Donald Hayman Receives MPA Alumni Distinguished Public Service Award

by Ashley Clark Perry

Dr. Donald Hayman received the MPA Alumni Distinguished Public Service Award at the fourth annual Dean’s Dinner on November 6. As the highest honor bestowed by the MPA Alumni Association, this award recognizes public service leaders who exemplify high standards of service to the public and to the organization in which they serve. Previous recipients include Gordon Whitaker, Richard Stevens ’74, Cal Horton ’71, Deil Wright, and Steve Allred ’74.

Dean Michael Smith opened the dinner by highlighting Hayman’s service to the MPA program, communities throughout North Carolina, and the state of North Carolina.

Donald Hayman began his career at the Institute of Government in 1948, where he quickly established himself as the “father of sound public personnel administration.” He worked directly with communities and administrators, assisting more than 200 cities and counties in drafting personnel ordinances and in preparing position classification and pay plans. In addition, he helped more than 150 North Carolina cities and counties adopt the council-manager form of government. In his remarks about Hayman’s career, faculty member Gordon Whitaker said, “Dr. Hayman might also be called the ‘father of professional local government’ by many cities and counties.” Hayman later served as assistant director of the Institute, retiring in 1985.

Hayman was instrumental in starting the UNC-Chapel Hill Master of Public Administration program. He regularly taught courses, served on committees, and facilitated internship and employment positions. According to Whitaker, Hayman was known to generations of MPA students as “The Godfather.” He has

“My greatest satisfaction comes from seeing the accomplishments of the students and officials I have been privileged to meet and work with.”

—Donald Hayman
Off to a Fast Start

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n my last column, I reported that the MPA suite had been pretty quiet over the summer. That didn’t last long! In August we welcomed 26 second-year and 29 first-year students. Following a memorable alumni picnic, the semester got off to a fast start. This academic year features new faculty, courses, and events, which I want to share with you.

The recommendations from the 2006-07 MPA curriculum review will be fully implemented this year. They include new core courses:

- Collaborative Governance, taught by Rick Morse
- Strategic Information Technology Management, Shannon Tufts
- Economics for Public Administration, Karl Smith
- Ethical and Effective Public Administration, Willow Jacobson

Among the new electives added to the curriculum:

- State Government, taught by Senator Richard Stevens ’74
- Public Finance, Karl Smith
- Grant-Writing and Evaluation, Kelley O’Brien ’99
- Public Sector Labor Relations, Michele Hoyman
- Managing Local Government Services, Julie Brenman
- and yours truly

We also are offering a fall half-semester elective focusing on Capstone paper development, which prepares students to be better analytical thinkers, producers, and critical consumers of research.

Feedback has been encouraging, and we are convinced these curriculum changes have kept our program on the cutting edge of public administration and better equipped our students for public service careers.

The curriculum review was an important prelude for the program’s upcoming reaccreditation process, which occurs every seven years. A faculty and staff team led by Gordon Whitaker is preparing a self-study report for the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA). A critical part of this study is input from alumni. We will send out a survey soon, and we hope you will take a moment to tell us about your career, as well as share your thoughts on how the MPA program prepared you for public service leadership. Upon completion of the report, a NASPAA committee will make a site visit and assess our program. We anticipate continued accreditation for seven more years, and we welcome suggestions for program improvement from the NASPAA reviewers.

In other developments, good progress has been made in a joint PhD initiative with the UNC-Chapel Hill Department of Public Policy, the process has been put on temporary hold pending the outcome of the School of Government’s comprehensive strategic planning initiative. We anticipate resuming consideration next summer.

Our placement seminar was held at the end of the semester. A record number of second-year students (10) have applied for the highly competitive Presidential Management Fellows program, and we anticipate a number of applications for ICMA’s Local Government Management Fellows program as well.

