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### **1--Dissertation Defense Announcement**

Doctoral Dissertation Defense Announcement  
Ph.D. in Public Policy Program

Qing Li Meng

Colvard 5100 (Criminal Justice Conference Room)  
Tuesday, February 22, 2011  
9:30 am

On Corruption-Related Crimes in Transitional China --A Panel Data Analysis from  
Criminological and other Multi-Disciplinary Perspectives

Dissertation Committee Chair: Dr. Paul Friday (CJUS)

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### **2--Funding for Next Year**

I sent an email out a few days ago highlight the importance of being proactive in identifying funding sources as we enter what many predict will be the toughest year of the economic crisis. The lag in revenues to the state budget as the economy recovers is leading to a tough forecast. The governor's proposed budget is pretty austere. So I have encouraged you to pursue fellowships, scholarships, and other funding opportunities.

Not only would winning one of these put your funding fate into your own hands which are safer than mine at the moment, but such awards also look very good on one's resume for going on to the job market.

To make the application process easier in the 2011-12 competition for the Graduate School awards, students can submit a single application packet to the Graduate School on their own behalf. They still require a letter of support from Chairs or Coordinators. Information on all awards offered and the new application are available on our website at <http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/philanthropic-awards.html>.

**Awards with March 1 Deadlines:** Joanna R. Baker memorial Graduate Fellowship, Herschel and Cornelia Everett Foundation First-Year Fellowship (Master's and Doctoral), Faye Jacques Memorial Graduate Fellowship, Zonta Club of Charlotte Fellowship

**Awards with April 1 Deadlines:** Lucille P. and Edward C. Giles Foundation Dissertation-year Fellowship and the John Paul Lucas, Jr. Scholarship for Educational Leadership

The University's Office of Financial Aid also houses a database of other off-campus scholarships that you can search at: <http://finaid.uncc.edu/>

NOW is the time to be competing for these funding opportunities that would support you when classes start back in August for our next academic year. The vast majority of these also require letters of recommendation from your faculty mentors. Be sure to include this time factor when making your application plans.

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### 3--Getting Published as a Student

As you all have heard me say in the past, one of our primary "performance goals" of the PPOL program is to make sure our graduating students have publications prior to graduating. Such publications provide experience in executing and presenting your work to the research community. But it also makes you competitive on the market after graduation.

Last week, we were fortunate to have Jan Leighley, editor of the *Journal of Politics*, join us for a discussion of how to get published. Several of you participated in the session that we scheduled for you with her and she made several very positive comments about you. Many of you did not take advantage of that opportunity.

I cannot stress enough the importance of taking advantage of these opportunities. Your training is NOT only classroom training. It is also participating in the intellectual environment while you are here with us.

I was very pleased with Jan's comments during her visit since they reinforced what I and many other faculty have shared with you regarding the importance of both content and style when engaging in the presentation of our research.

One very important lesson to take away from her visit is the importance of polishing your work but knowing when it is time to stop polishing and submitting your manuscript. This is where your work with your mentor/advisor should become very important. He/She needs to review your

manuscript, probably multiple times, before you submit the draft for publication. Your mentor will also be helpful in identifying which journal would be a good target for your article.

But you need to engage with your faculty advisors as part of this process!

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#### **4--PPOL Lunch**

The PPOL student group negotiated having GPSG provide lunch this Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup> from 12 noon. Please stop by Fretwell 470E for some chicken, sandwiches, and socializing.

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#### **5--Genetics Policy Speaker**

Tuesday, February 22, 2011

Lunch/Workshop  
12:00 to 2:00pm  
CHHS 128

“Genetic Research Meets Critical Race Theory: A Case Study Towards Eliminating Healthcare Disparities

Speaker: Nancy King, JD, Professor, Department of Social Sciences and Health Policy, Wake Forest University School of Medicine, Co-Director, WFU, Center for Bioethics, Health, and Society

*RSVP Requested:*

*Please RSVP by February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011. To RSVP, email: [ethicscenter@uncc.edu](mailto:ethicscenter@uncc.edu) (please include your name, designation, title, company or department/major, and email address)*

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#### **6--Campus Speaker, February 24<sup>th</sup>**

The UNC Charlotte International Speaker Series Presents:

“Great Negotiations: Agreements that Changed the World”

A lecture by author Fredrik Stanton

Thursday, February 24  
2:00-3:00 PM

Atkins Library, Dale Halton Reading Room

Co-sponsored by the Office of International Programs, Dept. of Global, International and Area Studies, World Affairs Council of Charlotte and Atkins Library.

