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Mission

The Alumni Association of the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs offers educational and career development opportunities to alumni, students and faculty; organizes events and activities for the informal sharing and exchange of information and to encourage professional relationships; and lends support and provides input to the development of the college's curriculum.

Acknowledgements

The UIC College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs Alumni Association would like to thank the College and the University of Illinois Alumni Association, especially Caryn Schultz Korman and Arlene Norsym, for their support of the Association's activities. We would also like to express our appreciation to the Dean's office, especially Dean Robin Hambleton, Jim Marek, Karen Berthiaume, and graduate assistants Kara Knack and David Morley. Their involvement and dedication has contributed to the growth and success of the CUPPA Alumni Association.

Furthermore, we appreciate the efforts of the UIC Office of Public Affairs for publicizing the association's events. We also acknowledge all of the panelists, moderators and class speakers who volunteered their time as presenters for the Spring Speakers Series and Class Presenters Series.

Finally, the Alumni Association thanks all the CUPPA alumni who volunteer their time as board and committee members.

Four board meetings were held in 2006 – 2007: September 26, 2006, January 23, 2007, March 20, 2007, and June 5, 2007.

CUPPA Alumni Association Board 2006-2007

President

Ms. Carrie Makarewicz, MUPP '01- Center for Neighborhood Technology (term through December, 2006)
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Ms. Courtney Owen, MUPP '04- DevCorp North
Ms. Elvira Reyes, MUPP '03 – Archdiocese of Chicago
Ms. Jennifer Tammen, MUPP '99 – Norwood Builders
Ms. Audrey Wennink, MUPP '04 – Cambridge Systematics
Ms. Johanna Nyden, MUPP '06- SB Friedman and Company
Mr. Joshua Price, MPA '05- Chicago Housing Authority
Mr. Todd Wolcott, MUPP '03- Latin United Community Housing Association
Ms. Eve Boles, MUPP '94- UIC Institute for Mathematics and Science Education
Mr. Peter Czuback, MPA '02- City of Chicago Department of Streets and Sanitation
Mr. Al Riley, MUPP '78- Rich Township
Miss Andrea Traudt, MUPP '06- Bickerdike Redevelopment Corporation
Mr. Patrick Murphey, MUPP '02- Berwyn Development Corporation
Mr. Kirby Burkholder, MUPP '98- Illinois Facilities Fund
Mr. Norm West, MUPP '05- OSEC, NEPA-IS
Miss Lee Deuben, MUPP '05- Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
Ms. Sarah Wiebenson, MUPP '06

Staff

Jodi White Jones, Assistant Dean for Communications
Kara Knack, CUPPA Graduate Assistant
David Morley, CUPPA Graduate Assistant
Caryn Schultz Korman, University of Illinois Alumni Association

Board Committee Descriptions

Professional Development

2006-2007 Committee Chair: Rebecca Mix; Co-Vice-Chairs: Peggy Laemle, Eve Boles

This committee promote the professional development of both alumni and current students by organizing and hosting educational and networking opportunities. Alumni who volunteer for this committee coordinate one or more of the following events. The Spring Speaker Series consists of three events typically in February, March and April. A moderator and panel are invited to make a presentation about an urban planning or public administration topic. Life Long Learning day is a day-long event of that offers alumni and their colleagues professional development workshops and seminars on a variety of current topics in the fields of planning and public affairs.

Special Event Planning

2006-2007 Committee Chair: Audrey Wennink; Co-Vice-Chairs: Stephen Bitter, Patrick Murphey

The special event planning committee organizes activities to provide opportunities for alumni to network, socialize and renew acquaintances in a social atmosphere. The committee ensures that the events reflect the educational aspects of the college and UIC by including scholastic, athletic and cultural events. Events have included holiday parties, a Chicago river boat tour, a South loop bus tour, assisting with Urban Planning and Policy's 25th anniversary celebration, the CUPPA open house, two UIC basketball outings and a summer picnic outing at the Garfield Park Conservatory.

Student and Alumni Connections Committee

2006-2007 Committee Chair: Helene Berlin; Vice-Chair: Lee Deuben

This committee was created in fiscal year 2003 to focus on developing linkages between CUPPA alumni and students. This committee develops and maintains a database of alumni and friends of CUPPA that are willing to speak to CUPPA students on a range of topics. The primary task of this committee is the recruitment and coordination of speakers for the Professional Development courses offered in the spring and summer semesters for planning and public administration students.

Membership and Marketing

2006-2007 Committee Chair: Catherine Kannenberg; Vice-Chair: Tara Childs

The main goals of the Membership and Marketing Committee are to increase membership in CUPPA-AA, recruit more extensive participation in its board and committees, and actively market its events.

Membership: The committee chair monitors membership, although all board members are responsible for recruitment. The committee is responsible for developing strategies to recruit new members. The committee should periodically review and update all recruitment materials, including the CUPPA-AA membership brochure. Committee members should be available to speak with potential CUPPA-AA members to inform them about membership benefits.

Board and Committee Recruitment: Each committee member should be responsible for bringing in one new board or committee member each year.

Marketing: In 2004, the committee developed a plan to actively market Alumni Association events to alumni, students, and other professionals. The committee will oversee plan implementation and update it regularly to enable the CUPPA-AA to reach out to as broad an audience as possible to boost event attendance and broaden awareness of CUPPA and the Alumni Association.

Activities 2006-2007

Summer Event

On September 17, 2006 the CUPPA Alumni Association welcomed alumni and their families to their annual summer event at Garfield Park Conservatory. The event began by a tour, given by a conservatory docent and was followed by a short picnic bag lunch in one of the conservatory gardens. There were approximately 30 participants, including attendance from CUPPA Dean Robin Hambleton.

Alumni Holiday Party

The annual alumni holiday party was held on December 6, 2006. The holiday party continues to be the only purely social event held for CUPPA alumni. This event annually attracts alumni that are interested in reconnecting with fellow alumni and the college, but may not be interested in the educational events that are offered. This year's event attracted over 90 alumni. For many, this was their first CUPPA alumni event; others attend the event annually and look forward to seeing people they met in previous years at the event.