The pace of fall events has been exciting and energizing. We’ve especially enjoyed the opportunities to renew ties with alumni during the annual Conference on Public Administration and, at the Dean’s Dinner, to celebrate Professor Donald Hayman’s contributions to public service and the MPA program over a distinguished 37-year career! If you couldn’t join us this year, mark your calendars for November 5–6, 2009!
What do Larry DiRe ’99 (Illinois), Devorah Waesch ’78 (Ohio), Michael Sumner ’88 (Georgia), and Brandon Godfrey ’88 (Virginia) all have in common? They were just a few of the 150 people who returned to the School of Government in early November for the 2008 Conference on Public Administration. The conference brought together practitioners to discuss the topic of change and what the future holds for North Carolina and the United States. The event left attendees energized and ready to move forward.

Current MPA students were treated to a pre-conference career forum featuring Chris Long ’81, deputy associate director for management with the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; Jane Preyer ’91, southeast regional director with Environmental Defense Fund; Fagan Stackhouse ’71, director of the Department of Human Resources for the City of Virginia Beach; and Michael Williamson ’78, North Carolina deputy state treasurer. These alumni helped students think beyond school to their future careers by sharing insights on balancing work and life, planning for career paths, developing skills, and networking. Many first- and second-year students found the forum a highlight of the conference. First-year student Izzy Rosiuta said, “The forum was an excellent way for students to meet alumni and learn more about what they do. I especially enjoyed being able to ask questions about their careers—and our futures.”

The conference officially opened with Katherine Barrett and Richard Greene, senior consultants for the Pew Center on the States, correspondents and columnists for Governing magazine, and founding editors of the B & G Report. In their dynamic, fast-paced presentation, “Can Bad Times make for Good Management?” Barrett and Greene suggested that tumultuous times can be an opportunity for governments to improve management in ways that may face political opposition when “coffers are full.”

The afternoon sessions on rebuilding Iraq, changes in the economy, and energy challenges were timely and informative, considering the current economic landscape. David Vehaun ’87, municipal clerk with Rock Hill, South Carolina, commented, “It was enlightening to hear others talk about how foreclosures were affecting their towns and how they were dealing with issues, from losing tax revenue to keeping the lawns of foreclosed homes mowed.”

The Deil S. Wright Lecture, featuring James H. Svara, professor in the School of Public Affairs and director of the Center for Urban Innovation at Arizona State University, kicked off the second day of the conference. Svara provided an overview of institutional trends and opportunities for innovation for government administrators. MPA students taking the program’s City and County Management course particularly enjoyed hearing from Svara in person, after reading much of his material in class.

William Marshall, professor of law at UNC-Chapel Hill who served as deputy White House counsel and deputy assistant to President Clinton, closed the day with a lively, energetic presentation about the expansion of executive power in recent times and the potential effects of an Obama administration on government.

Referring to the many changes we are facing in our state and nationwide, Svara counseled everyone to “grin and bear it.” We’re more likely to be able to do that after this energizing conference.

Many thanks go to this year’s planning committee: Co-chair Bob Noe ’68, Co-chair Susan Austin ’97, Johanna Foster ’05, Christi Hurt ’96, David Leonetti ’05, Pat Pate ’85, Stephen Raper ’74, Chris Sherman ’05, Kristin Siebenaler ’92, Candy Terrell-Galke ’95, and Mary Vigue ’04.

The 2009 Public Administration conference will be held at the School of Government on November 5–6. If you would like to help plan the conference, contact Jean Coble, MPA external relations coordinator, at coble@sog.unc.edu.

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In recognition of the role the Carolina MPA program has played in developing us as professionals in public service, we chose to set aside funds in our wills through the MPA planned giving program to help ensure future scholarships. It is our way of saying thanks.

—Donna Warner ’78

Two classes from opposite ends of the alumni tree—the Class of 1978 and the Class of 2006 (2008 graduating class)—were recognized at the Dean’s Dinner. (Deil Wright’s column on page 5 provides helpful insight into the current class-year designations.)

In honor of their 30-year anniversary, the Class of 1978 made a gift that will last a lifetime and beyond through a planned gift campaign.

The Class of 2006 was recognized for achieving a record 93% class participation in their class gift campaign.

Bricks recognizing each class will be added to the School of Government Honors Sidewalk.

remained in contact with his students throughout their careers, and delighted in their successes. Alumni Tom Lundy ’71 and Ed Kitchen ’74 recounted memories of their close relationship with him through-

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Although Hayman is retired, Whitaker said, “His work lives on in North Carolina’s state and local governments, in the halls of the School of Government, and in the ethos of a dedicated public service that the MPA program continues to instill in our students.”

