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Letter from the Director
On behalf of the John Glenn School of Public Affairs, I am proud to share with you the exciting developments that are expanding the reach of the Glenn School. In this edition of Public Address, you will find articles that describe the growth of the new undergraduate public affairs major, new additions to our faculty and our expanding connections abroad, as well as an opportunity for you to help the Glenn School’s influence grow.

The newly launched undergraduate public affairs major is quickly attracting interest from students across the university. Students who declare the public affairs major take classes taught by Glenn School core faculty, choose one of three policy specialization tracks and may combine the major with other undergraduate programs. Enrollment has surpassed 60 students and is growing steadily.

New faculty members bring their expertise in policy, management and finance to our classrooms and research initiatives. Current faculty and staff are also expanding the reach of the Glenn School. Dr. Stephanie Moulton and her research team have been awarded funding by the University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Financial Security for their project on financial planning among homebuyers. Ph.D. student Adam Eckerd was awarded one of ten ARNOVA scholarships for his research on nonprofit program evaluation. In August, I spent time with Serbian government officials discussing the growing relationship between Serbia and the Ohio National Guard. Because of the success of the partnership between the Serbian military and the Ohio National Guard, the Serbian government is interested in expanding the relationship to include civilian exchanges.

You will also learn about alumni who are helping the Glenn School grow. Our alumni have chosen to participate in the first Glenn School Alumni/ae Advisory Board. The advisory board is helping to develop and improve alumni/ae services and opportunities for involvement with the Glenn School on many levels. The value of an education in public affairs is highlighted in the profile of alumnus Bill Shkurti, who worked for many years in finance for the state of Ohio, became state budget director, and then brought his experience back to the Glenn School as Enarson Executive in Residence and later as VP of Business and Finance for The Ohio State University.

I hope that you, too, will consider helping us build the Glenn School community by providing insight and advice to current students through the Career Services Department, participating in the professional mentorship program, or serving on an Alumni/ae Board committee. There has never been a better time to participate in the Glenn School’s growth.

I know you will enjoy this issue of Public Address, just as I did. Feel free to contact us if you would like to learn more about the many developments at the Glenn School.

Charles Wise, Ph.D.
Director
John Glenn School of Public Affairs
Glenn School welcomes new faculty

Three new faculty members add diverse experience and expertise to the John Glenn School of Public Affairs this year. “We are ecstatic about the arrival of Susan, Russell and Marty. They bring a wealth of expertise in policy, management and budget to the Glenn School,” noted Trevor Brown, Glenn School professor and associate director for academic affairs. Doctor Martin Luby, Susan Miller and Russell Hassan will contribute to the Glenn School through teaching, ongoing research, community outreach and expanding course offerings for students.

Dr. Martin Luby joins the Glenn School having recently received his Ph.D. in public affairs from Indiana University’s School of Public and Environmental Affairs. Luby specializes in public finance and public management and also brings more than thirteen years of experience in the public finance industry, most recently as senior vice president in the national public finance advisory firm Scott Balice Strategies, where he directed the firm’s public policy research practice. Last year, Luby took the opportunity to teach in a unique MPA program at the University of Illinois Chicago with students who were all upper-level government officials from the Ningxia Province of China dedicated to spending a year studying American public administration practices.

In deciding to leave his job in Columbus, Luby says he was drawn to the Glenn School’s vibrancy, its exposure to state government and the “tremendous research backgrounds” of the faculty. This winter, Luby will teach courses in public finance, organizational theory and public budgeting and he looks forward to working with students with diverse backgrounds in the traditional and in-career degree programs.

Dr. Susan Miller comes to the John Glenn School with a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Missouri. Specializing in American politics and public policy, Miller’s research focuses on the effects of organizational procedure and structure on public policy formation and implementation. Most recently, Miller explored party power in the U.S. House and the way that the discharge procedure, used to eject a bill from committee for a vote, can undermine the majority party’s ability to control legislation. Miller looks forward to working with students in her Policy Formation and Implementation classes this fall and hopes to use her research to establish a community role and presence that extends beyond the walls of Page Hall.

