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1--Summer and Fall Course Schedule Updates

We continued to make changes to the Summer and Fall Schedules. Note that we have now officially added the summer course PPOL 8000 Topics: Large Database Management to the schedule for the 10-week summer term on MWF from 11:15-12:45. Dr. Debbie Strumsky will lead the class which will be a hands-on training course focused on techniques for managing large scale data base construction, management, and manipulation. The course teaches relational databases, introduces the SQL language and utilizes the MySQL application for use in social science research (a great skill to add to one's résumé). Once students master this content, it becomes easy to work in Access, SAS, Oracle, or other relational database programs.

We also updated the Fall schedule. The fall currently includes the following:

CORE:

PPOL 8600-001	Policy Process	Avellaneda (POLS)	T 3:00-5:45
PPOL 8602-090	Research Design	Kropf (POLS)	W 6:00-8:45
PPOL 8640-001	Economic Analysis I	Schwarz (ECON)	R 3:00-5:45
PPOL 8690-001	Seminar in Public Policy (1 st Year)	Swindell (PPOL)	F 3:00-5:00
PPOL 8690-002	Seminar in Public Policy (2 nd Year)	Swindell (PPOL)	F 3:00-5:00
PPOL 8690-003	Seminar in Public Policy (3 rd Year)	Swindell (PPOL)	F 3:00-5:00

SPECIALTY:

PPOL 8000-003	Cities and Immigrants	Smith (GEOG)	T 11:00-1:45
PPOL 8611-001	Metropolitan Governance	Swindell (POLS)	W 3:00-5:45
PPOL 8000-001	Social Context of Higher Education	Mickelson (SOCY)	T 4:00-6:45
PPOL 8689-001	Social Context of Schooling	Mickelson (SOCY)	R 4:00-6:45
PPOL 8000-002	Economic Sociology	Zhao (SOCY)	R 11:00-1:45
PPOL 8000-004	Health Policy Development	Brandon (POLS)	M 6:30-9:15

PPOL 8667-001	Economics of Health & Health Care	Troyer (ECON)	R 3:30-6:15
GEOG 8000-001	Topics: Energy and Climate Change	Adams (GEOG)	R 3:30-6:15
OSCI 8621-001	Macro Organizational Science II	Rubin (SOCY)	R 2:00-4:45

ADVANCED ANALYSIS:

OSCI 8206-001	Qualitative Research Methods	Gossett (COMM)	T 3:30-6:15
GEOG 8030-001	Vis. Geog Info—Geovisualization	Delmelle (GEOG)	M 2:00-4:45
BPHD 8120-001	Econometrics I	McGregor (ECON)	MW 9:30-10:45
BPHD 8140-001	Econometrics III	Kirby (ECON)	TR 12:30-1:45

I have suggested that those of you interested in any of the advanced spatial courses take the basic intro to GIS course (GEOG 5000 Topics-GIS for Non-majors). This course will give you the basics needed to get into the advanced courses. While this class will not “count” towards the PhD since it is a master level course, I encourage you to take it as a prerequisite for the other GIS courses. Also, this would be a good 4th course in the fall over your regular three PPOL courses. I will not cost extra and will not be as intensive as your other courses.

For those students that are taking only dissertation credits while working on the dissertation and maintaining enrollment, you will enroll for PPOL 8801-00X (where X equals the number of credit hours you need). For those students that have finished their required dissertation hours and will be defending the dissertation in the fall semester, you will enroll in PPOL 9999.

2--OSCI 8621: Macro Organizational Science II

Organizations play a crucial role in modern societies and affect every aspect of our daily lives. Organizational science is characterized by various theoretical perspectives and research foci, styles and topics across multiple disciplines that seek to understand, explain, and sometimes change these organizations. This course provides a broad overview-of macro-level organizational theories and research with a focus on the sociological dimensions of organizational analysis. It explores recent advancements of organizational studies on several key themes and topics including the relationship between organizations and their environments, inter -organizational relationships, organizational structure and intra-organizational processes, organizational identity, organizational culture, organizational change and development and organizational learning and innovation.

