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# Cornell University: ICMA Student Chapter

## 2016-2017 Report

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Members of cICMA, Cornell’s ICMA student chapter, come both 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 a wider reach in collaborative relationships with the Organization of Cornell Planners (OCP), the Cornell Public Affairs Society (CPAS), and several other student organizations from both programs. The chapter advisor is Professor Mildred E. Warner and the chapter mentor is Tompkins County Administrator Joe Mareane.

### Fall Semester (2016)

Chapter officers were: co-chairs, Hannah Bahnmitter (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 October 20, the chapter sponsored an informational interdepartmental mixer for students from both CRP and CIPA. Almost 50 students attended, enjoyed pizza, sodas, beer and conversation. Attendees also learned about cICMA and ICMA, and got weblinks and the password for student membership to the national organization.

On November 1st, the chapter sponsored a local government research panel entitled ‘Local Gov’t Panel: Research Topics and Methodologies.’ Moderated by our advisor, Mildred E. Warner, we had three PhD students (Yunji Kim, Lu Liao, and Yunasho Xu) present their research regarding local government sustainability, service delivery, fiscal stress, and decentralization. Almost 25 students were in attendance, and a rich conversation took place about the fundamentals of local government for students new to the field.

The flyer features a graphic of four vertical bars in red, orange, blue, and green, each with a white arrow pointing downwards. The bars are labeled 'Sustainability', 'Service Delivery', 'Fiscal Stress', and 'Decentralization' respectively. To the right of the graphic is a dark blue box containing the event details.

**cICMA LOCAL GOV'T PANEL:  
RESEARCH TOPICS AND  
METHODOLOGIES**

Join ICMA for a discussion based research panel with **Dr. Mildred Warner** and PhD candidates **Yunji Kim, Lu Liao, and Yuanshuo Xu**.

This panel will overview the participants' current research topics, their approaches and challenges, and exciting future research possibilities.

**Tuesday, November 1st  
5:00 pm in Sibley 115  
Light refreshments will be provided**

This event is sponsored in part by GPSA and is free and open to the grad student community.

## Spring Semester (2017)

Chapter officers were: co-chairs, Austin Aldag (CRP) and Sarang Mangi (CIPA); outreach chair, Yixin Zhang (CIPA); and treasurer, Steven Greco (CIPA). The officers met monthly to plan chapter outreach and programming events.

Spring 2017 was a building semester here for us at Cornell. With a new transition, we are currently trying to better connect with other student chapters in New York State and the greater NE region. In particular, we have forged a strong relationship with our colleagues at Brockport University. In the future, we would like to coordinate travel to local government conferences in the state and elsewhere.

On March 24<sup>th</sup>, the Chapter co-sponsored the CRP Student Organization Dinner along with 4 other student groups. Over 50 students were in attendance, and they learned about ICMA.

From May 22 – May 24, the Chapter hosted the annual New York State City/County Management Association conference on campus. This event had over 65 attendees. Panels on local government service delivery, state-to-local fiscal stress, healthcare, and the NYS Tax Cap were all part of the program. The Chapter, along with NYSCMA, also organized a professional development panel and round table discussion on the last day of the conference. Local government professionals held mock interviews and answered questions graduate students had regarding employment in local government.



Lastly, a number of our students plan to travel to the 2017 annual ICMA conference.

## Planned Events for 2017-2018

We would like to hold two panel discussions and invite two groups of both local government research specialists and professional speakers to campus. The professional group will be locally focused on Ithaca and Tompkins County with topics such as Ithaca Downtown Alliance development, housing, walkability, and other current issues. The second group will be Cornell faculty and students presenting their current research in the realm of local government. We just conducted a new survey of local governments in the state and have many research findings to share.



We would also like to host at least two department mixers to give students a chance to meet peers from other programs on campus. The mixer this year with CIPA was very successful and participants enjoyed meeting students from a department that they do not usually interact with. We would like to do this again and work with other departments in addition to CIPA and CRP.

Lastly, we are planning to host another local government conference on campus in early December. We are trying to build upon our relationships with Brockport University and others in the state to make it a robust, student focused event on local government.

The journey of our chapter began in October 2016, when a Graduate Assistant named Rob Richardson submitted the initial charter and chapter agreement to nationals. On October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2016, The College at Brockport became the 64<sup>th</sup> Student Chapter of ICMA and Mr. Richardson assumed the role of Chapter President. Over the next six weeks, he assembled a group with 14 other students to lay the groundwork for the Chapter; this team became known as our “Founders” group. Ian Coyle, who serves as Livingston County Administrator, was chosen to be Advisor in the Profession and Dr. Celia Watt was chosen as faculty advisor.

On November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the Founders held their first meeting. At the meeting, 4 sub-committees were formed; Charter/Constitution/Bylaws, Inter-Chapter Communications, Recruitment/Engagement and Event Planning. Each of these groups had specific responsibilities to prepare the chapter for the Spring Semester, and from December 2016-January 2017 they met over winter break to execute these tasks.

The Spring Semester was dedicated to recruitment, establishing infrastructure, and successful transition. On January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 the founders met to report in the progress of their sub-committees, approve e-board positions and ratify our constitution. In total, 6 e-board positions were created: President; Executive Vice President; VP of Communications, VP of Engagement, VP of Membership and VP of Treasury. The chapter decided to install the following e-board as a temporary measure to provide leadership and move the initiative forward until the elections scheduled for March occurred:

President: Rob Richardson  
Executive VP: Miguel Baique  
VP of Communications: Kirsten Sciandra  
VP of Engagement: Lindsey Luft  
VP of Membership: Cara Farrell  
VP of Treasury: Joe Gunther  
Advisor in Profession: Ian Coyle  
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Celia Watt

On February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 the chapter hosted its first event. They organized a panel discussion for the MPA department that included 3 practitioners in the field of City/County Management: Jason Molino, City Manager of Batavia; Bryan White, Village Manager of Fairport, and Ian Coyle. The discussion revolved around their profession and experiences, as

well as the role ICMA has played in their development and how membership in the organization has benefitted them. The discussion was attended by almost 70 students, and the event offered exposure that became a powerful recruitment tool. Over the next two weeks, the roster grew to 29 students nearly doubling our membership. Considering there are roughly 200 people enrolled in the MPA program, our membership accounted for roughly 15% of the entire department.

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 the first full chapter meeting was held. New members learned about the ICMA and its code of ethics, and nominations for e-board positions took place. The same day, we submitted our new club request to Brockport Student Government (BSG). This was a pivotal step, because receiving BSG recognition would allow us to interact with both Graduate and Undergraduate students and work with other student organizations sanctioned by BSG. It also allows ICMA to access to BSG funding and creates a chapter bank account for future revenue.

On March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 the chapter held its first elections. The following e-board was selected to lead our growing organization into the 2017-2018 academic year:

President: Joe Gunther

Executive VP: Lindsey Luft

VP of Communications: Kirsten Sciandra

VP of Engagement: Bruce Kowiak

VP of Membership: Cara Farrell

VP of Treasury: Amelia Yousey

Advisor in Profession: Ian Coyle

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Celia Watt.

On March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 the motion to approve SUNY College at Brockport Student Chapter of ICMA in the Student Senate passed unanimously, and the became a fully sanctioned BSG organization. This recognition solidified the chapter as a viable student group, and will create countless opportunities to engage and impact the College at Brockport community.

The chapter held its last meeting of the year April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and discussed the transition in leadership and potential initiatives for the following year. In addition to building a strong relationship with BSG and other student organizations, they plan to partner with other student organizations to organize events that promote diversity, inclusion and raise awareness. Although we will lose 9 members to graduation, we have a strong foundation and sustainable infrastructure

that will allow the chapter to hit the ground running in the fall and ensure future success. The leadership transition went extremely smoothly, and the next e-board is extremely prepared to lead the group moving forward.

Overall, our organization had an extremely successful first year. Unfortunately, it also experienced loss. In March, one of our members, Patrice Cummings, passed suddenly at the age of 25. She was a beloved and highly respected member of the MPA community, and a critical part of the Founders group. Although she is no longer with us, her contributions to the formation of the SUNY College at Brockport's ICMA Student Chapter will live forever.

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**Villanova University**

Date: May 17, 2017

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

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

Subject: Annual Report 2016-2017

During Academic Year 2016-2017, we enrolled 17 MPA students as members our chapter.

Christina Jones, MPA student, served as Chapter President.

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

In the Fall Semester 2016 the chapter members, as well as all MPA students, were invited to attend the one-day regional workshop held by the Association for Pennsylvania Municipal Management on October 28. Villanova's Department of Public Administration paid the workshop fee for each student. The workshop included a luncheon.

In Spring Semester 2017 we sponsored a panel discussion on March 16 that focused on how two communities responded to water pollution caused by military training exercises on bases in Southeastern Pennsylvania. The title of the panel was:

“EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS: HOW INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AND COMMUNITY MOBILIZATION RESOLVED A WATER POLLUTION EMERGENCY”

Our chapter president, Christian Jones, organized the panel and moderated the discussion. The other panelists were:

- Timothy Bergere - Special Environmental Counsel for Warrington and Warminster Municipal Authorities
- Barry Lubert - Township Manager of Warrington Township
- Tim Hagey - General Manager of Warminster Municipal Authority

- Tina O'Rourke - Business Manager of Horsham Water and Sewer Authority

The discussion featured how two communities effectively addressed a problem that many communities face and which is now being reported in national media.

The panel informed and hopefully inspired students to pursue public service in local government.

Here is a link to the video of the event:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EyHnrjpDGio&feature=youtu.be>

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## **ICMA Student Chapter 2016-2017 Appalachian State University**

The Appalachian State University ICMA Student Chapter had a very productive year. The chapter had four meetings over the fall and spring semesters. In addition to Student Chapter attendance, members were involved in various local government meetings in North Carolina. Events attended outside the Student Chapter by our members include the North Carolina City and County Management Association (NCCCMA), North Carolina Local Government Budget Association (NCLGBA), North Carolina Criminal Justice Association, and the Southern Criminal Justice Association.

### **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.

At the end of the Fall semester, the NCLGBA hosts a winter conference in Charlotte, NC. Current ICMA Student Chapter President Adam Murr attended this conference as a scholarship recipient. Student Chapter Member Stedman Smith also attended the North Carolina Criminal Justice Association and Southern Criminal Justice Association conferences, presenting research related to local government law enforcement.

### **Spring Semester**

During the spring semester, members attended the NCCCMA Conference and attended various sessions that aided in professional development focused on local government administration. Student members in attendance included: Adam Murr, Stedman Smith, Katherine Hayes, and Hunter Nestor. All students in attendance identified internship and job opportunities as a result of networking efforts. At the conference lunch, Chapter President Adam Murr was recognized as the NCCCMA Dr. Matt W. Williamson Local Government Scholarship recipient.