Dr. Russell Hassan brings to the Glenn School a unique combination of expertise in organizational behavior and information technology. After earning a master’s degree in information systems from the London School of Economics and Political Science, Hassan went on to receive his Ph.D. in public administration and policy from the Rockefeller College of Public Affairs at the University of Albany. His research focuses on the role of work, climate on employees’ work motivation, commitment and performance in government and nonprofit organizations. In the coming year, Hassan will teach courses in statistics and human resource management and plans to use his professional experiences as a business analyst and information technology consultant for government agencies in New York and California to inform and enrich class discussion. He looks forward to working with Glenn School Ph.D. students interested in public management and helping develop new courses in organizational management.

New public affairs major starts strong

‘Affirmation’ that undergraduate program was ‘the right call’

Word is quickly spreading about the new Bachelor of Arts in public affairs degree offered to undergraduates this year through the John Glenn School of Public Affairs. By the end of the fall quarter, more than sixty students had declared public affairs their major. “People add the major every day,” noted a pleased Chris Adams, coordinator of undergraduate programs for the Glenn School. Adams has been working hard to spread news of the new degree program to undergraduate students. Announcements have gone out by e-mail, in the Lantern campus newspaper and through other campus publications. Adams is also working with advisors and students in the Exploration Program, the track for Ohio State undergraduates with undecided majors. Not all of the public affairs majors are incoming freshmen. Some of the new public affairs students are dual-degree students already working on other majors or students changing majors mid-stream. Many are new students with diverse backgrounds in the traditional and in-career degree programs.

‘I saw the major as a continuation of that. There are so many staff and faculty who want to get to know you and help you succeed. I got all the benefits of a small college with everything that comes with The Ohio State University.’

Students who join the public affairs program can choose from three policy specialization tracks: nonprofit management, urban policy and management, or community organization and civic engagement, along with ten approved minors. Students begin the major by taking Public Affairs 201, taught this autumn by Dr. Don Sterna, a visiting professor teaching for the Glenn School and College of Education, and Dr. Trevor Brown. The public affairs courses for undergraduates were all designed by Glenn School core faculty, who will also teach most of the classes.

The steadily growing enrollment in the public affairs major demonstrates that the young degree program will quickly take root among Ohio State’s undergraduate degree programs, Glenn School faculty and staff agree. Adams expects a number of students to declare public affairs at the beginning of the winter and spring quarters followed by a large influx next fall. Dr. Trevor Brown, who helped design the undergraduate program explains, “Like Chris [Adams], I’m overjoyed with the enthusiasm students have shown for the new major. This is strong affirmation that the decision to offer an undergraduate public affairs major at OSU was the right call.” Junior Tannous also has high hopes for his new degree program, “I think it is going to spread like wildfire through Ohio State — it is filling a vacuum that has existed for a while now in student interest.”

Learn more about the public affairs major at glenn.osu.edu/faculty/undergraduate
Glenn School’s Wise looks at Ohio National Guard, Serbian partnership

Glenn School Founding Director Dr. Charles Wise met with Serbian officials in early August to learn about the growing diplomatic relationship between Ohio and Serbia. The Ohio National Guard has been working closely with the Serbian military since 2006 through the National Guard State Partnership Program. At the invitation of Maj. Gen. Gregory Wayt, adjutant general of the Ohio National Guard, Wise traveled to Serbia to see how the partnership has developed and discuss further cooperation with members of the Serbian parliament and university officials.

“Obviously, the Serbian people and the Serbian government have had to overcome some very, very wrenching changes,” Wise noted, recalling the war on Kosovo. “They seem to be on a very positive path. They’re modernizing their military, they’re changing much more closely to the rest of the Serbian government. In conversation, parliament members stressed the friendship that has developed between Serbia and Ohio.

Similar sentiments were expressed when Wise met with faculty at the University of Belgrade, which, like the Glenn School, has a considerable interest in policy analysis and administration. The University of Belgrade would like to expand its involvement in policy development in areas such as defense, transportation, economic development and urban planning.

Ph.D. Student Adam Eckerd is a 2010 ARNOVA Emerging Scholar

Every year, the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA) awards two scholarships to early-career nonprofit researchers. Adam Eckerd of Kent is one of the ten 2010 recipients.

Eckerd has worked with Dr. Stephanie Moulton on a research stream investigating how nonprofits evaluate their organization’s performance. That information is used to both improve performance and report to external stakeholders. Drawing on his past work experience as a charity analyst for the Better Business Bureau (BBB), he will present research at the 2010 ARNOVA research conference detailing trends in how Columbus-area nonprofits use the BBB’s Standards for Charity Accountability.

