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Advisory Council Spotlight



We would like to welcome **Colonel Rocky P. Capozzi** to the MPA Advisory Council. Colonel Capozzi is vice commander, Eleventh Air Force, Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska. He serves as Chief Advisor to the Commander in executing the air component mission in Alaska and focal point for implementing command decisions, plans, and policies.

We would also like to thank **Colonel Timothy Brady** for his time and contributions on the MPA Advisory Council this past year.

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NON-PROFIT MANAGEMENT EMPHASIS

Our Fall 1999 class on Management Issues for Non-Profits went very well. We had excellent students and a series of outstanding guest speakers from the local non-profit community. For Fall 2000, Steve Lindbeck, executive director of the Alaska Humanities Forum, will teach a Thursday evening course titled **PADM 671: Economic Development and Social Entrepreneurship**. Meanwhile, we are working to design a non-profit emphasis area as part of our MPA program and a graduate certificate in non-profit management. We are working closely with the United Way on some exciting new developments. We want to thank all the members of the non-profit community who have supported these efforts. See page 4 for Fall registration information ♦

SUMMER CLASSES TO HIGHLIGHT TAX CAP INITIATIVE & TRANSPORTATION

Dr. Brian Saylor, director of the Institute for Circumpolar Health, and Alaska health care administrator for over 20 years, will draw on his wide practitioner experience and academic training to teach **Administration of Financial Resources--PADM 628**. The course is aimed at government business and non-profit employees, as well as citizens interested in understanding how public organizations raise funds, allocate, and monitor them. In addition, the class will include expert guest speakers and case studies. A special focus for this class will be the Tax Cap Initiative on the November ballot. This class will be held May 23–June 29 Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00pm–10:00pm. See Page 4 for **Econ 640: Transportation Economics** ♦

FACULTY ACTIVITIES

Greg Protasel

- Presented his paper titled “Gateway to the Global Economy? The Special Economic Zone in Magadan, Russia” at the annual meeting of the Western Regional Science Association, Northern Development/ Remote Regions Sessions, in Kauai, Hawaii.
- Spoke on exploring “Organizational Management and Emergent Self – Organization: Lessons from Complexity Theory” in the UAA series *Exploring The Evolution of Complex Systems*.

Steven Aufrecht



Dr. Aufrecht (left) receives Advisor of the Year Award

- Conducted a 16-hour Ethics workshop for the Municipality of Anchorage in March.
- Presented “The Citizen – Government Relationship: Reflections on the Alaska Permanent Fund” at the Public Administration Theory Conference in Fort Lauderdale in January With Jonathan Anderson, the MPA Chair at University of Alaska Southeast.
- Conducted an all day workshop “People, Power and Organizations” for the **Alaska Survey and Mapping Society** in February.
- Received College of Business and Public Policy Advisor of the Year Award.
- Received and ‘Unsung Hero’ award at the National Conference Of the American Society for Public Administrators.

Sharman Haley

- Awarded Sabbatical for the school year 2000-2001. Dr. Haley will be study the impacts of oil development on the indigenous people of Brazil
- Is working with the Alaska Native Health Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Wastewater Management to prepare her paper “Evaluation of the Alaska Native Health Board Sanitation Facility Operation and Maintenance Program: Final Report on Phase II Projects.”
- Co-authored “Economics of Sport Fishing in Alaska” for the Alaska Department of Fish and Game with Matthew Berman, Scott Goldsmith, Alexandra Hill, and Hong Jin Kim and published in December 1999.

STUDENT NEWS

Congratulations
Preston Wins Doctoral Assistantship



Mark Preston (MPA, 2000) was accepted to State University of New York at Albany’s PA doctoral program. SUNY is one of the top ten schools in public administration. Mark will receive a \$10,000 stipend annually, a graduate assistantship, and tuition waiver.

Kristin Erchinger received the Garth Jones Student Paper Award that includes a check of \$250 for her capstone project “City of Seward – Financial Condition Assessment: A Guide to Improving Fiscal Health.”

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

GRADUATION

Support our program graduates on May 7, 4:30 pm at the Sullivan Arena.

ASPA SCHOLARSHIP IN HONOR OF JOHN STAFFORD

Applications are due June 1st. For more information Contact Dr. Steve Aufrecht.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIP

June 1st is the deadline to apply for the PADM graduate assistantship for Fall 2000. Interested Students should contact Dr. Steve Aufrecht.