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### **7--Ethics of Sustainability Speaker**

Thursday, February 24, 2011  
Public Lecture  
4:00-5:30pm  
Cone 210

“Ethics of Sustainability”

Speaker: Aarne Vesilind, PhD, Professor of Engineering and Philosophy, Emeritus Bucknell University

*RSVP Requested:*

*Please RSVP by February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011. To RSVP, email: [ethicscenter@uncc.edu](mailto:ethicscenter@uncc.edu)  
(please include your name, designation, title, company or department/major, and email address)*

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### **8--North Carolina Political Science Association February 25<sup>th</sup>**

Do not forget that UNC-Charlotte is hosting this year's conference of the NCPSA. Some PPOL students will be presenting at this student-friendly conference. All are invited and encouraged to attend. This is on campus and cannot be more convenient.

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### **9--Graduate Research Fair February 26<sup>th</sup>**

### **10--EITM 2011 Summer Institute, University of Chicago**

The Harris School of Public Policy Studies at the University of Chicago is seeking applications for the 2011 Empirical Implications of Theoretical Models Summer Institute.

Funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), this program trains graduate students and junior faculty in EITM, a research strategy that integrates theoretical models and empirical research to improve and expand our understanding of politics. The institute will incorporate developments and findings from throughout political science, including the substantive areas of American politics, comparative politics, international relations, and political economy.

This summer's institute will accept advanced graduate students and junior faculty through a competitive selection process. There are no fees or tuition. Dormitory lodging, meals and domestic travel expenses will be provided for participants through a grant from the National Science Foundation.

Please visit the 2011 EITM website for applications and additional information on instruction design, participating faculty, and an overview of curriculum. The website can be found at <http://harrisschool.uchicago.edu/Blogs/EITM/>

Applications for the program are due via email to [eitm@uchicago.edu](mailto:eitm@uchicago.edu) on March 1, 2011.

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## 11--ARNOVA Call for Papers due March 21<sup>st</sup>

Association for Research on Nonprofits and Voluntary Action

**ARNOVA is pleased to announce the posting of the Call for Participation for our 2011 Annual Conference**, which will be held in Toronto, Canada, from November 17-19.

The Call is being posted today to our website. It is linked to the first announcement on our homepage at [www.arnova.org](http://www.arnova.org). Copies of the Call can be found in English and French [by clicking here](#). *Cette annonce est disponible en français. Envoi des propositions en français sont les bienvenus. Certaines presentations peuvent être donnés en français.*

**We invite proposals for presentations. The online system for submitting proposals is also opening today.** On our homepage you will find a large button that says, "Click here to submit a Conference proposal."

The theme for this year's Conference is "Diversity in the Voluntary Sector," and a special track on the Conference theme, as well as our plenary sessions, will help explore related issues. However, as always, proposals for papers, panels and colloquia on a wide range of topics involving philanthropy, nonprofits, voluntarism, social economy and civil society will be welcomed.

We plan on closing the system on March 21, 2011.

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## 12--Student and Faculty News

PPOL student Jason Giersch recently announced the arrival of his son, Colby Whitaker Giersch, who was born at 2:04 am Tuesday morning, February 8<sup>th</sup>. He's a big boy, weighing in at 9 pounds 11 ounces and measuring 21 and a half inches.

And since Jason had plenty of sleepless nights lately, he also found time to study for and pass his comprehensive examination on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Congrats to Jason on passing this milestone and moving on to the dissertation phase of the program!

PPOL student Adedolapo Akinde been accepted for a poster presentation at the 17th Annual International Sustainable Development Research Conference in May at Columbia University in New York City. His paper is titled "The Determinants Of Rural Households Multidimensional Poverty In Oriire Local Government Area Of Oyo State, Nigeria."