CUPPA Alumni Appreciation Award Ceremony

The fourth annual CUPPA Alumni Appreciation Award Ceremony was held on March 2, 2007. Approximately 25 guests attended. Lee Smith, senior planner with the City of Highland Park, was this year's honoree. Mr. Smith was nominated by board member Norm West for Smith's close involvement with UIC during his years as a professional planner. During Mr. Smith's past eight years at the City of Highland Park, he has worked with more than 15 planning interns from UIC and participated in the Life Long Learning Day as a "Housing Action" panelist. He contributed to the field of planning by developing an innovative affordable housing program, guidelines, and funding mechanism for Highland Park that has received much acclaim. His work has been recognized by the American Planning Association's Chicago Metropolitan section and Illinois Chapter, as well as the National APA Conference. Mr. Smith is currently working on a 14-unit affordable housing project in Highland Park that uses green building technologies to reduce on-going tenant energy costs. The CUPPA Alumni Appreciation Award recognizes dedication to the fields of public administration and urban planning and contributions to the development of the college's students and alumni.

Spring 2007 Speakers Series

This year's series brought together over 100 individuals to discuss current issues affecting the fields of urban planning and public affairs. In addition, the CUPPA Alumni Board held one of its events in cooperation with the American Planning Association- Chicago Metro Section and DePaul University.

Views on Urban Sprawl January 30, 2007, 75 attended.

Moderator: Tony Smith, AICP, Practice Leader, S. B. Friedman & Company

Panelists:

- Robert Bruegmann, Professor, UIC Department of Art History & College of Urban Planning & Public Affairs
- Heather Smith, Planning Director, Congress for the New Urbanism
- Siim Sööt, Director Emeritus, Urban Transportation Center

Held at UIC Student Center East.

E-Government: Connecting Citizens with Government in the Digital Age March 8, 2007, 25 attended.
Moderator: Vaughn Blankenship, Professor Emeritus, UIC Public Administration Program, College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs.

Panelists:

- Kheir Al-Kodmany, Associate Professor, UIC Urban Planning and Policy Program, College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs.
- John Karnuth, Deputy Commissioner, City of Chicago Department of Planning and Development
- Karen Mossberger, Associate Professor, UIC Public Administration Program, College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs.

Held at the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, Room 110.

Alumni Class Speakers

In FY07, over 50 alumni class speakers were recruited and coordinated by the CUPPA Alumni Association. These speakers were the backbone of both the Spring and Summer Urban Planning Professional Development seminars. These classes for CUPPA graduate students are intended to give an idea of the different areas in planning and public administration and the various professional challenges they will be dealing with during their career. In identifying speakers, importance was placed on recruiting speakers from diverse backgrounds. Once the alumnus spoke to the class, they were sent a thank you letter from the CUPPA Alumni Association Board. UIAA also sent them a thank you letter from UIC Associate Chancellor for Alumni Relations Arlene Norsym with an alumni pennant. This initiative to recruit, coordinate and thank alumni class speakers has been beneficial to the college, the alumni association, and the students enrolled in the professional development courses. Speakers have later gone on to become alumni association board members, college donors, and active advisers and employers of CUPPA students and alumni.

Special thanks to the following people who have spoken to the class for the spring semester:

Patrick Bayard, MUPP '01
Joel Bookman, MUPP '81
Nori Greenstein, MUPP '98
Peter Skosey, MUPP '93
Benet Haller, MUPP '94
Maureen Hellwig, MUPP '78
Wendy Siegel, MUPP '87
Steve Friedman, UWM
Rich DeLeo, MUPP '97
Lisa Lyon, MUPP '96
Kermit Wies, PhD PAA '92
Jim Brown, MPA '89
Catherine Kannenberg, MUPP '00
Jennifer Tammen, MUPP '99
Nacho Gonzalez

Dena Al-Khatib, MUPP '99
Mike McGovern, MUPP '01
Steve Porras
Mike Holzer, MUPP '94
Liz Reyes, MUPP '93
Les Pollock, MUPP '68
Shelly Davis, MUPP '98
Susan Campbell, MUPP '86
Virginia Pace, MUPP '96
Cinda Lester, MUPP '98
Kirby Burkholder, MUPP '98
Matt Hickey, MUPP '01
Andy Sheils, MPA '02
Jason Heeney, MPA '99
Pat Bayard, MUPP '02

Washington DC Alumni/TRB Reception – January 16, 2007

With the assistance of CUPPA's Urban Transportation Center, the CUPPA Alumni Association co-sponsored a reception at the Transportation Research Board's annual conference in Washington DC. The event began in 2001 and has continued to draw a large number of alumni and guests who attend the conference or live in the DC area. Approximately 75 attended this year and the event was staffed by CUPPA Development Director Karen Berthiaume and CUPPA Dean Robin Hambleton.

Student Intern/Job Resume and Portfolio Review

Coordinated by the Student Alumni Connections Committee chaired by Helene Berlin, a student resume and portfolio review was held on Saturday, March 10. Approximately 20 students attended the event where alumni gave presentations on their current employment arenas and interviewing skills for those areas. Other alumni reviewed portfolios of students and provided advice for job or internship seekers.

Commencement Participation

The CUPPA Alumni Association assisted with CUPPA Commencement held on May 12, 2007. [Over 75 graduates](#) received degrees and were ushered and assisted by board members [Helene Berlin](#), [Abraham Deletiglou](#), [Anne Fuller](#), and [Ann Barnds](#). [CUPPA Alumni Association President Bob Rice](#) also addressed the graduating class during the ceremony on the benefits of joining and participating in the CUPPA Alumni Association. The Alumni Association also provided each graduate with a diploma cover. CUPPA Founding Board President Peter Skosey was also recognized at commencement with the Lou Liay Spirit Award presented by Mary Maryland, CAAB chair.

Alumni Mug Program

With the financial assistance of UIAA, the CUPPA Alumni Association began an official alumni mug sales program. An effort led by Abe Lentner and Nancy Cohen in 2005, a tradition was born which provided each new graduate with an alumni mug complementary of the CUPPA Alumni Association. A new order of mugs was placed in spring, 2007 and remaining mugs will be sold to alumni and board members at a price of \$10 each. The CUPPA COFFEE mugs serve to remind graduates of their alma mater as well as create a beacon to the professional world that the alums are from UIC CUPPA.

Volunteers and Assistance

CUPPA Alumni Association members continue to be called upon as various resources in the professions and on the institution. Such events include program reaccreditation, student advice and guidance, and dean and administrative requests.

HISTORY 1997 - 2006

After the new College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs (CUPPA) was formally established in 1995, a small group of alumni came together to form the College's own Alumni Association to strengthen and enhance the professional and academic experience for alumni, students and faculty. The CUPPA Alumni Association was officially recognized as a constituent group of the University of Illinois Alumni Association in June 1997.

