A Message from the President

The Public Administration Doctoral Student Organization (PADSO) was formed in January, 2014 to complement our program's mission. We bring students together to share relationships, experiences and knowledge with each other, the School of Public Affairs, the University, and the community. Over the course of two years, PADSO evolved from an idea amongst faculty and students into an organization promoting our program and students locally, nationally and internationally. It is my pleasure to serve PADSO as its inaugural president with the able support of the Executive Board and members as we enjoyed our initial successes and continue to steer the organization forward.

Ultimately, learning drives us. We established an annual series of symposia presented by faculty, students and outside speakers. Our list of presenters includes faculty members Dr. Bing Ran, Dr. Steven Peterson, Dr. Jeremy Plant, and Dr. Göktuğ Morçöl; students Michael Smith, Sri Harsha Bokka, Glenn McGuigan, and Sehee Han; and visiting scholar Maxime Clémenceau. These symposia were so successful that we currently have a waiting list of future speakers eager to share their research.

Through our Distinguished Speaker Series, we hosted such renowned scholars as Dr. Charles Goodsell, Professor Emeritus at Virginia Tech, and Dr. Frances Berry, Frank Sherwood Professor and Askew Eminent Scholar Chair at Florida State University. These events drew a wide audience from campus, other colleges and universities, the Central Pennsylvania American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) Chapter, alumni, and local public administration practitioners. Also, PADSO joined West Chester University, Cheyney University, Shippensburg University, and the Central Pennsylvania ASPA Chapter to host Dr. Robert Denhardt during the inaugural Speaker Series at the Dixon Center in Harrisburg.

PADSO, with the assistance of the School of Public Affairs, also encouraged members to attend conferences and other academic venues in order to promote our program and share our research. Our organization has garnered financial and logistical support from several providers that allow members to participate in prestigious events and to spend time with faculty outside of the classroom.

We are not only attending others’ conferences, PADSO is helping to plan the 2016 Northeast Conference on Public Administration hosted by the Penn State Harrisburg School of Public Affairs.

The sharing of knowledge and its practical uses is a hallmark of PADSO, but, as public administration students, so too is community service. We have participated in semiannual community service projects by volunteering at the St. Francis Assisi Soup Kitchen in Harrisburg and assisting during Freshmen Move In Day at Penn State Harrisburg.

Our hope is this inaugural annual newsletter will help familiarize everyone with the ongoing activities of PADSO’s growing membership. We are a group of talented, experienced, engaged and energetic students excited to expand our mark at our university and in the field of public administration!

Scott Weller, President
ORGANIZING WITH ORGSYNC

OrgSync is an online community management system that was implemented in January, 2015 by Student Affairs at Penn State Harrisburg. As a recognized student organization, the Public Administration Doctoral Student Organization uses OrgSync for a variety of purposes, such as coordinating activities; communicating with other campus organizations, Student Affairs, the School of Public Affairs, and our membership; submitting paperwork required by Student Affairs and the University; posting news on the academic, professional, and community activities of PADSO members; and maintaining an online calendar so members can attend PADSO and other campus activities. Registering with OrgSync is easy. Simply visit orgsync.com/login/penn-state-harrisburg and login with your PSU account info.

CURRENT PHD STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS (2010-2016)

2016 PUBLICATIONS


2016 MANUSCRIPTS


2016 CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS


2015 PUBLICATIONS


2015 MANUSCRIPTS


2015 CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS


2014 MANUSCRIPTS


2014 PUBLICATIONS


2014 CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS


2013 PUBLICATIONS

Han, S. (2013) Compositional and contextual associations of social capital and self-rated health in Seoul, South Korea: A multilevel analysis of longitudinal evidence. Social Science & Medicine, 80, 113-120.


2013 CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS


2012 PUBLICATIONS


2011 PUBLICATIONS


2011 CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS


2010 PUBLICATIONS


2010 CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS


The Public Administration doctoral program welcomed **RAVIJ SETH, SHAHINSHAFAISAL AZIM, and DAVID DEKORTE** to Penn State Harrisburg this year.

**Ravij's** background is in engineering. He holds a bachelor’s degree in Engineering, and a Master’s degree in Engineering and a Master's degree in Mechanical and Production Engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee, India. He also earned a post-graduate diploma in Public Management and Policy from the Indian Institute of Management. Since 1986, Ravij has been part of Indian Railways in its Finance and Accounts Cadre. During his tenure in various civil service positions there, he worked on issues regarding operations, maintenance, construction, research, budgeting and procurement, financing and information technology. He also headed the “Public Private Partnership” Cell of the Ministry of Railways at the Indian Institute of Transport Management. He is pursuing a Ph. D. to study policy development in order to improve India’s railways systems.

**Shahinshah** has seventeen years of experience in public administration and policy in his capacity as Civil Services Officer in Government of the Punjab, Pakistan. He served in various departments, notably in the areas of health and education policy, civil service reforms, and organizational change. He also worked as Secretary/Registrar with Ombudsman in Punjab, Pakistan from 2013-15 during which he launched the Harassment of Women at Workplace Awareness Program in collaboration with nonprofit organizations, the civil service community and citizens of Punjab, a province of 100 million people. Azim earned an MSc in Development Economics and Policy from the University of Manchester UK, and an MBA in Finance from the Institute of Business Administration, University of the Punjab, Pakistan. He intends to pursue policy research and practice in the area of socioeconomic development.

