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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)

2--NCPSA Volunteers needed

Dr. Kropf needs some volunteers to help with registration for the North Carolina Political Science Association (NCPA) Conference, to be held this year at UNCC (very convenient for us!). The conference will be held on Friday, February 25. Registration and Check-in will be from 8am-1pm. This is a good opportunity for Ph.D. students who are not participating in the conference to get some exposure to the Political Science Academic community. Please contact Dr. Kropf if you are willing to assist us in hosting.

3--PPOL Students Adopt a Garden

The Graduate Public Policy Association (in cooperation with Facilities Management) has "adopted" the gardens and trails of **VanLandingham Glen** (right outside of Fretwell, across Mary Alexander road) and will be cleaning up the litter in this area to help keep UNCC green. Please see the below schedule for this semester! This volunteer work helps keep the GPPA active and able to supply PPOL students with extra travel and event funds, so it is important to get out there and participate.

Spring Semester Glen Clean-up Schedule:

We will pick up litter from 11am-1pm (two hours) followed by some lunchtime socializing for those who are interested. The Facilities Management will provide us with tongs, gloves, and prizes!!

Tuesday, February 15

Friday, February 25

Tuesday, March 15

Tuesday, March 22

Saturday, April 16

Tuesday, April 26

Please RSVP to Melissa Duscha (mduscha@uncc.edu) so we can wait for you. For the first clean-up, we will meet in the PPOL lounge, Fretwell, 470E.

4--ASPA Chapter Meeting, February 10th

Central Piedmont ASPA Chapter Members:

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 10th, 2010, 11:45am-1:00pm at the Charlotte Fire Department, 228 E 9th St. – Conference Room 150. The meeting topic is Sustainable Buildings in the City of Charlotte. Sue Rutledge from the City of Charlotte Engineering and Property Management KBU will be presenting. We are still striving to increase our membership, so as always; you are encouraged to invite a student or co-worker to this meeting.

Lunch will be provided, so please RSVP to Alicia Davison (adavison@charlottenc.gov) by Wednesday, February 9th if you plan to attend and indicate if you are bringing a guest.

5--Journal of Politics Editor Visit Friday, February 11th

Jan E. Leighley's research and teaching interests focus on American political behavior, voter turnout, media and politics, and racial/ethnic political behavior. She served as editor (with Kim Quail Hill) of the *American Journal of Political Science* from 2000-2004 and currently serves as editor of *The Journal of Politics*. Currently, Prof. Leighley is a professor in the Department of Government at American University. <http://www.american.edu/spa/faculty/leighley.cfm>
9:30 -10:30 am. Prof Leighley will meet with PPOL and MPA students at POLS conf. room.

12: 00 pm. Prof Leighley will give a talk about best practices for getting published in academic journals at Cone 111

6--Association for Political Theory 2011 Annual Conference Call for Papers (due February 15)

Call for Papers below to faculty and PhD students who study political theory or political philosophy. CALL FOR PAPERS Association for Political Theory 2011 Annual Conference University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana Proposals due: February 15, 2011. The Association for Political Theory (APT) invites proposals for its ninth annual conference, October 13-15, 2011, at the University of Notre Dame. To learn more about the Association and its annual conference, please visit the APT website at: <http://apt.coloradocollege.edu>. The Association for Political Theory welcomes proposals from all approaches and on all topics in political theory, political philosophy, and the history of political thought. Faculty, advanced PhD candidates, and independent scholars are eligible to participate. We also encourage faculty to volunteer to serve as chairs and/or discussants.

How to Apply: To apply online, click on the following link. Proposals are due by midnight on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 (PST). Please review the proposal guidelines described below before completing a proposal form. Each participant may submit one paper and one co-authored paper proposal. To propose a paper, each participant must submit an abstract of 300-400 words and a recent copy of his/her vita. If a copy of the CV can be found online, the applicant can provide the web address in the relevant box on the proposal form. Otherwise, the applicant must email a copy of the CV to aptproposals@gmail.com with his or her name as the subject line. Each participant is required to submit a proposal form, even if the proposal is part of a co-authored paper. Please note: you must both submit the proposal form and email your CV in order for your proposal to be considered by the Program Committee.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN A CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEARS, WE WILL NOT BE ACCEPTING PANEL OR ROUNDTABLE PROPOSALS FOR THE 2011 CONFERENCE.

