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1--Qualifying Exams in January

We have the next offering of the PPOL Qualifying Exams coming up in early January. Please send me an email if you are planning on taking the exams this round. Below is the schedule of the exams we are expecting to follow.

Economics – Monday, January 3rd 8:00am-2:00pm

Quantitative – Wednesday, January 5th 8:00-5:00 (two 4-hr parts with a 1 hour lunch break)

NOF – Delivered Friday, January 7th 9:00am and due Monday, January 10th by 9:00am. (Jan. 10th is the first day of classes)

If you are available (and I know this overlaps Dr. Avellaneda's class), I strongly encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity.

2-- Undergraduate Policy Poster Session Underway

Information Privacy in the Information Commons

Undergraduate Research Poster Exhibit
Department of Political Science Senior Seminar
Privacy Policy, Law, and Technology

First Floor Commons Study Area
Atkins Library
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
December 1 – 8, 2010
Meet the researchers on December 1, 6, and 8, 12:30 – 1:45 PM

3-- Health Policy Brown Bag Dec. 10th

**Health Services Research Academy
Brown Bag Lunch and Discussion:
Careers in Health Services Research
Friday, December 10. 12 to 1 pm.
Conference Room in the Graduate Center (Cone Building, Afterhours)**

UNC-C Ph.D. Graduates in Health Services and Health Policy (Sandi Lane, Ashley Dunham and Steve Stemkowski) will share their various careers experiences and progress since completing their doctorates. Sandi is an Associate Professor at the Cabarrus College of Health Services; Ashley, a graduate of the PPOL program, was a post-doc at the Sheps Center for Health Services Research in Chapel Hill and is now with the Duke Transitional Medical Institute. Steve, also a graduate of the PPOL program, has worked in a number of research positions and is now at the Research Park in Kannapolis. Bring your lunch, and join us for an interactive discussion of current and future career opportunities in Health Services. Most importantly, this will serve as a wonderful networking opportunity.

4-- APSA Paper Proposals Due December 15th

2011 Annual Meeting Call for Proposals

APSA's 107th Annual Meeting and Exhibition will be held in **Seattle, Washington**, September 1-4, 2011.

APSA welcomes proposals for the 2011 APSA Annual Meeting. Proposal submissions will be accepted online until **December 15, 2010**.

[Review the call for proposals](#)

Related, Dr. Kropf has asked if there are any students that might be interested in participating on a specific paper panel at next year's APSA meeting on Poverty, Inequality, and Public Policy. If you are interested, please contact Dr. Kropf as soon as possible since the proposals are due December 15th and she will need to vet potential ideas (mekropf@uncc.edu).

5--2011 Graduate Research Fair – Call for Abstracts!

This year's graduate research fair will be held on February 26th. The GPSG is working to make this year's fair more structured and interdisciplinary than ever before. All sessions will be held in Atkins Library. Please encourage your students to submit abstracts of their research by January 14th. Students can find out more at the Graduate Research Fair web site:
<http://gpsg.uncc.edu/GradResearchFair/>

6-- Student and Faculty News

Congratulations to PPPOL student Ada Uche on the birth of her son (Patrick). He was born November 19th at 5:40am and is healthy and fine. He arrived weighing 7 lbs 13 oz. As noted by Judy Walsh, Ada was reading Ostrom to Patrick. I am not sure if this was to help him get an early start or to help him sleep! Congrats to Ada on this new addition to her family.

PPOL Alumnus Dr. Tammatha Clodfelter has been appointed to a tenure track faculty position as an assistant professor in the Department of Government and Justice Studies at Appalachian State University. She will be wrapping up her analyst work in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department and starting the new position in August. This is another very good faculty placement coming out of the program, reflecting on Tammatha's abilities and the training she received. Congratulations on this impressive accomplishment!

Also, PPOL Alumnus Dr. Carr Boyd was recently promoted to captain in the Charlotte Fire Department. This illustrates the versatility of our graduates and this degree program to prepare students for an incredible variety of jobs. Congratulations to Carr on this wonderful career achievement!

