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Here is the latest news and information from the Martin School of Public Policy & Administration.

Upcoming Events

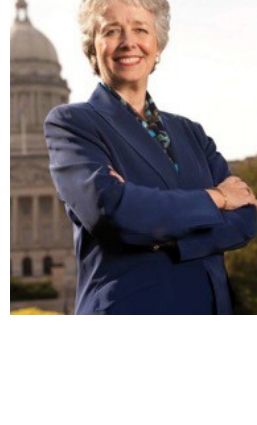
10.29.10: Board of Visitors Meeting
 11.10.10: State Auditor Crit Luallen Speaks to Martin School
 11.17.10: Alumni Reception
 11.18.10—11.21.10: MPA & MPP Trip to DC

Martin School Doctoral Program Among the Very Best in Public Affairs and Policy

The most exciting news we have received comes from the recent release of the Survey of Doctoral Research programs completed by the National Research Council. In the first ever ranking of doctoral programs in public affairs and policy programs by the NRC, the **Martin School's Ph.D. program is ranked between 4th and 11th among all programs!** The hard work by our faculty, students, and alumni has paid off! Thanks to all and congratulations! Let's build upon our success. Read more [here](#).

Upcoming Events

We have several upcoming events this fall that we want to bring to your attention.



Crit Luallen Speaks to Martin School, November 10

We are delighted to have the Kentucky Auditor of Public Accounts and Martin School Board of Visitors member **Crit Luallen** to open our speakers' series, "Leaders in Public Policy." Ms. Luallen will be speaking on Wednesday, November 10th at 6:30 PM in the West End Board Room on the 18th floor of the Patterson Office Tower. A reception will follow. **We hope that you will be able to attend – all are welcome!** Invitations and more information are forthcoming.

Alumni Reception, November 17

On November 17th at 7:00 PM we shall host our annual reception for Alumni and Friends of the Martin School at the Boone Center. **It was great fun last year, and we hope you can join us.** We'll send invitations and more information soon.



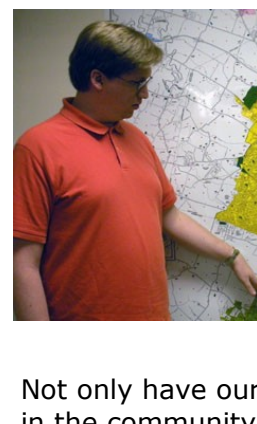
MPA and MPP Trip to DC, November 18-21

As we have done in the past, the Martin School is sponsoring a trip to Washington, DC for our MPA and MPP students on November 18th and 19th. The students, along with MPA/MPP Program Director **Dwight Denison** and Director **Bill Hoyt**, will visit federal agencies as well other organizations in the DC area to learn about internship and employment opportunities. **While in DC, we'll host a reception for our alumni and friends there.** Expect to hear from us soon in you are in the DC area; **if you are interested in having our students come visit your agency or organization in the DC area, please feel free to contact [Dwight](#) or [Bill](#).**

More Award Winning Students

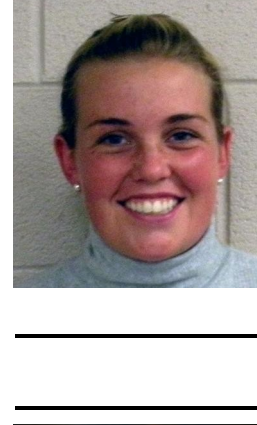


The Martin School's remarkable record in national and regional master's and doctoral paper competitions continues. **Graham Drake's** (MPP '10) capstone paper "Evaluating the Presidential Management Fellows Program: Has the Implementation of a Standardized Assessment Test Altered Student Selection?" won the award for the NASPAA best master's paper. This award has been won seven out of seventeen times by a Martin School student -- more than any other program. Graham accepted his award at the annual meeting of NASPAA in Las Vegas on October 1st. Watch our brief interview with Graham and learn about his study [here](#).



