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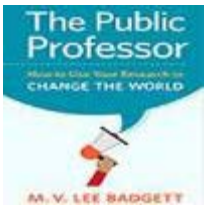
Badgett Publishes New Book on Public Engagement in Higher Ed

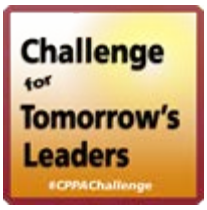


CPPA director M.V. Lee Badgett's new book, *The Public Professor: How to Use Your Research to Change the World*, will be celebrated at a reading and event on Wednesday, January 27, from 4-6 p.m. in the Campus Center (Amherst Room). The book contributes significantly to scholars' understanding of how they can influence public dialogue and policymaking on issues ranging from climate change to social inequality. The January 27 event is co-sponsored by CPPA and the UMass Public Engagement Project, and is free and open to the public. Additional information about the book and the event is available here.

Spring 2016 Faculty Colloquium Features Bushouse, Smith-Doerr, Sharone

CPPA will kick off its Spring 2016 Faculty Colloquium on Monday, February 1, with a talk by Brenda Bushouse (political science and public policy) on "100 Years of Mobilizing for Children in the U.S.: What Has Been Achieved, What Remains to Be Done." The talk will take place from 12:15-1:15 p.m. in Thompson 620. Also presenting their research as part of the colloquium this spring are Laurel Smith-Doerr, professor of sociology and director of the Institute for Social Science Research (March 7), and Ofer Sharone, assistant professor of sociology (April 4). CPPA's colloquia are held monthly during the academic year, typically on the first Monday of the month. They are free and open to the public. Brownbag lunches are welcome.

Keel Challenge and Minute Fund Campaigns Exceed Goals, Support Students



CPPA is pleased to announce that it exceeded its goals for two fundraising campaigns this past fall. The Keel Challenge for Tomorrow's Leaders, which concluded on December 31, 2015, raised over $10,000 in support of student research, internships, and other professional development experiences. As part of the challenge, alumna Kristin Keel (BS '88, MPA '92) will match the first $10,000 raised. Additionally, CPPA students exceeded the goal for their Minute Fund (crowdsourcing) campaign, raising $2,115 by December 18 for CPPA's annual student trip to D.C. CPPA sends its gratitude to our many wonderful alumni and other donors—we couldn't have done it without you!

Springfield Series About Social Change Strategies to Launch on February 4

CPPA lecturer Fred Rose has organized a series of panels this spring that will bring leaders from Springfield, MA, to the UMass campus to discuss strategies for change in our nearest urban center. The first panel, held on Thursday, February 4, at 4 p.m. in Campus Center 805-809, will focus on food deserts in Springfield and the challenges of bringing a full-service supermarket to one low-income neighborhood, Mason Square. Students planning to attend all panels in the series may enroll in a one-credit course, *PPA 597SP—Strategies for Change: Lessons from Springfield Leaders*. The panels, without course credit, are free and open to

the public. Watch the CPPA website for updated information about the series.

Misra Named 2016-17 Chancellor's Leadership Fellow

Joya Misra (sociology and public policy) has received a prestigious fellowship from the Chancellor's office that recognizes her ongoing service at UMass and provides opportunities to further hone her skills as a campus leader. The fellowship will begin in September and afford Misra release time next year to work on a significant campus issue. For Misra, that will include investigating strategies for enhancing the experience of graduate students of color and ensuring successful outcomes in recruitment, retention and career placement. Additional information about the award is available here.

Pader Serves as Interim Director of Civic Engagement and Service-Learning

Associate Professor of Regional Planning Ellen Pader has been named interim director of Civic Engagement and Service-Learning (CESL). Pader has taught service-learning courses, including an undergraduate CPPA course titled "Transforming Your World: Introduction to Community Engagement," for several years. For the past three years, she has co-directed the CESL Faculty Fellows Program, and received the 2014-2015 Distinguished Public Engagement Award for Teaching. Pader replaces John Reiff, who served came to UMass as director of service learning initiatives in 2000 and is joining the MA Department of Higher Education. Pader's appointment runs through the summer of 2016, when Joseph Krupczynski (architecture) will take over as CESL's permanent director. Additional information is available at the CESL website.

Schweik Co-Recipient of Worldwide Universities Network Grant

Charlie Schweik (environmental conservation and public policy) and Rick Peltier (public health) have received an €11,000 grant from the Worldwide Universities Network to develop an international collaboration for designing and deploying low-cost air pollution sensors. The collaborations will involve six institutions on four different continents, and allow Schweik and Peltier to provide resulting software products freely in an open source environment. Additional information about the grant and project are available here.

Nicolson '17 Publishes Article in Commonwealth Magazine Online

Mike Nicolson, a student at Commonwealth Honors College who is also a pre-MPP student at CPPA, is the co-author of a December 17, 2015, online article in *Commonwealth*, a publication of the non-partisan MassInc Policy Center in Boston. In the article, Nicolson and his co-author, Lawrence DiCara, a former Boston City Council president, argue that the Community Preservation Act and Proposition 2 ½ are exacerbating inequality in the state. You can read more about their arguments here and in the original online article.

Alumni News

A story about **Marcie Muehlke '12** and her company Celia Grace appeared in the October 5, 2015 issue of *Business West*. **Christa Drew '11** is teaching conflict negotiation and mediation at Clark University. **Alan Dallman '13** was recently featured in *Hampshire Life* discussing his work in local theater.

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