David Swindell (POLs) was quoted in the *Charlotte Observer* on February 7<sup>th</sup> discussing the role of Duke Energy's leadership in helping land the Democratic National convention in Charlotte for 2012.

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### 13--APPAM Call for Papers, due March 25<sup>th</sup>

This is the call for papers for the main public policy conference in the nation. Students in their second year and beyond should have work that would be a good fit for this conference. PPOL students **\*should\*** be attending this conference.

The 2011 APPAM Fall Research Conference will be held in Washington, DC from November 3 - 5. The theme of the conference is: ***Seeking Solutions to Complex Policy and Management Problems.***

Today's complex policy issues are characterized by changing constraints, greater uncertainty, multiple causes and frequently span political jurisdictions and national boundaries. Examples include poverty, migration, climate change, and access to fresh water. Interdependencies such as scarce energy resources, slow economic growth, evolving technologies, and intersectoral governance structures complicate the search for solutions. To succeed in this environment, policymakers and managers must define problems in ways that acknowledge multiple perspectives, interdependencies, and the likelihood of unintended consequences.

The charge of public sector researchers is as complex as the problems they choose to tackle. Public policy and management researchers are tasked not only with providing concrete advice on the effectiveness of programs, laws, policies, and managerial innovations, but also with offering new approaches and options for addressing these problems.

APPAM members are uniquely positioned to take on these challenges given the strong multi-disciplinary capacity and our history of collaboration between scholarship and practice. Policy analysis and research design, social experiments, policy implementation, and program evaluations require an integrated understanding of the interdependencies that come with these challenges. The formulation of relevant policy depends upon increased collaboration among programmatic experts, policy makers, analysts, researchers (across a broad array of disciplines) and practitioners. It also requires a sophisticated understanding of policy processes.

We invite you to submit a proposal for the 2011 Fall Research Conference. You don't need to be a member of APPAM to submit a proposal. The deadline is Friday, March 25th. See below for links to submit a proposal. If you have any questions about the submission process, **please contact APPAM staff.**

- **To submit a proposal, click here.**
- **For a description of policy categories, click here.**
- **For specifics about submitting a paper, click here.**
- **For specifics about submitting a panel, click here.**
- **For specifics about submitting a roundtable, click here.**
- **For specifics about submitting a workshop, click here.**

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## **14--Two Post Doc Opportunities**

### **POST-DOC: PUBLIC POLICY**

The Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for Public Policy and the Social Sciences at Dartmouth College is seeking to fill up to TWO post-doctoral faculty positions in the Center for the 2011-2012 academic year. The post-doctoral positions entail teaching one public policy course as part of the Public Policy Minor curriculum during one of the three academic (10-week) terms. Substantive interests in domestic policymaking as well as in state and local government are preferred but not required. In addition the successful candidate(s) will manage the day-to-day operations of the Rockefeller Policy Research Shop (PRS), a student-staffed policy research enterprise that serves elected officials in the Vermont and New Hampshire legislatures, statewide commissions and local government entities. Management duties include mentoring PRS students on specific projects, traveling with students to testify before legislative committees, commissions, and councils, and soliciting projects from state and local government officials. For more information about the PRS, please visit our website at <http://rockefeller.dartmouth.edu/shop/>.

Both positions may be renewed for a second year. Both positions include competitive post-doctoral salaries and health benefits with faculty status as visiting assistant professors of public policy (assuming Ph.D. in hand at the time of appointment).

Interested candidates should send a letter of inquiry that discusses the substantive policy interests of the applicant. In addition, we would like to receive a curriculum vitae and a list of three references from each candidate.

Review of applications will begin on March 15, 2011. The search will remain open until both positions are filled.

