

September 2022 Newsletter

Welcome from the Director

Dear Public Policy Community,

Welcome back to campus and to the Fall 2022 semester! It is wonderful to see UMBC busy and bustling again as students, faculty, and staff return for the fall semester. While most operations and courses are held in person, we are still committed to health and safety, and will be taking COVID precautions and ready to adjust as needed. You can learn more about UMBC's COVID response [here](#).

This fall, we are excited to host events in person, including the Judith A. Shinogle Memorial Award Lecture, which will take place the evening of Thursday, November 3. COVID has taught us to be flexible, and in that vein, we are working to make this event available live online, as well as in-person.

Besides the great start to the semester, we have much to celebrate, starting with the promotion and tenure of faculty members! Congratulations to **Dr. Lauren Hamilton Edwards** for her promotion to Associate Professor with Tenure, and to **Dr. Pamela R. Bennett** and **Dr. Jane A. Lincove** for their promotions to Professor.

We would also like to welcome **Dr. Loren Henderson** as Public Policy's newest faculty member. Dr. Henderson joined us in August and will be working with students in the Health Policy and Urban Policy specializations.

Finally, we are thrilled to welcome the new president of UMBC, **Dr. Valerie Sheares Ashby**. She became UMBC's sixth chief executive on August 1, 2022, following president emeritus **Dr. Freeman A. Hrabowski III's** retirement from UMBC. She will be the first woman to serve in this role.

Good luck with the fall semester, and we look forward to seeing you around the hilltop!



Nancy A. Miller, Ph.D.

Director, School of Public Policy

Congratulations to our August graduates!

Robert Horner, Ph.D.
Donte Coleman, Ph.D.
Jason Higgins, Ph.D.
Catherine Mata Hidalgo, Ph.D.

Student Highlights

Welcome to Math Camp!

Taught by Public Policy **Ph.D. candidate Joshua Michael** and funded by a CAHSS Dean's Teaching and Learning Award secured by **Professor Jane A. Lincove**, new and returning students joined us over two weeks in August for a primer on foundational math skills required for public policy and social sciences courses.

Math camp is open to all graduate students in Public Policy and related fields, and will be offered again in January 2023.

Public Policy **Ph.D. student Diego Rojas** has published a new article "The macroeconomic effects of macroprudential policy: Evidence from a narrative approach." The article was published in the [Journal of International Economics](#).

Public Policy **M.P.P. student David Koenigsburg** recently [published a blog post](#) explaining how nonprofit organizations can use legislative transition periods to promote their missions and get their initiatives on the legislative agenda. Koenigsburg is a M.P.P. student focusing on education policy.

Ph.D. student Kendra Lyons produced a podcast episode as part of **Professor Susan Sterett's** course PUBL 612 Law and Public Policy. In Lyons's words, "I chose to explore police accountability as it exists within the judicial system, more specifically the qualified immunity doctrine. I had the unique opportunity of discussing qualified immunity with a panel of individuals that are

intimately familiar with this doctrine in a variety of ways. The panel includes a retired assistant chief of police, a civil rights attorney, a district court judge, and two advocates championing police accountability reform." Check out the [homepage feature](#) about the project, and listen to the podcast.



Kendra Lyons

M.P.P. student Taylor West was selected as an 2022 Equity and Inclusion Fellow for the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM). The fellowships support the participation of 40 students and eight young professionals from traditionally underrepresented backgrounds at the 2022 Annual Fall Research Conference to be held November 17-19 in Washington D.C. While at the conference, Fellows will have the opportunity to formally network with each other and with members of the Policy Council and Diversity Committee, recognizing them, their accomplishments, and bright futures. Recipients will attend networking lunches, meet-ups and other events, both formal and informal.

Faculty Highlights

Professor Pamela R. Bennett was named the 2022 Black Faculty/Staff of the Year by the UMBC Black Graduate Student Organization. Dr. Bennett was nominated by multiple people for the award, and the winner was announced at the BGSO's third annual Ebony Ball & Award Ceremony in February.

Professor Yusuke Kuwayama was featured on [Episode 24](#) of the Center for Social Science Scholarship's podcast *Retrieving the Social Sciences*. In the episode, he discussed the economics of water resources and property values.



Professor Jane A. Lincove is the recipient of three new grants to fund various aspects of her work and the work of the School. For one, she will work with University of Maryland, Baltimore and the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center to research critical workforce shortages. In another contract, she will collaborate with Michigan State University to study teacher shortages in Michigan. She also received the UMBC CAHSS Dean's Teaching and Learning Award to fund the Public Policy Math Camp, which just wrapped up before classes began.



Image courtesy of Dr. Pamela Bennett

Oxford University Press has created a bibliography on the Social Determinants of Health pulling from across all Oxford University Press journals. **Professor Loren Henderson's** [co-authored paper](#), "How I can help me: Self-Care Priorities and Structural Pressures Among Black Older Adults With Diabetes" is one of two from *The Gerontologist* that is included in the bibliography.

Professor Susan Sterett was awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of State [Alumni TIES program](#) for a video project about waste and composting. Dr. Sterett's team will work with the UMBC Climate Action Steering Committee, which partners with a Baltimore community group, South Baltimore Community Land Trust. UMBC Department of Media and Communication's Dr. Bill Shewbridge will guide students from his visual ethnography class to work on production, and the team will also partner with the UMBC Sustainability Office and Georgetown University's Office of Sustainability. This project is funded through an Alumni TIES small grant from the U.S. Department of State.



