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Heinz College at Carnegie Mellon University ICMA Student Chapter Annual Report (2019 – 2020)

Chapter News

This academic year, ICMA @ Heinz hosted an event, made connections with local leaders, attended skill building workshops, and adapted to entirely new student leadership. Our campus group had members studying at both our Pittsburgh and Washington, DC campuses and, compared to previous years, the event with borough managers had record high levels of attendance. Many of our students took weekend skill building workshops with Heinz’s Center for Economic Development in “Opportunity Zone Finance” and “Basic Uses of Input Output Models in Economic Impact Studies.” Additionally, in 2019, we began collaboration with University of Pittsburgh’s ICMA chapter; a handful of their members attended our January event.

Event: Local Borough Managers at Heinz

CMU-Heinz College’s ICMA student chapter hosted three municipal leaders on January 30, 2020. Rick Hopkinson (Mt. Oliver Borough), Mary Ellen Ramage (Borough of Etna), and RJ Susko (formerly of Crafton Borough) met with Heinz College students to share their experiences in borough management. Conversation spanned intergovernmental collaborations, strategic planning, and on-the-job training tools. Among the attendees were leaders from University of Pittsburgh’s ICMA Student Chapter.



State and Local Government Week

In addition to our scheduled programming, our student chapter collaborated with Heinz Career Services to put on an event during their State and Local Government Week (February 17 – 21). This week exposes students to opportunities in public service by offering professional networking, internship panels, resume review, and career panels.

Adapting to COVID-19

Just like many campuses globally, Heinz College has needed to adapt during the Covid-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, this meant cancelling our spring events, transitioning to online meetings, and reducing recruitment efforts. Specifically, we had to cancel an event scheduled for March 17th with the Oakland Community Land Trust to discuss the role of community-based land stewardship in public housing. As a group, we’ve been closely following efforts by Governor Tom Wolfe, the Allegheny County Department of Human Services, the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC), and CMU’s own research efforts relating to this public health crisis.



Looking Forward

At this time, our board is in the process of recruiting new chapter members. Additionally, we are in the process of planning an event with Pittsburgh's Urban Redevelopment Authority to discuss Pittsburgh's affordable housing and community development efforts for Fall 2020. Our event with the Oakland Community Land Trust will likely be pushed to the fall as well. We are confirmed to have a 2020-2021 budget of \$500 that will be utilized to host at least 2 events and 1 skills workshop. Additionally, we will likely continue to partner with and attend relevant events sponsored by the Heinz College Career Services and the Center for Economic Development.

Leadership

President: Sara Shore '20

Board Members: Karin Gandler '20, Elizabeth Speigle '20, and Emily Woodard '19

Faculty Advisor: Greg Lagana, Director of Heinz College Center for Economic Development

Mentor: Mark Romito, Director of Finance for Upper St. Clair

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Carnegie Mellon University

ICMA Villanova 2019-2020 Report



October 3, 2019: Frank and Gloria Wolek Speaker Series Event: The Profession of City Manager and Public Administrator, Villanova ICMA Chapter Event

Villanova's ICMA student chapter hosted Stephanie Mason, Manager of Doylestown Township, PA, to discuss her role in local government as well as her position on the ICMA Executive Board. Mason centered her presentation on the importance of having mentors and joining professional groups. In addition, she discussed the support and influence she has received from her colleagues as she has progressed in her career. This event was funded by the Wolek family and also included a networking reception for current students, professors, and local township administrators and managers, as well as alumni to share their experiences in local government and learn about career opportunities in the field of public administration.

Local Government Career Networking Event Following Frank and Gloria Wolek Speaker Series Event

Current and former local government managers in Pennsylvania shared their experiences with those in attendance, including: Stephanie Teoli Kuhls (Middletown Township); Crandall Jones (Norristown Borough); Larry Comunale (formerly Lower Gwynedd Township); Rob Wagenmann (formerly Upper Merion); Mary Graham-Zak (formerly Lower Merion); Amanda Serock (Concord Township); Robert Williams (Palmer Township); and EJ Menty (Schuylkill Township)

Fall 2019
Membership
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15 members

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student chapter Villanova University

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Chapter Vice President
Chapter Advisor
Chapter Mentor

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Rollin Deas
Frances Burns, Villanova Adjunct Faculty
Stephanie Teoli Kuhls, Manager of Middletown Township
(Bucks County)



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Murray State University ICMA Student Chapter Annual Report (2019-2020)

Chapter News

The Murray State University ICMA Student Chapter just completed its first full year of operations. The chapter has grown significantly since it was first chartered, and, as of August 2019, it is an official “registered student organization” (RSO) at Murray State. The past year has been one of several accomplishments and challenges. Despite the complications posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the membership is very much looking forward to future activities.



2019-2020 Chapter President Harrison Fry leading a discussion.

Members Attend ICMA Annual Conference

In October, four chapter members attended the 2019 ICMA Annual Conference in Nashville, TN. The students, along with chapter mentor Michelle Smolen (Assistant City Manager of Paducah, KY), attended panels focusing on local government management.

Research Talk on Trust and Policy Support

Following the precedent established in 2019, the chapter sponsored another Spring semester research talk. Although delayed by the outbreak of COVID19 until May, Dr. Andrew Morelock, Assistant Professor of Public Administration at Murray State University,

discussed some of his recent research. In a virtual guest lecture entitled, “Trust and the Welfare State: An Analysis of Social Welfare Policy Support,” Dr. Morelock shared his findings from a study of survey data drawn from 23 countries in 2006.



Spring Semester Guest Lecturer: Dr. Andrew Morelock

Chapter President Selected for Early Career Certificate

At the end of the academic year, the chapter received notice that Chapter President Harrison Fry would receive the *ICMA Local Government Early Career Service Certificate* for his work with the City of Paducah. We are very grateful for the support that ICMA provides for students who are pursuing careers in the public service.

Looking Forward

Overall, the Murray State University ICMA Student Chapter had a very productive year, and we hope to continue that trend into the next. Among the ideas being considered for 2020-2021 include additional guest lecturers by practitioners of public administration and the inclusion of a yearly service project.

Chapter Officials

President: Harrison Fry
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Andrew Morelock
Mentor: Michelle Smolen



student chapter *Lander University*

Annual Report 2019-2020

Chapter News

The new Lander University ICMA student chapter formally launched on September 24, 2019. The chapter exists to introduce and integrate students into the local government management profession. Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, the chapter has postponed activities and meetings to the Fall 2020 semester.

The Chapter's First Meeting

On Wednesday, November 13, 2019, the chapter held its first interest meeting in the Marion P. Carnell Learning Center on Lander University's campus. The meeting featured information about ICMA, officer and advisor introductions, chapter goals, and how to join.



An excerpt of the PowerPoint presentation from the chapter's interest meeting.

Why an ICMA Student Chapter at Lander?



The Lander ICMA student chapter was created to allow students at the undergraduate level to network with local government officials, familiarize themselves with ICMA materials, newsletters, & membership, and have access to job opportunities in the local Greenwood community and across the country. Currently, this is the only active chapter in the state of South Carolina.

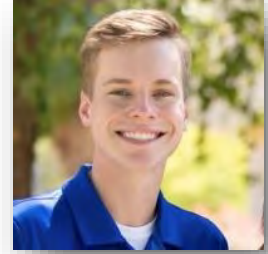
Looking Forward

This upcoming academic year, the chapter would like to host different types of government administration workshops/activities with our local government partners. We also look forward to hosting guest speakers at chapter meetings.

Chapter Leadership

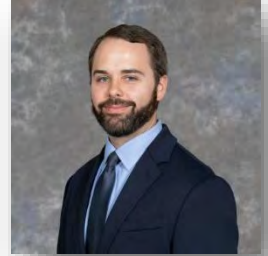
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Augusta University's MPA program has students from diverse academic and professional backgrounds. We have students who just received their bachelor's degrees and students who are professionals with significant experience in public service. We're a small program with around 50 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.

MPA Career Panel

In the fall of 2019, a career panel of MPA professionals was organized. This is an annual career panel that is organized by the AU MPA. The goal of the panel is to help students and potential students learn how the MPA offers a number of career options and how professionals associated with the program can advance their interests and passions with an MPA.

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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 Fall 2019 Town and Gown speaker event. The speaker series offers talks on issues that are relevant to Augusta University and the broader community.

For the event, our program hosted Deke Copenhaver, who is the former mayor of Augusta-Richmond County and is an author of a recent *Forbes* book on leadership.

Future Plans

Looking forward to the 2020-2021 school year, we hope to grow the Augusta University ICMA Student Chapter.

The leadership of the chapter has waxed and waned. The MPA program director will work with the Student Association to help ensure that there is strong student leadership for the ICMA Student Chapter.

During the 2020-2021 academic year, the chapter hopes to help the MPA program sponsor the following events: annual MPA career panel, town and gown speaker in the area of diversity and nonprofit management, and networking opportunities.

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Chapter Officials

President

Amy O'Dell

Faculty

Advisor

Stephanie Pink-Harper

Mentor

Sam Gaston



Local Leader Community Dinner

On October 3, 2019, local leaders in the Birmingham community from non-profits, higher education, and local government came together with MPA students in a dinner event hosted by the UAB ICMA for mentorship and networking, and to discuss how their MPA experience shaped their professional careers.

The UAB ICMA has worked to expand the size of the active board and explore starting committees this year. We have also initiated a partnership with the UAB MPA Alumni Board to launch an annual Local Leader Community Dinner, which invites leaders in the local government and nonprofit sectors who are graduates from UAB's MPA program for a dinner with current students in an evening of connection, networking, and mentorship.

We are also working towards making sure students are more connected with fellowship and conference scholarship opportunities by developing materials to distribute during new student orientation at the beginning of each semester, as well as ICMA event information.

Lastly, our chapter is in the process of connecting with another chapter in the sister chapter program, and are very excited about finding our match.

Professional Development Workshop

On January 22, 2020 the UAB ICMA hosted a Professional Development Workshop focused on helping students work on their resume and LinkedIn profiles, and identify ways to find jobs, network, and successfully interview.



Professor PechaKucha Night

The UAB ICMA hosted a PechaKucha night on November 7, 2019, where three faculty members were able to present original research to MPA students focused on red tape in local government, school funding issues, and concerns surrounding human trafficking.



Leaders at the Core of Better Communities

Chapter News

The ICMA student chapter at UCF continues to grow. With the completion of our new UCF Downtown campus and the relocation of our School of Public Administration, our students and chapter have had many more opportunities for local government engagement than previously available.



