

ASPA - Nebraska Chapter Newsletter



American Society for
Public Administration

UNO Creates the Nebraska Certified Public Manager Program

A unique training program designed for ambitious professionals working in government or non-profit organizations will be launched by the University of Nebraska at Omaha's (UNO) School of Public Administration in January 2008.

The Nebraska Certified Public Manager® (CPM) program, a nationally accredited comprehensive management development certification, offers participants the skills-based knowledge necessary to improve themselves and their organizations. Through a combination of online and in-residence sessions over 12 months, professionals of all educational backgrounds gain the knowledge and skills they need to become stronger leaders, managers, and supervisors who better understand work processes and know how to encourage innovation and new approaches to problem solving.

“For a government employee, like a municipal clerk, a state employee, a supervisor at a nonprofit anywhere in Nebraska, or a member of the military or law enforcement, we believe the online component as well as the reasonable cost will be very attractive,” said John Bartle, director of the School of Public Administration. “These are busy people, but people who

know the value of continuing education focused on practical skills managers need.”

Terri Callahan, Director of the CPM program at the University of Kansas and mentor to the Nebraska program says that the informal benefits of the program extend beyond the dynamic training.

“Participants register for the CPM program to become skilled leaders and managers; what they get in addition are lifelong-networks, and skills that make them better spouses, parents and friends,” Callahan said. “Many of these professionals are hand-picked by their agencies because they have potential to be something even greater than what they are, and they establish networks with each other that they treasure for the rest of their careers.”

Participants in the UNO CPM program can be selected and sponsored by their agency or they can be self-sponsored. The year consists of an orientation, 14 courses and a major project. The cost of the program is \$2,500 plus books.

The first CPM program was developed in 1979. The National CPM Consortium now has 26 accredited member organiza-

tions. Designation as a Certified Public Manager® is a nationally recognized certification. The Consortium welcomed UNO as an associate member earlier this year with sole authority to deliver the program in Nebraska.

“I am extremely impressed with the information UNO has shared about the future CPM program for Nebraska,” said Charles Phelps, chair of the National CPM Consortium, speaking on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Consortium. “I am pleased to officially welcome the University of Nebraska at Omaha as an associate member and look forward to working with them to build a strong program for Nebraska.”

“A program like this has statewide implications and will be looked to as a model,” said James B. Milliken, University of Nebraska president. “We know well-trained managers will serve their organizations and communities better, and UNO’s program will provide practical information that will assist future participants for years and years to come.”

For more information, go to www.unomaha.edu/cpm/index.php or call Jessica McVay at 402-216-9432.

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ASPA Nebraska Annual Networking Reception Thursday, February 28, 2008, 4-6 pm UNO Thompson Alumni Center

Meet local professionals working in public service,
government and nonprofit organizations.
The event is open to all UNO students and the public.

A Message From Your ASPA Nebraska President

Dear ASPA Nebraska Members,

I am pleased to report that things are going well for ASPA Nebraska. As you know, most of our initiatives occur in the Spring, so most of the Council's time in the Fall is focused on planning and laying the groundwork for successful events.

As a reminder, ASPA Nebraska will host a Networking Reception at the end of February, will have Governor Heineman sign a proclamation recognizing Public Service Week, hold our Annual Luncheon in April, and continue to sponsor events and initiatives focused on improving public administration in Nebraska.

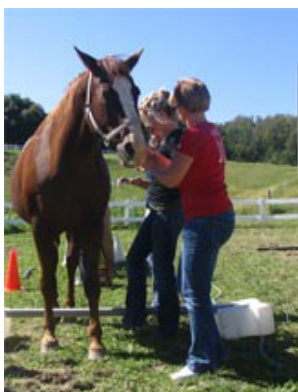
I am also excited that Pam Buethe, City Clerk for the City of La Vista, NE has agreed to join the ASPA Nebraska Council. Pam will be a great addition to the Council.

As always, if you have questions or would like to offer input, please feel free to contact any members of the ASPA Nebraska Council. Thank you for your continued support and membership in ASPA and ASPA Nebraska.

Sincerely,
Scott Bovick,
President

UNO American Humanics News

Students Hold Annual Fall Retreat



AH Students participate in team building activities with AH Alum Cindy Janecek of Take Flight Farms.

Students held the 2007 American Humanics Fall Retreat on September 22, 2007, at the Omaha Home for Boys Cooper Farm. Activities included icebreakers led by AH student Beth Riley, a presentation on nonprofit risk management by Lisa Russell, Field Director of the Boy Scouts Mid-America Council, and an overview of the American Humanics certification

process by AHSA President Shelby Buettner and Vice President Niki Hernandez.

This informative morning was followed by a lunch roundtable discussion with American Humanics alumnae Cindy Janecek of Take Flight Farms, Jennifer Patten Benson of Big Brothers Big Sisters, and Jennifer Oumarou of the American Red Cross. Finally, the students completed the day by participating in a teambuilding activity with Take Flight Farms.

Two Students Receive Next Generation Scholarships

Internships are for hands-on experience and can open doors for future employment. Completing an internship is the capstone project for American Humanics (AH). However, internships in the nonprofit sector are often unpaid positions. This can be a barrier for many students interested in human services and the nonprofit world. For this reason, American Humanics has introduced the Next Generation Leadership Stipend. This program awards students with a \$4,500 internship stipend. Next Generation is partially funded by a generous grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

Two UNO students were chosen as Next Generation Leaders this year. Beth Riley was awarded the stipend in spring of 2007. She interned at the Child Saving Institute (CSI). CSI facilitates healing for children and families in crisis. Beth honed her development skills by working with Wanda Gottschalk,

Development Director for CSI. Hanna Wanzenried received the Next Generation stipend for the fall 2007 semester. She is currently interning at Project Interfaith, an affiliate of the Anti-Defamation League. Project Interfaith's mission is to promote a deeper understanding and respect for religious diversity in the community. When asked about her internship experience thus far Hanna replied, "Interning at Project Interfaith has given me direction and allowed me to do what I love- interfaith work. I could not have devoted so many hours per week if it were not for the Next Generation stipend. I am very blessed and grateful for the financial assistance and honor of being chosen as one of the Next Generation Leaders."

