

2008 – 2009 Annual Report for the PhD Program in Public Policy (Summary)

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Program Goals

Goal: Improve oversight of student progress through the program.

We developed a formalized assessment mechanism in the form of an Annual Report that has been distributed to all doctoral students, for completion by September 15, 2009. This report requires students to list progress made towards identifying a dissertation topic and committee, presenting research at conferences and engaging in professional development such as teaching. The purpose of this report is to enable the Academic Affairs Committee of the Public Policy PhD program to certify that doctoral students are making adequate progress.

Goal: Improve the quality of the process by which students are assigned to assistantship supervisors

As the department has grown, and resources for assistantships has remained level, and as the GPD has become increasingly aware of the need for doctoral students to engage in scholarly research and writing as early as possible in the program, we decided to formalize the process of matching students seeking assistantship assignments to faculty or researchers seeking to supervise doctoral students. This was done by developing two forms: one for students, on which they specify the skills they wish to develop as part of the assistantship, and another form for prospective supervisors, on which they rank their most-preferred doctoral students to supervise.

We successfully fulfilled this goal as the new process increases transparency, by allowing prospective supervisors to rank students on the basis of widely-distributed qualifications, and for students to clarify their needs for professional development, and for the data used for this decision to be in a standard format, rather than in multiple emails and personal communications.

Goal: Develop a framework for supervision of research assistants that would encourage mentorship and professional development

In order to adequately provide supervisors the opportunity, motivation and resources to develop the capacity of RAs and TAs to do the best possible work and to develop their scholarly skills, we developed an assistantship supervisors manual, approved by the Public Policy PhD program faculty, that includes currently-required evaluation forms to be filled out by students and supervisors, along with an essay on the roles and responsibilities of the assistantship supervisor and new readings on mentoring and professional development in graduate study that are intended to help supervisors better understand how to build academic research relationships that balance needs of students and supervisors. A final draft of the manual will be distributed to all assistantship supervisors this summer.

Goal: Participate in the hiring process for two new departmental faculty that would strengthen the doctoral program

The Department of Public Policy and Public hired two junior faculty trained in public administration who have exciting, policy-relevant research agendas that address a social science

method and application area of increasing popularity, respectively (social network analysis, for one new hire, and e-government, for the other). Details of the hires are as follows:

Michael Ahn, PhD is a fellow at the Taubman Center at Brown University. He earned his PhD in Public Administration at Syracuse and specializes in Public Management/Public Organizational Theory, E-Government/E-Democracy, Quantitative and Qualitative Methods, International Comparative Public Administration, and Information Technology in the Public Sector.

Amy Smith, PhD is a visiting professor in the Department of Public Administration and Policy at SUNY-Albany. She received her PhD in Public Administration from University at Albany and specializes in Public Administration and Policy, Social Networks in Organizational Settings, Quantitative Methods, and Scholarship and Inventive Activity.

Program Development.

In response to expressed interest by prospective students, approved a pilot program to accept part-time students who are not full-time state employees on a two-year trial basis

We assigned departmental faculty to be primary points of contact for prospective and current students interested in our concentrations

- Concentration in Regional Development (Prof. Alan Clayton-Matthews)
- Concentration in Special Education and Disability Policy (Prof. Gary Siperstein)
- Concentration in Dispute Resolution (prof. David Matz)

We also submitted a proposal for a concentration in Organizations and Social Change, for which Prof. Heather MacIndoe would serve as primary point of contact, once approved.

The Graduate Council approved a new course on Public Policy Challenges Facing Urban Nonprofit Organizations to be taught by Heather MacIndoe.

Finally, a sub-committee of our Academic Affairs Committee began review of our two-semester sequence in Research Methods.

Major achievements of faculty and students

Our faculty, students and alumni have had a very productive year.

Our faculty are frequently quoted in local, national and on-line media sources regarding topics of economic recovery and development, women's issues, poverty, and education policy. Our departmental and affiliated faculty have delivered papers and keynote speeches across the globe, presented papers and moderated panels at professional conferences, published articles, chapters, reports and books, and contributed their service to the field sitting on conference planning boards and other professional organizations. They have earned small grants from UMass Boston's Healey grant to more substantial grants from prestigious funders like the Boston Foundation and US Departments of Health and Human Services.

