

Spring 2019 Newsletter

Welcome from the Director

Welcome to our Spring 2019 newsletter! Spring is here, we are excited about celebrating the students graduating and successes from our faculty.

We successfully hosted our first APPAM/UMBC Public Policy Camp. National policy organization APPAM's goal is to diversify people practicing in public policy. The importance of bringing people from different perspectives to bear was visible in every conversation. Students had different levels of knowledge about core anti-poverty policies in the United States, and they could learn from each other. One of our alumnae, **Qubilah Huddleston**, generously brought her expertise in diversifying participation in computer coding; she works to bring coding to the Baltimore City schools.

The mentoring and inclusion we practice continues to inspire me. I am grateful for the opportunity I have this year to participate in the group LEADERShip Baltimore, which brings together more than 60 people who work in nonprofits and business to learn more about how to work together to address challenges in Baltimore. It is an intensive program, requiring all day seminars and visits to key service organizations. It is hard not to draw connections around the globe about problems in public policy. Just after one of our meetings, I had the good fortune of participating in a workshop at the University of Cape Town in March. With colleagues from multiple universities, I coached young scholars toward making their work public. Scholars worked on human rights, including access to justice, and reconciliation after

conflict and injustice. We did this work while also losing the lights daily due to the disaster in Mozambique.

In continuing to deepen our connections to policy and equity in Baltimore, we have named **Dr. Peter Henderson** to the School of Public Policy as a Policy Fellow. We are thrilled to tap into his expertise in housing policy.

We wish you all the best in this spring season. Thank you for your support.

Susan M. Sterett, Ph.D.

Director, School of Public Policy



A PANEL OF COMMUNITY LEADERS AT PUBLIC POLICY CAMP

Public Policy Camp

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In March, the School of Public Policy hosted a one-day Public Policy Camp with the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) for undergraduate students interested in learning more about Public Policy.

Dozens of students from Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and DC joined us to unpack the idea of Public Policy, and how they can explore a career and education in the field.

Alumni, current graduate students, and local community leaders led small group exercises and shared their perspectives on panels.

UMBC President Dr. Freeman Hrabowski and CAHSS Dean Dr. Scott Casper welcomed the group in the morning, and the day's activities and panels were moderated by Public Policy faculty:

Professor **Jane Arnold Lincove**, Professor **F. Chris Curran**, and Director of Public Policy, Professor **Susan Sterett**.



POLICY CAMP PARTICIPANTS TACKLING A POLICY PROBLEM

Each group of students was led by a community leader, many of whom are alumni. The table leaders facilitated small group discussions, a simulation policy analysis of a real issue impacting Baltimore, and playing the online Fiscal Ship budget-balancing game.

Participants engaged in two panel and Q&A sessions featuring community leaders and students offering perspectives on education and career pathways in public policy.

Featured Policy Camp table leaders and panelists:

- **Steve Sharkey**, Director of the Department of General Services, City of Baltimore (M.P.P. '06)
- **Kristerfer Burnett**, Council Member, Baltimore City Council (M.P.P. '11)
- **Frances Carter-Johnson**, Data Scientist, National Science Foundation (Ph.D. '11)
- **Qubilah Huddleston**, Prodigy Program Manager, Code in the Schools (M.P.P. '17)
- **Magui Cardona**, Director of Sponsored Research, University of Baltimore, Ph.D. student in Public Policy, UMBC
- **Glenda Lindsey**, Public Policy Coordinator, Maryland Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
- **Tanya Terrell**, Executive Director, South Baltimore Learning Center
- **Laura Matezcun**, Ph.D. Student in Public Policy, UMBC
- **Maria Garnett**, Senior Analyst, Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission (JLARC)
- **Rebecca Postowski**, M.P.P. student, UMBC
- **Amanda Latimore**, Public Sector Initiatives Lead, Bloomberg American Health Initiative
- **David Farkas**, Revenue Policy Analyst, Comptroller of Maryland (M.ECPA '14)
- **Catherine Mata Hidalgo**, Ph.D. student in Public Policy, UMBC (M.ECPA '18)

Student Highlights

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In February, four students participated in the 2019 NASPAA-Batten Student Simulation Competition on Global Migration at Villanova University. At the event, public policy students competed in teams by tackling real world data analysis problems, creating policy memos, and presentations. This year, UMBC was represented by **Grace De Oro**, **Andrew Reinel**, **Leah Dubots**, and **Jose Godoy**.



STUDENTS AT THE NASPAA-BATTEN STUDENT COMPETITION

In March, **Poulomi Banerjee**, **Alexandra Nguyen**, and **Leah Dubots** participated in a Reverse Career Fair, hosted on campus by the UMBC Career Center. Instead of moving among employer booths, the students were stationary, representing themselves and the School of Public Policy as potential employers stopped by to learn more about their backgrounds and our programs.



STUDENTS AT THE REVERSE CAREER FAIR

In March, **Elaine Vaurio**, **Tom Gower**, and **Adebola Darmola** attended the 2019 APPAM Regional Student Conference at American University in Washington, DC. Public Policy students from across the region gathered to network and present their research.



STUDENTS AT THE APPAM REGIONAL STUDENT CONFERENCE

Faculty Highlights

Professor **Chris Curran** published an article in *The Conversation* about the effectiveness of traditional school disciplinary measures like suspension. His work was also featured in *INSIGHT into Diversity* as an example of teachers pursuing public policy degrees to better advocate for good education policy. Before pursuing his Ph.D., Professor Curran was a middle school science teacher.