Awards and Honors

Glenn School’s Moulton wins financial literacy research grant

Dr. Stephanie Moulton and her research team have been awarded funding for their project “Field Experiment on the Impacts of Financial Planning Interventions for Recent Homebuyers,” through the University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Financial Security. This project is part of a larger collaborative partnership between The John Glenn School, OSU Extension and the Ohio Housing Finance Agency to launch the “Homeownership Investment Program,” which will provide financial planning services to low and moderate income homeowners within the first year after home purchase. This award from the Center for Financial Security substantially builds upon an OSU Outreach and Engagement Grant of $150,000 awarded to the project earlier this year.

Dr. Moulton’s project is one of 14 projects funded through the Center for Financial Security’s second-year award from the Social Security Administration Financial Literacy Research Consortium (FLRC). The Center for Financial Security is an applied, interdisciplinary research center that examines the financial security of vulnerable populations and it received a $3.1 million award in 2010-2011 from the SSA FLRC.

Student Profiles

Mary Griffith

Mary Griffith is a dual degree student completing both an MPA and a Master of Science in Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics (AEDE) Exam. Mary will be the first student to graduate from the new dual degree offering between the John Glenn School of Public Affairs and the AEDE Econ Department.

Undergraduate Institution: Ohio State

Undergraduate Major: English

Future Career Interests: Food Policy, Parks and Recreation, Land Management, Agriculture, Public Health

Q: Why did you choose to pursue a dual degree?

Mary: I didn’t plan on a dual degree, but realized while I was taking courses in the MPA program that I really wanted to acquire more quantitative skills, and that my interest in public policy has largely to do with resource distribution. I have always been specifically interested in agriculture and food policy, but did not realize until I started taking MPA courses that I was really interested in public economics. So the dual degree was more of an afterthought based on what I wanted to learn more about after completing the MPA program.

Q: Is there any advice or words of wisdom that you would offer to students who are considering a dual degree program?

Mary: If your specific interest(s) in public policy can be complemented by another degree offered at OSU, I recommend getting a dual degree. I think that an interdisciplinary perspective facilitates a deeper understanding of issues surrounding your field of study, and also that a dual degree program is a great opportunity to tailor your curriculum according to your own interests which, hopefully, will make you a stronger candidate for the jobs that really appeal to you. And, truthfully, a dual degree program isn’t that much more work than a single degree program, so the payoff is really big relative to the cost. The AED econ dual degree is obviously a particularly good fit for students interested in Agricultural, Environmental and/or Development policy, but I recommend this dual-degree to any student interested in policy design and/or evaluation.

For more information about the dual degree program offered between the AEDE Econ Department and the Glenn School, e-mail GlennSchool osu.edu or call 614-292-6596. Information can also be found online at the Glenn School website: glenn.osu.edu or by visiting the AEDE Econ Department online at adee.osu.edu.

John Tannous

John is an undergraduate student majoring in Public Affairs at the Glenn School. He is the recipient of the L. Michael Howard Undergraduate Scholarship.

Since he was a child, Ohio State junior John Tannous has been interested in public service and public policy. At Ohio State, he has participated in a number of Glenn School activities, including the Learning Community and new undergraduate major in Public Affairs. This fall, he can add another title to that list: recipient of the L. Michael Howard Undergraduate Scholarship.

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Tannous is a first-generation college student from Westlake, Ohio, was interested in studying public affairs long before the major existed, as he spent his “first two years trying to cobble together a personalized major (in Public Affairs) from political science, economics and business courses.”

The new degree program at the Glenn School proved to be the perfect fit for Tannous, as it will allow him to pursue his passion — public sector work-force development and management.

A member of the Glenn School’s Learning Community during his freshman year, Tannous is now an active member of Ohio State’s Undergraduate Student Government and the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, and has worked as an Ohio State welcome leader, university ambassador, and presidential host. He also served as a summer intern for the Ohio Democratic Party in 2008.