Our students have earned prestigious fellowships, published book reviews, articles and reports, delivered conference papers in the US and Europe, and helped lead collaborative seminars with groups from Israel and Nigeria. Similarly, the achievements of our alumni are significant; for example, they are publishing books, organizing conferences, and advising President Obama on energy policies.

The Appendix contains information on select accomplishments of our students, alumni, and faculty.

Appendix:

Select Student and Alumni Accomplishments

July 2008 - June 2009

Academic progress

The following students have successfully completed their comprehensive examinations, earned their MS in Public Policy degree, and moved on to candidacy for the PhD degree: **Nicole Agusti, Marcelia Garcia, Faye Karp, and David Gonzalez Nieto.**

The following students have named a dissertation committee: **Sandra Blatchford, Brandynn Holgate, David Gonzalez Nieto, Berna Kahraman, Ndumba Kamwanyah, Erin McGaffigan and Shelley Tinkham.**

The following student has defended a dissertation proposal:

Rebecca Moryl: “Alignment of Economic Development Goals and Policy: Considering economic development goals, their expression and their execution in economically-struggling communities”

The following students have successfully defended their dissertations:

Charles Jones, PhD: “The Renewable Energy Industry in Massachusetts as a Complex System: Developing a Shared Understanding for Policy Making”

Mandira Kala, PhD: “Democratizing Policy Making in India: Examining the Role of Participatory and Deliberative Processes in Advancing Human Capabilities and Freedoms”

Nicole Lavan, PhD: “An Analysis of Students who left Boston Public Schools for Alternative Education and GED Programs”

Xuhong Liu, PhD: “Industry Environmental Performance, Economic Growth and Environmental Regulation: Evidence from China”

Jennifer Raymond, PhD: “From Our House to the State House: Understanding the Impact of Goodridge v. Department of Public Health on Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Individuals in Greater Boston.”

Randall Wilson, PhD: "Finding the Will and the Way: Applying the Framework of Commitment and Capacity to the Implementation of Career Ladders in the Long-term Care Sector".

Jean Winsor (will graduate in December 2009): “Increasing Integrated Employment Outcomes: How are States Using Commitment, Capacity Building, and Choice to Impact the Distribution of People in Day and Employment Services?”

Professional accomplishments

In November, as part of the European Sociological Association's Arts, Culture and the Public Sphere conference in Venice, Italy, **Nicole Agusti** presented a paper entitled "The Postmodern Urban Condition: Reterritorializing Social Capital".

Heike Boeltzig of UMass Boston's Institute for Community Inclusion had a very productive year. She published a book chapter, five co-authored articles (in international publications), participated in conference panel discussions, and delivered three papers. Her expertise in the field of disability policy spans the topics of e-government, information and communication technology in vocational rehabilitation service delivery, gender differences and employment outcomes of people with developmental disabilities, career development of young artists with disabilities, and capacity-building of Parent Advisory Councils in special education.

On March 9, **Caroline Coscia** presented a webinar on Work/Life Balance policy issues to members of Business and Professional Women (BPW) in preparation of their March 31st Policy & Action Conference in Washington, DC.

Elaine Donnelly presented "Learning from Diverse Models of Education Partnerships" at the What Works in Education Partnerships National Conference in Phoenix in February 2009.

In January 2009, **Bunmi Fatoye-Matory** traveled to northern Nigeria as part of a training and exchange program focused on inter-religious and inter-ethnic conflict. Funded by a grant from the US State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the project is being led by Associate Professor Darren Kew of the Dispute Resolution Program.

First year student **Danny Garcia** penned the paper, "CO2 Per Capita Emissions in America: Divergence Revisited" which has been accepted for presentation at the 6th International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic and Social Sustainability Cuenca, Ecuador this summer.

With colleagues Françoise Carre and Helen Levine of the Center for Social Policy, **Brandynn Holgate** presented results of an evaluation of alternative staffing organizations at the national conference of the Alternative Staffing Alliance, held in Austin, Texas, on October 23 and 24.

