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Welcome to UMBC Public Policy



Summer was busy. As we welcome everyone back for fall, I'll share a couple of highlights.

Baltimore City's Charter Commission issued its [report](#) at the end of May after assessing public comments on updating the City's charter. Professor

Lauren Hamilton Edwards's spring class suggested recommendations for the Commission which included topics such as electronic communications as a form for citizens to participate in public policy.

UMBC public policy alumae Lina Martinez Quintero, Ph.D. '12, returned to teach our students evaluation research. Dr. Quintero joined us from the Universidad Icesi in Cali, Colombia where she is an assistant professor.

Our new faculty member, Zoe McLaren, joins us to add to UMBC's tradition on [working on health disparities](#) and health equity, a path well-made by our colleagues Nancy Miller, David Salkever, and our emeritus professor Marvin Mandell. The dean's new initiative on health equities research, CIPHER, fosters our working together. I'm now serving on the [Hilltop Institute's new advisory board](#) to contribute to furthering our collaboration in service providing information to policymakers and research on health policy.

Finally, we welcome Christine Mallinson, the director of the new [Center for Social Science Scholarship at UMBC](#). She will be fostering excellence in scholarship across the social sciences.

Welcome to the new year.

Susan M Sterett
Director, School of Public Policy

Upcoming Events



Judith Ann "Judy" Shinogle, left, former Senior Research Scientist with UMBC MIPAR and Jennifer Walsh, right, current public policy Ph.D. student health policy track.

The Judith Shinogle Award Lecture with Jennifer Wash

Thursday, November 1, 2018 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Albin O. Kuhn Library Gallery, "Is Saving Lives Enough to Reverse the Opioid Epidemic?"

Please join us for the Judith Shinogle Award Lecture by Jennifer Walsh, a current Ph.D. student on the Health Policy track to honor Judith Ann "Judy" Shinogle. Judy was a former Senior Research Scientist with the Maryland Institute for Policy Analysis and Research and Adjunct Associate Professor of Public Policy, who died in a car accident on Sunday, May 20, 2012. Judy's work for MIPAR included studies on gambling, childhood obesity, and wellness initiatives. Her published work includes articles on the effects of mental health insurance coverage on employees' disabilities, mental health parity in insurance, economic costs of obesity, and pharmaceutical use among persons with disabilities.

Ms. Walsh will be the lecturer for this year's seminar. She is a Ph.D. student interested in health policy and currently works as a Disabilities Support Specialist at Towson University promoting equal access to educational opportunities to students with disabilities. Her dissertation topic is an examination of the effectiveness of Naloxone administration by a layperson on the overall mortality and recovery rate.

Summer Highlights

Rebecca Postowski, Environmental Policy M.P.P. '19 completed her public policy internship at the Maryland Department of General Services where she served as an Energy Data Analyst in the Energy Performance and Conservation division.

Her work included calculating building energy usage indices in order to identify under-performing buildings and recommended retrofits for cost savings. She also wrote a white paper on the current Maryland renewable energy portfolio standards and presented her findings to the DGS Secretary and senior staff.



Kade Patanavanich, Ph.D. '14 and Pradeep Guin, Ph.D., '15 reconnected this summer in Delhi, India. Kade attended the WHO-FCTC conference and Pradeep was able to show Kade some gorgeous places!



Thank you to everyone who attended the public policy picnic on August 27th at Centennial Park. We enjoyed connecting with current students, faculty, alumni, and their families and friends!

Welcome, Dr. Zoe McLaren



Dr. Zoe McLaren joins us as an Associate Professor in the evaluation and health policy tracks. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in 2010 and was on faculty at the University of Michigan School of Public Health for 8 years. Dr. McLaren studies the links between health and economic outcomes with a focus on HIV/AIDS and TB policy in sub-Saharan Africa.

This semester, Dr. McLaren is teaching PUBL 607 Statistical Applications in Evaluation Research and will teach a new health policy course in the spring.

Dr. McLaren values UMBC's commitment to innovation and the School of Public Policy's interdisciplinary approach. On [November 5th](#), Dr. McLaren will be giving a talk titled "HIV Treatment as Economic Stimulus: Community Spillover Effects of Mass ART Provisions in Rural South Africa" for the Fall 2018 Economics and Public Policy Research Seminar series.

She currently resides in Washington, D.C. but is looking forward to getting to know Baltimore and Maryland better. The highlight of her summer was hiking the Alta Via route in the Dolomite mountains (pictured right) in northern Italy.



Faculty and Alumni Collaboration

Public Policy professor **David Salkever** recently co-authored a paper with current public policy students and alumni. **Stephen Johnston**, a doctoral candidate working full time as the director of Real World Data Analytics and Research, Johnson and Johnson; **Michael Abrams, Ph.D. '15** who is conducting research and teaching courses in the Health, Administration and Policy program at UMBC; **Kevin Baier, Ph.D. '17** who is a policy analyst at Westat; and **Brent Gibbons, Ph.D. '13** who is the Deputy Director for the Centre for Health Services and Policy Research and is teaching courses in the School of Public Health, National University, Singapore. Their publication is published in the *Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research* and can be found [here](#).



Public Policy professor **Nancy Miller** also co-authored a research article published by Sage in the *Journal of Disability Policy Studies* with alumnus **Deb Shreyasi, Ph.D. '15** as well as a research article published in the *Journal of Adolescent Health* with alumnus **Sally Chan, Ph.D. '17** and professor **Tim Gindling**, Department of Economics. It is a featured article in the October issue. The *Journal of Adolescent Health* is one of the highest ranked journals in the field of child and adolescent health.

Alumni Highlights



Erin O'Keefe, M.P.P. '10 and current Ph.D. student, will present next month at the Coalition of Urban Metropolitan Universities conference on [leading a place-based community engagement initiative](#). Her work is highlighted as one of five case studies in a new book,

[Place-Based Community Engagement in Higher Education](#) by Kent Koth and Erica Yamura.

Sarah Archibald, Ph.D. '12 received a promotion as the new Program Director for the Online Certificate Program at UMB and UMB's Research Integrity Officer. In addition to her new position, Sarah will be presenting on admission in research misconduct cases at the Association for Research Integrity Officers annual conference with Dr. Susan Garfinkel and moderate a session on Working with the VA on Research Misconduct.



Frances Carter, Ph.D. '11 was recently featured in [NBER](#) and [Science](#). Her work also includes [HBCUs' Relevance in Diversifying the STEM Workforce](#). In addition to her position at NSF and research, Frances gave birth to twins in June 2017. Congratulations, Frances

Bernadette Wright, Ph.D. '02, [co-presented](#) in June with Dr. Steve Wallis at the American Evaluation Association Summer Evaluation Institute 2018 in Atlanta.

Sergio Prada Ph.D. '10 recently published [articles](#) on [Colombian health care](#).

Announcements

Did you know? Stata is now free for students!

This software is required for PUBL 604 and 611 and many other quantitative courses in the department.

[Click here to download Stata 15 for free.](#)

If you need help with the installation, call UMBC tech support at 410-455-3838 (or visit <https://doit.umbc.edu/tsc/>). Computers in the Public Policy lab are also upgraded to Stata 15.

Want to be featured in the next newsletter?

We want to hear from you! Do you have an achievement or event you would like to share with UMBC public policy community? Please send any highlights or events to Sally Helms (helms@umbc.edu) to be featured in an upcoming newsletter.