ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fall Career and Networking Event
Thursday September 26, 2019
Deirdre Duncan, Lisa Parvin, Michael Runfeldt

2020 PAA-ICMA Spring Colloquium
April 2020 - Final Date TBD

Induction Ceremony
Thursday May 14, 2020

Webinars:
- **How to Have Difficult Conversations**
  - Wednesday November 6, 2019 - 12pm
  - Andrew Maylor, Brian McLaughlin, Audrey Seger Sprain
- **Incorporating Social Media into Non-Profit Fundraising**
  - February 18-20, 2020 (Final Date TBD)
  - Adrienne Webb
- **Non-Profit Contracting and Compliance**
  - June 8-10, 2020 (Final Date TBD)
  - Audrey Seger Sprain
- **Making Sustainability Projects Sustainable**
  - November 2020 (Final Date TBD)
  - Matthew von der Hayden
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE RECENTLY INDUCTED CLASS OF 2019!

Kelly Gregory Bertolette
Dane M. Bloch
Rene Bobadilla
William Burkeitt
Maureen Patricia Clerc
Daniel Patrick Cobb
Rollin Deas
Robert Michael Delgadillo
Chelsea M. Gerrard
Nicholas J. Gesacion, III
Belinda Holguin
Natasha Howard
Matthew S. Hulme
Scott A. Hutt
Nicole Karalis
Daniel Chatten Kelchner
Rachel Elizabeth Krempasky
Bridget M. Lafferty
Justin Long
Allison Manley
Bonnie L. Mirante
Lawrence A. O’Donnell
Tolulope Omodara
Ann Elizabeth Riddle
Kelsey Rode
Douglas R. Sylvestre
Donald J. Travisano
Aaron Douglas Walizer
Tyler K. Walls
Kevin M. Wesolowski
Michelle Whitman

2019 TENTH ANNIVERSARY SUSTAINING MEMBERS

Christopher M. Campbell
Christopher R. Hoffman
Levi Preston Landis
PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING THE "TOLLE LEGE CIRCLE" DURING THIS YEAR’S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DRIVE!

Distinguished Members of the "Tolle Lege" Circle
- Ryan C. Heffernan
- Richard M. Jacobs, OSA
- Adam Kuczynski
- Kathryn Monet
- Christian Isham
- Travis Akers
- Kenneth DeTreux

These members of VU-PAA have contributed $500 to the Chapter's endowment. Their names are inscribed here annually to recall their generosity as well as to challenge other members to contribute to the Chapter's endowment.

During the Fall, the annual VU-PAA Membership Renewal Drive will begin. The Membership Renewal Drive is an important Chapter activity which aims at building an active and involved membership base as well as an endowment of $100,000. The goal is to use the interest on the endowment to defray expenses for new members with the Chapter paying the cost of initiation. Last year’s successful Membership Renewal Drive raised an additional $3,000 for the endowment which now boasts a balance of $23k. As always, if you have any ideas or suggestions to further improve our Chapter, please do not hesitate to contact me at richard.jacobs@vilanova.edu.
Provide some biographical information about your current job.

- My current job is at an organization called Astor Services for Children & Families. Astor Services promotes the well-being of children, adolescents and their families through a range of programs. I currently work as the Director of Project Management. In this role, I am tasked with creating a coordinated community response to address issues facing the children in our community. I do this by developing strategic relationships with external partners, garnering feedback from key stakeholders, creating programs to address children's' needs, and finding funding for those programs. This work is fast-paced, collaborative, challenging, and ultimately fulfilling. I am so grateful for Villanova's MPA program for preparing me for this work. Community-based non-profits serve an integral role in helping local communities meet their needs and I learned how to expand that role utilizing my degree.
In what ways did VU’s MPA program assist in preparing you for it? Any course(s)/professor(s), in particular, who were especially helpful in this regard?

- I feel like I received a well-rounded education that truly helped me build the practical knowledge needed to work in the public sector. I came into the program straight from undergrad and felt drawn to the public sector, but unsure as to where specifically. Villanova’s MPA program helped me take my personal mission and translate it into my professional mission. The passion and dedication the Villanova faculty have for their work is infectious and I still carry that with me today. In terms of a specific courses – I have two, first, is Applied Data Analysis - I have had many times in the last 5-7 years when I’ve been presented with data and needed to make strategic decisions informed by that data. In those moments, I was thankful to have taken the course! And second, Organization Theory (taught by Richard Jacobs, OSA at the time) was really helpful. I’m able to use the theories and principles on my own team, but also am better able to diagnose organizational problems and offer practical solutions rooted in research. It prepared me in understanding the full picture of an organization.

Any “war stories,” anecdotes, or reminiscences about your experience as an MPA student that you’d like to share?

- Gullifty’s Quizzo nights were always my favorite! Seeing the competitive nature of our faculty (who, at the time, seemed so easy-going!) was really fun. Too bad our team never won.

What advice do you have for current MPA students?

- Keep your notes and/or books. I’ve actually turned back to them several times!