Student chapter meetings involved visits from speakers. The Student Chapter would like to thank alumni for their mentorship. Visiting speakers include: Brock Long (FEMA Administrator), Josh Edwards (City of Durham), Paarth Mehta (Catawba County), John Ward (Town of Boone), Ken Noland (Town of Wilkesboro), Seth Eckart (Town of Valdese), Jerry Church (Town of Granite Falls), Mike Peoples (City of Gastonia), James Inman (Bessemer City), and Laine Bailey (City of Salisbury).

### **Summary**

The ASU ICMA Student Chapter is fortunate to have a strong relationship with program alumni. Our members are constantly provided development opportunities in local government. Notable speakers who interacted with the Student Chapter include members of federal, state, and local government. Students enjoy frequent communications with our strong alumni base. Our alumni truly add value to our student chapter and help produce a great new generation of local government leaders.



### **Best Chapter Event Entry**

The Appalachian State University ICMA Student Chapter's favorite event this past academic year was the North Carolina City and County Management Association (NCCCMA) meeting. The NCCCMA conference was February 1-3 at the Sheraton Imperial RTP in Durham, NC. The meeting gave our members the opportunity to engage with in-service local government professionals, and with other Student ICMA Chapters from various North Carolina Colleges and Universities.

The Appalachian State University ICMA Chapter enjoys especially strong bonds with local government professionals in the State of North Carolina, as approximately two-thirds of City and County Managers in the state receive their Master of Public Administration degrees from Appalachian State University. This strong connection to alumni provides students with networking experiences necessary to succeed in the local government profession.

#### *Topic*

The NCCCMA conference included sessions specifically geared towards local government management. Sessions covered topics such as Student ICMA Chapter roundtables, Coaching for MPA students, Management's Role in the Human Resources Process, What Managers Need to Know about Financial Reporting and Audits, Innovation and Design Thinking, and Career Development. These topics were all important for our chapter because they helped establish necessary skills and knowledge to perform in local government internships and careers. Most importantly, this event helped our members network, creating connections, identifying work opportunities, and gaining insight.

#### *Involvement*

Student members in attendance included: Adam Murr, Stedman Smith, Katherine Hayes, and Hunter Nestor. Appalachian State MPA students from outside the Student Chapter include: Will Sigmon, Michelle Dineen, and Tim Price. As an event disconnected from the Student Chapter's location in Boone, NC we feel that this attendance was very good. Our chapter hopes to expand on this attendance in the future by creating further financial support to cover the costs of room, board, and attendance.

#### *Impact*

The event reached all students in attendance. The event provided high-quality educational experiences. The event also gave students the opportunity to meet professionals and learn more from them about experience in local government professions. This even was a success because our members in attendance reported higher confidence in their abilities to become local government leaders. The event was also a success because all students in attendance from Appalachian State University were able to identify either an internship or career opportunity to follow up on towards the end of the spring semester.

The student chapter members in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the NCCCMA conference in Durham, NC. Next year when the conference venue is moved to Winston-Salem, NC we expect greater student attendance. Our student chapter hopes by applying for ICMA Annual Conference funds, we are able to broaden our participation in the ICMA and send at least one representative to the October conference in San Antonio. We look forward to the response to this application from the ICMA and are thankful for the opportunities and resources already provided to us.

Respectfully,

Adam Murr and the Members of the Appalachian State ICMA Student Chapter

**Auburn University at Montgomery  
ICMA Student Chapter  
2017 Annual Report**

The Auburn University at Montgomery (AUM) International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Student Chapter officially began in January 2017. Before this time, members of the AUM Master's Degree Program in Public Administration (MPA) established the Public Administration Student Association. That group successfully ran for two semesters.

**2017 Chapter Officials**

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Andrew Cortell, Department Head and Professor of Political Science  
Advisor in the Profession: Mr. Donnie Mims, Administrator, Montgomery County and President,  
Alabama City-County Management Association  
President: Blessing Bolei, MPA Student  
Vice President: Kanesia Shine, MPA Student  
Secretary: Shenicka Hohenkirk, MPA Student  
Alumni/Communication Chair: Chasity Sanders, MPA Student

**Membership**

The AUM ICMA Student Chapter had 12 members at the end of its first semester in existence.

**Goals**

Foster the mission and vision of ICMA;  
Create an avenue for networking among alumni and current students;  
Learn from professionals about real-life experiences;  
Connect/collaborate with the local community; and  
Give back to the community through service.

**Summary of Activities**

The AUM ICMA Student Chapter seeks to ensure that all aspects of AUM's MPA Program – including the elective areas of state and local government, non-profit organization, and health care administration – are reflected in the programs organized by the chapter. The chapter leadership ensures that at least one event is carried out every month. The events have been attended by differing groups depending on the topic; the audience includes the chapter members, other MPA students, other graduate students, and faculty.

**Spring 2017 Events**

**January 2017**

Dr. Don Williamson was the first speaker. He is the President and CEO of the Alabama Hospital Association and former State Health Officer for the State of Alabama. His many accomplishments include making Alabama the first state to implement the Children's Health Insurance Program in the late 1990s, and replacing about 50 county health department facilities. Dr. Williams spoke to the AUM ICMA Student Chapter about careers in health care administration.

**February 2017**

Donnie Mims, Administrator, Montgomery County, President, Alabama City-County Management Association, an AUM MPA graduate, and the Chapter's Advisor in the Profession, spoke at the second event organized by the ICMA Student Chapter. He discussed the elements and importance of state budgeting.

**March 2017**

Zillah Fluker, Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Alabama State University, was the guest at the third event. She discussed the role of social media in branding and professional development, emphasizing the benefits as well as limits of employing technological tools for professional goals.

**April 2017**

Members of the AUM ICMA Student Chapter volunteered at Cedar Crest Rehabilitation Center as part of its health programs. The group interacted with the residents and provided assistance where needed.

**Additional Information**

We have had success in achieving some of the goals set for the chapter. Although we are still considered a new chapter, we have had great interaction with the local community; professionals from various spheres of public administration have been speakers at our events. These forums have helped to increase interest among students in city and county management. One student landed an internship with a near-by city this past spring and others have participated in Alabama City-County Management Association events, even receiving scholarships from that organization.

**Future Goals**

The Chapter currently focuses on students in the MPA Program; in moving forward, we hope to expand the membership to include undergraduate and doctoral students whose interests align with the goals and objectives of the chapter. We also wish to create a stronger campus presence that can help us attract other students interested in public policy. In the future, we want to offer more presentations with a focus on the non-profit sector.



**AUM ICMA Chapter pose for Selfie with Speaker**



**Fluker Discussing Social Media and Professionalism**



**Volunteer at Cedar Crest Rehabilitation Center**



Augusta University's MPA program has students from diverse academic and professional backgrounds. We have students who just received their bachelor's degrees and students who are professionals with significant experience in public service. We're a small program with fewer than 40 students, but we're projected to grow in the future. We're expanding our program's offerings through innovative curriculum options, networking, and professional organizations. Housing a student chapter of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) increases the opportunities for our students and helps the program network with public servants in the field.

Spring 2017 was the first semester for the Augusta University ICMA Student Chapter. Even though our chapter is new, we were able to hold three events and lay a successful foundation for the chapter moving forward.

### **Student ICMA Chapter Mixer**

Our first event was a meeting to introduce our chapter to the Augusta University MPA students. At this meeting, we introduced the members to the benefits of the ICMA and discussed plans for future events. The students selected a president (Parker Riggs) and chapter mentors (Adam Metress, County Manager of Madison County, Georgia and Todd Glover, City Administrator of North Augusta, South Carolina).

### **Recruitment**

Members of the ICMA student chapter helped the MPA program director with two recruitment events. The members were involved in educating undergraduate students and the general public about the benefits of the Augusta University MPA.

### **Town and Gown Speaker Event**

The ICMA student chapter worked with the MPA program to cosponsor the program's Spring 2017 Town and Gown speaker event. The speaker series offers talks on issues that are relevant to Augusta University and the broader community.

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We ended the semester with an event that helped the public of Augusta, GA participates in the re-development of the Augusta Downtown area. The project manager of the Augusta re-development project, Gary Warner came to visit with students and various members of the public about the project and how he started in the field of community development. The event was a big success. Various attendees were happy with how much they learned about the project and the ability to have all their questions and concerns answered by someone who had direct knowledge of the project.

### **Future Plans**

Looking forward to the 2017-2018 school year, we hope to capitalize on the successes we had in our first semester. We want to continue to grow the program and help teach high schoolers and undergraduates about the importance of an MPA degree. The chapter also plans to hold more events that demonstrate the resources of the Augusta University MPA to the people who are making the decisions in the community. Hopefully, this will help build more trust in our community between its citizens and public servants.

As we continue to grow the program our chapter will also continue to grow. This will allow us to touch more students and help more people in society. The future looks very bright for the Augusta University ICMA Student Chapter.

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The ICMA Student Chapter at East Tennessee State University enjoyed its first full academic year as an official ICMA Student Chapter. This was very important to the MPA program, as its roots are as the second oldest program for city management in the country. The program at ETSU was originally a Master of City Management (MCM) program through the 70s and 80s before transforming into a Public Management Program and then a Public Administration program. With the rich history of city management and the many city manager alumni, we had great resources through the formation of this chapter. The chapter started its first year strong with 11 members total, including three officers. Our student chapter mentor within the profession is Angie Carrier, who is the Director for Development Services with the City of Johnson City, and former City Manager of White House, Tennessee and Dandridge, Tennessee, where she was awarded City Manager of the Year by the Tennessee Municipal League. Our faculty advisor and sponsor is Dr. John David Briley, who is also the head of the MPA program at ETSU.

### **Officers**

Steven Sawyers Mott  
Chapter President

Trevor Tetzlaff  
Chapter Vice President

Jessi Stevens  
Chapter Secretary

### **Fall Semester**

The ICMA Student Chapter held three meetings within the fall semester, attended the Tennessee City Management Association fall conference, and hosted one event. The three meetings consisted of discussing topics regarding local government service and management and brainstorming ideas for the future of the chapter regarding events, public service, and possible future topics for discussion. The event the student chapter hosted was with Pat Hardy, a municipal management consultant through the University of Tennessee's Municipal Technical Advisory Service. The presentation that he had focused on interview content and skills for our student chapter as the next generation of city managers. We attended the joint TCMA and KYCMA fall conference in Knoxville, Tennessee, and had members assist with the success of the event as well. Over all, we had six members attend the conference for its full three-day duration. It was an excellent opportunity to attend sessions to inform us regarding our future careers in city management and public service, and to also network with the various ETSU alumni and city managers. Our chapter president also presented work at this conference that he had done over the summer with the City of Johnson City concerning annexation marketing.

### **Spring Semester**

Within the spring semester, we held three meetings, hosted an event speaker, and attended the TCMA spring conference. The spring semester meetings followed the same type of set up for discussion as the fall semester, however, these tended to focus on the sustainability of the group going into the 17-18 academic year. The speaker event we hosted was with the Executive Director of Engaging Local Government Leaders (ELGL) Kirsten Wyatt. Kirsten Wyatt is also a member of ICMA and the former Assistant City Manager of West Linn, Oregon. The speaker session was created around certain questions our members had that centered around careers in city management, public service, etc. She also discussed her organization, ELGL. Seeing as the next TCMA event was also around the corner, we invited the opportunity for advice from her concerning networking, etiquette, and overall guidance on how to conduct oneself at city management association conferences and other professional conferences. We also attended the Spring TCMA conference in Franklin, Tennessee, which was a great opportunity to network with Middle and West Tennessee city management professionals that are not always able to make it to the fall conferences, which are typically hosted in East Tennessee.

