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Letter from the director

This is my last letter to the Glenn School family in Public Address, and I want to express my appreciation to the faculty, staff, students and alumni for making my Founding Directorship such a deeply rewarding experience. We have together produced the fastest growing and rising public affairs program in the country, and one which has momentum to reach even greater heights. I will be continuing to support the progress of the School in any way that I can, and look forward to witnessing the future achievements of our graduates, our faculty and our students.

In this issue of Public Address you will read about just some of the achievements in the school. The growing research accomplishments of our faculty continue to receive national notice. You will read about Stéphane Lavertu winning the Radin award, Stephanie Moulton being elected to the Public Management Research Association’s Board of Directors, Craig Boardman being named to the editorial board of the Journal of Technology Transfer, and Caroline Wagner being named to the editorial board of the Journal of Policy and Complex Systems. These are just a few of the outstanding faculty whose research accomplishments are being recognized nationally and internationally. The overall excellence extends further. A new analysis of publishing in the top four public affairs journals by public affairs programs’ faculty world-wide (over 300 programs) between 2009 and 2012, ranks Glenn School faculty 7th.

In this issue, you will also read about Associate Director Cindy Holodnak receiving the School’s Outstanding Public Service award. Cindy’s whole career has personified the best of public service and she has been a foundation stone of the School’s development for decades. She retired at the end of June and will be sorely missed. You will also read about Alan Simpson and Erskine Bowles receiving the School’s Excellence in Public Service Award in Washington. The U.S. fiscal debt and continuing budgetary deficits constitute the greatest threat to the country in a generation, and these two statesmen have done more than any others in developing and crystalizing the options and getting those options on the agenda of national policymakers.

The Glenn School is now an integral part of The Ohio State University and will play an increasingly important role in helping Ohio and the nation take advantage of the significant opportunities for further development and in addressing the many challenges before them. I am grateful to have been a part of the effort to launch the Glenn School on its way to being a comprehensive school of public affairs of national and international leadership.
Dr. Charles Wise steps down as director of the Glenn School

After six years of leading the John Glenn School of Public Affairs, Charles Wise will be stepping down as director this summer.

Wise became the Glenn School’s founding director in 2007 after serving as associate dean of the School of Public and Environmental Affairs of Indiana University.

Wise has lead the school through a time of unprecedented growth and is looking forward to where the school goes next. “I feel very good about where the school is now. I feel good about what we, the faculty and staff, have been able to achieve here,” said Wise.

Wise has had big dreams for the Glenn School since its inception, saying, “The Glenn School should be a comprehensive school of public affairs of national and international leadership, and I think that we’re on our way to doing that.”

By any measure, the Glenn School has made tremendous progress since it was formed in 2006 with the merger of the School of Public Policy and Management and the John Glenn Institute for Public Service and Public Policy. Noting the improved faculty strength, research achievements and number and quality of students, Wise says, “This school has that potential, and we have demonstrated that we have built capacity in many areas to launch the school in that direction.”

Before becoming the founding director of the Glenn School, Wise had already had a distinguished career.

He has three times been awarded the William and Frederick Mosher Award by the American Society for Public Administration for the best academic article published in the Public Administration Review. He is the only recipient who has received it three times.

Since 1994, Wise has served as the project director of the Parliamentary Development Project funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development to assist the Parliament of Ukraine in developing as a democratic institution.

When asked what he will miss the most at the Glenn School, Wise replied, “the people,” noting the caliber of faculty, staff, students and colleagues working in the field of public affairs.

Wise hopes to see more growth in what the Glenn School contributes to the policy areas of science and technology, energy, health and food.

Wise has enjoyed working with all of the members of the school saying, “I would like to express my appreciation particularly to the alumni, many of whom have really engaged with the school—they are part of the Glenn School family—but also to the other members of the Glenn School family: the faculty, staff and students. I’m just very appreciative of the extraordinary cooperation that I’ve experienced here.”

Finally, Wise extends his gratitude to the Glenn School’s Public Affairs graduate students. “It was nice to see so many students receive bachelor’s degrees. Twenty-seven students graduated from the undergraduate program prior to spring 2013, so this was far and away the largest class of BA recipients the school has ever had.”

“...was nice to see so many students graduating,” commented Chris Adams, assistant director of Student Services at the Glenn School. “Most of them declared the major soon after it was approved, so they’ve been here since the beginning and have helped with the continued development of the undergraduate program, while being great ambassadors for the school.”