Please send application materials to:

Professor Ronald G. Shaiko  
Senior Fellow and Associate Director  
The Nelson A. Rockefeller Center for

Public Policy and the Social Sciences  
Dartmouth College  
6082 Rockefeller Center, Room 204  
Hanover, NH 03755-3154

For more information about the Rockefeller Center, please access our website at:  
<http://rockefeller.dartmouth.edu>

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## **15--Jobs**

### **Migration Policy Institute Policy Analyst/Program Coordinator**

#### **Qualifications**

- Required
- Master's degree with 5 or more years experience or professional degree with 3 or more years experience
- Broad knowledge of integration and migration policy areas
- Proven research, organization, and project management skills
- Ability to edit and write lucidly
- Ability to work independently, prioritize, and handle multiple assignments and projects
- Demonstrated professionalism and judgment
- Excellent and mature team player/builder
- Comfort with public speaking

#### **Preferred**

- Prior analytical policy work and/or quantitative research in relevant NGO, law and/or government sectors
- Experience in program management, including staff supervision and budget management
- Relevant publications record
- Fluency in language(s) in addition to English

#### **Responsibilities**

- Edit and write reports, as well as contribute to and/or author MPI articles and publications
- Interact with outside scholars, policymakers, and other stakeholders to coordinate the Center's events and activities
- Ensure timeliness and accuracy in the completion of project activities
- Work collaboratively with other NCIIP staff to secure funding for projects, including writing proposals and grant reports

#### **To Apply**

Interested candidates should send a cover letter, resume, short writing sample, and salary history to [hr@migrationpolicy.org](mailto:hr@migrationpolicy.org) . Please reference "Policy Analyst/Program Coordinator - NCIIP" in the subject line and include a line telling us how you heard about this position. Hard copies may be sent to:

Human Resources  
Migration Policy Institute  
1400 16th St NW, Suite 300  
Washington, DC 20036

Due to the large number of applicants, only those being considered for the position will be contacted. No phone calls, please.

## **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:

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

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

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.

## **Primary Responsibilities**

### *Statistical analysis (65%)*

- Conduct analysis of survey and other data
- Prepare information for reports using analysis

### *Preparation of reports and presentations (30%)*

- Assist in preparing reports and presentations, including preparation of charts and tables, and number checking

### *Field outside queries (5%)*

- Respond to media inquires and inquires from other outside parties

## **Education/Training/Experience**

- M.A. degree is required, doctoral studies preferred with a concentration in demography, sociology, political science or economics.
- Coursework in statistics or experience with statistical analysis required.
- Prior relevant research or on-the-job experience, such as the application of statistical analysis to problems in the social sciences and the use of Excel, Word and/or other programs, is preferred.
- Prior experience working with large micro data, such as the American Community Survey or Current Population Survey, is highly desirable.

## **Knowledge and Skill Requirements**

- Familiarity with survey methods and research on social and demographic issues is strongly preferred.
- Proven facility with statistical methods, including multivariate analyses, and an ability to apply programming and complex statistical tools to analyze large datasets are required.
- Thorough knowledge of SPSS, STATA and/or SAS, Excel, Word and other programming skills is strongly preferred. Willingness to learn new software and research skills is also strongly preferred.
- Strong writing and communication skills.
- Demonstrated ability to work accurately on deadline.
- Ability to synthesize materials for senior staff.
- Knowledge of how to display data in easy-to-understand ways in tables and charts.
- Knowledge of Spanish is highly desirable but not required.

## **Application Procedure**

Applicant should send a résumé, cover letter (indicating where you learned of the opening) and salary expectations to:

Ms. April McWilliams

Human Resources Director

Pew Research Center

1615 L Street, NW Suite 700

Washington, DC 20036

Responses can also be faxed to 202-419-4339 or e-mailed to [careers@pewresearch.org](mailto:careers@pewresearch.org)

**University of Minnesota**

**Division of Health Policy and Management**

## Policy/Data Analysts

The Division of Health Policy and Management, School of Public Health, University of Minnesota seeks 1-2 Research Fellows/Research Associates to work as policy/data analysts at the State Health Access Data Assistance Center (SHADAC), a health policy research and technical assistance center located at the University of Minnesota. Duties include planning and managing projects, acting as a liaison between SHADAC and state agency personnel, analyzing data, writing reports, and disseminating information, including presenting seminars. The successful candidate must be able to work effectively in a multi-disciplinary team environment. Travel may be required. The Research Fellow/Associate works under the direction of the SHADAC Deputy Director and SHADAC Principal Investigator, and collaborates with other SHADAC personnel and external partners on a project-by-project basis.