### **An Eye Towards the Future**

The student chapter has already identified opportunities and arranged speakers for the 17-18 academic year. The speakers will be a joint panel with Angie Carrier, the student chapter's mentor in the profession, and Charlie Stahl, the Assistant City Manager for the City of Johnson City. We have also identified possibilities for volunteer service along with the organizations of a possible alumni reunion, and we also plan to continue our strong attendance record at the various TCMA conferences and events.



The ICMA Student Chapter at Florida Atlantic University (FAU) was founded in the Spring Semester of 2017. This Chapter was created to be able to help bridge the gap between the students who want to pursue a career in Government, and the municipalities that are looking for the future leaders to take over those government positions.

FAU STUDENT CHAPTER OFFICIALS- 2017	
Chapter Advisor	Professor Leslie Leip
Chapter Mentor	Bogdan Vitas, Jr.
Chapter Mentor	Rafael Casals
President	Maylee De Jesús
Vice President	Brett Petrovich
Treasurer	Benjamin Paley

### **Chapter Event**

On April 20, 2017, the Chapter hosted its' first event at FAU. We invited five municipal managers to be on a panel to speak to students, the managers were Bogdan Vitas, Jr., Town of South Palm Beach; Rafael Casals, Town of Cutler Bay; Lori LaVerriere, City of Boynton Beach; Christine Thrower, Village of Golf; and Leondrae Camel, City of South Bay. In addition to the five managers on the panel, there were about a dozen more managers from Palm Beach County, and the FAU School of Public Administration Advisory Board members, that joined us for an hour "Meet and Mingle" with the students from the Masters of Public Administration Capstone Class. The panelist spoke for an hour about the different obstacles that the municipalities are facing, as well as their backgrounds, and how they became managers.

### **Future Plans**

Due to the great response from the managers, students, and faculty, we plan on having an event every year. The Florida City County Managers Association (FCCMA) was excited about the newest chapter in Florida, as well as our event. FCCMA spoke to President De Jesús about expanding the future events to include the Southeast Region (Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami Dade), as well as include the Student Chapter at Florida International University (FIU) in Miami. The managers associations in Palm Beach, Broward, Miami Dade, as well as the local League of Cities Associations, and FCCMA are interested in combining efforts to make this a wonderful annual event that will bridge the gap between the students in Public Administration, and the local municipalities.

# Florida Gulf Coast University ICMA Student Chapter

## 2016-2017 Report

This was a groundbreaking year for the Florida Gulf Coast University ICMA Student Chapter. The chapter was first conceptualized during Fall Semester 2016, and was recognized by FGCU as an official Registered Student Organization during Spring Semester 2017. During Spring Semester, the chapter had three full-fledged meetings, and two additional officers' meetings. In addition to these meetings, the President and Vice President of the chapter had the opportunity to attend the Florida City & County Management Association (FCCMA) annual conference in Orlando, Florida during the first week in June. Finally, our chapter co-sponsored an FCCMA / Center for Florida Local Government Excellence onsite training session on the campus of FGCU on March 31.

### **Fall Semester**

The ICMA Student Chapter was still in its infancy during the Fall Semester. Two meetings were held during this semester to gauge student interest in creating an ICMA Student Chapter. The Chapter's Faculty Advisor, Dr. Robert E. Lee, took the initiative in personally recruiting talented graduate and undergraduate students to serve as the Chapter Officers for this new organization. Finally, Dr. Lee worked with the University to get the Student Chapter officially recognized as a Registered Student Organization (effective Spring 2017) and to draft a Constitution for the Student Chapter. The Chapter thanks Dr. Lee for his commitment realizing its inception and inauguration.

### **Spring Semester**

The Spring Semester was the inaugural semester for the FGCU ICMA Student Chapter. At the beginning of this semester, the Chapter's Constitution was adopted and its officers were sworn in. Inaugural officers for the Chapter include: Jaime Tirado, President; Matthew Ellenwood, Vice President; Jeannie Sutton, Second Vice President; and Brandon Kaiser, Treasurer. The Chapter's local government mentor is Charles T. Chapman IV, the County Administrator for Hendry County, FL.

During the Spring Semester, the Chapter held three full meetings as well as two additional officers' meetings. During the full meetings, the officers worked to recruit and onboard new

members and ignite passion for local government among potential members. Each meeting saw a larger turnout than the previous meeting, and there is considerable buzz about our chapter on campus. Further, the chapter co-sponsored a training session on the FGCU campus on March 31 entitled "Local Incidents Creating International Attention: Police Shooting of a Police Citizen Academy Attendee" highlighting public relations in local governments during times of increased media exposure and crisis. Finally, during the first week of June, the President and Vice President of the Chapter attended the FCCMA Annual Conference in Orlando and had the opportunity to engage in meaningful professional development during this event.

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

### **Annual Report**

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).

### **Membership**

The ICMA@FIU Chapter worked to increase membership by attending various events including graduate student orientation where we introduced students to ICMA and explained member benefits. We currently have over 100 student members.

#### **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).

### **Events**

- ICMA@FIU collaborated with the FIU Master of Public Administration program to host a week-long donation drive to provide earthquake relief to the victims in Ecuador.
- ICMA@FIU sponsored a networking reception in collaboration with the Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration.

### **ICMA Annual Conference in Kansas City**

Some student members of ICMA@FIU will be attending and presenting at the ICMA Annual Conference in October 2017 in San Antonio, TX.

### **Elections and New Leadership**

ICMA@FIU recently held its first official elections since the inception of the organization. We are pleased to announce the leadership:

*FCCMA Chapter Advisor:* Manager Yocelyn Galiano

*Faculty Advisor:* Dr. Shaoming Cheng

*Chapter President:* René Lazaro Hernández (MPA Candidate)

*Chapter Vice-President:* Ana-Maria Dimand (Ph.D. Student)

*Chapter Treasurer:* Evelyn Trammell (Ph.D. Student)

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René Lazaro Hernández,  
Incoming Chapter President



Ana-Maria Dimand  
Incoming Chapter Vice President



Evelyn Trammell  
Incoming Treasurer



Evelyn Trammell presenting at ICMA last year

Executive Board		
Faculty Chapter Advisor	Dr. Christopher Paul, Ph.D	
President	Jill Ricks, MPA Candidate	
Vice President	Lamair Bryan, MPA Candidate	
Chapter Representative	Roderick Marshall, Jr. , MPA Candidate	
Chapter Mentor	Andrew Bullard	

## ICMA Mission

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

## About Us

As the chapter makes its efforts to meet its mission, we strive to cultivate awareness about the organization, ICMA. The student chapter was reestablished during the Fall 2016 semester. The MPA Department was excited to have it active again for students to participate in during their matriculation as Master-level scholars.

# Overview (Fall and Spring Semester)

## Urban and Regional Planning Lecture

*Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at 6pm*

This lecture was co-sponsored along with Faculty member and Chapter Advisor, Dr. Paul, of the MPA department at North Carolina Central University.

Mr. Geoff Green, JD MCRP, is a transit planner at the GoTriangle Transit Agency. Mr. Green has a broad range of experience in the federal and state (North Carolina) transportation funding system, and special interest in the nexus of transportation and land use. At GoTriangle, Mr. Green combines his policy knowledge with data analytic and GIS skills to develop and advance such projects as the Durham-Orange Light Rail Transit project. In this talk, Mr. Green discussed how American transportation policy works today and how coordination occurs between the federal government, states, regions, and municipalities.



*Dr. Christopher Paul (Top) | Guest speaker, Geoff Green (Bottom)*

## Tour of Hillsborough's Wastewater Treatment Plant

UNC-Chapel Hill's student chapter schedules this tour every other year, and the current chapter president, Stephanie Olson invited students from NCCU's student chapter. Thanks again for your invitation to this event, our neighbor chapter, UNC-Chapel Hill ICMA Student Chapter!

### Tour Details

*Date: Friday, March 3 9:30am*

*Address: Hillsborough Wastewater Treatment Plant  
355 Elizabeth Brady Rd. Hillsborough, NC 27278*

Jeff Mahagan, the WWTP Superintendent was our tour guide. He has been the Colorado and N.C. operator of the year. The Hillsborough WWTP



*Student Chapter Presidents Stephanie Olson (Left) | Jill Ricks (Right)*



is one of the most effective plants in the country, if not the most effective, at removing nitrogen. The tour provided much insight and knowledge about the efforts our community leaders contribute.

### 2017 NCCCMA Winter Conference – Social Hour

In collaborative efforts with the UNC-Chapel Hill chapter, we participated in a sponsorship of \$100, much gratitude to our Chapter Advisor! Myself and four other students networked and mingled with others at this event. Definitely a very successful event to attend and support!



Please Join US  
**ICMA  
Social  
Hour**  
February 2, 2017  
5:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
Following the NCCCMA Conference  
Crown Room  
Sheraton Imperial Hotel & Convention Center  
4700 Empress Blvd.  
Durham, NC  
Please R.S.V.P. by January 23  
to your campus ICMA student chapter president



## Conference

The Southeast Regional Summit Conference was held in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. The executive board, except for our Advisor was awarded the scholarship that covered the conference registration fees. Overall students were exposed to great networking and met and had in-depth discussion with the current executive Director of ICMA, Mr. Marc A. Ott who also serves as the City Manager of Austin, TX.



Left to right: Executive Director, Marc A. Ott, Student Chapter President: Jill Ricks, Student Chapter Vice President: Lamair Bryan, and Chapter Representative: Roderick Marshall, Jr.

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# Looking Forward

Our main focus:

- Implement and execute programming for students.
- Encourage more membership and participation as active members.
- Complete leadership transition preparation.

Overall as a reestablished student organization on our campus, we have had a great experience learning about the organization and plan to fulfill our positions as we enter the next academic year. As we continue to explore the depth of greatness of ICMA, we will represent the chapter with pride and exude professionalism. Special thank you for the support of the executive board, our neighbor chapter, UNC-Chapel Hill and to the administration of ICMA who have made this experience for us great.

## **Regent University ICMA Student Chapter**

The Regent University student chapter of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) reinforces the MPA program 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 goals of the chapter are to introduce and integrate students into local government and foster a strong commitment to servant leadership.

The Regent student chapter greatly benefits from its association with two past presidents of ICMA, Dr. Edwin Daley and Mr. Sam Gaston, both serving with distinction as Practitioner's in Residence in the MPA program. This spring, we had a change in student leadership. Former President, Rachael Monnin, who ably led the chapter and provided a strong foundation for future growth during the past two academic years was passed the baton to Tanny Simmons.

