



School of  
Public Policy

## ALUMNI CHAPTER

### March 2009 Newsletter

The Chapter is hosting its Annual Spring Signature Event on Friday, March 27 from 6:00 – 8:30 PM in the Arlington Original Building's Room 329. This year's Keynote Speaker current Mason Professor, The Honorable Tom Davis (R-VA), who will discuss ***A House Divided: Challenges Facing the Obama Administration***. Come out for the festivities including a dinner buffet and cash bar at the event. All alumni, guests, students, faculty and staff are invited. Further details are below including a link to RSVP!

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### News and Activities

**Technology, Science and Innovation Policy Research Series sponsored by Mason School of Public Policy and George Washington Center for International Science and Technology Policy Speaker: Guy Ben-Ari, Center for Strategic and International Studies**

**Thursday, March 12 ~ Noon - 1:30 pm**

- "Innovative Innovation Policies: Case Studies from the U.S., Israel, the Netherlands and Denmark"
- 1957 E Street Building – Suite 403 Washington, DC 20052
- RSVP: [cistp@gwu.edu](mailto:cistp@gwu.edu)

### Grad & Professional Etiquette Dinner

**Sponsored by School of Public Policy and University Life**

**Friday, March 20 ~ 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Arlington Original Building, Room 329**

- Tickets are limited for all Arlington Campus grad & professional students.
- Cost is \$10.
- For information and details visit:  
<http://ulife.gmu.edu/arlington/life/documents/EtiquetteFlier.pdf>

## SPP Alumni Chapter Annual Signature Event

Friday, March 27 ~ 6:00 – 8:30 pm, Arlington Original Building, Room 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/>

## Alumni Chapter Meeting

Thursday, April 9 ~ 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!

## Meet the Authors Event

Monday, April 27, 2009 ~ 5:30 – 7:00 pm, Arlington Original Building, Room 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 professor Dr. Paul Ehrlich who will be presenting his book, *The Dominant Animal: Human Evolution and the Environment* [www.dominantanimal.org](http://www.dominantanimal.org) 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

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**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).**