UCF Downtown Academic Commons Building

UCF Attends ICMA Annual Conference

For the second year in a row, our chapter was able to represent UCF at the ICMA Annual Conference in Nashville, TN. With the assistance of our Student Government Association, we were able to bring 10 members, many of them attending for the first time. We were also able to plan a meet-and-greet with FCCMA members and other Florida University Chapters to network outside the conference.



ICMA Senior Advisor Speaks to Students

FCCMA and ICMA Senior Advisor Ken Parker spoke to students during our November 1st general body meeting about his career and how to become a better public servant. As the city manager of Port Orange, FL for over 20 years, Ken had a lot to share about management in Florida and the challenges administrators face.

UCF Public Service Career Showcase

On November 6th, the UCF student chapter participated in the School of Public Administration’s career showcase event. City managers from FCCMA District III were invited to come speak to students about a career in local government and city management. The event also served as a recruitment opportunity for the student chapter.

Looking Forward

As COVID-19 continues to disrupt normal activities, the chapter is responding appropriately. Officer elections have been postponed to the Fall semester and the current executive board remains in contact with members and UCF faculty. While everyone is working through this difficult time, we are hoping to find new ways to engage students and connect them with local government leaders who have a unique perspective on the current situation.

Chapter Officials

President: Samuel Camp (pending Fall elections)

Faculty Advisor: Dr. David Mitchell

Mentor: Michael Grebosz

ICMA UNIVERSITY ANNUAL REPORT (2019-2020)

President: Philippa Hawker
Faculty Advisor: Eric Zeemering
Mentor: Blaine Williams, Ted Baggett

Chapter News

The University of Georgia ICMA chapter is pleased to report another successful year. Events were well attended, and executive board meetings were especially fruitful. The executive board met bi-weekly throughout the academic year. This year, the executive board voted to include two new executive positions: secretary and vice president to be filled by first-year MPA students. The chapter also expanded marketing outreach with an Instagram account, @uga_icma.

Our chapter collaborated with the Georgia Students for Public Administration organization on the UGA campus. Together with the GSPA chapter, we planned to host a joint policy competition on creating a mental health policy for local law enforcement. We had also planned to create a student showcase, where all graduate-level UGA students were welcome to present their work on local government projects, research papers, and internship products.

Unfortunately, many of these events were planned for the last 8 weeks of the semester and were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

ICMA Conference Attendance

The ICMA UGA Chapter received funds from UGA to fund the travel and attendance of 5 chapter members. The chapter hosted a keynote viewing session through the UGA campus facilities following the conference.



Economic Development Panel

In February, the chapter invited seven local economic development officials to an introductory panel on the subject. UGA's MPA program offered a course on economic development, and ICMA worked with UGA's public administration department to coordinate the event. The ICMA event was eligible for extra credit to attendees. The event was very successful and well attended.



Welcome Downtown Development Tour

The ICMA UGA Chapter executive board decided to host a Welcome to Athens downtown development tour for incoming MPA students at the University of Georgia. The tour is hosted by Athens' Downtown Development executive director. This will become an annual event for each fall semester going forward.



Appalachian State University Student ICMA Chapter Annual Report, 2019-2020

Chapter News

Our chapter has had a fun, productive year. We networked with managers and student chapters from across the country at ICMA Southeast. We competed against other MPA students at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in trivia twice (and, unfortunately, we went zero for two). One of our members recently signed an offer letter to work with an ICMA host community next year. This is just some of the good news – Read on to see why it was such a good year to be a Mountaineer!

Ventures Through the Corn Maze



Smiling, because we finally made it out!

This was one of our first events of the year. It was Fall in the Blue Ridge Mountains, and the group decided to try our hands at a corn maze. We went to the Harvest Farm Corn Maze in Valle Crucis on 18 October to lend our ears toward teamwork in the (corn)field. We had a bushel of fun together on the crisp Fall day, and really enjoyed not being inside. It was truly a-maize-ing!

New Friends: ICMA Southeast, Durham

Our chapter sent three representatives to the ICMA Southeast Conference in Durham on 4-6 March. The conference was not only fun, but informative. Our representatives especially enjoyed hearing how the City of Franklin, Tennessee, has used

monuments to spark constructive community dialogue. They also networked with ICMA Western Region members and sought advice from the ICMA chapter at the University of Arizona on increasing involvement among distance education students. The chapter is thankful for this opportunity and the insights brought back from the conference.

North Carolina “Jeopardy!” via Zoom



“We’ll take Social Distancing for \$400”

Our chapter was taken aback by the COVID-19 outbreak. We left for Spring Break and have not been on campus since. However, that did not stop us from having some fun! We got together for some Zoom “Jeopardy!” on 15 April. We had three teams of two apiece battle to see who knew the most about North Carolina. Chapter members Chandler Vaughan and past president Halee Ratcliff took home the crown and taught us all a thing or two about the Old North State. This event reminded us that we do not need proximity to have fun with each other – Just a will and a webcam!

Moving Forward

We know we are moving into some uncertain times due to COVID-19. However, the chapter is looking forward to meeting the challenge. Rylee Govoreau was recently selected as our next chapter president, and she will be ready to face whatever challenges may arise. We are planning to host an event celebrating women in public administration during the coming school year. Our alumni association conference and statewide city/county manager conferences are planning to move forward next year as well, and our chapter as always will be there in force. In short – We are ready for our future!

Chapter Officials

President: Dylan F. Powell, MPA Candidate

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Robert D. Eskridge, Associate Professor

Mentor: Mr. Kenneth D. Noland, Town Manager, Town of Wilkesboro

ICMA Student Chapter Annual Report (2019-2020)



**Tennessee State
University**

Chapter News

During the third full year of existence (founded February 2017), the TSU ICMA Student Chapter leadership has worked diligently to introduce an increasing number of students to local government management as a profession. The student chapter's membership is stable, approximately 40 students. The key highlights of the 2019-2020 academic year were the ICMA Conference being held in Nashville, which allowed for many of our student chapter members to attend this impactful conference, and Keturah Barnett (MPA 2019) being selected for a 2020 ICMA Fellowship - the first in the history of the MPA program, College, and University.

Student Chapter as a Force for Positive Community Change

When the 2019-2020 Student Chapter President and Vice President were elected, they were both explicit about wanting to ensure that the Student Chapter was engaged in the community. Thanks to the hard and high quality work of Evan Kersten (Student Chapter President) and Samantha Yaroschuk (Student Chapter Vice President), the goal of community engagement was powerfully realized. On January 9, ICMA Student Chapter members partnered with members of the Nashville Chapter of Emerging Local Government Leaders (ELGL) to volunteer at Second Harvest Food Bank. In Tennessee, 1 in 8 individuals are food insecure (lack reliable access to affordable, nutritious food) and that number rises to 1 in 6 when only focused on children in Tennessee. The efforts of the student chapter members (along with Dr. Anthony Campbell, Student Chapter Faculty Advisor) directly helped to combat this issue. During their volunteering shift at Second Harvest, the ICMA-ELGL team sorted and packaged 4,721 pounds of food that will be distributed to individuals throughout Tennessee.



ICMA Student Chapter and Nashville ELGL Members, along with the family that comprised the volunteer team.

Recognized Greatness

A central goal of the Student Chapter has been to encourage and support students in pursuing opportunities that align with their intellectual and professional interests related to local government. With each successive year, more students have successfully secured awards, grants, and scholarships. However, the 2019-2020 academic year had an unprecedented moment in the history of the Student Chapter, the Department of Public Administration, the College of Public Service, and Tennessee State University - Keturah Barnett was selected for a 2020 ICMA Fellowship. Keturah will serve her fellowship with the City of Lancaster, Texas. This historic achievement will have a lasting impact on the future of the MPA degree program and all ICMA Student Chapter members in the future. We proudly celebrate Keturah Barnett and wish her best in the next exciting step in your public service career!



*Keturah Barnett - ICMA Student Chapter
Past President, 2019 MPA Alumna, and
2020 ICMA Fellow*

Celebrating Excellence

Unfortunately, the 4th Annual Public Service Awards were not able to be held this year due to the COVID-19. This important Student Chapter event, which blends celebration of local government and nonprofit management with a recognition of notable alumni from the Department of Public Administration, is an important event. The Public Service Awards will return in the Spring 2021 semester, and will likely have as meaningful an impact as the inaugural event!

Chapter Officials

President: Evan Kersten

Vice President: Samantha Yaroschuk

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Anthony Campbell

**Mentor: Eric Stuckey, City Manager,
Franklin, Tennessee**

Looking Forward to 2020-2021

The 2020-2021 Academic Year will be a year of significant transitions for the ICMA Student Chapter, since founding faculty advisor (Dr. Anthony Campbell) will be departing Tennessee State University. The new Student Chapter faculty advisor will be Dr. Rodney Stanley, who is the Department Chair and a Professor in the Department of Public Administration. With a long and highly respected career in higher education. Dr. Stanley is certain to provide important leadership that will help the chapter advance to the next stage. The key goal for 2020-2021 will be maintaining membership levels during a time when the MPA program is transitioning to being fully online, losing key student chapter leader, Evan Kersten, to graduation, and the looming impact of the COVID-19 global public health crisis.

UNC ICMA STUDENT CHAPTER YEAR-END REPORT



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

Chapter Officials

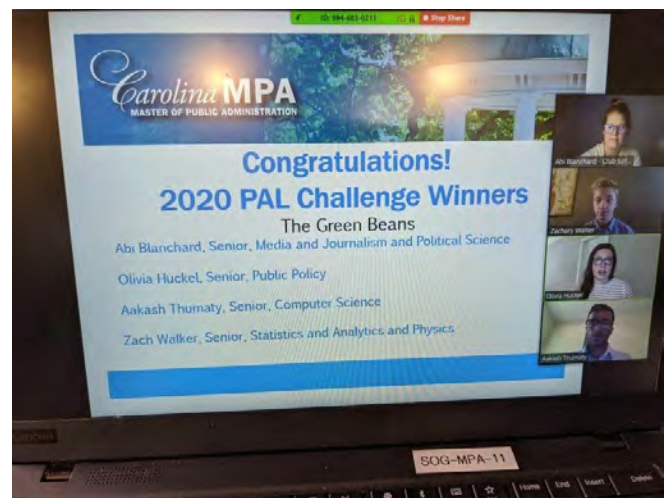
- Hallee Haygood, President
- Maddison Powers, Vice President
- Brian Farmer, Treasurer
- Mimi Clemens, Secretary
- Alice Mahood, Communications Officer

Event Highlights

The chapter kicked off the academic year by getting all prospective and current members together at a local spot in Chapel Hill, Maple View Farms. They have great ice cream and open seating, so it was a unique way for folks to get to know each other better. We received contact information and used this to coordinate with individuals about joining and partaking in other events. Next, we planned our most popular event, P & R and BackBar. This event was after classes during the week and we had practitioners come in to watch an episode of Parks & Recreation. They discussed with us the likelihood of some of the events that occurred and explained their work to us. Afterwards the practitioners went along with current students to a happy hour at BackBar in Chapel Hill.

