



## Director's Update – November 2011

Alumni, Colleagues, and Friends,

We are now well into the 2011-12 academic year. We had 32 MPA, 6 MPP, and 6 Ph.D. students enter our program this year. These students bring our total in each of the programs to 63 for the MPA, 13 for the MPP, and 27 for the Ph.D. program. As you can see from our [directory](#) on the website, we have students coming from a wide range of backgrounds throughout the nation and world. We are glad to have them all here and wish them the best of luck as they continue their studies with us. Below are additional pieces of news from the Martin School.

We are always looking for news about our alumni and friends. If you have information you would like to share with us please let myself or my administrative assistant, [Donna Owsley](#), know.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill".

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### *New Faculty Appointment: Dr. Rebecca Bromley-Trujillo*



In addition to a new group of students, we are delighted to welcome Assistant Professor Rebecca Bromley-Trujillo to campus. Becky has just completed her Ph.D. in Political Science from Michigan State University and is teaching our Policy Process and Public Policy Analysis courses this semester. Next semester, Becky will teach a course on environmental policy, her primary area of research interest. Read more about Becky [here](#).

## *Upcoming Events*

### *Open House*

Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> 4:30 – 6:30 PM (18<sup>th</sup> Floor Patterson Office Tower). If you know of anyone interested in learning more about the Martin School and its programs, please encourage them to come and speak with our faculty, students, and alumni.

### *MPA/MPP Trip to D.C.*



From November 17<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, the Director and a group of interested MPA and MPP students will travel to D.C. to visit federal agencies and headquarters of organizations as well as to hear from Martin School alumni working there. If you are in the D.C. area and would be interested in meeting with us, please e-mail one of our GAs, [Cole](#)

[Rakow](#) or [Tara Bopp](#).

## *One-Year Program*

Our most ambitious current project is the development of one-year (11 month) MPA and MPP programs. These programs will have daytime courses and will be an addition to, not a replacement for, our traditional evening programs. We plan to launch the programs in July 2012 and are currently working with the University to obtain final approval for the program and coordinate with other units involved in the program.

We believe the program will be a great opportunity to expand enrollment and enhance recruiting efforts as we expect the program, which will be one of only a few one-year programs in the country, will draw the interest of students from throughout the country. The curriculum of the one-year program is the same as that of traditional program, with only the delivery of the courses changing. Rather than the traditional 15-week courses, students will take courses ranging from 2 to 4 weeks in length in the summer to 8 weeks long during the traditional academic year. This will enable us to create a number of focused clusters of courses. We believe that one strength of this program will be the strong cohort effect it should foster – all students will follow the same schedule and be in the same classes together. This cohort effect is further emphasized by increased group work within classes and year-long group projects with organizations and agencies in the community. Click [here](#) to see more about the program's layout.

## *A New President for UK*



As most of you are probably aware, on July 1<sup>st</sup> Lee Todd retired as President of the University of Kentucky with Eli Capilouto becoming our 12<sup>th</sup> president. Prior to becoming our president, Dr. Capilouto was Provost at University of Alabama-Birmingham (UAB). He has a Doctor of Dental Medicine (DDM) from the University of Alabama and a doctorate in Health Policy and Management from the Harvard School of Public Health. Read [more](#) about Dr. Capilouto.

The Martin School faculty had a chance to meet with Dr. Capilouto on October 3<sup>rd</sup> to get a chance to hear some of his thoughts about where he would like to see UK head in the future and to share some of our concerns. As UAB does not have a stand-alone public administration or public policy program, we took the opportunity to acquaint him with the Martin School and give him a feel for the many things we do. After our meeting with him, President Capilouto had some nice things to say about the Martin School on [UKNOW](#). As became clear at his [investiture address](#) on October 18<sup>th</sup>, a top priority of UK will be physical capital and space. Given our space concerns, we applaud the president's efforts.

More recently, following a tradition established by Lee Todd, President Capilouto spoke to students in Ed Jennings's class – Strategic Planning and Organization Change in the Public and Nonprofit Sectors (PA 602).

The Martin School faculty, staff, and students thank President Todd for all his work for UK and the Martin School and wish President Capilouto the best of luck in his challenging position at a very challenging time.

### *Martin School Students are Wikipedia Contributors*



Ever wonder who writes those Wikipedia entries? For entries in public policy, the Martin School, through its Public Policy Economics (PA 652) students taught by Genia Toma this past spring, has joined forces with twenty other programs to improve Wikipedia public policy content. You can read more about this exciting project [here](#).

### *Internships and Placement*



As part of the requirements for the MPA and MPP, this past summer Martin School students worked at internships in a variety of organizations and agencies including the D.C. congressional office of our own Representative Ben Chandler, the Council of State Governments, the Bluegrass Area Development District, and the Legislative Research Commission. Read more about some of our students' [recent internships](#).

