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2015-2016 Annual Reports

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Carnegie Mellon University
Heinz College
ICMA Student Chapter final report

Fall Semester

In the fall semester, we hosted Mark Mansfield, the Assistant Manager from Upper St. Clair and professional advisor to the chapter, a well-run local municipality to speak about the career path to becoming a municipal manager as well as to explain the day-to-day activities of a manager.

We also hosted Ronald Grutza, the Regulatory Affairs Coordinator from the Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs. He discussed municipal pensions and his report on reform measures that can be enacted to ensure long-term fiscal health for municipalities across Pennsylvania.

Lastly, four members attended the annual ICMA conference in Seattle in September. It was a great learning experience for all who attended and provided exposure to the workings of government and professional management.

Spring Semester

The spring semester brought a change in leadership as our chapter president graduated. The new chapter president and vice president set as a priority to increase student awareness of the club and to increase active membership. We did this by speaking individually to other students who were known to be interested in government and by specifically inviting them to events.

We held several events which were well attended and received with interest. The first was a talk by Susan Hockenberry, Executive Director of the Local Government Academy. She gave an animated talk about the history of the Allegheny County's 130 municipalities and gave an overview of the different classifications of the municipalities. Put into an historical context, it is much easier to understand how and why we have so many municipalities in the Pittsburgh area. Members have asked for an encore presentation.

A second event that was held was co-sponsored with the public policy program. Secretary Curt Topper, a Heinz College alum, was asked to speak about his role as Secretary of General Services for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. His talk appealed to many students, particularly those who are data-driven as a portion of his talk was about how to simultaneously increase financial efficiencies while also increasing performance metrics by making common sense changes.

Third, we invited Heinz College alum and second professional advisor to the chapter, Ian McMeans, to speak about his experiences managing the small municipality of Homestead. This talk was open exclusively to club members to allow a greater level of communication. Mr. McMeans was able to provide recommendations for coursework while at Heinz and shared insights into the world of local government.

Another event that many chapter members attended but that was organized by the Finance Club was a talk by Rea Price, Assistant Director of the Office of Management and Budget for the City of Pittsburgh, on the city's budget process. While not organized by ICMA, it directly benefited the club.

Lastly, Heinz College hosted the Local Government Academy's Internship Fair, which drew graduates students as well as undergraduates from Heinz College, the University of Pittsburgh and other local colleges and universities. This was co-organized by Heinz College's Career Services and the LGA. One of our club sponsors and career counselors, Anita Nichols, was instrumental in making the day a success.

Looking Ahead to 2016-2017

We are already planning for and inviting speakers for the fall semester. Our goal is to host four events per semester and to focus on making the events geared for those who are interested in careers in local government with a focus on the Pittsburgh region. For example, some of the topics that we wish to explore will be storm water runoff and local issues in sustainability. We also want to include some more "nuts and bolts" style events such as having speakers address how the budgeting process occurs and how it can be used as a strategic tool.

ICMA Student Chapter Report

2015-2016

The Cornell Student Chapter of the International City/ County Management Association (cICMA) has gone through five years. Members of cICMA come from Cornell's masters programs in the City and Regional Planning Department (CRP) and its Institute of Public Affairs (CIPA). Chapter officers come from both CRP and CIPA, and the chapter leverages that wider reach in collaborative relationships with the Organization of Cornell Planners (OCP), the Cornell Public Affairs Society (CPAS), and other student organizations. The chapter advisor is Professor Mildred Warner and the chapter mentor is County Administrator Joe Mareane.

Fall Semester

Chapter officers were: co-chairs, Hien Dinh (CRP) and Sarah Cantatore (CIPA); outreach chair, Luoxiaohan (Helen) Li (CIPA); and treasurer, Zhonghao (Gavin) Guo (CRP). The officers met biweekly to plan chapter outreach and programming.

On October 7, the Chapter had an Interdepartmental Mixer for students from the CRP and CIPA as well as the whole Cornell graduate community, in coordination with OCP, CPAS. The Mixer was at Big Red Barn and more than 70 students attended the Mixer, enjoying refreshments and food. Members came to relax, have fun and make friendly conversations about our student organizations, academic programs, topics regarding policy and planning, or about graduate life in general. Participants also learned about cICMA and ICMA, and got weblinks and the password for student membership in the national organization.

On November 17, approximately 20 students attended the chapter's luncheon with student researchers, at which members from CRP made research presentations on user fees, NYS austerity, etc. The chapter provided pizza and refreshments, and speakers and board members lingered after the event to chat with students informally.

On November 18, the chapter held a panel discussion on Korea Trip: Comparative Public Administration. Guest speakers from CIPA and CRP shared their experiences, insights, and lessons learned from their trip to Seoul and work with the Metropolitan Government. More than 20 students attended this meeting, at which interested students learned about ICMA in general and cICMA in particular. Several students decided to join the chapter officers in attending ICMA's annual conference.

Spring Semester

Chapter officers were: co-chairs, Hannah Bahnmler (CRP) and Zhehao Jin (CIPA); outreach chair, Apoorva kumar (CRP); and treasurer, Jiaying Zhou (CIPA). The officers met biweekly to plan chapter outreach and programming.

On March 16, the chapter held their biannual Interdepartmental Mixer for students from the CRP and CIPA as well as the whole Cornell graduate community, in coordination with OCP, CPAS. The Mixer was at Big Red Barn and about 20 students showed up to enjoy pizza, refreshments, and to talk across departments about their interests and research.

On March 18th, chapter co-president, Hannah Bahnmler, advertised ICMA membership to incoming City and Regional Planning students at the department's Open House organization-hosted dinner. She outlined the events and opportunities that ICMA offers for incoming students and present opportunities for getting involved and becoming members.

On April 14th, the chapter hosted a lecture and discussion with Ms. Paula Younger, the Deputy County Administrator for Tompkins County. Ms. Younger's talk, titled "From Federal Government Contracting to County Government Administration: Skills for Success," discussed her tips for working with and in local governments at a variety of levels. This event was attended by 12 students who were able to intimately engage the speaker and learn about her career path.

On May 18th, the chapter held a study session at the Big Red Barn for students to come and enjoy snacks and refreshments while studying for finals in a collaborative setting.

Planned Events for 2016-2017

Now that our organization has established itself and built a base of interested students in CIPA and CRP programs, we plan to further connect with local governments, expand our membership, and strengthen the connection between our members with the wealth of resources within ICMA, through the events below.

In the Fall of 2016, cICMA will seek to shift its professional adviser to Paula Younger as our current adviser has not been responsive in the last year. We will ask Ms. Younger if she would be willing to act as the adviser for the organization and provide support for our events and advice for the board.

In the upcoming year, cICMA plans to continue to host the bi-annual Interdepartmental Mixer to help promote cross department interaction between CIPA and CRP students. In the upcoming year, we may expand this event to other departments including Real Estate, Engineering, and/or the Business School.

Furthermore, we would like to continue to promote interest in local government by hosting several types of events with speakers from a variety of fields and professions. First, we would like to continue our events which highlight regional local governments officials by sharing both their work and career paths in order to provide insight into the possibilities of professions in local government management and administration for students. Secondly, we hope to arrange an academic panel of researchers at Cornell whose work focuses on conducting local government through a variety of perspectives in order to provide a more academic lens to the topic of local government managements. This event will ideally include researchers and academics who work outside the US to draw more on the international reach of ICMA.

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Villanova University

Date: June 29, 2016

To: Christa P. Rainwater, Assistant Program Manager, Membership

From: Craig Wheeland, Ph.D.
Chapter Advisor, ICMA Student Chapter

Subject: Annual Report 2015-2016

During Academic Year 2015-2016, we enrolled 15 MPA students as members our chapter.

Brandon Ford, MPA student, served as Chapter President.