Although 43 graduates was a high-water mark for the new Public Affairs major, and the number is expected to continue to rise in future years, it’s still a small class size relative to the university as a whole. This, plus the focus on the student experience by faculty and staff, allows Public Affairs majors to develop a sense of community that is quite unique at Ohio State. “Walking with the Glenn School at Commencement was really rewarding, not only because we had the best tassels but because the entire school felt like a family,” commented graduate Sally Patton. “You knew everyone in line next to, and around you, which made the ceremony more meaningful. Whether they were friends from your freshman year in the learning community, part of the Civic Leadership Council with you, or just in your classes, everyone was a familiar and welcoming face. Having such a small and close community of students and staff made not just graduation a great experience, but the entire time completing the major as well.”

Patton will continue her studies in the Ivy League, as she will begin a Master’s of Education program at Brown University in the fall. In addition to Sally, other spring 2013 graduates will be pursuing graduate education at institutions including Ohio State, Indiana University, University of Pennsylvania and the University of Pittsburgh.

Graduates entering the workforce have jobs lined up at organizations including the Office of the Governor of Ohio, the Make-A-Wish Foundation, St. Mary’s Catholic Church, and the Ohio Treasurer.
Lavertu wins 2012 Radin Award for best article

Professor Stéphane Lavertu, along with co-authors Daniel E. Walters and David L. Weiner, have won the Beryl Radin Award from the Public Management Research Association for Best Article in the Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory published during 2012.

Their study, “Scientific Expertise and the Balance of Political Interests: MEDCAC and Medicare Coverage Decisions,” examines the voting habits of Medicare Evidence Development and Coverage Advisory Committee members and estimates the degree to which Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services coverage decisions correspond to these votes. Overall, the study yields evidence consistent with the notion that the advice of expert committee members captures the diverse preferences of political stakeholders and that it is influential in CMS’s coverage decisions.

The Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory is widely considered the top journal in the field of Public Administration. It has the highest 5-year “citation impact factor” of any journal in public administration. The impact factor is based on how often the articles in the particular journal are cited by scholarly articles in other journals.

Wagner to be on Journal of Policy and Complex Systems board

Caroline Wagner has been appointed to the editorial board of the Journal of Policy and Complex Systems. The new journal that will be published twice a year “will provide a platform where researchers, policymakers, experts in relevant disciplines and modelers can offer solutions to challenging problems from the perspective of systems and complexity science.” Wagner has been elected to serve as member-at-large of the Section on Societal Impacts of Science and Engineering for the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Kolson awarded Fulbright

Ken Kolson, the director of the Washington Aca- demic Internship Program, will spend next spring semester as a Fulbright U.S. Scholar in Lithuania. Kolson will be teaching in the department of public administration at the University of Siauliai, a regional university with about 9,000 students.

Glenn School’s Student Services has two new members

Jillian Baer is the new Graduate Programs coor- dinator. Baer is a graduate of Ohio State’s Higher Educa- tion and Student Affairs Masters Program, and has her BA in Communications from Elon University. As program coordinator, Jillian will focus on graduate recruitment, admissions, and advising.

Alex Toomey is the Glenn School’s career advisor. Toomey comes to the Glenn School from the University of Akron where he worked as the assistant director for Employer Relations. He graduated from the University of Akron with a Masters in Arts in Education, specializing in Higher Education Administration. Toomey has an impressive background in career advising, employer relations and program development and will assist both graduate and undergraduate students with finding internships, exploring career options and job search planning.

Research News

Research looks at food gap and how to help Ohioans gain access to healthy foods

Assistant Professor Jill Clark and Kim Young, a Glenn School student, are finishing up phase one of a research project investigating solutions to the inequitable food access problem in Franklin County, a neighborhood in Columbus. Food access gaps, commonly referred to as food deserts, incorporate more than just having no food retailers in a neighborhood; physical, economic, cultural and healthy access alone or combined make up a food access gap. Food insecure Ohioans gaining access to healthy foods is an objective of the former Ohio Food Policy Advisory Council, where Clark was a primary researcher.

The Fresh Foods Here project implements just one of the solutions for food access gaps by working with corner stores already in Franklin County to introduce new, healthy products. Besides working with existing outlets, attracting large grocery stores or community co-ops, introducing bus routes specifically for grocery shopping, providing taxi vouchers for big shop- ping trips or bringing in local markets may work to decrease the effects of food insecurity. Fresh Foods Here in Franklin County partnered with three corner storers for an 18-month project to decrease food inequity.

