



School of
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ALUMNI CHAPTER

Fall 2008 Newsletter

The Chapter has hosted a successful Meet the Authors event, presented a Distinguished Service Award, and is busy preparing for the Annual Book Sale, Post-Election Analysis Panel and event at the World Bank. **November 5th is the Chapter's Annual Meeting at 7 pm, where members will discuss upcoming events and awards.** We'd love to have you join us details are below.

Upcoming Activities

Distinguished Alumni and Faculty Member Nominations

Friday, October 31 ~ 5:00 pm

- For more than 25 years the George Mason University Alumni Association has recognized alumni and faculty for their achievements and contributions to the University and to the community. Would you like someone you know to be honored for their efforts? Nominate someone for Alumnus/a of the Year and/or Faculty Member of the Year. Nominations are due Friday, October 31, 2008 at 5:00 pm. Please forward your nomination with a short bio or a resume of the alumnus/a and/or faculty member to Marko Frigelj, Vice President, SPP Alumni Chapter at mfrigelj@gmail.com.

SPP Alumni Chapter Book Sale

Tuesday, November 4 ~ 5:00 – 8:00 pm

- Come out and support the Chapter's Annual Book Sale that helps to fund Distinguished Student Awards. The bargain sale will be held in room 244 on November 4 from 5:00-8:00 pm. Come out, mix, mingle and see what faculty and alumni have been reading. If you have books to contribute please drop them off in Room 206.

Post-Election Analysis Panel

Monday, November 10 ~ Doors Open at 6:00 pm

- The Alumni Chapter will be hosting its first Post-Election Analysis Panel on the results of the 2008 Presidential Election. The Panel will feature insights from SPP Professors Dr. Jeremy Mayer and Dr. Catherine Rudder. Food and light refreshments will be provided.
- Please RSVP to SPP Alumni Chapter President, Adam Tabaka, at adamtabaka@hotmail.com. Faculty, students, and staff are encouraged to attend free of charge. Donations to fund Distinguished Student Awards will be accepted at the event.

- Predict the winner of the presidency, winner of Virginia's 13 electoral votes, and the electoral vote tally at the following link created by the SPP Student Association prior to the election in order to win a prize and recognition at the event:
<http://studentvoice.com/gmu/postelectionpanelsurvey08>

Alumni Study Trip to United Arab Emirates

Spring Semester, April 3-19, 2009

- The Alumni Chapter will benefit from a tour provided by SPP's Study Abroad Office to the United Arab Emirates: Duabi, Abu Dhabi, and GMU's Ras Al Khamah (RAK) Campus. For more information, contact Michal McElwain at mmcelwai@gmu.edu or at 703.993.1577.

Alumni White House Holiday Tour

TBD

- The Alumni Chapter will be participating in a White House Holiday tour in December. The tour will be first come, first served. As soon as the date has been confirmed, information will be sent out to the list-serve.

Annual Meeting

Wednesday, November 5 ~ 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 next semester, awards, and the Chapter's Signature event. As always, wine and cheese will be served!

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 in April. 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>.
- Join the School of Public Policy on LinkedIn, www.linkedin.com. 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 for our annual Distinguished Alumni award. 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

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

Jocelyn Rappaport, Director, Communications, SPP

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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.