Chairs/Discussants: If you wish to participate as a chair and/or discussant, please note your areas of expertise and interest in the relevant box on the proposal form. You may offer to serve in both of these roles, but the Program Committee prefers to limit volunteers to one role to ensure broad participation in the conference. Presenting a paper does not preclude one from serving as a chair or a discussant in another panel.

Pre-circulation requirement: All papers accepted for the conference must be submitted electronically to an archive on the APT website no later than October 1, 2011. Please note that you should limit the length of your paper to 30 double-spaced pages of text so that discussants may provide suitable feedback. The archive will be password-protected so that access is limited to members of APT. Participants who fail to submit their paper to the archive by October 1, 2011 will be removed from the program.

Membership: Participation in the conference requires membership in the Association. Membership is free. Papers are available to APT members only, so conference participants will need to join APT in order to receive access to the archive. Click here to submit a membership application.

Questions and assistance: For questions about the program or proposal guidelines, or if you have any difficulty submitting a proposal form, please contact the Program Committee Co-Chairs, Alisa Kessel (akessel@pugetsound.edu) and Amit Ron (amit.ron@asu.edu).

***NEW APT INITIATIVE FOR 2011: Working Group Panel “Power, Democracy, and the City”

This group is part of APT’s new Working Group initiative. Participants will engage in pre-conference dialogue as they prepare their papers, and the panel will serve as one moment in a longer collaboration. The format will enable scholars working on similar questions to learn from each other, develop their ideas over time, and create professional networks. The group will be chaired by Clarissa Hayward of Washington University in St. Louis. The intention is to submit the papers from this panel as a proposed special issue in the Journal of Power. Participants must have a first draft completed by August 15, 2011, and be ready at that time to share their work-in-progress and to comment on the work of the other participants. Just as for any APT paper, a polished version must be completed in time for presentation at the fall conference. For more information on this year’s working group theme, click on the following link.

Potential participants should submit proposals via the proposal form and must indicate that they want their proposal to be considered for the working group panel. (You can submit the same proposal for both the working group panel and the general APT program, if you wish.) Papers will be selected by the working group panel chair and the APT program committee based on fit and strength. Generally, participants in APT working groups are expected to be at a post-dissertation stage of their career and to have begun publishing scholarly work. Once participants are notified of their acceptance and confirm their willingness to participate, members will develop a work-plan and schedule that include an initial re-reading and discussion of Robert Dahl’s *Who Governs* followed by the sharing of work in progress.

7--Terrorism Speaker

Thursday, February 17th, 2011
Public Lecture
3:30 – 5:00

Cone 112

“The New Containment, the Browning of Terror, and the Obama Administration”

Speakers: Mary K. Bloodsworth-Lugo, PhD, Professor of Comparative Ethnic Studies at Washington State University & Carmen R. Lugo-Lugo, PhD, Associate Professor of Comparative Ethnic Studies at Washington State University

RSVP Requested:

Please RSVP by Feb 14th, 2011. To RSVP, email: ethicscenter@uncc.edu (please include your name, designation, title, company or department/major, and email address)

8--Campus Symposium on Disaster Response (Feb. 18)

Public and Nonprofit Collaboration in Disaster Response

Hosted by the Nonprofit and Voluntary Action Center and the Center for Applied Terrorism Studies

February 18, 2011
Student Union, Room 340G
UNC Charlotte University Campus
Breakfast served at 8:30am

Disaster Response Symposium, 9:00am-10:30am

Details and RSVP information are attached to this email.