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**COHORT YEAR CONFUSION?**

by Deil Wright

Once upon a time in ancient history (from 1966 to 1993) the degree requirements of the MPA program were configured quite differently. Entrants into the program spent a full 12 months on campus, including the fall and spring semesters plus two summer sessions, all with full-time course loads!

The MPA curriculum was a two-year degree program in which the second year was an “internship” that amounted to a full-time job. This second year involved enrolling for credit hours with four or five return-to-campus seminars plus credit for working on a required “major paper” (in lieu of a formal thesis) that was intended to be completed during the year. But it almost never was! For example, the first two MPA degrees were awarded in 1969 to Gloria Grizzle and 1970 to Bill Flexner, both class of ’66. Without checking records and embarrassing any specific persons, my recollection is that one member of the class of 1976 actually received the degree in 1984! To maintain the cohort experience so important to the MPA program, we decided to identify classes by entering, rather than graduating, years.

By the late 1980s and early 1990s the MPA Program and its five faculty members had a pipeline of 50 to 60 degree candidates trying to finish and defend their major paper—three, four, five, six, or even seven years after entering the program! The degree-completion discrepancy was also one of many reasons for the shift to the current two-year program format starting in 1993.

The curriculum change involved many pros and cons. The tradeoffs between good-news and bad-news factors in launching the present format might be compared to the difficult choice little Angus MacDonald confronted in his third-grade class. The Fire Department safety officer was instructing the class about what to do in case their clothes caught fire. The officer said, “Angus, what would you do if your sweater was on fire?” Angus hesitated, then paused further before responding. His classmates, clued by the earlier instructions, were whispering, “Stop, drop, and roll!” Angus ignored the buzz in silence while his face retained a puzzled look. Once more the officer asked, “Angus, what would you do if your sweater was on fire?” Suddenly Angus blurted out, “I wouldn’t put it on!”

Well, the MPA faculty “put on” the new curriculum format in 1993. Since then few, if any, participants have been seared by incendiary bursts. But some MPAs still wonder, “Why am I in the class cohort of the year I entered?” Now you know.

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**REDUCING THAT CONFUSION**

In order to reduce the confusion and inconsistencies that surround the current practice of identifying MPA graduates by their year of entry into the program rather than year of graduation, the MPA Alumni Association Board, staff, and students will be discussing various options for making a change to this practice. Any changes to class year designations would likely affect only alumni who entered the program after 1993, the year that the new curriculum was adopted.

If you have comments on this issue, please contact Program Director Carl Stenberg at stenberg@sog.unc.edu or Alumni Association President Elaine Mejia at email@elainemejia.com.
Something about Chanitta DeLoatch is infectious: you catch the public service bug just from listening when she speaks. When I met her during the MPA student orientation, I knew right away I wanted to talk with her.

Chanitta is from Murfreesboro, a small town in northeastern North Carolina with a population of just over 2,000. She describes the town as a place where “everyone knows everyone or they know someone in your family.” This small-town upbringing gave Chanitta a strong sense of community, which has shaped her public service ideals. “I know how much was put into me by my community,” she says. “I want to give back.”

Chanitta loves to travel, and she has especially fond memories of her trip to Europe as a high school student. “As I look back, the trip was wonderful,” she says, “but the experience of getting there is what I remember most.” Her family could not finance her travels. Determined to go, Chanitta raised money by washing cars and writing letters to businesses and people in the community asking for their support. “My community gave me that opportunity,” she says.

Chanitta was raised by her grandparents. Her mother, with whom she had daily contact as a child, was a senior in high school when Chanitta was born. Chanitta has never met her father. She credits her family and church youth leaders for her own commitment to education and public service. “They always told me my options were endless,” she says.

Chanitta’s church community encouraged her to get involved in public speaking, and she was often asked to speak at church events. “Those experiences gave me the opportunity to verbalize to other young people that they should always reach for the sky,” she says.

The first person in her family to go to college, Chanitta graduated from East Carolina University with a degree in criminal justice. In her studies, she was particularly moved by a juvenile justice course, especially when she learned about the high rate of incarceration among African-American males. “I chose a career in public service because I believe change needs to happen,” Chanitta says. “I believe the only way to do that is through the public sector.”

