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### **1--PPOL End of Semester Celebration, May 11<sup>th</sup>**

Dr. Martha Kropf will be hosting the annual PPOL spring social and end of semester celebration the evening of May 11<sup>th</sup> 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!

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### **2--Summer Course Update: Large Database Management & MySQL**

Students that are here for the summer and want to make progress on their advanced analysis requirements are encouraged to take this summer course offering. 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. This course would be useful for any doctoral student (PPOL or other) who might ever work with large databases, such as the any of the censuses, Medicare (or other often large health databases), FBI crime statistics, school performance data, and so forth. 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.

<http://www.govloop.com/page/presidential-management-fellow>

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### **3--SECoPA 2011 Call for Papers Due May 15<sup>th</sup>**

September 21-24, 2011  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
Call for Papers and Proposals

<http://events.SignUp4.com/SECoPA2011>

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](mailto:SECoPA@UNO.edu) as described in the above paragraph.

For more information about the program, contact Robert S. Montjoy, Ph.D., Program Chair at [RMontjoy@UNO.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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 SECoPA 2011 ([SECoPA@UNO.edu](mailto: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@clemson.edu](mailto:rws@clemson.edu)).

Collins (Doctoral Students): Chair Dr. Tom Barth ([bartht@uncw.edu](mailto:bartht@uncw.edu)).

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

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## **4--Research Fellowship Announcement**

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](mailto: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](mailto:legislative.archives@nara.gov). Please put "Fellowship Inquiry" in the subject line.

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

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## 5--Presidential Management Fellows Program

The Presidential Management Fellows Program is a leadership program for advanced degree candidates (aka Gov't Rockstars) at the entry level. It is a two-year assignment in the Federal government that includes salary and benefits. After Fellows have qualified through a rigorous and competitive process (it's kind of tough but worth it) they will have an opportunity to work at a Federal agency, or you may have the option to participate in a rotational opportunity at another agency. If you have a passion for public service, we hope you do, then this leadership development program is for you.

Additional information about this program, including application and nomination materials, is available at: <http://www.pmf.gov/>

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## 6--Student and Faculty News

PPOL student Yudo Anggoro is a new father! His wife gave birth to their first baby boy, Abyan Mulia Satrioyudo, was born on April 20<sup>th</sup> at 11.40 EST in Jakarta, Indonesia (22.40 Western Indonesian Time). He was able to "participate" and see the baby from here over the Internet. Congrats to him and his growing family!

PPOL Cicily Hampton has been invited to be (and will be) a featured presenter at the Your Turn To Lead Conference at Howard University on May 7th. Congratulations to Cicily!

PPOL Alum Dr. Nick Swartz will be taking over as Director of the James Madison University MPA program on May 16<sup>th</sup>, where he is currently on faculty. Furthermore, he has just signed a book contract with CQ Press. Congrats to Nick! It is always good to hear about the career progress of our alums.

In the news:

Dr. Joe Kuhns (CJUS) was interviewed on WFAE discussing, "['Legal' Drugs Soon To Be Illegal In NC.](#)" (Mar. 16)

Dr. Janni Sorensen (GEOG) was featured in *The Associated Press* article, "[Trying to save a neighborhood built to fail.](#)" (Mar. 27)

Dr. Steve Ott, dean of the School of Business, was featured in the Charlotte Business Journal article "[Ott is in at UNC Charlotte's Belk College.](#)" (Friday, April 8)

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## **7--Grant Opportunity**

Economics Program  
National Science Foundation (NSF)  
Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE)  
Division of Social and Economic Sciences (SES)

The program supports research designed to improve the understanding of the processes and institutions of the U.S. economy and of the world system of which it is a part. This program also strengthens both empirical and theoretical economic analysis as well as the methods for rigorous research on economic behavior. It supports research in almost every area of economics, including econometrics, economic history, environmental economics, finance, industrial organization, international economics, labor economics, macroeconomics, mathematical economics, and public finance.

The program welcomes proposals for individual or multi-investigator research projects, doctoral dissertation improvement awards, conferences, workshops, symposia, experimental research, data collection and dissemination, computer equipment and other instrumentation, and research experience for undergraduates. The program places a high priority on interdisciplinary research. Investigators are encouraged to submit proposals of joint interest to this program and other NSF programs and NSF initiative areas.

The program also funds conferences and interdisciplinary research that strengthens links among economics and the other social and behavioral sciences as well as mathematics and statistics.

Additional information and application instructions available at:  
<http://fundingopps.cos.com/alerts/4342>

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## **8--Post Doc Opportunity**

Post Doctoral Fellowship on the /"Political Economy of Global Finance" Political Economy Research Group (PERG)

Starting date: Fall of 2011  
Application deadline: May 2, 2011 at 17:00

The Political Economy Research Group (PERG) at Central European University (CEU) invites applications for a two-year post-doctoral fellowship on the "Political Economy of Global Finance" to begin in the fall of 2011.