The chapter's main event was a lecture on 'Diversity in Administration' in March 2017. The guest speaker was Dr. Ron Carlee, Director of the Center for Regional Excellence, Old Dominion University, Strome College of Business. His career has been in local government, including City Manager, Charlotte, North Carolina; County Manager, Arlington, Virginia; Chief Operating Officer, ICMA; Director of Health and Human Services, Arlington, Virginia; and Assistant to the Mayor, Birmingham, Alabama. Dr. Carlee's spoke broadly on "Leading Local Government in Challenging Times," looking specifically at ways to improve racial relations, overcome racial discrimination, and engender equitable service delivery to diverse populations in the country. The topic is critical because racial diversity is salient to efforts toward sustainability at the local government level. This event was video recorded and made available to our distant and online students.

In the coming academic year (2017-2018), the chapter looks forward to building up membership and additional opportunities to learn from local practitioners. In particular, we have plans to host Dr. Ron Carlee for a part two on "Diversity in Administration." Also, we look forward to collaborating with chapters in the Hampton Roads to organize a regional event. There is also an opportunity to organize a joint program with Regent's Pi Alpha Alpha student honor society.

## SPC-ICMA ANNUAL REPORT



*(The 2016-17 SPC ICMA Student Chapter Executive Board: (L to R) Treasurer-Gerard Beaulieu, Secretary- Trisha Bryant, Vice President- Nikishea Wright, President-Niki Johnson-McNealy)*

During the 2016-2017 academic year, the leadership team of the St. Petersburg College ICMA Student Chapter, were effective at keeping with the goals established by the founding officers. Intentional work was put in to familiarize students with the local government management career path and institute relations amongst local government management concepts and practices, as well as encourage a culture for members to share experiences. As in previous years, membership increased during the 2016-2017 academic year. Today, our chapter has added 11 new members this year for a total of 39 current members, 10 of which are alumni.

### **Executive Board Appointments**

Kenneth Del Sardo and Nikishea Wright, the President and Secretary of our SPC ICMA Chapter resigned in January of 2017. To gain interest in the Executive Board, an invitation to apply was sent out to all current members and discussed in every “Intro to Public Policy” course taught by Professor Jeff Kronschnabl, Faculty Advisors for the chapter. Several students from the Public Policy & Administration baccalaureate degree program and existing Executive Board members expressed interest in serving in the open positions. Jeff Kronschnabl, Elizabeth Van Scoyoc, and existing E-Board members held interviews to select and appoint candidates for the Board. The New 2016-2017 Executive Board appointments are listed below:

- Niki Johnson – President
- Nikishea Wright—Vice President
- Gerard Beaulieu – Treasurer
- Trisha Bryant – Secretary

## Event Highlights

This year, we focused on organizing events that exposed participants to numerous facets of local government management. The Chapter kicked off the spring semester by encouraging members to participate in its first event held on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 with guest speaker Larry Goldsmith, a Career Development Specialist, professor, and entrepreneur who attended our general meeting to discuss resume' writing, interview techniques, and workforce preparedness.



*(Larry Goldsmith (center) with ICMA members & PPA students)*

On Wednesday, March 1, 2017, the Public Policy & Administration program hosted its Eleventh Annual Public Policy Leadership Speaker Series luncheon. We were honored to host, St. Petersburg College President, Dr. Bill Law to speak with our ICMA and Public Policy and Administration students. About 110 guests attended, the majority of which were PPA students followed by administrators, faculty, staff, and community leaders.



Dr. Law addressed his experiences since beginning his Presidency at SPC in 2010 and the initiatives that transpired as a result of his goal to put students first and unite our campuses. He discussed how he brought Provosts together from each campus to converse, plan, and work toward common goals for each campus so that SPC students could expect the same services regardless of which campus they visited—which he termed One College. He also shared his experience in serving 37 years of academic service excellence and 7 years of service to SPC.



Our SPC-ICMA Executive Board traveled to Elk Grove, Illinois on March 8th for the ICMA Midwest Regional Summit. While in attendance, we participated in multiple sessions to enhance our knowledge including: “*Leadership Strategies to Move Communities from Disruption to Connection and Renewal*” and “*Inclusiveness and Diversity*”.



We were able to participate in discussions such as “*What Disruptions has your Community Experienced?*” and “*Professional Development Paths*” with attendees of the summit. We also enjoyed awesome networking opportunities with various national public leaders who offered internships and job opportunities!

On Wednesday, March 15, 2017, Michael Delk, Planning and Development Director for the City of Clearwater, shared leadership experiences he has learned during his career and his 12+ years with the City of Clearwater. He spoke about planning for a large city which has varied needs. He also spoke about making tough decisions and the future of development for Clearwater. Mr. Delk is the husband of our Urban and Regional Planning Professor Mary Delk.



*(Michael Delk & Professor K. (center) with ICMA members and PPA students)*

Our ICMA Student Chapter hosted its first semi-annual Ted Talk Discussion on April 24, 2017. The Ted Talk featured Harvard Ethics Professor Dr. Michael Sandel who posed moral and ethical scenarios. After the Ted Talk, attendees discussed how ethical decisions should be approached in the field of public service. For example, think about what it takes to make a hard decision for the public you represent. If you do not make a decision, then you are part of the problem. Briefly give some examples of tough decisions regarding real or hypothetical issues and what you would recommend as a solution? The conversation was both lively and thought provoking! The purpose was to get students to think about the role of public service from a different perspective.



**ICMA** STUDENT CHAPTER  
St. Petersburg College

## 1st Semi-Annual Ted Talk Discussion

Participate in a team-building activity after the TedTalk series and learn more about our club.

**April 24th, 12:30pm-2:30pm**  
Lunch provided by Chick-fil-A  
SPC-Clearwater campus, LA-151



**JUSTICE**  
— WITH —  
**MICHAEL SANDEL**  
HARVARD UNIVERSITY

## **Graduate Successes**

- Peter Parapon was accepted to Saint Leo University's Master of Business program
- Joshua Casey was accepted to Saint Leo University's Master of Business program
- Michael Schaefer accepted a position with Fire Rescue with the City of Dunedin
- Donald Paredes accepted the position of Executive Director at the Oak Ridge Housing Authority in Oak Ridge, Tennessee
- Mecca Bellmore Serfustini accepted the position of Emergency Management Coordinator for Pinellas County

## **Student Achievements**

- Vito Sheeley accepted the position of Senior Advisor to Congressman David Jolly
- Rosemarie Roussel accepted an internship with Pinellas County Emergency Management
- Katherine Park accepted an internship with Pinellas County Human Resources Department
- Bret Shortridge has been appointed to serve on the Code Enforcement Board for the City of Largo
- Kenneth Del Sardo accepted the position of Code Enforcement officer for Pasco County
- Cheryl Ferland accepted the position of Customer Service Representative for Pinellas County Utilities

## **Looking to 2017-2018**

We would like to continue building collaborative relationships and establish the ICMA Student Chapter as a sustainable resource for our students. We will work vigorously on ways to enhance the membership experience for students with the goal of producing prepared graduates. We would also like to increase the use of knowledge sharing networks as a resource for students. Our chapter looks forward to continued progress, and with ICMA's assistance, we are confident in the future!



## Overview

The Tennessee State University's (TSU) ICMA Student Chapter was found in the Spring Semester 2017. The founding of the chapter occurred as a result of support from the Tennessee City Management Association (TCMA), TSU's Department of Public Administration, and TSU's College of Public Service. Our Executive Board members for the 2017-2018 Academic Year are show in the chart below, and our membership currently stands at XX students.

## ICMA Student Chapter @ TSU Officials (AY 2017-2018)

Chapter Advisor	Dr. Anthony Campbell, Assistant Professor, Department of Public Administration
Chapter Mentor	Eric Stuckey, City Administrator, Franklin, Tennessee
Chapter President	Jim Conner, MPA Student, Tennessee State University

## Chapter Membership & Recruitment

The Chapter Advisor, Mentor, and President promoted the student chapter through presentations in MPA classes during the Spring Semester 2017, as well as the Spring/Summer 2017 TSU Department of Public Administration Newsletter ("The Public Servant"). All of these outreach efforts were part of the Executive Board's decision that the best way to grow membership was to inform current MPA and PhD students of ICMA in general, and the benefits of ICMA membership specifically.

## Chapter Officials' Activities

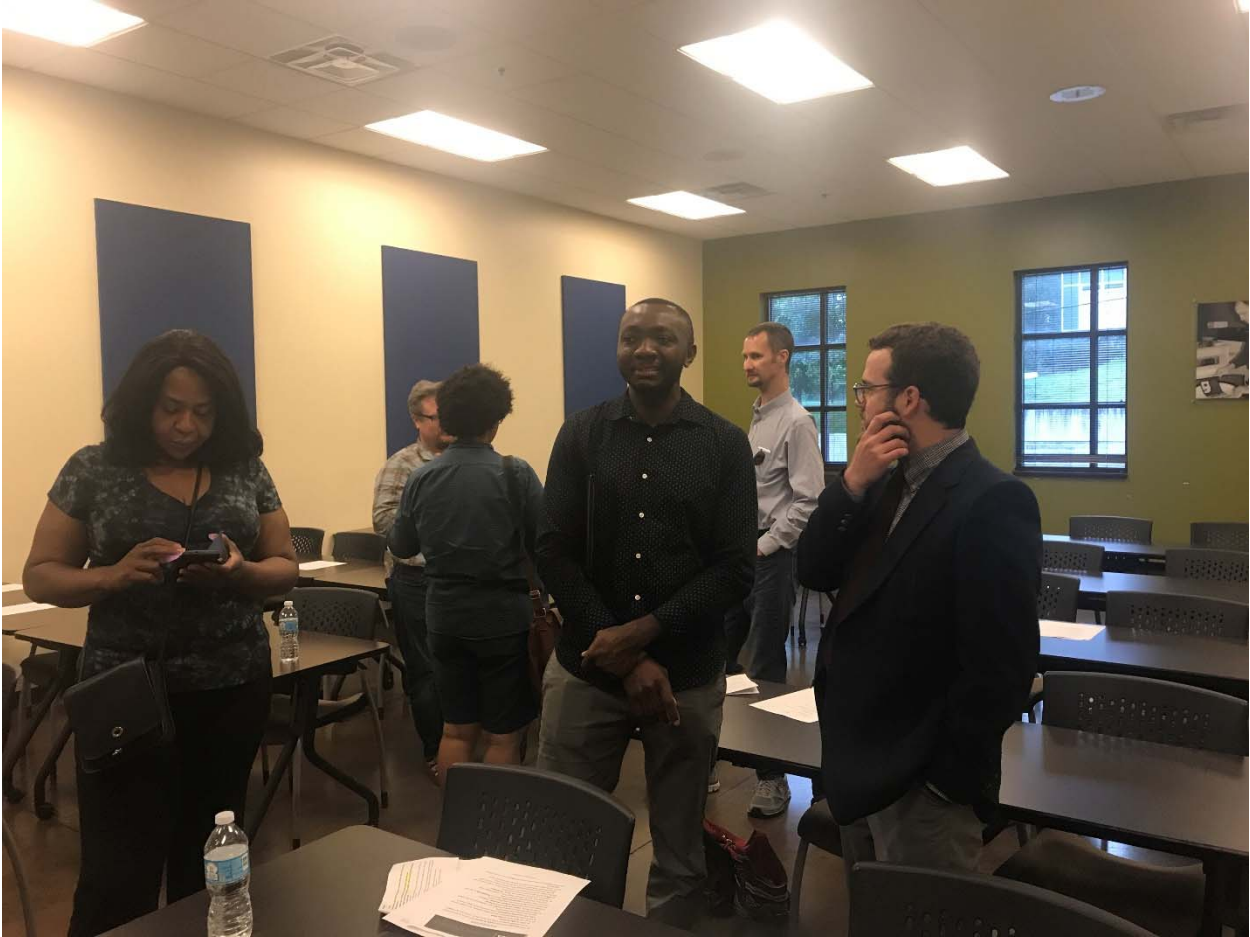
The Chapter's Advisor, Dr. Anthony Campbell, attended the Spring 2017 TCMA Conference in Franklin, Tennessee. Dr. Campbell enjoyed a variety of sessions and seminars where he learned about current issues and trends in Tennessee local government management. During the conference, Dr. Campbell networked with leaders from other ICMA Student Chapters in Tennessee, including the student chapters from East Tennessee State University and Tennessee State University.