Leaders in the organization quickly started planning for the ICMA National Conference in Nashville from October 20th through 22nd. First, we hosted a meeting with members to explain what the conference is like for those who have not attended. We answered all existing questions about interacting with practitioners and travel processes. The next week twelve of our MPA Program students travelled to Nashville for the conference. It was a great way to learn more about our individual local government interests while networking with those in the field. The program looks forward to sending students again to the conference next year in Toronto. Upon coming back we had requests for a Brown Bag Q & A with ICMA Fellows from previous years. This was a great way to network with alumni of the program and learn more about the fellowship.

At the end of the year the ICMA Student Chapter hosted its annual Public Administration (PAL) Challenge. This year's case was centered on climate change resulting in flooding that was negatively impacting a small, fictitious town in North Carolina. As we know with our recent hurricanes from last year, floodwaters can destroy homes, infrastructure, agriculture, and threaten drinking water supplies and public health. This leaves local communities and economies reeling from the potentially catastrophic impacts, and local governments are the ones faced with the costs of recovery and clean up after flooding. This is a current and relevant issue facing local government administrators.



The teams were asked to research and consider funding options for mitigating factors that local governments can employ, citizen engagement, health and safety impacts, and peer municipalities to limit some of the negative impacts of flooding on this town. This year a total of sixteen teams signed up from the undergraduate population, with the final five presenting to a panel of practitioners. The winners receive \$1,000 and hopefully foster a lifelong love of public administration.

Looking Forward

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

Photos from ICMA Events





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Chapter News

This past year's focus was seeking opportunities to attend conferences through university funding and establishing a foundation of institutional knowledge to assist with leadership transitions. In addition, our current president, Candice Gilreath was appointed as a member of the ICMA Welcome Ambassador Committee and our past president Page Forrest joined the State of Tennessee's Office of Budget as a Budget Analyst.

ICMA Annual Conference – October 2019

Through a travel grant awarded by our university's Center for Student Engagement three members attended our first annual conference in Nashville, TN. We attended sessions, networked with city officials, and met other student chapters. We were also able to get free professional headshots.



Key Policy Issues in Tennessee's 111th General Assembly – November 2019

Co-hosted with East TN Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration, this forum featured the Assistant City Manager of Maryville, TN, Mr. Roger Campbell, and the legal consultant for the University of Tennessee's Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS), Ms. Melissa Ashburn as they shared their insights about the upcoming issues in the Tennessee General Assembly, especially those that affect local government.

Career Workshops & Panel Discussions

This spring we had two events planned that were unfortunately cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. One was an Economic Development Panel Discussion which would have provided an opportunity for students to learn more about economic development from the perspectives of city officials and developers. The second was our annual Public Service Career Building Workshop, which would have allowed students to learn great resume and interview tips from individuals with years of public service experience who are usually "on the other side of the desk" in hiring interviews.

Looking Forward

Over the next academic year, we look forward to rescheduling our cancelled events and growing our membership. We also hope to attend at least one of our state's ICMA conferences held every Fall and Spring.

Chapter Officials

President: Candice Gilreath
Faculty Advisor: Dr. David Folz
Mentor: C. Seth Sumner

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The 2019-2020 academic year for the ICMA Student Chapter at Kennesaw State University began with the installation of a new Executive Board. This Chapter is relatively new. It was officially established on April 9, 2018. New officers for the term were excited to work closely with each other as a cohesive team. A series of planning meetings held throughout the year created a unified vision for leading the Chapter. Our vision determined strategies for recruitment and member engagement. Highlighted below are some of the member activities held and opportunities that are available.

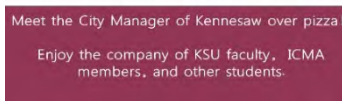
CHAPTER ACTIVITIES:

- Enhanced communication was a top priority; therefore, an initial newsletter was developed and distributed to members. Sharing information through the Chapter’s Facebook page was another communication-boosting effort.
- We participated in an Orientation Fair held on the main campus for hundreds of incoming first-year students at the beginning of the semester. New PR and marketing materials developed for the Chapter were distributed to inform students about ICMA and the benefits of joining the KSU Chapter.
- We conducted and participated in two planned events: A networking event with the city manager of Kennesaw and the 2019 ICMA conference in Nashville, TN.



Mason Mueller

For the networking event, our chapter mentor, Jeff Drobney, City Manager of Kennesaw, GA, was our special guest. He shared information about his background, experience as an ICMA member, responsibilities as a city manager, and opportunities for the Chapter with the city. Additionally, we were pleased to have KSU faculty in attendance: Dr. Jerry Herbel, Ph.D., MPA, Director, Master of Public Administration Program/Associate Professor of Public Administration; Dr. Misty Grayer, JD, Ph.D., Professor, MPA program; and our chapter advisor, Dr. Ulf Zimmermann, Ph.D., Professor, MPA Program. Students were able to ask engaging questions of interest and obtain insights from these experts on topics such as preparing for future careers in government and continuing post-graduate educational pursuits. They also met other students. As a result of this successful event, several new members joined the Chapter.



The highlight for the year was our attendance at the 2019 conference in Nashville, TN. Darlene Daly, Chenelle Rey, and Mason Mueller participated in a variety of learning seminars, a coaching session, and networking events. ICMA conferences are great opportunities to engage with governmental decisionmakers. We connected with several city managers from around the country and abroad. Funds to attend this conference were approved by KSU's Student Activities Budget Advisory Committee (SABAC) and complimentary registration fees offered by the national ICMA. The Georgia City-County Management Association (GCCMA) graciously invited us to attend a special reception held for its members. We encourage other members to attend future ICMA conferences. The engaging camaraderie and expanded knowledge are invaluable for career development.



*Chenelle Rey at Speed Coaching Session;
Photo Credit: ICMA.Org*

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS:



I am grateful to my fellow officers not only for their leadership but also their friendship. They are truly a team of committed members who rose to the challenges and worked hard to achieve our successes together. Special congratulations to our Director of Communications, Mason Mueller, who will be attending the University of Georgia next fall!

To our chapter advisor, Dr. Zimmermann, I sincerely appreciate his advice, guidance, and encouragement. Dr. Zimmermann has announced his retirement from teaching at KSU. We will miss him and wish him a happy retirement. Furthermore, to our chapter mentor, Mr. Drobney, we are expressing many thanks for his invaluable support.

For the next executive board, there are many wonderful opportunities to take this Chapter forward. Developing a strategic plan, offering a seminar in leadership, and taking advantage of opportunities to collaborate with one or more chapters with similar goals and objectives are just a few of them.

In closing, despite having to adjust our plans for the Chapter due to the Covid-19 pandemic, I believe we have done well. I hope Chapter members and supporters will all continue to be ICMA and KSU champions wherever we are. Best wishes!

ICMA Student Chapter at KSU Officials (2019-2020)

Chapter Mentor: Jeff Drobney, City Manager of Kennesaw, GA

Chapter Advisor: Ulf Zimmermann, Ph.D., Professor of Public Administration

President: Darlene Daly, MPA/MBA Candidate **Vice President of Finance:** Chenelle Rey, MPA Candidate

Director of Communications: Mason Mueller, B.B.A Candidate

Director of External Affairs: Brian Wheeler, MPA Candidate

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Chapter News

Fall 2019 marked the first semester that an ICMA chapter was active on the University of Missouri—Kansas City (UMKC)’s campus. Throughout the fall, the chapter’s goal was creating a presence on campus. This spring, the chapter focused on partnering with UMKC’s Public Administration Student Association (PASA) and The Midwest Center for Nonprofit Leadership to co-host events for public administration students and practitioners alike.

UMKC’s Newest Student Organization

The chapter’s goal as a new organization on campus was to create a presence at UMKC. Throughout its first semester, chapter members got to know their fellow students through networking happy hours.



Let’s Get Digital: Working Breakfasts Moved to Zoom Platform

With social distancing guidelines in place, the chapter’s planned working breakfasts with PASA and the Midwest Center for Nonprofit Leadership soon transitioned into Zoom webinars. Two new, COVID-19 related working breakfasts were made available to both students and practitioners on April 21, 2020 and April 28, 2020: Governance for a Challenging Time and Supporting your People through a Time of Transformative Change. These events were offered to all participants free of charge.



Presentation is Everything

With so many people glued to the news, the chapter thought it would be interesting to wrap up the semester with a discussion on how public administrators can responsibly disseminate information in the midst of an emergency. To accomplish this, a Zoom “article club” was hosted on May 1, 2020.

Looking Forward

Moving forward, the ICMA UMKC Chapter plans to promote a representative bureaucracy by hosting a LGBTQ+ public administration panel. The group also hopes to bring a guest speaker to campus.

Chapter Officials

President: Ms. Bailey Barnett
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Anne Williamson
Mentor: Ms. Courtney Christensen (Mission Hills, KS)

The Indiana University Bloomington chapter of ICMA, commonly referred to on campus as Local Government Management Association, had an exciting year, despite the abrupt ending.

In October, 9 of our members travelled to Nashville for the ICMA Conference. We spent the weekend networking with IU Alumni and local government professionals, listening to speakers and making friends with the cohort from the University of Arkansas. One of our members, Laurenz, was visiting IU from Germany during Fall Semester and had the opportunity to experience an authentically American city while learning how local government management in the United States contrasted with Germany. We all had a great time and can't wait for the 2020 conference!

On February 20th, we partnered with a local brewery, Switchyard Brewing Company, to host our annual Parks and Rec Trivia Night. This is always an exciting event to plan and attend. This year, we had over 40 participants that split themselves into teams and tested their knowledge on the TV show Parks and Recreation, as well as some Bloomington local government trivia. We are looking forward to expanding this event in the coming years.

On March 2nd, 2020 our chapter had the pleasure of hosting a workshop led by one of our own members: Joseph Gearon. Joseph is an incredible public speaker and offers professional workshops for such, as well as one-on-one training. Attendance was very good among our membership and it was widely agreed to be one of our best events this year, aside from our annual trivia night. The presentation was dynamic, engaging, and a lot of fun while still being professional. It was also applicable to every person in the room and their own individual career path.



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ICMA STUDENT CHAPTER

Oakland University

Chapter News

Oakland University's (OU) ICMA chapter has made significant strides during the 2019-2020 school year. The OU chapter had a fully functioning executive board which consisted of five members.