After taking this class, students should have a good understanding of the major theoretical approaches and perspectives in macro-organizational analysis, be familiar with both quantitative and qualitative research methods represented in the literature, identify important theoretical issues and research questions and develop original ideas and research skills. This course is appropriate for students in Sociology, Organizational Science, PPOL, Education and Counseling and any graduate field in which the organizations are relevant.

This course is offered by Dr. Beth Rubin (SOCY) and will be on Thursdays from 2:00-4:45.

3--Attention Golfers

The Graduate School and Center for Graduate Life are co-sponsors of this year's [Rec Services Golf Tournament](#). As such, CGL would like to put together a foursome of grad students to represent our community. I am passing this email along to all of you.

The tournament is on **Friday April 29, 1:00 pm** at Rocky River Golf Club. It is open to students, staff, faculty and friends. Golfers DO NOT have to be very good as the format favors those of us who are one step up from putt-putt. We are hoping to have some alumni join our team(s) and give us some tips about networking on the golf course.

Please contact Karla Stanchina if you are interested in playing at kstanchi@uncc.edu or 704-687-7236.

Thank you!

4--Research Fellowship Announcements (x2)

I have a couple of recent announcements to pass along, for those who are interested:

First, beginning this year the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research will offer a fee-waiver scholarship targeted for graduate students in public policy and related fields. The application deadline is April 29th, 2011. The details are embedded below and in an attachment.

Second, the National Archives is offering a \$10,000 research fellowship for research in the unpublished records of Congress. The grant is aimed at those researchers at the beginning of their career. The due date is May 31, 2011. The details are embedded below and in an attachment.

ICPSR Summer Program Offers Scholarship for Graduate Students In Public Administration, Public Policy, and Public Affairs

Since 1963, the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research has offered a comprehensive curriculum in methodology for the social and behavioral sciences. Courses range from introductory material to advanced topics in data analysis and statistics. The ICPSR Summer Program is held on the campus of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, MI. There are two four-week class sessions, running from June 20 through July 15, 2011, and from July 18 through August 12, 2011.

The ICPSR Council has authorized a scholarship to encourage participation in the 2011 ICPSR Summer Program by graduate students who are conducting empirical research in the fields of public administration, public policy, and/or public affairs. This scholarship waives registration fees to attend one or both of the four-week sessions in the 2011 ICPSR Summer Program.

This scholarship is intended for students who are currently enrolled and active in public administration, public policy, or public affairs graduate programs at North American universities (at either the Master's or Doctoral levels). There are no requirements about the specific substantive focus of a student's research. But, applicants to this scholarship must be interested in acquiring quantitative skills in order to execute empirical (i.e., data based) research within public administration, public policy, public affairs, or a related field.

Application materials for the Public Administration, Public Policy, and Public Affairs Scholarship should be submitted electronically, through the online Portal on the ICPSR Summer Program website (<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/sumprog/>). Applicants should register for the 2011 Summer Program using the online form and select classes in one or both of the four-week sessions. Note that course selections may be modified and changed later. But, the Public Administration, Public Policy, and Public Affairs Scholarship Committee may use an applicant's preferred courses as a criterion in the selection process for the scholarship. Along with a completed registration, an application must include:

1. A current vita
2. A cover letter from the student, explaining how participation in the ICPSR Summer Program will contribute toward successful completion of graduate training
3. Two letters of recommendation, at least one of which should come from a faculty member in the applicant's graduate program.

The application deadline for the ICPSR Summer Program Public Administration, Public Policy, and Public Affairs Scholarship is **April 29, 2011**.

Further information about the ICPSR Summer Program, including course descriptions and the 2011 schedule, is available on the Program website, <http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/sumprog>. Also, you should feel free to contact the ICPSR Summer Program by e-mail (sumprog@icpsr.umich.edu) or by telephone (734-763-7400) if you have any questions.

The National Archives Research Fellowship, 2011

The National Archives is accepting proposals for a research fellowship beginning in July 2011. Applications will be accepted by email until midnight EDT May 31, 2011 at legislative.archives@nara.gov. The minimum tenure in residency at the National Archives is one month.