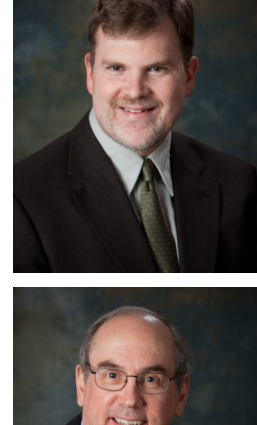
Meredith Howes (MPA '10) with her capstone project, "Providing Department of Defense Support Domestically: A Study of Cost Effectiveness", captured the best master's paper for the Southeastern Conference on Public Administration (SECOPA). **Matthew Howell**, a current Ph.D. student, was awarded an honorable mention in the Doctoral paper competition for his paper, "Lines in the Sand; Lines on the Map: Group Formation and the Fragmentation of the Metropolis". Matthew's award marks the first time SECOPA has awarded an honorable mention. Meredith and Matthew will present their papers and receive their awards at the SECOPA annual meeting in Wilmington, NC, the week of October 10th. Learn more about their studies [here](#).

Not only have our students been recognized for their scholarly accomplishments but for their work in the community as well. This past spring current MPA students **Lindsay Griffith** and **Jill Thompson** were chosen by the Clinton Initiative to receive support so that they may found their own non-profit organization. Their non-profit, Bridges Beyond Borders, is a program that matches college students with immigrant children. **Check the Martin School website on October 25th for the debut of a short video featuring Lindsay, Jill and Bridges Beyond Borders.**

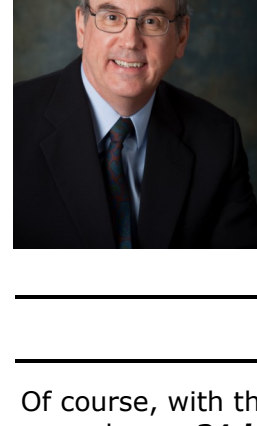


MPA **Shelley Sellwood-Davis** also won first prize in a Scholastic Media grant for her work on the Build-A-Bed project, an AmeriCorps initiative that provides beds to children across Kentucky who don't have a bed of their own. Read more about Shelley and the ongoing Build-A-Bed project [here](#).

What's New on Campus



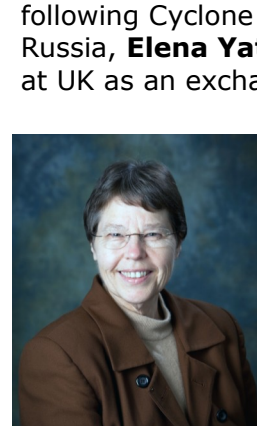
We are greatly pleased to announce that effective July 1st, **Dwight Denison** was promoted to full professor. Dwight is a "triple-threat": an eminent scholar in public budgeting and finance, an award-winning teacher, and a workhorse in his role as Director of Graduate Studies for the MPA and MPP. We are grateful for all Dwight has done and for what we know he'll do in the future. Please join us in giving Dwight congratulations on a well-deserved promotion. Read Dwight's online bio [here](#).



We continue to hold research workshops Wednesday afternoons most weeks during the semester. This semester our presenters include our own **David Wildasin, Josh Cowen**, and **Nicolai Petrovsky**. Visiting presenters include **Evan Hillebrand** (Patterson School), **Seth Sanders** (joint with Poverty Center, Duke University), **Henry Braun** (Lynch School of Education, Boston College), **Mark Peffley** (joint faculty, Political Science), **Karen Blumenschein** (joint faculty, Pharmacy), **Neal Hutchens** (Education), and **Monika Caushelli** (Accounting). To see more about the schedule or obtain copies of the papers go to the online [workshop page](#).