9--Disaster Response Policy Presentation (Feb. 18th)

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences has provided speaker funds for us to bring in Scott Robinson from the Bush School at Texas A&M to participate in symposium event. But in addition, Scott will be giving a research presentation that same day (Feb 18th) at noon. Please RSVP to Dr. Avellaneda (cavellan@uncc.edu) if you can attend the research talk at noon so that she can book an appropriately-sized room.

10--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 17th, 2001. To RSVP, email: ethicscenter@uncc.edu (please include your name, designation, title, company or department/major, and email address)

11--Research Grant Program

The APSA Organized Section for Public Administration invites applications and research proposals from junior scholars researching public administration issues affecting governance in the United States and abroad. Proposals will be judged on their potential to shed new light on important public administration questions, their scholarly and methodological rigor, and their promise for advancing practice and theory development.

As a part of the APSA Centennial Campaign, support from the Volcker Endowment can, but need not, involve research residencies at the Centennial Center in Washington. Recipients may conduct research on issues affecting or relevant to public administration at any level (or levels) of government, in any nation (or across nations), and from whatever locale is most useful or appropriate for their research purposes.

Eligibility is limited to doctoral students who have successfully defended their dissertation prospectus and tenure-track assistant professors. Applicants must be APSA members at the time of application. Membership in the Section for Public Administration is not required, but can be one of a variety of factors that the Volcker Awards Committee considers in making awards.

The number, size of grants, and allocation of grants (to doctoral students and tenure-track assistant professors) awarded annually will be up to the Volcker Awards Committee. Individual grant awards are expected to average around \$3,000. The number of grants and their size are determined by the Volcker Junior Scholar Research Grant Committee appointed each year. Funds may be used for such research activities as travel to archives; travel to conduct interviews; administration and coding of survey instruments; research assistance; and purchase of datasets. This list is merely illustrative, but specifically excluded from funding are travel to professional meetings; secretarial costs except for preparation of the final manuscripts for publication; and salary support. Individual grants are not renewable.

Additional information is available at: <http://fundingopps.cos.com/alerts/106168>

12--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 18th, 2011.. To RSVP, email: ethicscenter@uncc.edu
(please include your name, designation, title, company or department/major, and email address)*

13--African Studies Academy Speaker Series

The African Studies Academy at UNC Charlotte will host three exciting outside speakers this semester. Please mark your calendars and share this information widely to encourage many students, faculty, and staff to attend. Reminders and additional information will be circulated as each date approaches.

Thursday, March 17

"The Role of African Youth in Post-Conflict Reconstruction"

David Mwambari

Rwandan genocide survivor and Sanejo co-founder (www.sanejo.org)

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Barnard 244

Co-sponsored by the Chancellor's Diversity Fund, Office of International Programs, and Department of Africana Studies

Wednesday, April 6

"The Post-Electoral Crisis in Cote d'Ivoire: A Crisis of Legitimacy"

Dr. Guy Martin

Professor of Political Science, Winston-Salem State University

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Barnard 244

Thursday, April 28

"The Friction on the Dance Floor: Contesting Popular Music and Power in Post-War Accra, 1945-1960"

Dr. Nathan Plageman

Assistant Professor of History, Wake Forest University

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Barnard 244

Co-sponsored by the Department of Anthropology

14--2011 APPAM Fall Research Conference

The 2011 Fall Research Conference will take place in Washington, DC **November 3-5, 2011** at the Washington Marriott and Westin Grand Hotels. The theme of this year's conference is "Seeking Solutions to Complex Policy and Management Problems."

We will begin accepting proposal submissions on **January 31, 2011**, through March 20, 2011. We are using a new online submission process this year. Instructions for proposal submissions and directions to the appropriate online forms can be found [here](#).

15--2011 ARNOVA Conference Call for Papers

Call for Participation
ARNOVA's 40th Annual Conference

DIVERSITY IN THE VOLUNTARY SECTOR: WHO ARE THE PARTICIPANTS, FUNDERS, BENEFICIARIES, AND VOLUNTEERS?

Toronto, Ontario, Canada
November 17-19, 2011

Challenges and opportunities abound as nations around the world include increasingly diverse populations. Many countries that have long had clear majorities of a single race and/or ethnic background are becoming societies where soon no one group will be able to claim majority status.