Scope: Research proposals will be considered on any topic that uses the historical records of Congress housed in the National Archives' Center for Legislative Archives. (<http://www.archives.gov/legislative/>) The records of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives support a wide range of topics including immigration policy, committee histories, environmental policy, Congressional investigations, and many issues expressed in eighteenth and nineteenth century petitions to Congress. The Fellow will be supported by the Center for Legislative Archives staff, and will have the opportunity to consult with the House and Senate history offices.

Criteria: The National Archives is looking for Ph.D. candidates who have advanced to candidacy and have an approved dissertation proposal at the time of application or individuals who received their Ph.D. within the last five years. Proposals should be no longer than four single spaced pages and be accompanied by two letters of recommendation. The proposal should include a publication plan that demonstrates the significance of the proposed research in the field.

The Fellow will be expected to make an initial presentation to National Archives staff and local historians concerning the proposed plan of work and a second presentation on research findings in the first quarter of 2012. Candidates are encouraged to consult with the Center for Legislative Archives staff in developing their proposal at legislative.archives@nara.gov. Please put "Fellowship Inquiry" in the subject line.

Stipend: The total stipend for the Fellowship is \$10,000.

5--Sociology Speaker, April 15th

The Sociology Department hosts Dr. Arne Kalleberg, the Kenan Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Director of International Programs at UNC Chapel Hill, "Good Jobs, Bad Jobs: The Rise of Polarized Employment Systems in the U.S., 1970s-2000s." Fretwell 480C, 11 a.m. For more info: 704-687-2253.

PPOL students are welcome to attend.

6--Political Science Research Presentation, April 19th

On Tuesday, April 19th, Associate Professor Maria Escobar-Lemmon from Texas A&M will present a research talk at noon at POLS conference room. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to Dr. Avellaneda (cavellan@uncc.edu) so we have an accurate head count.

The title of her research is "High and low visibility cabinet posts in presidential democracies: How who you are determines where you sit." In this research, the authors examine all full cabinet-rank posts for recent presidents in Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, and the United States. Below you will find the abstract of the paper.

Professor Escobar-Lemmon's research interests include women representation, decentralization and legislatures with a regional focus on Latin America. Her work has appeared in the *American Journal of Political Science*, the *Journal of Politics*, *Latin American Research Review*, *Journal of Policy Studies*, *Political Science Quarterly*, and *Publius: the Journal of Federalism*.

"High and low visibility cabinet posts in presidential democracies: How who you are determines where you sit"

Maria Escobar-Lemmon and Michelle M. Taylor-Robinson
Texas A&M University

Abstract: Not all ministerial posts are viewed as equally important or prestigious. Some portfolios are responsible for highly visible policy areas, others control large budgets or deliver vital social services, while others control fewer resources or manage issues that receive little public examination. It thus seems reasonable that presidents might wish to appoint a different kind of person to a post if they know it will receive intensive public scrutiny than if it will not. Yet is that in

fact the case? Do presidents seek out different types of ministers to occupy high visibility and low visibility posts? In this paper we examine what minister traits are associated with appointment to high versus low visibility posts, with a particular focus on gender, political credentials, policy/work experience, and interest group connections. The cases we examine are all full cabinet-rank posts for recent presidents in Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, and the US. We use survey questions asking people about the most important problem facing their country to produce a measure of “high visibility” cabinet posts that varies with time and across countries and is responsive to a changing political environment. We find that women are under-represented in high visibility posts, but only when finance posts are included in the analysis, indicating again that finance is a glass ceiling for women in the cabinet. Revolving door type careers are associated with appointment to high visibility posts, as are connections to labor unions, and when the finance posts are included academic/research/education careers are common for these ministers. Political experience and connections to the president, however, are not strong predictors of receiving high-visibility posts. This paper is part of a book project that examines the backgrounds and credentials of cabinet ministers, to explore if female political elites differ from their male colleagues, and whether gender or other minister credentials predict minister success.