As an undergraduate, she interned with the court services branch of the NC Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention in Pitt County, and she was hired as a juvenile court counselor upon graduation. Although she loved being a court counselor, Chanitta wanted more interaction with the clients she served. “With a case load of 32 children, one visit per child was about all one could do each month,” she says. “That just wasn’t enough interaction to create the impact that I wanted to have.”

Chanitta found the MPA program’s dual-degree option with the School of Social Work especially appealing. It was a large part of her motivation in applying to UNC-Chapel Hill. “It meant a lot to me to be accepted at the University of North Carolina,” she says. “I believe the prestige of a UNC degree will go a long way in my career.”

Chanitta received a Nanette V. Mengel Scholarship from the MPA program. She is also a North Carolina Child Welfare Education Collaborative Scholar through the School of Social Work and is obligated to work in a local Department of Social Services for two years upon graduation. “Those scholarships made all the difference to me,” she explains. “I could not have come to graduate school without financial aid. I really appreciate the support I have received from the Mengel family and MPA alumni.”

Chanitta is looking forward to serving children and families, but she ultimately hopes to create and manage public policy. “The MPA degree is going to make that possible. I believe my options are endless after graduation. I don’t want to settle or restrict myself. At the end of the day, it’s not about the money, but the change I will be able to effect. For me, that is true happiness.”
The start of fall classes marked the beginning of a new, five-part MPA lecture series. Organized by the Carolina Society for Future Leaders and led by first- and second-year MPA students, the series features leading government and nonprofit practitioners. Each discussion highlights current issues in the field of public administration.

Dean Mike Smith kicked off the series in September with an overview of the MPA program and its role in the public administration field and the School of Government.

The second lecture was presented by Tony Wohlers, assistant professor in the Department of History and Government at Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma. Wohlers shared his thoughts on the prevalence and use of e-government in the United States. He discussed findings from his extensive research evaluating e-government uses in the US and Germany, as well as state-by-state comparisons.

The final lecture for the fall semester, presented during the annual Conference on Public Administration in November, featured James Svara, a professor in the School of Public Affairs and director of the Center for Urban Innovation at Arizona State University. Svara highlighted the institutional and environmental changes public administration practitioners typically face in their work, and he presented opportunities for innovation in this ever-changing setting.

In the spring, the lecture series will include a presentation by City of Charlotte Planning Director Debra Campbell, who has played an integral role in the development of that city’s new light-rail system. The final presenter in the series will be chosen by the first-year cohort.

The 2008–2009 Lecture Series is sponsored by the Carolina Society for Future Leaders, UNC-Chapel Hill Student Congress, Master of Public Administration program, and the School of Government. All lectures, which are free of charge and open to the public, are announced via the MPA website at www.mpa.unc.edu.
More than 190 places to shop. Trendy coffee shops and not a Starbucks in sight. A reputation for being “weird” and unique. An hour-long wait for a table at one of over 70 restaurants—on a Thursday night. Twenty-nine art galleries, seven museums, and five theatres. Tourists arriving in droves.

This is the thriving downtown of Asheville, North Carolina. It’s hard to believe that Asheville has been anything but a thriving, vivacious city, but 20 years ago, the same city recently referred to by USA Today as “one of the South’s hippest hangouts” was nothing but a handful of struggling small businesses and a stream of tourists kicking up dust as they sped through town to visit the Biltmore Estate.

How did an ailing urban core become one of North Carolina’s most interesting—or as locals say, “weird”—cities? Over fall break in October, nearly 30 MPA students got a chance to learn the secrets of success from some of the public, private, and nonprofit leaders who contributed to Asheville’s revival.

For the MPA students, the opportunity to study economic development during their time off was just too good to pass up, even for a much-needed study break! It was an easy choice for first-year student Carrie Henderson. “I had heard about nonprofit organizations’ integral role in Asheville’s economic development,” she said. “I wanted the opportunity to speak with some nonprofit leaders and learn about how they can impact a city’s future.” Christopher Hansard, another first-year student, added, “As graduate students who will be on the job market soon, we understand the value of experience outside the walls of a school building.”

