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EWU's MPA Program Adopts New Mission Statement

EWU's MPA program adopted a new mission statement during winter quarter 2009. In concert with a renewed emphasis initiated by the National Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA), the mission statement clearly states the program's commitment to preparing students for leadership in public service. It also maintains a focus on delivering an education that provides quality and relevance, and is theoretically grounded.

It describes the kind of students the program seeks as engaged critical thinkers who seek to be effective communicators. Non-traditional students who are likely to be working professions continue to be among those the programs intends to serve. There is also a new attention to international students.

The new mission statement also commits to providing faculty who are accessible, respectful of others, welcoming of diversity and engaged in research and service.

In order to produce this new mission statement, the program began by engaging its Professional Advisor Council (MPAPAC) in identifying the values they associated with the program. Based on those values, the MPAPAC as a committee of the whole began drafting the new mission statement. Additional work on the first draft was done by a voluntary subcommittee that included Michele Vazquez, Char Kay and Larry Luton (MPA Director). A draft was adopted by the full MPAPAC in February. That draft was modified slightly by the MPA Faculty Committee and adopted about one week later.

The new mission statement will be a guiding document in everything the program does and is already being considered as the program reviews its student learning objectives and its approaches to program assessment.



Master's in Public Administration Program Mission Statement

EWU's MPA program prepares its graduates for leadership positions in public service by providing a high quality, professionally relevant and theoretically grounded graduate education in public service administration.

To support the achievement of this mission, the MPA program seeks students who will:

- actively engage in professional development
- endeavor to deepen critical thinking skills
- seize opportunities to enhance communication skills

MPA faculty members are:

- accessible to their students
- respectful of others
- welcoming of diverse backgrounds and perspectives
- actively engaged in research and public service

The MPA program:

- meets the needs of all students, including non-traditional and international students
- accommodates the schedules of working professionals
- promotes leadership through service to others



Faculty Updates



Dr. Larry Luton

Professor Luton has received word that his article on the abuse of interpretation of statutes by presidential administrations will be published in the December 2009 edition of *Administrative Theory & Praxis*.

He also says that he expects to complete a submission draft of his book on qualitative research approaches around the end of spring quarter.

Luton has been asked to continue serving on the Mayor’s Task Force on Sustainability for an additional four-year period. The purpose of the extended service is to review and evaluate the city of Spokane’s efforts consistent with the Task Force’s recommendations. The Task Force Report was presented to the city council March 30.

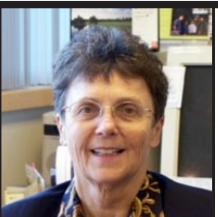
Dr. Novak has recently been certified with the International City County Management Association (ICMA). This will allow Dr. Novak, if he chooses, to be included in contract bids with the State Department and the Department of Defense. He looks forward to being a capable participant in some of the ICMA’s international contracts. ICMA presently has a contract for local government capacity-building in Afghanistan, but Dr. Novak decided against taking the opportunity.



Dr. Terry Novak

Dr. Novak will be teaching four courses this summer, two of which are new to the program; *Cutback Management*, and *Issues in Emergency Management*. He will also spend four weeks in Everett, Wash., teaching social work.

Dr. Novak continues to be the treasurer of the local non-profit environmental group, Friend of the Falls, and is writing a case study about the permitting process for the Great Gorge Park, a white-water facility they are trying to build near Hangman Creek.



Dr. Dee Martin

In conjunction with her activities as a Professional Certified Mediator, Dr. Martin is working with the Spokane County Family Law Court and the Fulcrum Institute on a mediation grant project. For families with minor children, the grant will assess the effectiveness of mediation as a component of the marriage dissolution process. Dr. Beth Murff is providing statistical expertise to the project.

To help assure MPA graduates have the professional skill set needed by today's employers, Dr. Martin is also gathering data to assist program faculty to develop an employer survey. She will be teaching *Communication and Economic Issues in the Public Sector*.

Dr. Zinke enjoyed teaching this spring and has continued to work on his book. In addition, he was invited to give a half-day presentation on grant writing to a group of directors of alternative long term care facilities, contracted by the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, in the Tri-Cities, on April 22. Dr. Zinke looks forward to teaching in the summer, and is VERY happy that spring has finally arrived!



Dr. Robert Zinke

Dr. Zinke will be teaching *Public Sector Grantwriting and Administration*, *Public Private Partnerships in Global Context*, and *Program Evaluation* this summer.



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*.

Dr. London is looking forward to a trip to Alaska this summer to visit her niece, her husband and children—a daughter and twin boys born last spring.

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Alumna Update: Charlene Kay



Over the past 22 years of service with the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), Charlene Kay (Char) has worked in various areas in the Eastern Region including construction, planning and design. She has extensive experience in the collaborative development of multi-modal transportation projects, particularly projects that span across jurisdictions with varied stakeholders and interest groups. She has served in various positions at the WSDOT, including development services engineer, route development engineer, and currently the region’s development branch project engineer.