The Association's first events in 1997 and 1998 were a series of four panels on special topics. Two of the panels presented the planning concepts of regionalism and regional governments discussed by Cook County Board President John Stroger, Special Assistant to the Mayor Rita Athas, Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission Executive Director Phil Peters and CATS Associate Executive Director Andrew Plummer. Gary Greenburg of Northwestern University and Scott Goldstein of the Metropolitan Planning Council addressed the regional impact of the communications revolution at the third panel. The fourth discussed the UIC South Campus expansion with Julie Hamos from Hamos and Associates.

Alumni elected the first official board of directors for the Association in May of 1998.

The Urban Planning and Policy Program (MUPP) celebrated its 25th anniversary in 1998. The program celebrated with 140 alumni, faculty and friends at a special dinner in September 1998. This also provided an opportunity for Virginia Sorrells, a MUPP alum, to write the story of the program's 25-year history.

In the fall of 1998, special funding from the U of I Alumni Association helped to host a bike tour of the lakefront and loop area in conjunction with an Architectural Foundation tour and a bus tour of the South Loop. The bus tour included the Near South Loop, Printers Row and extended south to 35th Street.

The first CUPPA-AA holiday party was held in December 1998, attracting 65 alumni, students, faculty and friends. Early in 1999, CUPPA-AA sponsored a "Night at the Basketball Homecoming Game" at the UIC Pavilion in conjunction with the U of I Alumni Association. The Association also participated in CUPPA's "Planners as Artists" event where faculty, staff, students and alumni presented their artwork.

On October 7, 1999, 25 alumni participated in an "Urban River Adventure" presented by the Friends of the Chicago River. The guided cruise was designed to highlight the changing role of the river throughout Chicago's history and recent developments that have changed the river from one of Chicago's eyesores to one of its feature amenities. A stop at the Green Dolphin Restaurant for jazz and appetizers gave alumni a perfect chance to catch up on old friends.

Alumni Association members raised funds and helped plan Chicago neighborhood tours for 350 Associated Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP) conference participants on October 22, 1999. Some of the tours were: Chicago Blues Tour, Downtown Skyscraper Walking Tour, University Neighborhood Partnerships and Urban Revitalization in Chicago's South Loop. After the tours, participants were invited to a reception held at the college.

A holiday party on December 14, 1999 attracted 50 alumni to celebrate the season with friends from the past.

In spring of 2000, three panels on urban development issues in the Chicago area were held. “TIFs: Building Blocks for Community Development?” was the first in the 2000 series, presented on March 2. Panelists were: Steve Friedman, president, S.B. Friedman & Associates; Bob Kunze, deputy commissioner, Chicago Department of Planning and Development and Judy Meima, executive director, Statewide Housing Action Coalition. Peter Skosey, Metropolitan Planning Council, was the moderator.

“Finding the Regional Role of Community Development Corporations,” was held on April 6. Panelists were: Joy Aruguete, executive director, Bickerdike Redevelopment Corporation; Lynn Cunningham, executive director, Southeast Chicago Development Commission; Doug Farr, principal, Farr and Associates and Maryann Shanley, former executive director, Joseph Corporation. Moderator was Joe Schwieterman, director, Chaddick Institute.

The third panel, “The Future of Public Transit for the Chicago Area,” was held on May 4. Panelists included: Richard Bacigalupo, executive director, RTA; Julie Hamos and Associates; John Hilkevitch, transportation reporter, Chicago Tribune; T.J. Ross, executive director, PACE and Frank Kruesi, executive director, CTA. Joseph DiJohn, director, METSI, UIC Urban Transportation Center moderated.

In 1999 – 2000, the Professional Development Committee planned an informal mentoring network to provide Urban Planning and Policy students contacts with working planners and policy makers to discuss life beyond the classroom, while developing a new link between the College and professionals in Chicago. A similar program for Public Administration graduates was discussed.

In addition to the special events and activities the CUPPA Alumni Association presents, the Association and its staff prepared an annual survey to provide an opportunity for CUPPA alumni to update their personal information files maintained by the university, express interest in participating in the alumni association committees and special events, and submit an update to be used on the web site and in the UPPDate newsletter. In 2000, this survey was sent to approximately 850 Alumni and completed and returned by 125.

The Association also held four regular board meetings in 1999 - 2000, contributed to the 2000 Edition of the UPPdate newsletter, and pledged nearly \$1,000 for Student APA travel through CUPPA Alumni Association.

The 2000 CUPPA-AA annual holiday party was held on November 29 at Costa’s restaurant. Seventy-five alumni, faculty and students gathered to celebrate the holidays and renew friendships.

The Spring 2001 Speakers Series sponsored by the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs Alumni Association was held at the Illini Center, Orange and Blue Room, 200 S. Wacker Dr., Chicago.

“Public Housing Residents Preserving Community and Choice,” presented on February 20, was the first panel discussion in the Spring 2001 Speakers Series. This discussion centered on the future of affordable housing as a result of the continuing demolition of Chicago Housing Authority buildings. The issues of relocation and inclusion of public housing in private development were discussed by Stacey Flint and Brian Gladstein of the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, Janice Patton of the Stay Together Group, Teri Campbell of the City of Chicago Empowerment Zone and Peter Levavi, Brinshore Development.

“Regional Planning in the Face of Home Rule,” was the second event held on March 29. Perspectives on the topic were offered by Vaughn Blankenship, Professor and Director of the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs Public Administration Program, Terri Wintermute, Will County Board Zoning Chairperson and Ellen Shubart, Campaign for Sensible Growth. The panel discussed the impact of home rule, weak or strong county government and what other states are doing to encourage regional and intergovernmental planning in Illinois.

“Electronic Government” was the third topic, presented on May 22.

Panel members were: Christopher C. O’Brien, Chief Information Officer for the City of Chicago, Rick Shamberg, Special Adviser for Technology Investment at the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs and Scott Goldstein, Vice President of Policy and Planning, Metropolitan Planning Council. Moderator for the event was Peter Skosey, Vice President of External Relations, Metropolitan Planning Council.

A total of 45 alumni, students and faculty attended the Spring 2001 Speakers Series.

On April 19, 2001, the Alumni Association, Public Administration Student Association and the Urban Planning & Policy Student Association presented the State of the Industry event. Five student presentations were given at CUPPA Hall followed by a dinner and speaker at the Newman Center.

Student presentations included: “The Garfield Botanical Trail,” Beth Meier, UPP; “The Commercial Printing Industry in Chicago,” Victor Barrera, UPP, Carrie Makarewicz, UPP and Heather Persky, UPP; “Comiskey Stadium Redevelopment,” Keisha Farmer-Smith, PPA (UP), Daniell Smith, UPP; “E-Government,” Kym Malkin, PA and “The Redesign of University Hall Plaza,” Daniel Clark, UPP, Heather Campbell, UPP, Denise Lea, UPP, Rosa Yemina Ortiz, UPP, Mary Smith, UPP, Lynn Stevens, UPP and Jennifer Wade, UPP.

