

## Message from Dean Walker



Once again, let's celebrate the successful outcomes of two external review teams' recent evaluations of all PMAP programs for 1) an academic program review (APR) and 2) to assess the MPA program for re-accreditation. Possibly my favorite line was that our "national ranking is trailing its level of achievement," even though U.S. News ranks the **Andrew Young School of Policy Studies** No. 23 among the nation's 260-plus graduate schools in public affairs.

The APR team noted our "very strong degree programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels ... and overachieving Ph.D. program," for the quality of instruction and internship experiences. "The track record of Ph.D. placements suggests a doctoral program producing well-trained scholars at a top five level nationally," it reported.

And after its review, the chair of the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA) review team requested permission to share the AYSPS's assessment of student competencies and its diversity plan at his college, writing "They really are models to emulate." Congratulations to Chair Greg Lewis and our PMAP faculty, staff and students on a job well done!

## Publications



**Dennis Young**, professor (Public Management and Policy). (Ed.) (2015). *Nonprofit Policy Forum*. Berlin, Boston: De Gruyter.  
<http://www.degruyter.com/view/j/npf>



**Leah Diagle**, associate professor (Criminal Justice and Criminology), & Lisa R. Muftic (Sam Houston University). (2015). *Victimology*. Thousand Oaks, Calif.: Sage Publications, forthcoming.



**Michael B. Shapiro**, clinical instructor and Alpharetta Center coordinator (Criminal Justice and Criminology). (2015). Mistakes, Reasonable Mistakes and Unforgiveable Mistakes. *The Police Chief*, forthcoming.

## Presentations



**Karen Minyard**, director (Georgia Health Policy Center) and associate research professor (Public Management and Policy) and Georgia Rep. Sharon Cooper presented “How Modeling Can Inform Strategies to Improve Population Health” at the [Institute of Medicine's \(IOM\) Roundtable on Population Health](#) on April 9, 2015, in Washington, D.C.

## News from the Georgia Health Policy Center

The Georgia Health Policy Center celebrated the American Public Health Association's [National Public Health Week](#)'s (April 6-10, 2015) theme, Healthiest Nation by 2020, by sharing its [new maternal and child health module](#) of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) planning tool. [Read more](#) and [register today](#) to use the free, online resource.

## Events

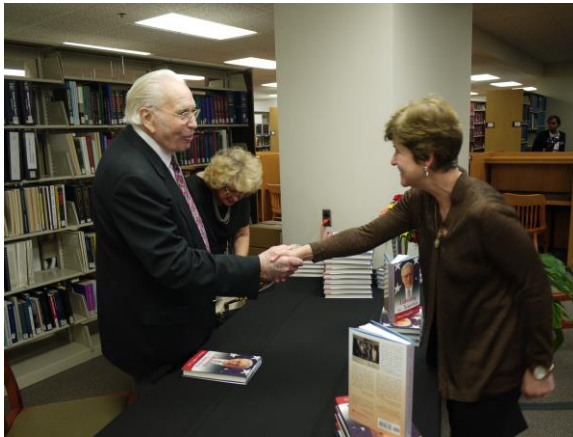
On April 3, 2015, approximately 40 doctoral students and faculty attended a joint research and networking event hosted by the Department of Public Management and Policy (PMAP) and the University of Georgia's School of Public and International Affairs. The event, held at the Andrew Young School, included nine doctoral student presentations, as well as a presentation from PMAP chair, professor Gregory Lewis. Doctoral students received feedback on ongoing research from both faculty and current students. Following is the list of PMAP doctoral students and Lewis' presentations:

- **Rahul Pathak, Chris Wyczalkowski, Xi Huang**, “Urban Poverty and Public Transit: Evidence from Atlanta Metropolitan Area”
- **Chris King**, “Is Public Housing a Safety Net or Unsafe for Health?”
- **Elizabeth Searing**, “The Role of Revenue Type in the Growth of Young Not-for-Profits: A Dynamic Analysis”
- **Gregory Lewis & Robert Christensen**, “Data Sources for Studying Public Employees”

## Usery Book Signing Draws a Full House

Georgia State University students and faculty gathered at the College of Law Library on March 10, 2015, to hear former Secretary of Labor W.J. "Bill" Usery describe a few of his more formative experiences.