Clark, bringing funding for the Food Policy Advisory Council as well as national level expertise, piloted these three stores. Franklin County was chosen based on mapping to identify problem areas, but the project wasn’t implemented before inventorying convenience stores to see if there was, in fact, a problem. Clark says the project is “not just bringing healthy, affordable food into a store, but making sure there is a demand.”

A neighborhood survey was conducted to identify the healthy foods residents would like to eat, and nutrition education and cooking classes for children and adults were held over the 18-month period. Marketing and promotional materials were also distributed. Food products are never subsidized in the program, but training and infrastructure are provided, ensuring that once set up, the program can function without outside funds. “The idea of working with more than one store in the neighborhood,” Clark says, “is to build this sort of peer group of stoners in the neighborhood.”

“On the supply side,” Clark says, “we had to find stoners willing to do this, and the infrastructure to bring these items into the store.” Clark also notes the technical training stoners needed to learn to handle products, and assistance with the supply chain of healthy foods like fresh produce and displays such as coolers to place the fresh foods in-store.

Beyond Franklin County, similar efforts are in place in southeast Ohio and Franklin County. Clark notes the importance of assessing the policy environment for healthy retailing is very new. Clark identified zoning, tax and financial incentives for healthy food retailers as some of the possible policy implications.

Glenn School student Kim Young has been assisting with the evaluation of the corner store project, and is currently working on an academic paper with Clark, saying, “We hope this paper will fill a gap in the academic literature and serve as a foundational model for other organizations that wish to evaluate their healthy food interventions.”

— Kim Young, Glenn School student who is working on the project in Akron, one community even providing healthy foods and fresh produce in a drive- through. Food access gaps originate from both development and industry trends. Clark says, “From the industry changes you’ve got concentration and consolidation that leads to fewer larger stores, and then changes that have led to differences in prices. Then in the development area you’ve got people moving into suburbs, and then retail tends to follow leaving some urban and rural places without food access.”

Implementation and evaluation of this food access gap solution will provide support for policy recommendations once complete. While the Fresh Foods Here project does not focus on advocating policy, Clark notes the importance of assessing the policy landscape, saying, “We’re at now at the end of the first project phase, and we’ve got renewed funding from the county, so at this point we’re just looking at the feasibility, or what the policy options are, because the policy environment for healthy retailing is very new.” Clark identified zoning, tax and financial incentives for healthy food retailers as some of the possible policy implications.

The Healthy Corner Store Initiative, Fresh Foods Here, was supported by partnerships with the United Way of Central Ohio, Local Matters, Columbus Public Health and Franklin Gardens, Franklin County and a Specialty Crop Block Grant through the Ohio Food Policy Advisory Council provided funding for the Initia- tive. The objectives of Fresh Foods Here were to increase the availability of healthy, affordable food in Franklin County corner stores, encourage healthy food consumption and increase consumer knowledge of healthy diets.
Holodnak receives Outstanding Public Service Award

Glenn School alumna and longtime staff member, Cindy Holodnak, was presented the Glenn School Outstanding Public Service Award at pre-commencement on May 4, 2013. Holodnak was selected for this award because of her career-long commitment and dedication to the improvement of public service.

Holodnak is seen as a pioneer in public service education at The Ohio State University. From 1982 to 1994, she served as the student affairs director at the Glenn School’s predecessor organization, the School of Public Policy and Management. Because of her encouragement and support, countless students have gone on to make major contributions in the field of public service and often credit her for their success.

The second half of Holodnak’s OSU career has been focused on leading the Glenn School’s efforts to improve the capacities of those who serve state and local governments. As associate director for outreach and engagement for the Glenn School, Holodnak has led and managed leadership and management programs such as MAPS (Management Advancement for the Public Sector) training program, the Ohio Certified Public Managers program and NEW Leadership Ohio. She has served as the executive secretary of the Ohio City Management Association and linked Glenn School faculty with state and local agencies, managing important research and technical assistance projects.

Prior to coming to Ohio State, Holodnak administered Allen County’s Public Service Employment program, was a mental health social worker and served on Ohio’s Mental Health Commission. She is a 2004 recipient of OSU’s Distinguished Staff Award.

Holodnak retired from Ohio State at the end of June.

