

Alumni Chapter

SPP alumni have lots of ways to connect with friends, faculty and campus in October and November, and to remain engaged in the wide world of public policy. Check out our events listing – there’s a series of panel discussions from the Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center, one of our professors has been selected for the GMU Vision series, the Student Association has confirmed an on-campus presentation by an illustrious ambassador, AND, it’s basketball season at last!

Besides all the fun, we’d love to hear from alumni who have just a bit of time and effort to give to the Chapter. See “Volunteering and Other Contributions” below. Remember, when you help SPP, you raise the value of the education you received here.

Upcoming SPP Events

Disarming Terror: On the Trail of an Arms-Trade Magnate

Tuesday, October 16 ~ 3:00 p.m.

Arlington Original Building, Room 244

A book-release event featuring journalists Douglas Farah and Stephen Braun, authors of *Merchant of Death*. The book chronicles the inner workings of Russian arms dealer Victor Bout's transnational arms trade organization, as well as the oft-thwarted attempts by U.S. officials and international investigators to quell his operations.

Presented by the Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center at SPP. Free to all, but seating is limited and reservations are suggested. Call 703-993-9757 or tracc@gmu.edu.

Information Session

US Department of Transportation OIG

Tuesday, October 16th ~ 6:00-7:30pm
Arlington Original Building, Room 250

The Office of Inspector General works within the Department of Transportation to promote effectiveness and head off, or stop waste, fraud and abuse in departmental programs. OIG does this through audits and investigations. OIG also consults with the Congress about programs in progress and proposed new laws and regulations.

The Inspector General is committed to fulfilling its statutory mission and assisting Members of Congress, the Secretary, and senior department officials in achieving a safe, efficient, and effective transportation system that meets vital national interests and enhances the quality of life of the American people, today, and into the future.

For more information on the program, please visit DOT-OIG's website at [<http://www.oig.dot.gov/about.jsp>](http://www.oig.dot.gov/about.jsp).

To RSVP for this session, please e-mail Aubrey Cote at [<acote@gmu.edu>](mailto:acote@gmu.edu). Please include the title of the workshop, your full name, e-mail address and phone number. We look forward to seeing you there.

Information Session

US Department of Homeland Security Honors Fellowship

Monday, October 22nd ~ 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Arlington Original Building, Room 244

The Department of Homeland Security is looking to hire a handful of students from the nation's best graduate programs. Those who are invited to join the Department will have a unique opportunity to put their academic achievements, intellect, and professional experience to work during a critical time in American history. As Honors Fellows, you will provide direct assistance to top policymakers throughout the Department. Fellows will work side by side with professionals with expertise in areas such as:

- Policy Development
- Strategic Planning
- Private Sector Policy
- International Affairs
- Bioterrorism, Science & Technology
- Immigration Policy
- International Law Enforcement
- Cargo, Maritime and Trade
- Emergency Preparedness
- Public Affairs
- Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
- Intelligence and Analysis

DHS seeks applicants who have keen analytical skills, a demonstrated ability to write well, and the judgment and discretion needed to operate in a vibrant, highly visible and challenging environment. Honors Fellows will serve for two years. Upon completing the Fellowship, participants will have the opportunity to convert to a permanent position at DHS.

To RSVP for this session, please e-mail Aubrey Cote at <acote@gmu.edu>. Please include the title of the workshop, your full name, e-mail address and

phone number.

GMU Vision Series

A World Ignited: The Origins and Effects of Global Anger on America

Presented by SPP Professor Susan Tolchin

Monday, October 22 ~ 8:00 p.m.

Center for the Arts, Concert Hall, Fairfax Campus

An exploration of the surge of hatred that has swept the world in the last decade. Fed by economic disparities, wars, and deep-seated feelings of defeat and humiliation, this hatred is amplified by technology, especially television and the Internet; and made more lethal by modern weaponry and unprecedented acts of violence. The lecture is free, but tickets are required. Go to http://www.gmu.edu/cfa/vision/ticket_form.php.

Peacekeeping and Conflict Negotiation in Moldova/Transdnistria

Presented by Ambassador William Hill

Sponsored by the School of Public Policy Student Association (SPPSA)

Tuesday, October 23 ~ 6:00 - 7:20 p.m.

Arlington Original Building, Room 329

Alumni, students and faculty are invited to a presentation by Ambassador William Hill. Ambassador Hill recently completed his second term as Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova, where he was charged with negotiation of a political settlement to the Transdnistrian conflict and facilitation of the withdrawal of Russian forces, arms, and ammunition from Moldova. Find Ambassador Hill's bio at <http://explore.georgetown.edu/people/whh6/>.