Societies everywhere now seek creative and constructive ways to integrate persons and communities of many backgrounds and cultures while also trying to preserve and respect the strengths and assets of those persons and cultures. Our meeting site this year, Toronto, exemplifies all this. In recent decades it has come to identify itself as "a city of diversity" and a "cultural mosaic."

The nonprofit or voluntary sector embraces a societal space where diversity has been critical and visible for a long time. It has been the incubator for organizations formed around ethnic, racial and religious identities. It has been the social space where some groups formed to serve minority communities in need, and assist their integration into a wider society; while other groups formed to preserve their own privileges or interests, and resist integration. It has been the realm where different groups form to promote, challenge or contest different values and visions for society.

Questions of diversity are of central importance for the research and practice of many ARNOVA members. Questions need to be asked about the roles of voluntary organizations in supporting a healthy diversity in society. Questions are asked about these organizations, like: Who participates in the sector? Who funds or finances it? Who serves in it? Who benefits from it? Who has led and will lead it? Are the resources and activities of the sector employed fairly to meet the needs of all? How should these organizations interact with other sectors around these issues?

Exploring questions like these will be one focus for our Conference next November. We hope to frame a conversation on these matters of such importance to our field. One track will be devoted

to the Conference theme with the hope of creating shared exploration of the ideas, issues and questions surfaced there.

In addition, ARNOVA's Annual Research Conference will, as always, be a key opportunity to present and discuss the latest research on the wide range of topics relating to nonprofit organizations, philanthropy, voluntary action and civil society.

The conference committee welcomes proposals addressing a broad variety of topics, in addition to the theme. We invite proposals from all disciplinary (and interdisciplinary) perspectives. We are very interested in international as well as national and local perspectives. Proposals may focus on the entire sector, or on any type of nonprofit or field of activity. We look forward to entertaining a wide variety of proposals, and invite you to submit yours. *We particularly welcome younger scholars and members of under-represented groups to make their interests known to the conference organizers so we can include you in our community.*

Information on Track and the Submission of Proposals Follows

Proposal Submission Tracks for the 40th Annual ARNOVA Conference

Below are examples of the types of questions that could be considered for each track, but please do *not* read these suggestions as *exclusionary*. They are intended only to be *illustrative*.

- "The Conference Track" - Diversity and its Implications in the Voluntary Sector. *We invite proposals on a wide variety of issues related to this theme. See the previous page.*
- Boards, Governance & Accountability - *How are the various 'governance models' changing now? What are the strengths and weaknesses of new models? How do nonprofits remain accountable - and to whom - amidst tremendous shifts in funding, expectations and need?*
- Community & Grassroots Organization / Secular & Faith-based - *Will social movements gain traction? How are new technologies changing the way "organizing" takes place? Will faith communities increase their involvement in meeting human needs?*
- Effectiveness, Evaluation & Programs - *How do we know when nonprofit work is effective? How are evaluation practices and metrics shifting to capture large-scale community change? What kinds of programs are thriving or failing in the "new normal" of this economy?*
- Philanthropy, Foundations, Fundraising & Giving - *Are foundations' roles and practices changing in a new environment? Is individual giving changing in hard times? How are donors and fundraisers shifting their behaviors now?*
- Innovation & Entrepreneurship - *Are nonprofits breaking new ground in their approaches to services? Are new (hybrid) organizational forms replacing traditional ones? Do we know if innovation is more effective?*
- Management, Leadership & Strategy - *Have hard times changed the approaches to and work of management in voluntary organizations? Are styles of leadership changing? If so, how so, and why? As resources get scarcer are nonprofits finding new ways of working?*
- Public Policy & Law - *Presentations can explore the changing roles of and relationships between governments, NGOs and the voluntary sector at all levels - local and state as well as national and international - and a broad spectrum of legal or policy issues for nonprofits.*
- Social Economy - *In some countries and communities "social economy" provides a different perspective on meeting community needs? How are social economy organizations contributing to sustainable development? What can be learned from social economy research?*
- Teaching & Education - *What is being done to prepare the next generation of nonprofit leaders? Should programs and pedagogy be changing in these times? If so, in what ways?*
- Theory & Methods - *Are we seeing new theoretical insights evolve and paradigms shift in these times of broad societal changes? If grassroots civic engagement and networks are becoming more important, can our current organizational models understand these trends?*