Simpson, Bowles given Glenn School’s 2013 Excellence in Public Service Award

Erskine Bowles and Alan Simpson, co-chairs of the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform, have received the John Glenn School of Public Affairs’ Excellence in Public Service Award. The award was presented to them at a reception in Washington, D.C. in June. For more than 20 years, this award has been given annually to individuals with an outstanding tradition of service in the public interest.

Erskine Bowles, a former chief of staff to Bill Clinton, and Alan Simpson, a former GOP senator from Wyoming, led the bipartisan commission that is charged with identifying policies to improve the nation’s fiscal situation in the medium term and to achieve fiscal sustainability over the long run.
Alumni News | Donor Spotlight

Bill Oliver of Brooklyn, NY, has made a $50,000 gift to establish the John Stanley Student Aid Endowment Fund at the John Glenn School of Public Affairs. Professor John Stanley taught at the former Ohio State University School of Public Administration from 1972 to 1987.

The Glenn School is grateful for his generosity and the philanthropic support it receives from its alumni and friends. We asked Bill to tell us in his own words, why he supports the Glenn School.

U pon hearing of John Stanley’s passing in 2011, I began to reflect on what John meant to me in terms of both my professional and personal life. I had come to OSU to study City and Regional Planning in 1971, but, after being impressed by my first public policy courses, became one of the first students to create a joint degree program with City Planning and Public Administration. One of the key reasons for this decision was the fact that the School of Public Administration cared deeply about its students and was actively involved in helping them find summer internships in their field of interest. That is when I first met John Stanley, who was one of the first professors in the School of Public Administration and was also responsible for placing public administration students into summer internships.

John had developed a vast network of contacts in the Columbus area, gained from his many years in both the public and private sector. I met with John, and, after learning of my interests, he found an internship for me in the Ohio Department of Economic and Community Development that suited me perfectly. The position involved developing state policy for large-scale and new community developments. The job was quite interesting and challenging, and, incidentally, was also where I also met my future wife. John was an advocate for all the interns, insisting that they be given challenging work and compensation reflective of a developing professional. I worked in this position throughout the school year and gained increasing responsibility in the process.

Upon graduation, I leveraged my knowledge in new town planning into a job as a town planner in a new town outside of New York City and a long career as a municipal bond analyst, from which I recently retired. The skills learned in public policy development and financial analysis were a cornerstone to my career that was largely spent evaluating the creditworthiness of state and local governments, enterprise systems and nonprofit organizations.

I could not think of a more fitting tribute to this wonderful man, who profoundly affected my life and career, than to create an endowed scholarship in his name. The John Stanley Student Aid Endowment Fund will provide financial aid to graduate students in public administration and summer intern students who are engaged in small community developments. The forum strives to provide meaningful coverage of current or emerging trends in public policy, administration and leadership.

Alumni engagement is critical to the success of the Glenn School, and we want to make sure that we are meeting the needs of our alumni and providing meaningful volunteer and continuing education opportunities,” said Frickeks. “Input received from this survey will help guide future alumni programming.”

Alumni Guest Columnist | Lisa Patt-McDaniel, Co-chair of the Leadership Forum

The Glenn School’s Leadership Forum will bring leaders and legends together

I have always looked at my time at the Glenn School as a stimulating time intellectually. I was already in my career at the Ohio Department of Development, and I was hungry to discuss issues of leadership and strategic planning to make government more effective. I wanted to debate what made a good leader and whether leaders were born or made. I wanted to engage my colleagues at work in how we could improve our programs or if there were better ways to do development at the local level. Yes, I was that policy wonk! When I had the opportunity to join the Glenn School Alumni Board, I jumped at the chance to continue to be involved in the school.

As part of serving on the alumni board, I learned that my alumni colleagues were also interested in continuing those conversations—and that is why the Leadership Forum was established.

The Glenn School Leadership Forum is designed for alumni, students and other individuals working in the public manage- ment field with programming that is both practical and insightful for public leaders in all sectors. The forum strives to provide meaningful coverage of current or emerging trends in public policy, administration and leadership.

The best asset the Glenn School has is Glenn himself. Last year, he and Mrs. Glenn were interviewed during the luncheon by a student regarding their views on public service. I think the attendees could have sat there for another hour listening to their stories and experiences. To continue that tradition this year, Sen. Glenn will facilitate a discussion with both Sen. Sherrod Brown and Sen. Rob Portman on Leadership. As nationally respected political leaders and members of the Glenn School board of advisors, we are honored to have these men be featured at the luncheon speaker. Using the theme of “Legends and Leaders,” we envision a casual conversation between the three senators about the importance of public service, civil discourse and civic engagement.