An RSVP is recommended for this event; contact Brad Tobin at

btobin1@gmu.edu. Food and beverages will be served.

Combating Modern-Day Slavery in Russia

Wednesday, October 24 ~ 2:00 p.m.

Arlington Original Building, Room 329

A panel discussion featuring perspectives from five law enforcement officials and scholars from the Russian Federation who identify, investigate and prosecute human trafficking crimes and assist victims.

Presented by the Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center at SPP. Free to all, but seating is limited and reservations are suggested. Call 703-993-9757 or tracc@gmu.edu.

Is Everything Coming up Roses? Georgia's Battle with Organized Crime and Corruption Since the 2003 Revolution

Tuesday, October 30 ~ 12:30 p.m.

Arlington Original Building, Room TBD

A book release event featuring TraCCC founder and Director Dr. Louise Shelley and former TraCCC Georgia Program Managers Erik Scott and Anthony Latta, the editors of *Organized Crime and Corruption in Georgia*, a new book based on extensive research examining the most enduring aspects of organized crime and corruption in Georgia and the most important reforms since the Rose Revolution.

Presented by the Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center at SPP. Free to all, but seating is limited and reservations are suggested. Call 703-993-9757 or tracc@gmu.edu.

CHAPTER EVENT: SPP Alumni Chapter Meeting

Thursday, November 8 ~ 7:00 p.m.

Arlington Original Building, Dean's Conference Room

Join the Chapter Board and friends of the Chapter for wine, cheese, planning and socializing. We'll be discussing our upcoming Meet the SPP Authors Event, annual Student and Faculty Awards, and our Signature Event, scheduled for Spring 2008.

GMU Men's Basketball Season Opener (against Vermont)

Friday, November 9 ~ TBD

Patriot Center, Fairfax Campus

Is this the year that GMU will go all the way? Show your Mason spirit by attending these thrilling games with friends and family. For tickets, see <http://gomason.cstv.com/tickets/ticket-prices.html>.

American Society of Public Administrators (ASPA)

Series on Regional Governance Collaboration: Emergency Management

Tuesday, November 27

Fairfax County Government Center

The events of "9/11" made it clear that regional agencies must collaborate effectively! This first panel discussion tackles emergency management coordination. The event is sponsored by our brethren in the GMU Public Administration Alumni Chapter. Contact Patricia Innocenti for more

information at Patricia.Innocenti@fairfaxcounty.gov.

CHAPTER EVENT: Meet the SPP Authors

Thursday, November 29 ~ 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Arlington Original Building

It's exciting when our SPP professors get published! Join us for this first-of-a-kind celebration of newly-published SPP faculty members: ICP's Susan Tolchin, author of *A World Ignited: The Origins and Effects of Global Anger on America*, and ODKM's Tojo Thatchenkerry, author, with Carol Metzker, of *Appreciative Intelligence: Seeing the Mighty Oak in the Acorn*. Food and door prizes will be part of the mix.

Volunteering and Other Contributions

- What's for lunch? We're looking for **Brown Bag Lunch** topics and speakers. Can you organize an event at your agency, non-profit or other corporation? All you need is a speaker, a simple presentation about what your organization is/does, and a meeting room. Students and alumni will provide their own lunches and lots of questions. It's a great chance to flatter a colleague or superior, and to help SPP at the same time! Please e-mail us at sppalum@gmu.edu.
- We have Chapter committees that need short-term assistance: Fundraising, Signature Event, Ad Hoc Events, Membership/Recruitment and Awards. Write to sppalum@gmu.edu.
- SPP Career Services has worked with the Chapter to develop an Alumni Ambassador program. Alumni volunteers will attend Master's program Open Houses and other recruitment events, and will speak directly with prospective, incoming and current students about career opportunities

related to their SPP program. Watch this space for more details.

- As always, alumni contributions of cash, goods and services are greatly appreciated, and help to make the Chapter's activities (especially our Distinguished Student Awards) successful.

Alumni News

- SPP's Director of Communications Jocelyn Rappaport (jrappapo@gmu.edu) is in search of rousing alumni stories for SPP publications, and, the Chapter wants to know about alumni who are excelling in life and career for our annual Alumni of Distinction award. If you're that fascinating person, or a friend is, please let us know.

SPP Alumni Chapter Who's Who

Alison M. White, MPP '05, President

Marko Frigelj, MPP '06, Vice President

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Jocelyn Rappaport, Director, Communications, SPP

We welcome ideas, comments or questions

**about the Chapter and its activities as well as
information about the good works of SPP alumni.**

Please write to sppalum@gmu.edu.

