



School of  
Public Policy

## ALUMNI CHAPTER

# February 2009 Newsletter

The Chapter hosted a successful Presidents' Day Book Sale on February 16<sup>th</sup>, which helps to fund Distinguished Student Awards at our Annual Signature Event. We thank Professors Fritschler, Benson, Shelley and Hill for their donations of books. **March 5<sup>th</sup> is the Chapter's next meeting at 7 pm, where members will discuss upcoming events.**

We'd love to have you join us!

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### News and Activities

#### Patriot Club Young Alumni Night

Graduates of 2006, 2007, and 2008 are invited to a special Young Alumni Night basketball game to preview the membership benefits of the Patriot Club. The game is Saturday, February 28 at the Patriot Center. **MORE>**

#### SPP Revamps its Website

- Check out the new design and features of SPP website <http://policy.gmu.edu> including the following Career Services resources:
- **SPP JobNet**  
Alumni and students have the ability to review job and internship positions and to connect with employers actively recruiting students and alumni on the SPP online recruitment system, SPP JobNet. This system provides an up-to-date listing of current positions and career events. To register for the system, please download the registration form and email it to Duane Bradshaw or fax it to 703-993-4876.
- **Career and Internship Fair: March 3, 2009**  
SPP sponsors an annual career fair on the Arlington campus. Employers in attendance have included: the U.S. the Department of State, the Congressional Budget Office, the U.S. Department of Commerce/International Trade Administration, Amnesty International USA, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Central Intelligence Agency, and DeticaDFI.

## Alumni Chapter Meeting

Thursday, March 5 ~ 7:00 pm

Arlington Original Building, Dean's Conference Room

Please plan to join us for this important meeting. We will discuss priorities for the semester, awards, and the Chapter's Signature event. As always, wine and cheese will be served!

## SPP Alumni Chapter Annual Signature Event

Friday, March 27 ~ 6:00 – 8:30 pm, rm. 329

- On March 27 from 6:00-8:30 p.m., former congressman Tom Davis will present **A House Divided: Challenges Facing the Obama Administration** at the School of Public Policy's 2009 Signature Event. The SPP Alumni Chapter will also present the 2009 Distinguished Student and Faculty awards. Alumni can contribute directly to a fund to support this year's SPP Distinguished Student Awards. Look for an upcoming message from the GMU Foundation and help us to honor our best students. RSVP to join us by March 25. **RSVP>**

## Trip to United Arab Emirates

April 3-12, 2009

- The Alumni Chapter will benefit from a tour provided by the Study Abroad Office to the United Arab Emirates: Dubai, Abu Dhabi, and GMU's Ras Al Khamah (RAK) Campus. The trip is open to all alumni and friends. For more information, contact: <http://www.gmupolicy.net/UAE/>

## Meet the Authors Event

Monday, April 27, 2009 ~ 5:30 – 7:00 pm, rm. 244

- The Chapter will host another Meet the Authors event that will highlight SPP professor Dr. Jack Goldstone's book, *Why Europe? The Rise of the West in World History 1500-1850*.
- Accompanying Dr. Goldstone will be Stanford University's Professor Dr. Paul Ehrlich who will be presenting his book, *The Dominant Animal: Human Evolution and the Environment* with Island Press, Inc.

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## Volunteering and Other Contributions

- We have Chapter committees that need short-term assistance: Fundraising, Events, Membership/Recruitment and Awards. We especially need assistance with the Signature Event. Please write to [sppalum@gmu.edu](mailto:sppalum@gmu.edu).
- Would you like to sponsor a **Brown Bag Lunch** 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](mailto: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 successful.

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## Alumni News

- Have you moved or changed jobs? Don't forget to update your information in the GMU Alumni Directory, at <http://alumni.gmu.edu/alumnidir.html>.
- Join the School of Public Policy on LinkedIn, <http://www.linkedin.com/e/gis/119573/1C1AA66C85F0>. Reconnect with former classmates and network!
- SPP's Director of Communications Jocelyn Rappaport ([jrappapo@gmu.edu](mailto:jrappapo@gmu.edu)) is in search of inspiring alumni stories for SPP publications, and the Chapter wants to know about alumni who are excelling in life and career. If you're that fascinating person, or have a friend that is, please let us know.

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## Current Officers and GMU/SPP Liaisons

**Adam Tabaka**, ICP '07, President

**Marko Frigelj**, MPP '06, Vice President

**Sarah Bonner**, ICP '08, Secretary

**Alison M. White**, MPP '05, Treasurer

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**Andy Ackley**, GMU Alumni Association Liaison

**Erin Elisabeth Anderson**, SPPSA Alumni Chapter Liaison

**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](mailto:sppalum@gmu.edu).**