Approximately 30 students, alumni, faculty and friends attended the presentations and open house.

The dinner began with a special presentation by University of Illinois Alumni Association Vice President for Alumni Relations Arlene Norsym to CUPPA alumni Conrad Pomykala. The University of Illinois Loyalty Award for Exceptional Alumni Service was awarded to Pomykala in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the U of I Alumni Association. Pomykala has held many offices, is a lifetime alumni association member and is currently the CUPPA representative to the Campus Alumni Advisory Board.

Guest speaker for the dinner was John Schmidt, Cochair of the Mayor’s Zoning Reform Commission who spoke about rewriting the city of Chicago’s 43-year-old zoning ordinance. Schmidt is a nationally recognized attorney specializing in mergers, acquisitions and corporate and commercial transactions. He served as Associate Attorney General of the United States under President Clinton from 1994 to 1997.

Forty students, alumni, faculty and friends attended the dinner. The State of the Industry event was funded in part with a grant from the University of Illinois Alumni Association.

The first CUPPA magazine for Fall 2000/Winter 2001 issue of the featured stories on urban data visualization and analysis of regional rental markets. News about faculty, alumni, research centers, units,

class notes and letters from Interim Dean David C. Perry and CUPPA Alumni Association Peter Skosey rounded out the issue. The magazine will be published twice a year.

The 2001-2002 Annual Alumni Holiday Party sponsored by CUPPA-AA was held on November 28, 2001 at Costa's. Fifty alumni, faculty and students gathered to celebrate the holidays and renew friendships.

For the first time CUPPA-AA co-sponsored an event with the UIC LAS Alumni group, it was held on December 8, 2001 at the Marshall Field's on State Street in Chicago. It was a day of shopping with breaks for lunch in the Walnut Room and a late afternoon dessert reception with live jazz music and raffle. Eighteen people attended from CUPPA, and enjoyed this fun, well-planned event.

CUPPA-AA co-sponsored the first DC area alumni reception in conjunction with the Transportation Research Board Conference. The reception was held Washington DC on January 12, 2002 from 5:30-7:00pm. All alumni the DC area and alumni working in transportation nationwide were invited, as well as special guests. A number of faculty and staff from CUPPA's Urban Transportation Center and the college's Director of Advancement attended the event and reconnected with alumni and colleagues. Over 50 faculty, staff, students and alumni joined together and enjoyed this special event, which was the first time CUPPA hosted an event for its alumni outside of the Chicago area.

With the generous help of an additional funds grant from UIAA, the CUPPA-AA sponsored and hosted Come Home for Life-Long Learning, a day of professional development seminars and alumni networking ending with UIC's Homecoming pre-game party and basketball game on January 26, 2002 on UIC's campus. Public administration and planning professors presented seminars on topics including census access and analysis, economic development incentives, non-profit management, intergovernmental relations and GIS in CUPPA Hall. This was the first educational event associated with homecoming on our campus and sets the stage for other colleges to do the same in the future. We were the first constituent group to try this and lead the university by example.

From all participants, we received very positive evaluations of the seminars presented and the usefulness of these sessions. The average rating of the event overall was a 4.8 (on a 5.0 scale with 5 being the highest). Suggestions for improvement were also provided through surveys and a candid discussion at the end of the event.

Alumni that attended expressed that they enjoyed reconnecting with the college and one another. All participants urged us to continue hosting this day and similar events. 52% of alumni participants were alumni that had not been previously involved with the college after graduation, that have since become re-engaged. We also had 3 attendees that joined Alumni Association while registering, or at the event. There were 56 total participants including presenters, alumni and alum's family and friends that joined them for the game. A total of 27 alumni participated, 19 of them are current Alumni Association members.

The fourth annual Spring Speakers Series included three sessions all held at the Illini Center in Chicago. The first session held on February 7, 2002 was on the Strategies Behind Legislative Redistricting in Illinois and Chicago and featured speakers Barbara Flynn Currie, Illinois House Majority Leader and Billy Ocasio, Alderman, City of Chicago 26th Ward. This session was introduced and moderated by Peter Skosey, CUPPA-AA President.

The next session on Facades and Landmark protection was held on March 7, 2002 with expert speakers Jon Boyd, SE, AIA, Klein and Hoffman, Inc. and chairman of the Chicago Committee on Highrise Buildings, Dan Korman, Director of the Illinois Main Street Association and Eleanor Gorski, Historic Preservation Division of the Chicago Department of Planning and Development. This session was co-sponsored by Women in Planning and Development. Noah Temaner Jenkins, CUPPA-AA Treasurer introduced the speakers and moderated.

The April 4 session was about TEA21: Federal Transportation Efficiency Act for the 21st Century, John Tomczyk, Senior Project Director, Chicago Department of Transportation and Jacky Grimshaw, Vice President for Policy at the Center for Neighborhood Technology imparted their knowledge on the act and what it means for Illinois, Chicago and communities. Helene Berlin, a recent graduate and new Alumni Association member, introduced the speakers and moderated this session.

A total of 75 people attending the 3 sessions. Approximately two-thirds of attendees are CUPPA alumni, and approximately half are CUPPA-AA members.

A CUPPA Open House and Reception was held in conjunction with the American Planning Association's national conference and the Pi Alpha Alpha (Public Administration honorary society) Induction ceremony on April 16, 2002 from 5-7pm. All alumni were invited. Over 100 alumni, faculty, staff and students from all over the country came together. The event was held on the first and second floors of CUPPA Hall and featured Chicago-based company's food and beverages. Treats included Eli's Cheesecake, Vienna Beef Hotdogs, Gonnella bread, Filbert's Old Time Root Beer and soda, Rubschlager Bread, Stewart's coffee and pizza from many local restaurants. A student display expo and live UIC jazz band music entertained the many guests. CUPPA-AA board members helped greet guests and mingled with fellow alumni.

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CUPPA-AA hosted Life-long Learning day for the second time on February 22, 2003. Three sessions were held to help alumni and their colleagues get up-to-date information on the current topics in the fields of urban planning and public affairs. Janet Smith, UPP Professor, and Janice Metzger from the Center for Neighborhood Technology, led a session on Best Practices and Processes for Community Participation. This was followed by a session on Performance Management and Benchmarking led by PA Professor Julia Melkers. The final session was facilitated by Richard Kordesh from the Blue House Institute and Patrick Bayard of the Chicago Community Trust who led the session on Getting Your Piece of the Pie (ways to obtain funding for your organization). Sessions were also planned on E-Government, a Status Report on

the Chicago Housing Authority and Data Access and Analysis. Unfortunately, these three sessions were cancelled due to low registration. 20 CUPPA alumni attended this event. Positive feedback was received from all participants. A follow-up meeting was held to discuss ways to get more attendees at this worthwhile event.