Tannous is excited to be pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Public Affairs from the Glenn School and is very thankful to the man who is helping to make that possible. “I have so much gratitude for Mr. Howard for his donation to the Glenn School and for his investment in my future,” said John. “It is a good reminder that for all government can do, it can depend on extraordinarily individuals who care about others and want to help. Someday, I hope I can do what Mr. Howard did for me, and pay it forward to the next generation.”
Bill Shkurti has had a career that many public servants would envy. He retired in April from The Ohio State University, punctuating a career that took him from Ohio State to state budget director, finance committee intern to senior vice president of business and finance at Ohio State. Looking back, Shkurti discusses the connections that helped build his career, the importance of bipartisanship and what helped bring him back to Ohio State.

Getting Started
Shkurti’s interest in public affairs was strongly influenced by John F. Kennedy. “I became more aware of the world and what was going on around me just as John Kennedy was elected president. I remember watching his inaugural address and just really being enraptured by the rhetoric he used. I think that always made me interested in the public sector.” After earning an undergraduate degree in economics at Ohio State, Shkurti’s career was interrupted by the draft. He spent three years in the military and when he returned, decided to enroll in Ohio State’s new graduate program in public administration.

Uncertain of exactly what direction to take as graduation approached, then-professor Fred Stocker connected Shkurti with people across the faculty on research. “He treated you as an equal, as a professional, not overly serious. From a student’s perspective, he’s got the kind of job you want to get. So when he says something like ‘You need to develop your writing skills,’ students take that [seriously]. A lot of the advice he gave in the classroom was very much taken to heart.”

Shkurti taught classes and collaborated with students. John Bartle, the director of the School of Public Policy at Ohio State, explains, “We were looking for someone who was a professional, smart, capable, committed and ethical people who would also energize the students and be able to connect them with the real life of managing events. The book will be published this spring and, in Shkurti’s mind, “the timing couldn’t have happened, as a national trend, is as states have started acting more like private universities. [Ohio State] became more willing to play that role. It’s as important now as it was then.”

Shkurti is remembered by colleagues for his efforts to help students pay for college. At his retirement party in April, Martha Garland, provost and dean of undergraduate studies at Ohio State, noted, “Over the years, he really has been the staunchest of all spokesmen for economic access for our students, insisting on aggressively pushing financial aid forward whenever we’ve needed to raise tuition.” Shkurti is also pleased that he helped the university weather the 2008 market crash, remarking that he believes Ohio State was “a little better prepared” than other universities to bear current economic hardships. As a financial officer, teacher and policy advisor, Shkurti is proud to have given so much back to the institution that gave him two degrees and launched his career in public service.

Retirement
Since retiring in April, Shkurti has finished a book examining issues faced by American ground troops during America’s withdrawal from Vietnam and drawing lessons from those events. The book will be published this spring and, in Shkurti’s mind, “the timing couldn’t have been better because we are facing similar [withdrawal] issues in Iraq and Afghanistan.”

Despite his retired status, Shkurti’s experiences and expertise will not go unused; he is consulting for state budget officials and, as of Oct. 1st, working as an adjunct professor for the Glenn School, where he will help the school with outreach to state and government agencies and also do some teaching. Shkurti says he is looking forward to working with the next generation of public servants. “The public sector plays a role in the success of this country — and it’s important that we have smart, capable, committed and ethical people willing to play that role. It’s as important now as it’s ever been.”
The inauguration of the Glenn School Alumni/ae Advisory Board marks an important milestone in the development of the Glenn School. The members will provide leadership for alumni/ae and facilitate closer relationships between alumni/ae, faculty and students of the Glenn School. The further development of the Glenn School as a nationally leading school of public affairs will require a team effort combining the talents and efforts of alumni, faculty, staff and students. I am most pleased and excited to be working with such an impressive and dedicated group of alumni/ae that have agreed to serve on this first board. I encourage each alumnus/a to be prepared to respond to these alumni/ae leaders as they chart the pathways for Glenn School alumni/ae to become more deeply involved in the development of the School.”