7--Pharmaceutical Policy Talk, April 20th

Lunch/Workshop

12:00-2:00

UNCC Uptown

“In Harm’s Way-The Invisible Class of Unapproved Drugs”

Michael Manolakis, PhD, School of Pharmacy, Wingate University

RSVP Requested:

Please **RSVP by April 17**. To RSVP, email: ethicscenter@uncc.edu

(please include your name, designation, title, company or department/major, and email address)

Co-Sponsors:

Bioethics Resource Network, NC Biotechnology Center, College of Health and Human Services, Department of Biology, Department of Philosophy, and Department of Public Health Sciences

UNCC-Uptown Campus
220 N. Tryon St., Suite 300
Charlotte NC 28202

8--PPOL Co-hosting Disaster Response Seminar April 21st

The March 11 earthquake and subsequent tsunami that devastated the northeast coastal area of Japan has jolted people from around the world to be painfully aware of exactly how fragile our planet is becoming. In order to inform and educate our university community and the greater

Charlotte region on the issues of disasters, the UNCC Regional Center for Disaster Studies will co-sponsor a seminar on the UNCC campus. Co-sponsors for this seminar include the College of Arts and Sciences, Public Policy PhD Program, Department of Geography and Earth Sciences, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, Department of Political Science (and Public Administration Masters Program), and the Urban Institute.

Our guest speaker for this seminar will be Dr. Tom Birkland, William T. Kretzer Professor of Public Policy, School of Public and International Affairs, North Carolina State University. Dr. Birkland has spent his entire professional career in studies of hazards and disasters. He joined the faculty in what was then called the Graduate School of Public Affairs at SUNY- Albany in 1995. From 2001-2005, he served as director of the Center for Policy Research. During calendar year 2006, he was on leave from SUNY and worked at the National Science Foundation as program director for the Infrastructure Management and Hazard Response Program. In 2007 he joined the School of Public and International Affairs at NC State. He is internationally known as an expert on the impacts of hazards and disasters.

Details on the Seminar:

Location: Cone Center, Room 210, UNC Charlotte
9201 University City Blvd., Charlotte, NC 28223

Parking for off-campus visitors: Cone Visitor Deck (parking will be FREE and tokens will be distributed at the event)

Date/Time: Thursday, April 21, 2011 3:00 3:30PM Reception; 3:30 – 5:00 PM Seminar

Questions? Contact Ms. Sherry Elmes, Associate Director, and Regional Center for Disaster Studies, smelmes@uncc.edu

9--Political Science Brown Bag Presentation, April 27th

Dr. Ken Godwin will be presenting his current research during the April 27th brown bag. Dr. Godwin is the Marshall Rauch Distinguished Professor of Political Science at the University of North Carolina Charlotte. His talk is based on his paper "State Versus Parental Control of Education" (co-authored with Richard Ruderman).

PPOL students are welcome to attend.

10--ASPA Chapter Tour and Social May 4th

The local chapter of ASPA will be touring the NC Music Factory, a major economic development effort on the northeast corner of the inner core of the Charlotte Uptown. Afterwards, the chapter will be celebrating its spring social at one of the taverns on the site of the development. This will be on **May 4th** (Reading Day). The tour will begin at 5pm. I will post additional information on directions and parking as we get it.

PPOL students are encouraged to join us for the tour and social.

11--PPOL End of Semester Celebration, May 11th

Dr. Martha Kropf will be hosting the annual PPOL spring social and end of semester celebration the evening of May 11th starting at 6:00. It will be at the Kropf-Szmer residence (9307 Pebble Creek Way, Charlotte, 704-969-8022).

We are fortunate to have her (and John) host this and invite all PPOL students and faculty to join in the fun to decompress as the semester wraps up.

She is providing hamburgers and veggie-burgers, some fruit, chips, and a couple of desserts. She will have some wine and some beer and some assorted unleaded drinks.

But guests might consider bringing a dish or drinks too.

I hope everyone can make it. It has been a challenging year in many ways, but once again the students and faculty of PPOL have continued to make this program shine through the accomplishments you all have achieved this year!

12--SECOPA Call for Proposals due May 15th

Scope 2011

September 21-24, 2011

New Orleans, Louisiana

Call for Papers and Proposals

If you have a panel idea, want to present a scholarly paper or have a professional experience which you want to share, we want to hear from you. We encourage students, practitioners and academics to submit proposals.