## Chapter Events

The Chapter hosted their first event on Thursday, June 1, 2017 at the Goodwill Tennessee Corporate Headquarters in Nashville. This event was co-sponsored with the TSU Department of Public Administration. The event featured a guest speaker, Louis "Jody" Baltz (active ICMA and TCMA member), who passionately discussed his public service story, as well as offered advice to attendees on contemporary challenges and opportunities in the world of local government management. The event had seventeen attendees, of which several were students who had yet to join the student chapter. The feedback we received after the event was very positive, and we look forward to hosting next semester's event that will focus on career opportunities in local government management.



*ICMA Student Chapter Mentor – Eric Stuckey (City Administrator, Franklin, TN)*



*ICMA Student Chapter Members networking with Nashville Community Members*

## **Chapter Objectives**

The Chapter's objectives for the upcoming academic year include: (1) engaging our members by sending out monthly emails with information relating to local government news, events, and programs, including ICMA's *Life, Well-Run* Campaign; (2) continue to promote membership to TSU's MPA and PhD students; (3) co-sponsor events with the Tennessee Chapter of the American Society of Public Administration (TN-ASPA) and Emerging Local Government Leaders (ELGL); and (4) increase the number of members who attend ICMA and TCMA conferences and events.

# The University of Central Florida ICMA Student Chapter

## 2016-2017 Report



University of Central Florida



### ICMA UCF Student Chapter Officials

<b>Chapter Advisor</b>	Dr. David Mitchell
<b>Chapter Mentor</b>	Mike Grebosz
<b>President</b>	Marsha Noel
<b>Vice President (2016)</b>	Coran Thompson
<b>Vice President (2017)</b>	Timothy Hill
<b>Treasurer</b>	Andres Alvarado
<b>Secretary</b>	Gaslande Fleurimont
<b>Recruitment Director</b>	Danielle Malcolm
<b>Marketing Director</b>	Klare Ly

### Fall & Spring Activities

For the first time, our chapter underwent various changes towards growth and improvement including a new mission statement, vision statement, goals and executive board positions.

**Our Mission:** *ICMA at the University of Central Florida is a pre-professional student organization that strives to create excellence in local governance by developing students into public sector professionals. This will be accomplished*

*through professional development, community outreach and teamwork.*

**Our Goals:** To foster professional growth by: 1.) Promoting the exploration of local public administration careers through a speaker series and internship opportunities, 2.) Building professional skills and preparation through workshops 3). Providing opportunities to network and connect with those currently working in local government through events 4). Providing opportunities for public service through community outreach initiatives in collaboration with local governments and other organizations.

In addition, we held various events introducing students and members to the City/County management profession. We held speaking engagements with Jonathan Evans - City Manager of Riviera Beach, FL, Randy Singh – Asst. County Administrator of Orange Co., FL, and Norton Bonaparte Jr. - City Manager of Sanford, FL. Furthermore, our members attended local FCCMA workshops and collaborated with other public service

organizations such as the American Society for Public Administration – Central FL Chapter.

## Accomplishments

*Visibility:* Our student chapter is now widely recognized by the UCF School of Public Administration. On numerous occasions, student chapter representatives engaged with faculty and local government leaders through on-campus activities.

*Recruitment:* From a 2-member organization at the end of Spring 2016 to over 40 members at the end of May 2017, our organization has grown tremendously. We credit this to team efforts in formulating and executing effective recruitment strategies such as class presentations, tabling, and attendance at special school functions.

*Activity:* This past school year has been our most active one yet, hosting over 8 separate events ranging from speaker series, networking events, and socials. In addition, 10 of our members will be attending the 2017 Annual FCCMA Conference in Orlando, FL.

*ICMA LGMF:* We are proud to announce that one of our members received the ICMA Local Government Management Fellowship and will be working with the City of Fort Lauderdale, FL as a Sr. Management Fellow. We hope to continue inspiring students towards City/County Management through ICMA opportunities such as fellowships, scholarships, activities etc.



*Strategy meeting with FCCMA Past President, Robert Green and other FCCMA board members.*



*ICMA UCF Student Chapter Tailgate*

**2016-17 ICMA Student Chapter Report for the  
International City/County Management Association at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville**

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The ICMA Student Chapter at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville enjoyed a very productive year, particularly regarding its strive toward greater campus outreach. In September, chapter leaders met with the respective leaders of the local chapter of ASPA. The two collaborating groups agreed to strengthen their relationship, beginning with a joint meeting and event that was held in spring 2017. This relationship will be further pursued leading into the next academic year with future joint events, improved communication, and collective advertising to push the growth of both organizations' presence on UT's campus.

October of 2016 proved to be a very busy and advantageous month for the student chapter. The primary semester chapter meeting was held, resulting in the election of new officers, discussion of upcoming events, and a reaffirmation of the chapter's bylaws. Later in the month, the chapter collaborated with the Tennessee City Management Association for their annual fall conference which was held in downtown Knoxville. Chapter members were able to socialize with civic professionals, guest speakers, and other various individuals. A "mixer" was held in a Neyland Stadium suite, allowing further discourse between chapter members and potential mentors. Those who attended the conference and the social event considered their time to be very well-spent and an excellent example of the student chapter's purpose.

The spring semester was primarily spent preparing for the joint event with the local ASPA chapter. The event was held in early March, and was structured as a career building workshop for aspiring. Speakers for the event included Margaret Norris and Steve Thompson from MTAS, Chris Caldwell, Finance Director of Knox County, Mark Watson, City Manager of Oak Ridge, and Shawna Bussell Hembree from UT Career Services. The variety of the speakers invited was an attempt to bring diverse perspectives to the students in attendance who may have had several concerns or questions. Following the formal event, students were encouraged to allow the panelists to review their resumes and provide feedback. Overall, the event enjoyed a strong attendance from individuals beyond chapter membership that provided recognition for the student chapter and ICMA as a whole. Based on the success this workshop had, future collaborations and outreach efforts will be structured to encourage both student participation and presence of esteemed local professionals.

In sum, the 2016-17 academic year provided the ICMA student chapter a foundation for growth for years to come. We plan for additional efforts in the coming year to result in improved organization growth and recognition across campus!



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 increased student enrollment.



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**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: Jason Towery, President and two Vice-Presidents including Marcus White, and Brian Sprouse. The Co-Vice Presidents were selected at each location offering the Virginia Tech CPAP Graduate Certificate including Charlottesville, VA and Lynchburg, VA. By appointing representatives from the different locations, the chapter had onsite connection with leadership to the Chapter.

Students attended courses through various sites within the Commonwealth of Virginia that allowed the Chapter to utilize technology to connect for Chapter Activities. Web-ex was used to hold monthly webinars. The chapter continued to host regular webinars throughout the academic year. These webinars included leaders in local government and other guest speakers that provided a wealth of information on various topics in local government. Students were encouraged to attend the Virginia Local Government Management Associate annual Winter Conference. This provided chapter members from all locations to meet in person. The VLGMA covered the registration and meals for all attending students. 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 October 13th and featured Chris Lawrence the Town Manager of Blacksburg, VA. The presentation from Gerald Young, ICMA Senior Management Associate was held on November 17<sup>th</sup> and showcased Performance Management and the importance of transparency and collaboration. Additional speakers have provided our students with knowledge from a wide-array of topics, including a presentation by Bonnie Svrcek, City of Lynchburg, which highlighted succession planning in Local Government. On February 21<sup>st</sup>, students had a discussion on economic development efforts with Matt Hankins, Rocky Mount Assistant Town Manager and Adam Eckerd, Assistant Professor at Virginia Tech. In April, Doug Barnes, former Spotsylvania County Administrator and Stafford County Interim Administrator shared his experiences on transitions that occurred in Stafford County and how he guided the county through significant changes. In May, Tom Foley, Stafford County Administrator shared with students his experiences coming into an organization in the midst of change.

Under the guidance of Stephanie Davis, the Virginia Tech chapter actively recruited new students enrolled in the Certificate in Local Government Management and Master of Public Administration programs. The chapter membership increased from 37 members to 50, which represents 42% of the CPAP student enrollment. The chapter held regular Lunch and Learn webinars throughout the academic year. The ICMA Student Chapter continued to offer free ICMA student membership to students. This provided access to valuable resources and learning and networking opportunities. In addition, members

were encouraged to register with the Alliance for Innovation. As a student at Virginia Tech, students were provided a free Alliance for Innovation membership with resources including best practices and topic specific webinars.

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

Jason Towery, President Virginia Tech ICMA Student Chapter

Marcus White, Vice President

Brian Sprouse, Vice President

Stephanie Davis, Faculty Advisor



**MIDWEST**

Central Michigan University  
ICMA Student Chapter  
2016-2017 Annual Report

During the 2016-2017 year, the newly established ICMA Student Chapter at Central Michigan University continued to grow and increase its visibility on campus and within the mid-Michigan area. For the first time, the Chapter actively participated in a variety of events during the year that related back to “economic development” and its important role in sustaining local communities. Additionally, the Chapter started to plan a series of events for 2017-2018 that will examine the role of leadership and management in successful economic development endeavors. Examples of activities by the ICMA Student Chapter in 2016-2017 include the following.

On October 17, 2016, students in the ICMA Student Chapter participated in the “Overcoming Urban Challenges in the Era of Globalization” conference held in Detroit, Michigan and sponsored by TIGRE-Net (the Transatlantic Initiative on Governance Research & Education) and Central Michigan University’s MPA program. Students in the ICMA Student Chapter were active participants in the conference. They participated in the ‘deliberative panels’ with economic development scholars on developing a sustainable economic development strategy for Southeastern Michigan and also took notes during the proceedings. These notes are now being used to assemble an edited volume from Routledge on the economic development strategies identified at the conference.

