

Pi Alpha Alpha (PAA) is a national honor society that recognizes and promotes excellence in the field of public affairs and administration. Graduate students who have demonstrated significant academic achievement are eligible to become members of PAA. Pi Alpha Alpha defines its mission in the following terms: To encourage and recognize outstanding scholarship and accomplishment in public affairs and administration, to promote the advancement of education and practice in the art and science of public affairs and administration, and to foster integrity, professionalism, and creative performance in the conduct of governmental and related public service activities.

The American University Chapter of PAA, one of the founding chapters in the United States, inducts students who have excelled academically. In order to be eligible for membership, students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.7 or higher, and must be within 9-12 credits of completing their degree. Students are nominated by the Department of Public Administration and Policy.

The DPAP Policy Solutions Challenge Team scored first place in the Northeast Region and finished third place in the National Championship competition. The award winning team members were Jennifer Fernandez, Kyle Hayes, Kavita Mak, Clint Silvey, and David Trigaux. Their faculty advisor was Daniel Puskin.

Policy Solutions Challenge USA is a national competition among teams of students from U.S. schools of public policy, public affairs and public administration to develop innovative solutions to the most important policy problems facing the country.

These students represent the next generation of skilled policy analysts, prepared by the schools of public policy, public affairs and public administration to draw upon the tools of economics, statistics, political science, organizational management and law to design new responses to the difficult issues confronting federal, state and local governments.



Awards Night

featuring

The 6th Annual Charles H. Levine Memorial Lecture
in Public Administration & Policy

Presentation of the
Charles H. Levine PhD Student Manuscript Award

&

The 2015 Pi Alpha Alpha Honors Society
Induction Ceremony

Friday, April 24th, 2015
Mary Graydon Center, Room 3

Program

6:00pm
Introductory Remarks.....**Barbara Romzek**
Dean, School of Public Affairs

6:05pm
Introductory Remarks..... **Jordan Levine**
Son of Charles and Elaine Levine

6:10pm
Charles H. Levine Lecture Introduction.....**Alison Jackowitz**
Chair, Department of Public Administration & Policy

6:15pm
Charles H. Levine Lecture
in Public Administration & Policy.....**Donald F. Kettl**
Professor, University of Maryland School of Public Policy

Progressive 2.0: Rescuing a Positive Vision for Government's Future

7:00pm
Presentation of Charles H. Levine
PhD Student Manuscript Award.....**Anna Amirkhanyan**
*Incoming PhD Program Coordinator, Department of Public Administration
& Policy*

7:05pm
Pi Alpha Alpha Induction Ceremony Introduction.....**Karen Baehler**
Faculty Advisor, Pi Alpha Alpha, American University Chapter

7:10pm
Pi Alpha Alpha Induction Ceremony.....**Amrita Sen**
President, Pi Alpha Alpha, American University Chapter
& Vida Awumey
Vice President, Pi Alpha Alpha, American University Chapter

7:30pm
Reception

Charles H. Levine Lecture in Public Administration & Policy



Donald F. Kettl is a professor of public policy at the University of Maryland School of Public Policy. He is also a nonresident senior fellow at the Brookings Institution and the Volcker Alliance. He is the author or editor of many books, including *The Politics of the Administrative Process* (6th ed., 2015), *System under Stress* (2014), *The Next Government of the United States* (2008), and *The Global Public Management Revolution* (2005). He has twice won the Louis Brownlow Book Award of

the National Academy of Public Administration for the best book published in public administration. In 2008, Kettl won the American Political Science's John Gaus Award for a lifetime of exemplary scholarship in political science and public administration. He holds a PhD in political science from Yale University and has held appointments at University of Pennsylvania, Columbia University, the University of Virginia, Vanderbilt University, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He is a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration.

The Charles H. Levine Memorial Lecture in Public Administration and Policy honors the life, scholarly contributions, and public service of one of the most respected public management scholars in these fields, and the first Distinguished Professor of Government and Public Administration in the School of Public Affairs (SPA) at American University.

