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This is an exciting time to be at GSPIA and the University of Pittsburgh. Yes, the global recession has posed some problems for us at Pitt as for our colleagues elsewhere—but fortunately our University, our city and our state have been far less negatively impacted than most. In January, Forbes magazine ranked Pittsburgh #6 among the “Ten Cities for Job Growth in 2009.” In June 2009, The Economist ranked Pittsburgh as the “most livable city” in the United States—confirming the 2007 ranking by Places Rated Almanac. Moreover, when the White House announced recently that Pittsburgh would host the G-20 Summit in September 2009, it was explained that our city seemed ideally suited for the occasion since it symbolizes resilience and renaissance in the face of economic adversity.

It should also be noted that the flip side of the economic crisis has been altogether positive for those of us who study public and international affairs. All through the corridors of our school over the past few months there has been fascination with the challenging new roles assumed by the federal government and a renewed enthusiasm for public service. As our alumni continue to report, the stakes of governmental decision-making have never been higher and there is a renewed sense that our country needs “the best and the brightest” to step up and serve.

In this context we are celebrating the coming of summer and continuing to chart new directions for the school. One of those is the launch of GSPIA Perspectives, which provides coverage of initiatives ranging from the new Washington Center to the formation of our new Board of Visitors. The success of our new magazine will in large part be determined by the response of our 7,000 alumni around the nation and the globe. We hope that you will not only read and enjoy it, but will also want to contribute to it through submission of alumni news and articles related to your professional endeavors.

John T.S. Keeler, Dean
NOT ANY ORDINARY CLASS

Every afternoon this past spring semester, students gathered to discuss assignments, listen to lectures and take tests. The only difference between this class and others: the professor made his appearance via a 52-inch TV.

D.C.-based Adjunct Professor Daniel Fiorino presented his lectures from a conference room in the Washington Center while students listened intently from the GSPIA classroom at the University of Pittsburgh Oakland campus.

“It’s not really much different from a regular class,” explained Amelia MacRae, GSPIA MPA student.

The three-hour videoconferencing class affords Fiorino the same real-time capabilities, such as displaying PowerPoint presentations and video clips, as if he were there in person.

Fiorino, who is currently director of the national environmental performance track at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, brings real-world issues concerning environmental sustainability on national, local, corporate and global scales to the classroom.

“There’s really no difference with the exception of time and space,” noted Fiorino.

And videoconferencing does not diminish discussions between students and the professor. “It seems like he’s right there,” explained Jenny deAngelis, GSPIA MPA student. “He’s not just some guy in D.C. – he’s bringing D.C. to us.”

WASHINGTON CENTER

Since opening in the fall of 2008, the University of Pittsburgh Washington Center has proven to be a vital link for students and alumni looking to advance their careers in the nation’s capital.

“The Center is one part of an ongoing strategy to enhance educational and career opportunities for our students,” said GSPIA Dean John Keeler.

The new Center strengthens GSPIA’s connection to Washington, D.C., where more than half of the school’s graduates begin their careers, and where many prominent alumni are based.

“Since many of our students hope their careers take them to Washington, we thought it was only natural to try to bring on more adjunct professors who are working there now,” Dr. Keeler said. “We’re grateful that the Provost agreed that opening the Washington Center would be a valuable investment for students.”
CAREERS, INTERNSHIP, AND NETWORKING

Another strategic function of the Center is to provide internship and job placement services, as well as networking opportunities for students and alumni.

Jessica Hatherill, GSPIA’s associate director of alumni relations and career services, has been making connections with potential employers in D.C. and holds weekly office hours and “Alumni Briefings” via videoconference for students to ask questions about potential jobs or internship opportunities.

“The Center acts as a catalyst for students and alumni to build relationships, develop professional networks, and expand educational and career opportunities,” noted Hatherill.

The briefings have included participants from the U.S. Department of State, USAID, the World Bank, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Foreign Agricultural Service and the U.S. Department of Energy.

“Talking to the professionals in Washington was really helpful for me, since I met a GSPIA graduate who works in the same place where I’ll be doing my summer internship – the State Department’s Bureau of Intelligence and Research. Since meeting him via videoconference, he and I have been e-mailing whenever I have questions about the workplace. And we’re planning to meet up when I go to Washington this summer,” explained Rob Sandler, MPIA student.

GSPIA’s videoconferencing capabilities also provide a gateway to offer discussions of current “hot topics” with D.C. professionals working in the field. In April, panelists gathered to debate the pros and cons of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. During this time, students had the opportunity to participate in a roundtable discussion with panelists in D.C. about the key provisions of the Act and the heightened responsibilities placed on federal, state, and local governments. The panel also explored the Act’s impact on future program delivery and influence on the field of public administration.

The Center is also being used by the University’s assistant vice chancellor for federal government relations. The School of Law and the Office of Student Affairs also have plans to offer career services and networking opportunities for students and alumni in the near future.

“It’s all about accessing human resources and information about where people are and how to connect with them,” said Sam Adcock (MPA ’87), senior vice president for government relations at EADS North America. “GSPIA’s Washington Center will be beneficial to both students and alumni. It will provide a common avenue to start and propel careers.”

Video conferencing has proven to be a vital tool in connecting GSPIA students with policymakers in the D.C. area.

GSPIA’s new video conferencing capabilities provides the perfect venue for a panel discussion between D.C.-based alumni and students on the Pittsburgh campus.
 DIstInGuIsHeD Alumnus Awards

years
celebrating

ON one of GSPIA’s most momentous occasions, it was only appropriate for the school’s founding personalities to return – and in many ways, they did.

The 50th anniversary celebration was an appropriate time for GSPIA to welcome descendants of the school’s founding father, Donald Stone, back to the university. Nancy Dickinson and Donald Stone Jr. joined the Dean, students, faculty and staff in commemorating key events in the school’s history during homecoming weekend, October 24 and 25, 2008.

Donald Stone Jr. remarked that the return of both he and his sister channeled the legacy of Donald Stone back to the school. Stone elaborated that GSPIA’s progress represents the true embodiment of one of his father’s favorite expressions, “Press on regardless.” He reflected that in many ways GSPIA has surpassed his father’s own expectations in developing internationally-minded individuals who serve in a variety of roles upon graduation.

As GSPIA’s first dean, Donald Stone encouraged students and faculty to improve upon government policies and processes and to create more effective public institutions while implementing responsible leadership practices. His public service career as a planner for

Distinguished Alumnus Romeo Arguelles (MPIA ’71) and his children.

Donald Stone Jr. and Nancy Dickinson, children of founding Dean Donald Stone.

GSPIA MARKS 50 YEARS OF PREPARING LEADERS

Top: Bob Groelsema, center, (MPIA ’90)  
Middle: University of Pittsburgh Provost  
James Maher  
Bottom: Associate Professor  
Leon Haley, and his wife, Elizabeth.  
Donald Stone Jr. and Nancy Dickinson, children of founding Dean Donald Stone.
President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s Works Progress Administration, and later involvement in the Marshall Plan, influenced his role as the school’s founding dean.

Since the school’s founding, GSPIA has graduated nearly 7,000 students, encouraging each to embrace the role of NGOs, the importance of civil society and the growing significance of public policy in the global context. Today, GSPIA is recognized both in the United States and abroad as a leading graduate school in public and international affairs.

So it was only appropriate that GSPIA celebrated a half century of academic achievement and global excellence with a series of events that not only recognized the accomplishments of alumni, faculty and staff, but also provided current students the opportunity to interact with alumni about their career goals.

**CAREER PANELS**

GSPIA’s 50th anniversary celebration began with students engaging alumni on 15 different panels discussing career tracks and opportunities. Alumni focused on their specific experiences in government, non-profit and corporate environments and responded to student questions raised during the sessions.

“We need to replace the brain drain of boomers,” Dorothea de Zafra Atwell, (MPIA ’65), a career public servant, stated during her presentation. “We are on the cusp of a new New Deal,” which will require more people dedicated to public service.

Individual career panels allowed students to ask probing questions about career opportunities and challenges in both public and private sector work. Featured alumni participating in the event represented a variety of professional sectors, and a broad range of degrees offered by GSPIA.

**50TH ANNIVERSARY AWARDS DINNER**

The day’s celebration concluded with an anniversary dinner at the Twentieth Century Club. Attendees were entertained with GSPIA testimonials from a number of individuals critical in the school’s development.

Christine Altenburger, the school’s first female faculty member, reminisced about her years at GSPIA. She noted that the faculty and student composition is much different than it once was, since GSPIA was then dominated by “men, coats, and ties.” Along with the cultural changes, Altenburger said that she is thrilled to see the program “grow in stature and prominence.”