**Required Qualifications:** An earned master's or doctorate degree in health, economics, or a related discipline with a health policy focus (e.g., health services research, economics, and sociology); experience in working with health policy or policy analysis; and knowledge of federal and state health care policy and programs. Candidates must have experience in designing research studies; managing data collection activities; analyzing complex data sets; developing and executing highly technical statistical analyses; synthesizing information; and producing clear, concise, and understandable reports and presentations. Strong statistical analysis and organizational skills, English verbal and written communication skills, and collaborative team-oriented work skills are required. Candidates must be proficient in using SAS or STATA statistical analysis software. Persons holding a doctorate degree will be considered at the Research Associate level. Persons holding a master's degree will be considered at the Research Fellow level.

**Preferred Qualifications:** Strong data visualization skills; experience in working with GIS and mapping software; ability to write for, interact with, and present to varied professional and lay audiences; and 3+ years experience in a state or federal health policy setting are preferred. The Division of Health Policy and Management has a multi-disciplinary faculty of 32, four active teaching programs with a combined enrollment of over 300 students, and an extensive research program with significant grant support from government and private sector agencies. HPC is one of four divisions in the University of Minnesota School of Public Health, which is located in a large Academic Health Center, and enjoys close working relations with a variety of health care programs and organizations locally and across the country, as well as governmental agencies at the local, state and national levels.

Information about SHADAC is available at <http://www.shadac.org> . Information about the Division of Health Policy and Management is available at <http://www.hpm.umn.edu>.

This 12-month, 100% time appointment is annually renewable, depending on the availability of funding, and offers the standard University benefits

(<http://www1.umn.edu/ohr/benefits/bensum/index.html>). Salary is based on experience and qualifications. The position is open until filled and application review begins immediately.

Interested candidates should apply at

<http://employment.umn.edu/applicants/Central?quickFind=92863>, where they will be asked to provide contact and demographic information, and a cover letter, CV and contact information for three references. E-mailed applications are not accepted.

The University of Minnesota is an equal opportunity educator and employer.

**Indiana University**

**School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) IUPUI campus  
Criminal Justice Assistant or Advanced Assistant Professor**

The Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) at the IUPUI campus seeks to fill a tenure-track position in Criminal Justice at the Assistant or Advanced Assistant Professor Level. A Ph.D. in Criminal Justice or a related field is required. ABD candidates will be considered but the degree must be completed prior to appointment. Areas of specialization are open with the preference given to candidates with strong quantitative research skills. The successful candidate must be committed to seeking and working on externally-funded research projects in collaboration with faculty in SPEA'S Center for Criminal Justice Research. This faculty member will teach criminal justice courses at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Although the area of specialization is open, the ability to teach research methods, diversity in criminal justice, crime policy, or policing would be beneficial. The standard teaching load within the school is four courses per year.

SPEA is a multi-disciplinary professional school of Indiana University, committed to excellence in teaching, research, and civic engagement that addresses critical issues of public affairs including criminal justice and public safety. With more than 75 faculty members on the core campuses of Bloomington and Indianapolis, SPEA is among the largest schools of public affairs in the United States. Among public affairs programs, SPEA IUPUI programs in criminal justice and nonprofit management are each ranked third in the nation by U.S. News and World Reports. IUPUI is a research intensive institution, with over \$400 million in external grants and contracts in 2009-2010. The research portfolio of SPEA IUPUI faculty exceeds more than \$5 million in innovative projects with state and local governments and philanthropic foundations. SPEA IUPUI maintains excellent relationships with state and local criminal justice agencies and has a multi-year research contract with the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute. IUPUI is located in thriving downtown Indianapolis within walking distance to the state office complex and several museums and sports facilities.

Applications will be reviewed beginning March 15, 2011 and will be accepted until the position is filled. SPEA and Indiana University are committed to diversity and are especially interested in candidates who will contribute to the achievement of our diversity objectives. Please submit a letter of application, current vita, complete contact information, and the names, street and e-mail addresses, and telephone numbers of four references to

Dr. Thomas D. Stucky

Director, Criminal Justice Programs, and Chair, Search Committee

C/o Ranna Johnson

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For more information see <http://www.spea.iupui.edu/Faculty/openings.asp>