Brown has served in the U.S. Senate since 2007. Previous to election to the Senate, he served as a U.S. Representative, Ohio Secretary of State, and a member of the Ohio General Assembly. Portman has served in the U.S. Senate since 2010. Previous- to election to the Senate, he also served as a U.S. Representative, U.S. Trade Representative under President George W. Bush, and director of the Office of Management and Budget. I think this will be a fantastic opportunity for all of us to hear the senators talk about working in a bipartisan manner to accomplish their agendas. I just don’t know how many of us will have an opportunity like this again.

The forum will include other topics of vital interest to alumni and students, including panels on the Affordable Care Act, share services for government and nonprofits, big data and efficiency tools for improving delivery of services, and how nonprofits are used to deliver services previously considered functions of government. We will also have a panel of people who have become respected experts in their policy areas so we can learn how to build our own expertise.

The most important part of the forum is that we can all network and get to know one another as fellow alumni and students who are interested in good public policy. I hope you will give strong consideration to joining me on Sept. 27 at the John Glenn School of Public Affairs for what I believe will be a day of thoughtful discussion of timely issues in the public sphere and a chance to come home to a school that nurtured our interest in engaging in that public sphere to make things better for all of us.
Alumni and Friends

John Bartle, PhD ’90, named dean of College of Public Affairs and Community Service

College of Public Affairs and Community Service (CPACS) at the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) appointed John Bartle, PhD, to take over as dean of the college on April 1, 2013, after serving a year-and-a-half as interim dean. Bartle served the previous five years as director of the School of Public Administration.

During his time as dean, Bartle has led the college to major milestones, including:
- National rankings from U.S. News & World Report for the Bachelor of General Studies online degree, School of Public Administration, School of Criminality/Criminal Justice and Grace Abbott School of Social Work
- The Aviation Institute, earning the Loening Trophy as the best program in the nation in 2012
- The approval of a new Bachelor of Science degree in Emergency Management

Bartle joined UNO nearly two decades ago in 1994 and has since represented UNO as an elected board member for the American Society for Public Administration, National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration, as well as President of the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management. He was also elected as a Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration and was a visiting professor at Sun Yat-Sen University in Guanghous, China.

Bartle’s research and teaching interests include public financial management, public budgeting and sustainable development. Prior to his academic work, he worked in city and state government in Minnesota.

1972
Gary L. Holland, MA ’72, is currently the chief of staff for the City of Baltimore Department of General Services. Previously, Holland served as the chief operations officer for the State of Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulations. Holland relocated to Baltimore, MD from Cleveland, OH after an administration change in Cuyahoga County where he was the director of justice affairs and a member of the three-person Charter Transition Advisory Team that facilitated a sea change from the county commissioner form of government to a county executive/county council model. Prior professional experience had been as the deputy director and assistant director of the City of Columbus and City of Cleveland’s Department of Public Safety, respectively and a vice president of Small Business Services for KeyBank NA, Cleveland. Finally, there was a milestone assignment as the Franklin County, OH, executive director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. Holland is married with three adult children and four grandchildren.

1975
Steve Van Dine, MPA ’75, is currently the chief of the Bureau of Research & Evaluation for the Ohio Dept. of Rehabilitation & Correction. Van Dine is also the 2012 recipient of the American Correctional Association, Peter R. Lejins Research Award for outstanding contributions to the field of correctional research.

1981
Lucy Gettman, MA/MSW ’81, was recently elected to the Board of Directors of Women in Government Relations, Inc., the largest professional development organization for women in the field of lobbying and public affairs. Gettman also presented on “Making Your Voice Heard Through Lobbying” at the Glenn School’s NEW Leadership Ohio program for college women preparing to take on public leadership roles.

1982
Sanibel City (FLa) Manager Judith Zimonpra, MPA ’82, has been named the Public Official of the Year by the News-Press Media Group. The award recognizes the men, women and organizations that made a difference in Southwest Florida 2012.

1988
Maria Carroll Maloney, MPA ’88, has worked at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City since 1999 and served for the past eight years as a research study coordinator for the Vascular Surgery Division. She is grateful for Dr. Mary Marvel’s research design courses, because she is now double-blind all the time! Her husband, Tom, and daughters, Rama Jane, run her social life and 5k races with her. Maloney’s advice: Find a passion and dig deep.