University of Pittsburgh Senior Vice Chancellor and Provost James Maher reiterated GSPIA’s importance to the University throughout its 50-year history. He noted that GSPIA was an “early advocate of internationalizing the University” and continues to exude its international importance in university studies. He is confident that GSPIA will continue to play a pivotal role for the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Donald Goldstein, professor and interim director of the Matthew B. Ridgway Center for International Security Studies, noted that GSPIA alumni are the school’s legacy and continue to support the GSPIA vision.

“Alumni are the heart and soul of GSPIA,” he stated. “The alumni must continue to make GSPIA the best it can be.”

GSPIA continues to thrive under the leadership of talented faculty and staff who seek to arm students with the necessary tools to make a difference.

“Our mission is to enhance the resources and refine the curriculum of the school so as to produce another generation of leaders trained to cope, at every level of government, with the challenges of tomorrow,” Dean Keeler promised. “GSPIAans of the next half-century may deal with different issues than those of decades past, but we can assure you that they will tackle problems with the same level of expertise, integrity and commitment to building a better world.”

**AWARDS**

At the height of the evening, GSPIA recognized those who exemplify the school’s mission. During this time, several individuals were honored for their service to GSPIA and the communities they serve.

Two of those honored, Byong Hyon Kwon (MPIA ’68) and Romeo Arguelles (MPIA ’71), received GSPIA’s Distinguished Alumnus Award for a lifetime of exemplary public service.

Byong Hyon Kwon received his award in recognition for his successful career as part of the Republic of Korea’s Foreign Service, and Ambassador Romeo Arguelles was recognized for his service in the Philippine Foreign Service.

Ms. Grace Schetley was recognized for her

**Byong Hyon Kwon recognized as Distinguished Alumnus**

Byong Hyon Kwon received GSPIA’s Distinguished Alumnus Award in recognition of his successful career as part of the Republic of Korea’s Foreign Service. The award was given in conjunction with GSPIA’s 50th anniversary celebrations.

Dean John Keeler commented that Kwon stands out among GSPIA alumni because of his expansive career in public service. “Kwon has certainly demonstrated the GSPIA mission to use intellectual abilities to build a better world,” Keeler said.

Kwon earned his MPIA degree from GSPIA in 1968 after joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA) in Korea. He has served as a career diplomat for four decades.

Kwon is one of the most distinguished career diplomats in the history of the Republic of Korea, having served in various important diplomatic positions in China, Japan, Thailand, Myanmar and Australia. He has been recognized several times by the Korean government for his outstanding service as a public servant.

Kwon currently serves as Chairman of the Korea-China Culture and Youth Association and President of Future Forest. In this position, he is active in expanding environmental awareness and promoting exchange of youth in China and South Korea. He is particularly devoted to combating desertification through establishment of tree planting including a recently launched ‘billion trees in the desert’ program.

“Korean and Chinese youngsters should take the lead in protecting our environment against rapid desertification. I believe future leaders should be concerned about problems in the environment. This is why I launched exchange programs for elite students from both countries,” he says in a recent interview with The Korea Times.

Kwon received a plaque recognizing his accomplishments from Dean Keeler during a recent trip to Korea. A duplicate plaque is displayed in the GSPIA office.

Each recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award has demonstrated significant accomplishments and dedication to public service throughout his or her career, and exemplifies GSPIA’s mission of building a better world. Awards are given to local, national and international GSPIA alumni each year.
Distinguished Alumnus Award / continued

dedicated service to GSPIA over a span of 41 years. She is the only GSPIA staff member to have served with every dean from Donald Stone onward.

Dr. William Dunn, who is currently GSPIA’s associate dean, was recognized for his long-standing excellence in guiding students during their academic careers. Dr. Dunn has supervised 34 dissertations and was recognized for participating in more dissertation committees than any other faculty member since the inception of GSPIA.

Dr. Donald Goldstein was recognized for his excellence in teaching. He has taught at GSPIA for 35 years and has been the recipient of nine Teacher of the Year awards. This award will now be known as the “Donald M. Goldstein Teacher of the Year Award” in recognition of his contributions.

“The award was named after Dr. Goldstein as a result of his tireless dedication to students and the overwhelming respect and enthusiasm students have for him,” Dean Keeler said. “He has given his service to the students and the student body undoubtedly believes that he deserves to have the award named after him. Dr. Goldstein has been a large centerpiece of GSPIA for decades and his legacy and the lessons he has taught students deserve to be honored for decades to come.”

Arguelles Receives Distinguished Alumnus Award

When he received a scholarship from the Filipino government to study in the United States, Romeo Arguelles was given a list of universities he could attend. He recognized the state of Pennsylvania and the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, but he needed to learn more about GSPIA and the University of Pittsburgh.

“What I found in my research is that GSPIA offers one of the best courses in international relations, and particularly in the field of economic and social development,” he said.

So Arguelles came to Pittsburgh in 1970 and graduated the following year with an MPIA in Economic and Social Development. Since then, he has served in various positions in the Philippine Foreign Service, including ambassador to four countries and currently serves as ambassador to the Netherlands. His lengthy career of public service has helped him win this year’s GSPIA Distinguished Alumnus Award.

“His career has truly been impressive,” said GSPIA Dean John Keeler. “We are proud to call him one of our own.”

Before he came to GSPIA, Arguelles was a 36-year-old commercial attaché for the Philippine government. He expected the advanced degree would further his career in the Foreign Service.

Indeed, he has spent the past 37 years rising through the service, including postings as Philippine ambassador to Peru (and concurrent accreditation to four other South American countries), Germany, Japan and the Netherlands.

During his time at GSPIA, he was pleasantly surprised by the diverse backgrounds of his fellow students. Arguelles explained that the students from other countries represented 50 percent or more of the overall student population.

“I think that is good because you interact with different nationalities and [are] able to learn from each other,” he noted.

While Arguelles confessed that the school work was intimidating, he realized that “at no other time was [his] intellect more active.” He reflected on his appreciation for GSPIA’s dedication to intellectual development and highlighted his experience as a prime component of his success.

“This is the most important chapter of my life,” Arguelles said after receiving his award. Arguelles is the 27th alumnus to receive the award. 

Top: Retiring Professor Donald Goldstein and his wife, Mariann.
Above: Christine Altenburger, the school’s first female faculty member.
Right: The first assembly photo juxtaposed above the current GSPIA photo of faculty, staff and students illustrates the school’s growth over the past 50 years.
Governor Thornburgh to Chair GSPIA’s Board of Visitors

University of Pittsburgh Chancellor Mark Nordenberg has announced that Dick Thornburgh, former Governor of Pennsylvania, is to serve as the Chair of GSPIA’s new Board of Visitors. Thornburgh is currently counsel to the national law firm of Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP in its Washington, D.C. office.

Elected Governor of Pennsylvania in 1978 and re-elected in 1982, Thornburgh was the first Republican ever to serve successive terms in that office. In a 1986 Newsweek poll, he was named by his fellow governors as one of the nation’s most effective big-state governors. From 1988 to 1991 Thornburgh served as Attorney General of the United States in the cabinets of President Ronald Reagan and President George H.W. Bush. In 1992, he was appointed to be the highest-ranking U.S. citizen at the United Nations. During his two years as Under-Secretary-General of the U.N., Thornburgh was in charge of personnel, budget and finance matters.

Thornburgh served as director of the Institute of Politics at Harvard’s John F. Kennedy School of Government (1987-1988). He earned an undergraduate degree in civil engineering at Yale and his J.D. at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, where he served as an editor of the school’s Law Review and has been awarded honorary degrees by 30 other colleges and universities.

“All of us at GSPIA are delighted that Governor Thornburgh has agreed to serve as Chair of our Board,” stated GSPIA Dean John Keeler. “He is one of the most extraordinary public servants of our time and one of very few to have served with such distinction at the state, federal and international levels. His vast range of experience makes him uniquely qualified to provide leadership for our school as we endeavor to relaunch GSPIA for its second half century.”

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Alumni to Serve on GSPIA’s New Board of Visitors

A new Board of Visitors has been established to provide insight and guidance in the school’s strategic planning process.

Of the new 25-member board, 23 are GSPIA alumni, and all are distinguished in their fields. Each member will serve three years and provide both diversity and expertise relevant to all facets of the school.

“We are grateful to these accomplished professionals for enthusiastically and graciously giving their time to GSPIA,” said Dean John Keeler. “They will help us strengthen the school in every way.”