Dr. Paul Friday (CJUS) has been nominated as the UNCC nominee for the 2010 Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Public Service. Dr. Friday was recognized as a leader committed to helping the community address crime and drugs.

<http://campusnews.uncc.edu/friday-nominated-bog-public-service-award>

Drs. Beth Rubin and Charlie Brody (both in SOCY) had a publication earlier this year that I missed. Dr. Rubin also had another publication with Dr. Scott Fitzgerald. I wanted to make a quick note of these publications. There are so many from the PPOL-affiliated faculty that I often fail to catch them all to report here!

2010. Beth A. Rubin and Chales J. Brody. "Age differences in the consequences of overwork." Pages 97-114 in John Bryan Davis (Ed.) *The Global Social Economy: Development, Work and Policy*, London: Routledge.

2010. Scott Fitzgerald and Beth A. Rubin. Constructing risk: media coverage of nanotechnology." *Sociological Spectrum*30 (4):367-402.

I received word on another publication accepted for publication in the *Journal of Intergenerational Relations* that will appear in the next issue. The article, which I co-authored with Drs. Karen Harlow-Rosentraub and Laura Wilson, is entitled "Multigenerational Approaches to Civic Engagement: Findings from a Panel Study."

7-- Funding Opportunity

GRANTS: CONGRESSIONAL RESEARCH AWARDS 2011

DEADLINE: All proposals must be received no later than March 1, 2011.

The Dirksen Congressional Center invites applications for grants to fund research on congressional leadership and the U.S. Congress. A total of up to \$35,000 will be available in 2011. Awards range from a few hundred dollars to \$3,500. Stipends will be awarded to individuals (not organizations) on a competitive basis. Grants will normally extend for one year. In some circumstances, the Center will make more than one award to a single individual in consecutive years, but not more than three awards to the same person in a five-year period.

The competition is open to individuals with a serious interest in studying Congress. Political scientists, historians, biographers, scholars of public administration or American studies, and journalists are among those eligible. The Center encourages graduate students who have successfully defended their dissertation prospectus to apply and awards a significant portion of the funds for dissertation research. Applicants must be U.S. citizens who reside in the United States.

The awards program does not fund undergraduate or pre-Ph.D. study.

Organizations are not eligible. Research teams of two or more individuals are eligible. No institutional overhead or indirect costs may be claimed against a Congressional Research Award.

We accept only proposals submitted via the online application form posted at <http://www.dirksencenter.org/CRAForm/form.html>. The form consists of the following elements and must not exceed nine pages when printed (excluding the Application Summary) --Application Summary, Reference Letter, Overhead Waiver Letter, Congressional Research Awards Project Description, Budget, and Curriculum Vita.

Applications which exceed the page limit and incomplete applications will NOT be forwarded to the screening committee for consideration.

All application materials must be received on or before March 1, 2011. Awards will be announced in April 2011.

Complete information about what kind of research projects are eligible for consideration, what could a Congressional Research Award pay for, application procedures, and how recipients are selected may be found at The Center's Web site:

http://www.dirksencenter.org/print_grants_CRAs.htm. PLEASE READ THOROUGHLY. Frank Mackaman is the program officer - <mailto:fmackaman@dirksencenter.org>.

The Center, named for the late Senate Minority Leader Everett M. Dirksen, is a private, nonpartisan, nonprofit research and educational organization devoted to the study of Congress and its leaders. Since 1978, the Congressional Research Awards (formerly the Congressional Research Grants) program has paid out \$813,071 to support 390 projects.

8-- Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Research Grants

For students in their second and third years, you should be looking to opportunities that can help fund your dissertation research. One of the primary sources of dissertation research is the

National Science Foundation dissertation grants. Not only do such grants help fund your research, but these are also very good awards to have on your vita for going on the job market after graduation. The deadline for many of the categories of dissertation grants is coming on up January 15th.

More details are available at: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=13453 .