Michelle Kahan reviewed the book *Who Cares for Our Children? The Child Care Crisis in the Other America* by Valerie Polakow; her review was published in the *Journal of Poverty* [August 2008, 12 (3), 382-385].

Mandira Kala was awarded the United Nations Development Program's 2008 Asia Pacific Academic Fellowship. This \$10,000 financial award helped support Mandira's dissertation research.

Rob Kramer accepted a new position as the Senior Research Associate at Associated Early Care and Education in Boston.

David Gonzalez Nieto was awarded the David L. Clark Fellowship in Educational Leadership and Policy. As part of this honor, David participated in the Clark National Graduate Student Research Seminar which brought together emerging educational leadership and policy scholars with noted researchers for two days of presentations, generative discussion, and professional growth. The seminar was held in April and offered in conjunction with the AERA (American Educational Research Association) Annual Conference in San Diego, CA.

David Nieto was chosen by Chancellor Keith Motley to represent all graduate students on the UMass Boston Provost Search Committee.

David Nieto penned the commentary “A Brief History of Bilingual Education in the United States” which was published in the Spring 2009 issue of *Perspectives on Urban Education*.

In addition to her role as organizer and chair of a roundtable “The Historical Development of US Public Policy at the fall American Political Science Association conference, **Ann Robbart** presented a paper at APSA conference related to her dissertation on GI benefits as social welfare policy.

Shelley Tinkham was promoted to Director of Academic, K-16 and Veterans’ Policy at the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education.

Michael Tutty was been promoted to the position of Director of the Office of Community Programs at UMass Medical School. Also, Michael was the co-author on a poster he presented at the APHA conference in San Diego in October. The poster title was "Utilization of Trained Medical Interpreters: Results of a survey".

With Institute for Community Inclusion colleague John Butterworth, **Jean Winsor** published an article in *Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities* entitled, “Participation in integrated employment and community-based nonwork services for individuals supported by state disability agencies.”

Also with colleagues from ICI, Jean Winsor co-organized and presented at the annual meeting of the State Employment Leadership Network in Alexandria, Virginia, on November 11.

SELECT ALUMNI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Alumna Dr. Emily Douglas was the founder and chair of a new, independent, national research conference on child and family policy. "The 1st National Research Conference on Child and Family Programs and Policy" was held at Bridgewater State College in July 2008.

Dr. Douglas published three papers in *Child Abuse Review*, *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, and *Journal of Policy Practice*. She also presented her research at the 6th Annual Hawaii Conference on Preventing, Assessing & Treating Child, Adolescent & Adult Trauma and at the Social Work Conference For and With Men held at the University of Alabama, School of Social Work.

Also in April, Emily received a Presidential Award for Excellence in Scholarship at Bridgewater State College for publication of an article in *Child Abuse Review*.

Alumnus Charles Jones, PhD was part of the Harvard University advisory group who met with President-elect Obama’s transition team to offer solutions to our country’s current energy policy challenges.

Recent alumna Nicole Lavan, PhD presented a paper at the March annual meeting of the Urban Affairs Association discussing some of the findings of her dissertation research.

Nicole accepted a new position in mid-April as a Senior Policy Analyst for Child Welfare and Workforce Development at the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies in New York City.

Alumnus Dr. Michael Liu co-authored the book, *The Snake Dance of Asian American Activism: Community Vision and Power*, published this year by Lexington Books.

Dr. Liu also penned a chapter on Boston's Chinatown which will be included in James Jennings' edited volume, *Urban Planning and Struggles for Land and Community*, forthcoming by Lexington Books.

Alumna Dr. Tatjana Meschede, Research Director at the Institute on Assets and Social Policy (IASP) at Brandeis's Heller School for Social Policy and Management, was the lead author of two recently released IASP reports on "Living Longer on Less: The New Economic (In)Security of Seniors" which were widely covered by the media. She also co-authored a policy paper on "Strengthening Social Security for Low-Income Workers" and has been presenting a seminar on senior economic challenges at a number of meetings.

On November 3, 2008, **alumnus Dr. Kevin Murphy** and doctoral candidate **Kimberly Puhala** presented a paper at the Northeast Association of Institutional Research entitled, "Moving Data into Action: The Application of Institutional Research to Enhance Student Success". The paper was also submitted for publication in the conference proceedings.