Board members have served in the federal government (5), foreign governments (4), international organizations (1), state government (3), city government (3), nonprofits (5) and corporations (7). They are based in Pittsburgh (7); Washington, D.C. (4); New York (2); the West Coast (3); and abroad (5). Of the GSPIA alumni on the board, 11 hold a Master of Public and International Affairs, 8 have a Master of Public Administration, 4 have a Doctor of Philosophy and 1 has a Master of Urban and Regional Planning.

GSPIA Board of Visitors 2008-2011

Samuel D. Adcock (MPIA ’87) – Senior vice president for governmental relations, EADS-North America; previously senior foreign policy advisor for the U.S. Senate Majority Leader, Trent Lott.

Ali A. Alkazemi (PhD ’93) – Director of the Kuwait Cultural Office, general consulate of the State of Kuwait, Los Angeles; former assistant vice president for academic affairs, Kuwait University.

Marshall Bond (MPA ’69) – Municipal manager of Monroeville and past president of the Association for Pennsylvania Municipal Management.

Cheryle Campbell (MPA ’76) – Director of the Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Field Office in Pittsburgh; awarded honorary membership in Pi Alpha Alpha by GSPIA’s MPA program.

Ed Daley (MPA ’75) – City manager of Hopewell, VA and past president of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA).

Jane Downing (MURP ’70) – Senior program officer for Economics and Community Development at the Pittsburgh Foundation; former minister of finance and planning director for the city of Pittsburgh.

Sofian Effendi (MPIA ’75, PhD ’78) – former Rector, Gadjah Mada University, Indonesia; former head of the National Civil Service Agency and minister of finance.

Karen Wolk Feinstein – President of the Jewish Healthcare Foundation of Pittsburgh; founding continued on page 21
GSPIA launched the new Fund for Student Initiatives (FSI) to provide financial support for student-led organizations that promote professional development, intellectual stimulation and networking activities.

“The FSI provides venture capital to kick-start new organizations,” explained GSPIA Dean John Keeler. “GSPIA’s return on investment is simple: It creates opportunities for students to grow and gain valuable leadership skills, enhancing their educational experience.”

As a result of the FSI, five new student organizations formed this past academic year, representing a broad range of student interests. Activities ranged from hosting guest speakers, facilitating training workshops, participating in career development seminars, funding group trips and launching new publications.

GSPIA edition of the *Pitt Political Review*

One group of students formed an editorial board to create a new student publication – an annual GSPIA edition of the *Pitt Political Review*, a journal launched several years ago by the Pitt Honors College.

The new publication, which debuted this spring, features articles spanning an array of topics addressing policy issues found in GSPIA’s curriculum. The board solicited manuscripts from fellow students and conducted a rigorous editorial process to identify the best articles for publication.

“It was very challenging,” noted Lyudmila Sanina, the GSPIA *Pitt Political Review* editor-in-chief. “But it was an amazing experience. It helped me hone skills that I wouldn’t have had the opportunity to develop in the classroom.”

EU and the World—Student Organization Focuses on European Union

Another new student organization spawned by the FSI was the EU and the World. The overall goal of the organization is to raise awareness of European policies and culture within the GSPIA community.

EU and the World explores the dynamics of EU policy through student-faculty discussions, film series, cultural activities, dinners, international career development panels and guest speakers.

“We want to promote initiatives and events with the goal of providing information and resources for those who want to learn more about the EU and its role and impact in today’s world,” said Co-President Marco Centurione.

The group hopes to connect policy work completed at GSPIA with the scholarly resources of the University’s own research centers, including the EU Center of Excellence, Center for the European Studies, and the Center for Russian and East European Studies.

Middle East Student Association

The Middle East Student Association (MESA) has hosted a number of events throughout the year, including a film series focused on Middle Eastern topics, traditional food nights and fund-raising events. Their most recent fund-raiser raised $500
for Anzar Exchange, a non-profit organization founded by a GSPIA alumnus. The funds will be used to promote outreach activities in the Middle East. As part of the group’s mission, MESA is dedicated to increasing awareness of issues in this critical region.

“We are trying to promote opportunities and cohesiveness,” said MESA President Wallied Shirzoi.

MESA’s summer programs will strengthen cultural connections. Several group members will work with the English Language Institute at the University of Pittsburgh to tutor and advise Middle Eastern students. MESA endeavors to help students adapt to living in the United States by emphasizing American culture and traditions.

African Synergistic Think Tank

With the formation of the African Synergistic Think Tank (ASTT), FSI funds did much more than unite African students: it brought together a group working toward solutions to the problems facing their home countries. ASTT was formed to explore alternative approaches to African development issues. It’s one of the first student groups at GSPIA to focus exclusively on African topics. ASTT’s “synergistic” approach encourages students to engage in discussions concerning African policies by honing students’ expertise in functional areas. A “pod” research structure allows student groups to focus on particular policy areas including financial crises, Millennium Development Goals, governance and post-conflict initiatives.

New international programs in Kobe, Geneva, and Brussels

This past fall, GSPIA announced new opportunities for students to augment their education through programs abroad.

IOMBA

A newly formed partnership with the University of Geneva provides students with the opportunity to earn an IOMBA – an International Organizations MBA – along with an MPIA or MID from GSPIA in just 28 months. Students would complete their first year at GSPIA, their second year in Geneva and then return to GSPIA for one final semester.

Kobe

GSPIA will also offer students the opportunity to earn a Certificate in International Development and Asian Affairs from the Kobe University Graduate School of International Cooperation Studies in Japan while completing their MID, MPA or MPA degree. Beginning this fall, students completing this certificate program will study at GSPIA for two semesters and complete their degree during the summer term in Japan. The certificate program makes it possible for students to complete their degree in 17 months.

BRUSSELS

The EU Studies Summer Program in Brussels offers students the ability to study, in English, the emergence of a united Europe at the Free University of Brussels (ULB). Running for four weeks from mid-July through early August 2009, the program consists of two courses—“Current EU Policy Debates” and “EU Institutions: Views from Inside the Brussels’ Complex”—and an EU simulation for a total of 12 quarter credits (or eight semester credits). GSPIA students can earn internship credit for the experience and are eligible to apply for two $5,000 merit-based fellowships from the University of Pittsburgh European Union Center of Excellence, a co-sponsor of the program.

GSPIA Becomes First Graduate School to Implement Palantir Government Software in Classroom

The University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public and International Affairs is the first university in the country to implement the cutting-edge software Palantir as part of its Security and Intelligence Studies curriculum. Palantir is a leading network analysis software platform designed to create world-class counterterrorism and cyber security, intelligence and operations infrastructures.

Palantir Government software is a platform combining knowledge management, collaboration and discovery into one seamless package. The system integrates with all existing data sources in the enterprise and ultimately serves as an amplifier to an organization’s analytical capabilities. Palantir’s open platform design works with all legacy hardware and software.

GSPIA has made the software available for students in the master of public and international affairs program specializing in security and intelligence studies. Two classes where the software has been implemented include Introduction to Cyber Crimes and Criminal Operations in the Cyber World. Future plans to implement the software include offering a certificate in Cyber Intelligence and Security.

The software enables American police officers, intelligence analysts, special operations and other military forces, and allied governments to analyze terror cells and their activities and plan operations against them. Palantir also is a powerful weapon in the fight against cyber-terrorism, enabling in-depth analysis of potential threats as well as post-attack analysis and planning and execution of targeting operations against cyber terrorists.
Preparation is a vital key in the response and management of any disaster. Many disasters can turn into major catastrophes due to the lack of planning and oversight by policymakers and government officials.

In response to the need to address such issues, GSPIA has created the Center for Disaster Management to engage in the professional education and training of the next generation of managers, policymakers and analysts who will be responsible for disaster risk reduction and management in public, private and nonprofit organizations.

As director of the Center for Disaster Management, Dr. Louise Comfort is now developing a coherent approach for research and analysis of policy issues related to disaster risk reduction and management across interorganizational, interdisciplinary and interjurisdictional boundaries. The need for such a center is evident in the increasing number of organizations re-examining their capacity to withstand threats from all hazards—natural and deliberate.

The goal of the new Center is to educate the next generation of researchers, analysts, policymakers and managers in disaster management-related disciplines through a world-class integrated program of innovative knowledge generation.

The Center endeavors to balance theory and practice. "The shortest route to knowledge is a good theory," explained Dr. Comfort, "but theory needs to be tested in practice. In disasters, we're dealing with very complex events and it's the interaction between the people, the organizations and the actual context in which they occurred that generates an effective or an ineffective response system." Managers, analysts and policymakers alike must be familiar with local political, cultural and social conditions to properly address issues related to disaster management.