The fifth annual Spring Speakers Series included three sessions all held at the Illini Center in Chicago. The first session held on March 26, 2003 was on Career Changes and featured speakers William Howard, Executive Director, West Humboldt Park Family & Community Development Council and Dave Walker, Architecture/Urban Designer Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP. This session was introduced and moderated by Jim Marek, CUPPA Assistant Dean of Student Services.

The next session on Immigration Post 9/11 was held on April 30, 2003 with expert speakers Agata Gostynska-Frakt, Attorney-at-law at the Law Offices of Agata Gostynska-Frakt and Sarah Waxman, Program Director at Latinos Progresando. Chirag Mehta, MUPP'00, Economic Development Planner at the UIC Center for Urban Economic Development moderated this informative panel. The panel was taped by CAN TV 21 and aired on June 1, 2003.

The May 28, 2003 session was about Urban Design and Public Health. Marya Morris, Senior Research Associate from the American Planning Association, Matt M. Longjohn, MD, Senior Research Scientist for Children's Memorial Institute for Education and Research and Randy Neufeld, Executive Director of the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation served as panelists. Peter Skosey, Vice President of External Relations of Metropolitan Planning Council and CUPPA-AA President, introduced the speakers and moderated this session.

Over 80 people attended the 3 sessions. Approximately two-thirds of attendees were CUPPA alumni or students, and approximately one-third are CUPPA-AA members. External participation in the series increased due to advertisement around UIC's campus (through listservs, emails, and events listings), in planning and public administration event listings (APA, Planetizen, ASPA, etc), and in Chicago newspapers (Chicago Reader, Chicago Defender).

With the help of a generous additional funds grant from the University of Illinois Alumni Association, CUPPA-AA hosted Urban Nature Day on June 28, 2003. This event was held at the North Park Village Nature Center. Nearly 50 people attended including CUPPA alumni, faculty, staff and their families. The event began with registration at 10:30am. At 11am the children (some with their parents/relatives) were taken on an active tour of the surrounding preserve, while the adults were taught about urban gardening and composting. The group came together for lunch at the nature center. After lunch the adults were given a tour of the surrounding preserve and told about the history of the area. The children continued their interactive guided tour. Participants reported that they enjoyed themselves and learned new information. The North Park Village Nature Center, part of the City of Chicago Department of Environment, allowed CUPPA-AA to use the space free of charge. The staff of the center also guided the tours at no charge.

On November 8, 2003, CUPPA-AA hosted its 3rd annual Life-long Learning Day entitled *Research + Action = Results: Using research and organizing to influence change*. Over 70 CUPPA alumni and practitioners attended this professional development event. Carrie Makarewicz (MUPP '01) instructed participants in how to use and download the powerful and innovative Public Data Queries Software. Chicago Alderman Rey Colon (35th Ward) spoke about how he used community organizing to win his

campaign. Joe DiJohn (Research Professor, UIC Urban Transportation Center), Juanita Irizarry (Executive Director, Latinos United), Jennifer (Gin) Kilgore (Pedestrian Program Manager, Center for Neighborhood Technology), Natashia Holmes (Transportation Associate, Metropolitan Planning Council), Gené Moreno (Policy/Advocacy Director, Chicago Rehab Network), Bob Palmer, MUPP '95 (Statewide Housing Action Coalition), Lee Smith, MUPP '87 (Senior Planner, City of Highland Park), Jim Soens (Ravenswood Industrial Council and Ravenswood Area Planning Association), and Siim Sööt (Professor Emeritus, UIC Urban Transportation Center) presented about how research and action can be used to influence change in neighborhoods and communities.

The annual alumni holiday party was held on December 4, 2003. The holiday party continues to be the only purely social event held for CUPPA alumni. This event annually attracts alumni that are interested in reconnecting with fellow alumni and the college, but may not be interested in the educational events that are offered. This year's event attracted over 70 alumni. For many, this was their first CUPPA alumni event, others attend the event annually and look forward to seeing people they met in previous years at the event. The 2003 party was special because two alumni association board members, Carrie Makarewicz and Bob Rice, were presented with the UIAA Alumni Loyalty Award. Board member Diane McCarthy was also supposed to receive the award at the event, but was unable to attend so the award was presented at the next board meeting.

CUPPA-AA co-sponsored the third DC area alumni reception in conjunction with the Transportation Research Board Conference. The reception was held Washington DC on January 13, 2004 from 5:30-7:00pm. All alumni in the DC area and alumni working in transportation nationwide were invited, as well as special guests. A number of faculty and staff from CUPPA's Urban Transportation Center, the college's Associate Director of Advancement and CUPPA Dean Robin Hambleton attended the event and reconnected with alumni and colleagues. Over 80 faculty, staff, students and alumni joined together and enjoyed this special event.

This fiscal year, the CUPPA Alumni Association established the CUPPA Appreciation Award and honored the inaugural recipients at an awards ceremony and fundraiser in February 2004.

In planning the event, the executive committee decided that the event should be a small, targeted, "VIP" reception. This helped keep costs down, while making the award recipients feel honored and appreciated. The award selection committee was formed to select the first recipient. The committee wanted to select someone that had provided outstanding support to the college that benefited the college, as well as its alumni and students. In evaluating possible recipients the selection became clear.

A couple, Stephen and Anita Friedman, were selected as the first recipients for their collective contributions to the university, college, and its students and alumni. The Friedmans have been contributing to UIC since the early 1980's and have been involved with CUPPA since the college began in 1993. Stephen assisted the university in acquiring the former Circle Center Mall, which was renovated into the UIC Student Services Building. This facility has been of tremendous help to the campus and students, as students are now able to go to one place to take care of many needs including financial aid, tutoring, and counseling services.

The Friedmans were contacted to ensure that they could attend on the tentatively selected date. A press release on the establishment of the award and the inaugural recipients was prepared. This was sent to colleagues of the recipients and to local newspapers. It was also distributed with invitations to the event.

The award was designed. A general certificate was created and framed with photographs of the many projects the Friedmans contributed to on campus. Special thanks to the University of Illinois Alumni Association for providing the funds to have this award created.