These students had a unique opportunity to learn about Asheville’s history from the people who helped alter the city’s course. Leslie Anderson, former director of Downtown Development and adjunct instructor at the School of Government, spoke of Asheville’s booming economy during the roaring 1920s, its subsequent collapse, and its climb back to success. When the economy collapsed in 1929, the city fell on hard times. Banks closed and Asheville faced the largest per capita debt of any city in the United States. Instead of defaulting on its loans like many American cities, it paid them back, a feat that took more than 50 years. As it struggled to pay its debts, the city worked to revive its dying urban core.

Asheville’s revival is a testament to the collaboration of public, private, and nonprofit organizations working toward a unified vision, and to the visionary leadership of its city officials. The vision was clear: an economically prosperous downtown that maintained Asheville’s historic architecture and one-of-a-kind personality.

The MPA students met a number of leaders who stuck with Asheville through the years of its comeback. Laurey Masterton, owner of Laurey’s Catering, opened her business in 1987, a time when Asheville was not a promising place for small businesses. Having faced a number of challenges in her career and personal life, Masterton counseled, “Brick walls are there for a reason. You learn that you need other people to help you over.”

Not only did Asheville face a brick wall in earlier days, but a long road that often led tourists straight through the city—nonstop—to the Biltmore Estate. The city’s comeback is due in part to government officials and leaders of the Biltmore Company working together. Steve Miller, executive vice president of the Biltmore Company, emphasized that while public-private partnerships are not always easy, they can pay off. The results in this case are undeniable. Today, tourists don’t just drive through. The city of Asheville is a destination in itself—one that has successfully maintained its historic architecture and unique personality.
Maureen Berner, associate professor of public administration and government, has been awarded a seed funding grant by the Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity for the NC Hunger Pilot Project.

The Hunger Pilot Project seeks to create an accurate portrait of hunger in North Carolina by documenting and evaluating the prevalence of hunger and food insecurity. Food insecurity defines one type of hunger affecting a household in which family members are uncertain of having enough food because of insufficient money or other resources. In 2005, the USDA reported that North Carolina ranked higher than the national average for rates of both food insecurity (13.8%) and prevalence of hunger (4.9%) among the state’s population. Those rates had increased significantly from previous reports. “This project is very timely,” Berner says “In this economy, not only are more families using these supplemental food sources, but fewer people have the resources to donate food or funds to pantries.”

Researchers working in coordination with the Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina will gather information at up to 40 food pantries throughout the state, asking about who needs assistance, how often, and why. These surveys are being conducted by UNC undergraduates Sarah Welker and LaTasha Hill, MPA students Emily Anderson (project manager) and Allan Beckmann, and MPA graduate Sharon Paynter, now on the faculty of Brown University. Two papers on the NC Hunger Pilot Project will be presented at the Midwest Political Science Association conference in Chicago in April, and plans are underway for conferences and/or workshops on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus.

David Ammons, Albert Coates Professor of Public Administration and Government, has been appointed to a national commission charged with creating a principles-based framework for public sector performance measurement and management. The National Performance Management Advisory Commission was established by 10 leading state and local government public interest associations, including the International City/County Management Association (ICMA); National League of Cities (NLC); US Conference of Mayors (USCM); Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA); National Association of Counties (NACo); National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL); Council of State Governments (CSG); Association of School Business Officials International (ASBO); National Association of State Budget Officers (NASBO); and National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers (NASACT). The Commission includes appointees from each of the sponsoring organizations as well as recognized leaders from management, research organizations, and academia.

Lydian Altman ’84, associate director of the Public Intersection Project, and Rick Morse, assistant professor of public administration and government, published an article in the Winter 2008 issue of Popular Government. In “Creating Their Own Futures: Community Visioning and North Carolina Local Government,” Altman and Morse report on long-term visioning processes conducted in Roxboro, Wilkes County, and Wilson County. Their study provides important lessons on visioning and strategic planning for government officials who want to help shape the direction of their communities. Popular Government online archives can be viewed at www.sog.unc.edu (see Publications).
IN THE EYE OF THE STORM

Brodì Fontenot—Budget Analyst, US Senate Budget Committee

MPA alumni work in every level of government and in organizations that support the public interest. Communities, organizations, and individual lives are positively affected by their leadership. Brodi Fontenot is one of the alumni who agreed to share his story in the new MPA recruitment publication. To view additional and expanded alumni profiles, visit www.mpa.unc.edu.

