New Master’s Program in International Policy Management
Recently Approved

Our department’s latest graduate program, the Master of Science degree with a major in International Policy Management (MSIPM), was approved by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia at its January 2009 meeting. The MSIPM emphasizes how the international policy process works, how it impacts the private and public sectors, and the interrelationship of political, economic and regulatory components in a global environment.

International policy management operates at the intersection of the public and private sectors, and is an optimization process which helps managers particularly in the private sector (for-profit, corporate, and/or non-profit organizations) react to public sector-generated policies that are of an international nature.

The program will be based on a cohort model and the curriculum incorporates Internet-facilitated, or online, course delivery, an on-campus academic orientation, and a global experience trip.

The new program will begin accepting applications in late fall 2009. Classes will begin in fall 2010. For more information contact Ms. Natalia Meneses at nxm4943@kennesaw.edu or call: 770-423-6227.

KSU Welcomes New MPA Director

The department is pleased to welcome Dr. Andrew I. E. Ewoh as the Director of the MPA program. Dr. Ewoh has long-term research and teaching interests in public administration, public policy, governance, human resource management, government-business relations, and political economy. His articles have appeared in Review of Policy Research, Review of Public Personnel Administration, International Review of Public Administration, Politics & Policy, Public Works Management & Policy, and numerous scholarly journals. He has authored several book chapters and some of his scholarly contributions are part of required readings in various American as well as foreign universities and colleges. Most of his scholarly contributions are cited in other scholars’ research and funded projects.

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ANOTHER BANNER YEAR FOR STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Pi Sigma Alpha

The national honor society for Political Science. Inductees to Pi Sigma Alpha have shown excellence in the study of Political Science and a commitment to leadership. This year’s Pi Sigma Alpha President was Tracey Carter.

Newly inducted members for the 2008-2009 academic year are:

Arijana Alic        Ryan Hanson        William Sharp III
Pamela Carlson      Brennan Jones      Annie Oladunni Sodipo
Rotsen Diya         Scarlett Leiva      Stephen Wieschhaus
Megan Giordano      Crystal Salumbides

Model UN

The team represented Italy at the National Model UN competition in New York City, winning a Distinguished Delegation Award and eight individual awards went to Michael Dutcher, Arijana Alic, Coy Dumas, Jessie Belk, Olamida Goke-Pariola, Stephanie Vaught, Victoria Vaught, and Nikola Kolev. They competed against 300 other teams from 27 countries. Advisors are Ms. Linda Morrisson and Prof. Stephen McKelvey.

The KSU Team:

Arijana Alic        Chris Jackson        Heather Sigley
Hina Asghar         David Jackson        John Silva
Rima Bakhda         Brennan Jones        Noah Solomon
Amanda Barnes       Yvonne Kithuka       Rae Peacher-Stoutd
Jason Belk          Nikola Kolev         Trisha Thibodaux
Jessie Cahoon       Chad Maddox          Stefanie Vaught
Jeff Drennan        Eric Medina          Victoria Vaught
Coy Dumas           Grant Mooney          Reid Wilborn
Michael Dutcher     Aleksandra Ninova    Jeff Wilson
Nykia Felton        Olamida Goke-Pariola Dan Zimmerman
Andrew Groom        Sam Sensing          
Model Arab League

The KSU Model League of Arab States won the Outstanding Delegation Award in March at the southeastern US regional competition. At the nationals, Jonathan Edman won an outstanding delegate award and Rebecca Gallegos was promoted to chief of Staff for next year. The KSU team Advisor is Ms. Linda Morrisson.

The KSU team includes:

- Jorge Abudei
- Hina Asghar
- Slade Barron
- Valerie Bouzy
- Abdullah Burgeba
- Jeff Drennan
- Jonathan Edman
- Monther Elnajjar
- Rebecca Gallegos
- Eric Holmes
- Ali Hussain
- Dan Klein
- Alessandra Largent
- Matt Richmond
- Mohamad Said
- Katie Sizemore
- Marshall Watson
- Ian Weise

Mock Trial

The KSU Mock Trial team continued its string of impressive performances. Students winning awards as outstanding attorneys were Sean Blanc, Tony Norton, and Joe Roesch. Advisors are Dr. Elizabeth Gordon and Dr. William Gillespie. Team members include:

- Sean Blanc
- Tanesia Dwight
- Bryan Hoefer
- A.J. Kuemmel
- Mary Loudermilk
- Anthony Norton
- Joe Roesch
- Dale Sobel

Model African Union

The KSU Model African Union delegation won 9 awards at the national competition hosted by Howard University. The team representing South Africa won four outstanding delegation awards and the team representing Somalia won five awards, including committee leadership (Yaye M. Ba) and Outstanding Chair Award (Nevein El-Haddad). Advisor is Dr. Nurudeen Akinyemi. Team members include:

- Adeola Adegboye
- Oria Aikhuele
- Olayinka Ajetunmobi
- Mariam Ali
- Assana Magagi-Alio
- Ifeanyi Amajor
- Christiane Amani
- Yaye Ba
- Jessie Belk
- Kari Bowen
- Jimmelle Carnegie
- Kareem Derrick
- Andrew Duncan
- Carlton Duncan
- Marie Frantz Dupuy
- Jonathan Edmon
- Nevein El-Haddad
- Arit Essien
- Karen Fobuzie
- Shameka Doles-Fulston
- Sherene Grinage
- Chux Ibekwe
- Pamela Inoti
- Paul Kamondo
- Fungai Kapenzie
- Nicholas Karonji
- Nicky Keer
- Paul Kennedy
- Marcel Maglo
- Onyinye Ogee-Nwankwo
- Burimi Odukomaiya
- Caroline Ofulah
- Patience Wetshemongo
Student Update

Steven Sutton (IA 07) graduated from GA Tech and is now pursuing his MS in International Affairs.

Lisa Johnson (POLS 03) is graduating from John Marshall Law School in May.

Valerie Barrios Cagle (POLS 03) is attending Tulane Medical School.

Belle Anne Butler (IA 99) completed a one-year teaching assignment at the Centro de Estudios Interamericanos, the CEDEI.

Derrick Dickey (POLS 05) is chief strategist for the gubernatorial campaign of GA state senator Eric Johnson.

Alums completing their first year of law school: Katherine Knudsen, Christopher Chappell, Matthew Rollins, Sara Vorobjovs, Greg Clement.

Carolina Grenados (IA 05) is a contractor for the Centers for Disease Control, facilitating review panels in the CDC’s Global Aids Program.

Marcela Guerrero (IA 02) works at Freedom House as a program officer for the Johannesburg Area, South Africa. She also received a Master’s Degree in Public Policy from Syracuse University.

Deborah Strotz (MPA 08) was selected as student of the year for 2009.

Alison Kinder (IA 08) has accepted a position as Global Sales Coordinator for Starwood Hotels.

William Grogan (MPA 08), former Marietta deputy police chief, is now the police chief of the city of Dunwoody.

Claude Leveque (IA 05, MBA 08) is recruitment manager for the Coles College of Business MBA programs.

Stephen Goddard (MPA 08) was accepted into the PhD program at GA State University.

Natalia Meneses (IA 04, MPA 08) is graduate coordinator for the MPA program and newly approved MS in International Policy Management.

Faith Riley (IA 08) is the Southeast Regional Project Coordinator for the “Not for Sale Campaign,” an anti-Human Trafficking non-profit organization.

Brenda Lenard (MPA 08) was accepted in the PhD program at UT-Chattanooga.

Joshua Miller (POLS 08) will begin at GA State University Law School this fall.

Melissa Rollins and Jason Chitwood (MPA 09) completed their internships at the city of Kennesaw under a collaborative partnership between the city and the MPA program.
MPA Program Graduates New Cohort of Public Officials from South China

The twenty public officials from Guangxi Autonomous Region of South China that were enrolled in the MPA Chinese Cohort program in the Summer of 2008 are expected to graduate on May 13, 2009. These officials were sponsored by the Lushan College of Guangxi Technical University, Luizhou, China as KSU’s fourth cohort. **Dr. Andrew Ewoh, Dr. William Baker, Dr. Chien-pin Li, and Dr. Thierry Léger** traveled to the City of Luizhou in December of last year to visit the officials from the sponsoring institution and agencies to negotiate future partnerships.

While going through a 15-month intensive program crafted to meet their professional needs in public administration, these students took part in other extra-curricular activities, such as playing softball in weekly games coached by Dr. Baker, meeting with the City of Kennesaw’s Council members, maintaining regular attendance at the Bible Community Church, and making field trips to both public, private, and nonprofit organizations that enabled them to observe how Americans operate in their daily endeavors. In fact, all the students participated in various university-wide festivities such as Chinese New Year and Thanksgiving party, and some even traveled to different states across the United States during school breaks.

In terms of professional exercises, 14 students completed their internship in different academic units on campus, whereas 6 conducted research in various areas of interest. The research projects, though more extensive, prepared the students to think critically on how to deal with future challenges. Despite the obvious difficulty of studying in another country, these students were very respectful, humble and have a keen sense of what it takes to succeed in their endeavors. The intellectual exchange of ideas in and outside the classroom served as the hallmark of the program. Both the faculty and the students learned about socioeconomic and political dynamics of China and United States in a comparative way, thus paving the path for a long-lasting friendship and cultural understanding.

