I know this is a busy season for all our friends and members, whether you’re in government, the nonprofit sector, academia, or the business sector – so I’ll try to keep this brief. Before getting lost in the holiday season or prepping for a new fiscal year or academic semester, please take a few moments to read through this newsletter highlighting our upcoming section activities and the many, many accomplishments of our members.

The SWPA board and committees are actively preparing for section activities at the 2019 ASPA National Conference, which will include our SWPA business meeting, SWPA social, and the second (hopefully annual) Social Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Workshop (see the Save the Date page). And, of course, the conference wouldn’t be complete without our SWPA Awards Breakfast on Monday, March 11th from 7:30 to 9am. We are proud to announce that Susan Gooden, will be our keynote speaker for the event.

Susan is a long time SWPA member, Professor and Interim Dean at the Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs at Virginia Commonwealth University, as well as a past ASPA President. She has a long and active research focus on race, social equity, and cultural competency and will bring a fascinating and timely perspective to the keynote address.

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Another easy way to reinforce our mission is to help publicize and promote SWPA member accomplishments, such as research articles and projects, regional and national conference presentations, promotions and awards, to name just a few. Send us an email so we can highlight you or a colleague in our newsletter, social media, or website.

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Think of it this way, you are helping us achieve our mission by helping YOU – and increasing your visibility and accomplishments will, in turn, help the next generation of women coming after you. So let’s all pledge to throw away any lingering discomfort about self-promotion (which probably has a gendered history anyway) and let us sing your well-deserved praises.

So, along that line...make sure to follow us on Twitter (@swpaaspa) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/aspaswpa/) to hear the latest section news, activities, job openings, publications and research notes, and all your member accomplishments. I look forward to seeing you at the ASPA Conference in March! On behalf of the board and committee chairs, we wish you a safe, happy, and relaxing holiday!

“Each time a woman stands up for herself, without knowing it possibly, without claiming it, she stands up for all women.”

- Maya Angelou
Dr. Agatha Caraballo, SWPA Treasurer, was promoted to Assistant Chair at Florida International University's Department of Public Policy and Administration.

Erin Borri has won the CORD Scholarly Excellence Award, given by Arizona State University's Center for Organizational Research and Design.

Nidhi Vij, Assistant Professor, University of Mississippi, has been awarded the Howell Family Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award by the College of Liberal Arts, at the University of Mississippi.

Dr. Helisse Levine, former SWPA Rita Mae Kelly distinguished award, was promoted to Full Professor at Long Island University-Brooklyn.

Dr. Meghna Sabharwal, SWPA Immediate Past Chair, was appointed as the Program Head of the Public and Nonprofit Management at the University of Texas at Dallas.

Dr. Hillary Knepper, SWPA Past Chair, was appointed as Interim Associate Provost at Pace University, New York.

Dr. Rashmi Chordiva started as Assistant Professor at the Institute of Public Service, Seattle University.
PUBLICATIONS


FELLOWSHIPS

Dr. Lauren Bock Mullins, SWPA Vice-Chair, was named as a Canada Research Chair in Comparative Public Management Fellow in July 2018, which is a 3-year appointment awarded by Ecole nationale d'administration publique.

Shilpa Viswanath, SWPA Secretary and Ph.D. candidate at Rutgers-Newark, received the 2018 APPAM's Diversity and Inclusion Fellowship.

Maria J. D'Agostino & Nicole M. Elias at WomenPublicSector @JohnJayWPS ran the blog “Big Questions Surrounding Gender Equity in Academia and the Field of Public Administration” with contributions from leading scholars and journal editors. Available at: https://wpsjjay.blogspot.com/2018.

MEET THE PERSON BEHIND OUR NEW LOOK

Zeeshan Noor is the man behind the revamped design of the SWPA newsletter. He is a Ph.D. student and research assistant in the Public Affairs program at the University of Texas at Dallas, and an editorial assistant at Public Administration Review (PAR). His hobbies include graphic design and photography, which he has put to good use. He won the SWPA logo design competition in 2017 and has been serving as co-editor of the SWPA newsletter, along with Dr. Gina Scutelnicu, since the fall of 2018.

Noor’s research area is nonprofit management, with specific focus on social media use, fundraising and program evaluation. He expects to graduate in Spring 2021 and plans to start a career in academia.

Zeeshan Noor, MA, MPA linkedin.com/in/znoor
In celebration of our 70th anniversary, the University of Kansas School of Public Affairs and Administration (SPAA) welcomed Terry Gerton, President and CEO of the National Academy of Public Administration and SPAA alumna Kathleen Sebelius to discuss "The Future of Public Service" on October 18.

Watch Terry's insightful interview with Kathleen on her career in public service, her thoughts on the state of public service today, and how things look for the future.