— Dr. Charles Wise

Glenn School Alumni/ae Advisory Board named

By Liz Shirey | Alumni Services Coordinator

It is without question an incredibly exciting time to be an alumna/um of the Glenn School. We are continuing to grow our world-class, multidisciplinary faculty, expand our academic programs, engage citizens and public sector actors in policy discussion and debate, and attract the best and the brightest students, many of whom leave Page Hall feeling so grateful for the education and career preparation they received that they become proud and engaged alumni/ae. We are regularly developing and improving our alumni/ae services and opportunities for meaningful involvement and interaction with Glenn School faculty, staff, students and alumni/ae leaders. "With the spirit, I am pleased and proud to announce the creation of the official Glenn School Alumni/ae Society and its inaugural Board of Advisors. All graduates of Glenn School undergraduate, graduate and Ph.D. programs are automatically members of the Glenn School Society (this includes graduates of the school when it was called the School of Public Policy and Management and graduates of non-degree programs such as NEW Leadership Ohio and the Washington Academic Internship Program) and are not required to pay any dues. Inaugural board members were selected by a group of faculty and staff, and we are grateful to these dedicated men and women for accepting this important position and the challenging tasks that lie ahead.

The primary goal of the board is to support and promote the advancement of the Glenn School within and beyond The Ohio State University. All board members are expected to support educational and career opportunities for current students, and facilitate communication, foster loyalty, promote fellowship and encourage philanthropy among and between alumni/ae, faculty, staff, students and friends of the Glenn School. Moreover, every inaugural board member has committed to making an annual financial contribution to the Glenn School.

The work of the board will be implemented with the help and support of specific committees made up of Glenn School alumni/ae and lead by a board member and an Glenn School staff member. I once heard that the primary reason people do not get involved in organizations or join groups is because they are not asked. To avoid this scenario, I am asking and inviting you to please get involved in this rewarding initiative and to join one of our committees. We cannot achieve our goals without alumni/ae input, guidance and involvement, and I am confident that your service and participation will help to ensure our future success. Your loyalty and commitment to the Glenn School already is greatly appreciated, and I look forward to working with you and the Board of Advisors during these crucial early years.

To join a committee or to find out more information about the Board, please contact me at shibeiry.23@osu.edu or 614-292-8288.

Glenn School Alumni/ae Society Committees

Student Affairs
The student affairs committee will work to facilitate meaningful interactions between alumni/ae and students and to enhance professional development opportunities for the students. The committee will focus on the following initiatives:
- Student Recruitment
- Student Professional Mentorship Program
- Graduate Assistantships, Internships and Job Opportunities
- Professional Development

Communications & Marketing
The communications committee will work to support the Glenn School’s communications outreach and to achieve greater visibility and more effective communications with alumni/a/ae. The committee will focus on the following initiatives:
- Student Recruitment
- Student Professional Mentorship Program
- Graduate Assistantships, Internships and Job Opportunities
- Professional Development

Philanthropy
The philanthropy committee will work to increase alumni giving and participation in philanthropic efforts for the Glenn School. Committee members will work to:
- Conducts for increasing alumni giving to the Glenn School
- Educators of alumni/ae and friends regarding giving opportunities and financial needs of the Glenn School
- Resources for identifying and engaging alumni/ae in annual campaign and class gift initiatives

Washington, D.C. Outreach
The Washington, D.C. outreach committee will assist in efforts to strengthen the links between Glenn School professionals and the Glenn School. The committee will consider the following initiatives in D.C.:
- Policy Interest Groups and Forums
- Graduate and Undergraduate Professional Development
- Internships and Job Opportunities

Glenn School Career Services wants YOU!

At the Glenn School, we like to remind our students that they are preparing themselves for a career, not just a job. Most of us who choose public service as a career do so because we want our work to reflect our values; we want careers that satisfy our need to be of service or to transform some part of the world. The Career Services Team at the Glenn School intends to help students identify their skills and values, provide students with networking and professional development opportunities, and guide students in developing their career path. Career Services is not responsible for finding students a job; however, we will do our best to provide them with resources, tips, tools and networks that will help them to achieve professional success.

As alumni/ae and friends of the Glenn School, YOU are Career Services’ greatest resource and YOU are the network that we have to offer the students. You have been or currently are working in the field and you can provide the kind of insider experience and wisdom that our students truly need. And based on our past experience, it is safe to assume that you need the students as much as they need you. To be able to share your knowledge freely with a student and to mentor the next generation of public affairs professionals is an incredibly rewarding and energizing experience.

Below are specific examples of how you can support Career Services at the Glenn School.

Student Professional Mentorship Program: Your Present, Their Future.

The mentorship program matches Glenn School MPA, MA and dual/joint degree students near the end of their first academic year with alumni/ae and friends who have established public service careers. The program is designed to give students access to a more experienced individual to rely on for guidance, advice and direction, and to help students broaden their professional networks, enhance their classroom experience, and prepare for and acquire insights about the job search process. The program will conclude at the end of the student’s second year.