GSPIA faculty and students have traveled around the world to engage policymakers and managers involved in some of the most highly-profiled disaster response efforts. In August 2008, Thomas Haase, doctoral candidate, traveled to Jakarta and Banda Aceh, Indonesia to work with emergency managers who responded to the Great Sumatran Earthquake and Tsunami of 2004. "As the risks posed by disaster consequences become increasingly transnational in nature," Haase said, "it is imperative that the world’s policymakers take the technical and institutional frameworks used to develop resilience in local communities and implement them at the international level."

The Center will also provide a visible point of contact for
public agencies at local, state, national and international levels of jurisdiction for research and education in disaster management. As government agencies have the legal responsibility for protecting citizens from extreme events, this role becomes increasingly important as the incidence and scale of disasters increase in cost, complexity, and consequences.

GSPIA provides a natural location for a Center for Disaster Management at the University. The Center has worked closely with improving the disaster response with local communities in the Pittsburgh Metro Region regarding risk from flooding and hazardous materials. On international levels, the center has partnered with state officials and international disaster managers in response due to the May 12, 2008, earthquake in Sichuan Province, China. Within GSPIA, the Center serves three major functions. First, it serves as a focal point for research and analysis on timely, reconnaissance studies of mitigation and response to actual disaster events. Such reconnaissance studies are invaluable in conducting an initial assessment of a set of events that precipitated disaster in order to frame key questions for research proposals that can be submitted for external funding.

Second, the Center maintains a Web site for the timely search and exchange of information related to disaster events, with a particular focus on information technologies and the changing role of technology in shaping communication of information and coordination of actions in response to disaster events.

Finally, the Center synthesizes findings from ongoing research and evolving practice to prepare timely policy papers for practicing agencies on recommendations for innovative performance to reduce disaster risk. All three functions will be integrated into GSPIA’s fundamental mission of teaching, research, and public service.

Kathy Buechel is ready to add more bridges to Pittsburgh’s landscape, in a figurative sense, to connect academics and the world of practice.

The Philanthropy Forum’s underlying principle is to explore the legacy and lessons of philanthropy in Pittsburgh – also known as “The City of Bridges” – and throughout the United States by bringing distinguished speakers to GSPIA.

Buechel, former president of the Alcoa Foundation, is a senior lecturer at GSPIA and also teaches a course titled “Matching Money with Mission: Philanthropy and Society.”

Affiliated within the Innovation Clinic, one of the five Centers of Excellence at GSPIA, the Forum also connects the public and nonprofit management initiatives of the school with both its international and domestic programs.

“Kathy’s energy, cooperative approach and commitment to a better understanding of the norms, values and realities of the philanthropic community benefits students, academics and practitioners in a multitude of ways,” said David Miller, director of the Innovation Clinic.

The Philanthropy Forum’s inaugural event in January featured the lecture “Generosity: What’s At Stake?” by physician-philosopher Richard Gunderman, professor of philanthropy at Indiana University and author of “We Make A Life By What We Give.”

In April, Pittsburgh Foundation President Grant Oliphant presented “The Future of Philanthropy in Uncertain Economic Times: Building Bridges over Troubled Waters?” The forum also hosted Foundation President, Ms. Sara Gould, president and CEO of Ms. Foundation for Women, who spoke about “Philanthropy and Policy in Uncertain Times: The Impact of the Economic Restructuring and Stimulus Efforts on Women and Girls.”

To gain insight into present-day philanthropies, the Philanthropy Forum invited four young philanthropists to GSPIA from the McCune Foundation, Forbes Funds, Heinz Endowments and the Pittsburgh Foundation to speak about their jobs and the challenges they face.

“The amount of requests (for grants) is vast; the demand for resources is large,” said Laurel E. Shaw, senior program officer for the McCune Foundation. Because resources are limited, part of the role of a grants officer is to do the “due diligence” on each grant request.

Given the current economic times, Shaw said, foundations will not be able to do as much as they have in the past and that creates an opportunity for the nonprofits requesting grants to become stronger and more focused.

Justin Laing, arts and culture program officer for The Heinz Endowments, advised those looking for grants to get to know the foundation from which the grant is requested and learn about its point of view.

“It’s a conversation,” he said. “Good listeners are more likely to bring forward ideas that are a good fit for a particular foundation than those who do not understand that foundations are different from one another and have their own personalities, perspectives and interests.”

“Pittsburgh is a learning lab for philanthropy,” Buechel said of the city that ranks among the top 15 in the nation in terms of philanthropic dollars per capita with some of the largest private and community foundations in the country.

“There are profound lessons to be drawn from the people and institutions of philanthropy that preceded us,” she said. “Pittsburgh has been extraordinarily blessed. This project will help tell (those) stories.”
JOHNSON INSTITUTE FOR RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP

The Johnson Institute for Responsible Leadership promotes ethics and accountability in public service and leadership by hosting lectures and workshops for the Pittsburgh community. This year’s events were particularly noteworthy in addressing current issues in public policy.

In October, the Institute hosted its second Leadership Training Program on Accountability, Ethics and Corporate Governance featuring guests from the Nigerian government. The four-day event was centered on the Royal Dutch Shell Company case study. Students from GSPIA and the KATZ School of Business engaged the Nigerian leaders on policy responses to the case study.

In March, Keith Caver, vice president and global practice leader of executive development at Development Dimensions, Inc., led a working luncheon titled “Preparing Yourself for Leadership.” Caver focused on the need to change business models into adaptable systems and fostering flexibility in leaders. His workshop ended with a discussion group consisting of southwestern Pennsylvania business leaders.

Coleen Rowley, Time Magazine’s 2002 Co-Person of the Year, presented the inaugural Lecture on Exemplary Leadership in April. Rowley served as an FBI agent and Minneapolis Division Legal Counsel prior to the 9-11 attacks and later testified to the Senate Judiciary Committee about problems facing the FBI and intelligence community. Her lecture, “Exemplary Leadership: Always Do Right,” focused on typical ethical questions faced by workers and noted that contemporary work environments cause even ethically-focused individuals to make unethical mistakes. “Today’s society is ripe with moral decay, which is making responsible leadership a hard thing to achieve,” noted Rowley.

In November, the Johnson Institute for Responsible Leadership co-hosted its annual “Richard Clarke & Larry Korb” Lecture Series featuring Richard Clarke and Larry Korb.

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RIDGWAY CENTER

The Matthew B. Ridgway Center for International Security Studies undertook a number of projects for the 2008-2009 school year. Under the leadership of Dr. Donald Goldstein, the Ridgway Center has maintained its commitment to research excellence and continues to engage graduate students at GSPIA.

The Center co-sponsored three conferences this year which focused on the new U.S. Command in Africa and its implications for U.S. policy, the future dynamics of the European Union and NATO alliance, and the critical role General Ridgway played during the Korean War. Each conference culminated in significant research projects that will be published within the next year.

The Center also hosted its annual “Ridgway Speaker Series” which brings internationally renowned scholars and practitioners of international security studies to GSPIA. Richard Clarke, Gordon Goldstein, and former GSPIA Dean Larry Korb, were just a few of the many speakers the series invited this year.

The inaugural issue of The Bunker, a student managed journal focusing on international security issues, was published this spring as part of the Ridgway Center’s commitment to publishing original student work. The Bunker will be distributed to graduate schools and research institutions throughout the country for review.

“Having such a unique public servant as Richard Clarke take time out of his busy schedule to come to Pittsburgh to interact with my students is a special privilege,” remarked Dennis Gormley. “Clarke has done so for the last six years, at his own expense, I might add. The students have an opportunity to interact closely with a former White House adviser to the last three Presidents of the United States. Clarke’s special skill is his capacity to simulate what it’s like to work as a young civil servant in the intelligence community or as an assistant to a senior policy official. In either case, the challenge is to integrate the best intelligence into the decision-making process.”
Adam MacGregor, MID ’09

Building upon the theory and skills gained during my GSPIA career, I can attest to the importance of keeping sight of people “on the ground.” That’s why a pair of internships I undertook during the summer and fall of 2008 proved so invaluable to my graduate experience.

My public relations internship with Child Rights and You (CRY) America took me to a slum district in Kamarhati, West Bengal, India. It was there that I documented the activities of some inspiring young people and NGO activists.