- Monthly meetings were held between the executive board to plan events and strategize new ways to promote ICMA on campus.
- Two executive board members traveled to Nashville, Tennessee for the annual ICMA conference in 2019. OU was one of two Michigan schools represented at the conference. Valuable networking took place during the conference as both students interacted with various local government professionals.
- Membership has increased by 40% since the 2018-2019 school year. More students (both undergraduate and graduate) are realizing the endless possibilities when it comes to careers in local government.

Oakland University's ICMA chapter established strong partnerships with various organizations on campus as well as municipalities. In 2019 we accomplished our goal of building a strong connection with our state organization Michigan Municipal League (MML).

2019 Oakland University's Grizzfest (Welcome Week)



OU's ICMA Student Chapter members participated in the annual Grizzfest to promote ICMA and gain new members on September 5, 2019.

2019 ICMA Annual Conference



Two executive board members traveled to Nashville, Tennessee for the annual ICMA conference on October 19-23, 2019..

ICMA Local Government Panel Discussion

On February 26, 2020, the chapter organized a panel discussion between three local government professionals. Various sectors of local government were displayed on the panel. All three individuals provided great insight establishing a pathway to local government career success. five students attended the panel discussion, and this resulted in five new members joining the chapter. Another positive result of the panel discussion was the networking between local government professionals and students. Students gained internship opportunities as a result of attending the panel discussion.

Panelists

- Michael Hart, Assistant City Manager, City of Fenton
- Kyle Pollet, Assistant City Manager, City of Ferndale
- Dr. Tosha Johnson IT Applications Delivery Manager, Canton Township

Succession Planning

The ICMA student chapter appointed one new official Thomas Hayes to the E Board to become the next Vice President. Members Danicea Woods and Kimberly Vicente will be graduating in April.

Chapter Officials

President- Adam Owczarzak
Vice President- Danicea Woods
Secretary- Kimberly Vicente
Treasurer- Josh Tanghe
Membership Engagement Coordinator: Dylan Linklater
Faculty Advisor- Suzanne Rossi

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Chapter News

The ICMA student chapter would like to thank our faculty advisor, Dr. Robert Blair, for his many years of dedicated service to the University of Nebraska, State of Nebraska, and ICMA. Dr. Blair, nicknamed Omaha’s grandfather of public administration, has had a significant impact in the formation of the next generation of public administrators and is respected across Nebraska for his experience and knowledge in the field. Congratulations on your retirement, Dr. Blair!

UNO ICMA Members Participate in New Faculty Interviews

In the fall of 2019, members of the ICMA student chapter were asked to participate in the interview process to select a new local government faculty member. Over the course of two weeks, ICMA students, along with NCMA members met with faculty candidates to discuss the future direction of the program and the continuing relationship that has been built between city governments and the University.

Student Chapter Holds City Administration Panel



The ICMA student chapter convened a panel of city administration veterans and recent graduates to discuss current topics and challenges in the field of city management. Panelists were also asked to talk about their experience transitioning from college into the profession and advice for students who are accepting their first jobs in the field. Students were given an opportunity to ask the panelists additional questions about their experiences. The event was recorded and an audio recording will be made available to students who could not attend in person.

Looking Forward

The ICMA student chapter at UNO is hopeful of sending students to the ICMA Annual Conference in Toronto, Canada in September 2020. We are also excited to expand the opportunities our organization has to offer next semester. In the fall, will begin recruitment with a meet and greet for new and returning students and a tour of a local water treatment plant to discuss the experience of providing potable water during the floods of 2019.

Chapter Officials:

Chapter Mentor: Phil Green, Deputy City Administrator, Papillion, NE

Faculty Advisor: Dr. Robert Blair, Professor

Co-President: Ryan Christiansen, Graduate Student

Co-President: Joseph George, Graduate Student

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TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

CHAPTER NEWS

The organization has incorporated and elected chapter officers. This includes a President, Vice President, Public Relations Officer, Treasurer, Fundraising Officer, and two Outreach Officers intended to help recruit undergraduate students as well. The organization achieved 100+ interested students as result of incorporating officers.



WOMEN LEADING GOVERNMENT

ICMA has partnered with the Women Leading Government (WLG) of Central Texas Chapter to initiate a Student Liaison which the ICMA chapter president was selected to be and assist in student outreach. WLG held a meeting a meeting last fall to discuss goals for the organization.



TCMA CONFERENCE

ICMA prepared and competed in the annual TCMA (Texas City Managers Association) Conference. This entailed a service event impacting the local community. The chapter chose to dedicate time with the Hays County Food Bank and helped unload and prepare food for those in need.



GUEST SPEAKERS

Additionally, the organization invited various local officials as guest speakers at the monthly meetings. The guest speakers included officials from the city of New Braunfels, San Marcos, Kyle and Austin.



GROWING MEMBERSHIP

Moving forward, chapter hopes to continue officer elections, recruitment, service and professional networks. With recent approval, the chapter will be welcoming 70 new members from the Certified Public Manager Program.



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Chapter News

The ICMA Student Chapter at the University of Arkansas is excited to welcome Jennifer Park and Allison Fredi Hayes as new chapter officials. Jennifer is an MPA candidate and will serve as chapter President, while Fredi is an undergraduate Political Science and Communications major, and will serve as chapter Treasurer.



Student pose at the ICMA Annual Conference in Nashville

ICMA Annual Conference: Nashville!

The University of Arkansas student chapter kicked off the 2019-2020 school year by sending six students to the ICMA annual conference in Nashville in October. Students enjoyed attending breakout sessions and connecting with professionals in field.

New Student Recruitment

Recruitment for new student members ramped up in the Winter of 2020 as current member attended several Political Science, Urban Planning, and Public Administration classes to speak about the benefits of joining ICMA.

Partnerships with Local Professionals

The chapter has begun a series of speakers featuring local professionals, to learn more about working in local government. The first speaker was Jill Cornett, the Executive of Harry S. Truman Coordinating Council, which is a regional planning agency in Joplin Missouri. The second speaker was Keith Macedo, the IT director for the City of Fayetteville.



Jill Cornett speaks about regional planning to ICMA student chapter members

Looking Forward

The chapter has plans to continue partnering with local professionals who work in government. In addition, the chapter is excited to engage in more service projects for the 2020-2021 school year by partnering with Apple Seeds, a nonprofit dedicated to improving community nutrition.

Chapter Officials

President: Madison Kienzle
Faculty Advisor: Dr. Margaret Reid
Mentor: Phillip Patterson



Arizona State University ICMA Student Chapter

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LEADERSHIP TEAM

Thomas Prior, President

Karl Shaddock, Vice President

Stella Carr, External Program Coordinator

Logan Peiman, Internal Program Coordinator

Chapter News

This past year, the ASU-ICMA student chapter engaged members by hosting a variety of events, increasing recruitment efforts, and undertaking a complete rebranding effort.



With the support of the School of Public Affairs, an active network of alumni, and professionals in local government, the student chapter successfully provided opportunities for students to explore the profession of local government.

A few notable accomplishments from 2019/2020 include:

- Hosted six events with approximately 150 total participants
- Updated the ASU-ICMA Chapter Charter
- Created a new chapter logo and brand guidelines
- Developed an organization website to allow for better student engagement, seamless elections, and easier succession planning
- Expanded chapter social media presence to include Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram

The ASU-ICMA student chapter seeks to promote and advance the professional and ethical practices of City Management through providing inclusive opportunities for students to explore the profession of local government.

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Events

Fall Welcome Event | September 2019

- A networking event for students, alumni, local government practitioners and professors to learn more about the ICMA student chapter our upcoming fall ASU-ICMA events.

Downtown Mesa Immersion Excursion | October 2019

- Students received a behind-the-scenes tour of Downtown Mesa from the Manager of Downtown Transformation, explored the Arizona Museum of Natural History, and finished the day networking with Mesa Employees who are ASU MPA alumni.

MAG Event | October 2019

- Students attended a Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) meeting and engaged in a Q&A with a panel of five city/town managers. Attendees discussed career paths and policy issues effecting the region.

End of Semester Social | December 2019

- A networking event for students, alumni, local government practitioners and professors to celebrate graduating members and the end of the semester.

Spring Semester Kickoff Event | January 2020

- A networking event for students, alumni, local government practitioners and professors to learn more about the ICMA student chapter our upcoming spring ASU-ICMA events.

Realities vs Expectations Conference | February 2020

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Downtown Mesa Immersion Excursion



Downtown Mesa Immersion Excursion



MAG Event



End of Semester Social

Realities vs Expectations Conference February 2020

This year, ASU-ICMA hosted the first-ever statewide gathering of ICMA chapters. During a full-day conference designed by students for students, participants learned directly from government professionals about their experiences working in local government and what to expect once entering the field.



Through this event, students networked with professionals, learned about resume building, toured economic development sights in the City of Casa Grande, and heard from various early career professionals from all over our state. Participants included members of the Arizona State University and University of Arizona ICMA student chapters and local government professionals from nine different Arizona municipalities.

Members from ASU-ICMA and UA-ICMA were able to attend the event free of cost thanks to financial support from the statewide Arizona City/County Management Association and in-kind support from the host city, City of Casa Grande.

The event reached students from the UofA and ASU, as well as various local government professionals. In total 26 student members from ASU and UA were joined by 14 current local government leaders for a day of insights on how to enter the local government profession.



Conferences

ICMA National Conference | October 2019

- Three members of the ASU-ICMA Leadership Team attended the ICMA National Conference in Nashville, TN



Next Generation Leadership Conference | November 2019

- 17 ASU students attended the Next Generation Leadership Conference hosted by the Arizona City/County Management Association (ACMA) and the Alliance for Innovation in Tucson, AZ

ACMA Winter Conference | January 2020

- 12 students attended the Arizona City/County Management Association (ACMA) Winter Conference in Sedona, AZ

Recruitments

Members of the ASU-ICMA Leadership Team discuss the benefits and importance of being an active member of the student chapter.

- Fall 2019 MPA/MPP New Student Orientation
- Spring 2020 MPA/MPP New Student Orientation



ASU Students and Alumni at the ACMA Winter Conference



ICMA | student chapter *Texas A&M University*

2019 Texas City Managers Association Conference

In June of 2019, five students interested in city management at the Bush School attended the 2019 Texas City Managers Association (TCMA) Conference. While attending, they had the opportunity to learn about current and relevant topics in city management through the conference sessions, develop professional skills in the student competition, network with Texas professionals in the field, and receive one-on-one mentorship from local city managers. Attending this conference reaffirmed the students' interest in working in city management and led them to work with Dr. Greer in reestablishing the ICMA Chapter at the Bush School.

