



School of
Public Policy

ALUMNI CHAPTER

August 2008 Newsletter

The Chapter was busy during the summer, with a number of important planning events and training. On June 28, members of the board attended the George Mason Alumni Association Hammer and Nails training session. We also held monthly meetings in July and August to outline events for the school year. **September 10th is the Chapter's Annual Meeting at 7 pm, where members will discuss upcoming events and lay the groundwork for a successful year ahead.** We'd love to have you join us, and the details are listed below.

Who's Who in the SPP Alumni Chapter

At the Chapter's Annual Meeting in June, the following 2008-2009 officers were elected:

Adam Tabaka, ICP '07
President

Marko Frigelj, MPP '06
Vice President

Sarah Bonner, ICP '08
Secretary

Alison M. White, MPP '05
Treasurer

We also have terrific support from faculty and staff:

Delio Gianturco, Alumni/Faculty Liaison Officer

Duane Bradshaw, Associate Director for Career Development and Alumni Relations, SPP

Jocelyn Rappaport, Director, Communications, SPP

Carol Silva-Swigart, GMU Alumni Association Liaison

A special thanks to our outgoing officers for their service:

Karl Hebenstreit, Jr., ODKM '05, Secretary
Deborah Bogan, ICP '06, Treasurer

Upcoming Events and Activities

Citation Honoring Professor Tony Wallace

- Professor Tony Wallace was a popular professor at SPP for many years. The Alumni Association plans to honor him for his service.

SPPSA Happy Hour

Wednesday, September 3 ~ 6:00 – 8:00 pm

- Help kick off the school year with a mixer at Mei's Asian Bistro on September 3rd hosted by the Student Association and the Study Abroad Office.

SPP International Student Event

Friday, September 5 ~ 3:30 – 5:00 pm

SPP Original Building, Room 245

- SPP and SPPSA will be organizing an international students event to connect these students with each other, other students and school resources. Alumni are welcome to support this event and international alumni especially are welcome to serve as greeters. Regardless of whether you can or cannot make this event, alumni can also assist by volunteering to either mentor or at least meet once with an international student to discuss adjustment and job searching.

School of Public Policy Reception

Hosted by Dean and Mrs. Kingsley Haynes

Sunday, September 7 ~ 1:30 – 4:30 pm

Arlington Business Center, 1100 N. Glebe Road, Suite 1500, Arlington, VA

- Alumni are encouraged to attend the annual Dean's Reception, an opportunity to network with alumni, professors and students.

Alumni Association Meeting

Wednesday, September 10 ~ 7:00 pm

Arlington Original Building, Dean's Conference Room

Please plan to join us for the important meeting. We will also discuss priorities for the new academic year. As always, wine and cheese will be served!

Meet the Authors Event

Thursday, September 18, 6pm – 7:30pm Tentative Date and Time

- The SPP Alumni Chapter will be hosting a Meet the Authors event that will highlight SPP professor Dr. Jack Goldstone's new book, Why Europe? The Rise of the West in World History 1500-1850. Another SPP professor will be invited to discuss their new book as well at this event.
- More details will follow on the date, time and location of the event, which will include food and light refreshments for all those attending.

Another Meet the Authors Event will be Hosted in late October

Faculty Book Sale

Tuesday, November 4 (Election Night) & Wednesday, November 5

- It's not too early to put aside some books to donate for this annual fundraiser.

Post Election Analysis Panel

Mid-November

- The SPP Alumni Chapter will be hosting a Post-Election Analysis Panel in November following the election. More details will follow.

Volunteering and Networking

- SPP is now on LinkedIn, are you? Join the official George Mason School of Public Policy group to reconnect with other alumni and to find out which alumni or students are advertising positions on LinkedIn Jobs at <http://www.linkedin.com/e/gis/119573/1C1AA66C85F0>> for membership. This is a direct registration page for our group.
- We have Chapter committees that need short-term assistance: Fundraising, Events, Membership/Recruitment and Awards. If interested, 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 (especially our Distinguished Student Awards) successful.

Alumni News

- Have you moved or changed jobs? Don't forget to update your information in the GMU Alumni Directory, at <http://www.gmu.edu/alumni/alumnidir.html>.
- 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 for our annual Distinguished Alumni award. If you're that fascinating person, or know someone who is, please let us know.

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.