Dr. Jennifer Shea received the book award for Academic Excellence in Public Policy at Graduate Convocation in May.

A nationally known expert on the topic, **former student Dr. Richard Wright** has published his first book, *Sex Offender Laws: Failed Policies, New Directions*.

SELECT FACULTY /STUDENT COLLABORATIONS

The research covered on the front page of the April 9 *Boston Globe* on the Immigration Conference policy panel would not have been possible without the work of several Public Policy students and the support of some of its faculty. The students were **Nicole Agusti, Mandira Kala, Faye Karp, Nicole Lavan**, and alumna **Dr. Tatjana Meschede**. Faculty contributors and reviewers included **Miren Uriarte** with **Billie Gastic** and **Ramon Borges-Mendez**.

On December 15, Françoise Carré, research director at the McCormack School's Center for Social Policy, together with Professor Chris Tilly of UCLA, convened a group of national researchers to discuss their research on low-wage employment and low-wage workers. The event was part of a Ford Foundation project on low-wage employment. Other members of the faculty and staff who took part included **Randy Albelda, Ramon Borges-Mendez**, Arthur MacEwan, Elaine Werby, and Public Policy doctoral candidate **Brandynn Holgate**.

In May, second and third year students **Jennifer Cohen, Elaine Donnelly, Bunmi Fatoye-Matory, Leslie Gleason, Amy Helburn, Felicia Sullivan, and Steve Vivieros**, along with their practicum course facilitator, **Dr. Michael Johnson**, presented the results of their 2008-9 practicum policy project to their client at the Massachusetts Association of Community Development Corporations.

On April 14th, **Professor Donna Haig Friedman and Jennifer Cohen** spoke on the Boston-Haifa NGO Learning Exchange as part of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) brown-bag seminar series.

Coordinated by faculty member and Center for Social Policy director **Donna Haig-Friedman** and Public Policy PhD student **Jennifer Cohen**, several McCormack Graduate School colleagues including **Professors Elizabeth Bussiere, Alan Clayton-Matthews, Heather MacIndoe, David Matz, Erin O'Brien, Gary Siperstein, Eben Weitzman, and Ann Withorn** and students **Berna Kahraman, and Felicia Sullivan** facilitated panel and consultation discussions during the May 2009 "Public Policy and Leadership Seminar" for a group of NGO directors of social change organizations from Haifa, Israel.

Professor Michael Johnson, with Felicia Sullivan and Dave Turcotte of UMass Lowell, earned a Healey Grant program for his proposal, "Decision Modeling for Foreclosed Housing Acquisition in a Large Urban Area"; so did **Professor Christian Weller and Amy Heller** for their research project, "Going to the Casino or Sticking it Under the Mattress: Wealth Building in a Volatile World".

Assistant Professor of Public Policy **Heather MacIndoe** organized a panel on "New Roles for Urban Nonprofits" at the Urban Affairs Association conference in Chicago on March 7th. She presented a paper, "Sector Mobilization: Public Policy Initiatives of Nonprofit Member Associations," co-authored with Public Policy Ph.D. student **Sarah Hogue**.

Professor **Christian Weller** and doctoral student **Manita Rao** crunched global data on economic growth and progressive tax rates for 1981 through 2002 and found no evidence that progressive taxation adversely affects economic stability by reducing growth. Their findings are presented on Alternet.com (January 8, 2009).

SELECT FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Randy Albelda

(affiliated faculty member, Department of Economics)

Professor Randy Albelda delivered a keynote address at the annual Association for Gender Equity Leadership in Education (AGELE) conference in July, was an expert witness before the US Congress Joint Economic Committee's hearing "Equal Pay for Equal Work? New Evidence on the Persistence of the Gender Pay Gap", was a guest on Action Speaks (Rhode Island's public radio station) discussing "Growing the Green Economy", was a featured speaker at the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration's panel in February, delivered a talk at the Women, Action and Media conference held at MIT in March, was a featured panelist at Welfare Reform and Higher Education symposia at Brooklyn College in March, and at UMass Lowell's Women's Week in March, and was invited by the Women's and Gender Studies Program at University of Michigan Dearborn to give a talk entitled "Gender, Poverty and the Recession." She also participated in a panel discussion "Women and the Economy: Obstacles to Low-income Women's Full Participation" at University of Michigan Ann Arbor's Institute for Research on Women and Gender.