Bruce Clark, Township Manager, Middletown, PA continued as the Chapter Mentor

In the Fall Semester 2015 the chapter members were invited to attend the one-day regional workshop held by the Association for Pennsylvania Municipal Management on October 30. Villanova's Department of Public Administration paid the workshop fee for each student. The workshop included a luncheon. We had six chapter members participate. There were about 65 municipal managers from around southeastern PA attending the workshop as well.

In Spring Semester 2016 we had two initiatives.

First, the Department of Public Administration paid the workshop fees for chapter members to attend an Emerging Leaders Training called Police Negotiations 101. Two members attended the training.

Second, the chapter hosted a panel on "Why Choose a Career in Local Government?" The event was open to all students, faculty and the public. The members of the panel were:

Gloria Wolek, a long serving member of Lower Merion Township Board of Commissioners. Gloria talked about her experiences as a volunteer in community organizations and also her many years of exemplary service as an elected township commissioner.

J. Drew Sharkey who is a current elected township commissioner in Cheltenham Township, PA, the current President of Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors and a Villanova MPA alum.

Gloria and Drew spoke to the rewards and challenges of serving as elected officials who work with professional managers.

Sandra Zadel is Borough Manager in the Borough of Chalfont, PA and a Villanova MPA alum.

Chris Hoffman is Township Manager in Lower Moreland Township, PA and a Villanova MPA alum.

Sandra and Chris are serving in their first appointments as local government managers so they talked about how they started in their careers, how the MPA degree helped them, how internships helped them and generally provide their perspective on how professional managers contribute to good government.

Finally, Brandon Ford served as moderator because he is currently working in local government while earning his MPA and also served as President of Villanova's ICMA Student Chapter. Brandon also worked with the panelists to create the list of questions he used to guide the discussion and on their introductions. I

In short, the panel informed and hopefully inspired students to pursue public service in local government - as volunteers or as elected officials or as professional managers.

Here is a link to the video of the event:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t5uZpja-1WU>

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Appalachian State University

ICMA Student Chapter 2015-2016

The Appalachian State University ICMA Student Chapter had a busy year. The chapter had three meetings in the fall and spring semester. Along, with these meeting some of our members were able to attend some of the professional conferences that were held in the State of North Carolina. The highlight of the year was at the North Carolina City and County Management Association (NCCCMA) Conference where one of our members Sarah Harris was awarded the Matt W. Williamson (NCCCMA MPA scholars) scholarship.

Fall Semester

The ICMA Student Chapter assisted the Appalachian State University Local Government Alumni Association (ASULGAA) with the Fall Conference and a golf tournament that raises money for scholarships for current MPA students. The annual Fall Conference allows current students to meet alumni that work in the local government profession and begin to find summer internships. Before the conference is held there is a golf tournament at the Red Tail Golf Course that raises money for scholarships to be given to current students that are passionate about local government.

Spring Semester

During the spring semester, members attended the NCCMA Conference and attended various sessions that exposed them to the current state of the public sector. Students also attended the alumni breakfast where they were able to meet and interact with current professionals in the public sector. Those who had not yet obtained an internship were able to communicate further with alumni and locate a potential job for the summer.

Chapter members were able to attend numerous panels that were focused on emerging issues in local government. These panels were led by members of our alumni association that have been Town Managers, County Managers, and other roles in local and county government. The best part of these panels was the discussions that arose from the questions that our members asked the group.

Similar to last year the highlight of the spring semester was our meeting with Brock Long. Brock Long is currently the Vice President of Haggerty Consulting. However, he had quite the resume with the public sector and gave a presentation about his time spent as the FEMA Director for the State of Alabama and various other positions. He answered questions and gave advice to members that would like to go into the field of emergency management.

The ASU ICMA Student Chapter is fortunate to have a strong relationship with the alumni and members are exposed to the real world during our meetings. The chapter added a few members this year. However, we are working on different ways to increase membership by reaching out to all of the students in our program, especially students in our satellite cohorts.

The ICMA-Auburn Student Chapter has successfully completed its first semester. As part of our chapter’s agreement with ICMA, this report summarizes our events along with the number of student attendees. We have also noted the accomplishments of our membership. I should note that we have deliberately focused on reaching out to MPA students and have yet to begin recruiting undergraduate political science and public administration students.

Below we have summarized our events:

Event	Date	MPA Student Participation
Organized conference call with Andrew Hixson, City Manager of Manchester, MO – discussion included why city management, challenges of breaking into the profession, and staying motivated	December 10, 2015	4
Dinner with Sam Gaston, City Manager of Mountain Brook, AL and Charlie Duggan, Jr., City Manager of Auburn, AL – discussion included, city management as a profession, leadership, and supervisory skills for early career professionals	February 1, 2016	6
Conversation with Auburn Chamber of Commerce - discussion included the relationship and connections between city government and chambers of commerce	February 23, 2016	4
ICMA Southeastern Regional Summit	March 30 – April 1, 2016	3
Auburn University Spring Game Tailgate Party – group came together to watch the Auburn University Spring Football game	April 9, 2016	4
Economic Development Tour with Sam Gaston, City Manager of Mountain Brook, AL – tour included a redevelopment in a previously blighted area and the development of a Grand Bohemian Hotel in Mountain Brook, AL	April 12, 2016	8
Lemonade with Charlie Duggan, Jr., City Manager of Auburn, AL – discussion included end of the year accomplishments and brainstorming for the following academic year	May 6, 2016	3
Total Membership AY 2015-2016		8

The student members of the ICMA – Auburn Chapter have also had several notable accomplishments throughout the year. Below several are highlighted:

- Logan Bradshaw – City of Wichita ICMA Fellow
- Rajon Hudson – Summer Internship with the Greater Birmingham Regional Planning Commission
- Charde Caine – Internship with Elections Administration office in Greater Detroit

East Carolina University ICMA Student Chapter

Annual Report 2015–2016

Life, Well Run Beginnings:

East Carolina University inaugurated its ICMA Student Chapter in August of 2014. The initial funding of the organization was rewarded for placing 3rd in the Life, Well Run annual ICMA Student Chapter video competition. The video clip was submitted by Henry Boyd, who is also the founding president of ECU ICMA Student Chapter.

Each year the Life, Well Run videos keep getting better for ECU ICMA. During the fall of 2015, it was announced that ECU ICMA was awarded 2nd for this year's Life, Well Run annual ICMA Student Chapter video competition.

News and Events:

Our student chapter members were very busy this year. Our events included networking in Durham, North Carolina with the UNC ICMA, App. State ICMA, and NC State ICMA chapters while attending the North Carolina City County Managers Association (NCCCMA) winter conference. It was great to interact with other North Carolina schools and share ideas and experiences. ECU ICMA members also attended the ICMA regional summit in Savannah, Georgia where there were opportunities for networking, small ground interaction, and very engaging presentations.

We are also very excited to announce that our very own Brad Smith, Henry Boyd (former ECU ICMA chapter president), and Mike Greene (current ECU ICMA chapter president) were selected as 2015-2016 ICMA Local Government Management Fellows (LGMF). While they are still currently waiting on location placement, we wish them a congratulations!

Lastly, our own Haley Thore was awarded the Donald B. Hayman Scholarship over this past year. The Donald B. Hayman Scholarship is a part of the Hayman-Howard-Wright MPA Scholarship Endowment. The fund provides support to students who display academic excellence and those who are returning to the classroom after gaining valuable work experience. Donald B. Hayman's 40-year career at the Institute of Government led to the adoption of the council-manager form of government and the creation of professional personnel administration throughout the state. Haley Thore was nominated for the scholarship by ECU's Director of the MPA program. The scholarship enables and encourages the scholarship recipient to pursue a career in public administration. For many years, the NCCCMA has shown support with the recognition of annual scholarship recipients from each of the public state universities that have MPA programs. The 2015-2016 scholarship recipients were recognized at the 2016 NCCCMA winter conference.