The Student Professional Mentorship Program is not a placement program. Mentors are not expected to open doors to specific jobs for their mentees.

Requirement for Mentors:
- Have at least three years professional experience
- Commit to the time and communication requirement as mutually agreed upon between mentor and mentee (communication can take the form of in-person meetings, phone calls, or e-mail exchanges). At a minimum, there should be one in-person meeting once per quarter and monthly phone or e-mail exchanges.
- Attend the Glenn School-facilitated events for the program (if possible, including the professional networking reception and the closing luncheon)
- Complete program surveys at various intervals throughout the year
- Complete a profile of your educational, personal and professional background

Matching Process:
Glenn School Career Services and Alumni Relations will review both student applications and mentor profiles and work together to make the matches. Matches will be based...
on career goals/interests of the student and the professional experience of the mentor. The matching process will take place throughout winter quarter. Students will be expected to attend an orientation session before the program officially begins spring quarter 2011.

If you are interested in serving as a mentor for the 2011/2012 academic year, please contact Liz Shirey at shirey.23@osu.edu or 614-292-8288 and she will send you the mentorship profile form for you to complete. There is not a guarantee that you will be matched with a student; however, we will keep your profile on file for future cycles.

Employer Recruitment Visits
The Glenn School will be hosting organizations and agencies to provide opportunities for these groups to raise their visibility and meet current students in the program. These visits are an excellent opportunity to connect with prospective employees and to meet with faculty to discuss projects and possibilities for collaborative work.

Employer recruitment visits typically consist of two different events.
1) A general overview of the firm or agency that typically involves a presentation of the types of projects and work that they do. These events are open to all graduate students and faculty. The Glenn School arranges for a room, advertises the event and manages the sign-up process.
2) Formal or informal interviews with students interested in meeting with representatives of the firm or agency. The Glenn School manages the sign-up process, and in some cases can obtain and pre-screen resumes.

To schedule a recruitment visit, please contact Kate Hallihan at hallihan.3@osu.edu or 614-292-8696.

Glenn School Professional Networking Reception
Thursday, Feb. 10, 2011; 5:30-8:00 p.m.; Location TBD

Networking is an important skill that Glenn School students must practice and perfect if they hope to be successful in securing a job. Save the date now for the student/alumni networking reception. Official invitations will follow closer to the date of the event.

Washington, D.C. Career Networking Spring Break Trip
Monday, March 20 – Saturday, March 26, 2011

If you live or work in D.C., you can expect to receive an invitation to a Glenn School networking reception during the week of March 20, 2011. During spring break, Glenn School students will have the opportunity to travel, cheaply, to Washington, D.C., where they will visit a variety of organizations and conduct at least three informational interviews with professionals working in their specific area of interest. If your organization would be willing to host a group of at least 15 grad students, please contact Liz Shirey at shirey.23@osu.edu or 614-292-8288.

The Power of the Interview
Monday, April 11, 2011; 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Page Hall, LEC & Policy Forum

At some point in their careers, Glenn School students will have to “suffer” through the interview process. The first half of this workshop will provide students with tips, tricks and tools for how to interview with confidence and to answer some of the most frequently asked questions by potential employers. Students will spend the second half of the workshop putting their newfound skills into action by participating in mock interviews with Glenn School alumni/ae and friends currently working in the public service sector. Save the date now; official invitations will follow closer to the date of the event.

NEW Leadership Ohio

If you have a passion for empowering women and increasing the number of women in leadership positions in the public sector, please consider sponsoring a participant and encouraging a young woman you know to apply for the program. Contact Liz Shirey at shirey.23@osu.edu or 614-292-8288 and find out how to make your donation today.

Alumni and Friends

John Bartle, Ph.D.
’90, was elected as a 2011 Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration. The National Academy is a nonprofit, independent coalition of top public management and organizational leaders who tackle the nation’s most critical and complex challenges.

Sean Becker, MPA 2010, is happily (and busily) employed as community relations manager at the Furniture Bank of Central Ohio. His responsibilities include coordinating volunteer activities, working special events and helping to enhance public awareness of the organization and its mission.