Professor Randy Albelda was quoted in an October 15 *Boston Herald* article about the large number of families living in or near poverty which are headed by single mothers.

Professors Randy Albelda and Donna Haig Friedman and colleagues at the Center for Social Policy and Crittenton Union released their report, "Fits and Starts: The Difficult Path for Single Working Parents" at the Massachusetts State House.

Her article on the impact of the recession and the stimulus package on women, "Up With Women in the Downturn", appeared in a recent issue of *Ms. Magazine*.

Dr. Albelda was the co-author of the report, "Poverty in the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Community", published by the Williams Institute at UCLA in March. She presented findings from the report at a congressional briefing on Capitol Hill in Washington DC, hosted by the LBG Equity Congressional Caucus on March 21, 2009.

Finally, Dr. Albelda is co-organizing this year's annual International Association for Feminist Economics conference to be held June 26-28 at Simmons College.

Connie Chan

(core faculty member, Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs)

Dr. Connie Chan was elected as a fellow to the Society for the Psychological Study of Ethnic Minority Issues, Division 45 of the American Psychological Association. She also gave two presentations at this year's APA convention.

Alan Clayton-Matthews

(core faculty member, Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs)

Professor Alan Clayton-Matthews is frequently quoted in such local media venues as the *Boston Business Journal*, *Boston Globe*, *Boston Herald*, Ipswich (Massachusetts) *Chronicle*, *Daily News Transcript*, *Patriot Ledger*, *Worcester Business Journal*, *Worcester Telegram Gazette* and national outlets like the *Wall Street Journal's Digital Network* as well as many local radio stations discussing regional economic issues including the jobless rate, commercial real estate, housing and job markets, state's economic forecast, recession, tax plans, career transitions and the stock market slide.

Award

With Michael Johnson. Massachusetts Housing Partnership award. (2009)

Donna Haig Friedman

(core faculty member, Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs)

In November, Professors Randy Albelda and Donna Haig Friedman and colleagues at the Center for Social Policy and Crittenton Union released their report, "Fits and Starts: The Difficult Path for Single Working Parents" at the Massachusetts State House.

In December, Dr. Friedman was an invited presenter at the International Movement ATD Fourth World Movement Conference in Paris, France,. Presenting on the *Extreme Poverty, Family Ties and Gender* panel, Donna spoke on "Participatory Action Research for Social Change: Opportunities and Challenges".

Billie Gastic

(core faculty member, Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs)

Publications

Gastic, B., & Johnson, D. (2009). Teacher-mentors and the educational resilience of sexual minority youth. *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Social Services*, 21(2/3), 219-231.

Nelson, I. A., & Gastic, B. (2008). Street ball, swim team and the sour cream machine: A cluster analysis of out of school time participation portfolios. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*.

Gastic, B., Irby, D. J., & Zdanis, M. (2008). When stakeholders rebel: Lessons from a safe schools program. *Studies in Educational Evaluation*, 34(4), 208-211.

Gastic, B. (2008). School truancy and the disciplinary problems of bullying victims. *Educational Review*, 60(4), 391-404.

Presentations

Nelson, I. A., & Gastic, B. (2009). Street ball, swim team and the sour cream machine: A national look at adolescent involvement in out of school time settings. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association, San Diego, CA.

Gastic, B. (2009). Overcoming barriers for Latinos reaching higher education. Panel session as part of *Uniting Yale Latinos: From Nuestra Casa to Contributions around the World*, Yale University, New Haven, CT.

Grants

Principal Investigator (with Co-PIs C. Kent McGuire and Heidi Ramirez). Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative, U.S. Departments of Health & Human Services, Justice and Education. *Local evaluation of Safe, Smart and Well Program, William Penn School District* (2006-10), \$368,025.