Looking Forward:

ECU ICMA has many exciting events already planned for the fall of 2016 including ECU campus fundraisers, student networking events, local government speakers, interview workshops, and the 2016 -2017 ICMA Life, Well Run video contest.

International City/ County Manager's Association at Florida International University (ICMA@FIU)

The International City/ County Manager's Association at Florida International University (ICMA@FIU) Students Chapter works closely with the state chapter association (Florida City/County Managers Association, FCCMA).

Getting the Chapter Started

In the fall semester of 2015, the ICMA@FIU student chapter was officially recognized by the FIU and the ICMA national body. Student members of ICMA@FIU were also given the opportunity to become members of the national organization for free.

Professional Networking

During the academic year of 2015-2016 the Florida International University International City/ County Manager's Association Student Chapter held a welcome and networking event, which was sponsored by the University Graduate School and FIU's Department of Public Administration. The event provided currently enrolled students and alumni the opportunity to network with professors and local government administrators from FCCMA. The student chapter advisor, Village Manager Yocelyn Galiano, presented on the multiple ways that FCCMA and ICMA@FIU can partner to provide training, networking and mentorship opportunities for students with interests in career and research in local government administration.

ICMA@FIU Membership Benefits:

- Members are introduced to current issues and solutions in local government administration.
- Members gain access to national and local workshops, conferences and webinars on local government management.
- Members gain access to networking opportunities with local government managers and administrators.
- Students gain free access to the national ICMA organization (umbrella organization membership).

ICMA Annual Conference in Kansas City

Some student members of ICMA@FIU will be attending and presenting at the mini-academic conference at the ICMA annual national conference in Kansas City in September.

Contact:

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Faculty Advisor: Dr. Mohamad Alkadry

Chapter President: Sebawit Bishu (Ph.D. Candidate)

Chapter Treasurer: Andrea Headley (Ph.D. Candidate)

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Picture 1- Left Treasurer Andrea Headley and right Chapter President Sebawit Bishu, picture taken at the spring semester ICMA@FIU networking event





Picture 2 and 3: Village Manager Yocelyn Galiano speaking to ICMA@FIU student members and Department of Public Administration Faculty members

Regent University's ICMA chapter reinforces the MPA program's and the larger university's emphasis on servant leadership to promote excellence of character and competency, the essential elements for success in today's complex governmental environment. The chapter greatly benefits from its association with two past presidents of ICMA, Ed Daly and Sam Gaston, both serving with distinction as Practitioner's in Residence in the MPA program. President Rachael Monnin provided a strong foundation for future growth and ably led the chapter. The chapter's main event was hosting Virginia Beach Deputy Police Chief William Dean to speak with students about the challenges and opportunities of working in city management for one of Virginia's largest cities. Deputy Chief Dean discussed how he incorporated his MPA background and extensive law enforcement experience to make necessary changes to improve the police-training academy. Students talked with him at length regarding best practices to prepare to enter public service and effectively utilize inter-agency resources. The chapter looks forward to building up membership this upcoming 2016-2017 year and additional opportunities to learn from local practitioners.

SPC-ICMA ANNUAL REPORT

The 2015-16 academic year has been a successful learning and networking experience for our St. Petersburg College – ICMA student chapter. Our members have had several opportunities to meet and interact with local leaders. We had two highly respected local government guest speakers over this past year who talked candidly with our chapter members about the diverse aspects of government service and how they achieved their current positions.

Our first guest speaker was Clearwater City Manager Mr. Bill Horne who is currently the longest serving City Manager in Clearwater, Florida with 13 years of service in that position. He spoke to our students about his distinguished career as a public servant as well as the duties and responsibilities associated with a career in public service. He stressed the importance of holding ourselves to a higher ethical standard because we as future public services professionals owe it to the public and to ourselves. Mr. Horne also reminded us that it takes a “thick skin” to serve as a government official.

Our next guest speaker was City of Clearwater Mayor, Mr. George Cretekos. He spoke about his 40+ years in public service beginning with his first public position in 1971 as a legislative aid for United States Representative C. W. Bill Young. Following his retirement from national government and his service as a missionary in 2006, he ran unopposed for Mayor of Clearwater in 2008 and was subsequently re-elected in 2012. He spoke about how the speed of communications in government has changed significantly with the advent of the internet and e-mail. He also remarked that the only way to balance the budget in U. S. Congress is to either raise taxes or cut programs. He stressed to us that the purpose of public service is to serve others—it should not be about the title, position, money, or power. He left us with a quote from

Shakespeare's Hamlet—which he aspires every day to live by: “To thine own self be true. And it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man.”

Another outstanding opportunity we had this year, for which we are very grateful, was an invitation to the Florida City/County Management Association (FCCMA) Leadership Institute in Orlando, Florida! The main theme of the conference focused on preparing the next generation for service in government. We attended multiple educational sessions that will be very helpful to all incoming chapter members once we share what we have learned with them. In addition, we will share the lessons we have learned with all students in our Public Policy and Administration baccalaureate degree program so they understand the importance of public service and the need for trained professionals in this career field.

Our chapter is excited about and looking forward to another great year of learning and professional development/networking opportunities!

The ICMA student Chapter at the University of Alabama at Birmingham had an outstanding 2015-2016 school year! Here is a recap of what all happened:

Fall Semester

The first event that our chapter held was “Inside ICMA.” This event served as an insider’s peak into the life of a city manager. We had three speakers for this event: Nathan Kelley, current ICMA employee and UAB MPA graduate; Patrick Bryant, who is currently the city manger of Talladega, Alabama, and a UAB MPA graduate; and Sam Gaston, city manager of Mountain Brook, Alabama, and former ICMA president. This event gave students the opportunity to ask questions about what a city manager truly does, and how ICMA can help local governments succeed.

The second event we had this past fall was “Building Sustainable Communities” featuring Charles Ball, Executive Director of the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Ball discussed what exactly the planning commission does and how they work with local governments. This event was a favorite among members.

Spring Semester

Our chapter decided to try something new by partnering with another student chapter in having a joint ICMA event. We invited the newly formed ICMA student chapter at Auburn University to join us for an Economic Development Tour of Mountain Brook, Alabama. This event featured key staff from the City of Mountain Brook who explained how they establish and maintain relationships with businesses in the area. The event ended with a tour of the newly developed “Lane Parke” area in Mountain Brook, which features an eloquent Grand Bohemian Hotel along with boutiques and shops—this experience was nothing short of “grand!” We look forward to having more joint events with other student chapters in the future.

In addition, our president at the time, Marybrook Burchfield, was asked to join a panel on “How and Why to Form an ICMA Chapter on Your Campus” at the Conference of Minority Public Administrators in Jackson, Mississippi. Our chapter was able to offer guidance and support to Jackson State University students interested in forming their own chapter. UAB-ICMA is proud to assist other universities in their founding efforts.

Finally, students from our local chapter were heavily involved with the Alabama City County Management Association. Three of our members—Marybrook

Burchfield, Courtney Roberts, and Dillon Wood—were selected as scholarship recipients to attend the ACCMA Winter Conference in Auburn, Alabama. Also, two of our members—Ayumi Bird and Dillon Wood—were selected to attend the ACCMA Summer Conference in Orange Beach, Alabama. While there, Dillon Wood was awarded a \$3,000 tuition reimbursement scholarship for the 2016-2017 school year from the Association. This was great opportunity to meet current state leaders, while also networking with peers.

We would also like to mention how proud we are of one of our former members—Mary Elizabeth Hendrix. Mary Elizabeth, who graduated this Spring, was selected for a Presidential Management Fellowship and an ICMA Local Government Management Fellowship. We are extremely proud of our members—past and present—and we are excited to see what the future holds!