Elizabeth Jewell Becker, MA ’98, and Sean Becker, MPA 10, celebrated the birth of their daughter Katherine Jewell Becker on July 10, 2010. She weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 19.5 inches. The proud parents see buckeyes in her future!

Mike Champaigne, MPA ’87, was deployed to Afghanistan on Sept. 12, 2010, for at least six months. His assignment (given to him by the director of the Air Component Coordination Element in Afghanistan, Maj. Gen. Charles Lyon), is to work with the Afghanistan Ministry of Transportation and Civil Aviation to help pass enabling legislation that will set up their civil air system, to advise on associated strategic planning matters, and to work with NATO and other coalition partners to establish the new civil aviation system. Upon his safe return home, Mike intends to resume his role at the Air Force working on interagency air domain awareness issues.

Melanie Cheng, NEW Leadership ’09, began her first year in the Master’s of Public Administration program at the John Glenn School of Public Affairs. Melanie hopes to acquire the necessary skills to have a successful career in public service. Her areas of interest include international women’s issues and immigration policy.

Kristin Clingan, MPA ’99, recently was selected by the president and CEO of the Ohio Grocers Association as the new director of government relations. Founded in 1899, the Ohio Grocers Association (OGA) is a statewide trade association representing nearly 600 member companies, including retail grocers, wholesalers, manufacturers and related suppliers to the food industry.

David Dixon, MPA ’09, recently accepted a position as data systems analyst at the Center for Technology within the Educational Service Center of Central Ohio (ESCCO). His responsibilities in this position include researching data systems, supporting systems integration and developing business processes. He also will serve as the liaison to vendors and other external organizations to further the missions of the school districts served by ESCCO.

Rachel Elam, MPA ’10, is working at the Columbus Jewish Federation as the campaign associate. In that capacity, she spends her time working on organizational strategy, planning fundraising events and engaging donors.

Mark Harris, MPA ’09, was chosen from a highly competitive national pool of applicants for a fellowship at The George Gund Foundation. In this capacity, he will work with program officers on grant proposals and community-wide collaborations. The George Gund Foundation serves the Greater Cleveland area.

Courtney Heppner, WAPPS, and her husband Craig, spent their summer eagerly awaiting and preparing for the arrival of their baby girl. Much to their surprise and delight, they welcomed into the world their beautiful, healthy son, Rory Jon Heppner, on Sept. 14, 2010.

Andrew Keppler, MPA 2010, accepted a position as data assistant to the Deputy Director of the Office of Information Technology at the State of Ohio. In this position, Andrew supports the deputy director in divisional business management and the analysis and production of reports on agency performance and efficiency. Andrew also supports the director of the OIT policy department with research and policy development.
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Yushim Kim, Ph.D. ’06, and HeeSoo Kim, MPA ’07, co-authored a research article titled, “Transfer from a home and community-based long-term care program to a nursing home: the Ohio experience,” which was published in the International Journal of Public Policy, Volume 5, Numbers 2-3, 2010. The study examines factors associated with the transfer of the elderly from a home or community-based long-term care program to a nursing home. Yushim Kim is an assistant professor in the School of Public Affairs at Arizona State University, and HeeSoo Kim currently serves as the director of the Summcare Health Plan in Ohio.

Tamiyka Koger, MA ’06, recently moved to Streetsboro, Ohio, to serve as manager of State Government Relations for The MetroHealth System. The MetroHealth System is one of the largest, most comprehensive health-care providers in Northeast Ohio, serving the medical needs of the Greater Cleveland community for 170 years. More than 500 primary-care and specialty-care physicians practice within The MetroHealth System. In this role, she manages MetroHealth relationships with state policymakers, related state associations, and other organizations with an interest in health care and related issues.

David Long, MPA ’02, recently moved from the Education Services Department to the Marketing Department at the University of Rochester Medical Center to serve as director of Referral Development in the Marketing Department.

Matt Milazzo, MA ’04, is currently working as the deputy staff director at the Blue Ribbon Commission on America’s Nuclear Future at the U.S. Department of Energy. The 15-member commission was mandated by President Obama in January of 2010 to conduct a comprehensive review of policies for managing the back end of the nuclear fuel cycle and to provide advice, evaluate alternatives and make recommendations for a new plan. Matt and his wife Dannie also celebrated the birth of their first child, a healthy baby boy, on Sept. 5, 2010.