Honors & Awards

Senior Fellow, Research Leadership Initiative for Women of Color, Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy, UMass Boston (Funded by grant from the Ford Foundation)

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation New Connections Third Annual Symposium, Princeton, NJ. *Competitive selection process*

Professional Service

Program Chair, School Community, Climate and Culture SIG, American Educational Research Association (2006-present)

Public Service

Alumni Review Committee, Latino Alumni Prize, Yale University (2009)

Alumni Admissions Ambassador, Harvard Graduate School of Education
(2007-present)

Interim Board of Directors, National Yale Latino Alumni Association (2007-present)

Board of Directors, Ulysses S. Grant Foundation, New Haven, CT (2004-present)

Michael Johnson

(core faculty member, Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs)

Publications

Xu, J., Johnson, M.P., Fischbeck, P., Small, M. and J. VanBriesen. 2009. Robust Optimization of Sensor Placement in Dynamic Water Distribution Systems. *European Journal of Operational Research*, to appear.

Zheng, K., Padman, R., Johnson, M.P. and H. Diamond. 2009. An Interface-Driven Analysis of User Behavior of an Electronic Health Records System. *Journal of the American Medical Informatics Association* **16**(2): 228 – 237.

Presentations

“Preliminary findings from a needs assessment of human services in the Boston neighborhood of Hyde Park”, Board of Directors, Southwest Boston Community Development Corporation, December 5, 2008.

“The U.S. Housing Crisis: How Did We Get Here? How Can Public Policy Stabilize Communities and Markets?”, Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs, University of Massachusetts Boston, December 1, 2008.

“What Foreclosed Homes Should a Municipality Purchase to Stabilize Vulnerable Neighborhoods?” (with David Turcotte and Felicia M. Sullivan), John Glenn School of Public Affairs, Ohio State University, October 31, 2008.

“OR and Public Policy in the Large and in the Small: Linking Models to Outcomes”, INFORMS Fall national conference, Washington, D.C. October 15, 2008.

“When Users Pledge to Take Green Actions, Are They Solving a Decision Problem?” (with Susan Fussell, Jennifer Mankoff, Deanna Matthews and Leslie Setlock), INFORMS Fall national conference, Washington, D.C. October 15, 2008.

“What Foreclosed Homes Should a Municipality Purchase to Stabilize Vulnerable Neighborhoods?” (with David Turcotte and Felicia M. Sullivan), INFORMS Fall national conference, Washington, D.C. October 12, 2008.

Grant

Joseph P. Healey Grant. “Decision Modeling for Foreclosed Housing Acquisition in a Large Urban Area”

Award

With Alan Clayton-Matthews. Massachusetts Housing Partnership award (2009).

Heather MacIndoe

(core faculty member, Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs)

Publications

MacIndoe, H. (2009). "Advocacy Organizations" (Chapter forthcoming) in Kathryn Agard, Ed., *Leadership in Nonprofit Organizations*, Sage Publications.

MacIndoe, H. (forthcoming) "Book Review: *Publics and the City* by Kurt Iveson". *American Journal of Sociology*.

Presentations

MacIndoe, H. (2008). "Understanding Grants Economies". Paper presented to the American Sociological Association conference, Boston, MA.

MacIndoe, H. (2008). "Foundation Philanthropy in Cities of Neighborhoods: Chicago and Philadelphia." Paper presented at the annual conference of the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action, Philadelphia, PA.

MacIndoe, H. (2009). "Sector Mobilization: Public Policy Initiatives of Nonprofit Membership Associations". Paper presented at the Urban Affairs conference, Chicago, IL.

MacIndoe, H. (2009). Guest lecture for the Visions in Philanthropy Program at Boston College.

MacIndoe, H. (2009, May). "Preliminary Findings of the Boston Non-Profits Survey". Paper presented at the Public Policy First Tuesday seminar series.

Panel Moderator

"New Roles for Urban Non-Profits" at the 39th annual Urban Affairs Association conference, Chicago, IL.

Grants

Boston Foundation Grant. "The Boston Area Nonprofit Study" (2008-09).

Joseph P. Healey Grant. "Funding the Social Safety Net: Learning Lessons for Challenging Economic Times" (2009-10)

Professional Service

Member of Best Paper of the Conference Committee. Association for Research on Nonprofit and Voluntary Associations (2008-2009).