Professor **David Salkever** published a book chapter at the end of 2018. The chapter, "On Defining and Valuing the Benefits of Health Policy Interventions: How and Why CEA in Health Morphed into CU(B)A and "Back-Door" BCA," was published in the book *Teaching Benefit-Cost Analysis*.

Professor **John Rennie Short** wrote multiple articles for *The Conversation*, including a piece discussing the dangers of a shared road for

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pedestrians and cyclists, and another about New York City's efforts to address traffic congestion.

He was also featured on Radiosputnik about US-China-Taiwan relations and how recent legislation might affect them.



A BICYCLIST RIDES TO AN ORIOLES GAME AT CAMDEN YARDS

Public Policy's Director Professor **Susan Sterett** traveled to South Africa in March to serve as a mentor in the Early Career Scholars Workshop at the Centre for Law and Society at the University of Cape Town. The program included scholars from Kenya, South Africa, Tanzania, the United States, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.



SUSAN STERETT AND LAW AND SOCIETY ASSOCIATES IN CAPE TOWN

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Professor Emeritus **George R. LaNoue** published an op-ed in the Baltimore Sun on the Fourth Circuit's recent non-decision in the long-running Coalition for Educational Excellence and Equity v. Maryland Commission on Higher Education case.



FOURTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS IN RICHMOND, VA

Alumni Highlights

Lawrence Jones II (M.P.P. '11) has created a consulting firm for early stage biotech firms.

Brent J. Gibbons (Ph.D. '13) published an article with Professor **David Salkever** in February in the journal *Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research*. The article is titled "Working with a Severe Mental Illness: Estimating the Causal Effects of Employment on Mental Health Status and Total Mental Health Costs."

Ian Stockwell (Ph.D. '14) is leading a research team at The Hilltop Institute that is designing and implementing a model that will predict the risk of avoidable hospitalizations for Maryland Medicare patients. Stockwell is Hilltop's Senior Director of Analytics and Research and Chief Data Scientist.

Sergio I. Prada (Ph.D. '10) was promoted to Head of Research for Fundación Valle del Lili, Colombia, the prestigious hospital ranked third in Latin America.

Announcements

The School of Public Policy is thrilled to welcome **Dr. Peter Henderson** as a Policy Fellow.

Dr. Henderson has served as a Senior Advisor in the Office of President Freeman Hrabowksi at UMBC since 2013. He has long worked on inclusion in STEM education, including as a Director at the National Academies. He is an historian with expertise in public housing policy, and has served as an expert in complex housing litigation in Baltimore.

Dr. Henderson holds an M.P.P. from Harvard University and a Ph.D. in History from The Johns Hopkins University.

In March, Dr. Henderson gave a public talk in Public Policy Director **Dr. Susan Sterett's** course: "Public Housing in Baltimore, Discrimination, and Complex Litigation: Reflections from Experience as an Expert."

We are looking forward to further collaboration, research, and guest lecturing with Dr. Henderson in his new role as Policy Fellow!



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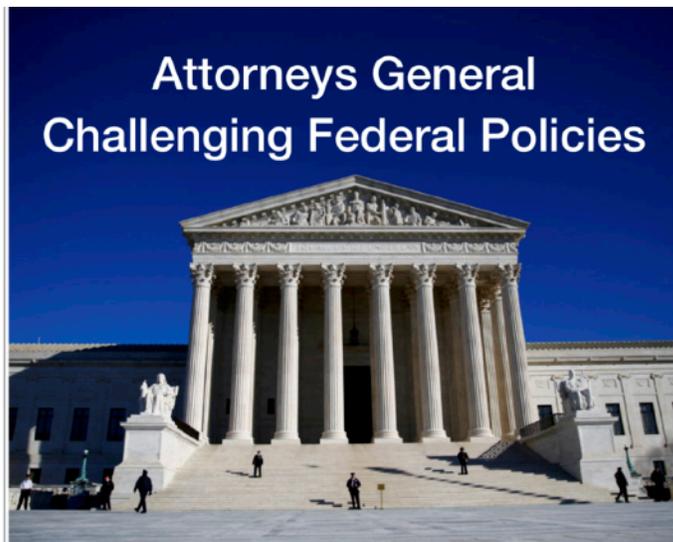
Upcoming events

A talk by Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh

April 22, 2019

7-8:30pm

AOK Library Gallery, UMBC



A Discussion with Maryland Attorney General Brian E. Frosh

April 22, 2019
7- 8:30pm

Albin O. Kuhn Library
Gallery

*Light refreshments will be
served.*

As Attorney General for Maryland, Brian E. Frosh has joined multiple states in lawsuits challenging actions by the Trump Administration including: the immigration executive orders, the 2020 census question on citizenship, declaration of a national emergency at the border, protecting the Affordable Care Act, and the emoluments clauses of the U.S. Constitution.

Attorney General Frosh will discuss the legal and political issues surrounding Maryland's involvement in these cases.

Attorney General Frosh was elected to the office in 2014. Prior to his current office, he served in the Maryland General Assembly for 28 years, including 12 years as chairman of the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee. He had also been an attorney in private practice since 1976.

Raised in Montgomery County, Attorney General Frosh graduated from Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda, earned a B.A. from Wesleyan University and received his law degree from the Columbia University School of Law.



Graduation: May 22, 2019

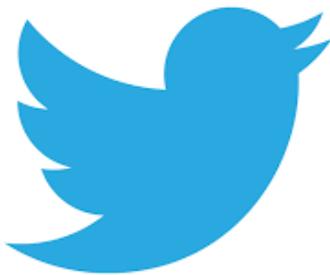


Keep in touch

We want to hear from you!

Do you have an achievement or event you would like to share with UMBC public policy community?

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