**Rory Zimmerman (IA ’05) Writes from Beijing:**

I have been living and working in Beijing for the past three years, since my graduation from KSU. I am an Expression Coach to executives and leader of the English Language Training Team of a Chinese online gaming company, listed on the NASDAQ in 2007: PWRD: Perfect World. Every day I give presentations and coordinate activities with guest speakers to coach the top executives in English expression and world culture. On Friday nights, I go straight to Beijing Radio where I am a regular guest on a Travel Show Webcast. Here is a link to the archive of one of our shows last month... [http://www.netfm.com.cn/jcsp/vyb/200902/t20090228_494594.htm](http://www.netfm.com.cn/jcsp/vyb/200902/t20090228_494594.htm) and for the second half of the show [http://www.netfm.com.cn/jcsp/vyb/200902/t20090228_494593.htm](http://www.netfm.com.cn/jcsp/vyb/200902/t20090228_494593.htm)

Beijing Radio invited me to be their regular guest for this Travel Show in 2009. I have been doing this new work for the past three months. I hope to continue gaining experience as a commentator on intercultural communication/storytelling and hope to one day host a Travel show on a major network of Beijing. I also see lots of opportunities to continue learning here at Perfect World.
News & Notes

**William Baker** won the 2008 *PA Times* Best Article Award for his article “Dalton, Georgia’s Response to Immigration.” His article won out of a field of 90 articles submitted for the award nationwide. The award was presented at the ASPA annual convention in Miami.

**Jeff Dewitt** submitted a manuscript titled “Applying the Active Learning Model in Research Methods Courses” to the *International Journal for the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning*; he has also been invited to serve on an online and hybrid teaching panel at the APSA annual meeting.

**Maia Hallward** and **Tavishi Bhasin** presented a paper at the International Studies Association annual convention in NYC in February. **Dr. Hallward** also participated in a two-week faculty development seminar in Turkey; traveled to Israel and the Palestinian Territories for a conference on Nonviolent Resistance; and participated in an Egyptian-American dialogue sponsored by the Center for Conflict Management and Hands Across the Nile.

**Sungjoo Choi** published a paper called “Diversity Management in the Federal Government” in *Public Administration Review*, with Dr. Hal Rainey of UGA. She also presented papers at the 2009 ASPA in Miami and the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago.

**Barbara Neuby** published a paper on Radio Frequency Identification with an MPA student; has a paper under review on international adoption agencies, and presented a paper on “Teaching Chinese Learners” at the National Association of Schools of Public Administration ad Affairs NASPAA

**Elizabeth Gordon** published a book by the Edwin Mellon Press, called *The Role of Attorneys in Court-Ordered Mediation in North Carolina*.

**Kerwin Swint** won the HSS 2008-2009 Distinguished Scholarship Award. He has signed a contract to write a new book called *The King Whisperers: History’s Most Cunning Political Advisors, from the Ancient World to the 21st Century*.


**Tim Hedeen** won the HSS 2008-2009 Distinguished Service Award.
New Faces

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Before joining the faculty at KSU in 2008, Dr. Ewoh was a Professor of Political Science and Program Coordinator at Prairie View A&M University, Texas, from 1993-2008. He received his PhD and MA in political economy from the University of Texas at Dallas, an MPA in public administration from Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and a BS in business administration from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette.

Dr. Andrew Ewoh

Sungjoo Choi is an assistant professor of public administration and joined in the Department of Political Science at Kennesaw State University in 2008. She received her doctorate from the University of Georgia. Her research interests include diversity management, organizational justice, performance management in public organizations, and comparative public administration. She has published articles to Public Administration Review, Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory, and Public Personnel Management.

Dr. Sungjoo Choi

Jennifer A. Wade-Berg
Chief Diversity Officer
Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

Dr. Jennifer A. Wade-Berg joined Kennesaw State University as the Chief Diversity Officer on August 1, 2008. She also has a tenure track faculty appointment with the Department of Political Science, where she will be teaching in the areas of Public Administration and Nonprofit Management. Her research interests include alternative funding sources for nonprofit organizations, social entrepreneurship, and nonprofit business planning. Prior to coming to Kennesaw State University, Dr. Wade-Berg was employed with the University of Colorado Denver. During her tenure, she held the position of Faculty Fellow for Inclusion with the Office of the Provost where she was responsible for the policies, procedures, and activities as they related to diversity and creating an inclusive campus environment. She also taught courses in the areas of organizational management and nonprofit management (social entrepreneurship, funding diversity, etc.) with the School of Public Affairs as an Assistant Professor.
New Faces (cont.)

Dr. Chenaz Seelarbokus is a new Assistant Professor, teaching courses in Political Science and Public Administration. Dr. Seelarbokus specializes in Non-Profit Management. She received her Ph.D. from Georgia State University.

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