



School of
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ALUMNI CHAPTER June 2009 Bulletin

The Chapter hosted another successful Meet the Authors Event on April 27th with SPP Professor Dr. Jack Goldstone and Dr. Paul Ehrlich from Stanford University and Island Press discussing their recently published books. The Chapter also presented Dean Haynes and Vice Dean Finkelstein with Distinguished Service Awards on May 15th at the SPP Convocation in Fairfax, VA.

Please join us for the Chapter's Annual Meeting, including SPP Chapter Board Election results, which will be on Thursday, June 25th, in the Dean's Conference Room at 7:00 PM. A Happy Hour will follow at Mei's Asian Bistro directly behind the Arlington Campus from 8:00 – 10:00 PM. Further details are listed below. Help us to increase the equity of your degree!

News and Activities

Vote for 2009-2010 SPP Chapter Board

On Friday, May 22nd, the following electronic ballot was sent to SPP alumni:

<http://www.surveymethods.com/EndUser.aspx?9EBAD6CF96DCC2CC>

If you have not already done so, please go to the above link and cast your vote for a slate of SPP Alumni Chapter officers. Your participation is important, because the Chapter exists to serve your social, academic and professional needs. Votes must be cast by Wednesday, June 24th.

George Mason Alumni Association School of Public Policy Alumni Chapter and University of Texas-Austin School of Public Affairs Alumni

Happy Hour at Mei's Asian Bistro

Thursday, June 25 ~ 8:00 – 10:00 PM

Please join us for drink specials and karaoke directly behind the Arlington Campus. Mei's Asian Bistro is located at 3434 Washington Blvd. Arlington, VA 22201. It is metro accessible on the Orange Line from the Virginia Square or Clarendon metro stations.

Annual Chapter Meeting

Thursday, June 25 ~ 7:00 pm

Arlington Original Building, Dean's Conference Room

Please plan to join us for this important meeting. We will announce the results of the Chapter's elections, and discuss past accomplishments and plans for the Chapter's future. As always, wine and cheese will be served!

Alison White Receives SPP Distinguished Alumni Award

On Thursday, April 30th, Alison M. White, MPP '05, received the School of Public Policy's Distinguished Alumni Award at the George Mason University Alumni Association's 2009 Celebration of Distinction. The recipient of SPP's Alexis De Tocqueville Award in 2005, Alison has been extremely active in the school's Alumni Chapter, serving as vice president, president, and treasurer. She has been an innovative and productive volunteer chapter leader developing events such as Meet the SPP Authors and overseeing the highly successful SPP Alumni Chapter Signature Event in April 2008 on the topic: Cuba in Transition. We wish Alison the best in her future endeavors.

Tiger Woods' AT&T National Championship Tickets

The Alumni Association has a limited number of discounted daily gallery tickets for Sunday, July 5 available for sale for the AT&T National Championship golf tournament hosted by Tiger Woods.

[TICKETS>](#)

Young Alumni Night at Nationals Park

The Patriot Club invites all graduates from the last three years to Mason Young Alumni Night at Nationals Park on Friday, July 17. The event includes a pre-game gathering at Finn McCool's Irish Publick House as well as the 7:05 p.m. game versus the Chicago Cubs. Sign up today! [MORE INFO>](#)

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.
- 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.
- 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.

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) 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.

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

Delio Gianturco, Alumni/Faculty Liaison Officer

Duane Bradshaw, Associate Director for Career Development and Alumni Relations

Jocelyn Rappaport, Director, Communications

Carol Swigart, GMU Alumni Association 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.