Description of fellowship:

The ongoing global financial crisis has demonstrated a clear need to revise established paradigms in comparative political economy. In particular, dominant approaches in this field have underestimated the degree of "financialization," that is the predominance of financial markets, motives, institutions, and elites in the operation and governance of the economy in all

forms of capitalism. Therefore PERG seeks a post-doctoral researcher with a specialty in the international political economy of global finance, financial development, or related topics.

In addition to working on his or her research and publication agenda, the post-doctoral fellow will be expected to attend and actively engage in PERG seminar meetings, participate in collaborative research projects with PERG members, give a public lecture at CEU, and contribute to the organization of lectures or a workshop with renowned scholars in the field. If interested, the fellow will also have the opportunity to engage in research seminars at multiple departments and potentially teach a course.

#### About CEU and PERG:

Central European University (CEU) is a graduate research-intensive university specializing primarily in the social sciences. It is located in Budapest, and accredited in the United States and Hungary. CEU's mission is to promote academic excellence, state-of-the-art research, and civic engagement, in order to contribute to the development of open societies in Central and Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, and other emerging democracies throughout the world. CEU offers both Master's and doctoral programs, and enrolls more than 1500 students from nearly 100 countries. The teaching staff consists of more than 140 resident faculty, from over 40 countries, and a large number of prominent visiting scholars from around the world. The language of instruction is English.

PERG (<http://perg.ceu.hu>) is a highly active, collaborative research group of CEU doctoral students and faculty from four departments - Political Science, International Relations and European Studies, Public Policy, and Economics - working in the area of political economy. The post-doctoral fellow will benefit from engaging in a very active and motivating community of senior and junior researchers that is focused on providing feedback on colleagues' work and engaging in collaborative research. The research profile of PERG members includes many dimensions of political economy, such as labor markets, social mobilization, migration, fiscal and social policy, and transnational capitalism. The fellow may also utilize PERG's contacts and networks within and beyond CEU that relate to the Political Economy of Global Finance.

#### Conditions:

The two-year position is created within the framework of the "CEU 20th Anniversary Postdoctoral Fellowships" to commemorate 20 years of academic activity at CEU. The successful candidate will receive a competitive stipend and will be eligible for a health plan.

#### How to apply?

The application package should consist of a single PDF file with

- a short letter of motivation stating the candidate's qualifications and reasons for interest in the fellowship,
- a research proposal outlining current and future research (2-3pages),
- a CV,
- the contact information of three references (including e-mail, phone number, mailing address, and relationship to the applicant), and
- one writing sample (published article, work-in progress, or a dissertation chapter).

Informal enquiries may be addressed to [perg@ceu.hu](mailto:perg@ceu.hu)

Please send your complete application package to [advert@ceu.hu](mailto:advert@ceu.hu) including job code in subject line: 2011/023

The Social Science Research Institute at Duke University invites applications for a Postdoctoral Associate in survey research methods. The Associate will have three primary responsibilities:

- (1) support and assist with the development of the Duke Initiative on Survey Methodology (DISM)
- (2) teach workshops and develop resources on survey research tools and methods, including the Qualtrics online survey software that Duke provides to its user communities;
- (3) advise social and behavioral scientists on campus on issues of survey design, implementation, and analysis; and
- (4) participate in research leading to publication.

The Associate will be supervised by Dr. Sunshine Hillygus, associate professor in the Department of Political Science and director of DISM.

The ideal candidate will hold a PhD in a social or behavioral science discipline and will have a strong background in survey methods, experience in conducting survey research, familiarity with survey and statistical software, and experience with teaching. Responsibility, initiative, good judgment, and the ability to work well on a team are required. The appointment will be for a contract beginning no later than July 1, 2011 and running until June 30, 2012, with potential for renewal. This position is full-time and offers a salary of approximately \$37,000, and is eligible for benefits. Further information about Duke University's post-doctoral positions and the policies that guide their administration is available online via this URL:

<http://postdoc.duke.edu/policies.html>. The selected candidate will have the opportunity to begin work immediately, pending agreement between Dr. Hillygus and the candidate; though there is some flexibility concerning start date, preference will generally be given to candidates with early availability, and it is expected that all interested candidates will be available for a start date no later than July 1, 2011.

Applicants should email their CV, a brief statement of their background and interests and contact information for at least three references to:

Alexandra Cooper

Associate Director, Education and Training Core of the Social Sciences Research Institute Duke University [cooper@duke.edu](mailto:cooper@duke.edu)

Dr. Cooper will be attending the AAPOR conference in Phoenix, Arizona from May 11- 14 and invites interested applicants who will also be in attendance to let her know they will be at the meeting. Depending on the progress that has been made on the search by the time of the conference, she may contact selected candidates about meeting to discuss this position and their interests and qualifications with her at the conference.