The CUPPA Alumni Association Board (20 members), key college faculty and university administrators, the honorees and their special guests were invited to attend the awards ceremony. Other donors, partners, and alumni affiliated with the college were informed of the newly established award and the impressive contributions of the inaugural recipients.

The costs for this event were kept to a minimum. A board member's daughter catered the event and another board member's partner designed the invitation that was printed in house. There was no cost for the venue because the Alumni Association board treasurer offered to host the event in his home. The treasurer had previously worked for the Friedmans and has a good relationship with the couple. This saved a considerable amount of money. It also helped reinforce that this was a special event, uniquely designed to honor the recipients.

The event raised over \$1,400 for the college's Alumni Association. By keeping the costs low, a large profit was raised. This will help the association continue to offer professional development and networking events at a cost that is affordable to fellow alumni and students.

This event helped raise awareness of the college with many leaders in the field. Six high-level officers from professional planning organizations attended the event as the Friedmans special guests. These individuals met the college Dean and alumni board President and were exposed to a high quality event hosted by the association. They were happy to see an organization honoring the Friedmans, as they also respect the good work they do and feel they deserve credit for this.

Many other professional organizations were exposed to the association by the issue of the press release about the Friedmans receiving the award. Stephen Friedman is a member or affiliated with a majority of the planning-related organization in the Chicago area. By sending the press release to these organizations they were able to help honor and congratulate the Friedmans. They were also exposed to the college and alumni association.

A select group of active participants in Chicago area planning and public administration organizations who are also college alumni were invited to this event. Their participation helped get them involved in the association, which will lead to further partnering and exposure in the future.

Perhaps most importantly, the Friedmans felt extremely honored and were touched by the award, event, and the related media attention. In his acceptance speech, it was clear that Stephen Friedman thought highly of the college and its alumni and was honored by being selected as the inaugural recipient of this special award.

Recognizing the exceptional contributions of the Friedmans also demonstrates to other college supporters that we are extremely appreciative of the help we receive.

The 2004 series entitled “Creating Healthy Communities” brought together over 120 individuals to discuss current efforts and challenges affecting the fields of urban planning and public affairs. Special thanks to the planning committee and to all of the panelists.

“Changing Neighborhoods – Changing Schools” was held on March 9, 2004. The moderator was David O. Stoval, Assistant Professor, Policy Studies, UIC College of Education; Faculty Fellow, UIC Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy. Panelists were: Pauline Lipman, Associate Professor, Social and Cultural Foundations of Education, DePaul University; Director of the DePaul University Institute for Teacher Development and Research; Celia Gonzalez Lozano, Project Director, Telpochcalli Community Education Project; Stanley Merriwether, Chief of Staff, Lawndale Christian Development Corporation; Janet Smith, Assistant Professor, Urban Planning and Policy, UIC College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs. The event was hosted by Principal Patrick Baccellieri and the South Loop School.

“Improving the Environment – Improving the Community” was held on March 30, 2004. The event was moderated by Sunny Sonnenschein, Director of Information Technology, Chicago Metropolis 2020. The panelists were: Eugene Goldfarb: Midwest Environmental Officer, US Department of Housing and Urban Development; Martin S. Jaffe, J.D.: Associate Professor, Urban Planning and Policy, UIC College of Urban Planning & Public Affairs; James Patchett, ASLA. President and Founder, Conservation Design Forum. The event was hosted by Prairie Avenue Bookstore and store manager, Beth Eyring.

“Better Collaboration – Better Development” was held on April 20, 2004. The event was moderated by Jennifer Tammen, Director of Planning, Norwood Builders. The panelists were: Rick Cavanaugh, Chief Operating Officer, Fifield Companies; Mike Chen, Director of Development Services, Village of Oak Park; Eliud Medina, Executive Director, Near Northwest Neighborhood Network; Stephen Porras, Vice President, Acquisitions and Affordable Housing, LR Development Company. The event was hosted by Prairie Avenue Bookstore and store manager, Beth Eyring.

The April 28, 2004 issue of Streetwise included an article by reporter Suzzane Hanney highlighting this panel and discussion.

As of May 2004, over 30 alumni class speakers were recruited and coordinated by the CUPPA Alumni Association. These speakers were the backbone of the Spring Urban Planning Professional Development seminar, a mandatory class for graduate Urban Planning students intended to give them an idea of the different areas in planning and the various professional challenges they will be dealing with during their career. In identifying speakers, importance was placed on recruiting speakers from diverse backgrounds. Once the alumnus/ae spoke to the class, they were sent a thank you letter from Dean Hambleton and the Professor, Charles Hoch. UIAA also sent them a thank you letter from UIC Associate Chancellor for Alumni Relations Arlene Norsym with an alumni pennant.

During summer 2004, an additional 40 speakers were recruited for the Urban Planning and Public Administration professional development courses. This was the first time the alumni association was closely involved with a public administration course. It has been used as an opportunity to re-engage

many MPA alumni that have not been involved with the college since their graduation. This initiative to recruit, coordinate and thank alumni class speakers has been beneficial to the college, the alumni association, and the students enrolled in the professional development courses.

On November 13, 2004, CUPPA-AA hosted its 4th annual Life Long Learning Day entitled *Statistics, Polls and Surveys: Refresh Your Skills and Learn from Experts*. Over 30 CUPPA alumni and practitioners attended this professional development event. Participants refreshed their skills using Microsoft Excel for basic and advanced statistical analysis, and learned from various practitioners about how surveys and polls are conducted and used for research in public, private and nonprofit sectors. Sharon Mastracci Ph.D., Assistant Professor for Public Administration instructed the Excel training session, and all of the following panelists and moderators volunteered their time and expertise: Moderator, Allyson Holbrook, Ph.D., Assistant Professor in Public Administration, UIC Survey Research Laboratory and Psychology Department. Panelist, Kevin Patrick Gibbs, MUPP '99, Coordinator of Geographic Information Systems for the Chicago Department of Public Health. Panelist, Richard Day, Ph.D., Richard Day Research, Inc. (RDR) and Panelist, Amy Rynell, Director of the Mid-America Institute on Poverty of Heartland Alliance (MAIP)

The annual alumni holiday party was held on December 8, 2004. The holiday party continues to be the only purely social event held for CUPPA alumni. This event annually attracts alumni that are interested in reconnecting with fellow alumni and the college, but may not be interested in the educational events that are offered. This year's event attracted over 70 alumni. For many, this was their first CUPPA alumni event; others attend the event annually and look forward to seeing people they met in previous years at the event. The 2004 party was the first year current students were actively invited to attend the party. This outreach was successful in attracting current students and facilitating their interaction with alumni and the alumni association.