□ *Voluntarism & Volunteering - How is voluntarism changing in the current environment? What new or additional knowledge, skills, and abilities will be needed by volunteers?*

Types of Presentations & Submissions:

Proposals can be for individual Papers, Panels (pre-arranged) of 3-4 papers, or Colloquia. Submissions by practitioners and doctoral students engaged in research are also welcome. Panels and Colloquia should (as a rule) involve people from multiple institutions.

The on-line proposal submission system will open February 15, 2011, and close at midnight, March 21. To submit a proposal, you will be able to go to www.arnova.org, and click on the tab that says "Submit a Proposal." More information about types of sessions and presentations, and about submitting proposals can also be found there - under "Guidelines and Instructions for Proposals" - by February 10. Questions can then be directed to the ARNOVA office at (317) 684-2120, or to conference@arnova.org.

16--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 on March 1, 2011.

17--Student and Faculty News

PPOL Student Andy Baxter successfully defended his dissertation proposal on February 1st. He now moves into the final stage of the program on his dissertation titled "Tradeoffs in the Use of Value-Added Estimates of Teacher Effectiveness by School Districts."

Dr. Joseph Kuhns (CJUS) and Johannes Knutsson Had their book, *Police Use of Force A Global Perspective*, selected as an Outstanding Academic Title for 2010 by Choice. You can read the

comment under the Review/Endorsement tab here - <http://www.abc-clio.com/product.aspx?id=53242>.

And here is a link describing what the Choice Outstanding Academic Title awards are all about - http://www.cro2.org/default.aspx?page=about_oat&pid=2870805

Dr. Paul Friday (CJUS) contributed comments to the Charlotte Observer article "Many 2010 slayings were in one area, northwest of uptown."

Dr. Martha Kropf (POLS) was a guest on WFAE's Charlotte Talks radio show on February 7, 2011. She was talking about Charlotte's winning bid to host the 2012 Democratic National Convention. The show can be heard at:

http://wfae.org/wfae/19_100_0.cfm?id=6904&action=display

18--Summer Funding Opportunities

The **Eben Tisdale Fellowship**, which includes a \$5,000 grant, is a summer internship available to undergraduate and graduate students where the high-tech sector meets the government. The program offers outstanding opportunities for students to learn about high tech public policy issues with hands-on experience in Washington, D.C. Tisdale Fellowships are open to students from colleges and universities all over the country.

The **Dell Thurmond Woodard Fellowship**, which includes one \$5,000 grant for one student each year, is part of the Tisdale Fellowship program. Any student, undergraduate or graduate, who is interested in diversity and ethics issues, and in learning about high-tech public policy issues, can apply for this Fellowship. The application for both of these Fellowships is the same, except that those applying for the Dell Thurmond Woodard Fellowship should include an additional essay on diversity and ethics.

The Fellowship has two main elements:

(1) Internship: Fellows participate in an eight-week internship in the government relations office of a leading high technology company or association. In the recent past, fellows have interned at such companies as **Dell, Hewlett-Packard, Philips Electronics** and **Monster Worldwide**, as well as associations such as the **Business Software Alliance** or **TechAmerica**.

(2) Issues Seminar: The issues seminar is a weekly lunch hosted by the different sponsoring companies and associations. Expert speakers lead discussions of current public policy issues in Washington, and the methods the high technology industry uses for effective advocacy. The summer 2011 Fellowship runs from June 13th – August 5th, 2011. The goal of the Fellowship is to create a supportive and collegial environment in which a new class of public policy professionals will be mentored to help ensure that the high-tech industry continues to have highly capable and well-trained individuals in both policy advocacy and senior management positions. The Final deadline for all applications is **February 15, 2011**. Students may find more information and apply at www.tisdalefellowship.org.

