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Your MPA eQuad Makes your Graduate Life Easier!

Get ready, get set, and here we go...the new MPA eQuad will be launched soon. Stay tuned for a new modern look and streamlined access to your most useful MPA links. With information provided to you in one place, you will be able to easily go through the steps of registration each term. We are also introducing a new "Career Connect" area to support job searches by MPA students (both on campus and online), links to MPA and eTROY forms tailored for MPA student needs, webinars and videos (from "Library Strategies" to e-Advising), faculty adviser contact information, and many more links to help make the eQuad your 24/7, one-stop-shop for MPA information and guidance.

Look for the MPA eQuad "ribbon cutting" message COMING THIS FALL to your TROY email!

New Website Location

The TROY MPA website has moved! As you may have noticed, the university website has a new redesigned look. Check out our new location at:

www.troy.edu/mpa.

Important Dates:

Sep 21:
Registration for Term 2 begins

Oct 11:
Term 1 classes end

Oct 12:
Term 2 classes begin

Oct 19:
Deadline to add/drop classes and receive 100% refund

Nov 6:
Deadline to file Intent to Graduate form for Term 3, 2016

Nov 20:
Deadline to drop classes or withdraw

Nov 30:
Registration for T3 begins

Dec 13:
Term 2 classes end



Dr. Michael Guo-Brennan

Faculty Profile—Dr. Michael Guo-Brennan

Dr. Guo-Brennan and his family come to Troy University from Prince Edward Island, Canada. At the Troy Campus, Michael will teach Ethics and Public Human Resources this year and American National Government for the undergraduate degree in political science. He will also be teaching Leadership for eTROY.

In Canada, he worked at the University of Prince Edward Island as part-time faculty and as a Post-Doctoral Researcher. As part of the Faculty of Education, Michael continued his research in education policy and expanded to the area of immigration policy and efforts to establish welcoming communities for immigrants including refugee families. This work goes on as part of a large federally-funded research project involving four universities and four cities across Canada.

Michael is also deeply interested in developing globally competent public leaders. This goes well beyond the idea of cultural literacy to include a broad understanding of the need to think globally and inclusively when making decisions. This fits in well with the mission of Troy and the global campus.

Before entering academia, Michael spent over two decades in local government and non-profit management. This includes stops as the Chief Administrative Officer in towns in Maine and Iowa. As the city manager, his responsibilities included all facets of local government including financial management, human resources, organizational development, staff development, grant writing and executing, and public relations. He often worked closely with elected officials at the state level, providing testimony and developing legislation for the state assemblies in both states.

As a manager in the non-profit sector, Michael worked in a variety of health service organizations, primarily serving children and families. He worked closely and collaboratively with stakeholders at the local, state, and national level to develop policies and programs to better meet the needs of clients. Michael also taught at the local school level before entering the non-profit world.

Michael grew up in Illinois and holds a bachelor's degree in Music History from Illinois State University, a MPA from the University of Louisville, and a Ph.D. in Urban and Public Affairs/Policy from the University of Louisville.

Michael is joined here at TROY with his wife Linyuan. His step-son attends Waterloo University in Waterloo, Ontario in Canada. Outside of his family and academic work, Michaels' interests include music, writing and sports. He enjoys writing music and plays several instruments including drums, clarinet, and mandolin.

New Policy—New Students Admitted in Conditional Status

To ensure future success in the MPA program, conditionally-admitted students will have a registration hold placed on their record, and as a result will be required to contact their faculty adviser for approval of their course selection/planning. The faculty adviser will then lift the adviser hold to allow registration for the first term. This policy will be effect starting with students admitted to the MPA program in Term 3 and Spring Semester 2016.

As a reminder, all students should consult with their faculty adviser prior to registration each term to review selected courses and program of study.

Fulbright Project in Lviv, Ukraine

Dr. Terry Anderson was awarded her second Fulbright-funded project under the Fulbright Specialist Program. She spent five weeks in February and March, 2015 working on the project in Ukraine. The host organization for this project is Ukrainian Catholic University located in Lviv. Project components included the following two activities:

- Development and delivery of eight 3-hour presentations for varied audiences on the subjects of public administration, public policy, and good governance. Audience members consisted of practicing public administrators and elected officials serving in a number of different capacities from the regions in Ukraine immediately surrounding Lviv.
- Consulting with leaders and administrators from the university's College of Business to develop a full MPA program. This portion of the project continued beyond the defined period of the project in the form of a longer-standing relationship between Dr. Anderson and the university which is still ongoing. She received notification on June 30, 2015 that the Ministry of Education approved the program and the university will begin classes as planned in September, 2015.

The Ukrainian Catholic University's College of Business published two videos on YouTube created by Dr. Anderson: "What is Good Governance?" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wtXslBH4Mqc&feature=youtu.be>) and "What Does it Mean to be a Public Leader?" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AkO0LxtQ49U&feature=youtu.be>).

Dr. Anderson will return to Ukraine in December to continue working on the next phase of the MPA program's development.

NASPAA Self-Study Report

The TROY MPA program's self-study report for re-accreditation by the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA) was submitted in August, 2015. The report outlines efforts by the program to meet the NASPAA Accreditation Standards for professional master's degree programs in public policy, affairs, and administration. "The accreditation process is designed to foster continuous assessment and improvement, even after accreditation has been achieved" (<http://accreditation.naspaa.org/2015/09/01/2015-16-roster-of-accredited-programs-released/>).