This year's graduates found positions in Academia at both regional Universities (Assistant VP for Finance, U. of North Carolina, and Development Officer for the Athletics Department at the University of Tennessee) and local colleges (Institutional Research Board Coordinator at the University of Kentucky and Resource Development Coordinator at Bluegrass Community and Technical College). Several work for Non-profit organizations including the United Way of the Bluegrass and Central Kentucky Youth Orchestra (both Development Directors). Two followed their dreams to foreign lands by joining the Peace Corps and a program to teach English as a second language in Korea. Two are working in local government (aid to city councilman and post-graduate administrative resident.) Others

work defending their nation, in the court system, for the federal government, completing pharmacy residencies, and administering at the national office of a men's fraternity.

## *Martin School around the Globe*

### *IPPMI*

Our [International Public Policy and Management Institute](#) (IPPMI) is currently in its third year of training visiting public managers from South Korea, with another group arriving in January. This has proved to be a great experience for the trainees and for the students and faculty members at the Martin School given the opportunity to learn more about the public sector in South Korea.

The IPPMI is in the process of expanding -- we are delighted to announce that the IPPMI recently was awarded a \$400,000 grant from the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs to host visiting public officials from Cambodia, Indonesia, Mongolia, and Taiwan for two week periods during the next two years. To obtain the grant, the Martin School worked closely with Kentucky's congressional delegation as the visitors will be in both Lexington and Washington during their visits. Currently the Director of the IPPMI, *Doo-Oak Kim*, is visiting all four countries to work on the arrangements. The first group of visitors will arrive in Lexington in April 2012.

### *Faculty Travels*

The Martin School faculty have been busy traveling both within the U.S. and internationally, with more travels in the future.



Once again, [Nicolai Petrovsky](#) has earned the most frequent flyer miles. In June, as a warm-up, he was in Syracuse, NY to present two papers at the Public Management Research Conference, - "Performance, Stakeholder Stability and the Survival of UK Executive Agencies" (with Alice Moseley, Oliver James, and George A. Boyne) and "Does Pendleton's Premise Hold in New and Old Democracies Alike? Politicization and Performance in the U.S. and Central and Eastern Europe" (with Marius Constantin Profiroiu and Ed Jennings). Following that he crossed the pond to spend two weeks working with colleagues at the University of Exeter on the [British executive agencies project](#). From there, he took a short hop to Bucharest to give the keynote talk at Administration and Public Management International Conference.

[Josh Cowen](#) attended the European Political Science Association Annual Meetings in Dublin, Ireland in June to present "Student Attainment and the Milwaukee Voucher Program: Initial Results" and in November will be travelling to the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Meeting Washington, DC to present "Student Attainment and the Milwaukee Voucher Program: Second-Year Results."

[Toks Oluwole](#) attended the 8<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Health Economics in Toronto, Canada held on July 10-13, 2011.

[Genia Toma](#) recently (September) visited Barcelona to present “Do Bad Teachers Select into Professional Development: Does it Matter?” at the Economics of Education Evaluation Conference, Institute of Economics, Barcelona (IEB).

[Dave Wildasin](#) attended a meeting of the Association of Public Economic Theory in Bloomington, IN to present “Redistributive Policy, Political Incentives, and Factor Mobility in a Dynamic Context.” He was a keynote speaker at the International Institute for Public Finance (IIPF) Congress in Ann Arbor, MI in August, where he also presented “Disaster Avoidance, Disaster Relief, and Policy Coordination in a Federation.”

[William Hoyt](#) also attended the International Institute for Public Finance (IIPF) Congress in Ann Arbor and presented “The Battle of Taxes: Strategic Interaction in Multiple Tax Policies among States.” In May, he will be a keynote speaker at a conference on “Taxing Commuters” in Uppsala, Sweden.

### *Workshop Series*

The Martin School continues to sponsor a workshop series providing opportunities for Martin School and other UK faculty to present their current research, as well as to invite scholars throughout the country and the world to come present their research and learn more about the Martin School. This semester we have had workshops presented by faculty from the University of Texas, Indian University (SPEA), the University of Illinois, Vanderbilt, the University of Michigan, and Central Michigan University. The [full schedule](#) of workshops for the semester is available on the website.

### *Student Awards*



Chuck Truesdell, a May 2011 MPA graduate recently received the Kline Award for best master’s paper at the Southeastern Conference on Public Administration (SECOPA).



Will Walton, a current Ph.D. student, is one of eight students nationally to be selected as an ARNOVA (Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action) fellow for 2011. As a fellow Will is participating in an upcoming conference in Toronto.