Kathleen Sebelius  
SPAA alumna

Terry Gerton  
President and CEO  
National Academy of Public Administration

WATCH NOW  
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-QjJXTMzUMs&t=8s
SWPA AWARD CATEGORIES:

*Joan Fiss Bishop Leadership Award*
Established in 1985, the honoree by example and action, has: promoted increased participation of women in the public service profession; exhibited a defined contribution to increased involvement in the public sector; shown innovative leadership and accomplished professionalism in their public service career, and made a commitment to the profession through current or past ASPA membership.

*Marcia P. "Marcy" Crowley Service to SWPA Award*
Originally established in 1991 and rededicated in 2007, the honoree is recognized for: outstanding service to SWPA; their service to the Section for several years; and for making a demonstrated impact on the work of the Section. NOTE: Honoree MUST be a current Section member in good standing.

*Rita Mae Kelly Distinguished Research Award*
Originally established in 1991, the honoree is recognized for: their research contribution to gender-related issues; performing research on an issue(s) significant to women’s role in public administration; and making an impact through research on women’s lives. NOTE: Honoree is NOT required to be an ASPA or SWPA member.

*Julia J. Henderson International Award*
Originally established in 2007, the honoree is recognized for their demonstrated commitment to: international public administration, in particular, or to international public service, in general, by a lifetime of public service; or to careers in international public administration and public service. NOTE: Honoree is NOT required to be an ASPA or SWPA member.

Check out the New SWPA Website at: aspaswpa.weebly.com
We’re thrilled to announce our new website. This project took the hard work of countless SWPA members and volunteers over the past two years. Special thanks to:

Dina Carpenter-Graffy, Elisa Graffy and Chaitanya Yadav
(MBA student, University of North Texas)
SWPA ASPA SCHOLARSHIPS!

The American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) Section for Women in Public Administration (SWPA) annually awards up to three $500.00 scholarships (Practitioners & students (Master’s and Ph.D.) to help defray the costs associated with attending the ASPA national conference. In addition to completing and submitting the SWPA Scholarship application form, applicants must submit a cover letter, vita or resume, and two letters of nomination/recommendation from relevant faculty, supervisors/managers, or ASPA chapter or section officers. We encourage not only students but also practitioners to apply.

See our website to apply!

Join us at our ASPA Breakfast on March 11th at 7:30am to meet our 2019 winners.

Thanks,
SWPA Team
SWPA Chairs Through History
ASPA National Committee on Women in Public Administration (1971-1982)
Section for Women in Public Administration (1982-Present)

1971-73 Joan Fiss Bishop, MA *
1973-74 June Martin *
1974-75 Barbara Hawkins
1975-76 Ruth Ann Barrett
1976-77 Dona Wolf, MD & Sherry Suttles
1977-78 Genevieve C. Sims
1978-80 Sally Gutierrez, CA
1980-81 Nancy Foye, OH & Jean McDonald
1981-82 Christine Gibbs, NV
1982-83 Jana Bagwell, OK
1983-84 Carol Gandy, CA *
1984-85 Jeanne Marie Col, NY
1985-86 Kathryn Hensley, VA & Marie Barovick Rosenberg, WA
1986-87 Lynn Brown, CA
1987-88 Kathy Roth Moore, CA
1988-89 Eileen Larence, VA
1989-90 Mary Ellen Guy, TX
1990-91 Debra Martin, MI
1991-92 Willa Bruce
1992-93 Anne Swafford
1993-94 Mary Timney Bailey
1994-95 Ann Snyder

1995-96 Michelle A. Saint-Germain
1996-97 Marjorie Lomax, VA
1997-98 Linda M. Lazer
1998-99 Mary M. Hale
1999-00 Linda deLeon, CO
2000-01 Meredith Newman, FL
2001-02 Cheryl Simrell King, WA
2002-03 Wendy Haynes, MA
2003-05 Kathryn Hensley, SC
2005-07 Claire Felbinger, DC *
2007-08 Becky L. Schergens, VA
2008-10 Patricia Shields, TX
2010 L. Dara Baldwin (term incomplete)
2010-12 Roslyn Alic-Batson, FL
2012-13 Barbara Lewkowitz, AZ
2013-15 Suzanne Discenza, KS
2015-16 Elisabeth Graffy, AZ
2016-17 Hillary Knepper, NY
2017-18 Meghna Sabharwal, TX
2018-19 Michelle Evans, TN
* Deceased

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The 2019 Annual Conference will take place March 8-12 in Washington, DC. Bringing attendees together around the theme, "A Call for Action: Advancing Public Service."

