

# The Public View

SIUE MPA Program Newsletter

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## Department Due for NASPAA Re-accreditation

“Accreditation is important to our program. It gives our program credibility and allows us to be competitive with other programs in the area.” Dr. Dolan

The National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) is an organization of colleges and universities that offer programs in public administration, public policy, and non-profit management. Founded in 1970, NASPAA currently has over 260 members. Its primary goal is to improve the quality of public service education.

Earning accreditation adds value to your MPA Degree. An accredited program has undergone a comprehensive and rigorous peer review process focused on academic quality and integrity. The process is intended to instill in programs a dedication to continual improvement and compliance with generally accepted standards for the discipline. For you, this means that you have the ability to tell prospective employers that you graduated from a quality program and are well prepared to meet the challenges of the field. NASPAA re-accreditation can maintain legitimacy, respect, and continue the mission and values of our Master of Public Administration at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.



### Faculty

Dr. Drew Dolan  
Department Chair

Dr. T.R. Carr  
Program Director

Dr. Richard Bush  
Associate Professor

Dr. Rochelle Henderson  
Assistant Professor

Nancy Huyck  
Instructor

Dr. Julie Pietroburgo  
Associate Professor

Dr. Morris Taylor  
Associate Professor



## Message from the Chancellor

We're delighted that you have chosen to enroll at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. The entire SIUE community is dedicated to assisting you in achieving your goals and to making your educational experience a successful one. Undergraduate education charts a course for your adult life, and our faculty and staff is ready to help you navigate.

Emphasizing teaching, research, and public service programs, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville is a premier Metropolitan University with nearly 14,000 students enrolled. SIUE is listed in the Best Colleges of 2011 issue of *U.S. News & World Report* as an "up-and-coming school firmly focused on improving the job they're doing today." One of 68 schools nationwide recognized for its innovative changes, SIUE is also ranked, for the seventh consecutive year, among the top 20 public Midwestern master's level universities and in the top one-third of all public and private Midwestern master's level universities. The SIUE Senior Assignment Program is, for the sixth straight year, cited for excellence along with Brown, Princeton and Stanford. The quality of our programs and commitment of our faculty and staff ensure that your time here at SIUE will be rewarding and well spent.

Throughout your years at SIUE, you will discover just how much our location affects the opportunities and experiences that will become your favorite college memories. We have a beautiful campus of more than 2,600 acres, including biking and hiking paths, a swimming pool, top quality athletic facilities, and a scenic lake, complete with geese. On campus, there is always something exciting happening – concerts and world-class speakers to art exhibits and Division I Cougar sporting events! The entire St. Louis metropolitan community also is host to thousands of different cultural and entertainment events and is a wellspring of internships and cooperative educational experiences with regional, national, and international employers.

Make the most of your time at SIUE, both in and out of class. Interact with our outstanding faculty – they are committed to your education. Get involved in some of the over 200 student organizations. Share your talents with the University community and, above all, believe in yourself and invest in your future.

Go Cougars! Go Big "e!"

Vaughn Vandegrift

Chancellor

## PAPA Department Accomplishments

**Dr. Morris Taylor** presented two research papers, [Public Administration: An Inefficient Pursuit and Why Public Law makes It So](#), and [Quasi Theory and Data Mining: Implications for Policy Analysis, Management, and Executive Decision-Making](#) at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) in Chicago, Illinois.

**Dr. Julie Pietroburgo** was recently named one of "Twenty who made a Difference" in the history of Family Hospice, a Southern Illinois end-of-life care agency. She is also presenting at the Social Sciences Conference in Honolulu, Hawaii in June, 2011. This presentation is [Saving Fido: A Case in Government Services](#).

**Dr. T.R. Carr** recently completed the "Vision 2020" project designed to assist Southwestern Illinois in the development of an economic development strategic plan. He also participated in hosting delegates of Russian physicians to the St. Louis area and presented a paper on the American health care system at an international health policy conference in Samara. Dr. Carr also has published chapters in the topics of education, energy, and economics within the book: [American Public Policy: An Introduction](#).

**Dr. Drew Dolan** is currently working diligently on the completion of the required information regarding accreditation for the department, which is up for renewal.