As a professional civil engineer, Char has a master of public administration, master of urban and regional planning, and a bachelor of science degree. Char received her undergraduate degree from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pa., and her master degrees from Eastern Washington University. Growing up in family who was committed to public service, Char was nurtured to serve. Choosing the profession of civil engineering, “People Engineering,” was not a coincidence. Her interest in math and science combined with her desire to serve naturally led her to select civil engineering as a profession. However, a few years ago she recognized she could effectively improve her service to the citizens of Washington State by pursuing a dual MPA/MURP degree from Eastern Washington University. Char feels the opportunity was worth it; as a result of the program she has a new understanding of her role and responsibilities as a public servant.

Char is a YWCA board member, a member of the ACT Six Program selection committee, and the MPA Professional Advisory Committee (MPAPAC). She seizes opportunities to speak to youth about pursuing a career in engineering and “giving back to the community.”

Char states her masters degree has not only helped her advance, but has aided her in several complex situations and circumstances within her career. Char has been married for 23 years and has two children; an 11-year- old daughter and a freshman at WSU. In her spare time, she enjoys stained glass projects, cooking, fishing and dancing.

Student Update: Dave Henderson

Dave Henderson is currently a fraud and complaint investigator 3 with the Washington State Department of Licensing in Spokane, Wash. He received his undergraduate degree in criminal justice from Eastern Washington University.



After high school, Dave joined the U.S. Army and fought in Vietnam. After four years of service, Dave left the Army and began working for the Portland, Ore., Police Department. He transferred to Washington and began working for the state of Washington, and has consistently held positions within law enforcement and the department of corrections. Dave decided to get his undergraduate degree to help him in his career within the department. After several years of working, the desire to increase his credentials brought Dave back to EWU to receive his MPA. Dave has been taking classes for the last couple of years and will finish the program next fall. However; Dave is not finished yet; he is going to pursue a health service administration certificate through EWU’s Health Services Administration Program. Eventually, Dave hopes to retire from Washington State, and with his degrees and experience, to enjoy a position within a smaller community as a police chief or city manager.

Dave has a son and was recently married. He and his wife are currently waiting for their new home to be finished. In his spare time, Dave enjoys riding his motorcycle and bike, walking, target shooting, fine dining and taking his boat out on the water.

Alumni, did you know there is a webpage devoted to serving your needs, check it out at http://alumni.ewu.edu/events/event_list.asp

Summer and Fall Course Schedule

Any Questions,
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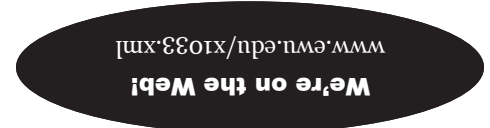
Course #	Summer 2009	Days	Professor	Cr.	Course Hours	Dates
525.40	Public Sector Grantswriting and Administration	F	Zinke	4	6-10 p.m.	6/19 and 7/17
		S			9 a.m.-5 p.m.	6/20 and 7/18
		U			noon-5 p.m.	6/21 and 7/19
547.40	Hiring Right	M	Novak	2	6-10 p.m.	6/22—7/17
596.40	Public Private Partnerships in a Global Context	W	Zinke	4	6-10 p.m.	6/22—8/14
596.41	Program Evaluation	F	Zinke	2	6-10 p.m.	7/24
		S			9 a.m.-5 p.m.	7/25
		U			noon-5 p.m.	7/26
596.42	Cutback Budgeting	M	Novak	2	6-10 p.m.	7/20—8/14
596.43	Issues in Emergency Management	R	Novak	2	6-10 p.m.	7/20—8/14
598.41	Economic Development Techniques and Organization	F	Novak	2	6-10 p.m.	6/22—7/16
598.42	Communication and Economic	F	Martin	2	6-10 p.m.	6/26
		S			8 a.m.-5 p.m.	6/27 and 7/11
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500.40	Personal Assessment	F	Zinke	2	6-9:30 p.m.	10/2
		S			9 a.m.-5 p.m.	10/3
		U			1-5 p.m.	10/4
503.40	Concepts and Values	T	Zinke	4	6-9:30 p.m.	
507.40	Public Policy Analysis	R	Luton	4	6-9:30 p.m.	
509.40	Public Personnel Management	M	Novak	4	6-9:30 p.m.	
511.40	Public Sector Organization Theory and Dynamics	W	Martin	4	6-9:30 p.m.	
543.40	Labor Relations	F	Novak	2	6-10 p.m.	10/16
		S			9 a.m.-5 p.m.	10/17 and 10/31
555.40	Political Executive	R	Novak	4	6-9:30 p.m.	
598.40	Public Sector Administration Leadership	W	Zinke	4	6-9:30 p.m.	
596.41	Alternative Dispute Resolution	F	Martin	2	6-10 p.m.	10/23
		S			9 a.m.-5 p.m.	10/24 and 11/7



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