Program tracks are listed below. However, if you have a topic that does not fit into one of the tracks, please contact the conference chair to discuss.

- Economic Policy
- Disasters/Hazards/Emergency Management
- Environmental Policy and Management
- Ethics
- Finance and Budgeting
- Health Administration and Policy
- Human Resource Management
- International and Comparative Public Administration
- Local Government Performance Management
- Nonprofit Leadership and Management
- Performance Management
- Policy, Planning and Program Evaluation
- Public Management and Organization Theory
- Social Welfare Policy

- Criminal Justice Administration
- Planning and Policy

For academics and students interested in submitting a paper, please provide by email attachment a 150-200 word abstract of your paper. Practitioners who have professional experience to share do not have to present a formal paper. However, please provide an indication of the content of your presentation, e.g. an outline or some other written documentation of what people will learn or be able to do when they leave the session. Please also include a suggest track (from above bulleted list).

All proposals must be submitted by May 15, 2011 by email to SECoPA@UNO.edu as described in the above paragraph.

For more information about the program, contact Robert S. Mont joy, Ph.D., Program Chair at RMontjoy@UNO.edu or 504-280-3836.

For more information about the conference in general, contact John Kiefer, Ph.D., Conference Chair at JKiefer@UNO.edu or 504-280-3842.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Students interested in presenting their research at the SECOPA 2011 conference are encouraged to submit their work and compete for the prestigious Robert L. Kline Award for master's students or the Morris W. H. Collins Award for doctoral students. Paper Abstracts are due in coordination with the SECOPA Call for Papers by May 15, 2011.

Abstracts should be submitted to both Scope 2011 (SECoPA@UNO.edu) using the appropriate submission format found above, *as well as to the appropriate committee chair at their respective email addresses, below:*

Kline (Masters Students): Chair Dr. Robert Smith (rws@clermson.edu).
Collins (Doctoral Students): Chair Dr. Tom Barth (bartht@uncw.edu).

For more information regarding Awards Criteria and Descriptions, go to:
<http://aspaonline.org/secopa/7.html>

13--Student and Faculty News

I am extremely pleased to announce two prestigious honors earned by two of our current PPOL students. First, **Lilly Meng** has been awarded the 2011 Student International Education Award sponsored by the Office of International Programs and the Mu Chapter of Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Students. She was recognized for this award on April 13th at a ceremony in the SAC. This is a wonderful way for Lilly to wrap up her studies here at UNCC and PPOL as she prepares to graduate next month.

In addition, Aileen Lapitan has been named the first recipient of the Graduate International Student Scholarship by the International Student Scholarship Committee. She was also recognized at the same ceremony on April 13th.

These are both outstanding accomplishments and speak volumes of how far the students, their faculty mentors, and the PPOL program have come in meeting their interdisciplinary goals while fostering an increasingly global perspective on policy science here at UNC Charlotte.

PPOL student Beth Wemlinger presented her paper "The Gender Gap Among Latinos in the U.S." at the 2011 Midwest Political Science Association conference in Chicago on March 31st. Her paper analyzes whether a gender gap is present between Latino men and women in the United States in regard to partisanship and political attitudes.

14--Funding Opportunity (for faculty and students)

The National Research Council of the National Academies sponsors a number of awards for graduate, postdoctoral and senior researchers at federal laboratories and affiliated institutions. These awards include generous stipends ranging from \$42,000 - \$75,000 per year for recent Ph.D. recipients, and higher for additional experience and graduate entry level stipends beginning at \$30,000 and higher for additional experience. The awards provide the opportunity for recipients to do independent research in some of the best-equipped and staffed laboratories in the U.S. Research opportunities are open to U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and for some of the laboratories, foreign nationals.

Detailed program information, including instructions on how to apply online and a list of participating laboratories, is available on the NRC Research Associateship Programs Web site at:

www.nationalacademies.org/rap

Questions should be directed to the NRC at 202-334-2760 (phone) or rap@nas.edu.