**Dr. Rochelle Henderson** has recently completed several works of research including work with Washington University Medical School and Veteran's Administration on Predictors of Falls in Inpatient Rehabilitation. She also presented a paper on State Prescription drug Policy at 2011 Midwest Political Science Association conference in Chicago. She is currently working on a series of projects with the SIUE Nursing faculty to examine the effect of hypoglycemic treatment protocols on patient care. Additionally, she is examining the effect of state prescription drug policies on cost and utilization and examining sensitivity and specificity of driving assessment instruments in Older Adult population. She has spent time facilitating the health care exchange with the physicians from Samara, Russia where SIUE students heard first-hand about the healthcare delivery system in Russia.

**Dr. Richard Bush** is presently working on the Drug-Free Communities Team 10 Coalition Grant with the City of Alton and the City of Collinsville and preparing for a Grant to do work abroad.

**Rhonda Pendleton**, Research Associate, is currently working on several Grants with community agencies. These include the Lewis & Clark Community College Family Health Clinic Grant, Healthy Communities Grant with the St. Clair County Health Department, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Centers with the YMCA in Cahokia, and the Drug Free Communities Team 10 Coalition Grant with the City of Alton and the City of Collinsville.

# PAPA Department News

## In the SPOTLIGHT!

Nancy L. Huyck joins the Department of Public Administration and Policy Analysis at SIUE as an instructor. She is a graduate of SIUE having earned a Bachelor of Science in Speech Communication. She has earned a Master in Public Administration degree, and is currently finalizing a Doctorate in Public Administration degree from the University of Illinois Springfield. Nancy has been teaching at the university level since 2006. She will be teaching PAPA 530 Public Budgeting, PAPA 540 Public Personnel Administration, PAPA 599 Human Resource Staffing as well as other courses as developed by the department. Mrs. Huyck holds public executive management experience with the State of Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and has worked with the Illinois Department of Transportation Highways Operations Maintenance Division on various projects.

Mrs. Huyck's research interests include program evaluation, public sector labor relations, organizational leadership as well as communication theories as applied to public management. She has presented her research for the Annual Teaching in Public Administration Conference in Olympia, Washington. Her most recent work intended for publication submission is an article on radio communications and first responders, addressing interoperability challenges among public safety radio systems.

## Changes in the PAPA Office, Dr. Carr Becomes MPA Program Director

As Department Chair for the past fifteen years, I have seen many changes throughout SIUE. These changes have included changes in faculty members in the department, expanding the classes that are offered in the MPA Program, and increasing enrollment within the department. However, the best change that I have witnessed has been observing our PAPA students establish careers in public administration and make a difference in the communities in which they serve. It has been my honor to work with all of you during my years as Department Chair and I look forward to many more years in the department as the Program Director. I encourage each of you to make the most of your time in the program. This program will prepare you for advancements in your employment or prepare you for new employment opportunities in the near future. The best advice that I can give to each of you is to prepare early. This includes assignments for classes, turning in your course request forms, registering for classes, and applying for graduation!

## PAPA Welcomes New Department Chair...Dr. Drew Dolan

The Public Administration Department would like to welcome Dr. Drew Dolan as the new Department Chair. Dr. Dolan has been a professor and in the Department of Public Administration and Policy Analysis and the Program Director for the Master in Public Administration degree at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville for 13 years. He received his Ph.D. in Political Science with an emphasis in the areas of public policy, public administration, and local government. He received a Master Degree in Public Administration from Northern Illinois University and his bachelors of Science in Business Administration from Rockford College. Dr. Dolan's teaching responsibilities include Public Personnel, Public Policy, and Leadership electives. Current research interests include leadership in the public policy as it relates to public, religious, and home-schooling education. He has served as a consultant to numerous nonprofit and local government organizations while concentrating on areas such as leadership, program development, and staff development.

## **MPA Students**

### **MPA STUDENTS.....**

Each semester new students arrive to campus from a variety of backgrounds and different levels of skill set. We look forward to the beginning of each semester and meeting each one of you and seeing what you have to offer to the communities where you will serve.

At the same time, we lose many students each semester after graduation but have acquired alumni. We are proud of our graduates! You all have been successful in this program due to your hard work and dedication and it will pay off in the future.

Graduates of the program hold a wide range of positions across several functional areas. They include city managers, public safety officers, police chiefs, fire chiefs, budget officers, personnel specialists, and economic development officers. In the nonprofit sector, our graduates are executive directors, professional staff and other managerial positions. Nonprofit employees pursue courses in fund raising, grant writing, needs assessment, and strategic planning. State officials in social services and health care take the management courses to move out of direct client services and into supervisory roles. Military officers enroll in this program to advance one's careers or to move into the civilian sector upon retirement.

