

December 2022 Newsletter

Welcome from the Director

Dear Public Policy Community,

As we wrap up another Fall semester and calendar year, I feel fortunate to be able to share the successes of the semester.

In November, we hosted a fantastic Shinogle Award lecture hybrid event, which allowed us to practice welcoming attendees in person and online. Our awardee Mark Boward rose to the challenge of sharing his research in an impactful way with audiences near and far.

We also celebrate students and faculty attending national conferences, performing ground breaking research, and publishing books and articles.

Finally, we congratulate our second Alumni Award recipient in two years: alumnus Dr. Keith Elder was awarded "Outstanding Alumnus" for Social & Behavioral Sciences at the 2022 UMBC Alumni Awards Ceremony and Reception.

While the accomplishments of our faculty, students, and alumni are certainly worth celebrating, I am most grateful for the community we continue to build around the School of Public Policy and UMBC as a whole.

I hope you all have a peaceful winter holiday season, and a very happy New Year.



Nancy A. Miller, Ph.D.

Director, School of Public Policy

Congratulations to our December graduates!

Vinny Cannizzaro, Ph.D.
Zippora Kiptanui, Ph.D.
Joshua Michael, Ph.D.

Doha Chibani, M.P.P.
Natalie Demyan, M.P.P.
Britany Evans, M.P.P.
Fela Langston, M.P.P.
Sangeetha Noble, M.P.P.
Matt Smeriglio, M.P.P.
Laura Taylor, M.P.P.

Student Highlights

M.P.P. student Taylor West, who participated in the NOAA CESSRST Summer Bridge Internship earlier this year, was featured in the program's latest newsletter ([see last page here](#)). **Ph.D. student Fariha Khalid** was also featured as a NOAA CESSRST Fellow.

December **Ph.D. graduate** and math camp teacher extraordinaire **Joshua Michael** published commentary in *Maryland Matters* outlining concerning trends in Maryland educational achievement dating back to 2011.

Ph.D. student Alison Spock authored [commentary](#) on sexual orientation and gender identity in youth in the *Journal of Adolescent Health*.

Ph.D. candidate and M.P.P. alumnus Tom Gower traveled to Boston in November for the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting where he presented his research "Accounting for Race with Algorithmic Tools - A Scoping Review" during a poster session.



Tom Gower

Judith A. Shinogle Memorial Fellowship and Lecture

In November, the School of Public Policy hosted its 10th annual Judith A. Shinogle Memorial Lecture, commemorating 10 years since Dr. Shinogle's passing. It was also the first time we hosted the event in person since 2019. The 2022 Fellowship awardee and speaker was **Ph.D. candidate Mark Boward**, who presented his talk "Is There Positive Spillover on Quality of Care from the Medicare Advantage Program on Traditional Medicare?"



Dr. Zoë McLaren and Mark Boward

The Judith A. Shinogle Memorial Fellow is chosen by a faculty panel and awarded each year to a Health Policy doctoral student for their notable contribution to research in Health Policy. Dr. Judith Ann "Judy" Shinogle was a Senior Research Scientist with the Maryland Institute for Policy Analysis and Research and Adjunct Associate Professor of Public Policy, who passed away in May 2012. [View all lectures here.](#)

Ph.D. student Adebola Daramola spent the summer working with the Cambridge Centre for Alternative Finance (CCAF) at the University of Cambridge. He worked with within the Regulatory Innovation Hub team on the [Regulator Knowledge Exchange](#) project, which is a peer-led and community-driven digital platform enabling financial authorities engaging in digital financial services to connect, learn, co-create and collaborate.

Strong Student Representation at APPAM

In November, **M.P.P. students Taylor West** and **Melody Afrane Pinamang**, and **Ph.D. students Smitha Prabhu** and **Jo-Ann Kriebel** attended the Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management ([APPAM](#)) Fall Research Conference in Washington, D.C.

Pinamang served as a discussant during the panel “Police, Justice, and Sentencing.”

West, who attended as an Equity and Inclusion Fellow, engaged in workshops centering around Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the workplace. She used the conference as an opportunity to ask researchers and other graduate students questions about their career trajectory.

Prabhu says the “sweet surprise of the conference was getting to connect on a deeper level with graduate students, early career professionals, and senior professionals through the APPAM BIPOC Communities Event and APPAM LGBTQIA+ Communities Event.”

Kriebel says she “really enjoyed the student research sessions, and found them to be informative not only for the work that was presented, but also in learning more about their methods and how they built their projects.”



Smitha Prabhu and Taylor West

Faculty Highlights

Professor John Rennie Short published a new article in *The Cambridge Journal of Law, Politics, and Art*. In [the article](#), he argues that the US is facing a growing difference between popular will and political representation, leading to a flawed democracy. Dr. Short was also interviewed about traffic accidents for [a piece by Money Geek](#).

In October, **Professor Pamela R. Bennett** gave a micro talk about her book *Parenting in Privilege or Peril* at an event celebrating recent publications by faculty in the social sciences at UMBC, hosted by The Center for Social Science Scholarship.



Dr. Pamela R. Bennett

Emeritus Professor George La Noue's essay "Political Accountability and Campus Autonomy" was published by the James G. Martin Center. The essay explores governance controversies in higher education taking place in several states.

Math Camp is back!

Tu-Th, 1/17-1/19 & 1/24-1/26

6- 8:30pm, PUP 438

Taught by December **Ph.D. graduate Dr. Joshua Michael** and funded by a CAHSS Dean's Teaching and Learning Award secured by **Professor Jane A. Lincove**.

A primer on foundational math skills required for public policy and social sciences courses.

Double Public Policy alumnus Michael Hassett (M.P.P. '17 and Ph.D. '19) and UMBC TESOL alumna Chiara Collette had the opportunity to meet with Prime Minister of Tonga and Ambassador of Tonga. The nonprofit Friends of Tonga, which they founded, earned a 2021 Literacy Award from the Library of Congress. Dr. Hassett received the Distinguished Service Award at the UMBC Alumni Awards in 2021.



Ambassador Mahe Uliuli Sandhurst Tupouniua, Chiara Collete, Prime Minister Siaosi Sovaleni, and Dr. Michael Hassett

Alumni Highlights

Alumna Stacie Sinclair (Hering) (M.P.P. '13) was elected to the Lower Platte South Natural Resources District Board of Directors and appointed to the Associate Editorial Board for the journal, Social Work in Health Care.

Alumnus Felix Facchine (M.P.P. '21) was named Assistant Chief of Staff for Howard County Executive Calvin Ball. Facchine spent the last four years as the District Aide to Howard County Councilmember Christiana Rigby.

Alumnus Sam Brown (Ph.D. '97) was elected to the National Academy of Public Administration. The formal induction took at the annual meeting of the Academy in November.

Alumnus Phil Shockley '04 (M.P.P. '09) was featured in the "Meet a Retriever" section of UMBC Magazine. As an alumnus and donor, he continues to engage and give back to his alma mater. Phil has endowed a scholarship in honor of his parents, to make an education at UMBC more accessible.

In October, **alumnus Dr. Keith Elder** (Ph.D. '02, policy sciences) was awarded "Outstanding Alumnus" for Social & Behavioral Sciences at the 2022 UMBC Alumni Awards Ceremony and Reception. Dr. Elder focused on healthy policy during his time at UMBC, and has led a long career in public health. In 2020, he was appointed Provost and Executive Vice President of Mississippi College.



Dr. Keith Elder

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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