Questions? Contact Jonathan Tilley at info@tisdalefellowship.org or 202/986-0384.

19--Grant 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.

20--Post-doc Opportunity

On behalf of the United States Department of Labor, Mathematica Policy Research is pleased to announce a competition to fund qualified researchers to carry out original research. Research topics should contribute to the Department's mission of fostering, promoting, and developing the well-being of wage earners, retirees, and job seekers. More program details, other potential research topics, application instructions, and evaluation criteria are available online at <http://www.mathematica-mpr.com/Labor/DOLgrants.asp>.

Interested postdoctoral associates and junior researchers are strongly encouraged to apply for this opportunity. The complete application package should be submitted to Mr. Bryce Onaran (bonaran@mathematica-mpr.com) by **11:59 p.m. Eastern time on February 28, 2011**.

Questions about the competition should be directed to Bryce Onaran at bonaran@mathematica-mpr.com.

21--Jobs

Mathematica Statisticians

Mathematica is seeking statisticians to support its survey sampling and statistical analysis activities. Currently we have openings in our Washington, D.C. office and our headquarters in Princeton, NJ. We are seeking statisticians with experience or interest in survey sample design and selection (including weighting, imputation, and variance estimation). Successful candidates should also have strong oral and written communication skills, the ability to work in an interdisciplinary team, statistical analysis skills, and familiarity with statistical software such as SAS, R, or Stata.

Qualifications

- * Ph.D. in statistics, biostatistics, survey methodology or an equivalent combination of education and experience
- * Background or interest in sample design, survey research methodology, and/or complex survey data analysis
- * Strong oral and written communication skills
- * Knowledge and experience with statistical programming is desirable
- * Knowledge and/or experience in one or more of the following areas is desirable: Address-based or random digit dialing sampling techniques, propensity modeling, total survey error, administrative data and paradata, small area estimation, Bayesian analysis, data disclosure avoidance, data mining or multiple imputation.

Please submit a cover letter, resume, salary requirements and contact information for three references to our employment website at:

<https://careers.mathematica-mpr.com/applicants/Central?quickFind=51474>.

**Public Sector Consultants, Inc.
Statistician**

Public Sector Consultants, Inc. (PSC) is seeking an experienced statistician for a senior level position to support the firm's clients in the policy arenas of economics, education, environment, health, and technology. The job description is included below and can be found in the 'news and announcements' area of our website (<http://www.pscinc.com>).

**The Polling Company(TM), Inc.
Project Manager**

The Polling Company(TM), Inc., a full-service market research firm headquartered in Washington DC, is looking to hire a project manager. The firm specializes in quantitative and qualitative research and analysis, and provides strategic counsel for a diverse portfolio of clients in the political, corporate, legal, public affairs, and not-for-profit and media sectors.

Job Description: The employee will be involved in all stages of project development and execution, and the position entails the following components:

- (1) management and oversight of current and future projects;
- (2) development of original proposals, research program design, sample and questionnaire construction, data analysis, and report writing for quantitative and qualitative research;
- (3) direction of focus groups and other qualitative research exercises
- (4) communication with sample providers, field houses, and other vendors as needed to conduct quantitative research projects;
- (5) supervision of 1-3 members of the research staff;
- (6) maintenance of existing clients relations to ensure that current client's research objectives are being fully achieved and cultivating new clientele;
- (7) experience with federal government contracting a plus.

The position will be responsible for updating and taking direction from the President and CEO on the progress of all projects.

Qualifications: Applicants should have 3+ years experience in the survey research field, be able to manage several tasks at the same time, and willing to work in a small group environment. The applicant must have a strong methodological background and advanced knowledge of various research methods as well as extensive knowledge of SPSS, MS Word, Excel, and Internet applications. Though the company has a wide range of clients, the candidate must have an interest in politics and must be comfortable working with ideologically-conservative clients. Candidate must be willing to work in a fast-paced office and willing to work nights and weekends when necessary. Strong writing skills, command of the English language, and statistical

knowledge is a must. Candidate must have Bachelor's Degree and higher education a plus. Salary and benefits commensurate with experience.