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## 9--Jobs

**The Analyst Institute**  
**Senior Analyst**

[www.analystinstitute.org](http://www.analystinstitute.org)

The Analyst Institute conducts randomized controlled experiments to determine what works and what does not in voter contact and communication strategies for progressive organizations. For more information please visit [www.analystinstitute.org](http://www.analystinstitute.org)

Responsibilities:

The Senior Analyst(s) will work closely with partner organizations in developing, designing, executing, and analyzing randomized controlled experiments to evaluate aspects of their voter contact programs. Any given experiment will likely involve membership recruitment, voter registration, fundraising, voter persuasion, and/or get-out-the-vote efforts.

This person must have experience with field experiments, relevant statistical and methodological training, be self-motivated, and thrive in a dynamic start-up environment. This person may work as a part-time consultant (10+ hour per week) or as a full-time employee of the Analyst Institute.

Qualifications:

- Experience with field research, especially field experiments.
- Detail oriented and highly organized.
- Experience working on, or with political campaigns desired but not necessary.
- Ability to work well under tight deadlines.
- Mastery of statistics software (Stata preferred, R, SPSS okay)
- Excellent verbal and written skills.
- Understanding of statistics and the methodology of political experiments and measurement.
- PhD or MA in behavioral science.

Start Date: Flexible, ASAP

Location: Washington DC, McPherson Square

Analyst Institute is an equal opportunity employer. Salary is commensurate with experience.

For more information contact: [jobs@analystinstitute.org](mailto:jobs@analystinstitute.org)

**McKinsey & Company**  
**Organization Practice**  
**Organizational Diagnostic and Research Analyst**

Overview: The Organizational Diagnostic and Research Analyst is part of the consulting service support staff in the Organization Practice. In this role you will be trained and designated as a diagnostic expert to assess corporate performance and health in companies around the world. You will provide functional expertise in transformational change, organization design, merger management, operations, and strategy studies to solve real business issues and work with consultants to create management recommendations and interventions using best practices in organizational effectiveness.

Detailed Description: The Organizational Diagnostic and Research Analyst role has two main components:

Approximately 80% of the role will be dedicated to diagnostic activities that include:

- Managing the administration, analysis and synthesis of data from proprietary knowledge tools

- Delivering senior executive presentations and workshops on business and operational impact of survey results
- Training and coaching senior executives to use proprietary data tools to drive new business initiatives
- Problem solving within client engagement teams to develop the strategy and program architecture to guide change program implementation

The remaining 20% is focused on:

- Authoring and codifying new knowledge initiatives related to core organizational issues
- Designing robust training and interactive modules to help generalist consultants develop functional expertise
- Participating in a global community of practice and coaching junior members of the team

The role can involve some periods of full-time staffing on client engagement teams and includes travel when required to support teams.

**Desired Skills:** The ideal candidate should demonstrate a strong interest in organizational issues and social science approaches to assess employee, team, and organizational behavior.

- Solid understanding of organizational behavior and general business concepts and terminology
- Proficiency with Microsoft Office (Power Point, Excel, Access) and statistical software (SPSS, Stata)
- Proven ability to work independently, including managing multiple projects with demanding deadlines
- Superior problem solving and quantitative skills
- Excellent written and interpersonal communication skills
- Professional attitude and service orientation; superb team player
- Solid understanding of psychological and economic concepts affecting behavioral change
- Previous work or academic experience with employee surveys is helpful, but not a formal requirement

**Background/Training:** Master's degree in a social science discipline or business management program is preferred, but not required for candidacy.

A highly qualified candidate will present a strong academic track record from a nationally ranked institution with academic or work experience similar to the job responsibilities and qualifications.

Warren Langevin  
 McKinsey & Company  
 Washington, DC  
 Office (202) 662-3105

**POSITION ANNOUNCEMENT:  
 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
 MAINE CENTER FOR ECONOMIC POLICY**

MECEP, a nonprofit public interest group, is seeking an entrepreneurial Executive Director to build on our exceptional 17 year record of providing high quality research, analysis, and coalition building in support of progressive ideas and policies. MECEP's focus areas include fair

budgets and taxes, affordable health care, livable wages and family supports, and sustainable development. More information on the MECEP may be found at: [www.mecep.org](http://www.mecep.org).

The successful candidate will bring an understanding of the Maine's policy environment, economic research and advocacy best practices, and will demonstrate his or her leadership qualities in the following areas: Commitment to mission, Policy development and advocacy, and Social Entrepreneurship. Ideal candidates for this position will share our commitment to progressive policies and ideas and will bring training and experience of leadership in economic policy development. For fuller position description see [www.mecep.org](http://www.mecep.org).

To apply, send an e-mail with a cover letter detailing your qualifications, resume, two page writing sample, and salary requirements to: [jward@mecep.org](mailto:jward@mecep.org)

Resumes will be considered from June 1, 2011 until position is filled. Target is to fill the position by Dec. 1, 2011.