ICMA Student Chapter of UNC-Chapel Hill – Annual Report, 2015-2016

Over the last year, in keeping with the goals established by the founding officers, the leadership team of the UNC ICMA Student Chapter worked to introduce students to local government management as a profession, establish connections between local government management theories and practices, and cultivate a learning community for members to share experiences. As in previous years, membership increased during the 2015-2016 academic year.

Event Highlights

The chapter kicked off the academic year by coordinating members' attendance to the 101st ICMA Annual Conference held in Seattle, WA. In October, the chapter hosted a trick-or-treat event meant to introduce students to the work that School of Government staff carryout on a daily basis. Members were also given the opportunity to assist the Hillsborough Police Department in their annual Police Driver Training. Throughout the year, the Chapter held several brown-bag lunches featuring conversations with local government leaders. Topics discussed during the brown-bag lunches included open data, economic development, and intergovernmental relations.

In the spring semester, the chapter hosted a round table at the North Carolina City and County Management Association Conference. Members also attended two facility tours—one at Hillsborough's water treatment plant and the other at SAS Institute in Cary—to learn about government services and relationships with the private sector. The chapter finished up the year with a fun event called "HR Fire Drills" where students were given scenarios covering personnel issues in the workplace and presented their solutions to be judged by several professors and local government leaders.

Looking to 2016-2017

In the upcoming academic year, the chapter will focus on providing opportunities for members to learn applicable skills and lessons they can bring to their future careers. The chapter will also focus efforts on increasing participation among online students in the program.

Event Photos



Chapter members touring the SAS Institute in Cary, North Carolina.



Chapter members learning about economic development.



Chapter members making a stop by Dr. Rivenbark's office for trick-or-treat

2015 – 2016 Annual Report

The 2015 - 2016 year was very dynamic and evolving for the USF ICMA Chapter. We had a solid attendance of six student chapter members at the ICMA conference in Seattle, and had the opportunity to network with managers from all over the nation (and some international countries!), as well as explore the Emerald City.



Our ICMA attending students (and alumni) pictured here at the Space Needle on one of the last night of the conference.

Outgoing President Ratna Okhai handed off the reigns to Brandon Henry, the President-Elect, and graduated along with several other members. Ratna has been selected as the ICMA Management Fellow for the City of Fort Lauderdale and will begin her two-year fellowship in August 2016. Member Molly Murphy was selected as a Gubernatorial Fellow for the 2015-2016 year and is working for the Division of Consumer Services under the Florida Department of Financial Services in Tallahassee.

As the chapter has strengthened its foundation, the 2015-2016 year brought focus to increasing membership as well as fundraising efforts. Since conferences are an invaluable opportunity for our students to meet, network and learn from

other professionals in the field, we want to ensure that we are able to provide that exposure to our members while assisting with the costs.

In the New Year, our President-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer were also elected – Sigma Chawdhury and Zuleyka Castro, both new student members, have stepped into their roles respectively and are working with President Henry to continue our chapter’s work.

Our student chapter has had a very exciting year with the FCCMA as well with our founding mentor Bobby Green’s election as the President of the FCCMA. Additionally, the theme of the 2016 conference was “Preparing the Next Generation”, a topic not only relevant to our student chapters, but one that needs to be addressed even more as the issue becomes more prevalent. The first day of the FCCMA conference was called the “Professional Leadership Institute” and was free to 70 student chapter members and emerging leaders that wished to attend.

PREPARING THE NEXT GENERATION 2016 FCCMA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Seven members of the student chapter attended the FCCMA conference and were able to benefit from the conversations and keynote speakers about what it means to be the “next generation” in local government, and how seasoned managers can prepare for this shift. For the third year in a row, our chapter had the 50/50 Raffle going on during the conference, and the winner was one of our chapter mentors, John Lewis (City Manager, Northport, FL). He donated his entire winnings back to the chapter, helping the chapter reach almost \$300! The Robert R. Green ICMA Student Chapter at USF is excited and ready for the next year and new opportunities that will come with it.

**2015-2016 ICMA Student Chapter Report for the
International City/County Management Association at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville**

The ICMA student chapter at the University of Tennessee had an eventful 2015-2016 academic year. In the fall of 2015, the student chapter held a general chapter meeting which focused on reinvigorating our chapter leadership. Due to spring and summer graduations, the chapter membership elected a new Vice President and a new Secretary/Treasurer. Additionally, a delegation of ICMA at UT members attended the fall 2015 Tennessee City Management Association conference in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The fall TCMA conference provided great learning opportunities to our members through the conference's featured speakers and sessions on current topics. The TCMA fall conference also offered great networking opportunities with city management professionals from across the state.

The ICMA at UT student chapter also held a number of events in the spring of 2016. In February, the student chapter, along with the East Tennessee chapter of ASPA, hosted Abbie Hudgens. Ms. Hudgens came to the Howard H. Baker, Jr. Center for Public Policy and spoke to students and faculty about "Insights on the Public Service and Policy Change." Ms. Hudgens shared her story of how she began her career and how she came to be where she is today as the Director of the Workers' Compensation Division in the TN Department of Labor and Workforce Development. She illustrated how a career in public service can provide unexpected opportunities, make a difference, and spark personal growth. Ms. Hudgens gave several important bits of advice on how to have a successful career in public service, which left students inspired and ready to get out into the field.

Also, the ICMA at UT student chapter hosted an event with two city management professionals in the spring of 2016. The event was titled "Perspectives on Careers in City Management: a Q&A with Mark Watson and C. Seth Sumner." Mr. Watson serves as the City Manager of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and has had a long career in public service. Mr. Sumner serves as the Assistant City Manager for the City of Savannah, Tennessee, and is an alumnus of the MPPA program at UT. Mr. Watson and Mr. Sumner enlightened ICMA at UT chapter members by providing an overview of their careers, giving advice on how to have a successful career in public service, and by fielding numerous questions from the student audience.

Additionally, the student chapter was able to send a delegation to the spring 2016 Tennessee City Management Association conference in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. This conference provided our student delegation another opportunity to learn from the best management professionals from across the state through the programming and materials provided and through ample networking opportunities with our fellow conference attendees.

In sum, the 2015-2016 academic year provided a broad array of educational and entertaining events for the ICMA at UT membership. We hope the 2016-2017 year is even more exciting and successful!

The ICMA Student Chapter at Virginia Tech had an active and productive year. Master of Public Administration students and Certificate in Local Government Management students were key targets for inclusion in the Virginia Tech Student Chapter. The chapter is strong with over half of our student population joining the chapter.



Virginia Tech

Student Chapter

"To create excellence in local governance by developing and fostering professional local government management."

The Chapter selected and appointed the following officers: Christian Youngblood, President and three Vice-Presidents including Audry Okyere, Daniel Crites, and Jason Towery.

The Co-Vice Presidents were selected at each location offering the Virginia Tech MPA including Alexandria, VA, Richmond, VA and Blacksburg, VA. By appointing representatives from the different locations, the chapter had onsite connection with leadership to the Chapter. The first task of the Chapter was the development of a Chapter logo, displayed above.

Students attend courses through various sites within the Commonwealth of Virginia that allowed the Chapter to utilize technology to connect for Chapter Activities. Webex was used to hold monthly webinars. The Chapter did organize an in-person event at the Virginia Local Government Manager's Winter Conference. In addition, the Virginia Local Government Manager's Association provided reduced student conference registration for members of the Student Chapter. Several students were able to attend and many met in-person for the first time. Other programs hosted by the Certificate Program, such as professional development workshops in Abingdon and Stafford, VA, were offered to Chapter members. Finally, social media has been engaged to continue the student conversations with groups being created on LinkedIn and Facebook.