**David** graduated from Penn State in 2000 with degrees in secondary mathematics education and American studies. While teaching high school in suburban Cincinnati and inner-city Covington, KY, he earned his MBA and MEd degrees from Xavier University. He also attended the University of Michigan, earning his Juris Doctor and Master of Science in Information, focusing on information economics, finance law, and federal Indian law, and worked at the University of Houston O’Quinn Law Center. More recently, David earned his Master’s in Health Administration from Penn State. David has presented at several national conferences, including a symposium at the Academy of Management, a workshop at the American College of Medical Quality, and poster presentations at the American Society of Anesthesiologists and the American Pain Society. He has been published in the Illinois Law Review on jurisdictional failures in Indian Country, and in the Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences on nanotechnology patent thickets. His current research interests include post-secondary and medical school finance, physician workforce projections, gender equality in the medical field, legal and business ramifications on medical quality, and managerial solutions to barriers in medical quality.
STUDENT & ALUMNI NEWS

MICHAEL SMITH was appointed in February by Governor Tom Wolf as the Executive Deputy Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. In this role, Michael manages the day-to-day operations of the department, including its more-than $300 million annual budget and its approximately 560 employees. He also serves as a principal advisor to the Secretary on matters of policy, communications, budgeting and legislative affairs.

GLENN MCGUIGAN was named library director at Penn State Harrisburg. Glenn has served with Penn State’s University Libraries for more than 15 years. He joined Penn State Harrisburg’s library in 2000, after first serving at Penn State Abington. Prior to his appointment as director, he held the positions of business and public administration reference librarian and reference and public services coordinator at Penn State Harrisburg.

TERRENCE ALLADIN and KAREN FINKENBINDER defended their dissertations and joined the ranks of the PhD program alumni in the spring, 2015.

SHERRIE BARTELL was appointed the Program Director for the Master of Public Administration program at Western International University.

CRISTINA E. CIOCIRLAN received a U.S. Scholar Fulbright Award to conduct research at Durham University Business School in the United Kingdom. There, she will research environmental behaviors in organizations. Dr. Ciocirlan is an Associate Professor of Management in the Department of Business at Elizabethtown College.

PAUL HALLACHER, who was among the second cohort to enter the public administration doctoral program in 1989, retired from a senior staff position in the Office of the Penn State Vice President for Research after 25 years.

DANA KELLIS began serving as the Chief Medical Officer for Baptist Health System and the Market CMO for San Antonio for Tenet Health in January. He also co-authored an article with Dr. Ran published in the Journal of Organizational Change Management in the summer, 2015.

JASON KETTER holds a position at the University of Queensland, which requires him to regularly travel between Beijing, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Jakarta, Singapore, London and New York City. As an occasional consultant, he recently accepted a short-term project with the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) in which he will write a five-year strategic plan.

GEDEON MUDACUMURA was promoted to Full Professor at Cheyney University. He also has a forthcoming co-authored book, titled Democratizing Public Governance in Developing Nations: With Special Reference to Africa.

DAVID SARCONE served as the principal investigator on a research project for the Center for Rural Pennsylvania titled “Exploring Health Care Alliances in Rural Pennsylvania.” In 2015, he was the principal investigator on another project in which he and two undergraduate research assistants used a mixed-methods design to assess health care access in rural Perry County. David also has done work for the Japanese Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) in partnership with Dickinson College and Akita International University.
PADSO members and faculty have volunteered their time and energy during 2014 and 2015 at the St. Francis Assisi Soup Kitchen in Harrisburg. The soup kitchen is staffed by volunteers who serve more than two hundred meals per day to needy people and families, Monday through Saturday.

PADSO members, under the guidance of soup kitchen manager “Miss Chucky” Jonathan Palmer, rearranged the storage closet; cleaned the serving, dining and bathroom areas; and generally assisted with preparing for a day’s food service.

PADSO members volunteered during Freshmen Move In Day at Penn State Harrisburg. The work included heavy lifting, long walks to the dormitories, and welcoming these new students and their parents to the campus community.
Dr. Charles Goodsell reviews a display of his works in the Penn State Harrisburg Library. Dr. Goodsell presented PADSO’s inaugural symposium titled “Bureaucracy and Deadlocked Governance” at the Gallery Lounge of Penn State Harrisburg, October 7, 2014.

Dr. Frances Berry speaks during a symposium titled “Stakeholders in the Same Bed with Different Dreams: Using Semantic Network Analysis to Construct Meaning in Risk Policy” hosted by PADSO at the Morrison Gallery of Penn State Harrisburg, Oct. 22, 2015.
PADSO, West Chester University's Pi Alpha Honor Society, Cheyney University, Shippensburg University's Pi Alpha Honor Society, and the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration were proud cosponsors of the inaugural Speaker Series at the Dixon Center, Harrisburg, November 16, 2015. Dr. Robert Denhardt presented his symposium titled “Praxis in Public Administration”.

PADSO STUDENT & FACULTY SYMPOSIA

2015 PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Jeremy Plant. (December). “Public professionalism”.

Sehee Han. (November). “Assumptions of linear regression and Poisson regression models”.

Dr. Alexander Siedschlag. (May). “HLS (Homeland Security) and public administration: Examples of common ground and ways ahead”. (Postponed)

Dr. Göktyuğ Morçöl. (March). “Complex governance networks”.

2014 PRESENTATIONS

Michael Smith. (November). “An assessment of Pennsylvania’s plan to privatize the state lottery’s management”.


Dr. Steven Peterson. (April). “States' AIDS policies and their effects over time”.


Sri Harsha Bokka. (March). “How to use systems in public administration”.

Dr. Bing Ran. (January). “How to conduct research at the PhD stage”.

PADSO EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

Scott Weller, President  
Glenn McGuigan, Vice President  
Dr. Bing Ran, Advisor  
Joseph Hafer, Secretary  
Turgay Karagoz, Treasurer