During the year, students in the ICMA Student Chapter also worked closely with students in our program’s Nonprofit Leadership student chapter in providing services to citizens and organizations in the mid-Michigan area. In the fall of 2016, these students worked with the local Habitat for Humanity and volunteered service hours to help rehabilitate residences in the mid-Michigan area. In the spring of 2017, these students also worked with the Mt. Pleasant Discovery Museum to implement new services to citizens. In both of these endeavors, students in the ICMA chapter directly witnessed how the need for local services (i.e. housing) and the need for value-added services (i.e. museums) relate back to economic development in the mid-Michigan area.

Finally, on May 27, 2017, students in the ICMA Student Chapter participated in the “Community Financial Health Forum” sponsored by the Michigan Municipal League and the cities of Mt. Pleasant, MI; Alma, MI; and Clare, MI. In this forum, students learned how declines in state revenue sharing are currently prohibiting sustainable economic development in most local governments around Michigan. This forum also allowed our student chapter to connect with the City Managers of Mt. Pleasant, Alma, and Clare. For the next year, we hope to have those managers speak directly to the ICMA Student Chapter on the role of leadership and management in successful economic development endeavors.

In summary, the ICMA Student Chapter at Central Michigan University continues to make progress. The Chapter has decided to emphasize economic development in its activities and during the last year participated in a variety of activities showcasing the different dimensions of economic development (e.g. the academic side, the service side, and the financial side). During the 2017-2018, the chapter will continue their efforts in this area by focusing more on what leaders and managers can actively do to make economic development more successful.

Submitted by:  
Nancy Quarles & Thomas Greitens  
ICMA Chapter Faculty Advisors

# Northern Illinois University ICMA Student Chapter

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## 2016-2017 Report

The ICMA Student Chapter at Northern Illinois University is pleased to report an effective and productive 2016-2017 academic year.



### Leadership

Michael Goers and Evetar Zeqiri were elected co-presidents of the chapter for the 2016-2017 academic year. Emily Tipps, Mararget Tinberg, and Ian Irizarry were also on the board. Michael, Evetar, Emily, Mararget, and Ian organized professional development as well as the social events connecting NIU MPA students to local government management.

### Conferences and Events

Over 30 NIU MPA students attended the 2016 ICMA Conference in Kansas City, MO. The 2016 ICMA Conference was a highlight for recent graduates and continuing students.



**NIU MPA students who participated in the women's workshop at 2016 ICMA Conference in Kansas City, MO.**



**NIU MPA students and staff who attended the 2016 ICMA Conference in Kansas City, MO (NIU MPA t-shirts were provided to students and staff that were at the conference).**

In addition, numerous chapter members attended the following events with many students receiving scholarships to attend:

1. ILCMA Summer Conference
2. ILCMA Winter Conference
3. ILCMA Luncheons
4. IAMMA Luncheons
5. IAMMA Annual Conference
6. Legacy Project Brown Bag Luncheons
7. Legacy Project Annual Conference
8. NIU Alumni and Friends Dinner

## Social Events

NIU ICMA Student Chapter is proud of bringing students together by hosting a few social events throughout the academic year. Social events included a few dinners in different municipalities and a bowling alley event.



**NIU MPA students at a bowling alley.**

## Placement

Chapter members are either working as full-time employees or part-time interns at their respective communities across the state of Illinois. Recent and past graduates have found great municipal roles in communities around the nation. The chapter is very proud of the record held by chapter members as they perform valuable work in their roles as municipal servants.



**Ryan Lindeman, a recent NIU MPA program graduate, taking the oath of office at graduation commissioning him as an US Army 2nd Lieutenant.**

## **Chapter Formation**

The International City/County Management Association Student Chapter at Oakland University became an official student organization in January of 2017. The chapter was created due to the overwhelming demand from our MPA program members to have an organization focused on creating networking and professional development opportunities for students looking to excel in local government management. The leadership of the chapter includes:

President: Molly Knappenberger

Vice President: Jessica Wawrzynski

Treasurer: Brandon Skopek

Secretary: Meggan Brown

Faculty Advisor: Suzanne Rossi, Oakland University MPA Program Coordinator

We are also happy to announce Tom Tanghe (City Manager of Auburn Hill) and Blaine Wing (City Manager of Rochester) as our Chapter Mentors. Together, we have been establishing the groundwork for the organization and preparing for our membership drive that will begin in the fall.

Thus far our officers have attended multiple university functions aimed at establishing the chapter as a University organization and recruiting new members. Much of our focus has been on deciding the direction of the chapter and determining what our MPA program members would like to see from such an organization.

## **What's Next**

This summer we plan on having a networking event hosted by our Chapter Mentors with the purpose of connecting our members with other young local government professionals in the area. We also plan on holding a Q&A panel with a number of local government leaders and university alumni about what their experiences have been like in their careers and what advice they have for those just starting out in the profession.

Beginning in the fall we will be concentrating on building the chapter's membership and further connecting our members with local government professionals in the area.



## **Ohio State University**

### **2016-2017 Annual Report**

The Ohio State University Chapter of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) has successfully completed its first full year. Since our creation, we have worked hard to provide valuable educational and professional development experiences for our membership that promotes interest in professional city management and involvement in local government.

#### **Fall Semester**

In our Shadowing Program, student chapter members are paired with city managers from jurisdictions around Ohio. The students and managers meet for a set number of day(s) to expose the students to as many facets of local government as possible. The average shadowing experience varies across students and managers. Most days include tours of facilities and spending time with department heads. Others venture out to see various projects that are taking place in the community. The Shadowing Program has been extremely successful, growing to 18 participants this past fall. Not only has it created genuine enthusiasm for local government at Ohio State, but it has led to students forming professional connections that have led to internships and jobs. This past year, one student was offered an internship immediately following her shadowing day.

Our other major event during the fall was our Local Government Manager Panel that included four managers from around Ohio. The panel included Robyn Stewart, Assistant City Manager of Worthington, Ohio, Mark Schwieterman, City Manager of Kettering, Ohio, Patrick Titterington, City Manager of Troy, Ohio, and Michelle Crandall, Assistant City Manager of Dublin, Ohio, and Moderator Tanisha Briley, City Manager of Cleveland Heights, Ohio. The panelists shared their experience with ICMA and their career choices with students, encouraging them to consider careers at the local

level. The panel concluded with the opportunity for student chapter members to ask their own questions.

#### **Spring Semester**

The Spring Semester was highlighted by the Ohio City/County Management Association (OCMA) Winter conference where student chapter members were graciously given free registration to attend. The conference offered valuable exposure to local government professionals from across the state of Ohio. Additionally, there were educational sessions in the form of breakout sessions with topics ranging from restoring trust in government, to building a strong social media presence. Emerging Local Government Leaders (ELGL) also held a special breakout session for students, focusing on building the skills and the tools necessary to work towards becoming future local government managers.

Finally, the spring semester ended with a Career Skills workshop held in conjunction with the Career Services office of the John Glenn College of Public Affairs at Ohio State. Allie Hutchison, the Career Services Advisor presented on topics such as how to create a resume that grabs a prospective employer's attention, the proper way to dress for a job interview, and common interview questions. The workshop ended with the chance for participants to engage in mock interviews, that refined their interview skills.

#### **2017-2018 Transition**

At the close of the school year, chapter membership is undergoing a transition as the current leadership team is graduating. For the next year, 2<sup>nd</sup> year MPA student Ethan Barnhardt will be taking over as President and is looking forward to continuing the fantastic success of the past year.

## **Event Photos**



Incoming President Ethan Barnhardt at the 2017 OCMA Annual Winter Conference



Panelists at the Fall 2016 Local government Manager Panel

# **MOUNTAIN PLAINS**



## ICMA-ASU Student Chapter Annual Report for the 2016/2017 Academic School Year

### Narrative:

The ASU chapter of the International City/ County Management Association held a transformative and record-breaking year this past academic year. With the support of the School of Public Affairs staff, social media support, and the wider network of support from active professionals in local government, we have reimagined and reenergized the student chapter. From the very beginning when we redesigned our logo to include ASU's iconic pitchfork, to the very end of the year, we worked to be sure that our chapter of ICMA was active, engaged, and re-imagining the way we could connect students to career professionals.

When our leadership team began our work this past year, we worked to reimagine the structure of the flow of our monthly meetings to attract more and new members into the organization. As such, we began each month with a business meeting covering a monthly theme. The third week of the month, we then coupled that theme with either a professional network social or an excursion dealing in the theme of the month. For example, in our first month, we held our general business meeting on public safety with a long-time homeland security professional. The third week of that month, we initiated an excursion with the City of Phoenix dispatch command center, focused on careers in public safety. This following month, we focused on the theme of budget with a presentation from an active ICMA member who has direct interaction with the budget. The third week of that month, we hosted a social with budget professionals, faculty, and students to foster an environment of open networking.

We found this meeting pattern to be rather successful as we were able to appeal to multiple audiences: those who were interested in a more structured environment (through the lecture series) and those who were interested in the social-networking aspect of the socials and excursions we organized.

With staff support, the end of the year saw an extension of the club into the undergraduate demographic. Our leadership team had identified last summer that the undergraduates needed to be represented at a higher rate, but faced difficulties in really breaking into the demographic. Luckily, this upcoming leadership team will be spearheaded by an undergraduate student, and so our leadership team is hopeful this will bolster even more undergraduate participation.

After a record-breaking, successful year, our leadership team has transitioned social media platforms to the incoming board and look forward to supporting their vision in whatever means possible.

For photos and more information, please see our Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/ASUICMA/>

### Events occurring during the 2016/2017 school year:

Kick-Off Social, 8/19/16

General Business Meeting, Public Safety, 9/7/16

Tour of the City of Phoenix Dispatch Command Center, 9/16/16

General Business Meeting, Budget, 10/5/16

Fiscal Allocations and Libations (Social with Budget practitioners), 10/21/16

General Business Meeting, Economic Development, 11/2/16

ICMA Holiday Happy Hour, 12/2/16

ICMA Welcome Back/ New Year Social, 1/27/16

General Business Meeting- Intergovernmental Relations, 2/8/17

ICMA General Meeting- March, Human Resources (focus on recruitment efforts), 3/8

ICMA Human Resources Social, 3/24

Past Professional Participants:

Kari Kent, Assistant City Manager, City of Mesa\*

Nicole Lance, Assistant City Manager, City of Surprise\*

**Heidi Hansen, Economic Vitality Director, City of Flagstaff**

Brian Dalke, City Manager, City of Goodyear\*

**Pam Weir, Assistant to the City Manager, City of Goodyear**

Jeanine Jerkovic, Economic Development Director, City of Surprise\*

Gina Montes, Assistant City Manager, City of Avondale\*

**Thomas Adkins, Intergovernmental Affairs Director, City of Peoria**

\*= attended socials

**Bold**= Presented at a general meeting

New ASU-ICMA logo:



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**Arizona State University**

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, 13 chapter members participated in the annual ICMA conference in Kansas City, Missouri. Additionally, BYU hosted the annual Utah City Manager Association (UCMA) Fall conference and many of our chapter members attended the annual Spring Conference in St. George, 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 Utah cities of Provo, South Jordan, and Cottonwood Heights. Projects included a Residential Economic Development study, Traffic Corridor study, and a Newly Elected Officials Training Guide. Each project required chapter members to collaborate with local government professionals and apply current class curriculum and skills in a real-world setting.