The program will receive an interim report in November, which provides the Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation (COPRA), the accreditor of master's degree programs in the field, with an opportunity to communicate with our program and provide direction to the site visit team who will visit our program at TROY in early 2016. We will have the opportunity to comment on the site visit team's report prior to the final reaccreditation decision by COPRA in July 2016.

Recent Graduates

Congratulations to the following Term 5 and Summer Semester 2015 graduates:

Linda Aldridge
Alexander Askey*
Keslie Boyles
Lexi Carpenter

Michael Coats
Keoshia Kyneard
Craig Petronella
Mary Taylor

* indicates 4.0 GPA

New Students

Please welcome the following new students who were admitted between April and August 2015:

Dominique Allen
Beverly Arnold
Victoria Arnold
Onya Bates
Garrett Berry
Lindsey Bettis
Curtis Bew
John Blackmon
Sendreka Bledsoe
Mindy Blevins
Alexus Cobbs
Fandreal Dowdell
Natalie Edwards
Jertoriya Fields
Justin Flowers
Nicholas Frazier
Katherine Frost
Michael Gardner
Carla Hendricks
Gloria Hill
Jonathan Hilliard

Denisha Honaker
Monica Jackson
Jamal Jackson
Nikia Jelks
Devin Johnson
Brittany Keown
Chiquitia Killing
Cameron Kuypers
Justin Lampley
Edwin Lopez
Roel Mancha
Lakisha Martin
Kristin Marvin
Christopher Mulliens
Trittany Nettles
Kim Ortiz
Latoya Parker
Antwana Phillips
Philip Piaget
Clinton Poston
Kiesharlia Sainci

Charles Smith
Lakisha Smith
Andrea Stanton
Laura Strong
Amanda Styles
Richard Taylor
Angela Taylor
Marren Taylor
Autumn Tinsley
Jon Trawick
Fini Tuamokumo
Kourtney Tuck
Morgan Tucker
Erika Turovsky
Betty Walker
Donald Ware
Desirae Washington
Catherine Williams
Kellend Williams
Sharonica Williams
Latoya Wilson

Faculty Updates

Dr. Pam Dunning presented “A Historical Approach to Innovative Teaching Strategies: Are we really being innovative or just failing to build on lessons learned?” with Dr. John Dunning at the 2015 Teaching Public Administration Conference, Columbus, OH, June 2015.

Dr. Pamela Gibson was invited back to present on “The Role of Corporate Culture” for the University of Virginia, School of Continuing & Professional Studies, Newport News, VA, June 25, 2015.

Dr. Terry Anderson’s case study “Another Cheating Scandal—But This Time It’s Not The Students” was published by the University of Washington’s Electronic Hallway.



The mission of Troy University's Master of Public Administration Program is to strengthen the quality of public service by facilitating learning, promoting scholarship, improving practice and engaging in public service. The program strives to develop graduates who bring to the public work force the intellectual acuity, ethical commitment, and professional competence to effectively serve the public interest.

NECoPA Conference

The Northeast Conference on Public Administration (NECoPA) will hold its 6th Annual Meeting, November 5-7, 2015 at George Mason University's School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs in Arlington, Virginia.

NECoPA brings together more than 300 scholars, practitioners, and students for the scholarly exchange of public administration research, best practices, and networking. The theme for NECoPA 2015, Challenges of Governance in Global Uncertainty, focuses on policy and management problems that were once international in scope but are now considered state and/or local concerns

Two of TROY's adjunct professors in the government contracting certificate program, Joel Alvarey, J.D. and Hal Moeller, J.D., will present a panel this year on the topic "Implementing Innovation through Effective Contract Management."

For more information regarding the annual meeting and to register, please be sure to visit: <http://psc.gmu.edu/necopa/>. There are two primary rates: professional at \$135 and student at \$80. There is also a one-day practitioner rate at \$50. All rates include provided breakfasts, luncheons, and a reception ticket. Scholarship assistance is available to help students with the expenses of attending the Conference. Contact the NECoPA Secretary/Treasurer Alex Henderson, Ph.D. at Alexander.Henderson@liu.edu.

Student News

Current MPA student, John Lyndall, is the general manager of Daphne Utilities, a municipal water, wastewater, and natural gas utility located in south Alabama. In June of this year, he met with representatives of Standard & Poor's (S&P) Rating Service for a re-evaluation of Daphne Utilities' bond rating in conjunction with refinancing an older revenue bond series. Based on the utility's excellent financial position and the strength of their presence in the local market, S&P upgraded Daphne Utilities' rating to AA with a stable outlook. This new rating will save Daphne Utilities (and its customers) \$400,000 over the remaining 15-year life of the bond. Mr. Lyndall states the principles covered in two core classes, PA 6603 – Economics for Public Management and PA 6650 – Governmental Budgeting and Financial Management, were instrumental to understanding and navigating the arduous process of satisfying the information requests of the bond rating service.

Share Your News!

Our next issue will be January 2016 and we need your help to fill it. Please e-mail Dr. Pam Dunning (pdunning@troy.edu) if you have recent news that you would like to have included in the newsletter.

A special thanks to everyone who contributed to this newsletter. Your help is greatly appreciated.