Usery, considered by many to be the nation's top mediator, describes this journey and lessons learned in his new memoir, "Laboring for America," copies of which he signed during a reception hosted by the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies and the College of Law. The book is available online at <http://goo.gl/JPr8h5>.



Dean Walker greets Bill Usery during the book signing.



EC 8500 History of Economic Thought students (and their partners) met at economics professor **Bruce Kaufman's** house on April 18, 2015, for dinner and a bonus lecture on world-renowned economists Alfred Marshall and Leon Walras.



**Shelly-Ann Williams**, director (Office of Academic Assistance), pictured left, and her colleague Felisha Norrington (GSU School of Nursing) ran into Georgia Congressman John Lewis on April 11, 2015 at the Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport on their way back from the National Association of Graduate Admissions Professionals conference in New Orleans.

## Media



**Volkan Topalli**, professor (Criminal Justice and Criminology), was quoted in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution article, "Crime Ripple Whips Up Political Waves," April 21, 2015. <http://goo.gl/bMBv1h>



**Barry Hirsch**, professor (Economics) and W.J. Uesry Chair of the American Workplace, was quoted in The Economist: "They Wish They Were in Dixie: Why Americans Keep Heading That Way," on April 4, 2015. <http://goo.gl/ivxDIV>



**Paula Stephan**, professor (Economics), was quoted in the following media:

- Nature: "The Future of the Postdoc," April 7, 2015. <http://goo.gl/ijC1Of>
- Nature: "Wanted: Staff-Scientist Positions for Postdocs," April 10, 2015. <http://goo.gl/BEsRE9>



**Gerry Neumark**, part-time instructor (Public Management and Policy), was featured in the recent article, “Wither the NPUs?”, published both in *Curb Atlanta* and *Creative Loafing*, March 26, 2015. The article discusses the problems within the neighborhood planning units in the city of Atlanta. <http://goo.gl/5JIDWW>

**Michael Shapiro**, clinical instructor and Alpharetta Center coordinator (Criminal Justice and Criminology), provided an editorial review on the cover of *Criminal Justice Ethics* by Sharon Hayes. <http://goo.gl/EcnNnV>

### **The Center for State and Local Finance (CSLF) faculty and staff were highlighted in the following media:**

- WABE-NPR radio in “Atlanta Tops National Survey of Income Inequality,” referenced a 2014 study by the CSLF on Atlanta’s income inequality, March 18, 2015. <http://goo.gl/E16GgU>
- **Laura Wheeler**, senior research associate, was quoted in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution PolitiFact Georgia article, “Price’s Point About Rising Deficits on the Money,” March 27, 2015. <http://goo.gl/k3Wrf7>
- **Robert Buschman**, senior research associate (Fiscal Research Center), was quoted in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution PolitiFact Georgia article, “Retailers Overstates the Impact of Tax Holidays,” April 1, 2015. <http://goo.gl/OHeim2>
- **Sally Wallace**, chair and professor (Economics) and **David Sjoquist**, professor (Economics), had research on capital gains featured in a Wells Fargo Securities Municipal [commentary piece](#) about state revenues and public pensions, March 23, 2015.
- The Georgia Fiscal Management Council published an [article](#) about the launch of six new public finance courses for 2015-2016, as part of the Center for State and Local Finance’s executive education program.

### **Staff News from the Office of Academic Assistance**

**Shelly-Ann Williams**, director, was re-elected by Staff Council members to serve on the Senate. Williams will serve on the Admissions & Standards and Planning & Development committees.