Rural Government in Todd Mission, TX

The Texas A&M ICMA Student Chapter visited city manager Neal Wendele in Todd Mission, Texas, to learn about rural governance in Texas and Todd Mission's unique relationship to the Texas Renaissance Fest. Neal, a former Bush School graduate, gave them a tour of city hall and the volunteer fire station, held a conversation with them about his journey from graduate student to city manager, described the challenges of being the city manager of such a small city, and answered the questions students from the chapter had about their own job searches.

Chapter News

The ICMA student chapter at Texas A&M was officially reestablished this academic year. As a reestablished organization the goal has been to develop a strong organization foundation by recruiting members and establishing relationships with local city/county officials.





2019 ICMA Annual Conference

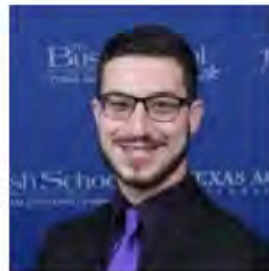
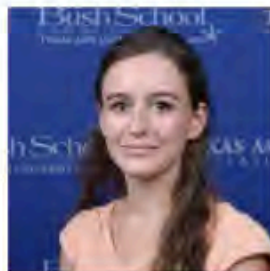
In October of 2019, two students from the Texas A&M ICMA Student Chapter attended the International City Managers Association (ICMA) Conference with Bush School professor Brian Nakamura, a retired city manager. There, they were able to learn more about city management and local government through the conference sessions, learn more about companies that work with local governments like Municode and Zencity, and to network with professionals and other students. With the help of Dr. Nakamura, they were also able to begin their job search for after graduation by meeting with local government recruiting firms and by meeting individuals whose cities have city management fellowship programs.

Looking Forward

The Texas A&M ICMA chapter is looking to continue to grow its chapter by recruiting more members and expanding its professional networks. The chapter will continue to advance public service knowledge, provide professional development opportunities for students, and promote involvement with the municipal government in Texas in the 2020 - 2021 year.

Chapter Officials

Co-President Abigail Garcia Co-President Kim Winarski Secretary Nick Partipilo Professional Development Chair Jimmy McKenzie



Chapter Advisor Dr. Robert Greer



Mentor in the Field Hugh Walker



Not pictured:
 Harrison Gregg, Events Chair
 John Thompson, Conference Chair
 Crayton Brubaker, Recruitment Chair
 & the rest of the dedicated Executive Board

University of Arizona

2019-2020 Annual Report

Chapter News

Our chapter is excited to wrap up another successful year! This year, our chapter focused heavily on collaboration and partnerships, as well as professional development. During the 2018-2019 academic year, we established a partnership with Tucson Young Professionals (TYP) and worked with them to co-host Ignite 520, a weekend-long conference for young professionals with a focus on leadership and community-building. We were happy to continue growing that partnership this year and worked with TYP to host ENGAGE and Ignite 520 (postponed from April to July). We also established a partnership with the City of Tucson this year. The City hosted students and allowed them to shadow directors for a day. They also made sponsorships available for the Arizona City/County Management Association 2020 Winter Conference.

Our members attended a total of five ICMA or ICMA affiliate conferences this year, including the ACMA Summer Conference, the 2019 ICMA National Conference, the ACMA Next Generation Conference, the ACMA Winter Conference, and the Southeast Regional Conference. These conferences provided valuable networking and professional development opportunities for our members, and we're very grateful to have been able to attend.

Finally, our first Keane and Valdez scholars are graduating. These fellowships were established in 2018, in coordination with the School of Government and Public Policy, the Arizona City/County Management Association, and the Towns of Marana, Oro Valley, and Sahuarita. These competitive fellowships are awarded once every other year to one incoming MPA student interested in pursuing a career in local government. The outgoing Keane and Valdez scholars served as officers on our ICMA Student Board, and also had the opportunity to work as management interns in the Towns of Marana and Oro Valley. Our chapter is looking forward to welcoming next year's scholar!



UA ICMA at the School of Government and Public Policy's 10-year anniversary Homecoming celebration



Who Are We? 2019-2020 Board

Chapter Mentor | Chris Cornelison,
Assistant Town Manager, Town of Oro Valley

Chapter Mentor | Heath Vescovi-Chiordi,
Assistant to the Town Manager, Town of Marana

Faculty Advisor | Mike Letcher, *Lecturer, School of Government and Public Policy*

President | Amanda Bruno

Vice President | Jeremy Thompson

Treasurer | Mackenzie Letcher

Communications Chair | Niya Tawachi

Undergraduate Chair | Angel Galindo

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University of Arizona

Chapter Highlights

2019 ICMA Annual Conference. Our chapter was represented in Nashville by four students, two alumni, and our faculty advisor. We placed second in last year's Best Chapter Event competition, so with funding from that and additional support from our department, we were grateful to have a great turnout in Nashville for last year's Annual Conference.

Collaboration with Arizona State University. For the first time in our chapters' histories, the University of Arizona ICMA Student Chapter and Arizona State University ICMA Student Chapter collaborated to host an event highlighting careers in local government.

Partnership with the City of Tucson. This year, our chapter was able to establish a relationship with the City of Tucson and work with them on several projects. We facilitated a shadowing program where interested students could spend a day shadowing a department head and learning about what it takes to be a director. The City also offered sponsorships for students to attend our state's city/county manager winter conference. We are looking forward to continuing to grow this partnership.



Chapter President, Amanda Bruno, introduces a speaker at the Southeast Regional Conference. Amanda was awarded a scholarship by ICMA to attend the Regional Conference and chose the Southeast Regional Conference in Durham, North Carolina in early March.



UA ICMA students, alumni, and faculty advisor attended the ICMA 2019 Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee.

A Look Ahead

As we wrap up the 2019-2020 academic year, we're saying good bye to our entire student board and will be welcoming in a new group of student leaders to continue our chapter's success. We're confident that we're leaving our incoming student board set up for success, and appreciate the support of our alumni and advisors in providing critical continuity between student boards. We're optimistic that what's to come will be even more exciting and even more successful than what's already been done!

This year, our faculty advisor assisted in the creation of a strategic plan for our chapter. As we close this year and look ahead to next, we will be using this plan to guide decision-making on future events and opportunities. The plan focuses on professional development, alumni connection and social media outreach, fiscal sustainability, community collaboration, and governance.

We are thankful to have had another fabulous year!

Left: Karl Shaddock, Vice President of Arizona State University's ICMA Student Chapter, facilitates a conversation on local government career trajectories at an event our chapter jointly hosted with ASU ICMA.

Right: A panel discussion on how to drive innovation in the Tucson region at ENGAGE, an event our chapter jointly hosted with Tucson Young Professionals.



In 2018, the School of Government and Public Policy (SGPP) at the University of Arizona, in coordination with the Arizona City/County Management Association (ACMA), rolled out its Keane and Valdez fellowships. These competitive fellowships are available to one student every other year. This year, SGPP's first Keane and Valdez Scholars will be graduating with their MPAs. Amanda Bruno, left, was the Valdez Scholar and Chapter President. Mackenzie Letcher, right, was the Keane Scholar and Chapter Treasurer. This photo was taken at the ACMA Summer Conference in July 2019.



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ICMA University of Colorado at Denver Annual Report **2019-2020**



Chapter News

Our chapter was able to host a few events in the fall leading up to an officer transition and the start of a very uncertain 2020. The student group spent the spring semester re-aligning the chapter's mission and transitioning into an online platform as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. One goal for the spring semester was to lay the groundwork for a mentorship program and host more networking events.

Highlights

1. In October the chapter was able to host Ricardo Gambetta, the Manager of the International and Immigrant Affairs with the City of Aurora. Ricardo discussed helpful information on the challenges he has faced and how the City of Aurora has embraced diversity and inclusion. Ricardo provided advice to future city manager's on how to implement plans to create a more diverse and inclusive workforce and as a result a more successful city.



Inclusion and Diversity with Ricardo Gambetta

2. Fortunately the annual CCMA conference, hosted in Glenwood Spring, took place only a few days earlier than i70 getting hit with blizzard conditions and an ICMA member was able to attend. This conference provided officers with great insight and alumni connections to start compiling a list of potential mentors for the student chapter. Unfortunately two officers were planning on attending the ICMA regional conference in Dallas, Texas but it was cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak.
3. A networking event was planned for April 23rd at the Tivoli tap room on campus located in the Student center. Several alumni and local government officials were invited in addition to our members but unfortunately all campus events were cancelled once the 'Stay at Home' orders went into place.



Look to the Future

Though the future is uncertain for so many students and organizations at this time, ICMA is planning on continuing meetings and events virtually. The chapter has a goal of increasing membership and creating regular networking events virtually.

Chapter Officials

Nicholas Carlson- President
Devin Clark- Vice President
Shauna - Treasurer

University of Texas at Austin Annual Report 2019-2020

Chapter News

This year marked the first full year of existence for the ICMA Student Chapter at the University of Texas at Austin. We accomplished several important milestones:

- Became an official student organization in the eyes of UT Austin.
- Held two large and well attended events with local government officials.
- Hosted a Texas City Management Association (TCMA) meeting at UT.
- Made a strong showing and the TCMA Conference forging new connections.

Intercollegiate Bowl at TCMA Annual Conference

June 2019



In June 2019, our student chapter participated in the Inaugural Intercollegiate Bowl at the annual conference of the Texas City Management Association (TCMA). The conference was held in Fort Worth, Texas and the competition included networking events, presentation of a previously completed research project on



Our team after completion of our service project at the Central Texas Food Bank.

homelessness as well as a previously completed service project.

Our research project on how cities and counties in Texas can address homelessness received particular attention from conference attendees, some of whom asked us to send our research to them after the conference. There was also a Jeopardy Competition which our team won. Everyone who participated had a wonderful time and gained great value meeting with professionals from the field.

#ELGLInspire Comes to UT focusing on Careers in Local Government

October 2019



In October, our chapter collaborated with Engaging Local Government Leaders (ELGL) to bring their Inspire program to our campus which aims to inspire students to pursue local government careers. Students heard

presentations from individuals with careers in Communications, Finance, City Management, Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Innovation, Fire and Police from nine different area municipalities.

All leaders were invited to give a short presentation and speak about their work. All students were invited to an informal meet and greet afterwards. This event served to broaden the idea of what it means to work in local government and for many students achieved that goal. One of our 2020-21 ICMA Co-Presidents, Alyssa Hedge, told us this event left an impact and influenced her turn towards local government.

Austin City Manager Visits Campus

February 2020



UT is fortunate to be located in Austin, Texas, the 11th largest city in the US. Utilizing our Alumni network we were able to arrange for the City Manager of Austin, Spencer Cronk, to come and speak to us in February. Cronk became the City Manager of Austin in February 2018 and spoke to us about his vision for the City. He shared his path through local government, skills that are important to hone for this work and his favorite thing about Austin – its authenticity and genuineness.