David Matz

(affiliated faculty member, Department of Dispute Resolution)

Publication

Matz, D. (2008, October). "When the Mediator Gets Tough." *Negotiation Journal*.

Presentation

Matz, D. (2008, December). "A Different Approach to Organizational Conflict". Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the New England Association for Conflict Resolution (NEACR).

Erin E. O'Brien

(affiliated faculty member, Department of Political Science)

Publication

O'Brien, E. (2009). *The Politics of Identity: Solidarity Building Among America's Working Poor*. NY: State University of New York Press.

Presentations

O'Brien, E. & Weller, C. (2008). "Putting the 'Pol' in Policy: How the Presidential Election Impacts Public Policy Analysis". Presented at the Public Policy PhD Program First Monday Seminar series.

O'Brien, E. (2009, July 21). Appearance on "All Things Political". National Public Radio (NPR).

O'Brien, E. (2008, December). "Advancing Women's Interests: Critically Reexamining the Influence of Gender on Substantive Representation". Paper presented at the Political Seminar Series sponsored by the UMass Boston Political Science Department.

O'Brien, E. (2008, October). "The Politics of Identity: Solidarity Building among American's Working Poor". Paper presented at Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea.

O'Brien, E. (2008, October). "The Politics of Identity: Solidarity Building among American's Working Poor". Paper presented at Kwangwoon University, Seoul, South Korea.

O'Brien, E. (2008, October). "The US Presidential Election". Paper presented at Kwangwoon University, Seoul, South Korea.

Honors & Awards

2008 Sophonisba Breckinridge Award for best paper presented on gender-related topics at the Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting: With Jason MacDonald,

"Quasi-Experimental Design, Longitudinal Federal Data, and Women's Interests".

Endowed Faculty Career Development Fund Award given by UMass Boston to promote the professional development of tenure-track faculty.

Gary Siperstein

(core faculty member, Department of Public Policy and Public Affairs)

Publications:

Harada, C.M., Siperstein, G.N., Parker, R. & Lenox, D. (in press 2009). Promoting Social Inclusion for People with Intellectual Disabilities Through Sport: Special Olympics

International, Global Sport Initiatives, and Strategies. In *Disability in the Global Sport Arena: A Sporting Chance*. Routledge/Taylor & Francis.

Widaman, K. F., & Siperstein, G. N. (2009). Assessing adaptive behavior of criminal defendants in capital cases: A reconsideration. *American Journal of Forensic Psychology*. 27(2), 5-32.

Wiley, A.L., Siperstein, G.N., Bountress, K.E., Forness, S.R., & Brigham, F.J. (2009). Academic achievement characteristics of children identified as emotionally disturbed in different school contexts. *Behavioral disorders*. 33(4), 198-210.

Siperstein, G. N., & Glick, G. C., & Parker, R. (2009). The social inclusion of children with intellectual disabilities in an out of school recreational setting. *Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*. 47(2), 97-107.

Harada, C.M., & Siperstein, G.N. (2009). The sport experience of athletes with intellectual disabilities: A national survey of Special Olympics athletes and their families. *Adapted Physical Activity Quarterly*. 26 (1).

Siperstein, G.N., & Parker, R.C. (2008). Toward an understanding of social integration: A special issue. *Exceptionality*, 16, 119-124.

Presentations

Norins Bardon, J., Siperstein, G.N., Corbin, S.B., & Widaman, K.F. (2008, August). Universal Trends in Youths' Attitudes toward Students with Intellectual Disabilities. Paper presented at the International Association of the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disability 13th World Congress, Cape Town, South Africa.

Glidden, L., McConkey, R., Mersereau, D. & Kersh, J. (2008, August). Roundtable discussion: Engaging the next generation of ID/DD researchers through partnerships in Special Olympics: reporting on the Miami Conference. Paper presented at the International Association of the Scientific Study of Intellectual Disability 13th World Congress, Capetown, South Africa.

Kersh, J., Siperstein, G.N. (2009, March). Symposium: The Positive Contributions of Special Olympics to Individuals and Families. Paper presented at the Gatlinburg Conference on Research & Theory in Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities, New Orleans, LA.