1993
Kevin Readon, MA ’93, celebrated his 32nd anniversary working for the Columbus Division of Fire. Readon is a battalion chief with the Columbus Fire Department and serves as the division safety officer and program manager for the Terrorism Liaison Officer Program.

1996
Bryan W. Knico1, MA ’96 is the executive director of the Coral Springs Museum of Art (CSMART). CSMART focuses on creating a stimulating and enjoyable visual arts experience for the South Florida community exhibiting diverse Florida, national and international artists who create. Traditional, Modern and Postmodern art.

2002
Bob Wicks, MA ’02 has taken a position as the finance director for Disability Rights Ohio. Wicks previously spent 11 years as the director of Finance for the Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks.

2004
Kyle Gephart (MA ’04) and Emily Harding Gephart (MPA 2004) welcomed a daughter, Anne, Nov. 4, 2012. Annie joins big sister Grace who is two years old

2005
Melissa James Jackson, MPA ’05, recently joined the law firm of Vorys, Seybolt, Seybolt and Pease LLC as an associate in the health care group after finishing her JD at the Georgetown University Law Center.

Congratulations to Sara Rinfret (MPA ’05) on having her first book, “The Littleputans of Environmental Regulation,” published. With data collected from more than 1,200 inspectors across 17 states, Rinfret and her co-author, Michelle C. Pautz, take a closer look at state environmental regulators to better understand how these neglected actors perceive the regulated community and how they characterize their interactions with them.
Dana McDaniel, MPA ’90, receives Lifetime Achievement Award

The Intelligent Community Forum (ICF), a New York-based think tank dedicated to studying the use of information and communications technology to create the community of the 21st Century, presented Dublin, Ohio, Deputy City Manager Dana McDaniel, MPA ’90, its third-ever Lifetime Achievement Award at ICF’s annual Summit in New York.

The Intelligent Community Lifetime Achievement Award is given by ICF’s founders to those who quietly and tirelessly dedicate their careers to improving their communities in ways that exemplify the global Intelligent Community movement.

McDaniel currently serves as Dublin’s deputy city manager and director of Economic Development.

Since 1988, when he was a management assistant with the city, he has contributed to the transformation of Dublin from a village suburb of Ohio’s state capital, Columbus, to a twice-recognized Top7 Intelligent Community.

Named as deputy city manager in 2004, he envisioned the need for a state-of-the-art fiber-optic network. His development strategy steered clear of the legal battles that have met other community networks while driving deployment of the network, which has averaged nearly 20 new start-ups per year, since 2000, that has helped create the high quality of life and access to a robust infrastructure that has accelerated the city’s economic transformation.

As program director, Mark will direct the fifth wedding anniversary in October and they currently reside in the Cincinnati area with their daughter and son. Bryan’s sister, Michelle, will keep the Buckeye family tradition alive while she starts classes at Ohio State in Autumn 2013.

Christopher Laubenthal, MPA ’08, is working for the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation in Kansas City, Missouri as a senior data analyst in the Research and Policy Department. His current assignment is assisting the Ewing Marion Kauffman Charter School as their Intern Data and Assessment Coordinator.

In personal news, Laubenthal’s first child, Vanessa Naomi Laubenthal, turned 1 on March 31. He is trying to teach her about regression, but she seems to prefer watching Elmo on Sesame Street.

2008

Joe Sadek, WAP’ 11, was selected as a Class of 2013 Presidential Management Fellowship finalist and has accepted a fellowship appointment with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Brunner will start working this August at FEMA’s headquarters in Washington, D.C., as a program analyst.

2010

Mathieu Dillon, MPA ’13, is now the director of state programs at the Council of Development Finance Agencies.

As part of her Glenn School graduate assistantship with Franklin County Commissioner Marilyn Brown, Estera Piroso, MPA ’13, (at left, with the subjects of her book) interviewed immigrants who settled in the county. The stories Estera wrote about the people she met has been turned into a book, “Portraits of Immigration: Journeys Toward Belonging.”

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We want to hear from you

Keep your classmates and the Glenn School informed of your promotions, job changes, papers/articles/books written, lectures/seminars given, marriages, children, and any other personal or professional achievements you wish to share with us.

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More than 200 alumni and friends of the Glenn School watched a sneak peek of a new documentary on the extraordinary life of Sen. John Glenn, April 30, 2013 at the Gateway Film Center. Produced by WOSU Public Media, the documentary will air on the Big Ten Network and PBS Stations nationwide.