Please send cover letter, resume, salary requirements, and references to Kellyanne Conway at info@pollingcompany.com or fax them to (202)467-6551. No phone inquiries please. For more information about the polling company(tm), inc., please access our website at www.pollingcompany.com.

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Research and Innovative Technology Administration Statistician

The Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA) seeks a Statistician to join our team. RITA coordinates the U.S. Department of Transportation's (DOT) research programs and is charged with advancing rigorous analysis and the deployment of cross-cutting technologies to improve our Nation's transportation system.

The Statistician serves within the Office of Transportation and Analysis, Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS), a component of the Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA). The Office of Transportation Analysis develops and provides relevant, timely, and authoritative transportation data and information for the transportation community and decision makers.

RITA is offering an opportunity for public service-driven professionals who are highly motivated and self-reliant, and who can share their experience participating in the development and application of statistical methodology for the assessment and improvement of RITA/BTS and DOT data programs with skilled professionals who ensure the safety and efficiency of the transportation industry. This position is located in the New DOT building, which sits directly across the street from the Navy Yard metro and blocks away from the new National's Baseball stadium. RITA has flexible work schedules (to include Telework).

If you know someone interested in this Washington, D.C. based position with relevant experience and proven results please encourage them to apply under the attached vacancy announcement. We are looking for a diverse pool of qualified candidates.

The vacancy announcements can be found on:

<http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=96222437> (All Sources)

<http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=96222437> (Merit Promotion)

Please direct any questions to Linda Riggins, Human Resources, at (202)

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UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA
Public Administration Assistant Professor - Position # 317180

The Department of Political Science and Public Administration at the University of North Florida invites applications for a tenure-track position in public administration at the rank of assistant professor to begin in August, 2011. A doctorate in political science, public administration or related discipline conferred no later than date of appointment is required. The successful candidate will be a faculty member in the department's NASPAA-accredited Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree program, with responsibilities in the department's undergraduate political science program as well. The first concentration in Public Administration is open, however the department does have needs in public budgeting/finance, personnel and administrative ethics. To contribute to the undergraduate program, the second concentration is open, but the department does have teaching needs in comparative politics, international relations and political theory.

The department is particularly interested in candidates who have an interest in grant writing or applied research along with an active research agenda. The department also welcomes the use of innovative teaching technologies including distance learning and hybrid classes. The normal teaching load is three courses per semester. UNF enrolls about 17,000 students and is located in Jacksonville, Florida, a rapidly growing metropolitan area with a population of over one million persons. Jacksonville is part of northeastern Florida's historic "First Coast" and there are significant historical, cultural, and recreational resources in the immediate area including access to the St. Johns River and the Atlantic Ocean. Further information about the University of North Florida, the Department of Political Science and Public Administration and the MPA degree can be found on the departmental website at www.unf.edu/coas/polsci-pubadmin.

Review of applications will begin on February 25, 2011 and the search will remain open until the position is filled.

Applicants must apply online at <http://www.unfjobs.org> and must mail all required documents to be considered for this position. Please mail the following materials:

- (1) letter of application, including a brief statement of teaching and research interests,
- (2) a complete curriculum vitae,
- (3) unofficial graduate school transcript,*
- (4) evidence of teaching effectiveness (course syllabi, teaching evaluations, or related material),
- (5) evidence of research potential including a writing sample
- (6) three current professional letters of recommendation.

Applications should be addressed to:

Chair, PA Search Committee, Position # 317180
Department of Political Science and Public Administration
University of North Florida
1 UNF Drive
Jacksonville, FL 32224-7699.

*Official transcripts required by the time of employment.

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For further information please contact Dr. Matthew Corrigan, Chair, Dept. of Political Science and Public Administration, mcorriga@unf.edu or 904-620-1926.