

Message from Dean Walker



I'm very pleased to report that John O'Kane has joined our Nonprofit Studies program this semester as a half-time professor of practice. John, who recently retired from his position as senior VP and campaign director at Coxe Curry, has taught in our Department of Public Management and Policy for more than 20 years as an adjunct faculty member. He will continue to teach and has expanded his role to include working to develop paid internships with nonprofit organizations for our students and to strengthen our outreach efforts with the nonprofit community.

I'd also like to thank Professor Dennis Young for the wonderful contributions he has made to our school during the time he led our Nonprofit Studies Program. Under Dennis's guidance and due to his hard work, we earned a new ranking— No. 12 for Nonprofit Management – in *U.S. News & World Report*, and we became home to the popular new journal he founded and edits, *Nonprofit Management & Leadership*. Dennis helped us forge stronger connections with the area's nonprofit community through ELPNO and other training programs he helped guide. With his insight and deep knowledge of the field, he propelled Nonprofit Studies to become one of the highest drawing concentrations in our M.P.A. program. We thank Dennis for his service to our school and will look forward to following his continued research and teaching with us.

Awards & Honors



Paula Stephan, professor (Economics), was recently elected as a Member-at-Large of the Section on Social, Economic & Political Sciences of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). Her four-year term begins on February 18, 2014. AAAS is the world's largest general scientific society, and publisher of the journal *Science*, for which Stephan serves on the Board of Reviewing Editors.

PMAP Chair and Graduate Student to be Honored at 2014 ASPA Conference



Greg Lewis, chair and professor (Public Management and Policy) has been selected to receive the Charles H. Levine Memorial Award for Excellence in Public Administration by the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA). Lewis will receive his award during ASPA's 2014 Annual Conference in March.

Kelechi N. Uzochukwu, Ph.D. student (Public Management and Policy), was selected the 2014 recipient of the Walter W. Mode Scholarship from the ASPA. The \$1,500 scholarship, named in honor of ASPA's 30th national president, is given each year to a public administration graduate student/ASPA member who demonstrates a commitment to a career in public service.

Publications



David L. Sjoquist, Dan E. Sweat Distinguished Chair in Educational and Community Policy and professor (Economics); James Alm (Tulane University) & **Robert D. Buschman**, senior research associate (Fiscal Research Center). (2014). "How Do Foreclosures Affect Property Values and Property Taxes?" *Land Lines*, Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. <http://goo.gl/hYhyxn>.

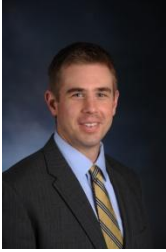
David L. Sjoquist. (2013, October). Book Review: Review of the book *Taxes in America: What Everyone Needs to Know*, by Leonard E. Burman and Joel Slemrod. (2nd ed., vol. 35, pp. 143-146). *Journal of the American Taxation Association*, 35, 143-46.

Sjoquist also has articles forthcoming with the following co-authors:



- **Robert D. Buschman** (Fiscal Research Center) and James Alm (Tulane University). "Foreclosures and Local Government Revenues from the Property Tax: The Case of Georgia School Districts." *Regional Science and Urban Economics*.

- **John Winters** (Ph.D. Economics '09 and now at Oklahoma State University). "The Effect of State Merit-based Financial Aid on the Choice of College Major." *Journal of Labor Economics*.
- **Spencer Brien** (Ph.D. Public Finance and Budgeting '11 and now at Arizona State University). "Do State-Funded Property Tax Exemptions Actually Provide Property Tax Relief?" *Public Finance Review*.



Charles Courtemanche, assistant professor (Economics) published articles with the following co-authors:

- Art Carden (Samford University). “Competing with Costco and Sam's Club: Warehouse Club Entry and Grocery Prices.” *Southern Economic Journal*, 80(3): 565-585. <http://goo.gl/HwjIvG>.
- Daniela Zapata (IMPAQ International). “Does Universal Coverage Improve Health? The Massachusetts Experience.” *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 33(1): 36-69. <http://goo.gl/CTqOIP>.



Paul Ferraro, professor (Economics). (2014). “The Road to Sustainability: More Nudging, Less Shoving.” *Science for Nature and People (SNAP) Magazine*. <http://goo.gl/xyz0VR>.

