* as well as the bimonthly general research journal *Public Administration Review*. The newspaper has short articles on the field and current events, plus an employment section listing job openings under the headings Government and University. Each newspaper edition has a theme. Upcoming themes include recruitment and retention of the future workforce, public/private sector competition and ethics, domestic terrorism and homeland security, and leadership balance between professional administrators and elected officials, to name just a few scheduled. Knowing that such a theme will be covered in a certain upcoming issue would come in handy for a student planning to write a class paper. In addition, each October's issue includes an education supplement.

To join the more than 10,000 members of ASPA, visit the national organization's Web site at: www.aspanet.org/ The Greater Rochester Chapter has its own Web site and calendar of events at members.aol.com/grcaspa/. Basic membership dues are on a sliding scale by income. There is a special student rate good for up to three years. Thinking of moving? You can join more than one chapter.

Now that your studies have you all excited about the field of public administration, why not join its preeminent professional organization?

Ron Adams 00, ASPA, GRC President

As a graduate student, you might not be aware that the Office of Career Services offers a number of different 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 the hours of 11 am – 4 pm?** If you are unable to take advantage of the walk-in hours, individual appointments are also available by calling (585) 395-2159.

The spring semester is typically very busy in Career Services with on-campus recruitment program, job fairs and the many students and alumni who stop in daily. In addition, Career Services' major career event, the Jobs and Internship Fair (April 10) typically attracts well over 100 employers. To find about these and other opportunities check out the Career Services home page at www.brockport.edu/career/cshome.htm At this site, you will also find links to JobShop, an on-line jobs database that is powered by MonsterTrak. You can also follow the links to InternCenter if you need some contacts for securing an internship.

*Rob DiCarlo 90, Senior Career Associate
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Certificate Programs

Did you know that the Department of Public Administration has four certificate programs?

Three post-master's certificates are available in **general public administration, health care management** and **information management systems**. Applicants must already possess a master's-level degree and must meet minimum MPA admissions standards. The **certificate in nonprofit management** is available to students who have already completed a baccalaureate degree and meet minimum MPA admission standards. More information is available at:
www.brockport.edu/pubadmin/certificate.html .

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acanale@brockport.edu.***

Etc.

- Please let us know 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.
- 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.

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