Monthly webinars have been used to facilitate professional development and networking. The first session was held on November 11 and featured the Director of Governmental Relations with the Virginia Association of Counties. The presentation showcased the Virginia Association of Counties and the importance of associations to public sector leaders. Additional speakers have provided our students with knowledge from a wide-array of topics, including a presentation by the Alliance for Innovation, which highlighted the available resources that have been made available to our members through Virginia Tech's University Affiliation with the Alliance. A Leadership and Management webinar was held that focused on understanding the concepts of motivation and engagement. A recent graduate of the Certificate Program and newly appointed Town Manager hosted a webinar to discuss the challenges of a first-time Manager and a current City Manager conducted a webinar on applying for local government positions, critiqued student resumes, and provided feedback for improvement on individual student resumes.

The Student Chapter has grown to 37-members representing over 50% of our current enrollment and the Chapter expects substantial growth as we continue hosting great events with exceptional speakers. Future chapter events will include student conference participation at the Professional Development in Local Government conference in Roanoke, VA and more lunchtime WebEx sessions.

On behalf of the Virginia Tech Tech ICMA Student Chapter, we look forward to continued success of the organization.

Christian Youngblood, President Virginia Tech ICMA Student Chapter

Audry Okyere, Vice President

Jason Towery, Vice President

Stephanie Davis, Faculty Advisor

MIDWEST

Indiana University - School of Public and Environmental Affairs Local Government Management Association / ICMA Chapter

The Local Government Management Association at Indiana University is student chapter of the International City/County Management Association. Association membership comes from Masters Candidates and Undergraduates in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA). The purpose of our association is to foster the understanding, education, and involvement in the local government profession through coordination of exploration trips, informational panels, and educational discussions. The chapter advisor for the 2015-16 school year was Professor Frank Nierzwicki. The club sought mentorship from Professor Mark Levin, the Local Government Management concentration advisor at SPEA. Chapter officers were: President, Noor Shaikh (MPA); Vice President, Allison Eichele (MPA/MSES), Treasurer, Anthony Christian (MPA); Social Media Director, Connor Reed (B.S Economic Consulting). Officers met twice a month to discuss outreach and to plan events.

FALL 2015



LGMA started the school year by hosting a table at the SPEA involvement fair. We used this opportunity to recruit new members and publicize events the officers had planned for the year. We created a slide show detailing past club events, highlighted officer achievements, and handed out the semester calendar (which can be seen below).

Connor Reed (left) and Anthony Christian (right) at the Involvement Fair

The club had its first meeting for new and returning members on September 17, where we discussed the club's Fall semester schedule and sought feedback from members. Alongside planning programming for the semester, the officers worked on fundraising to help mitigate costs for attending the 101st ICMA Annual Conference later that month. We set up a GoFundMe campaign and found an overwhelming amount of encouragement from SPEA faculty and alumni, friends, and our families. Through this campaign, a generous amount donated by the Indiana Municipal Managers Association (IMMA), and funding provided by SPEA, our entire leadership team was able to attend the ICMA Conference in Seattle. In connection with the conference, we were given opportunities with network with field professionals from Indiana, and SPEA alumni at a reception hosted by our School.



Members of IMMA and the 2015-16 LGMA/ICMA Chapter Leadership

**Local Government Management Association
Fall 2015 Semester Schedule**

Meetings:

- 17th September, 2015 (Location: SPEA Room 273)
Informational
- 1st October, 2015 (Location: *TBD*)
Why Go Local? Pt. 1
- 15th October, 2015 (Location: *TBD*)
Why Go Local? Pt. 2
- 29th October, 2015 (Location: *TBD*)
Public Private Partnerships, Pt. 1
- 12th November, 2015 (Location: *TBD*)
Public Private Partnerships, Pt. 2
- 3rd December, 2015 (Location: *TBD*)
Last meeting of the semester

Events:

- City Council Meetings
 - o October 7th (Special Session - 2nd Reading & Adoption Hearing on Budget-Related Ordinances)
 - o November 4th (Regular Session)
- Gift Exchange/Secret Santa (December 5th)

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Shortly after our return from Seattle, the officers got to work. We organized a panel with the theme: Why Go Local? We wanted the conversation to revolve around the importance of government and other organizations working at the local level. Panelists included board members of the Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS), Bloomington City Council member Susan Sandberg, former Mayor of Fort Wayne, Indiana, Bloomington's Assistant City Attorney, the Director of the Office of Sustainability at Indiana University, and the Director of the Community and Family Resources Department at the City of Bloomington. The panelists shared their perspective on why local governments matter and spoke about their career. We then opened the floor for questions from students. The panel was a success and set the tone for club events for the rest of the year.



Panelists at “Why Go Local?” panel event hosted by LGMA/ICMA Chapter



Panelists at “Why Go Local?” panel event hosted by LGMA/ICMA Chapter

The second panel we hosted focused on Public Private Partnerships. The officers were able to connect with and have the then-Deputy Mayor of the City of Bloomington, lecturers from SPEA with years of experience working in the public sector, and a management consultant from Indianapolis join our panel discussion. The Public Finance Association at SPEA teamed up with us to organize this panel. These professionals discussed their experiences and how the public and private sector interactions affect community and economic development. We then opened the floor to attendees and students were able to have a candid conversation with the panelists.

Aside from these panels, LGMA attended two City of Bloomington council meetings. The officers wanted to provide students with a chance to observe council meetings in person and

understand the impact they could make as residents of their community, and the role they can someday play if they choose to seek elected office.

SPRING 2016

While the Fall semester focused on hosting panels to provide opportunities for members to network and learn, we focused on taking field trips during the Spring semester. We started the Spring semester by hosting a call out meeting at a local bar, the Atlas Ballroom. Our first trip was to Muncie, Indiana to attend the Indiana Chapter of the American Planning Association's Spring Professional Development Conference. The club, because of our fundraising efforts during the Fall semester, was able to provide transportation and cover registration for all attendees. Members found the event engaging and were able to attend talks focused on Economic Development and Planning. We were able to connect with professionals in planning departments around Indiana.



LGMA at the Lincoln, Illinois City Hall

In March, the officers organized a trip to Lincoln, Illinois to spend the day with Clay Johnson, the City Administrator and a SPEA alum. Mr. Johnson started the day by giving a presentation on Lincoln, its history, current state, the challenges the city faced going forward, and his role in serving Lincoln. We toured the downtown area and a newly opened local theater and met with the owner and developer, David Lanterman. Mr. Lanterman took questions from students as he gave a tour of the theater. We then visited and toured the City's Waste Water treatment plant.

In April, the club hosted its last panel for the school year. We had Greg Belawski, an ICMA Sr. Advisor Program Coordinator, and John Perry, author of *Blueprint for Building Community: Leadership Insights for Good Government*, give a short talk about their careers in local government. Both took questions from students and spent time after the event to talk to interested students one on one.

We ended the semester by hosting a last social event where interested members could run for board positions for the 2016-17 school year and the current board could help make this transition easier by answering any questions. The outgoing board decided that Prof. Nierzwicki will continue to serve as the club's advisor for the upcoming school year.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

I was honored to serve as the LGMA/ICMA Chapter President, and fortunate to have a leadership team so willing to provide our members with engaging events and opportunities. I was able to find mentors and friends in SPEA alumni and ICMA members who took the time to reach out and help make all of our events successful. I look forward to seeing how each one of us will go on to make an impact in the profession for the better. I am also excited about what the chapter will accomplish next year. The incoming board is comprised of an exceptional group of leaders and I expect them to continue making this Chapter bigger and better.

NIU ICMA Student Chapter Annual Report

Summer 2016

The ICMA Student Chapter at Northern Illinois University is pleased to report on a successful and productive 2015-16 academic year for its members.

Leadership

Evan Walter and Anthony Isom were elected co-presidents of the chapter for the 2015-16 academic year. Evan and Anthony organized professional development and social events, serving ICMA student chapter members and linking NIU MPA students to local government professionals in the Chicago metropolitan region.