Ferraro also has several articles forthcoming with the following co-authors:

- **Merlin Hanauer** (Ph.D. Economics '11 and now with Sonoma State University). “How Protected Areas Affect Poverty Through Changes in Ecosystem Services and Infrastructure Development: Quantifying Causal Mechanisms.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.
- **Juan Jose Miranda** (Ph.D. Economics '12 and now with the World Bank). “The Performance of Non-experimental Designs in the Evaluation of Environmental Policy: A Design-replication Study Using a Large-scale Randomized Experiment as a Benchmark.” *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*.
- A. Balmford (Cambridge), Brendan Fisher, Louise Glew, Michael Mascia, Robin Naidoo (all four with World Wildlife Fund), and Taylor Ricketts (University of Vermont). “The Rio+30 Challenge: Avoiding Ten More Years With Little Evidence For Effective Conservation Policy.” *Conservation Biology*.

Fiscal Research Center Reports/Briefs

The report, “Georgia Tax Expenditure Report for FY2014,” produced by the Fiscal Research Center is now available online. Funded by the Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts, this annual report estimates the reductions in state revenue caused by a variety of tax deductions, exemptions and credits. <http://goo.gl/dJGVE8>.

The Fiscal Research Center has released a report that finds the proposed City of Tucker financially feasible. The report, “Feasibility Study for the Proposed City of Tucker,” provides a detailed analysis of the expected revenue and expenses of the proposed city. <http://goo.gl/Smwv5c>.



Carolyn Bordeaux, associate professor (Public Management and Policy) and associate director (Fiscal Research Center); **Robert Buschman**, senior research associate (Fiscal Research Center); and **Richard Hawkins**, principal associate (Fiscal Research Center and also at the University of West Florida), provide a quick overview of all state and local taxes in Georgia in the 20th edition handbook, "Georgia's Taxes: A Summary of Major State and Local Government Taxes."

<http://goo.gl/SPgEFA>.

Presentations

Paul Ferraro, professor (Economics), presented "Can Panel Data Designs and Estimators as Substitutes for Randomized Controlled Trials in the Evaluation of Environmental Programs?" at Purdue University on November 14, 2013. Ferraro also gave the keynote presentation titled "Beyond average effects: heterogeneity and causal mechanisms" at the international conference, *Evaluating Forest Conservation Initiatives: New Tools and Policy Needs*, at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain, December 11, 2013. He also co-taught a workshop with Jay Shogren (University of Wyoming) at the National Center for Environmental Economics at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Washington, D.C. on December 5, 2013. The workshop was titled, "Behavioral-Environmental Economics: Implications for Program Design and Benefit-Cost Analysis."

Faculty and doctoral students from the Andrew Young School participated as panelists and discussants for a workshop titled, "Innovation, Human Capital and Public Policy," at the Andrew Young School on January 17, 2014. Participants were **Urmimala Sen**, Ph.D. student (Economics); **Mark Rider**, associate professor (Economics); **Musharraf R. Cyan**, limited term faculty (Economics); **Felix Rioja**, associate professor (Economics); **Elizabeth Gooch**, Ph.D. student (Economics); and Andy Wederman, professor (Political Science). The workshop was organized by the Andrew Young School's Department of Economics and International Center for Public Policy and the Robinson College of Business' Institute of International Business.

Media Hits



Sally Wallace, professor and chair (Economics), was interviewed by *Inside Tax Magazine*, Jakarta, Indonesia (December 2013) regarding the prospect for revenue mobilization in developing countries.



Nadia Borissova, assistant director of the [Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange](#) (GILEE), was recognized by Georgia State's IS&T department for apprising them of a new app, the [Zamurai Mobile Whiteboard](#), which functions as an infinite-sized whiteboard which can be captured for later use by turning a simple presentation into an engaging discussion. More information can be found at <http://goo.gl/R3XNP5>.



Eunice Heredia-Ortiz, (Ph.D., Economics '06 and now fiscal economist and senior development specialist for Development Alternatives, Inc. in Washington, D.C.), co-authored an article with Carmen Buero Lane in *The Guardian*, titled "Peace on the horizon in Colombia? Colombia's peace process and its support for decentralised governance can, and should, go hand in hand." <http://goo.gl/3sdWFm>.

Congratulations!

After 20 years together, **Greg Lewis** and Gene Taylor were married in a civil ceremony in Washington, D.C., on January 24.



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