Our graduates also pursue careers as elected officials, legislative staff, and in policy analysts.

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*Spring 2011 Graduates*

## **Best of Luck to the Spring 2011 Graduates**

### **PAPA Spring 2011 Graduates**

Katie Bennett	Delia Major
Brian Bower	Danielle Martin
Allison Burrows	Tommy Pierce
Angelique Church	Andria Pool
Matthew Eduakwa	Mark Smith
Coreen Ellis	Michael Snowden
Nusrat Gaffoor	Antonio Thomas
Jason Hudson	Chayla Washington
Palang Kewa	Kevin Wathen
James Kuyoro	Aisha Willis
Carol Lindstrom	Noelle Winkle

### **New Members of Pi Alpha Alpha**

Angelique Church  
Coreen Ellis  
Natalie Nguyen  
Tommy Pierce  
Kayla Santaella  
Omatola Soyoye

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Look for updates on the career status of our students in the next issue.

## Don't Get Left Out...

### Website

Visit the PAPA website for forms and information needed for the program.

### Course Request Forms

During the first month of each semester, complete a course request form that can be found on the department website and submit to the PAPA office.

This will provide with a pin number to register for classes on the first day of registration without delays.

### Graduation

Be sure to complete the application for graduation by the first day of the semester that you plan to graduate.

Register to take the PAPA Comprehensive Exam and register for the Study Group. This information can be found on the PAPA website.

### Opinions Needed

Make a difference in your program by completing the Current Student Survey found on the website. A link will also be emailed to each student.

Alumni will receive an email with a link to survey monkey. Your participation is greatly appreciated.



## The Mission Statement of the Master of Public Administration & Policy Analysis Program at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

The SIUE MPA program prepares persons for administrative careers in the public and nonprofit sectors. Serving pre-career and practitioner students, the program offers relevant education and training for those already employed in the public and nonprofit sectors and those planning to enter careers in government and nonprofit organizations. The program provides a means for improving the knowledge, skills, and abilities of present and future public and nonprofit employees while providing an opportunity to earn a professional degree in public administration.

The SIUE MPA faculty fully recognizes and accepts the commitment to the field of public administration and the needs of those serving within the field and served by the field. As such, the PAPA Department's mission is posted in the context of five elements:

1. To offer a core curriculum of applied management skill courses, and a rich variety of electives that provide students the opportunity to select courses consistent with their professional needs or interests.
2. To serve as a resource to advance the quality of the professional practice in public and nonprofit agencies in the regional service area.
3. To create an environment in which learning, scholarship and service are consistently promoted and modified to reflect the needs of those served by the program.
4. To enhance diversification in the MPA program.
5. To respect students, promote fair treatment for all, and instill a commitment to ethical behavior in the performance of public service duties.

This mission statement is reflective and subordinate to those offered by the College of Arts and Sciences (in which the PAPA Department is housed), the SIUE Graduate School, and the vision and mission of SIUE.

**SIUE Vision:** Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, as a premier Metropolitan University, will be recognized nationally for the excellence of its programs and development of professional and community leaders.

**SIUE Mission:** Southern Illinois University Edwardsville is a public comprehensive university dedicated to the communication, expansion, and integration of knowledge through excellent undergraduate education as its first priority and complementary excellent graduate and professional academic programs; through the scholarly, creative, and research activity of its faculty, staff, and students; and through public service and cultural and arts programming in its region.

# Academic Calendar

## Summer Semester

July 2-4 Independence Day Holiday- University Closed  
July 15 Summer MPA Comprehensive Final Exam-8AM  
August 1-6 Final Exams  
August 6 Summer Commencement Ceremony

## Fall Semester

August 20 Summer/Fall MPA Program Orientation  
August 22 Fall Classes Begin  
August 22 Application for Fall Semester Graduation  
Deadline  
August 22 Must use an Add/Drop Slip for classes & students  
are required to take to service center for  
processing  
September 5 Labor Day Holiday-University Closed  
September 16 Fall Comprehensive Exam Registration Deadline  
September 17 Course Request Forms are due for Spring 2012  
Registration  
October 17 Online Registration begins for Spring 2012  
Nov. 4 Fall MPA Comprehensive Final Exam-8AM  
Nov. 21-25 Thanksgiving Break Week  
Nov. 24-25 University Closed  
Dec. 12-16 Final Exams  
Dec. 23-Jan. 2 Holiday Break-University Closed



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