Conferences and Events

Several students attended the ICMA Conference in Seattle, WA, after earning fellowships to attend, while others attended selections provided by the ICMA Virtual Conference at their places of work. Students at the NIU Banovetz Student Breakfast, held at the ICMA Conference, were joined by incoming ICMA President Pat Martel who offered excellent advice on career development.

Numerous chapter members attended the Illinois City/County Management Association's Summer and Winter Conferences, with many students receiving scholarships to attend. At 2016 ILCMA Summer Meeting, NIU MPA student Jon Pape was interviewed for an Emerging Local Government Leaders (ELGL) GovLove Podcast, and had the opportunity to discuss the critical links between theory and practice in the NIU MPA program (<http://elgl.org/2016/07/20/podcast-the-professor-and-the-student/>).

The chapter hosted a Spring Bowling Night event, which saw upwards of 20 members attend for an evening of fun and networking with colleagues in the local government profession. Other members of the chapter competed at the NASPAA Student Simulation Competition in Indianapolis; chapter member Maria Azurida's team was named Simulation Winner for their work titled "SustainAbility."

Placement

All members reported working in internships at communities across the Chicagoland region, with several members receiving full-time job offers at their internship sites or in other communities during the academic year. The chapter remains proud of the record of chapter members as they perform valuable work in their roles as municipal interns.



NIU ICMA Student Chapter Co-President Anthony Isom addresses colleagues at the annual internship supervisor luncheon.



Incoming ICMA President Pat Martel joined students at the Banovetz Breakfast at the 2015 ICMA Conference in Seattle, Washington.



NIU MPA students attended the Wisconsin and Illinois City/County Management Association Summer Meeting in Fontana, Wisconsin in June 2016.

Annual Report 2015-2016

This has been a year of transition for our student chapter. As a majority of our members graduated the previous year, we were focused on attracting new students to the organization, while maintaining our close ties to public administration professionals in the St. Louis region.

Utilizing a new meeting format, our group has successfully achieved these goals and developed a strong foundation for future growth. We owe special thanks to our faculty advisor, Julianne Stone, Director of the Local Government Partnership between UMSL and East-West Gateway Council of Governments, and our chapter mentor, Andy Hixson, the City Administrator of Manchester, MO for their guidance and support.

Fall 2015

Our first meeting of the fall semester was hosted by Mr. Bob Shelton, the City Administrator of the City of Frontenac, MO. Held in the chambers of the board of alderman at city hall, our program consisted of a discussion of what being a professional public administrator is really like. Mr. Shelton and our chapter mentor, Mr. Hixson, led a discussion of the best aspects of their jobs as well as difficulties they encounter. Our members had the opportunity to ask questions about aspects of the profession that particularly interested them and gain feedback on the best ways to get noticed by employers.

In October, in lieu of our regular meetings, our group members were encouraged to attend a panel discussion on the minimum wage

hosted by the UMSL Public Policy and



Administration department. The panel, which included executive directors of several prominent non-profits here in St. Louis and an elected official, focused on the current debate over the potential benefits and consequences of raising the minimum wage.

Spring 2016

This January saw the very first UMSL-ICMA Student Chapter *Local Government Lunch & Learn*. Each month we coordinate with a different city official to hold our meetings at their city halls. Together we plan a short presentation on a topic related to public administration. Members of the chapter, students in the MPPA and Poli Sci departments at UMSL, and faculty are invited to these “brown bag” events.

Our inaugural *Lunch & Learn* was hosted by Bola Akande, the City Administrator with the City of Brentwood, MO. Ms. Akande led an engaging discussion of diversity issues in municipal government, and invited staff members from different departments in the City of Brentwood to participate in the discussion as well.

In February, George Ertle, the Assistant to the City Administrator with the City of Clayton, hosted our *Lunch & Learn*. Mr. Ertle gave a presentation on different communication strategies municipal governments can use to stay connected with their citizens.

The City of Creve Coeur hosted our *Lunch & Learn* in March. Led by City Administrator Mark Perkins, the presentation provided insight on what it takes to implement sustainability initiatives at the local level.

In April, the UMSL ICMA Student Chapter and other students from several local university MPA programs were invited to the St. Louis Area City/County Management Association's (SLACMA) monthly meeting and presentation to local government leaders. This invitation allowed our students to introduce themselves and to network with local administrators and managers.

May brought about graduation for the Class of 2016. Several ICMA Student Chapter members gathered at a reception to celebrate with members of the faculty and alumni.



Pictured are ICMA Student Chapter President and Vice-President Elliot Brown and Frank Johnson.

Our final event for the academic year will be a celebration in June with students, faculty, and local government officials celebrating the graduates from the MPPA program and also installing our new chapter officers for the upcoming year.

Goals

Once again, several of our student chapter members and officers have graduated and are now ready to begin their careers in public administration. With this in mind, we are focused on reaching out to new students next fall.

Our members have benefitted greatly from networking with local government officials and other students. We hope to keep growing the chapter, hosting interesting events like our *Local Government Lunch & Learn*, and reaching out to other schools in the St. Louis region.

University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh Student Chapter 2015- 2016 Report

The University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh Masters Program in Public Administration is a working professionals program for students interested in moving up in their careers in public service or moving from another profession to public service. The students almost all work during the week and attend classes on Saturday by driving some distance to Oshkosh for all day classes. There are five all day Saturday classes for each course in the program and the five days are spread out over the semester so that students can take as many as three courses each semester.

The ICMA Student Chapter has been an enhancement for students to join ICMA and become familiar with the public management profession. The students have found the resources available to them on the ICMA web site to be extremely valuable. They comment on the value of this resource frequently. In addition they are in touch with public management through the other resources available through ICMA such as newsletters and other informational distribution that the association does for its members. The core of the membership in the student chapter take the Local Government Management course and others such as Economic Development Management and the class room becomes the student meetings since their time on campus is limited to the Saturdays of class.

The students have expressed a strong support for the Student Chapter for the resources that they receive to help in their MPA Program courses. It has been a success for the students, the program and ICMA.

Karl Nollenberger
Associate Professor University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh

MOUNTAIN PLAINS



Arizona State University
Annual Report 2015-2016

The ICMA student chapter at Arizona State University School enjoyed an encouraging year including active participation and leadership from over 20 new members. The chapter has been pleased to receive participation and support from the staff within the school of Public Affairs, including- Director Karen Mossberger, Program Manager for Career Advising Maryjo Douglas Zunk, and Associate Clinical Professor Shawn Novak. Our chapter was pleased to have Dr. Jim Thompson, Professor of Practice at ASU as well as the City Manager of Casa Grande, continue to serve as the chapter sponsor.

The focus of our chapter this year was to expanding interactions between students and industry leaders as well as promoting opportunities for professional development. Student leadership of the chapter included President Craig Dudek, and Vice Presidents Kristen Ayers and Blaise Caudill. For the 2016-17 Academic Year, Blaise Caudill will be serving as President and Kristen Ayers will continue to serve as Vice President.

Social Mixers:

Our Student Chapter also hosted a series of social mixers and networking events throughout the year at local restaurants. This gave students the opportunity to come meet various local government officials, as well as members of the school's alumni advisory committee. Our student body represents a unique mix of working professionals, full-time students, and involved interns with a number of resources in their respective communities.



Networking and Conference Preparation- Before, During, and After:

In preparation for the many conferences that members attended this past year, the chapter held an information session hosted by Maryjo Douglas Zunk. Students participated in an interactive information session on the secrets of professional branding, appropriate etiquette during networking and conference sessions, and how to maximize and retain new connections.

Arizona City County Management Association Winter Conference:

In February 13 students and 3 faculty members from ASU joined members of the Arizona City and County Management Association (ACMA) in Sedona for the winter conference. Over three days, students joined local government leaders to learn about current issues in local governments, as well as to connect with administrators from across the state. The chapter received over \$1000 from the university to assist attending students through scholarships. In all, each of the 13 students received financial assistance in part or in full from the University or ACMA to attend the conference.



