

Faculty Updates



Dr. Larry Luton

Over the summer, Dr. Luton worked on a chapter about narrative inquiry as a research approach for his qualitative research approaches textbook. He hopes to have his book completed by the end of next spring.

Dr. Luton has submitted a first draft of a manuscript for a symposium in *Administrative Theory and Praxis* which should be published in December of 2009. The manuscript is titled, "Administrative Interpretations and Initiatives: Short Term vs. Long Term Impacts."

Dr. Luton continues his work on Mayor Mary Verner's Sustainability and Energy Security Task Force. The task force has presented an interim report to Spokane City Council and is working on recommendations to present to the city council in December. The task force's final report is due February 2009. In that report they will make recommendations on what the city government can do to reduce its energy demands and operate in a more sustainable fashion. **Factoid: Dr. Luton enjoys cross-country skiing!**

Dr. Novak spent part of the summer recovering from his fourth back surgery and is optimistic that "it's all fixed now with eight pieces of titanium." He discovered that titanium does not set off the security alarm at airports.

He will continue his regular courses plus teaching in the Masters of Social Work Program in Everett, Vancouver and Yakima. He and Dr. Zinke have completed the Vancouver series and are now traveling to Yakima four weekends each quarter.

He and Dr. Zinke are participating in a January through December educational series for local government emergency managers. They focus on the management tasks of dealing with floods, volcanoes, earthquakes, major forest fires, train wrecks, etc.

Dr. Novak remains Treasurer of Friends of the Falls, the local environmental group that has lobbied almost a million dollars from the legislature to plan the "Great Gorge Park" and construct a "Whitewater Park" near the confluence of Hangman Creek and the Spokane River. For further information go to www.friendsofthefalls.org

He also is a member of the Mayor's Economic Policy Council, which focuses on the steps the city must take today to support future economic growth, especially the "green economy." **Factoid: Dr. Novak, and primarily his wife, are members of The Joy Foundation of Nepal and have sponsored a village school 13 Km outside of Kathmandu. So far they have doubled its size and built the village's first toilet .**



Dr. Terry Novak



Dr. Dee Martin

Dr. Martin was very busy during the past summer. She played golf and spent two weeks exploring Ecuador and Peru, which left her with a memorable experience of the Incan history and culture.

Dr. Martin is currently the President Elect of the Washington Mediation Association, which requires a three-year leadership commitment. As a mediator, she volunteers her services with Northwest Conflict Management, The Fulcrum Institute and the Better Business Bureau. She conducts small claim mediations as a filtering process for the small claims court system.

Dr. Martin is also researching negotiation styles by gender for a project she and a colleague from California are putting together. **Factoid: Dr. Martin worked in the White House during the Reagan and G.H.W. Bush Administrations.**

Over the summer Dr. Zinke and Dr. Luton attended the Minnowbrook III Conference, which was Dr. Zinke's second Minnowbrook Conference, as one of the returnees from the Minnowbrook II (conferences are held every 20 years).

This will be his 23rd year teaching at EWU and grant writing is one of his most popular courses. Thus far, his students have brought into the Spokane community about \$15 million. Dr. Zinke is teaching a new online class, *Spirituality in the Workplace*, this quarter which he said, "was fun to develop."

Dr. Zinke remains the Treasurer of EWU's Faculty Organization. This is the third year he has served as a Faculty Organization officer. In addition, last year he served on an ad hoc task force that created a budgetary model that the whole University is currently using.

Dr. Zinke's Liberia Diabetes Project is currently in holding mode. Project organizers received a small grant from the United Methodist Committee on Relief to formulate a pilot project at Gaunta Hospital in Liberia which should last about two years. Depending on how well it goes, after the experience has been recorded and the results are gathered, organizers hope to generate funding for the rest of the country. **Factoid: Dr. Zinke is a Cub Scout Den Leader in Cheney, WA.**



Dr. Robert Zinke

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Dr. Rosanne London

Dr. London is currently a quarterly faculty member within the Masters in Public Administration Program at Eastern Washington University, teaching *Public Administration Research Approaches* and *Public Policy Cycles*. Dr. London is also an adjunct professor with Gonzaga University, where she is teaching both *American Government* and *Politics and Gender*. She is happy to be back at EWU, and thinks the MPA program "provides an outstanding service".

Dr. London is looking forward to spending the Christmas holidays with her family on a Mexican cruise. **Factoid: Dr. London is a self-proclaimed political junkie who spent her younger adult life consumed with political campaigns and parties.**

MPA Alumna Profile: Jessica Platt

Jessica Platt began working for the City of Liberty Lake in the spring of 2006, as their Grant Coordinator and Financial Analyst. In January of 2007, she was promoted to Administrative Services Manager, wherein she is responsible for supervising, delegating assignments, training, monitoring and evaluating subordinate personnel within her department. In addition to those responsibilities, Jessica establishes and oversees the City's financial functions, such as accounts payable/receivable, grants, project accounting, compliance with regulations, etc., while creating and maintaining internal financial controls.

Currently she is working on the City's 2009 budget. Since Jessica has been with the City of Liberty Lake, her efforts have awarded the City around \$250,000 in monetary and equipment grants. She is also waiting to see if the City will receive a Local Parks Grant from the State of Washington, worth more than half-a-million dollars; the city scored ninth out of 76 on the grant evaluation, so she is very optimistic about their chances.