**Danielle Churchill**, undergraduate academic advisor, was elected by AYSPS staff to serve on the Staff Council.

**Michelle Lacoss**, administrative specialist—curriculum, was elected by Staff Council members to serve as Staff Council vice chair.

### **AYSPS Units Move to 55 Park Place**

Three units of the Andrew Young School of Policy Center have moved to the 55 Park Place Building. [The Georgia Health Policy Center, the Georgia International Law Enforcement Exchange, and the Professional Excellence Program of the School of Social Work have all moved to the 8<sup>th</sup> floor.](#) Their phone numbers, fax number and mailing address will not change. Upon completion of their move and the arrival of some delayed furniture, the college will host an open house where staff and faculty will be able to see the transformation of the 8<sup>th</sup> floor and what possibilities lie for future floors.

### **Students**



**Iris Rowe**, junior (Criminal Justice and Criminology), spoke to the undergraduate Criminal Justice Student Association about her experience at the State Bar of Georgia and Georgia Institute for Continuing Legal Education's "Magna Carta Symposium" in Atlanta, April 13, 2015. Rowe attended the symposium with Michael Shapiro, clinical instructor (Criminal Justice and Criminology).

### **PMAP Graduate Students Compete Regionally and Nationally**



**Angela Smith** (M.P.P. '15), was part of the Southeast regional winning team of the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs and Administration's (NASPAA) 2015 Inaugural Student Simulation Competition on February 28, 2015. The daylong event brought together 45 teams of graduate students representing 93 participating NASPAA schools across the U.S. at five regional sites and challenged them to provide a locally led "bottom up" approach to health care reform. Ten-minute presentations from each team were evaluated by a panel of policy practitioners. Smith's group included a student from the University of Alabama at Birmingham and the University of South Florida.

On March 21, 2015, PMAP graduate students **Amber-Lee Leslie, Kelly Parry** and **William Serrano-Franklin III** participated in the Graduate Students of Public Administration Policy Competition at the University of Georgia. As one of six teams to participate, the trio presented on a proposal to amend the Affordable Care Act to swap co-pays between policy holders with different tiers of insurance. The team said that although they didn't win the competition, "we all were incredibly grateful for the opportunity to think critically and creatively about a policy issue."

**Olivia Omaley**, freshman (Social Work), won second place in the recent Georgia State Undergraduate Research Conference (GSURC). Omaley was one of eight AYSPS students who participated in GSURC this year:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Dept</b>	<b>Mentor</b>	<b>Title</b>
Olivia Omaley	Social Work	Terri Lewinson	Accessing Faith-Based Organizations using Public Transportation: A Qualitative and GIS Study
Victoria Cruz, Blanca Garcia, Ethan Hammock	Criminal Justice and Criminology	Brent Teasdale, Dean Dabney	Effects of Physical Appearance on Police Decision Making
Taylor Gann	Criminal Justice and Criminology	Brent Teasdale, Dean Dabney	Effects of Personal Hygiene on Arrest Rates
Victoria Sparks	Economics	Grace O	Examining the Nudge Effect in an Academic Setting
Vincent Roberts	Social Work	Kristie Seelman	Health Care Planning Decisions among Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Older Adults
Jana Woodiwiss	Social Work	Karen Watkins	An Exploration of the "Border Crisis" and the Adoption of Children from Latin American Countries

## Alumni



Congratulations to alumna **Grace Lee**, (B.S. in Public Policy '12), who has received a Fulbright Scholarship to serve as an English teaching assistant in a Korean middle school or high school. Lee, an admissions counselor in Georgia State's Office of Admissions, is one of 70 cultural ambassadors from the United States to be selected to bridge cultural competency and increase cross-cultural understanding between the U.S. and Korea. Lee, who will leave in July for a year, says she has been "yearning and praying to be abroad in Korea to get in touch with my cultural roots as a Korean American who doesn't speak Korean fluently and who isn't immersed into the culture that much.

"Everything that has been given to me at Georgia State has prepared me for this next step."

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