There are four review cycles annually. Upcoming deadlines are:

May 1, 2011
August 1, 2011
November 1 2011,
February 1, 2012

Applicants should contact prospective Adviser(s) at the lab(s) prior to the application deadline to discuss their research interests and funding opportunities.

15--Jobs

**Pew Research Center's
Pew Hispanic Center
Research Analyst
Pew Research Center's Pew Hispanic Center and Social & Demographic Trends project**

Organization Overview

The Pew Research Center is a nonpartisan "fact tank" that provides information on the issues, attitudes and trends shaping America and the world. It does so by conducting public opinion polling and social science research; analyzing news coverage; and holding forums and briefings. It does not take positions on policy issues. Its work is carried out by a "core" administrative and publishing unit and these seven projects:

- The Pew Research Center for the People and the Press (people-press.org) led by Andrew Kohut
- Pew Project for Excellence in Journalism (journalism.org) led by Tom Rosenstiel
- Pew Internet & American Life Project (pewinternet.org) led by Lee Rainie
- Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life (pewforum.org) led by Luis Lugo
- Pew Hispanic Center (pewhispanic.org) led by Paul Taylor
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- Pew Social & Demographic Trends (pewsocialtrends.org) led by Paul Taylor

Pew Research Center's Pew Hispanic Center and Social & Demographic Trends Project

The Pew Hispanic Center seeks to improve understanding of the U.S. Hispanic population and to chronicle Latinos' growing impact on the nation. It conducts social science research, including demographic and economic analyses, and fields national surveys of the Latino population. The Social & Demographic Trends project studies behaviors and attitudes of Americans in key realms of their lives, including family, community, health, finance and leisure. The project explores these topics by combining original public opinion survey research with social, economic and demographic analysis.

Position Summary

The Research Analyst will support the Pew Research Center's Pew Hispanic Center and Social & Demographic Trends project. The primary responsibility of the Research Analyst is to conduct in-depth analysis of survey data collected by these two Pew Research projects and other large datasets, such as the American Community Survey and the Current Population Survey. The Research Analyst will work in support of, and under the direction of, senior research staff in developing statistical analysis, writing reports and presenting data. The position will be responsible for developing analytical strategies and working independently in carrying analyses to completion. The data analysis will support research in most areas of the Center's work, including demography, sociology, economics, education, political science and survey research.

Full information is available at: <http://pewresearch.org/docs/?DocID=10005>

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Full information is available at: <http://pewresearch.org/docs/?DocID=10007>

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Department of Political Science Visiting Assistant Professor

The Department of Political Science invites applications for the position of visiting assistant professor in U.S. political behavior with strengths in such areas of concentration as research methods, political communication, public opinion, political psychology, and/or the politics of race, ethnicity, class, and gender. Subject to final budgetary approval, this position will begin August 10, 2011 on a non-tenure track basis at the rank of visiting assistant professor for one-year with the possibility of an additional year extension.

Required qualifications: Earned doctorate in political science at the time of application or degree in hand by August 10, 2011. Candidates must have a clear specialization in one of the central areas of U.S.

politics and governance, as well as demonstrated effectiveness in both undergraduate and graduate teaching to meet the department's key teaching needs in its B.A. and M.A. programs. The teaching requirements for this position will be six courses a year.

Desired qualifications: Preference will be given to broadly trained candidates who have grounding and skills in a variety of theoretical, analytical, and methodological approaches to U.S. political behavior, and who can work with undergraduate and graduate students (at the master's and doctoral levels) in political science and international studies along with non-majors in core curricular courses. Prior teaching experience at the undergraduate and graduate level is preferred.

Interested persons must apply at

<http://www.hr.vt.edu/employment/> where they will submit a cover letter, current curriculum vitae, recent writing samples, teaching evaluations, along with the recent letters of support from three to five academic references. Screening of applications will begin April 11, 2011 and continue until the position is filled. All inquiries can be sent to: Professor Craig Brians, Chair, U.S. Political Behavior Search Committee, Department of Political Science, 531 Major Williams Hall (0130), Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA 24061. Individuals with additional questions or with disabilities desiring accommodations in the application process should contact the search committee chair.