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Professor John Rennie Short was interviewed for and published multiple pieces, including a [discussion](#) of the most dangerous cities for pedestrians, and [an article about](#) the most expensive cities for housing rentals. Over the course of his years of studying transportation and road safety, he has [examined](#) the startling number of traffic deaths and road injuries. Dr. Short also published a [new book](#) on global geography: *The Rise and Fall of the National Atlas in the Twentieth Century Power, State and Territory* and [wrote about](#) the transformation of cities during the pandemic in *Congressional Quarterly*. Finally, he [explored the](#) geopolitical consequences of war in Ukraine for *Transatlantic Policy Quarterly*.

Professor Lauren Hamilton Edwards [coedited a book](#) on strategic planning research at the end of August. The book, *Toward a More Strategic View of Strategic Planning Research*, is now available through Routledge.

Emeritus Professor George La Noue published a review of Johns Hopkins President, Ronald J. Daniels' new book *What Universities Owe Democracy*, in the Summer Issue of *Academic Questions*.

Alumni Highlights



Dr. Sylvia Trent-Adams; image courtesy of UNT-HSC

Public Policy Ph.D. alumna Sylvia Trent-Adams ('06), was [confirmed as the seventh president](#) of The University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth (HSC). Before being confirmed as president, she served as HSC's executive vice president and chief strategy officer. Dr. Trent-Adams received UMBC's Alumna of the Year award in 2017 and served as the U.S. Deputy Surgeon General from October 2015 to January 2019. From April to August 2017, she served as Acting Surgeon General for the U.S.

Dr. Trent-Adams began her career in public health in 1992 working with the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Core after serving as an Army officer and nurse. She retired from the Core in 2020 as Rear Admiral Upper Half. Her defining accomplishments include managing the \$2.3 billion Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009, and constant advocacy for the role of nurses in medicine and health policy. Throughout her career, she has prioritized expanding access to health care for poor and underserved communities.

Congratulations!

We are celebrating the promotion of three faculty members:

Pamela R. Bennett, Professor

Lauren Hamilton Edwards, Associate Professor with Tenure

Jane A. Lincove, Professor

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Double Public Policy alumnus Michael Hassett

(M.P.P. '17 and Ph.D. '19) and UMBC TESOL alumna Chiara Collette were featured in a [UMBC Magazine article](#) highlighting their work as former Peace Corps volunteers, UMBC Peaceworkers, and Friends of Tonga, the nonprofit they founded which earned a 2021 Literacy Award from the Library of Congress. Dr. Hassett received the Distinguished Service Award at the UMBC Alumni Awards in 2021. He recently [published an article](#) in the journal *Public Personnel Management* about the impact of work training opportunities on work engagement.

Double Policy Sciences alumnus Tony Diana

(M.P.S., Ph.D. '99) leads a U.S. Department of Transportation team that was honored as one of DOT's best during The Secretary's 54th Annual Award Ceremony on March 31. The Natural Language Processing Team from the Office of NextGen Stakeholder Advocacy and Outreach Branch won for improving community engagement through artificial intelligence techniques. Dr. Diana also teaches Data Science courses at UMBC, and would be delighted to have Public Policy students in one of his classes: DATA 602 (Introduction to Machine Learning) and DATA 690 (Introduction to Natural Language Processing).

Public Policy Ph.D. alumna Xiaobei Dong

began a new position as Assistant Professor of Public Health Policy at the Joseph J. Zilber School of Public Health at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She recently [published an article](#) with **Public Policy Director and Professor Nancy Miller** in the *Journal of Disability Policy Studies*. The article examines what is known about the impact of the 2010 Affordable Care Act Medicaid expansion on individuals with disabilities' health care insurance coverage, health care access, and health care use.

Public Policy Ph.D. and M.A. ECPA alumnus Ian Stockwell

(Ph.D. '14) began a faculty position as Associate Professor with UMBC's Department of Information Systems and was appointed Associate

Director of Healthcare Research at UMBC's College of Engineering and Information Technology. There, he will serve as an inter-departmental catalyst and convenor for healthcare-related proposals, mostly to NIH and the larger foundations, building healthcare research collaborations across campus.

Double Public Policy alumna Lina Martinez

(M.P.P. '10 and Ph.D. '12) and **Professor John Rennie Short** [published a new article](#) about the diversity of the street vending economy in cities.

Ph.D. alumna Brenda Ortigoza Bateman

('03) has been named [executive director](#) of the Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development, which oversees the state's land-use planning. While pursuing her Ph.D. in Public Policy, she studied Oregon's land use policies, and she moved to Oregon after completing her degree. In 2012, Dr. Bateman coauthored the Integrated Water Resources Strategy, Oregon's first water plan, and worked on its revision in 2017 as science chief at the Water Resources Department. She [serves on](#) Governor Brown's Climate Cabinet and is a Governor-appointed to the Oregon Geographic Information Council.



Dr. Brenda Bateman; image courtesy of Department of Land Conservation and Development

Upcoming Events

Economics and Public Policy Fall 2022 Seminar Series (virtual)

"An Analysis of COVID-19 Student Learning Loss" * 9/22, 10:30am * Harry Anthony Patrinos, World Bank

"Teacher Flexibility and School Productivity: Evidence from a Remedial Education Program in India"
10/13, 10:30am * Sabrin Beg, Univ. of Delaware

"The Social Cost of Water Pollution" * 10/19, 12:00pm * Catherine L. King, Cornell Univ.

"Financial Literacy and Academic Outcomes" * 11/15, 2:00pm * Daniel Brent, Pennsylvania State Univ.

2022 Candidacy Ceremony and Reception

10/21, 12:00pm, UMBC UC Ballroom

Judith A. Shinogle Memorial Award Lecture

11/3, 5:30pm, UMBC Library 7th Floor

Keep in touch

We want to hear from you!

Do you have an achievement or event you would like to share with UMBC public policy community?

Send highlights and news to Myriam Ralston (myriam@umbc.edu) to keep in touch and be featured in an upcoming newsletter.



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