CUPPA-AA co-sponsored the fourth annual DC area alumni reception in conjunction with the Transportation Research Board Conference. The reception was held Washington DC on January 10, 2004 from 5:30-7:00pm. All alumni in the DC area and alumni working in transportation nationwide were invited, as well as special guests. A number of faculty and staff from CUPPA's Urban Transportation Center attended the event and reconnected with alumni and colleagues. Over 60 faculty, staff, students and alumni joined together and enjoyed this special event.

The second annual CUPPA Alumni Appreciation Award Ceremony was held on March 4, 2004. Greg Longhini was selected for the second annual award for his collective contributions to the university, college, and its students and alumni. Greg Longhini was been actively contributing to CUPPA since receiving his Masters of Urban Planning and Policy degree in 1979. He has been an instrumental part of the Chicago planning community with Chicago's Department of Planning and Development and the Chicago Transit Authority. Greg has been an adjunct professor in the Urban Planning and Policy program since 1990. The event raised over \$2,000 for the college's Alumni Association. By keeping the costs low, a large profit was raised. This will help the association continue to offer professional development and networking events at a cost that is affordable to fellow alumni and students. This event helped raise awareness of the college with many leaders in the field. Last year's award recipients Stephen and Anita Friedman were in attendance. Many of Mr. Longhini's colleagues from the Chicago Transit Authority attended the event, including six board members and Chairman Carole Brown. These individuals met the college Dean and alumni board President and were exposed to a high quality event hosted by the

association. They were happy to see an organization honoring Mr. Longhini, as they also respect the good work he does and feel he deserves credit for this.

During spring of 2004 the annual Spring Speakers even took place. This year's series entitled "Opposing Viewpoints" brought together over 100 individuals to discuss current controversial issues affecting the fields of urban planning and public affairs. Special thanks to the professional development committee and to all of the panelists.

The first of the series was "Neighborhoods and Shopping Districts: Can Big Boxes and Local Business Work Side By Side?" It was held on March 8, 2005. Moderator: Lee Brown, AICP, President/Principal, Teska Associates, Inc. Panelists: Enrique Salgado, Executive Director, Division Street Business Development Association, Ellen Shepard, Executive Director, Andersonville Chamber of Commerce, and Fred J. Murray, CSM/CLS, Director of Leasing, Harlem Irving Companies, Inc. This series was hosted by Prairie Avenue Bookshop. Thanks to store manager, Beth Eifrig. The March 15, 2005 issue of the UIC Flame included an article highlighting this panel and discussion. Thanks to student reporter David Haigh for attending and writing the story.

"Faith-Based Planning: What is the Role of Religious Institutions in Community Development?" was held on April 5, 2005 Moderator: Nacho Gonzalez, Associate Director, UIC Neighborhoods Initiative, Great Cities Institute. Panelists: Sidney Hollander, Board President, Jewish Council on Urban Affairs, William (Bill) Purcell, Director of the Office for Peace and Justice, Archdiocese of Chicago, Ann Woodward, Vice President for Community Supportive Services, Lakefront Supportive Housing. It was hosted by the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs

"Regionalism Revisited: What is in the Future for Regional Planning Agencies?"- April 26, 2005 Moderator: Peter Skosey, Vice President, External Relations, Metropolitan Planning Council. Panelists: Jan Metzger, Co-Director, Chicagoland Transportation and Air Quality Commission, Rob Sadowsky, Executive Director, Chicagoland Bicycle Federation, Rae Rupp Srch. President, Village of Villa Park, and Ron L Thomas, AICP, Executive Director, Northeastern Illinois Planning Commission. Hosted by the Illini Center. Thanks to the University of Illinois Alumni Association

In FY05, over 60 alumni class speakers were recruited and coordinated by the CUPPA Alumni Association. These speakers were the backbone of both the Spring and Summer Urban Planning Professional Development seminars and the Summer Public Administration Professional Development seminar. These classes are mandatory for CUPPA graduate students intended to give them an idea of the different areas in planning and the various professional challenges they will be dealing with during their career. In identifying speakers, importance was placed on recruiting speakers from diverse backgrounds. Once the alumnus spoke to the class, they were sent a thank you letter from Dean Hambleton and the Professor, Raffaella Nanetti. UIAA also sent them a thank you letter from UIC Associate Chancellor for Alumni Relations Arlene Norsym with an alumni pennant. This initiative to recruit, coordinate and thank alumni class speakers has been beneficial to the college, the alumni association, and the students enrolled in the professional development courses.

On November 5, 2005, CUPPA-AA hosted its 5th annual Life Long Learning Day entitled *Critical City Infrastructure and Economic Development: Financing and Budgeting*. Over 30 CUPPA alumni and practitioners attended this professional development event. Participants attended a workshop on

prioritizing capital projects for a fictional community, developed a financial plan for this fictitious community, and presented their findings to public finance experts and village and city managers. In doing so, participants learned about budgeting practices and tools and learned how to prepare, interpret, and understand a municipal budget. Thanks to the following panelists and moderators for volunteering their expertise:

Michael Baker, Assistant Village Manager, Village of Downers Grove
Rebecca Hendrick, Associate Professor, UIC-CUPPA Public Administration
Kevin W. McCanna, President, Director and Owner, Speer Financial
Scott Niehaus, Village Manager, Village of Tinley Park
Patricia Nolan, Financial Advisor, Ehlers and Associates
Michael Pagano, Director and Professor, UIC-CUPPA Public Administration
Rachel Weber, Associate Professor, UIC Urban Planning and Policy Program

The annual alumni holiday party was held on December 6, 2005. The holiday party continues to be the only purely social event held for CUPPA alumni. This event annually attracts alumni that are interested in reconnecting with fellow alumni and the college, but may not be interested in the educational events that are offered. This year's event attracted over 90 alumni. For many, this was their first CUPPA alumni event; others attend the event annually and look forward to seeing people they met in previous years at the event.

The third annual CUPPA Alumni Appreciation Award Ceremony was held on March 3, 2006. Jack Hetrick, on behalf of the Chicago Federal Executive Board, was selected for the third annual award. The board, an organization of the most senior officials of federal agencies serving Chicago and 13 surrounding counties, promotes community partnerships, communication, cost efficiencies and service delivery among the agencies. Hetrick and the CFEB were selected for their collective contributions to the university, college, and its students and alumni. Mr. Hetrick was nominated by Public Administration Professor Jim Thompson for the very beneficial partnership the CFEB has had with CUPPA which includes several PA certificate programs and CFEB scholarships to CUPPA students. The CUPPA Alumni Appreciation Award recognizes dedication to the fields of public administration and urban planning and contributions to the development of the college's students and alumni.