Plan now to attend the 2nd Social Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (SEDI) Workshop at 2019 ASPA Conference.
2018-2019 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section Chair—Michelle Evans
Vice-Chair—Lauren Bock Mullins
Secretary—Shilpa Viswanath
Treasurer—Agatha Caraballo

Immediate Past Chair—Meghna Sabharwal
Historian—Kathy Hensley

Terms ending in 2019
Ann Hess Braga
Kimberley Garth-James
Gina Scutelnicu

Terms ending in 2020
Andrea Huston
Erin L. Borry
Nicole M. Rishel Elias

Terms ending in 2021
Karina Moreno
Rashmi V. Chordiya
Charlene M. L. Roach

SWPA COMMITTEE CHAIRS

National Awards—Meghna Sabharwal
Scholarship Program—Karina Moreno
Professional Development—Rashmi Chordiya
National Awards Breakfast—Michelle Evans & Jennifer Swann
SWPA Social—Agatha Caraballo & Nicole R. Elias
Social Media and Marketing—Shilpa Viswanath
Historian—Kathy Hensley

Membership and Recruitment—Gina Scutelnicu

Bridging the Gap (BTG) Newsletter, Editors—Zeeshan Noor & Gina Scutelnicu
SAVE THE DATES

Mark your Calendars for these exciting SWPA events

ASPA Webinar on “Public Sector Careers beyond Academia”
Monday, January 31st, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. EST

At the 2019 ASPA Annual Conference:

• The 2nd Social Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (SEDI) Workshop, Saturday, March 9th, 4:00 - 7:00 pm
  Room: Chinese Ballroom
  Facilitators: Brandi Blessett & Tia Sheree

• Be Heard: Annual Business Meeting
  Friday, March 8th, 5:30 – 6:30 pm

• Get Connected at the SWPA Social

• SWPA National Awards Breakfast
  Monday, March 11th, 7:30am – 9:00am
  Speaker: Susan Gooden
WOMEN IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR

CALL FOR GUEST BLOG POSTS!

WHAT ARE THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE #METOO MOVEMENT FOR ACADEMIA? STUDENTS, FACULTY, ADMINS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN GENDER EQUITY IN ACADEMIA, PLEASE CONSIDER SUBMITTING TO THE WPS BLOG ON THIS TOPIC OR OTHERS. BLOG SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 500 WORDS AND AIM TO GENERATE ONLINE DIALOGUE. PLEASE SEND YOUR IDEAS & ANY QUESTIONS TO: WPS@JJAY.CUNY.EDU.
HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2018 SOUTHEASTERN CONFERENCE FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (SECOPA) CONFERENCE

ASPA South Florida chapter members with past SWPA Chairs Roslyn Alic-Batson and Mary Ellen Guy (center)

Erin Borry & Sukumar Ganapati, co-chairs of SECoPA

SWPA Past Chair Roslyn Alic-Batson and Treasurer Agatha Caraballo
HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2018 NORTHEAST CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION (NECOPA) CONFERENCE

SWPA Members at NECoPA:
Top row: SWPA Past Chair, Dr. Hillary Knepper; SWPA Secretary, Shilpa Viswanath & SWPA board members, Karina Moreno & Gina Scutelnicu.

Middle row: Participants at the Social Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Workshop and SWPA board member, Nicole Elias.

Bottom row: SWPA board members, Nicole Elias & Rashmi V. Chordiya.
HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2018 ASSOCIATION FOR PUBLIC POLICY ANALYSIS & MANAGEMENT (APPAM) CONFERENCE

SWPA immediate past president, Dr. Meghna Sabharwal, presents her research on reverse brain-drain at the 2018 APPAM conference

Shilpa Viswanath (3rd from the left, front row) received the 2018 APPAM's Diversity and Inclusion Fellowship
HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2018 ASSOCIATION FOR RESEARCH ON NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND VOLUNTARY ACTION (ARNOVA) CONFERENCE

SWPA Chair, Dr. Michelle Evans, pictured with the SWPA Annual Scholarships winners Shahrin Upoma (2018) and Trang Hoang (2017). Both Shahrin and Trang are in the Ph.D. Public Affairs program at University of Texas at Dallas.

SWPA member, 2017 SWPA Scholarship winner, and Ph.D. candidate in the Public Affairs program at the University of Texas at Dallas, Trang Hoang, wins the 2018 Diversity Scholars and Leaders Professional Development Workshop Award from ARNOVA.
On Friday November 9th the 7th Annual Women in Public Service Conference was held at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota. Kristen Norman-Major, Professor and Director of Public Administration Programs, Hamline University played a leading role in organizing this conference. This conference has become a popular gathering of Minnesota's women public servants. Over 300 women committed to serving the common good gather for continuing education, networking and inspiration. Through the Women in Public Service Lifetime Achievement Award two women who have shown a lifetime commitment to serving the common good have been recognized this year: Elizabeth Kaitlin, Mayor of Burnsville and Debbie Montgomery, retired Police Commander.
HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE NETWORK OF SCHOOLS OF PUBLIC POLICY, AFFAIRS, AND ADMINISTRATION 2018 (NASPAA) CONFERENCE

Top picture: Karina Moreno, Hillary Knepper, Helisse Levine, Maria D’Agostino.

Right mid-picture: Meghna Sabharwal, Nicole Elias (left side)

Bottom picture: RaJade Berry-James (left)
Happy Holidays

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