Pociask, S., Siperstein, G.N. (2009, March). An Exploration of the Social Acceptance of Children with Intellectual Disabilities in an Inclusive Summer Recreational Program. Conference on Research & Theory in Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities. Paper presented at the Gatlinburg Conference on Research & Theory in Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities, New Orleans, LA.

Mary Huff Stevenson
(affiliated faculty member, Department of Economics)

Publication

Bluestone, B., Stevenson, M. H. & Williams, R. (2008). *The Urban Experience: Economics, Society, and Public Policy*. Oxford University Press.

Presentation

Bluestone, B., Stevenson, M. H. & Williams, R.. (2009, March). "Are the High Fliers Pricing Themselves Out of the Market: The Determinants of Net Domestic Migration and Employment Growth in U.S. Metropolitan Areas." Paper presented at the Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL.

Peter Taylor

(affiliated faculty member, Critical and Creative Thinking Program)

Presentation

Taylor, P. (2008, October). "Farms, families, and fantasies of control: Puzzles in the history and philosophy of heredity that warrant more attention." Visiting Fellow paper presented at the Konrad Lorenz Institute for Evolution and Cognition, Austria.

Award

Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Teaching, University of Massachusetts Boston, 2009.

Miren Uriarte

(affiliated faculty member, CPCS)

The April 7 *Boston Globe* article and April 8 editorial about the Gaston Institute report on English Learners featured research led by **Professor Miren Uriarte**. On April 7, WBUR interviewed Miren as well.

Award

Chancellor's Award for Distinguished Service, University of Massachusetts Boston, 2009.

Eben Weitzman

(affiliated faculty member, Department of Dispute Resolution)

Presentations

Weitzman, E. (2009, March). "Organizational Conflict Workshops". Presented for the Leadership Education in Neuro-developmental Disabilities (LEND) program at Children's Hospital, Boston, MA.

Weitzman, E. (2009, April). "Managing Organizational Conflict During Disasters". Presented for the Integrated Medical, Public Health, Preparedness and Response Training Summit. The event was co-sponsored by the Medical Reserve Corps, the National Disaster Medical System, the Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals, and the Office of Force Readiness and Deployment.

Service

Eben Weitzman was an Academic Visitor at Hong Kong Polytechnic University's Department of Management and Marketing from December 8 through 19, where he conducted seminars on

research methodology, advised students and faculty on research projects, and explored potential research collaborations.

Eben Weitzman assisted the Obama team with a report on health reform. The work began with the transition team, and moved on to HHS. The report is titled “Americans Speak on Health Reform: Report on Health Care Community Discussions” and Dr. Weitzman is credited as a member of the analysis team for providing expert consulting on data management, data analysis, and the use of software to support those tasks.

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In conjunction with his position as a Senior Policy Associate at the Center for American Progress, Professor Christian Weller is frequently interviewed and quoted in such local and national media venues as AOL Television, Associated Press, the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, Bloomberg television, *Business Week*, *CNBC*, *CNN*, the *Chicago Tribune*, *Forbes*, the *Herald Tribune*, *Indianapolis Star*, *Investment Management Weekly*, the *Lakeland*, *Florida Ledger*, the *Louisville Courier Journal*, *Pensions & Investments*, Reuter’s newswire, Thomson Reuter’s business wire, *USA Today*, WBZ-TV, XM Radio’s Urban Journal, and *Washington Post*, and internet sites as Builder Online, Express Buzz.com, MarketWatch.com, Standard.com, The Wonk Room, and Yahoo! . His expertise covers such areas as Obama’s proposed stimulus plan, pension and retirement plans, stock market meltdown and economic recovery issues.

He has published articles this year in the *Economic Policy Report* and *Journal of Economic Issues* and co-authored two papers, “Investing for Widespread, Productive Growth” and “In It for the Long Haul: The Investment Behavior of Public Pensions”.

Christian Weller also gave two presentations In November: “The Asset Allocation of Public Sector Pension Plans” at the annual meeting of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) in Los Angeles, and “Addressing the Crisis: Plan Design Issues for the Future” at the annual conference of the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans, held in San Antonio, TX.