This year's Spring Speakers Series brought together over 100 individuals to discuss current controversial issues affecting the fields of urban planning and public affairs. Special thanks to the professional development committee and to all of the panelists.

Managing Your Career: Moving in and out of the Public Sector March 9, 2006

Moderator: Sharon Mastracci, Assistant Professor, UIC Public Administration
Panelists: Karl Bradley, Vice President, Mitchell Development Partners; James Brown, Director of Community Development, Village of Lemont; Ron Shimizu, Senior Supervising Planner, Parsons Brinckerhoff Douglas and Quade, Inc. The event was held at the Illini Center.

Sharing Responsibility: Complying with the Illinois Affordable Housing Act April 6, 2006

Moderator: Helene Berlin, Senior Analyst, Applied Real Estate Analysis, Inc.
Panelists: Beth Dever, Housing Director of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus; Betsy Lassar, Housing Planner, City of Highland Park; Nicholas Brunick, Attorney, Applegate and Thorne-Thomsen. The event was hosted by National City Bank.

Leveraging Community Involvement: Case Studies in Community Organizing April 18, 2006

Moderator: Brent D. Ryan, Assistant Professor in the UIC Urban Planning and Policy Program and Co-Director of UIC City Design Center

Panelists: Ben Helphand, Co-Founder, Friends of the Bloomingdale Trail; Edde Jones, Program Director, Greencorps Chicago; Karen Wan, Director of Sustainability and Competitiveness, Chicago Manufacturing Center. The event was hosted by the Center for Neighborhood Technology

In FY06, over 50 alumni class speakers were recruited and coordinated by the CUPPA Alumni Association. These speakers were the backbone of both the Spring and Summer Urban Planning Professional Development seminars and the Spring Public Administration Capstone course. These classes for CUPPA graduate students are intended to give them an idea of the different areas in planning and public administration and the various professional challenges they will be dealing with during their career. In identifying speakers, importance was placed on recruiting speakers from diverse backgrounds. Once the alumnus spoke to the class, they were sent a thank you letter from the CUPPA Alumni Association Board. UIAA also sent them a thank you letter from UIC Associate Chancellor for Alumni Relations Arlene Norsym with an alumni pennant. This initiative to recruit, coordinate and thank alumni class speakers has been beneficial to the college, the alumni association, and the students enrolled in the professional development courses.

The following is a list of people that have served on the CUPPA Alumni Association Board from the start of the organization through June 30, 2007.

Name, Degree	Years on Board
Susanne Atanus, MPA '83	2000-2002
Helene Berlin, MUPP '01	2002-present
Dena Al-Khatib, MUPP '99	1999-2005
William Baltutis, MUPP '82	1998-2000
Nannette Banks, MUPP '01	2005-2006
Nick Bianchi, MUPP '02	2003-2004
Stephan Bitter, MPA '93	2005-present
Christine Bohlman, MUPP '90	1998
Amy Campbell, MUPP '00	2001-2002
Heather Campbell, MUPP '02	2003-2004
Nancy Cohen, MPA '90	2004-present
Donald F. Cuddihee, Jr., MUPP '98	2002-2004
Marcus Davis, MUPP '05	2005-present
Abraham Deletoglou, MUPP '03	2004-present
Mark Dwyer, MUPP '97	2004-present
Stacey Flint, MUPP '99	1999-2002
Eugene Fregetto, PhD PPA '97	1999-2000
Shelley Fulla, MPA '00	2000-2001
Celia Amada Gonzalez, MUPP '01	2002-2004
Christopher Hall, MUPP '91	1998-2003
Matthew Hickey, MUPP '01	2005-present
Noah Temaner Jenkins, MUPP '95	1998-present
George Jones, MUPP '99	2000-2001
Norah Leary Jones, MUPP '01	2002-2003
Abraham Lentner, MUPP '05	2005-present
Catherine Kannenberg, MUPP '00	2003-present
Dwan Kaukji, MUPP '05	2005-present
David Kralik, MUPP '03	2003-present
Lisa Kramer, MPA '05	2005
Peggy Laemle, MUPP '01	2004-present
David Levin, MPA '90	1999-2000
Madeline A. Lund, MPA '93	2002-2004
Carrie Makarewicz, MUPP '01	2002-present
Kym Malkin, MPA '01	2002-2003
Nasutsa Mabwa, MUPP '99	2003-2004
Diane McCarthy, MUPP '95	2000-2005
Rebecca Mix, MPA '02	2005-present
William Neuendorf, MUPP '04	2004-2006
Kevin O'Bryan, MUPP '99	2001-2002
Courtney Owen, MUPP '04	2005-present
Joe Patzin, MPA '03	2003-2004

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Norma Polanco, MUPP '01	2002-2003
Conrad Pomykala, MPA '91	1998-2003
Kimberly Porter, MUPP '00	2005-2006
Michael Reynolds, MPA '97	2003-2004
Elvira Reyes, MUPP '03	2004-present
Robert Rice, MUPP '01	2002-present
Al Riley, MUPP '78	2002-present
Joseph Selbka, MPA '01	2004-present
Joseph Simmons, MUPP '92	1998-2002
Peter Skosey, MUPP '93	1998-present
Kathy Stauffer, MUPP '94	1998-2002
Doug Sullivan, MPA '03	2003-2006
Jack Swenson, MUPP '95	1999-2005
Jennifer Tammen, MUPP '99	2004-present
Scott Waldinger, MUPP '96	1998-1999
Mary Catherine Wells, MUPP '93	2003-2004
Audrey Wennink, MUPP '04	2004-present
Cheryl Wilson, MUPP '00	2005-2006
Edward Wilson, MUPP '92	1998-1999
Angela Yudt, MPA '95	1999-2004
Andrew Clark, MUPP '06	2006-present
Anne Fuller, MPA '06	2006-present
Tara Childs, MPA '06	2006-present
Johanna Nyden, MUPP '06	2006-present
Joshua Price, MPA '05	2005-2006
Todd Wolcott, MUPP '03	2005-2006
Eve Boles, MUPP '94	2005-2006
Peter Czuback, MPA '02	2006-present
Andrea Traudt, MUPP '06	2006-present
Patrick Murphey, MUPP '02	2006-present
Kirby Burkholder, MUPP '98	2006-present
Norm West, MUPP '05	2006-present
Miss Lee Deuben, MUPP '05	2006-present
Sarah Wiebenson, MUPP '06	2006-present