Incoming Students & Summer Internships

Of course, with the start of a new school year come new students to the Martin School. This year we welcome **21 in the MPA program, 5 to the MPP, and 6 students to the Ph.D. program.** Based on their application materials and what we've seen so far, this is going to be a great class...and a very international and accomplished one. **Aung Phyo '12** from Myanmar joins his fellow Fulbright scholar **Khin Thazin Myint '11** in the MPP program. Aung has an Associate's degree obtained via distance learning from I.U. Bloomington and worked in disaster recovery following Cyclone Nargis. The class of '12 also includes our first master's student to hail from Russia, **Elena Yatskovskaya** of St. Petersburg. **Lena** is originally from St. Petersburg and studied at UK as an exchange student during her undergraduate career.



This year we have **developed and added required training in professional development to our program** as part of the internship program. First year students will be attending a series of Wednesday night seminars led by **Ginny Wilson**. These seminars will focus on preparing for internships and employment interviews, as well as advise students on other aspects of professional development. **Ginny will be engaging a number of speakers, many of whom are alumni, to offer advice and guidance based on their experiences. If you are interested in participating, please contact us.**

We are always interested in **increasing the number and variety of internship experiences** that our students may have. We welcome (and encourage) alumni and other friends of the Martin School to let us know if they might have opportunities for interns in their organizations. If you would like to talk about internship possibilities, don't hesitate to contact our internship coordinator **Jack Blanton** or Director **Bill Hoyt**.

This summer, as in the past, our MPA and MPP students were engaged in a variety of internships in the public, not-for-profit, and private sectors in Kentucky, Washington and internationally. The organizations employing Martin School interns include the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy, AmeriCorps, United Way, the Kentucky Legislative Research Commission, Lexington city government and more. **Read more about our students' internship experiences [here](#).**

Martin School across the Country...

Faculty, students and alums alike are trotting around the U.S. and the globe this fall!

The Martin School has an extremely strong presence at the Southeastern Conference on Public Administration ([SECOPA](#)) this week in Wilmington, NC. Faculty member **Ed Jennings** is presenting, along with alumni **Jo Ann Ewalt, Candice Schultheis, Yongbeom Hur, Christopher Crumrine, Jeremy Hall, Wie Yusuf, Lenahan O'Connell, Sawсан Abutabenjeh, Ashley Wineke, Graham Drake** and **Meredith Howes**. Presenting PhD students are **Nate Barrett, Matthew Howell, Shinwoo Lee, Juliana Swiney, Joshua Poulette, Gyeo Lee, & Emily Bedwell**.



The [Association for Budgeting and Financial Management](#) conference just wrapped up last weekend (October 7th-9th) in Omaha, **Dwight Denison**, current President of the ABFM, presented "Indirect and Direct Subsidies for Cost of Government Capital: Comparing Yields of Tax-Exempt Bonds and Build America Bonds", which he coauthored with alum **Gao Liu**. Also attending was **Merl Hackbart**, who presented "Popular Financial Reports: Status of U.S. Cities" coauthored with alumni **Wie Yusef** and **Meagan Jordan**. Rounding out the Martin School presenters were alums **Jacob Fowles** and **Douglas Carr**, and students **Cezar Brian Mamaril** and **John Foster**.

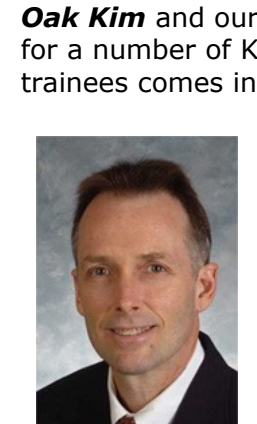
Bill Hoyt, Ed Jennings, Dwight Denison, and **Merl Hackbart** recently returned from Las Vegas where they participated in the annual meeting of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration ([NASPAA](#)). While there **Bill Hoyt** was the convener of a panel on "Service in the Community: Getting the Attention of Those Around You"; **Ed Jennings** convened a panel on "Transitions in Public Affairs Programs: Challenges in the Coming Faculty Retirement Boom"; **Dwight Denison** served on a panel on "Roundtable: Building Guidelines for Programs with Budgeting, Finance, and Financial Administration Specializations." Also participating were alumni **JoAnn Ewalt** and **Jeremy Hall**. All had the opportunity to see **Graham Drake** accept his award for best paper at the Awards Luncheon.

