

Report to the School of Public Affairs to the Baruch College General Faculty; November 12, 2013

ENROLLMENT AND STUDENT REPORT

The School of Public Affairs welcomes a fall 2013 class of 1166 students. This student population comprises of 974 graduate students and a growing number of undergraduates at 192. An additional increased trend of graduates studying full-time at 59% of the total population. SPA is proud to award these students with a total of \$919,000 in scholarships, stipends for international travel, and 30+ graduate research assistantships.

FACULTY ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS

Il Hwan Chung received the NASPAA Dissertation Award at the Annual Conference of the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs and Administration for "Education Finance Reform, School Choice and Residential Sorting." Professor Chung received his Ph.D. in Public Administration from Syracuse University's Maxwell School in 2011.

Professor Tiffany Lewis will receive the Wrage-Baskerville Award at November's Annual Meeting of the National Communication Association for her paper, "Earning Rights and Enacting Freedom: Washington Woman Suffragists' Appropriation of Mountaineering and Wilderness Discourse. The Wrage-Baskerville Award is given to the top paper in NCA's Public Address Division.

Hector Cordero-Guzman will be making welcoming remarks at the Mayor's Young Men's Initiative Youth Empowerment Summit in November. He will also be speaking at the US Department of Labor's observances on the 75th Anniversary of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Six faculty – Professors Blum, Heiland, Korenman, Muzzio, Sofaer and Yin – presented papers at the launch of an anticipated biennial policy conference series conducted in collaboration with the faculty of Economics at Gent University in Flanders. The theme of this session was "Policy for an Aging Society." The next conference will be held in New York in 2015 with the theme yet to be determined.

Professor Douglas Muzzio will moderate the City Council Speaker Debate, which takes place on campus on November 20 and co-sponsored by Citizens Union and the New York Public Interest Research Group. He and Dean Birdsell are also organizing the orientation for newly elected Members of the City Council; a two-day event in December co-sponsored by *City & State*.

Dean Birdsell gave a plenary address on the scope of public administration nationwide at NASPAA's annual meeting and will participate in the November APPAM conference's plenary symposium on encouraging policy-relevant outcomes in public sector education and research. He will make a plenary presentation on graduate public administration education in the United

States to Nanyang Technical University's Lien Conference on Public Administration, which also takes place in November.

NEW FACULTY and STAFF

SPA is pleased to welcome four new members of the faculty.

Jeffrey Apfel joins us as Clinical Professor of Higher Education. He has served in the nonprofit and public sectors as well as in higher education for over 40 years. Most recently, Dr. Apfel was a lecturer in higher education at the Shandong University of Science and Technology in Qingdao, China. He has also published extensively on higher education as it relates to state governments. He holds a Ph.D. in Public Administration from Rutgers University-Newark.

Il Hawn Chung joins us as Assistant Professor. His research interests include public budgeting, financial management, state and local public finance, as well as education policy and program evaluation. He's studied education reform and education financing reform and the impact that education quality can have on property values. In the past, he taught quantitative analysis at both Seoul National University and Florida International University and statistics and public budgeting courses at Syracuse University. He holds his Ph.D. in Public Administration from the Maxwell School of Syracuse University.

Tiffany Lewis joins us as Assistant Professor. She studies the connection between women's rights and rhetoric in the context of women's suffrage. She has also written extensively on women's suffrage and the westward expansion of the United States. Her experience includes teaching communication, public speaking, and discourse at the University of Maryland and the University of Montana. She holds a PhD in Communications Studies from the University of Maryland.

Wendy Miervaldis joins us as Lecturer in Quantitative Methods. She has been teaching math courses, ranging from Calculus to Statistics to Algebra, since 1990. She has also served as a consultant for a variety of projects, including the Embedded Librarian Project, the creation of several polls administered by the Sports Polling Institute of Seton Hall University, and an archaeological dig at President George Washington's home in Mount Vernon. She received her MBA from Rosary College (Now Dominican University).

Lastly, SPA welcomes Ms. Sarah Godwin as Director of Graduate Admissions and Enrollment Services. Sarah joins us from John Hopkins University with over ten years of higher education experience. Ms. Godwin is charged with formulating and implementing the School's graduate recruitment plan and enrollment strategy as well as overseeing graduate career services and alumni affairs.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS AND AWARDS

SPA Graduates Win 12 of 80 Excelsior Service Fellowships in the Inaugural Class:

Governor Andrew Cuomo announced the inaugural class of Excelsior Service Fellows in August. "Recruiting new ideas, fresh talent, and energy is a great way to transform state government as we continue to build a new New York," said Governor Cuomo. "That is exactly what the Excelsior Service Fellows will provide for New York. Starting this September, our first class of Fellows will bring their exemplary backgrounds and new perspectives to a host of policy and operational positions in our state government." SPA students received an outstanding 12 of these 80 appointments, or 15 percent of all awards statewide. The Fellows and their postings are:

Enny Ledesma, Governor's Chamber
Tahesha Woodson, Governor's Chamber
Jason Warshowsky, Health Exchange
Marina Drenovac, Health Exchange
Neckeyda Louis, Office of Mental Health
Jeffrey Bailey, Civil Service
Maria Parsheva, Department of Financial Services
Josephine Lew, Criminal Justice Services
Ismelda Rosario, Office of Victim Services
Joelle Held, Office of Children and Family Services
Peter Yim, Department of Motor Vehicles
Silverio Bracaglia, Metropolitan Transit Authority

Please join us in congratulating these outstanding graduates.

FALL EVENTS

November 1—Graduate Career Fair (2:30-5:00 p.m., 14-220, registration required only for exhibitors)

November 8—School of Public Affairs DC Alumni Reunion (6:00-8:00 p.m., Westin Georgetown, DuPont Room, please register with alison.charlesbois@baruch.cuny.edu)

November 19—Current Perspectives on Philanthropy: Interview with Darren Walker, Ford Foundation President (4:00-6:00 p.m., Room 750, free but registration required; please write jessica.njoya@baruch.cuny.edu)

November 20—City Council Speaker's Debate (5:30-8:30 p.m., room 14-220, free but registration required; please write diana.lazov@baruch.cuny.edu; DEMAND IS HEAVY FOR THIS EVENT AND NO ONE MAY BE ADMITTED WITHOUT A RESERVATION)

November 21—Fall Ackerman Lecturer Jeffrey Fagan: The Indignities of Maintenance Order Policing (6:00-7:30 p.m., Mason Hall, free but registration required; please write conrad.cantor@baruch.cuny.edu)

December 9—SPA Dean's Advisory Board Food Policy Roundtable (5:00-7:00 p.m., 14-220, free but registration is required; please write diana.lazov@baruch.cuny.edu)