Jessica Platt

Jessica received her BA in political science from Gonzaga University, and she obtained her MPA from EWU in the spring of 2005. She is working on her MBA with a specialization in accounting, through the University of Phoenix. Jessica plans to graduate in November of 2009, and then take a break from higher education. She hopes to obtain her CPA and eventually move into a finance director position.

In her 15 year outlook, Jessica is toying with the idea of obtaining a PhD, and perhaps one day move into academia. In her limited spare time, Jessica spends time with her family and friends. She enjoys going on walks along the Centennial Trail with her husband of eight years, and their four-year-old daughter. Jessica looks forward to when her schedule will allow more free time.

MPA Student Profile: Seda Murtazalieva



Seda Murtazalieva

Seda is from Grozny, Chechnya and is in her first quarter of the MPA graduate program at EWU and plans to finish her degree by December of 2009. She received her undergraduate degree in Pedagogic and Foreign Languages and worked for the Musical Broadcast station in Chechnya before the 1999 war.

Seda's first visit to the United States was in November of 2006 to Washington DC where she held an internship position with the International Center for Journalists for seven weeks. Then she returned to Chechnya and worked with the United Nations World Food Program (UN WFP), helping refugees receive food assistance.

Seda enjoyed her time in the US and wanted to come back. She applied for the Edmund Muskie Fellowship in October of 2007 and was notified of her acceptance in May of 2008. She was one of 25, out of 3000 applicants, to receive a scholarship. She worked with the UN WFP until June, 2008, wherein she spent a month with her family before moving to Spokane, Wash. last August.

Seda hopes to receive her MPA degree and move back to Chechnya to be a part of the governmental system rebuilding her country. During the four wars with Russia, from 1994 to 1999, Seda and her family focused on survival. School was not a priority, which left her thirsty for knowledge and eager to obtain a formal education.

With focus, hard work, dedication and her family's blessing, Seda has found avenues to help her work toward her goal of being a positive influence in Chechnya's new government. During her stay, she plans to learn as much as she can with regard to the MPA program, opportunities at EWU, the Spokane community and the American culture. If you see Seda, be sure to say hi and engage her in some fascinating conversation about her life experiences.

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Winter and Spring Course Schedule

Any Questions, Contact Larry Luton

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| Course # | Winter 2009 | Days | Professor | Cr. | Course Hours | Dates |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|------|-----------|-----|------------------|---------------|
| 505.40 | PUBLIC POLICY CYCLES | W | LONDON | 4 | 6-9:30 p.m. | |
| 507.40 | PUBLIC POLICY ANALYSIS | R | LUTON | 4 | 6-9:30 p.m. | |
| 509.40 | PUBLIC PERSONNEL MGMT | M | NOVAK | 4 | 6-9:30 p.m. | |
| 511.40 | PUBLIC ORG THY & DYN | T | MARTIN | 4 | 6-9:30 p.m. | |
| 525.40 | GRANTWRITING & ADMIN | F | ZINKE | 4 | 6-10 p.m. | 1/23&2/20 |
| | | S | | | 9 a.m.-5 p.m. | 1/24&2/21 |
| | | U | | | 1-5 p.m. | 1/25&2/22 |
| 531.40 | INTERGOVTAL RLTN & ADMIN | T | ZINKE | 4 | 6-9:30 p.m. | |
| 533.40 | CITY GOVT ADMIN | W | NOVAK | 4 | 6-9:30 p.m. | |
| 561.40 | P.A. IN FILM & TV | F | ZINKE | 2 | 6-10 p.m. | 2/6 |
| | | S | | | 9 a.m.-5 p.m. | 2/7 |
| | | U | | | 1-5 p.m. | 2/8 |
| 598.41 | NEGOTIATION | F | MARTIN | 2 | 6-10 p.m. | 2/27 |
| | | S | | | 9 a.m.-5 p.m. | 2/28&3/14 |
| Spring 2009 | | | | | | |
| 501.40 | P.A. RESEARCH APPROACHES | T | LONDON | 4 | 6-9:30 p.m. | |
| 503.40 | CONCEPTS & VALUES OF PUBLIC SERVICE | W | ZINKE | 4 | 6-9:30 p.m. | |
| 505.40 | PUBLIC POLICY CYCLES | R | LONDON | 4 | 6-9:30 p.m. | |
| 513.40 | PUBLIC PLAN & BUDGETING | M | NOVAK | 4 | 6-9:30 p.m. | |
| 515.00 | ADMINISTRATIVE LAW & REG | W | LUTON | 4 | 6-9:30 p.m. | |
| 517.40 | PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT | S | NOVAK | 2 | 8 a.m.-6 p.m. | 5/30 |
| | | U | | | 8 a.m.-6 p.m. | 5/31 |
| 527.40 | CAPITAL FINANCE | F | NOVAK | 2 | 6-10 p.m. | 4/3 |
| | | S | | | 9 a.m.-5 p.m. | 4/4&4/18 |
| 545.40 | COLLECTIVE BARGAINING | F | NOVAK | 4 | 6-10 p.m. | 5/1 |
| | | S | | | 9 a.m.-5 p.m. | 5/2&5/16 |
| 563.40 | PUBLIC SECTOR ETHICS | T | ZINKE | 4 | 6-9:30 p.m. | |
| 596.40 | ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOL | F | MARTIN | 4 | 6-10 p.m. | 4/10,4/24,5/8 |
| | | S | | | 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. | 4/11,4/25,5/9 |



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