It seems **David Wildasin** can't get Georgia off his mind. As a Visiting Scholar, **David** presented "Dynamic Fiscal Competition" at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. He then attended a conference on "Coercion and Social Welfare in Contemporary Public Finance", sponsored by the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University.

And finally, at the upcoming Association for Public Policy and Management conference, our presenters will include Professors **Dwight Denison** and **Adetokunbo Oluwole** along with joint faculty member **Jim Ziliak**. Other presenters will include alums **Gao Liu** and **Jacob Fowles**, along with current students **William Walton** and **Cezar Brian Mamaril**. The [APPAM](#) conference will be held in Boston November 4-6.

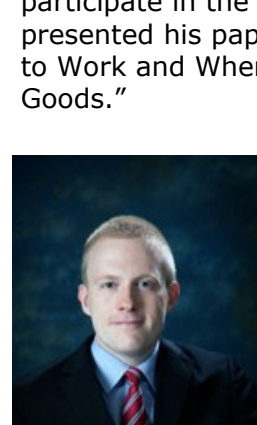
...And Around the World

Representing our International Public Policy and Management Institute (IPPMI), IPPMI Director **Doo Oak Kim** and our Director of International Studies **Ed Jennings** traveled to South Korea to arrange for a number of Korean public agency managers to receive training from IPPMI. Our next group of trainees comes in January and they're expected to be our largest group yet.



This fall, **IPPMI** students continue in their ESL training but in addition are taking a course in policy evaluation taught by **Mike Childress**, who has recently taken a position at the University. Mike's appointment includes responsibilities in the Martin School in addition to the College of Communications and the Center for Business and Economics. We welcome Mike to the [IPPMI program](#) and we hope he will continue to be very involved with the Martin School in the future.

In July, Director **Bill Hoyt** had an opportunity to teach at the Institute Economica Barcelona (IEB). Graduate students and recent Ph.D.'s in economics from throughout Europe and from the U.S. participated in a week-long course on fiscal federalism Hoyt taught along with Steven Craig from the University of Houston. In August, Hoyt returned to Europe; this time to Uppsala, Sweden, to participate in the Congress of the International Institute of Public Finance (IIPF) where he presented his papers "State Income Taxes in Interstate Metropolitan Areas: The Choice of Where to Work and Where to Live for Movers" and "Optimal Taxation in the Presence of Congestible Public Goods."



Our faculty member with the most frequent flier miles may be **Nicolai Petrovsky**, who is attending the first joint Public Management Research Association/International Research Society for Public Management conference at the University of Hong Kong. While there, **Nicolai** will present "Does Managerial Quality Determine Whether Easy Money Will Increase Organizational Slack? Testing the Rentier Hypothesis in European Local Governments" and "Do Motivated Elephants Gallop Faster? An Assessment of the Effect of Public Service Motivation on Government Performance at the Individual and Organizational Levels".

Earlier this year, **Nicolai** presented at the International Research Society for Public Management Conference in Bern, Switzerland; and for the Department of Politics at the University of Exeter. **Nicolai** also presents stateside – most recently at conferences in Chicago and at Texas A&M.

Recent and Forthcoming Publications

William Hoyt with Paul Coomes (*University of Louisville*) and Amelia Biehl (*University of Michigan-Flint*) "Tax Limits and Housing: Some Evidence at the State Level". *Real Estate Economics* (forthcoming).

David Wildasin, "State Corporation Income Taxation: An Economic Perspective on Nexus". *National Tax Journal* (forthcoming, December).

Nicolai Petrovsky with George A. Boyne, Oliver James & Peter John "Top Management Turnover and Organizational Performance: A Test of the Contingency Model." *Public Administration Review* (forthcoming).