The two brothers I met in the slum—each barely 10-years-old—toiled at a tea stall for 9 hours a day. During our interview, they sat huddled in a red plastic-resin chair in the stifling summer heat of the small community building where the NGO Society for People’s Awareness (SPAN) held classes for youngsters like them. As a local NGO funded by CRY America, SPAN counts among its many goals the integration of child laborers into public schools. The brothers’ saucer-wide eyes were timid, yet hopeful for SPAN’s promise of a better future. They now attend school 2 hours a day, with the goal of full emancipation from labor within sight.

Earlier that May, I led promotion of CRY America’s national publicity tour throughout the U.S. The tour took our team to the San Francisco Bay Area, where we presented a discussion at Google’s world headquarters on the state of child rights in India, followed by a press conference at the Commonwealth Club of San Francisco. Dr. Niraj Mishra, a lifelong activist and head of a tribal-rights project in Jharkhand, India, was the featured speaker.

This stateside component of my internship concluded with another press conference at the Roosevelt Hotel in New York City. What I learned about nonprofit PR will inform my future work in the field.

Upon my return to the U.S., I relocated to New York City for a semester-long internship at the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. At the U.N., I worked as part of a three-member secretariat for the Action 2 Global Program, an initiative that sought to mainstream a human rights-based approach to development across a number of U.N. agencies. By providing perspectives on both international policy and grass roots practice, these two internships couldn’t have complemented my course work — and one another — more appropriately.

Pam Daley, MID/NGOCS ’09

At GSPIA, I learned a great deal about how NGOs and international actors address the issues of rural poverty, but I had never experienced it myself. All that changed last summer when I lived and worked in an indigenous community in Ecuador for the Yanapuma Foundation. Here’s a glimpse of my ‘normal’ work day:

My first ‘apartment’ consisted of a wood and straw hut that did not have electricity or running water. From 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., I worked in the school helping the teachers use the one available computer, taught English when necessary, developed posters and books to improve teaching instruction and even helped the teachers to better understand their curriculum. In the afternoons, I either worked in the ethnographic museum located in a nearby community, played with the kids, read a book in a hammock, tried to learn Quichua or all four.

So being 2,809 miles away from Pittsburgh and closer to the equator than I ever expected to be, I was able to put into practice what I learned in the classroom.

No class could have prepared me for the millions of bugs that would torment me, how best to kill a chicken, to understand what exactly is in chicha (but no worries, I learned from the locals) or how to finally win a game of basketball against the locals. However, my courses at GSPIA taught me the importance of participatory development and how to foster it. This made the small inconveniences much more manageable and as a result, I gained local ownership and participation experience. 

Pam Daley spent part of her summer living in a grass hut without electricity or running water.
Dr. Donald Goldstein Retires After 35 Years

GSPIA recognized two of its most influential professors, who, combined, have taught at the school for more than 70 years. Dr. Donald Goldstein and Dr. Leon Haley announced their retirements this academic year after successful teaching careers.

The last place a Pittsburgh Pirates fan would be caught on Opening Day would be the halls of an academic institution. But for Dr. Donald Goldstein, celebrating more than 35 years of teaching, having his retirement ceremony fall on the same day as one of his most beloved annual events was telling of his lifetime of teaching accomplishments.

In a packed ballroom at the University Club, GSPIA honored long-time Professor Goldstein in the first of two retirement ceremonies. He was joined by family, friends and colleagues to share memories of his teaching career and express thanks for his dedication to teaching. A second retirement ceremony was held in Goldstein’s honor during his annual student trip to Washington, D.C. Also affectionately referred to as the “D.C. Death March,” Goldstein has had more than 3,700 students participate in the rigorous two-day tour of the nation’s capital.

In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Goldstein has also contributed tremendously to the University by donating a collection of World War II artifacts to the school, establishing two endowments at GSPIA, and contributing financially to University initiatives. This work has earned him the honor of being inducted into the Cathedral of Learning Society, which recognizes individuals who have donated $1 million or more to the University. During his 35-year career at the University of Pittsburgh, Goldstein taught 259 courses and presented more than 14,000 lectures. He also served this past year as the interim director of the Matthew B. Ridgway Center, which recently published the first edition of its scholastic journal, The Bunker.

“The University of Pittsburgh is losing a superstar,” remarked Provost James Maher. He noted that Goldstein has impacted the student body by provoking interest in scholastic work.

Goldstein received the title of GSPIA Professor Emeritus in recognition of his continuous contributions to the academic field and the teaching profession. Dean Keeler noted that Goldstein’s recommendations for “59 Ways to Improve GSPIA” will continue to have a lasting impact on the school for generations to come.

“Above all, I love to do it. Being a teacher is the best thing I know,” remarked a visibly emotional Dr. Goldstein. “You’re just rewarding me for doing what I love to do.”

Dr. Leon Haley Retires, Named Emeritus

The end of the fall 2008 semester was marked by the retirement of Dr. Leon Haley. Dr. Haley, who has been an integral part of the public policy faculty at GSPIA, and has also taught at the school for over 36 years. Dr. Leon was also executive director of the Urban League of Pittsburgh in the ’80s.

Haley held several notable positions during his time at GSPIA. He was both associate and acting dean early in his career, and later served as vice chancellor of Student and Public Affairs for the University of Pittsburgh from 1994-1996. His most recent position as the director of GSPIA’s Nonprofit Clinic
allowed him to collaborate closely with GSPIA students and faculty interested in the nonprofit sector. Haley has also been influential in recognizing the contributions of minority alumni. This past year he served as the co-chair for the General Roscoe Robinson Jr. Recognition Committee, which successfully established an endowment in Robinson’s name and re-named Posvar Hall Room 3800 in commemoration of the general’s career. Haley intends to continue his work for minority recognition by writing a book detailing the life work of general Robinson and his impact on public service.

During his retirement ceremony, Haley received the title of “Professor Emeritus” for his lasting contributions to GSPIA. He will continue to play a role in influencing the students and faculty through his post-retirement work.

Lisa Alfredson released her book, Creating Human Rights: How Non-Citizens Made Sex Persecution Matter to the World, which details the grass-roots movement for women’s human rights laws. Alfredson is one of the first scholars to analyze the means through which an international movement of persecuted women helped to open the door to human rights protections for gender-based violence.

Carolyn Ban was recently named the faculty coordinator for GSPIA’s new double degree program with the University of Geneva’s IOMBA program (International Organizations MBA). The program will begin in the fall of 2009. Ban was also invited to present her research on European Commission management at the École Nationale d’Administration (ENA) in November 2009. Ban is the recent recipient of a Fulbright Fellowship awarded by the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium.

Louise Comfort was awarded the Provost’s Award for Excellence in Mentoring given by the University of Pittsburgh Office of the Provost.


Leon Haley was awarded the status of Professor Emeritus upon his retirement in December 2008.

David Miller was named inaugural director of the University of Pittsburgh’s Dick Thornburgh Forum for Law and Public Policy.


Shanti Gamper-Rabindran recently had her paper, co-authored with Shakeeb Khan and Chris Timmins, “Impact of Piped Water Provision on Infant Mortality Rates in Brazil: A Quantile Panel Data Approach,” accepted by the Journal of Development Economics. She also recently organized a panel, “Public Health Challenges in Developing Countries with Global Implications,” at APPAM.

Nita Rudra released her book, Globalization and the Race to the Bottom in Developing Countries: Who Really Gets Hurt?, analyzing the impact of globalization on middle income societies. She is currently working on her second book, which will analyze the impact of globalization on poor societies.


Harvey White participated in several discussions in Minneapolis and Charleston by providing two keynote addresses: “The Social Contract as the Foundation for Public Administration” and “Truth in Advertising: The Difference between MPA and MPP Programs.” He also guest lectured at several forums in China, including his speech “Talent is Never Enough: Thoughts and Commentary on the American Presidential Election” at Jhejian University.

Dr. Michael J. Flack, who survived Nazi concentration camps to become one of GSPIA’s most eminent professors, died after a lengthy illness. He was 88. He served as a professor at the University of Oregon and Vassar College. While doing cooperative research with the American Council on Education, he was invited to become one of the first professors at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh. He served in that capacity until 1983.

In 2003, the Michael Flack Endowment Fund was established at GSPIA through the gifts of alumni, colleagues and friends. The fund is intended to provide financial support for a student pursuing studies in international affairs or international development.