CAPSTONE PRESENTATIONS

PADM 659 students have worked on a number of interesting capstone projects this year. In this final class each student must find a public sector client and study an issue the client identifies.

Mark Preston researched management training curriculum for new state child protection supervisors for Eileen Lally and the University of Alaska Anchorage Family Service Training Academy.

Marshall Foley studied the future role of men's collegiate gymnastics for the Jotimaz Group and USA Gymnastics.

Karen Walton developed a set of performance measures for the Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homelessness.

Elizabeth Gabel took the capstone class to complete her MPA at Northeastern University in Boston. She developed options for a redress system for the Alaska Mental Health Trust, where she also had an internship.

Kathy Laforest's capstone project is titled "Partnerships Make a Difference: A Study of School to Work Programs and Opportunities for the Community and Business." Her research was done for the King Center, Chugach North Technical Services, and the Alaska Business Education Compact.

Robert Warrick's project was on "Maximizing Indian Child Welfare within the Division of Family Services."

Mary McBurney's capstone project is titled "Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Subsistence Fisheries" in Eagle and Circle, Alaska and was done for the National Park Service.

ALUMNI NEWS

Ann-Marie Lindboe (MPA, 1994), is working for the Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) as a Housing Development Finance Manager. She manages one of the agency's HOPE VI revitalization projects as well as the homeownership programs for SHA.

Sunday Obuzuaye (MPA, 1989) receives his doctoral degree in Political Science from Claremont Graduate School in California, May 2000. In addition to teaching American Politics and Introduction to Political Science at Chaffey College and Cerritos College, he is conducting research and writing articles, which focus on Foreign Direct Investment in Africa; Privatization and Foreign Direct Investment in Africa; Third World Development; Ethnicity and Democratization; Democracy and Development in Africa.

Erv Martin (MPA and Planning, 1983 and 1987) received his doctorate in Human and Organizational Systems from the Fielding Institute in Santa Barbara, California. He is Currently Administrative and Fiscal Division Director of the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency.

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Summer 2000 Classes

PADM 628 – Administration of Financial Resources
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ECON 640 – Transportation Economics – Dr. Huskey will teach this intensive format class. This course will provide a general model for looking at important transportation industries and issues. In addition it will provide an introductory look at all of the major transport industries that are involved in moving goods and people.

Fall 2000 Classes

PADM 601 – Public Administration in Contemporary Society – Dr. Aufrecht's **Monday** evening class gives an overview of the field of public administration and develops the analytical skills necessary for graduate studies. Emphasis is on understanding the underlying issues such as power, decision making, ways of knowing, measurement, organizational structure, accountability, and learning to use the theoretical models in actual situations.

PADM 603 – Management Analysis – Dr. Protasel will teach this class on **Wednesday** evenings. The class will introduce organizational and systems theory, information systems, procedure analysis, management planning and management problem solving.

PADM 606 – The Policymaking Process – After developing a general framework, this class that will be taught by Dr. Protasel on **Tuesday** evenings, focuses on specific aspects of policymaking. These include the process of setting the policy agenda; the impact of the various stakeholders in the policymaking process; the relationship between policy sciences and democracy; and finally, the role of citizens in the policymaking

process.

PADM 624 – Human Resources Administration – Dr. Aufrecht will teach this * intensive format class. This class develops skills in personnel administration and considers issues of human resources development in public organizations. It examines recruitment, selection, training, motivation, performance evaluation, and career development.

PADM 640 – Alternative Dispute Resolution –In this *intensive format class Dr. Protasel reviews the literature and principals of alternative dispute resolution. The class will focuses on negotiation and mediation as ways to resolve individual conflicts, group conflicts, and public disputes.

PADM 671 – Physician Executive Training – Dr. Aufrecht, Dr. Wolf, and Dr. Saylor will teach this course on **Thursday**. This course introduces economic and management roles in health policy and management for physicians in healthcare programs.

PADM 671 – Selected Topics -- Social Entrepreneurship – Professor Lindbeck will teach this **Thursday** evening class. This class will examine ways non-profit organizations can build the relationships necessary for fundraising success. It will cover specific techniques, processes, roles, responsibilities, and ethics of raising money to solve community problems.

* See Fall Class Schedule for specific date and time of intensives

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Detailed schedule information is available
at <http://www.uaa.alaska.edu/enroll/catalog.html> or by
calling Mike Smith at 786-4101.

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