"Next Generation has allowed these women to actively learn and successfully apply concepts learned in the classroom," says Kathe Oleson, American Humanics professor, "When you do it, you get it."

Social Equity Leadership Conference

Social Equity and Urban Governance
Co-sponsored by the National Academy of Public Administration and Arizona State University School of Public Affairs, February 7-9, 2008

The 2008 Social Equity Leadership Conference brings together leaders in public administration and public policy from the academy, government and community. In plenary sessions and panel discussions, participants will assess the current state of equity and examine ways to advance social justice equity in the United States. Sessions will be held in the Phoenix downtown campus of Arizona State University and the Phoenix convention center with accommodations in the adjacent Hyatt Regency Hotel.

The conference program examines important social equity topics from a national and international perspective along with salient issues from the southwestern region and the Phoenix metropolitan area.

The major speakers scheduled for the conference this year include the following:

- Raul Yzaguirre, former President and CEO of the National Council of La Raza; ASU Presidential Professor of Practice and Director of the ASU Center for Community Development and Civil Rights; and recipient of the Smithsonian Lifetime Achievement Award.
- Michael Crow, President, Arizona State University, who has made access a central goal of the university.
- Frank Fairbanks, City Manager, City of Phoenix and recipient of the National Public Service Award, presented by the American Society of Public Administration and National Academy of Public Administration.
- H. George Frederickson, Edwin O. Stene Distinguished Professor of Public Administration, University of Kansas.
- Valerie A. Lemmie, Board of Directors, National Academy of Public Administration and Commissioner, The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

- Harvey White, President of the American Society for Public Administration and Associate Professor of Public and Urban Affairs and International Development, University of Pittsburgh.

There will be a wide range of panel sessions addressing equity issues in education, health care, criminal justice, housing, environment, immigration and income as well as the role of nonprofits in promoting equity.

Proposals for presentations are welcome, as well as descriptions of outstanding examples of public organizations that have developed ways to advance social equity.

For information contact James H. Svara, Chair, SELC Planning Committee, Director, Center for Urban Innovation and Professor of Public Affairs - james.svara@asu.edu.

ASPANebraska Conference Grants

For more information on grants contact Scott Bovick, ASPANebraska president at sbovick@alltel.net.

ASPANebraska National Student Conference Grant - \$250

This grant will be awarded to a student to allow for attendance at the ASPANational Conference. The grant recipient will be the student who is selected by the ASPANebraska Board to be the nominee for the National ASPAN Vanguard Student Conference Grant. The ASPANebraska Grant can be used as matching funds for registration fees, travel and other expenses. Preference is given to graduate level students and nominees who have served in a volunteer role with ASPA, have performed well in school and have demonstrated an interest in pursuing a career in the practice or teaching of public administration. Candidates must submit application materials to the current ASPANebraska president by October 1st of each year. The applications will be reviewed by a committee and the recommended candidate's name will be forwarded to the ASPANebraska Board for approval. After the conference, the grant recipient will submit a written summary of the conference to the ASPANebraska president to be included in the ASPANebraska Chapter Newsletter. Candidates should submit:

1. A letter from a faculty member explaining why the student merits the grant.
2. A letter from the student indicating why he/she wants to attend the conference and what they hope to gain by attending.

ASPANebraska Regional Conference - \$300

The Nebraska Chapter of ASPA has available up to \$300 per year for members who attend the ASPANebraska Regional Conference. The grant may be used for conference registration and lodging expenses only and recipients must submit a conference registration confirmation sheet and lodging receipt to the ASPANebraska president or treasurer for reimbursement. A committee will review the applications and offer recommendations to the full ASPANebraska Board. Preference will be given to applicants with distinguished service to ASPANebraska. If no submissions are received, the ASPANebraska president may select a recipient to receive the grant in order to ensure that ASPANebraska has representation at the Regional Conference. Candidates should submit by October 15th.

1. A letter to the ASPANebraska Board indicating years of membership in ASPA, positions held and why they should receive the grant.
2. A current resume.

ASPA Members on the Move

Angela M. Eikenberry has recently joined the faculty as assistant professor at the School of Public Administration, University of Nebraska at Omaha. She has also become the Managing Editor of the journal, Administrative Theory & Praxis.

Trish Owen has moved from Public Policy Coordinator at the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce to serving as an Aide for Lincoln Mayor Chris Beutler.

Stephanie D. Silva was appointed to the Board of the Omaha FBI Chapter of Infragard as the 2007-08 Information Officer.

Maura Kelly Tolzin was sworn into office for another term as Deputy Lancaster County Election Commissioner, effective through September, 2011.

Professional Development Opportunity

The GFOA's (Government Finance Officers Association) annual GAAP update - November 8th from noon until 4 pm.

It is sponsored by this office and the Metro Area Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants, and will be held in the Legislative Chambers of the Civic Center, 1819 Farnam Street. Lunch is provided and you can earn 4 hours of CPE.

For more information about the satellite conference and logistics, go to the GFOA's website at www.gfoa.org

**Have you renewed your ASPA membership this year?
Visit www.aspaonline.org for renewal options.**



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