He advised all present to keep asking questions, keep experimenting and innovating and reminded us that there is no downside to reaching out to local officials to network and

learn about the work they do. We had a full house for this event comprised of students, a number of Alumni and University professors. It was a fantastic event and we are so grateful to Mr. Cronk for sharing his valuable time and insights with us.

A Look Forward

May 2020 and beyond

The upcoming school year will see a full transition in leadership for the ICMA Student Chapter at the University of Texas at Austin. Along with this new leadership comes many ideas about how to engage students in local government and grow the chapter. Some plans that are in the works include:

- A survey to graduate level students at the University of Texas to assess how best to serve the student body.
- The creation of a website that will act as a portal for information on local government events, careers and contacts in the area.
- Events in development include a discussion focused on diversity in city government leadership and a discussion on careers in management beyond being a “city manager”.
- Further developing partnerships with city managers’ offices to provide recruitment opportunities for graduating students.
- Partnering with our sister chapter, Texas A&M, as we both look to build our chapters presence on campus and with officials in our local governments.

ICMA Chapter Officials

2020-21

Co-President: Tatum Troutt
Co-President: Alyssa Hedge
Finance Chair: Caitlin Cassasa

2019-20

Co-President: Julie Crookston
Co-President: Zarin Ahmed
Finance Chair: Dashiell Daniels
Communications: Teresa Parlett

University of Kansas Annual Report (2019-2020)



Chapter News

Near the middle of the Spring 2020 semester, our KU chapter found out we were going to be matched with a sister chapter. We are so excited to start connecting with our match with the ICMA Student Chapter at the University of Science and Technology of Southern Philippines.

Highlights

The fall of 2019 our City and County Management Fellows from both the class of 2020 and 2021 were able to travel to the ICMA conference in Nashville, TN. They were all able to attend various keynote speakers, breakout sessions, and explore the city and all it had to offer.

Our City and County Management Fellows were able to connect with KU alumni at dinners and social hours. Additionally, our current students were able to have a dinner together to chat about their experiences, goals, and interests.



This photo is from the dinner held for the 2020 and 2021 cohort with their directors and advisors.

Highlight 3

For the 2019-2020 Academic year our class of 2021 met with their Practitioners in Residence around once a month. This year Don and Mandy Cawby filled this role; they have been a great lifeline and resource for the both the students in the 2021 cohort as well as other students over the years.

Looking Forward

While the 2020 Spring semester has certainly not unfolded as most of us likely thought, our KU Chapter has been making the most of it. Our students continue to have ZOOM calls to check-in on one another. Most of our students in our 2021 cohort are securing their 2nd year positions for the fellowship and our 2020 cohort is navigate career decisions.

We are looking forward to welcoming on new class of Fellows for 2022 (even if it's a virtual welcome). We are excited for them to find part-time internships and begin building relationships with one another. We hope that the status of world health will have improved by fall so we can all attend the ICMA Conference in Toronto together.

Chapter Officials

President: Sydney Bannister
Faculty Advisor: Cari Ann Kreienhop
Mentor: Hannes Zacharias

ICMA University Annual Report UT Dallas - 2020



Chapter News

The University of Texas at Dallas ICMA student chapter entered into its second semester in the spring of 2020. After a successful fall semester, the UTD ICMA chapter looked forward to a productive spring semester that was, unfortunately, cut short by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Highlight 3

The third major highlight was our third guest speaker Dr. Mike Castro, City Manager of Murphy, Texas. Dr. Castro spoke to our chapter about engineering applications in local government management.



Ted Benavides, former Dallas CM, speaks to students at the first official UTD ICMA meeting about council politics



Julie Couch, Town Manager of Fairview, speaks to students at the second official UTD ICMA meeting about planning applications

Highlight 1

The first major highlight of the UTD ICMA group was our first official meeting held on September 9, 2019. Ted Benavides, former City Manger of Dallas Texas and Associate Professor at UTD was our first guest speaker discussing political and legal considerations in local government management.

Highlight 2

The second major highlight was our second guest speaker, Julie Couch, Town Manager of Fairview Texas. Mrs. Couch spoke about planning and GIS applications in local government management.

Looking Forward

As a relatively new organization, we look forward to maintaining our chapter and helping PA students prepare for careers in local government and network with practicing city managers in our region and participating in and organizing community service projects.

Chapter Officials

President: Clay Mansell

Vice President: Jason Cutrone

Secretary: Rachel Pribble

Faculty Advisor: Dr. John McCaskill

San Francisco State University Annual Report 2019-2020

Student Chapter News

We have entered into the new decade and the ever-evolving event of global unity to fight the COVID-19 pandemic. The March 2020 shelter-in-place (SIP) order has changed the way we study, work, live, think, and communicate. Many Spring '20 SFSU ICMA student chapter planned events were discontinued. Under the organization's experienced leadership, four new board members have learned and contributed to the chapter in various capacities. In addition, we developed a closer relationship with the ICMA national chapter and explored alliances with other university chapters.

Facebook @ ICMASFSU

We have increased Facebook postings to share our journey of discovering professional development opportunities, ICMA webinars, scholarship opportunities, and other useful resources for our MPA students. Follow us and post your ideas!

ICMA Senior Adviser Mr. Kevin Duggan spoke to PA 740 Public Service Management class about benefits of ICMA membership and his co-authored e-book. You can also meet him at the annual ICMA conference in ten days!



Student Networking & Donation

We held our end-of-Fall '19 social on Dec 11th, 2019. A joint social with SFSU's student Honor Society, Pi Alpha Alpha (PAA), both welcomed the incoming MPA student cohort. The Spring end-of-semester social was cancelled due to SIP. SFSU ICMA donated the budget of the event to the St. Anthony Foundation, a San Francisco based non-profit.⁴³

Volunteer Event

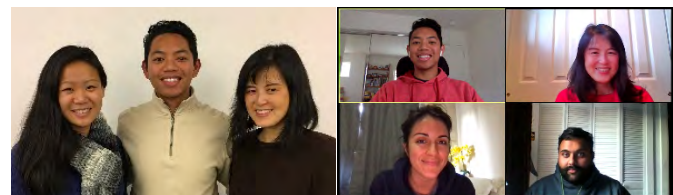
SFSU ICMA held their second volunteer event in December 2019 along with PAA. Together, we served nearly 3,000 warm meals to San Francisco community members in need at the St. Anthony Foundation's Dining Hall. Due to SIP, the Spring '20 volunteering event was postponed.



Education & Networking Event - ICMA Conferences

SFSU ICMA's VP, Carling Luk, embarked on a solo journey to Nashville, TN in October 2019, to join over 5,000 attendees at ICMA's 105th Annual Conference. Not only were valuable connections made, Carling also gained hours of education and training. Carling was awarded a scholarship to the 2020 ICMA Regional Conference with other ICMA student chapter members. The March 2020 conference was unfortunately cancelled due to the pandemic. Several members are looking forward to attending the 106th Annual Conference to be held in Toronto, Canada in September 2020.

FY 2019-20 Chapter Officials



President - Patrick Pacleb

Vice-President - Carling Luk

Treasurer - Jennifer Chong (Fall 2019);
Tarundeep Singh (Spring 2020)

Secretary - Stephanie Estrada (Spring 2020)

ICMA@USC Annual Report

(2019 – 2020)



Chapter News

ICMA@USC brought on an additional first year Board Member this year, ensuring that first year Master's students are engaged in the organization. We built relationships with other student organizations and had hoped to plan joint events. We hope to help set up the next board of ICMA@USC for success in adapting to the uncertainty around COVID-19.

Breaking into Local Government Panel

ICMA@USC hosted a panel of USC alumni and friends in local government from around Los Angeles County to provide their insights on a career in local government. The speakers provided a packed room with excellent advice on the best ways to use our graduate education to prepare ourselves for careers in local government. The event was on October 30, 2019.

Expanding the Board

ICMA@USC welcomed two first-year Board Members this fall on September 10, 2019! Both new board members brought a passion for local government and enthusiasm for ICMA@USC that improved our work moving forward.

Ice Cream Social to Introduce ICMA@USC

On September 17, 2019, ICMA@USC hosted a welcome back to school ice cream social to introduce the incoming class to ICMA@USC. Many students stopped by to enjoy the ice cream and share their passion for local government. The event provided a venue for students to introduce themselves to the organization and learn more about our other planned events.



LOOKING FORWARD

Most of the current Board is graduating in May 2020, so our focus is on ensuring a smooth transition and preparing the new board for their role, including meeting University requirements. Due to USC funding restrictions, we cannot start the funding process for events until late summer.

We are optimistic that the new ICMA board will be able to provide excellent programming to students and plan ahead for the possible impacts of COVID-19 on the fall semester.

CHAPTER OFFICIALS

Co-Manager: Amy Chong

Co-Manager: Elizabeth Marsolais

Director of Communications: Sarah Fisher

Director of Development: Nathan Kieu

Director of Finance: Emily Hansen

Board Member: Minhaal Memon

Board Member: Laura Traffenstedt

Mentor: Mark Alexander, City Manager of La Cañada Flintridge

Faculty/Staff Advisor: Dominic Alletto, USC



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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*MEMBER RESILIENCE PAVES WAY FOR
CHAPTER'S FUTURE SUCCESS*

As my tenure as President comes to an end I am reminded of the resilience of my peers and the dedication of Pepperdine's ICMA members.

Like so many other chapters our members had their semesters cut short. Many of our graduating members had to grieve the loss of their final moments as graduate students, while many others had to figure out where they could relocate.

However, through this uncertainty, the dedication of our members shined a beacon of hope towards the future. Not only did we adapt to online meetings, we were able to start laying the framework for programming and recruitment for the fall.

I can't be more proud of our chapter and can't wait to see what the future holds.

- Marina Sangit



Pictured: Marina Sangit (President '19-'20), Joseph Chidiac (President '18-'19)



CHAPTER NEWS

The Pepperdine ICMA Student Chapter, like many other Pepperdine School of Public Policy student organizations, are challenged by a high turn over rate and short transition periods. Our goals for the 2019-2020 year focused primarily on mitigating these challenges through sustainable chapter growth and development. One of the primary ways we accomplished this is by creating a central "Pepperdine ICMA email" to transfer information to the future President and advisor. The email is hugely beneficial as it also serves as an electronic way to archive documents, contacts, and conversations. In addition, we heavily focused on recruiting dedicated members and leaders in an attempt to lessen the impacts of high turn over rates. We did so by creating a marketing strategy and prioritizing collaborative events. We have established a chapter Instagram and have a comprehensive marketing strategy.