### **Lt. Governor Spencer Cox and Other Events**

For the first time, the BYU Student Chapter hosted a Public Servant Leadership Q&A with Utah Lt. Governor Spencer Cox. Lt. Governor Cox spoke about public service the type of leaders needed in government today. Also new this year, the Student Chapter held social activities such as a Parks and Recreation TV viewing party that we called a "5k" since we didn't have time to watch enough TV episode to qualify as a "marathon."

### **Internships and Job Opportunities**

First year chapter members accepted several local government internships in Utah, Washington State, and California. Additionally, our recent graduates accepted offers from multiple local governments such as Raymond, Alberta, Canada; Maricopa County, Arizona; and San Antonio, Texas.

### **Presidency**

For the 2017-2018 school year, Emma Bowers and Jordan Johnston will serve as Co-Chairs of the Student Chapter.

In its first year of operation, the University of Idaho's ICMA Student Chapter participated in a variety of events in the region, including resume and curriculum vitae writing workshops with university faculty, the state chapter's winter conference in Boise, an economic development summit in Boise hosted by the department, a follow-up meeting with a veteran economic development coordinator located in the Coeur d'Alene area, and a Chief Appointed Officials meeting in Liberty Lake, Washington. Overall, our founding members were quite satisfied with the variety of events pursued, and with the willingness of so many regional professionals to donate their time towards providing technical discussions outside of the classroom to help supplement our academic curriculum.

The chapter did face its own challenges in the past year, most prominently in regards to membership. The MPA program at the University of Idaho dedicated resources towards developing online course offerings to reach prospective students across the state and, though our program enrollment did increase on campus, thus the potential for recruitment was slim. Reaching out to undergraduate students was more difficult than anticipated, as our curriculum rarely features cross-listed classes, and a lack of invested undergraduate members made it difficult to engage those students on a more personal level.

As all three of the original founding members are leaving, a new president was appointed from the incoming graduate class, ensuring steady leadership in the coming year. With demonstrated success in organizing events, the chapter should enjoy another year of a wide variety of activity, and with the retention of two founding members by local nonprofit organizations, the chapter should be able to continue developing a strong professional network. Though a strong recruitment effort in the coming year will be critical in ensuring the long-term success of the chapter, we are exceedingly confident in the leadership of the new president, Trevor Memmott, as well as the interest shown by our newest recruits.

**ICMA KUCIMAT Chapter Report**  
**School of Public Affairs and Administration**  
**University of Kansas**  
**2016-2017**

In February, 2016, KU MPA Class of 2015/2017 meet with their Practitioner-in-Residence, Sherilyn Lombos, City Manager, Tualatin OR; Eric Roche, Chief Data Officer and Performance Management Officer, Kansas City, MO their Young Practitioner in Residence; John Nalbandian, Professor Emeritus, University of Kansas and Ray Hummert to discuss resumes and job interviews as the students prepared to apply for their full time internships for their second year in the Program. In April, 2016, Sherilyn Lombos and Ray Hummert met with the students to outline the second year of the Program and discuss the highlights of the first year on campus. They agreed that Rosemary O'Leary's class on the Role, Context, and Ethics of Public Administration in American Society was the academic highlight because of writing their own personal ethics statement. They thought the budgeting class with Alfred Ho and the Finance class with Jacob Fowles were also important learning experiences. The overall highlight was attending their first ICMA conference in Seattle where they interviewed and interacted with practitioners; bonded as a class; interacted with alumni; and, enjoyed the conference especially the keynote speakers.

In June, 2016 the second year students 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 12, 2016, the new students of the Chapter, the class of 2016/2018, met at the home of John Nalbandian for a welcoming picnic to meet faculty, area practitioners and alumni to discuss the next two years of the Program. They were introduced to Kathy Sexton, City Manager of Derby, the class Practitioner-in Residence and Jamie Shockley, Assistant City Manager, Tonganoxie, KS who was to assist Sexton.

On Monday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, the 2018 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. On June 20, the students began their summer classes

The class developed a class blog to share their experiences with alumni  
<https://sites.google.com/site/kucimat2018/home>

The class of 2018 started their part-time internships at:  
Charissa Wahwasuck-Jessepe: City of Topeka Manager's Office  
Brian Bickers: City of Olathe, Budget Office  
Jake Doerr: City of Topeka Manager's Office  
Ian Hutcheson: City of Prairie Village Administrator's Office  
Chelsea Morton: Johnson County Manager's Office  
Jaron Balderes: City of Topeka Manager's Office  
Logan Masenthin: Douglas County Manager's Office  
Chante Mitchell: Water One, Johnson County Communications Office  
Austin Good: League of Kansas Municipalities  
Jason Rohloff: City of Eudora Manager's Office  
Joshua Robinson: City of Overland Park  
Tyesha Ignacio: City of Tonganoxie Manager's Office

Both first year students and second year students attended the ICMA Conference in Kansas City, MO, September 25 to 28, 2016. The Conference will be discussed in greater detail as the highlight event of the year for the Chapter. In summary, the second year students met in their first Professional Development Seminar conducted by John Nalbandian and Ray Hummert. They also participated in Conference sessions. First year students assisted in the preparation for the conference; assisted the Host Committee during the Conference; interviewed practitioners on their careers; joined the second year students for dinner with their Practitioners in Residence; and, attended Conference sessions.

On October 6, 2015, the Class of 2018 were invited to lunch with Bob Kipp at Hallmark Corporate Offices in Kansas City, MO. Kipp a former City Manager of Kansas City MO and former President of ICMA discussed with the students the importance of good professional local government; the importance of supporting the profession; and, the ICMA conference.

In January 2017, the second year students 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 first and second year students met for dinner and a bowling competition.

During the year, the on campus students, met in bi-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 2017, the second year students met for their final Professional Development Seminar in Lawrence which included a discussion on Dual Career Couples with Mandy and Don Cawby. Mandy is Director of Customer Relations for Water One in Johnson County KS; and, Don Cawby is City Manager in Osawatomi, KS. The seminar focused primarily on competencies developed, where the students have seen the most growth, and what areas were they targeting for development. They also discussed short term and longer term goals. They presented their electronic resumes/portfolios to their classmates, Nalbandian and faculty. Several examples included: <https://drewtvincent.wixsite.com/portfolio> and <http://emilymlhogan.wixsite.com/mpaportfolio> . The students also met with Mark Funkhouser, Publisher of Governing Magazine who discussed with them the status of local governance.

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 2017 class. On Saturday morning, the second year graduating students, their parents, families, friends and partners gathered at the home of John Nalbandian to celebrate their completion of the MPA program and their graduation before returning to their full time jobs.



The University of North Texas ICMA Student Chapter has continued to provide networking and professional opportunities to our MPA students in the 2016-2017 academic year. The main goals for our chapter include connecting students with local government professionals, providing opportunities to students to learn more about government management, and coordinating community service events in our area. Our student chapter maintains over 60 student members annually. A major key to our success is the strong support from our alumni in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. In addition to collaborating with our Public Administration Alumni Board, we also partnered with the Urban Management Assistants of North Texas (UMANT) and several nonprofit organizations to provide unique opportunities for our students' professional development. Our 2016-2017 calendar of events can be seen in the following:

**August:** We began the school year with a **Welcome Back Event** at Rock & Brews in The Colony to connect new MPA students with current students, alumni, and local government professionals in the DFW area. The event was a success and we were able raise money for our organization to provide more events in the school year.

**September:** We hosted a **City Managers Seminar** on campus with guest speakers: Leonard Martin (former City Manager of Carrollton, TX), Troy Powell (City Manager of The Colony, TX), and Matt Mueller (City Manager of Little Elm, TX). This was an incredible opportunity to listen to the city managers' professional development and offer mentorship.

Our student chapter was also represented at the **Annual ICMA Conference in Kansas City** alongside our alumni. It was a rewarding experience to connect with local government professionals across the nation, as well as learn about current issues and innovations within local government. We look forward to attending the next annual conference in San Antonio.

**November:** We provided a **Local Government Finance Seminar** with guest speakers: Kent Pfeil (Chief Financial Officer for Richardson, TX), Chuck Springer (Director of Finance for Denton, TX), and Kim Collins (Director of Finance for Argyle, TX). Our guest speakers spoke to our students on the necessity of understanding budgeting and finance within local government. It is an important area that our students should be fully capable of managing in their future careers.

**December:** Our chapter also hosted our **Annual Holiday Party**, a social event where we connect our students and alumni during the holiday season. The event was a major success where we acquired sponsorships from our very own alumni, the Town of Addison, and DFW restaurants. During the event, we featured guest speakers: Dr. Abraham Benavides (Chair of our Department of Public Administration), Ben Thatcher (Chair of our Public Administration Alumni Board and Assistant City Manager of Southlake, TX), and Ron Whitehead (former City Manager of Addison, TX). Our holiday event is a tradition we will continue carrying on in the future.

**January:** We partnered with the Urban Management Assistants of North Texas (UMANT) to provide a **Brunch Networking Event** at Mattito's Restaurant in Dallas. This successful partnered event allowed students to network with local government professionals who are on their ways to becoming leaders in their cities and towns. UMANT also provided free membership

opportunities to our students for which they can be connected with other professionals in the field, as well as attend their events.

In addition to this networking event, we worked alongside UNT and our Department of Public Administration to host a **Welcome Reception for T.C. Broadnax (City Manager of Dallas)**. Mr. Broadnax is an alumni of program and is now leading one of the biggest cities in the country. This event inspired the students who attended that our dreams of leading local governments can come true, along with motivation to succeed in our academics and professional growth. The event saw support across the University of North Texas, alumni, students, and our ICMA student chapter.

**February:** Our chapter also reached out to local nonprofit organizations in the area to host a **Nonprofit Seminar** with Jeremy Adams (President & CEO of Denton Freedom House) and Charlie Wendell (Founder & Executive Director of Melody of Hope). Denton Freedom House is a local nonprofit organization that provide homes and opportunities to men who suffered from addiction, incarceration, etc. Melody of Hope is a nonprofit that works with other organization's to put on concerts and events in order to fundraise for their nonprofit causes and partners. This was also a unique opportunity for our students to learn about other public sector areas in regards to organizational management.

**March:** Our final guest speaker series was a **Human Resources Seminar** with guest speakers: Janet Melancon (Executive Coach & Consultant for Janet Melancon Associates) and Passion Hayes (Director of Human Resources for the Town of Addison, TX). Our speakers provided insight to managing personnel and offered advice on professional development in future careers. It was a very information seminar where our students gained information in the subject of human resources in local government, as well as tips on how to apply for jobs in the public sector.

