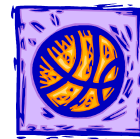


# GSPA Newsletter 2006 - 2007

*Graduate Students in Public Administration (GSPA) is an organization for UALR MPA students and alumni that promotes involvement in activities pertaining to public administration and public service. Participation in GSPA is a great way to connect with current students, faculty, alumni, and community leaders.*

## GSPA Events:

- **First GSPA Meeting:** November 15, 2006  
Fifteen students gathered in Ross Hall for the introduction of GSPA officers and advisors. Refreshments were enjoyed while fellow students gathered to hear about GSPA networking opportunities.
- **GSPA Holiday Party:** December 8, 2006  
Sixteen students gathered at Gusano's in the River Market to celebrate the conclusion of the Fall semester with three MPA faculty: Dr. Jordan, Dr. Cherubin, and Dr. Wrobel.
- **Trojan Basketball Homecoming Game:** February 10, 2007  
Thanks to all who joined GSPA in cheering on the Trojans to a 79-71 victory over Troy!

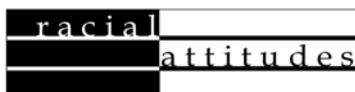


## Upcoming Events:

*Additional details for these upcoming events will be provided via email.*



- **UALR Spring Career Fair:** March 7, 2007  
University College – Counseling and Career Planning Services (CCPS) and Cooperative Education (COOP) will be hosting its semi-annual Career Fair from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Stephens Event Center located at 28<sup>th</sup> and University Avenue. For more information call 501-569-3185 or [www.ualr.edu/ccps\\_dept](http://www.ualr.edu/ccps_dept)
- **GSPA Speaker - Bruce Moore, Little Rock City Manager:** March 19, 2007  
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. in the UALR Arkla Room located in Ross Hall 119. Refreshments will be served.
- **UALR Racial Attitudes Conference:** March 21, 2007  
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. in the Donaghey Student Center  
*Racial Attitudes in Pulaski County: Perspectives on Education*  
For more information or to register, contact Siobhan Bartley at 501-569-8357.



*Upcoming Events Continued...*



- **ASPA 2007 Conference:** March 23 – 27, 2007  
Fundraising activities are underway to provide scholarships for MPA students attending the conference in Washington D.C. Fundraisers include selling Valentine’s Day gift bags and “Really Big Coloring Books.”

The following coloring books are available for \$7.00: American Horses, ABC’s and 123’s, Zoo Animals, Dinosaurs, African American Leaders, Fairy Tales, and Racing. If you are interested in purchasing a coloring book email Kinsey Daven, [kldaven@ualr.edu](mailto:kldaven@ualr.edu). Your support is greatly appreciated!



- **UALR /UCA Public Administration Mixer:** April 13, 2007  
This event will introduce UCA undergraduate students to the UALR MPA program. Faculty, students, and alumni are encouraged to attend and share their experiences in the MPA program.

- **GSPA Elections:** April 2007  
Nominations for candidates will be accepted throughout March for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Call for nominations will be distributed at the beginning of March. Elections will be held at the April GSPA meeting.



- **Arkansas Literary Festival Volunteer Opportunities:** April 20 – 22, 2007  
The Arkansas Literary Festival is the major annual fundraiser for Arkansas Literacy Councils, Inc. (ALC). These councils provide tutoring services to adults who seek to improve their basic reading, writing, math, and English as Second Language skills.



Volunteer support is vital to the success of the event – both in the months leading up to the festival and during the event itself. During the weekend of the festival approximately 200 volunteers are needed to greet visitors and direct traffic, monitor sessions, assist with book sales and signings, set up for special events, etc. Visit <http://www.arkansasliteraryfestival.org/> for more information and to get a copy of the volunteer application.

If you are interested in volunteering, email Kinsey Daven at [kldaven@ualr.edu](mailto:kldaven@ualr.edu).

- **IOG Government Literacy Program:** Summer 2007



- **2007 SECoPA Conference:** September 26 - 29, 2007  
For more information regarding the conference in Nashville visit: [www.aspaonline.org/nashville/secopa2007.htm](http://www.aspaonline.org/nashville/secopa2007.htm)



## Scholarship Opportunities:

- **MPA scholarships for academic year 2007 – 2008:**  
Additional details have been provided via email from the MPA program.
- **Government Finance Officers Association Scholarships:**  
<http://www.gfoa.org/services/scholarships.shtml>



## GSPA Officers:

- **Advisors to GSPA:**



**Dr. Wrobel:** Sharon Wrobel joined the MPA faculty in August, 2006. Prior to her appointment at UALR she taught Public Administration and Policy at Georgia Southern University and Western Illinois University. She holds a B.A. in Sociology and an MPA from Arizona State University, and an M.S. in Applied Sociology as well as a Ph.D. in Public Policy and Political Economy from the University of Texas at Dallas. Her teaching areas include Methods, Policy Analysis, Program Evaluation, and Public Policy. Her main research interest is in social policy, with an emphasis in education. [slwrobel@ualr.edu](mailto:slwrobel@ualr.edu)



**Dr. Cherubin:** Hervil Cherubin joined the MPA program, as an assistant Professor, in August 2006. He holds a B.A. in Economics, a Master's in Business Administration and a Ph.D. in Urban and Public Affairs from the University of Louisville. Hervil has significant economic and public policy experience specializing in economic development for downtown Louisville, Kentucky, in addition to serving as the international advisor for the mayor of Louisville. Prior to joining the faculty at UALR, he taught at both the University of Louisville and Spalding University, in the areas of research and program evaluation. [hxcherubin@ualr.edu](mailto:hxcherubin@ualr.edu)

- **2006 – 2007 Officers:**



**President, Kinsey Daven:** Kinsey graduated from Arizona State University in 2003 with degrees in Women's Studies and Justice Studies. Upon graduation she worked for the Arizona State Senate and a Phoenix-based political consulting firm. Kinsey relocated to her hometown of Little Rock last summer and began the MPA program in August 2006. [kldaven@ualr.edu](mailto:kldaven@ualr.edu)



**Vice-President, Julie Jackson:** Julie graduated from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in 2005 with a B.A. in Spanish and a minor in Geology. She is in her second year in the program and expects to write her Capstone in Fall 2007. [jdjackson1@ualr.edu](mailto:jdjackson1@ualr.edu)



**Spring 2007 Secretary/Treasurer, Lauren Talbot:** Lauren graduated from Arkansas State University in 2006 with a degree in Biology. She spent her senior year studying abroad in Cergy, France. Lauren transferred from the ASU MPA program at the start of the 2007 Spring semester. [letalbot@ualr.edu](mailto:letalbot@ualr.edu)



**Fall 2006 Secretary/Treasurer, Crystal Green:** Crystal received her undergraduate degree in Public Administration from University of Central Arkansas. She is working on her master's at UALR and is going for her Ph.D. Currently, she works for the Arkansas Bureau of Legislative Research and is busy planning for her wedding in August 2007. [cagreen1@ualr.edu](mailto:cagreen1@ualr.edu)