Charles Levine was a leading champion of the civil service. He was the author or coauthor of nine books, including such classics as *Managing Fiscal Stress* and *The Politics of Retrenchment*. He was also widely published in leading journals of public administration and policy, and was known for his seminal works on cutback management in fiscally challenging times. In recognition of Dr. Levine's stature, the American Society for Public Administration, the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration, the Academy of Management, and the International Political Science Association have subsequently established awards in his name.

Katie Vinopal is a PhD student from Washington, DC. She has worked as a Research Assistant at the Urban Institute and a Research Associate at the Food Research and Action Center. Katie aspires to pursue a tenure-track faculty position in a public affairs department.

Boming Xie is an MPP student from Nanchang, China. She is working as an intern at the Brookings Institution. Boming hopes to work with an international education organization in the future.

Tharanga Yakupitiyage is an MPP student from Bangkok, Thailand. She has experience working in nonprofit and international organizations around the world. Tharanga hopes to work in the field of international development, specifically in development projects concerning food security.

Rebecca Yurman is a PhD student from Washington, DC. Prior to joining the PhD program, she was a Senior Analyst at the Government Accountability Office within the Natural Resources and Environment Division.

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I pledge my support for the intellectual and professional advancement of the art and science of public administration and public affairs. I shall honor and respect the virtues and values of public service and those who serve.

I shall uphold the eternal need for education that imbues public administrators with traditions of democratic governance.

Moreover, as a member of Pi Alpha Alpha, I shall uphold the highest ethical standards applying to public service and will endeavor to encourage and engage in meaningful interaction with other members.

The Department of Public Administration and Policy would like to thank Karen Baehler, Renee Howatt, and Kadija Bah for all of their assistance with the Department's Pi Alpha Alpha members.

2015 Pi Alpha Alpha Inductees

Yamily Arab is an MPA student from Miami, FL. She has had several internships with the Department of State. Yamily aspires to become a Foreign Service officer.

Aundrea Baker is an MPP student from Charles City, VA. She is currently a Pathways intern at the Department of Justice. Aundrea hopes to become a policy analyst in the federal government in order to impact the advancement of underrepresented groups in society.

Ethan Baron is an MPA student from Philadelphia, PA. He currently serves as the Manager of Innovation at the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society. In the future, Ethan hopes to enable innovative approaches within organizations to help them meet their mission more efficiently.

Deborah Bethea is an MPA, Key Executive Leadership student from Washington, DC. She is the Senior Financial Disclosure Advisor for the U.S. House of Representatives for the past 7 years. Deborah aspires to be an effective leader who is positioned to approach and resolve numerous issues within society.

Janetta Brewer is an MPA, Key Executive Leadership student from Memphis, TN. She is a Senior Procurement Analyst at the Department of Defense. Janetta hopes to create an international consulting firm that aids developing countries in building and strengthening their public procurement systems.

Matthew Buechner is an MPP student from Middleton, WI. He has an interest in addressing structural and institutional barriers to equality. Matthew currently fulfills this mission as a Policy Associate at America's Essential Hospitals.

Joseph Ciaravella is an MPA student from Tallahassee, FL. He graduated Cum Laude from Florida State University and is a member of Pi Gamma Mu. Joseph hopes to hold a leadership position within the federal government someday.

Sean Cimilluca is an MPA, Key Executive Leadership student from Delray Beach, FL. He works for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration as a Commissioned Officer and a Marine Operations

Rhucha Samudra is a PhD student from Pune, India. Rhucha has worked in local governments of Arizona, Michigan, and Washington D.C. Rhucha hopes to continue working in poverty research.

Jordan Schechter is an MPA student from Buffalo, NY. He has worked on numerous campaigns and interned with the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee. He aspires to work in campaign consulting in the future.

James Scheye is an MPA student from Alexandria, Va. He has worked as an aviator in the Coast Guard for 26 years and a Manager of Team Planning at the Department of Homeland Security. James looks forward to visiting all the continents by 2016 for his 50th birthday.