Students also attended various other conferences during the course of the year, including ASU's Conference on Public Finance (March), the ICMA National Conference in Seattle (September), and the Summer conference hosted by ACMA

(July). Additionally, seven members were able to attend a Next Generations conference- a joint session between the Alliance for Innovation and ACMA, aimed at developing future leaders in local government (November).



The Brigham Young University International City/ County Manager's Association Student Chapter works closely with the Romney Institute of Public Management (RIPM) to prepare leaders of exceptional capability and integrity who are committed to serving their communities and improving public service organizations.

Conferences

In September, ten chapter members participated in the annual ICMA conference in Seattle, Washington. Additionally, 11 chapter members attended the annual UCMA conference held in St. George, Utah and seven chapter members attended the UCMA Fall Conference in Salt Lake City Utah. These conferences proved to be great opportunities for members to connect with local and state professionals from multiple municipalities, and to learn about challenges, solutions, and best practices relative to the profession.

Field projects

Our chapter takes pride in providing opportunities for real-world experience. One way in which we provide these opportunities is through field projects with local cities. This year we worked with the cities of Irving, Texas; Kenmore, Washington; and Eagle Mountain, Utah. Projects included a Popular Annual Finance Report (PAFR), Administrative Law Judge job description, community services analysis, and more. Each project required chapter members to collaborate with local government professionals and apply current class curriculum and skills in a real world setting.

Presidency

For the 2016-2017 school year, Kevin Orton will serve as Chapter President, and Mackenzie Wood will serve as Chapter Vice President.

University of Idaho ICMA Annual Report

The University of Idaho ICMA Student Chapter was founded in the late spring of 2016. Founded by a core group of MPA candidates and undergraduate political science majors, our members have outlined a full schedule for the chapter in the coming academic year. We believe that while the professional development made available to student members will prove invaluable in supplementing our formal instruction, one of the greatest opportunities the chapter can provide is a community within which local government students and practitioners can interact in order to begin the development an otherwise nonexistent professional network within the region.

Events planned for the coming year are diverse in their scope. Hosted public policy panels, travel to the national conference, scheduled presentations from regional practitioners, several social events, resume and curriculum vitae workshops, and participation in trainings offered by the national association should ensure that chapter members never lack for engaging opportunities in the coming academic year. Additionally, the chapter will attempt to connect its membership with internship opportunities for its current student members as well as career opportunities for graduating members wherever possible.

Due to its recent founding, chapter membership is still fairly low with only approximately twelve members. With the return of students to the campus in the fall, recruitment will begin and formal officer elections will take place. While the chapter does have an acting president—Daniel Gray—with the chapter's foundations now laid, formal leadership for the academic year will be chosen as soon as a full chapter meeting can be called in August.

**ICMA KUCIMAT Chapter
School of Public Affairs and Administration
University of Kansas
2015-2016**

In June, 2015 the second year students of the Chapter, the KU MPA Class of 2015/2017 began their second year in full time jobs. Students and placements were:

Jackson Brockway, City of Fort Collins, CO
Aurora Yager, Eden Prairie, MN
Erika Garcia Reyes, Mid America Regional Council
Drew Vincent, Cookingham-Noll Fellow, Kansas City, MO
Emily Hogan, City of Lee's Summit, MO
Danielle Buschkoetter, City of Lawrence, KS
Kelly Dumais, City of Edina, MN
Emmanuel Hernandez, City of Aspen, CO

On Sunday, June 14, 2015, the new students of the Chapter, the class of 2015/2017, met at the home of John Nalbandian for a welcoming picnic to meet faculty, area practitioners and alumni. Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager, Tualatin OR their Practitioner in Residence and Eric Roche, Chief Data Officer and Performance Management Officer, Kansas City, MO their Young Practitioner in Residence were there to discuss potential activities for the next two years.

On Monday, June 15th, the 2017 class met for a General Orientation which included more detailed introductions, an official welcome and meeting with several second year students. Also included in the orientation were representatives from the KU Writing Center and KU Libraries. After the formal presentations, the students walked to the Student Union for lunch and a brief walking tour of campus.

In the summer class for the Class of 2017 on The Role, Context and Ethics of Public Administration in American Society by Rosemary O'Leary, Sherilyn Lombos participated in a discussion on ethics. Here is what Lombos reported to our alumni on the class

President Becklenberg (that sounds so very impressive!) and members of the KUCIMAT Alumni Board,

I'm reaching out to you in my capacity as the Practitioner-in-Residence for the 2015-2017 MPA class. Not sure exactly how I got the honor (other than bugging Ray until he decided he needed to get me off his back about it), but I am very excited about it!

I just returned from Lawrence where I sat in on Dr. Rosemary O'Leary's Role, Context and Ethics of Public Administration class (my generation took this class from George Frederickson – ahh the memories that brought back). I got to hear them present their personal ethic statements and then after class I bought them a beverage and spent a couple of hours getting to know them.

I want you to know that from my short time with them, I am excited to say that if they are any indication, the state of the profession is in good hands. They are a great group of kids! They are engaged, smart, and

personable, asked good questions, were active listeners, and generally left me with the sense that they are well grounded.

If you haven't already done so, I'm sure they would appreciate hearing from you – just a quick “welcome to the program”. I've attached their short bios that includes their contact emails.

I look forward to seeing you in Seattle in September! If you're interested, fly into Portland and I'll take you wine tasting then we can put you on the train to Seattle – you can fly home from there.

Thanks for your service to the KUCIMAT program!

Sherilyn Lombos

City Manager

City of Tualatin

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During the summer, the class developed a class blog to share their experiences with alumni
<https://kucimat2017.wordpress.com/>

The class of 2017 started their part-time internships at:

Jackson Brockway, Johnson County, KS

Aurora Yager, Civic Council, Kansas City, MO

Zachary Bauer, City of Prairie Village, KS

Jasmine Austin, Civic Council, Kansas City, MO

Erika Garcia Reyes, Civic Council, Kansas City, MO

Drew Vincent, Douglas County, KS

Emily Hogan, Water One, Johnson County, KS

Danielle Buschkoetter, City of Olathe, KS

Kelly Dumais, City of Eudora, KS

Emmanuel Hernandez, City of Olathe, KS

In Seattle, at the ICMA Conference, September 27 to 30, 2015, the second year students (Class of 2016) of the Chapter met in their first Professional Development Seminar conducted by John Nalbandian and Ray Hummert. They met with Barry Quirk, Chief Executive, London Borough of Lewisham, and Katherine Kersewell, local government professional in the UK; practitioners Christian Clegg, Assistant to the City Manager, Stockton, CA; Ryan Lawler, Consultant, Government Finance Officers Association; Shannon Flanagan-Watson, Assistant County Manager/Business Ombudsman, Arlington County, Virginia; and, Jim Keene, City Manager, Palo Alto CA to discuss:

- What they were doing in their internship that was most rewarding?
- What was the biggest challenge starting a new job?
- What surprised them the most in their internship?
- What competency was focused on the most?

In Seattle, both first and second year students attended the Keynote Sessions, the Eldon Fields Colloquium, and the annual KU Alumni banquet. On Tuesday night the entire student chapter comprised of the 2016 and 2017 classes gathered at a restaurant for dinner. The first year students, Class of 2017 also met with their Practitioner, Sherilyn Lombos, to discuss the conference and the first four months of the academic program.

On October 16, 2015, the Class of 2017 met with Bob Kipp at Hallmark Corporate Offices in Kansas City, MO to have lunch, discuss the local government profession, and to discuss the ICMA conference. Kipp was a former City Manager of Kansas City MO and former President of ICMA.