If you wish to make a gift in Dr. Flack’s memory, please consider a donation to the Michael Flack Endowed Fund at GSPIA, which provides support for students pursuing studies in international affairs or international development. You may make a gift online at www.pitt.edu or send a check, payable to the University of Pittsburgh noting “Flack Fund” on the memo line, to the attention of Jean Hale, director of development, GSPIA, 3408 Posvar Hall, 230 South Bouquet Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15260.
This year’s commencement was delivered, appropriately, by retiring professor Dr. Donald “Goldy” Goldstein. Drawing on interviews conducted over the course of his own research chronicling the Second World War, Goldy noted the faith America’s “greatest generation” has in their future. Goldy emphasized the need for strong leadership and his conviction that such leadership sat before him in caps and gowns.

Noting this year as his 35th GSPIA graduation, Goldy looked back over time and stressed the need for imagination and change in the field of public service. Emphasizing his own approach, informed by a respect for history but with an eye trained on the approaching horizon, tying to the present both the lessons of history and the possibilities of the future, Goldy recalled the epitaph on a headstone he encountered conducting research on the China-Burma-India border which read, “Do not forget that for your tomorrow we gave our today.” Noting the myriad ways in which the world has improved since he began teaching at GSPIA, Goldy warned against the tendency to romanticize the past, stressing that relatively speaking, “today is tomorrow’s ‘good old days,’” and that graduates are responsible for building upon the improvements inherited from earlier generations. Acknowledging the significance of graduation, Goldy said, “today is a big day, but tomorrow will be even bigger!”

During the ceremony Dean Keeler recognized faculty achievements. This year, GSPIA’s Teacher of the Year award was officially renamed the Donald M. Goldstein Teacher of the Year award in recognition of Goldy’s 35 years of outstanding service to GSPIA. This year’s awards were presented to Dr. Muge K. Finkel and Dr. Taylor B. Seybolt in recognition of their pedagogical excellence and enthusiastic support for students.

GSPIA alumnus Dr. Mu’azu Babangida Aliyu appeared on stage as an honored guest. When Dr. Aliyu completed his PhD in 1989, he didn’t participate in GSPIA’s graduation ceremonies. He had no time to celebrate; he needed to return immediately to his native Nigeria and put his education to work. Twenty years later, Dr. Aliyu returned to GSPIA as the Governor of Niger State, the largest district in Nigeria, and as the first democratically-elected governor in that nation’s history.

Dr. Aliyu’s appearance came a day after he spoke before students at GSPIA’s annual graduation luncheon. As governor, Dr. Aliyu has stimulated participation in government by fostering educational reform and promoting scholarships.

The University of Pittsburgh’s Graduate School of Public and International Affairs held its 2009 graduation ceremony at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall and Museum on Saturday, April 25.

GSPIA CELEBRATES 2009 GRADUATION
and endowments for higher education. At the luncheon he appealed to the GSPIA student body to engage local populations to determine and address societal concerns.

Anabel Castillo, 2009 class marshall, expressed the privilege she felt for having been part of such an extraordinary community and pointed graduates toward the opportunities awaiting them. Recalling an assignment from her first semester, in which she was tasked with articulating her long-term goals for a career in public service, she said, “from that very first assignment I was challenged to think beyond. Beyond the problems of today, to think about the problems of tomorrow. Beyond what I thought I knew, to open my eyes to new ideas. Beyond the easy solutions, to find more efficient ones.”

“We are all leaving here with individual goals and expectations for the next chapter in our lives,” said Andrew Henderson, 2009 class president, “however, what binds us together is our service; our desire to put others ahead of ourselves.” Henderson reminded graduates that, “almost all of you will be in a position where other people’s lives will depend on the analysis and leadership you will provide. That is an immense burden, but it is also of immense importance, therefore, don’t let this be the end of your quest for knowledge, but the beginning of your journey on the road to understanding.”

2009 GSPIA Graduation Luncheon

For a school dedicated to preparing leaders, Dr. Mu’azu Babangida Aliyu, (MPIA ’86 and PhD ’89), the first democratically elected governor of Niger State, exemplifies GSPIA’s mission to build a better world. Dr. Aliyu returned to GSPIA after spending the last two years creating and implementing reform policies in Niger State, the largest district in Nigeria.

Dr. Aliyu is a prominent advocate of responsible leadership within Niger State and has worked tirelessly to encourage responsible reform in government agencies. He noted that GSPIA provided the practical and ethical knowledge he needed to engage reform in Nigeria during his opening remarks at GSPIA’s graduation luncheon.

Following a warm introduction by fellow Nigerian and alumnus Dr. Buba Misawa, (PhD ’94), the audience listened as Dr. Aliyu thanked GSPIA for “…promoting the ideas of good governance and effective leadership, which are now at the forefront of the public service reform agenda, especially in emerging democracies.”

“As a servant leader, I have the privilege of providing what I consider purposeful leadership with a determination to transform the lives of about 4 million people,” he stated in his address. “I believe this is an opportunity to underscore the importance of good governance and responsible leadership as core components of progress.”

He went on to explain that “servant leadership is therefore of crucial importance to the developing world because its thresholds of transparency, accountability and participatory decision making, are indeed some of the universal democratic values, and much needed antidotes to corruption and embezzlement which have otherwise undermined effective service delivery and good governance in most of Africa.”

As a core theme of Aliyu’s address, he focused on the importance of creating credible and transparent governments in Africa. He noted that African countries have been particularly prone to corruption because of past cultural practices and norms. Aliyu asserted that servant leaders can change this cycle by engaging the population to play a more active role in government. “It is only appropriate to recommend and adopt a leadership model that emphasizes a leader’s role as steward of both the human and financial resources of the country, state or organization,” he explained.

As governor, he has stimulated greater participation in the government by fostering educational reform and promoting scholarships and endowments for higher education. He concluded his speech by inviting GSPIA students to visit Niger State, “an emerging land of promise, limitless opportunities and prosperity.”

Dr. Aliyu was joined on his trip by his wife Hajiya Jummai Aliyu (nee Umar Erena). Dr. and Mrs. Aliyu have six children, two of which are graduates of the University of Pittsburgh. His commitment to the school’s mission is evident in his most recent gift, which established the Nigerian Alumni Endowed Fund. The fund provides Nigerian students with the opportunity to study at GSPIA.
endowment fund
alumni gatherings

alumni and friends invest in school’s mission

GSPIA alumni and friends are a vital component of the school’s mission. And thanks to their generosity, GSPIA is proud to announce seven new endowments. These new endowments will help make it possible for GSPIA to continue to prepare students to make important societal contributions through responsible leadership.

“We are honored by these generous gifts,” said GSPIA Dean, John Keeler. “These endowments reflect the confidence of our alumni to invest in the school’s mission of delivering quality academic programs.”

The new endowments will provide financial assistance to students seeking internships, professional and travel opportunities to augment their GSPIA experience.

The new endowments include:

- **The Adam W. Herbert Endowed Student Resource Fund**, created through the generosity of Adam W. Herbert (PhD ’71) and State Farm Mutual Automobile Insurance Company, will provide, in perpetuity, financial support to GSPIA students who are enrolled in the Master of Public Administration degree or the Doctoral degree program and who demonstrate an interest in urban affairs or the improvement of American cities. Dr. Herbert is President Emeritus of Indiana University and the former Chancellor of the State University System of Florida.

- **The Nigerian Alumni Fund**, created through the generosity of Mu’Azu Babangida Aliyu (MPIA ’86, PhD ’89), the governor of Niger State, provides financial assistance to students with strong academic achievement and financial need.

- **The Korean Alumni Fund**, created through the generosity of Ambassador Byong-Hyon Kwon (MPIA ’68), Suck-Hong Oh (PhD ’69), Young-Whan Hahn (PhD ’75), Shin-Bok Kim (MPIA ’72, PhD ’73 EDUC), Yun-Won Hwang (PhD ’87), Hyun-Ku Kim (PhD ’86), Keun Namkoong (PhD ’89), and provides financial support to GSPIA students based primarily on academic achievement.

- **The Sam and Carol Adcock Endowed Student Resource Fund**, created by Maxine Bruhns in honor of her late husband, GSPIA professor emeritus Dr. Fred C. Bruhns, provides support to students studying abroad in the Middle East, Turkey or the North African nations of Tunisia, Algeria or Morocco. This gift reinforces the Bruhns’ strong belief in the importance for students to study abroad.

- **Fred C. Bruhns Memorial Scholarship Fund**, created by Maxine Bruhns in honor of her late husband, GSPIA professor emeritus Dr. Fred C. Bruhns, provides support to students studying abroad in the Middle East, Turkey or the North African nations of Tunisia, Algeria or Morocco. This gift reinforces the Bruhns’ strong belief in the importance for students to study abroad.