On top of improving the internal operations of the chapter itself we have expanded our chapter network. We have made warm connections with Heal the Bay, the city of Malibu, UCLA as well as connections within the our own university. We made our external connections by inviting them as experts to one of our programs.



CHAPTER NEWS IN BITES

Growth & Sustainable Development

Marketing

- Instagram: PepperdineICMA
- Canva Account
- Partnership with Program Offices & Assistant Director of Events
- Custom made stickers and t-shirts

General Meetings

- General Meeting #1
- General Meeting #2
- General Meeting #3
- General Meeting #4

Collaborative Events

- The Local Government Career You Never Thought Of
- A Panel Discussion: Women Leading Change in Local and Regional Environmental Policy

Events

- County and Local Internship Panel

Operational Improvements

- Running Internal Documents (Budget, Events List, Contact List, ICMA Transitional Binder)
- Official Pepperdine Email: PeppSPICMA@pepperdine.edu

Ongoing Executive Board Meetings

- Weekly Meetings

Newly Elected President and Vice President

- Hosted three transitional meetings with President and newly elected executive board

Areas of Interest

- Leadership Development
- Environment & Sustainability Policy
- Social Policy
- Networking Skills & Professional Development



THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CAREER YOU NEVER THOUGHT OF

SEPTEMBER 24, 2019

The "Local Government Career You Never Thought Of with Jeffrey Prang," was a collaborative event between the ICMA Student Chapter and the Davenport Institute. Assessor Jeffrey Prang gave an overview of the role of an Assessor, shared some of the common misconceptions that the public has about an Assessor's job, and left time to answer questions about the reforms his office has been making.

Pepperdine's ICMA student chapter found this event to be successful for two reasons:

- 1) Collaboration with Davenport Institute
- 2) Exclusive Professional Opportunities for ICMA Members

First, the Davenport Institute works with local governments, non-profit organizations, and residents to both promote and support constructive and broad-based civic involvement in decisions that affect people where they live and work. The ICMA student chapter benefits exclusively from the Davenport Institute's work because they are our internal partner organization. In effect, we are the first to be asked to collaborate where it makes sense and get extra administrative and professional support.

Second, after the event ICMA members were invited to a private professional lunch meeting with Jeffrey Prang and his Chief of Staff. This was an extraordinary opportunity to gain insider information and to network.



COUNTY AND LOCAL INTERNSHIP PANEL

NOVEMBER 14, 2019

One of the most valuable experiences a public policy student can have is an internship. ICMA wanted to help students have an excellent experience by hosting a panel where they could learn from second year students. The panel covered what second year students wished they'd known about fostering connections, securing the internship (application process, interviews, using your network) and tips & tricks to standing out during your internship.

ICMA thought carefully about how to develop a program that was practical for a range of students (first year students, part time students, joint degree students) who may have not yet fulfilled their internship requirement in addition to keeping the panel in line with ICMA's mission and values. To meet these criteria the panel was designed to include second year students who

had internships on either the local or county level.

This event was done in partnership with the Program Office and Assistant Director of Events. ICMA made use of physical flyers, email blasts, and social media marketing. Attendance exceeded expectations and more seats had to be brought in.

The most valuable lesson learned from this experience was that incentivizing programming works (food or program credit) and to allow ourselves ample time to set up and take down. Additionally, having professional photography elevates the program experience for archival reasons.

COUNTY & LOCAL INTERNSHIP PANEL PHOTOS



Second year Danielle Harrington is the Vice President of SPP's Women in Public Policy student organization and one of our esteemed panelist. She specialized in State and Local Policy and is really interested housing policies. In the summer of 2019 she was a Policy Intern for the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors, Third District and was a guest panelist.

She is the second panelist from the left.



Joseph Urdiariac is a second year student specializing in State and Local Policy. Joseph was the previous ICMA President and has worked for local government for a number of years now. He was invited to speak for his number of professional and internship experiences at the city and county level.

He is the first panelist from the right.



Second year Brandon Burns is a double specialization in State and Local Policy and American Policy and Politics. He is an active community member in the city of Oxnard and is deeply invested in doing right by his city. He was a featured panelist for the work he did the summer of 2019 as a Public Policy Intern with Oxnard Mayor Pro Tem, Carmen Ramirez Esq.

He is the first panelist from the left.

COUNTY & LOCAL INTERNSHIP PANEL PHOTOS



Marina is the President of ICMA and joined this event as a panelist. She is specialized in State and Local Policy and is particularly interested in helping survivors of domestic violence and incarcerated youth. In summer 2019 she interned for LA County Board Supervisor Kuehl focusing on Environment and Art Policy.

She is the second panelist from the right.



Leader



Leader

Shea Cunningham
*Environmental Programs
Coordinator for Malibu City*

Pioneer



Pioneer

Madelyn Glickfeld
*Director of Partnerships and Staff
Director of the UCLA Water
Resources Group*

Advocate



Advocate

Emily Parker
*Coastal and Marine Scientist for
Heal the Bay*

A PANEL DISCUSSION: WOMEN LEADING CHANGE IN REGIONAL AND LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

MARCH 19, 2020

This panel discussion required the most labor and careful planning to execute. In order to maximize student attendance from a small pool of students ICMA wanted to collaborate with as many student organizations as possible, within reason. Knowing that this particular graduate cohort and the undergraduates at Pepperdine were interested in environmental issues the ICMA chapter decided that it would be strategic to have the policy issue area focused on the environment. This allowed us to invite the student chapter of the Association of Environmental Professionals to the table. In addition, we wanted the panelists to represent women in the field as women are still underrepresented in policy. The inclusion of this criteria enabled ICMA to invite Women in Public Policy as an additional student org collaborator. Having 3 student orgs ensured that instead of

competing for students all orgs could share their members for attendance.

Finally, in order to preserve our budgets we wanted to elevate this program by asking the Dean's Office to be a collaborative partner. As ICMA was the leading organization we were charged with writing the proposal and managing all parties involved including students orgs and panelists. It is with great pride that we our program proposal was approved.

While we were not able to have it as planned due to COVID19, it has been suspended and pushed for Fall Semester. We still consider this successful because we are the first student org in our program to unite this many orgs and the Dean's office around one event. We also gained new connections through our panelists, listed above.

PANEL DISCUSSION MARKETING

A Panel Discussion:
*Women Leading
Regional & Local Change
in Environmental Policy*



1PD Point
March 19 | 11:30 - 1:30
Executive Dining Room
Pepperdine University Drescher Campus

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PROFESSIONALS



**WOMEN IN
PUBLIC POLICY**



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HOPE IN THE FACE OF
UNCERTAINTY

LOOKING FORWARD



As our chapter moves forward, I am confident in our newly elected board. They are both dedicated leaders, ambitious, and work well with others. I am certain that they will continue to carry on the legacy the previous board has left behind.

We are heading into a period of great uncertainty, anxiety, and fear. Our school remains vigilant, waiting for updates from public health officials so that they can adapt their own plans. I see this reflected in my own graduate program. We are all waiting.

However, amidst the great unknown that is before us I have seen our chapter and our colleagues fighting for small victories.

We have suspended our panel discussion until the Fall and the new executive board is kicking into high gear how to best recruit students during New Student Orientation.

They plan to take the foundation that was built for them and become that much more involved with other ICMA student chapters and the ICMA national chapter as a whole.

The new executive board has also expressed that they would like to try to raise funds to send our chapter to an official ICMA conference.

We have not yet discussed other programming, but I know that online courses may be a change that the chapter will have to adapt to.

The new executive board already plans on how to incentivize attendance and use the integrated marketing strategy to continue to give students a true ICMA experience.

We are not tied down by uncertainty, because we are driven by hope and grounded in resilience.



Chapter Officials

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PRESIDENT

Marina Sangit

MPP '20 Candidate, Marina Sangit, was a member of ICMA throughout the entirety of her program. She double specialized in State and Local Policy and American Policy and Politics. Sangit tailored her educational experience to prepare her for serving in local government in order to make systemic changes that will help protect vulnerable child populations. She is specifically interested in uplifting and protecting children impacted by domestic violence, justice impacted youth, and survivors of sexual violence.



FACULTY ADVISOR

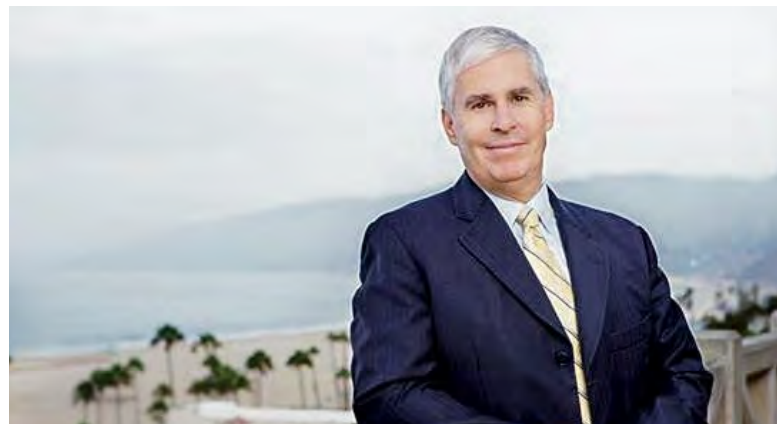
Ashley Labosier

Ashley Labosier (MPP'09) is the executive director of the Davenport Institute for Public Engagement and Civic Leadership. In her current position, Labosier writes and speaks about public engagement and transparency issues for local and online news organizations, Davenport Institute trainings, and national conferences. Ashley spearheads Davenport Institute collaborative partnerships with various organizations committed to improving engagement between citizens and government, and oversees Davenport Institute trainings and programs.

MENTOR

Rod Gould

Rod Gould is the city manager of Santa Monica, who serves as a professional mentor for the chapter, and on-campus speaking engagements with those who have careers in local government. He brings years of public service and government experience to the student ICMA chapter at Pepperdine and serves as a role model for members.



International City/County Management Association

North South University Student Chapter

Bangladesh



Annual Year Report 2019

Chapter News

It has been an eventful academic year at North South University and the ICMA Student Chapter has been busy collaborating with South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance hosting major activities such as The NASPAA Batten Simulation Competition on 23rd of February, 2019, The International Conference on Rohingya Crisis: Challenges and Sustainable Solutions from 27th-28th of July, 2019, and The Regional Seminar on GMO Crops on 27th October 2019. We also collaborated with the Career and Placement Center (CPC) to host the National Career Fair on 29th-30th of November 2020. Over the three recruitment events in 2019, the NSU Student Chapter has added 125 new members. As a result, our chapter now has a total of 250 members. The chapter has also gone through a major paradigm shift as a new executive committee has ascended the chapter's throne, and our new President Hoshain Mahmud Bonny, and Vice-President Tahmidur Rahman have set a road map towards an eventful 2020. We have also reached out to the other student chapters in South Asia to collaborate in upcoming events. It's truly an exciting time to be a part of ICMA NSU Student Chapter.