In January 2016, the second year students, class of 2016, met for their second Professional Development Seminar led by John Nalbandian and Reggie Robinson which focused on leadership. This seminar explored connections between facilitative political and administrative leadership, professional expertise, and citizen engagement. Politics and the political arena; administrative/technical expertise and the relationship between the arenas of politics and administration were discussed. The students discussed the concept of citizen engagement and adaptive work. On Wednesday of the week, the on campus (class of 2017 and second year students (class of 2016) met for dinner and a bowling competition.

During the year, the on campus students, the class of 2017, met in monthly seminars with area practitioners to discuss careers in the public service, their part-time internships economic development, public/private partnerships and resume writing and interviewing skills.

In April 2016, the second year students met for their final Professional Development Seminar in Lawrence which included a discussion on Dual Career Couples with Nickie (Budget Manager, city of Topeka) and Josh (Industrial Engineer, Goodyear Rubber Corporation) Lee. The seminar focused primarily on the competencies rubric and where the students have seen the most movement; what areas were they targeting for development; and discussed short term/longer term goals. They also presented their electronic resumes/portfolios to their classmates, Nalbandian, other faculty, and Hummert.

Both classes of the chapter attended the Annual Kansas City & County Management Conference sponsored by the School of Public Affairs and Administration. On Friday evening of the conference, the School celebrated the graduation of the 2016 class. On Saturday, the class of 2016, their parents, families, friends and partners gathered at the home of Ray and Mary Lee Hummert to celebrate their completion of the MPA program and their graduation before returning to their full time jobs.



WEST COAST

Pepperdine University School of Public Policy
Student ICMA Chapter

2015-2016 Annual Report

Introduction

It has been a year of exciting changes and new relationships for the Pepperdine University School of Public Policy ICMA student chapter. After a bitter-sweet goodbye to the chapter's "founding chapter mentor," Rod Gould (who retired as City Manager of Santa Monica, CA in 2015), the chapter welcomed Artie Fields, City Manager of Inglewood, CA as its new chapter mentor. Artie first became involved with the group last year, when he spoke to students about his career and the diverse communities he has worked in. We were excited to be able to deepen and formalize our relationship with such a passionate, enthusiastic leader.

This year the chapter flourished under the capable student leadership of chapter president Christian Daly, vice president Alan Jeffers, and chapter secretary Allie Bergeron. Together with the broader membership (over 1/3 of the students in the Pepperdine SPP program are members of the Student ICMA chapter), the chapter had its busiest year to date.

A Year of Diversity

While the events and activities of the student chapter this year were wide-ranging, a common theme throughout was diversity. Students heard from people of diverse ethnicities and backgrounds, in diverse stages of their careers, or serving in diverse structures of city government. As Christian described it, "We really wanted students to see the full range of opportunities available to them in a career in local government leadership.

Fall Semester

For the fall semester, the board decided that they wanted to hear perspectives from someone who was just starting his career in municipal government, as well as from someone who has had a long career and reached the full potential of her career in local government.

Accordingly, the semester kicked off with a lunchtime discussion with George Gabriel, one of the founding members of our student chapter, who has now graduated and is working in the Public Information Office for the City of Malibu, CA. Gabriel offered strategies for getting a foot in the door, shared some of what he is enjoying about these first years of a local government career, and sketched out the trajectory he hopes to follow. He shared why he finds local government a promising field for having a real impact on your immediate community.

Teaming up with another student organization, Women in Public Policy, the chapter hosted Pat Martel, current president of the ICMA board of directors and city manager of Daly City. Martel spoke on "Local Governance for Today and

Tomorrow,” sharing some of her own experiences as a woman of color in local leadership. She noted that municipal government, at least at the executive level, remains a relatively homogeneous field, but noted that this is changing. Looking around the room at a group with slightly more women than men, and with students from diverse ethnic backgrounds, she added, “The diversity in this room is a very hopeful thing for the future of this field.”

Spring Semester

For the spring semester, the chapter opted to explore different ways that cities are governed. They did this through a combination of on-campus meetings with city leaders, and off-campus visits to city hall.

Beginning at home, students met with then-City Manager of Malibu Jim Thorsen. He spoke to students about the advantages and challenges of running a small, contract city. Malibu has only 13,000 residents, and contracts with the County of Los Angeles and other agencies for public safety and other services. Thorsen also gave students insights into how he has addressed issues particular to Malibu, as a small affluent city that has a major tourist draw, and unique environmental challenges.

Students then met with chapter mentor Artie Fields, who shared the very different perspective of leading a mostly-lower-income, full service city with a population of over 100,000 set right in the heart of the Los Angeles Metro area. Fields described the negotiations for bringing Los Angeles’ new football stadium to Inglewood and the value that would add to what has often been a challenged community. He also talked about the issue of affordable housing and unique ways that Inglewood has used federal HUD funds to improve the community.

In addition to meeting with these city managers, students took “field trips” to both Malibu and Inglewood city halls. In Inglewood, Fields arranged for students to meet with nearly every department head to gain a well-rounded picture of local government leadership. For several student members this was a highlight of the year, helping to focus their own career paths.

Finally, during the spring semester, members of the student ICMA chapter had a dinner with the School of Public Policy’s 2016 ICMA City Manager in Residence, Kurt Wilson, city Manager of Stockton, CA. Wilson joined the City of Stockton as deputy city manager in September 2012, less than 10 weeks after the city filed for Chapter 9 bankruptcy protection. He became City Manager in 2014. Wilson had an open discussion with the students about the challenges of taking on leadership after bankruptcy. He also shared his unique career path which began in state government working with the department of corrections and with the probation system.

ICMA Student Chapter at Portland State University: 2015-16 Annual Report

This year of the ICMA Student Chapter at PSU has been a success, as we have accomplished our mission driven goals by furthering the development of emerging public sector professionals. We have hosted a wide array of activities to connect students with resources in Oregon local government throughout the year. We have connected with faculty and staff at PSU to help us promote our group and goals, and as the next year lies ahead, we are transitioning to new chapter leadership, and hope to accomplish even more in the future.

Goals of ICMA PSU Chapter: Our Chapter seeks to connect PSU students with government professionals so we may build up our networks, ask questions, and hear first-hand about what's currently happening in Oregon local government. Through different activities and events, we hope to bring students closer to the highly supportive network of professionals here in Oregon, allowing us to utilize them as a rich source of knowledge and experience that can teach us about many aspects of local government. In our group, nearly every member has a unique interest within the public sector. Each of us is looking to get something different out of our participation. That is the great thing about the ICMA PSU Chapter, it serves many purposes to many people, and has given everyone a unique benefit.

Chapter Activities: Our Chapter has hosted several events this year, each with a different theme or purpose. We have also teamed up with other groups to host events, to further promote networking and development for our members. In the fall, we hosted a talk with ELGL founder Kirsten Wyatt, who told us about her local government story and lessons she has learned. We hosted a movie night (with snacks!), showing the ICMA film "The Medici Effect: How Diversity Drives Innovation in Local Government". To promote networking for our members, we have co-hosted and attended several happy hours with alumni, students, and professionals at different locations in Portland. This winter, we took a road trip, heading to a small town that invited us to participate in their Town Hall Strategic Planning Meeting. We hosted a Women in Local Government panel to spotlight female leaders in our area, allowing them to discuss the challenges they have faced, and lend advice to our members. This spring, we co-hosted a Human Resources event geared at writing effective cover letters and fine tuning resumes so they stand out among the rest. Currently, we are planning our major summer event, which is attending the Oregon City/County Manager Association's conference in July. This is probably the most exciting event of the year, as it is a three-day event with managers from around the state and some very informative workshops.

Overall, we have received positive feedback from students about our events, and this year has been a success. We would like to continue to build our chapter and integrate it further with student life here at Portland State, by continuing to host events, promote professional development, and build a strong network between students and government professionals in our area.

Chapter Transitions: As this school year comes to an end, the current leadership group is transitioning, as several current board members are graduating. We are very excited that two new leaders are taking over the chapter this summer. They will surely leave their mark and make the chapter even better than it is now.