- **The Sam and Carol Adcock Student Resource Fund** provides financial support to GSPIA students who are gaining professional experience through internships. Mr. Adcock (GSPIA ’87) currently serves as the senior vice president for government relations at EADS North America, the second largest aeronautics and defense company in the world. These gifts are gratefully recognized as measures of success towards GSPIA’s fund-raising goal of $15 million. The goal is both an ambitious and strategic one, developed after careful analysis of the factors critical to the school’s mission. The goal is a realistic indication of the resources required to reduce the barriers to education faced by students who have the desire and intellectual (but perhaps not the means), to succeed in GSPIA’s rigorous academic program. The goal seeks to counter the effects of increased competition faced by our faculty and institutes for research grants and foundation gifts. Finally, the goal reflects the financial benchmark necessary to secure GSPIA’s position among top-ranked schools of public and international affairs.

Gifts to GSPIA will ensure the school’s continued commitment to prepare individuals to make important public contributions, to improve government, to increase the professionalism of public servants and to provide responsible leadership for future generations.

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**Pittsburgh Dean’s Alumni Council**

Dean Keeler hosted 15 alumni at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association in March 2009 for the inaugural meeting of the Pittsburgh Dean’s Alumni Council. The Pittsburgh Council aims to provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and alumni support toward continuous improvement of the School’s academic programs, reputation and visibility, student experience and career opportunities. Serving on the Pittsburgh council are: Martin Albacete (MPPM ’05), Alicia Andrews (MPA/MSW ’03), Joshua Bridge (MPA ’05), Keith Cameron (MPIA ’76),
Dave Coplan (MPA/MSW ’93), Paul Fero (MPIA ’90), Bill Friedman (MPA ’78), Brad Funari (MPA/JD ’02), Johann Guarino (MPA ’06), Brian Hayden (MPA ’91), Gary McKeown (MPA ’85), Shannon Reiter (MPA ’03), and Kathy Risko (MPPM ’05). Delegates from GSPIA’s Board of Visitors included Marshall Bond (MPA ’69) and Cheryle Campbell (MPA ’76).

- **New York Dean’s Alumni Council**
  In May, the New York Dean’s Council members met for the first time and were briefed on GSPIA’s accomplishments. Members offered valuable suggestions—as well as offers of assistance—on matters such as career advice for students, collaboration with other alumni groups and enhancing GSPIA’s position in the marketplace.

  Members of the New York Dean’s Alumni Council include: Rita Cooma (MPIA ’01), Matthew DeLuca (MPA ’67), Shawn Harrington (MPA ’80), Seth Hufford (MPPM ’02), Cathleen Laporte (MPIA ’99), Neil Madhav (MPIA ’96), Rep. James Moran (MPA ’73), Bruno Mukendi (PhD ’87), Paula Mullineaux (MPA ’81), Erik Pages (MPIA ’87), William Pierce (MPIA ’85), Lynne Roche (MPIA ’88), Tanee Sangrat (MPIA ’92), Chris Shinkman (PhD ’69 EDUC), Richard Sommerfeld (MPIA ’77), William Terry (MURP ’98) and Jonathan Truesdale (MPA ’94).

- **Richmond, Va.**
  Graduates of the Master of Public Administration program attending the 94th Annual Conference of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) gathered at the Richmond Marriott in September 2008. Joining Dean Keeler and alumni relations and development staff members Jean Hale and Emily Twargowski were: outgoing ICMA President Edwin Daley (’75), Marshall Bond (’69), SheaBrianna Christlaiw (’06), Toby Corde (’81), Carl Luft, Michael Crotty (’76), Kevin Flannery (’85) and Donna (’78), Tim Little (’89), Chris Lochner (’82), Steve Morus (’86) and Ron Owens (’72), as well as Richmond residents Linda Kay Carpenter (MURP ’76) and Evelyn McGill (MPA ’82).

- **Seoul, South Korea**
  Dean John Keeler, Associate Dean William Dunn and Associate Professor Siddharth Chandra traveled to Seoul last October for the annual conference of the Korean Association for Public Administration. At an alumni reception hosted by GSPIA, the dean presented a Distinguished Alumnus Award to Byong-Hyon Kwon (MPIA ’68) and the first-ever International Public Service Award to six current and former KAPA presidents: Suck Hong Oh (PhD ’69), Young-Whan Hahn (PhD ’75), Shin-Bok Kim (MPIA ’72), Yun-Won Hwang (PhD ’87), Hyun-Ku Kim (PhD ’86), and Keun Namkoong (PhD ’89).

To volunteer or learn more, contact the GSPIA Alumni and Development Office through the website or at 412-648-7430.
Class Notes

2000's
Andrea Arkin (MID '05) is program officer for the Caribbean Region at Global Links, a Pittsburgh-based non-profit organization that recovers surplus medical materials from U.S. hospitals for distribution in developing countries. Joy Braunstein (MPP '08) relocated to Charlotte, N.C., to become president and CEO of the Carolina Raptor Center, an organization dedicated to the environment and conservation of birds of prey through public education, rehabilitation and research.

Renee Cox (MPA '03) executive director of Prevention Point Pittsburgh, made the list of "40 Under 40," compiled annually by Pittsburgh Magazine and the Pittsburgh Urban Magnet Project to showcase 40 individuals under the age of 40 who are making a substantial positive impact on the region.

Paul Cwynar (MPPM '04) joined the Berkeley (Calif.) Food & Housing Project as development director in June 2008.

Aliya (Farrish) Durham (MPIA/MSW '02) serves as urban district vice president of the YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh, providing strategic leadership and support to YMCA branches in the city's under-resourced communities.

Douglas Frederick (MPA '05) was hired as an operations financial analyst at Rue 21, a growing, national retailer headquartered in north suburban Pittsburgh.

John Gross (MPIA '04) is a senior advisor in corporate and global partnership development at the U.S. Department of Energy’s Office of Nuclear Energy, with desk officer responsibilities for Eastern Europe, Russia and South America.

Eric Hartman (PhD '08) was called a "Newsmaker" by the Pittsburgh Tribune Review for organizing an event where buckets of water were carried long distances to raise awareness for the causes of clean water access in Tanzania and Darfurian refugees. He is executive director of global service-learning and volunteer organization, Amizade.

Murat Jadraliyev (MPIA '08) returned home to Kazakhstan after graduation and accepted a senior analyst position with the Eurasian Development Bank.

Dan Malik (MPIA '06) was installed as the first-ever senior Al-Qaeda analyst in the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Office of Intelligence and Analysis. Previously he worked at the National Counterterrorism Center and the Defense Intelligence Agency.

Tom Ogden (MPPM '04) became director of security at Carnegie Mellon University after retiring from a 30-year career with the Mt. Lebanon Police Department.

Laura Petruzzelli (MID '07) assumed the role of program manager at the International City/County Management Association's Washington, D.C., headquarters in January. She was previously employed by Creative Associates International and the Pittsburgh Refugee Center.

Julia Posteraro (MID '06) is a senior project coordinator specializing in crisis mitigation and stability operations at the Washington office of Development Alternatives, Inc.

Danielle Romanetti (MID '03) a nonprofit consultant in the D.C. area, was featured in the Washington Post Magazine for the knitting business, Knit-a-Gogo, she founded in 2006.

Richard Saccone (PhD '02) is the author of The Unseen War in Iraq: Insurgents in the Shadows (Holym), his eighth book. He is an assistant professor of political science at St. Vincent College, Latrobe, Pa.

Kelly Shaw (MID '03) serves as an international training specialist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Foreign Agricultural Service in D.C.

Jeff Smith (MPIA '06) a research fellow and program officer at the American Foreign Policy Council, recently attended conferences on national security and defense issues, and met with politicians, academics, and military and police officers while on a fact-finding mission through Northern India.

Dustin Stiver (MPA '06) was named to WHIRL Magazine's 2008 "Young Guard," recognizing young leaders in Pittsburgh. He is a program coordinator at the Sprout Fund, a nonprofit organization that supports innovative ideas and grass roots community projects.

Irene Tzinis (MPIA '07) joined the outreach team at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center Innovative Partnerships Program Office in Maryland.

Marco Velarde (MPIA '07) is a director in national security affairs at the Peruvian Prime Ministry Office in Lima.

Janine Wenzig (MFA '02) was appointed by unanimous vote to a 3-year term on the Zoning Hearing Board for the Borough of Dormont, Pa.