9--Jobs

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Job ID	3575BR
Job Title	Behavioral Health Research Associate
Location	MD - Rockville
Career Area	Research
Department Code	AR
Job Status	Full-Time
Job Description	We are seeking a behavioral health research associate to work on projects pertaining to the issues surrounding behavioral health and the homeless, as well as serious mental illness (SMI) for adults and serious emotional disturbance (SED) for youth. You will manage and analyze Federal grantee data, organize and draft reports, and collaborate with other Westat departments, subcontractors, and clients. The selected candidate will be an effective writer with experience conducting literature reviews and summarizing findings. Knowledge of public policy related to healthcare reform, especially the implications for behavioral health is preferred. Success in this position will require an understanding of behavioral health systems of care at the state and community levels. An understanding of issues related to Health Information Technology and its implications for behavioral health, especially privacy concerns, is essential. Knowledge of Integrated Healthcare, of evidence-based practices (EPB) for the treatment of SMIs, SEDs, and other health conditions, and an understanding of the concept of Person Centered Medical (or Healthcare) Home are a plus. The selected candidate will have knowledge or experience with budgeting and cost reporting, effective use of PowerPoint, and the ability to multitask while juggling competing demands.
Job Qualification	Requirements include a master's degree in the social sciences plus 6 years of related experience or a Ph.D. with 2 years of related experience.

Mathematical Health Policy Analyst

As a health analyst, you would join our staff of approximately 40 individuals which includes doctoral level (Ph.D., D.Sc., or Dr. P.H.) and physician researchers in the fields of public health,

public policy, behavioral or social sciences, and economics, as well as MPH and other master's-level analysts. We offer our employees a stimulating team-oriented work environment, competitive salaries, and a comprehensive benefits package, as well as the advantages of employee ownership.

Health Analysts participate in key project activities such as:

- Working with states to ensure the quality of their Medicaid data
- Conducting site visits to assess the operations and costs of federal, state, and local health care programs
- Performing quantitative analyses with large databases to determine program outcomes or conduct policy simulations
- Conducting literature reviews
- Writing chapters of analytic reports and proposals for new projects
- Tracking financial progress of projects using Excel; preparing reports for monthly project reviews; assisting with budget revisions and contract proposals

More information at: <https://careers.mathematica-mpr.com/applicants/jsp/shared/frameset/Frameset.jsp?time=1291650737117>

TEN TENURE-TRACK OR TENURED FACULTY POSITION

Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU)

The L. Douglas Wilder School at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) will be filling 10 or more tenure-track or tenured positions in the coming two years. As part of this major recruitment we are inviting applications and letters of interest for 8 positions to begin in Fall 2011, contingent upon funding. The appointments are broadly structured and can potentially contribute to any of our fields. Applicants are encouraged to clearly identify the fields closest to their research and teaching.

Our largest programs at the graduate level are professionally oriented master's degree programs in Criminal Justice, Public Administration, Urban and Regional Planning, and a Ph.D. program in Public Policy. We are particularly interested in candidates who identify with one or more of these areas. The disciplinary training of applicants can be in any of the above fields or in the social sciences, especially Political Science and Sociology (where we have undergraduate and graduate programs). The ability to contribute to research and teaching in Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness will be an added advantage. A Ph.D. degree or equivalent by the time of hiring and potential for high quality scholarship and teaching is required for all positions. Senior scholars must have a distinguished record of research, teaching, and service and those with documented ability to secure external research funding will be preferred. Junior faculty must have the potential for external funding and a strong research agenda. Demonstrated experience working in and fostering a diverse faculty, staff, and student environment or commitment to do so as a faculty member at VCU is required.