**April:** For our final event in the school year, we worked alongside the Public Administration Alumni Board to host our **55<sup>th</sup> Annual Alumni-Student Conference & Luncheon**. The event surpassed the target goal of 150 attendees. The conference and luncheon allowed students to connect with alumni, local government professionals, and become informed on the latest decision-making trends using smarter data and technology. This is also an annual tradition that the chapter will continue with our alumni board in the future to encourage students to become involved in North Texas local government.

Overall, the UNT-ICMA Student Chapter had a phenomenal year in our events. We followed our goals in connecting students with local government professionals, educating them on current practices, and becoming involved with community services. We will continue to surpass our success in the future and strengthen our MPA program. We are proud to be the UNT-ICMA Student Chapter and will follow in the footsteps of our alumni who are leaders in North Texas.

# The University of Utah ICMA Student Chapter

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## 2016-2017 Report



## A New Student Chapter

This was the inaugural year of the University of Utah ICMA student chapter! The chapter got off to a great start, attracting 23 members from a variety of graduate disciplines, including public administration, political science, public policy, and city & metropolitan planning.

## Committee

**Faculty Advisors:** Erin Moore & Paul Morris

**Professional Advisor:** Mark Christensen

**President:** Todd Andersen

## Events

The University of Utah ICMA Student Chapter first hosted an opening social for new chapter members to meet each other and members of the chapter committee. The student chapter president outlined his vision for the chapter, and the chapter discussed ideas for future chapter events.

The chapter co-sponsored several events during the 2016-2017 academic year. In February 2017, the chapter was invited to a "City Manager's Lunch" in Sandy, UT. This lunch was organized for city managers and other executive city staff for cities in the Salt Lake County region. In March 2017, the chapter co-sponsored a student forum entitled "*How Do You Start a New City? Opportunities and Challenges of Millcreek, Utah's Newest City.*" The chapter invited the mayor of Millcreek, Jeff Silvestrini, and a Millcreek City Council Member, Bev Uipi, to be featured panelists and share their thoughts on the opportunities and challenges of governing a new municipality. In April 2017, the chapter also co-sponsored a public works/water management "job talk" with David Frandsen, Public Works Director for the city of North Salt Lake and an alumnus of the MPA program.

## Conferences/Summits

The chapter was also involved in several state and national city management conferences. Todd Andersen, the student chapter president, attended the ICMA Annual Conference in Kansas City and the Utah City Manager's Association's (UCMA) Fall Conference in Provo, UT. Chapter members also attended the UCMA Annual Spring Conference in St. George, UT, and the ICMA Mountain Plains Regional Summit in Sandy, UT.

**WEST COAST**

# Mills College ICMA Student Chapter

## 2016–2017 Report



Mills College ICMA Chapter members met twice a month throughout the 2016-2017 academic year. The Board coordinated a lineup of local government guest speakers who came to lunchtime meetings to talk about their work.

### Special Event

The chapter organized a panel discussion about the relationship between Native American Tribal Councils and U.S. governmental agencies. Brooklyn Baptiste of the Nez Perce Tribe and E.J. Crandall from the Robinson Rancheria educated future government leaders about tribal governments and their intersection with local and state government.

### Chapter Leadership

Laurie McWhorter & Zoe Harris  
Co-Presidents & Co-Secretaries  
Rodalyn Guinto: Treasurer, Coordinator  
Rick Rivera: Social Media, Marketing  
Mark Henderson: Faculty Advisor  
Chantal Cotton Gaines: ICMA Mentor

### Guest Speakers

- City of Berkeley Chief Resilience Officer, Timothy Burroughs, talked about his work in advancing community readiness for a range of hazards, such as natural disasters and impacts of climate change, and social hazards, such as racial inequity.
- Alameda County Chief Probation Officer Wendy Still talked about innovations in Probation.
- City of Oakland Assistant to the City Administrator, Chantal Cotton Gaines, led a round-table about the multifaceted work of an “Assistant to.”
- City of Walnut Creek Administrative Analyst II, Carla Hansen, presented a day in the life of a policy analyst. Ms. Hansen, who is also a Planning Commissioner for El Cerrito, added pointers on getting appointed to a commission.
- City of Berkeley Performance Management Auditor, Tracy Yarlott-Davis, shared her journey from new grad working in the State Auditor’s office, to current city-level auditing.

During the 2016-2017 school year our ICMA Student Chapter sought to build on many of the accomplishments that we had built upon in the 2015-2016 year. In the course of that year we had two speakers come in the fall and spring respectively, and made two visits to city halls. 2015-2016 focused on taking a vignette of what city government does and allowing our chapter members to see that. Similarly the 2016-2017 focused on understanding how local government works, but it also centered on how public officials can better engage with those that they serve.

For our first event in this school year we welcomed Artie Fields who is the City Manager of Inglewood California, as well as our chapter mentor. Mr. Fields had come to speak to us the previous year, and we had felt as though it was productive for our members to understand who their mentor was. This was so there could be easy guidance as far as what direction to go for a career in local government. He provided a detailed account of his career through local government, and he explained many of the issues that face his city. Mr. Fields also spoke about the way that his city addresses citizen concerns, and this directly related to the goals that we were trying to meet for the 2016-2017 year.

During our second event we welcomed Talyn Mirzakhian, who is a City Planner in Calabasas, CA. Ms. Mirzakhian spoke about her academic history, as well as the practical experience that she has had in Calabasas. She brought us some examples of the work that she had been doing, which produced a lot of interest. Furthermore, she was able to answer many questions that our members had as far as how to get involved in local government. There was also an explanation of the roles that citizens take in decision making. Finally, Ms. Mirzakhian was able to meet with a few of our members, as the city was offering internships. In the end two internships were offered to our members, and one accepted the position. This proved to be a successful meeting, as it helped a couple of our members further their professional development.

In our third event we heard from Pete Peterson, who is the Dean of our Public Policy School. He has routinely worked on the topic of public engagement with local governments through the Davenport Institute, and he continues to do this as Dean. The main focus of his presentation was centered on how local governments can better include their citizens in the decision making process. Throughout the event we heard about some successes that cities have had in bringing public engagement, and we also heard about failures that have taken place. One of the most important parts of the meeting took place when we heard why public engagement is so significant. When there are more citizens involved, and a better discussion process, there is a government that operates better, and is more apt to meet the needs of those it serves. This event helped our members to learn about the importance of public engagement.

In the 2016-2017 school year we had three successful events, and we met the objectives we had set for ourselves. I hope that this past year is something that the chapter can build on in the 2017-2018 school year and beyond.

San Francisco State University founded its first ICMA Student Chapter, bringing amazing resources and opportunities to the students. The chapter was founded by four students from within the Masters of Public Administration (MPA) program within the San Francisco State's Public Affairs & Civic Engagement (PACE) school. The founding board seeks to develop the chapter in the future to serve the undergraduate students as well within PACE.

#### Fall Semester:

The Board established itself among graduate students in the MPA program through a wonderful Jazz Themed social and discussion groups asking for student input into future activities. The overwhelming support shown by local ICMA members in the Bay Area was a wonderful glimpse into the resources and opportunities that await student members as our chapter continues to grow.

#### Spring Semester:

The chapter opened the spring semester with a speed mentoring event which was well attended by students and had ten professionals, volunteer to serve as mentors to the students present. The speed mentoring event enabled students to meet mentors from the community to participate in extended individual mentoring. The SF State Chapter hopes to incorporate the mentoring program as an annual event that will benefit both new students as well as community professionals in building a stronger network.

#### Regional Summit:

In March three officers and two members attended the West Coast Regional Summit in Burlingame, California. The session that was most powerful for a few of our members which attended was a panel discussion on Leadership Strategies to move communities from disruption to connection and renewal. The speakers conveyed the importance of building a strong network to help address professional challenges to better serve the public. Our chapter truly benefited from the networking opportunities and look forward to remaining close to the local ICMA members we met.

# 2016-2017 SJSU ICMA Student Chapter Report

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I am proud to say that the SJSU chapter of the ICMA, The MPA Student Association (MPASA), enjoyed a very successful academic year that saw our organization grow and our students benefit from a variety of MPASA organized events.

The Executive Board Serving for the 2016-2017 academic year were as follows:

President: Robert Carrera

Secretary: Tamara Jasper

Vice President: Tae Hwan Ihm

Treasurer: Julia Menhart

Our group also included a core group of at-large, voting board members who were appointed by the MPASA board. These members are as follows:

Marissa Haro

David Lisenbee

Paul Fulcher

Karishma Patel

Stephen Ngo

Christopher Hoem

Kira Valenta

Our organization also established three committees with the purpose of delegating work, instigating new projects, and getting students involved. The committee chairs are as follows:

Social Committee: Tae Hwan Ihm

Communications Committee: Marissa Haro

Elections Committee: Robert Carrera

The MPASA put together a variety of events for our students, alumni, faculty, and community. At the beginning and end of each semester, we hosted social events that allowed our students, alumni, and faculty to come together, mingle, and network with each other. Our last social of the academic year was also a fundraiser that ended up being a tremendous success for us, helping us raise 189 dollars. We planned, organized, and conducted our annual events such as the New Student Orientation, Microsoft Excel class, Phi Alpha Alpha Luncheon, and MPA Convocation. Additional events we organized are an election watch night party, a 7-steps to getting a job seminar and speed interviewing with alumni.

Some of the greatest successes of this academic year include the growth in participation of our students with the organization, strengthening our relationship with the ICMA through our events and participation at the West Coast Regional Conference, and coordinating an election process where MPA students registered as candidates for executive positions and be vetted and voted on by our student body. Our organization continues to grow and provide a great experience to students during their time in the MPA program. Thanks to the ICMA for their support, and I hope our organizations continue to work together to provide excellent services to SJSU MPA students.

Respectfully,



Robert Carrera

MPASA President, 2016-2017



# ICMA @USC

The 2016-17 year was one of tremendous growth for ICMA@USC, attracting more than 100 students to participate in our events. Here are some of our highlights:

## Involvement in Professional Associations

In September, five members of the student chapter attended the 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual ICMA Conference in Kansas City. Students were also active in the Municipal Management Association of Southern California, attending networking events throughout the year and a number of students also attended the annual conference for ASPA, the American Society for Public Administration.

## “Breaking Into Local Government” Event

In October, ICMA@USC assembled a panel of speakers that work for city and county governments to explain to students how to pursue a career in local government. They discussed how to find job postings, how to prepare for interview panels, and most importantly, why they got excited about local government in the first place.

## Local Government Case Challenge

In February, ICMA@USC hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Local Government Case Challenge, where students worked on teams to create



proposals for the City of Signal Hill to improve the way in which they approach citizen engagement through social media. Students presented to panels of local government practitioners, providing them with professional development and networking opportunities.

## Partnering with the USC City/County Management Fellowship Program

In March, ICMA@USC partnered with USC's City/County Management Fellowship Program to host a lunch meeting with USC's City Manager in Residence, Scott Ochoa. Scott Ochoa, the City Manager of Glendale, California, and a USC alumni, offered students with advice as well as stories about what it is like to serve as a City Manager.