Ken Moll, MPA ’77, recently has taken a newly created position, director of Metering Initiatives, within the Asset Management Group at Veolia Water North America, one of four operating units of Veolia Environment. Veolia Environment is the world’s largest environmental services firm with 336,000 employees worldwide, and provides services in water, waste, energy and transportation. In his new role, Ken will be assisting the firm’s water utilities with improving the management of their metering system assets and with cost justification, procurement, deployment planning and implementation of advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) systems.

Justin Pinkser, MPA ’10, is working as a management analyst for the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Office of the Ohio Health Plans, Bureau of Policy Program and Support. His primary responsibilities include implementation and research of the Affordable Care Act.

James Ramey, MPA ’10, is a budget analyst with the Health & Human Services team at the Ohio Legislative Service Commission (LSC). In that role, he works with members of the Ohio General Assembly and state agencies to provide fiscal analysis of introduced legislation and the introduced and enacted state budget. James also serves as the LSC’s fiscal liaison to the House Health Committee and House Aging and Disability Services Committee.

Lisa Rovner, MA ’99, accepted a position as development officer with BalletMet. Lisa thoroughly enjoyed her time at The Moritz College of Law; however, as a former dancer, former BalletMet employee and current and always arts lover, she could not pass up the opportunity.

Keep your classmates and JSPA informed of your personal or professional achievements you wish to share with us. Please send your updates and pictures to: John Glenn School of Public Affairs Attn: Liz Shirey 1508 Page Hall 1810 College Road South Columbus, OH 43210 shirey.23@osu.edu

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Padmini Roy-Dixon, MPA ’09, recently accepted a position as work-force policy planner in the Work Force and Talent Division at the Ohio Department of Development. Her responsibilities in this position include researching, planning and developing program policies and guidelines. She also will be involved in reviewing and analyzing work-force development program proposals, and supporting local agencies in their implementation of the Work Force Investment Act.

Deborah Sasser, NEW Leadership ’10, was accepted into the 2011 class of the Jo Ann Davidson Ohio Leadership Institute. In September, Deb began the eight-month-long program, which is designed to train women business and civic leaders to assume elected or appointed roles in government and in the Republican Party. Deb found out about the program from a woman she met at this year’s NEW Leadership program.

Keena Smith, MPA ’98, is currently serving her first term on the board of Women for Economic and Leadership Development (WELD), as director of policy. She also is in her second year as advisory board member for The Women’s Book, an online and print directory to local resource centers for and by women and girls.

Allison Specht, WAIP ’04, recently moved from Washington, D.C. to Denver to accept the position of dairy economist with Lepinno Foods Company, the world’s largest manufacturer of mozzarella cheese. While she will miss serving as the Glenn School’s WAIP liaison to the Alumni Club of Washington, D.C., she is very excited about her new adventure.

Arienne Thomas, NEW Leadership ’09, spent her summer teaching social studies, with a focus on current events, to eighth-grade girls participating in the Aspire program. Aspire is a tuition-free academic and leadership program for middle-school girls from under-resourced public schools in the greater Cleveland area.

Dorian Winguard, MA ’03, was named to the 2010 Business First “Forty under 40” and honored at a dinner and awards ceremony in May. This year’s winners were selected among submitted nominations by a panel of six judges. Honorees were scored based on professional development, awards and recognition, and community involvement.

Deaths

Ian Coyle Huffman, WAIP ’98, passed away tragically on Friday, July 16, 2010, as the result of a traffic accident in Oak Harbor, Ohio. Ian was a Glenn Fellow in spring quarter of 2008 and was accomplished in the field of International Relations, obtaining an internship with a distinguished think tank in Washington, the Center for Strategic and International Studies. He was admitted into Case Western Reserve to attend law school this fall. Ian was an intelligent, driven individual, and he was able to add comedic relief to almost any situation. He was wonderful to be around and will be missed immensely. A memorial has been set up to celebrate Ian’s life and his many accomplishments, and to allow his friends and former Glenn fellows to share their memories. Visit, glennschool.osu.edu/programs/washington/huffman.html to view the memorial.
Election Night Watch Party

Dr. Charles Wise, founding director of the Glenn School, welcomes students to a mid-term election watch party at Page Hall. About 200 students attended and CBS News radio as well as ABC News reported live from the event. To see more photos go to: flickr.com/photos/glennschool