Rob Zahorchak (MPIA '08) accepted an internship with GSP Consulting, a Pittsburgh-based government and economic development consultancy. Also with the company: Matthew Edgar (MID '06), Richard Overmoyer, Jr. (MPPM '98), Jerry Paytas (PhD '01), Michael Poggi (MPA '95) and Robert Vescio (MPA '02).

1990's
David Coplan (MPIA/MSW '93) received a 2009 Peace Partner Award from the Center for Victims of Violence and Crime on behalf of the Human Services Center Corporation, where she serves as executive director.

Amy Cuzzola-Kern (MPIA '94) and Steven Soltesz (MID '06) joined the staff of Pennsylvania Congresswoman Kathy Dahlkemper: Amy as economic recovery director out of the District Office in Erie, and Steven as a legislative correspondent in Washington, D.C.

Yvette Dennis (MFA '97) as director of public finance at Fitch Ratings in New York City, works on ratings of energy companies in the areas of electricity, gas, water, nuclear and alternative energies. Previously she held positions at USAID and the Office of Management and Budget in D.C.

Beth Ellis (MPA '96) is working as a campaign manager at United Way of Sumner County, Hendersonville, Tenn.

Daniel Flaherty (MPA '99) a Russia analyst at the U.S. Department of State since 2002, is on assignment with the Office of the Director of National Intelligence. As a staff member of the President’s Daily Brief, he represents the State Department’s interests and works to promote collaboration in support of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004.


Claude Haylock (MPIA '91) is deputy manager in the Bank Supervision Department at the Central Bank of the Bahamas in Nassau.

Janelt Hutchinson (PhD '92) serves on the national council for Pi Alpha Alpha, the national honor society for public affairs and administration. She is the public administration program director at Virginia Commonwealth University’s L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs.

Benjamin Howe (MPIA '98) received the community service award from his employer, the U.S. Government Accountability Office, in recognition of his volunteer work with the Greater Manchester (NH) Family YMCA's resident overnight camp.

Jean-Raymond Innocent Jr. (MPIA '00) a U.S. Department of Defense analyst since 2003, is on a 3-year assignment in O'ahu, Hawaii.

Cathleen Laporte (MPIA '99) is founder and president of Athletes for Charity, a New York City-based nonprofit that supports the philanthropic and volunteer efforts of athletes for the benefit of disadvantaged youth.

Matthew Murray (MPIA '97) lives in China, where he is in his fourth year of service as an economic officer at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, following assignments in Tanzania and India.

Ronald D. Painter (MPA '90) was named chief executive officer, The National Association of Workforce Boards in D.C. He previously served as adjunct...
professor at GSPIA and CEO of the Three Rivers Workforce Investment Board and the Chair of the Access to Work Interagency Cooperative.

Ulyana Panchishin (MPIA '98) was hired as a strategic issues analyst at the U.S. Government Accountability Office. She previously worked at the U.S.-Ukraine Foundation, also in D.C.

Marc Rioux (PhD '96) is director of international air policy at Transport Canada, the department of the Canadian government responsible for transportation regulations, policies and services.

Mohammad Rizki Safary (MPIA '97) is employed in the Department of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia at the Indonesian Consulate in Songkhla, Thailand.

Tanee Sangrat (MPIA '92) is a political counselor at the Royal Thai Embassy in Washington, D.C.

Valerie Staats (PhD '96) serves as executive director at the International Book Bank, a Maryland-based non-profit that ships books from downtown Baltimore to literacy programs in developing countries worldwide.

Michael Thomas (MPA '95) is the manager of Plum Borough, the second largest municipality in Pa. with over 26,000 residents, located 15 miles east of Pittsburgh.

1980’s

Bonita Cersosimo (MPA '81) is associate vice president of marketing and media relations at Carnegie Mellon University. Previously she served as director of corporate communications at Alcoa.

Beth Rossman (MPA '87) was promoted from director to vice president of government relations at the Washington, D.C., office of Honeywell International: a worldwide provider of aerospace products and services, control technologies for homes and industry, automotive products, turbochargers and specialty materials.

1970’s

Charles Hamilton (MPIA '74) general manager of the Carpentaria (Calif.) Water District for the past 13 years, was profiled in a Santa Barbara Independent article entitled “The Ones Who Watch the Water.”

Astrid Kersten, PhD (MPIA '78) is a professor of management at La Roche College while her husband, Mohammed Sidky (PhD '87) is an associate professor at Point Park University’s Graduate School of Business.

Jeffrey Linton (MURP ’79) director of revenue at Houston METRO, recently implemented a state-of-the-art “customer smart system” for use on trains and buses. He previously spent 28 years with the New Jersey Transit.

Maxine Green Scribner (MURP '72) is retired from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, where she was responsible for program development and administration for public and AIDS housing.

Mark Zober (MPIA ’75) is working with Israeli organization Brit Olam to support the Byraju Foundation, dedicated to improving the lives of India’s rural underprivileged. He is also a licensed Israeli tour guide and president-elect of the Rotary Club of Jerusalem.

1960’s

Matt DeLuca (MPA '67) serves as HR generalist for Rivington House, an AIDS-specific residential and day treatment facility that is part of the Village Care of New York organization, serving persons with AIDS and the elderly, on Manhattan’s West Side.

Dr. Jamil Jreisat (PhD '69), professor of public administration at the University of South Florida in Tampa, received the 2008 Outstanding Public Administration Award from the Suncoast Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration for his contributions as an advisor to local government and commitment to ethics in public service.

C. Samuel Kissinger (MPIA ’61) is the manager of Indian Creek Village, an exclusive island community in Miami-Dade County.

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co-chair of the Pittsburgh Regional Healthcare Initiative; formerly co-chair of the Transition Team for Health for Pennsylvania Governor Ed Rendell; former senior vice president, United Way of Allegheny County.

Dipak Gupta (PhD ’77) – Fred J. Hansen professor of World Peace and distinguished professor of Political Science at San Diego State University.

Peggy Harris (MPA ’78) – President and CEO of Three Rivers Youth, a non-profit agency in Pittsburgh that has provided services to abused, neglected and runaway homeless youth 12-21 since 1980; awarded honorary membership in Pi Alpha Alpha by GSPIA’s MPA program.

Andrew R. Hoehn (MPIA ’86) – Vice president of RAND Corporation and director of Project Air Force; previously served as deputy assistant secretary of defense for strategy.

Lavonne Johnson (MPA ’80) – Philanthropist and benefactor, with husband Glen, of the Johnson Institute.

Shin-Bok Kim (MPIA ’72) – Executive vice-president and provost of Seoul National University; previously served as vice minister of education and human resources.

Robin Klaus (MPIA ’67) – Chair of Club One; chair of Planet Fitness; former chair of the American Sports Institute.

Byong-Hyon Kwon (MPIA ’68) – Former ambassador of the Republic of Korea to China (1998-2000); previously assistant minister of foreign affairs for policy planning.

Margaret McMillion (MPIA ’75) – Former US ambassador to Rwanda; career foreign service officer, Department of State; GSPIA Distinguished Alumnae Award winner; Pitt Legacy Laureate.

H. Lee Noble – Chief executive officer for Noble Consulting; former chief executive officer of Mobile Aspects; former president of Bayer Corporation’s Polymer Division; member of the University of Pittsburgh Board of Trustees.

Daniel Rich (MPIA ’67) – Provost of the University of Delaware; previously served as dean of Delaware’s College of Urban Affairs and Public Policy.

John Renninger (PhD ’75) – Former director of the Asia and Pacific Division and the Americas and Europe Division, Department of Political Affairs, United Nations.

Beth Rossman (MPA ’87) – Vice president of Government Relations for Honeywell; formerly a top official at the Office of Management and Budget.

Paul Shin (MPIA ’64) – Vice president pro tempore of the Washington State Senate; chair of the Higher Education Committee; GSPIA Distinguished Alumnae Award winner.

Richard P. Sommerfield (MPIA ’77) – Chief financial officer, Sekuris; previously CFO of Airbee Wireless and CEO of Dransfield Food and Beverage Holdings, Ltd., Hong Kong.

Vickie Tillman (MPIA ’76) – Executive vice president and chief ratings officer for Standard & Poor’s; GSPIA Distinguished Alumnae Award winner.

Patricia Trainer (MPA ’90) – Chief operating officer for Goodwill Industries of Southwestern Pennsylvania; awarded honorary membership in Pi Alpha Alpha by GSPIA’s MPA program.

Jake Wheatley (MPA ’00) – Member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives; chair of Subcommittee on Education for the House Appropriations Committee; treasurer for the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus; deputy majority whip for the House Democratic Caucus; Marine combat veteran of Operation Desert Storm.
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