Brianna Sewell is an MPA student from Woodbridge, VA. She currently works as a County Outreach Representative for Congressman Gerry Connolly. Brianna aspires to oversee the Office of Congressional Relations within the Government Accountability Office.

Stephanie South is an MPA student from Grand Junction, CO. She currently works for a private consulting firm in Washington, DC. Stephanie hopes to become involved in counterterrorism efforts at the Department of State.

Evan Thomas-Arnold is an MPA student from Cincinnati, OH. He has worked at the International Foundation for Electoral Systems. Evan hopes to work in city management and become a city manager.

Matthew Trollinger is an MPA student from East Montpelier, VT. He has worked as a paralegal in the Department of Justice Antitrust Division and a field manager at the Vermont Public Interest Research Group. Matthew hopes to run for public office in the future.

Sarah Twomey-Mercurio is an MPA student from Concord, CA. She has served with AmeriCorps. Sarah graduated Cum Laude from American University. She looks forward to a future in senior management within the non-profit sector.

Matthew Vanderschuere is a PhD student from Ocean City, NJ. He has worked in the Public Affairs Office in the Air Force. Matthew hopes to utilize his academic and military background to conduct management and policy research.

Ly Le is an MPP student from Hanoi, Vietnam. She has done field research in Vietnam to examine the impact of business diversification on the development strategy in the country. Ly aspires to work in the field of development and help improve the lives of people in developing countries.

Erin Mann is an MPA student from Washington, DC. She is National Director for the Public Policy and International Affairs Program.

Kristen Masley is an MPP student from Granby, CT. She works as a Project Assistant at the Bipartisan Policy Center. Kristen would like to serve within the education sector of the local or state government.

Reid May is an MPA student from Cleveland, Ohio. He has worked as Manager of Recruitment and Outreach at the Washington Center. Reid hopes to work on professional political operations and possibly run for office in the future.

Paul Miller is an MPA, Key Executive Leadership student from Waldorf, MD. He has served as an officer in the Air Force for eight years. Paul hopes to become a senior executive in the federal service and help make government operations more effective.

Rose Moore is an MPA, Key Executive Leadership student from Toombsboro, GA. She has served in the Marine Corps for 28 years at the rank of Master Gunnery Sergeant. Rose aspires to one day own and operate a community center and school.

Simon Nicholson is an MPP Student from Decatur, IL. He is an intern at the American Public Human Services Association and the National Environmental Education Foundation. Simon hopes to become a budget analyst for a local, state or federal government.

Robert Patterson is an MPA student from Pittstown, New Jersey. He has worked at the Office of Foreign Assets Control in the Department of Treasury. Robert aspires to embrace a career path that will allow him to protect national interests.

Luefras Robinson is a Key Executive Leadership student from Fredericksburg, VA. Luefras works within strategic communications at the Department of Defense. Luefras aspires to continue her work in public service and engage more heavily in the policy arena.

Specialist. Sean hopes to lead and coach organizations to new levels of success.

Courtney Coffin is an MPA student from Washington, DC. She is a Policy Assistant in the Office of Financial Empowerment within the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

Marilyn Crane is an MPA student from Washington, DC. She has worked at the American Council on Education for the past 13 years on international development partnerships. She hopes to use the knowledge she learned from this program to better understand the policy sector and improve her program performance.

Stephen Devine is an MPP student from Prospect, CT. He has worked as an army military intelligence officer and an Analyst with the Department of Homeland Security. He hopes to continue to learn about public policy with a focus on evaluations of federal economic development programs.

Nathan Dolezal is an MPA student from Johnston, OH. He is a Contracting Officer for the Coast Guard. Nathan aspires to be a city manager, preferably within the great state of Ohio.

Crystal Dully is an MPA student from East Orange, NJ. She currently works as a Pathways intern at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Crystal hopes to volunteer with civil engagement organizations that promote voter registration and voter turnout.