What we've done so far....

YUNNAN UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PROJECT

We conducted primary research for a team of researchers from Yunnan University, China. Our key takeaways were learning how to work and conduct with international delegations and learning how to create questionnaires and conduct a survey. On 16th February, 2019, the efforts of our participating members were recognized by the Chairman of the Department of Political Science and Sociology, Professor Sk. Tawfique M. Haque, as he distributed the certificates of excellence awarded by Yunnan University as recognition for their efforts to the participating members of the project.



Picture: Team of Researchers from Yunnan University, China and ICMA NSU

NASPAA BATTEN COMPETITION

Our chapter provided support to the South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG) of North South University in hosting the competition on 23rd of February, 2019. We observed and learned how to host an international competition and deal with logistical issues on the fly. The event has prepared us with the necessary knowledge required to host a competition of such importance. A total of 40 graduate students from India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Sri Lanka took part in this competition site in Bangladesh among 12 other sites around the world.



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ROHINGYA CRISIS

We organized this International Conference Solutions from 27th- 28th of July, 2019, with the Department of Political Science and Sociology & South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG). Aside from acquiring the vast experience of organizing an international conference, we also learned how to tackle problems on the fly without interrupting the flow of the event, and how to deal with high profile guests like ministers and key international political figures. This was the first time our chapter had been in charge of providing student support for an event of this magnitude solo. There were unforeseen challenges during this event that gave us a run for our money. The experience was excruciating and tiring but in the end, it was all worth it. We learned to improvise, and handle the issues that came without warning. For instance, as the UNDP representative presented her findings on mental health during one of the sessions, the wire on the personal computer came off and the presentation on the projector was gone. You can't prepare for something like that when the IT department is in the other building. The session in-charge and the rapporteur of the session had a hard copy of the presentation for the presenter and the in-charge got the computer running while the presentation was going on. There were thousands of such learning experiences from the conference for all of our members. Our members also got to interact with the distinguished guests like Tan Sri Syed Hamid Albar, Honorable Former Minister for the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Home Affairs, Minister for Defense, and Minister for Justice, The Government of Malaysia, and H. E. Dr. A. K. Abdul Momen, M.P., Honorable Foreign Minister, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh.



Picture: ICMA NSU Student Chapter members at international conference on rohingya crisis

REGIONAL SEMINAR ON GMO CROPS

Another event we collaborated on with South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG) of North South University. The seminar on “**GMO crops: Policy and Practices in South Asia**” was conducted on 27th October 2019, where the keynote speaker was Nobel Laureate **Sir Richard John Roberts**, accompanied by the Chief Guest Honorable Minister for Agriculture **Dr. Muhammad Abdur Razzaque**, Member of Parliament, Government of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh and the Guest of Honor, **Dr. Md Kabir Ikramul Haque**, Executive Chair, Bangladesh Agriculture Research Council (BARC). **Professor Atiqul Islam**, Vice-Chancellor, North South University chaired the session accompanied by **Mr. Benajir Ahmed**, Chair, Board of Trustees, North South University, **Professor Sk. Tawfique M. Haque**, Director, South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG) of North South University. This star studded seminar was the perfect opportunity to learn how to communicate and network with people of such significance and gather knowledge from their experiences.



Picture: Nobel Laureate Sir Richard John Roberts and ICMA NSU Student Chapter members

LANGUAGE FEST

The event was organized by the Department of English & Modern Languages (DEML) held on 18th and 19th October, 2019 at North South University (NSU). We collaborate with the Public Relations (PR) Office to provide student support during the media coverage of the event when the main event commenced and the key figures and guests arrived.

NATIONAL CAREER FAIR

The event was organized by the Career and Placement Center (CPC) held from 29-30 November, 2019 at North South University (NSU). Our chapter provided student support by providing assistance to employers who came to the fair to recruit students for jobs openings and available internships. We're particularly proud of our members for being solely in charge of providing student support to The City Bank Limited.

LOOKING FORWARD...

These events have either been proposed to senior administrative authorities of North South University and are pending approval or are under discussion and development under the supervision of the faculty advisor. We are also having another recruitment season in Spring 2020 to add more future members to our chapter.

CITY TALK 1.0

We will host our first solo event: City Talk 1.0. It is a seminar where we will bring in key political figures and a panel of experts who'll address a contemporary issue in the field of city management. This year we are addressing the issue of road safety and traffic management in cities. Our plan for this seminar is to be a recurring event every semester where we will address the many different issues of Dhaka City through live interaction between audience and guests and through critical discussion and constructive criticisms evaluate proposed plans to tackle those problems.

NATIONAL CITY MANAGEMENT COMPETITION

Our proposed flagship event, the National City Management Competition will be a platform where students from universities around Bangladesh will be able to showcase their ideas, innovations, inventions and solutions to tackle the problems we face today in cities across Bangladesh. We also have plans to collaborate with other interested university chapters to make this a regional or global competition.

SMART CITY EXPO

Originally proposed as an international event, the Smart City Expo organized by North South University in collaboration with International City/County Management Association, would be open to the general public. This event would be a platform where investors and innovators from both private and public sectors would meet and discuss their products and solutions to today's problems in Dhaka City. We're still in the development stage of this event.

CITYSCAPE (PUBLICATION)

It is going to be our proposed student led research and photo magazine publication and will have two parts. In the spring semester, we plan to release the Call for Paper for student researchers across Bangladesh to submit their research papers for the publication. In the summer semester, we select the best papers from those submissions and create a magazine for publication. In addition to that, we will release a Call for Photos to students who want to submit their photos to be showcased in an Exhibition. The best photos selected will be showcased in the exhibition and the printed magazine. This activity is under development and we are awaiting the approval of the Faculty Advisor.

CUTE: CLEAN UP THE ENVIRONMENT (CALL FOR ACTION)

This is our first Call for Action community event in Bashundhara. We are in discussion with other members of the chapter on how to execute the event and involve consenting individuals from the chapter and the university.

Chapter Officials

President: Hoshain Mahmud Bonny

Faculty Advisor: Md. Saidur Rahman

Mentor: Md. Saidur Rahman



student chapter

Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

Pandit Deendayal Petroleum University, Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India – 382007

A) About: The **PDPU ICMA Student chapter** was established in February, 2019 with a view to integrate the students of PDPU into local administration and governance. The chapter envisioned the growth of youth participation in public service delivery through leadership, event management and networking. Further, members of the ICMA chapter at **Suffolk University, Boston, MA** (namely **Yash Patel** and **Joshua Weismann LaFrance**) assisted us in instituting the PDPU chapter.

B) Vision and Mission: As individuals (especially in the age group of 16-21), all of us have certain aspirations and strive towards creating tangible changes in society. However, due to ubiquity of certain reinforcements, we initially tend to look at the big picture (i.e. Positions of power like the Prime Minister, President etc.). In an attempt to pursue such large scale changes, most young people lose their way and the efficacy of their activities is often compromised. . This further obscures the imminent opportunities which help us employ a bottom-up approach in manifesting change.

As a society, a more inclusive approach needs to be adopted that involves all stakeholders (from top to bottom regardless of stature). To bring about a change, one needs to start from the self and then move about. Starting from the self (in public administration) could include involvement with ICMA's activities. **The PDPU ICMA chapter primarily aims to offer this:** An open inclusive working environment where members strive to create interventions with policy makers that are sustained changes, rather than transient measures.

C) Constitution and Members: The Constitution of PDPU ICMA was adapted from the Suffolk University Chapter in Boston. The first cabinet of the chapter consisted of 7 members, namely:

- a) Anurag Velury (President)
- b) Tanay Katiyar (Vice President)

- c) Dhrashti Sanghvi (Treasurer)
- d) Utkarsh Singh (Secretary)
- e) Abhijeet Sharma (Executive Advisor)
- f) Yashvi Shah (Publicity and Media Head)
- g) Kshitij Shah (Graphic Designer)

Since all of the members are seniors and graduate this fall, new members have been selected (via registration of interest in an ICMA event) to lead the chapter's day to day activities. These members are

1. Sangatsinh Umat
2. Rishabh Desai
3. Shivang Uniyal
4. Dhrumil Shah

The chapter plans to expand its reach through decentralising of authority. This shall be done by the creation of a core committee that will directly report to the cabinet. The upcoming activities in the new term will also witness the participation of sub-committees to conduct and manage events effectively and efficiently.

D) Summary of Events conducted in 2019

PDPU ICMA conducted and held three events during their first term including a national workshop. The events conducted are as follows:

1) National Workshop on Urban Governance and Smart Cities in India (24th – 25th April, 2019)

PDPU ICMA collaborated with the School of Liberal Studies, PDPU, Gandhinagar and the Regional Centre of Urban & Environment Studies, Govt. of India for their first event. The event aimed to inculcate young individuals into the sphere of India's urbanization with respect to urban affairs, urban space & environment, economic development and gender sensitisation. This was done in correspondence with the Smart cities mission initiated by the Government of India. A total of 180 students attended the workshop which was divided into lecture sessions by professionals on Day 1 and student activities on Day 2. Experts such as **Professor Y. Pardhasaaradhi, C. K. Koshy, Dr. Shivanand Swamy** and **Mr. Neeraj Tyagi** deliberated on issues pertaining to urban development and smart cities on Day 1. The student activities on Day 2 were designed for fostering critical thinking amongst the students. Poster presentations were put forth by student groups to posit their ideal model for smart cities. Some students also performed a street play to portray the sociological issues around Smart City development.

2) Interactive session with Mr. Anish Shrestha, Youth For Environment Education and Development (YFEED), Nepal. (6th December, 2019)

With a move taken towards global partnership, this event was held to show students various methods via which youth participation could impact environmental conservation and development. The Executive Director of the organisation YFEED, also cordially invited the audience to participate in activities done by them, thereby emphasizing on international cooperation between the two nations to achieve sustainable development goals as directed by the United Nations. The students were also delighted to learn that Mr. Anish Shrestha welcomed the students for internships abroad.

3) Interact with ICMA (21st October, 2019)

Interact with ICMA was a semi-formal event meant for helping potential entrants understand the purpose of the PDPU ICMA student chapter and how it facilitates professional development. Although a national workshop was held, the chapter felt that there was a need to address the vision, purpose, goals and benefits of joining the chapter to help other students gain the prospects of ICMA's global network.

This event helped the chapter in streamlining its long term vision for the organisation. The turnout for the same was modest, but the message of small, sustained and incremental change struck a chord with the prospective members. People who subsequently joined the chapter have been listed in Part C) of this document.