Faculty research interests in the Wilder School include sustainable urban development, geospatial planning and technological applications, state and local government, social equity, gender, health policy, policing, corrections, crime prevention, comparative international development, political institutions, security studies, and the study of disasters and genocide. We are currently part of the College of Humanities and Sciences, the largest College at VCU. Planning is underway to give the Wilder School free-standing status as one of the Colleges and Schools at VCU under our

Provost. While most of our appointments will be at junior ranks, senior scholars are welcome to apply. We are particularly interested in senior scholars who lead research groups who might want to explore the possibility of joining us. We envisage that such groups will be led by a tenured colleague and will include one or more junior colleagues. Under VCU's new President and under new leadership in the Wilder School we are committed to providing a research rich environment for our new colleagues. Senior scholars are invited to contact Dr. John Accordino (jaccordi@vcu.edu), Chair of the Search Committee, or Dr. Niraj Verma, Director of the Wilder School (nverma2@vcu.edu).

Altogether the Wilder School has 2500 students and an alumni base of over 11,000 making it the largest group with the College of Humanities and Sciences. We have nearly 100 full-time faculty and researchers who are housed in the School and in its research and consulting units, including the Survey and Evaluation Research Laboratory, Performance Management Group, Transportation Safety and Training Center, Urban Development Group, and the Grace E. Harris Leadership Institute. Together, the School's research and contract volume exceeds \$8 million annually.

Applications for these positions should be submitted via email and should include a cover-letter and a detailed CV including names of three references, one sample of scholarship, and evidence of teaching effectiveness to Mrs. Tina Braden at tbraden@vcu.edu. Review of applications will begin on December 1 and continue until positions are filled. References will not be contacted without checking with the candidates. For more information about our programs please visit our website at www.pubapps.vcu.edu/gov/

**Assistant Professor
Public Administration Program
Department of Government & International Affairs
University of South Florida**

The Public Administration Program, a NASPAA accredited program, in the Department of Government and International Affairs at the University of South Florida invites applicants for a 9-month tenure-track appointment at the rank of Assistant Professor beginning on August 7, 2011. The Public Administration Program is entering its thirty third year of service to Florida and the Tampa Bay community and has built a strong reputation in research, service, and training in local government. Many of our graduates currently serve in leadership positions in Florida state and local government.

Requirements for this position include: PhD in public administration (or closely aligned field), urban management and planning, nonprofit and public-private partnerships or municipal public policy. In addition, the individual will be expected to be capable of teaching doctoral level courses in the Department's PhD degree program, including courses in doctoral level methods. (ABD candidates with expectations of PhD completion within the first academic year may be considered at the rank of instructor.) Individuals with work experience and knowledge of local government administration and/or nonprofit administration are particularly encouraged to apply. For candidates with these qualifications, preference is given to individuals with relevant analytical skills and promising professional advancement and demonstrated interest in community involvement.

Applications must be submitted through the University of South Florida Employment website: <http://employment.usf.edu/> (click on Faculty). The supplemental documentation (vita, transcript,

samples of writing, student evaluations of teaching, and three letters of recommendation) may be submitted through the online application process OR mailed to:

Dr. John Daly, Director-Public Administration Program
Dept. of Government & International Affairs
University of South Florida
4202 E. Fowler Avenue, SOC107
Tampa, FL 33620

Information about the USF Department of Government and International Affairs and its Public Administration Program can be found on the Government and International Affairs Website: <http://gia.usf.edu>. Salary is negotiable. Review of applicants begins on January 3, 2011 and will continue until the position is filled.

According to Florida Law, applicants and meetings regarding them are open to the public. For additional information about this opening please contact Dr. John Daly at (813) 974-0779 or jdaly@usf.edu. For ADA accommodations, please contact Jennifer Vincent at (813) 974-0842 or vincentj@usf.edu at least five working days prior to need. USF is an AA/EA/EO institution.

The University of South Florida System is one of the nation's top 63 public research universities and one of 39 community-engaged, four-year public universities as designated by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. USF was awarded \$394 million in research contracts and grants in FY 2009/2010. The system offers 232 degree programs at the undergraduate, graduate, specialist and doctoral levels, including the doctor of medicine. It has a \$1.8 billion annual budget, an annual economic impact of \$3.2 billion, and serves more than 47,000 students on institutions/campuses in Tampa, St. Petersburg, Sarasota-Manatee and Lakeland. USF is a member of the Big East Athletic Conference. USF is an Equal Opportunity Institution.