Katelyn Dwyer is an MPA student from San Francisco, CA. She has served as a fellow at the Northern Transportation Commission and an intern at AARP. Katelyn hopes to work in the transportation industry as a program manager in a large metropolitan city.

Aaron Edwards is an MPA, Key Executive Leadership student from Arlington, VA. He works as Branch Chief in the International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Bureau at the Department of State.

Julia Elrod is an MPA student from Vero Beach, FL. She currently works as a Project Coordinator with AARP's Public Policy Institute on health and independent living projects. Julia hopes to have a long, successful career in the public sector.

Crystal Espie is an MPA student from Aloha, OR. She currently works as the Public Policy Manager at Meals on Wheels America. Crystal hopes to run for elected office one day.

Austin Estes is an MPP student from Melbourne, FL. He currently works as a Data Analyst at the Flamboyan Foundation. As the son of a public high school teacher, Austin aspires to work as an educator or within the education policy sector.

Keegan Ferguson is an MPP student from Corpus Christi, TX. He has worked as a consultant at Price Waterhouse Coopers and Deloitte.

Genevieve Fraser is an MPP Student from Alberta, Canada. She has worked as a military public affairs intern at the Embassy of Canada. Genevieve aspires to work within the National Defense Committee as a policy advisor.

Matthew Garlipp is an MPA student from Long Branch, NJ. He has worked as a Policy Assistant at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Matthew aspires to become a city manager.

Abigail Goodman is an MPA student from Youngstown, OH. She works as the Special Assistant to the Dean of Academic Affairs and Senior vice Provost at American University. Abigail hopes to grow into greater leadership roles within academic administration.

Brandi Goswick is an MPA student from Longview, TX. She is currently working for a research and education foundation aimed at improving the health and well-being of patients. Within the next five years, Brandi aspires to be a program director for a nonprofit.

Georgette Hagans is an MPA student from Atlanta, GA. She is currently employed as an Analyst for the Government Accountability Office. Georgette aspires to become a member of the Senior Executive Service and oversee a federal agency of her choice.

John Hamman is an MPA student from Springfield, IL. He has worked as an intern at the Council on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Tracy Havermann is an MPA, Key Executive Leadership student from Crofton, MD. Tracy currently works at the Department of

Agriculture's Research Service. She hopes to assist in bringing about cultural transformation within the Department of Veteran's Affairs.

Kyle Hayes is an MPP student from Atlanta, GA. He has worked as a Managing Editor for the *Public Purpose* at American University. Kyle would like to pursue public service in his home state of Georgia.

Matthew Henneberger is an MPP student from Lancaster, PA. He has worked as a Case Assistant and Management Analyst at the Department of State. Matthew aspires to work in the development or policy sector.

Whitney Hoft is an MPP student from Arlington, TX. She has worked as a Program Evaluation Specialist and grant writer for a mental health agency in Texas. Whitney hopes to be a part of research that would influence policy to improve the lives of the impoverished and homeless in America.

Ashlyn Holeyfield is an MPP student from Russellville, AR. She currently works as a congressional fellow with the Committee on Education and the Workforce. Ashlyn hopes to become an international development economist and program evaluator.

Cara Jenkins is an MPA, Key Executive Leadership student from Charlestown, SC. She is Division Manager at the Federal Aviation Administration where she supported the Next Generation Air Traffic Modernization Program. Cara hopes to continue her public service career as a senior executive.

Katina Kempel is an MPP student from Potomac, MD. She has worked at the Global Environment and Technology Foundation. Katina was awarded the William K. Reilly Internship for students interested in environmental policy.

Kristen Kennedy is an MPA student from Concord, CA. She has worked as an independent consultant for the Overseas Cooperative Development Council. Kristen aspires to become a nonprofit sector leader in the area of social change.

Douglas Kershner is an MPA student from Philadelphia, PA. He is a Policy Analyst at the National Governor's Association, and has worked at the American Lung Association, and the Department of Interior.