Brodi Fontenot has researched, analyzed, and made budget recommendations on some of the most visible issues of our time, including the current housing credit crisis, funding for veterans’ services, and housing for victims of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. He was recruited from the MPA program as a senior analyst with the US Government Accountability Office (GAO) in Washington, DC, where he worked for five years before becoming a budget analyst with the US Senate.

In much of his work, Brodi says, he uses the kind of peer policy analysis taught at the MPA program, asking a series of questions such as: What is the public good? What is the government’s interest? How much is this going to cost? Who will benefit? Who is driving this agenda? Who needs to get on board to make this happen? “We did real world simulations of all that in the MPA program,” Brodi says. “We learned to understand that there are not just ideas but people you have to deal with on any issue, and each of them has feelings, pressures, and their own history.”

Alaska, an added cultural sensitivity was critical. Brodi traveled throughout the state interviewing people in far-flung rural villages. “In the MPA program, I had learned structured interview techniques, open response, and how to do policy analysis as part of a student team project investigating beach nourishment along the NC coast,” Brodi says. “That’s exactly what I did years later for the GAO project in Alaska.”

Brodi describes his work as fast paced and time-pressured. “When an important decision has to be made in a matter of minutes,” he says, “being able to understand what someone is asking you and then relaying back the necessary information immediately, is important. The MPA program taught me to present arguments clearly and succinctly, and not every program does that.”

“My job is new every day,” he says. “Everybody I work with is smart and driven, and that motivates me as well. There is no part of what I learned at the MPA program that I have not applied in my work. I can’t think of a better preparation for my career.”

New MPA Publication Highlights Alumni

An engaging new recruitment publication is now available that lets prospective students know our MPA alumni are accomplished and passionate about public service. If you have not yet received a copy, visit www.mpa.unc.edu for a preview (“MPA Grads Make a Difference”).

“In the current economic climate, when circumstances are changing on a daily, sometimes hourly, basis, I am cognizant of how important it is to have a solid foundation from which to give advice to policymakers. I feel privileged to lend my voice at this very serious time.”
**LIFE EVENTS**

**On the Move**

Dirk Wilmoth ’76 is vice president of business and finance at Emory & Henry College in Emory, Virginia.

Gary Cannon ’78 is deputy director for administration and finance with the Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority in Okatie, South Carolina.

Bruce Locklear ’82 is principal of Edina High School in Edina, Minnesota.

Kevin Fitzgerald ’83 has been selected to oversee the formation of the new airport authority in Orange County, North Carolina.

Laura Gill ’86 was appointed city manager of Elk Grove, California.

Doug Fountain ’88 is director of planning and acting head of health sciences at Uganda Christian University.

Quince Brinkley ’89 is vice president and secretary of the board for the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority.

Marcy Onieal ’91 was named town manager of Black Mountain, North Carolina.

Sarah Waddle ’92 is an instructor in the English Department of the Des Moines Area Community College, West Campus, in Des Moines, Iowa.

Lianna Vanoyan ’93 is a management consultant with the Global Health and HIV & AIDS Hope Initiative at World Vision International in Arlington, Virginia.

Amy Hurt ’98 is a grant proposal writer with WakeMed Health and Hospitals in Raleigh.

Brian Brooks ’99 is the city manager for Forney, Texas.

Sherick Hughes ’99 is an assistant professor in the College of Education at the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland.

Heidi Duer York ’99 is manager of Person County. She succeeds retiring County Manager Steve Carpenter.

Ashley Barnes ’00 has returned to the East Coast as a buyer with Arlington County, Virginia.

Sean Brandon ’00 has been named the first director of mobility and parking for the City of Savannah, Georgia.

Katie Loovis ’00 is working in external affairs at the US Department of Interior in Washington.

Ben Mount ’03 is an associate attorney for Emmet Boney Haywood in Raleigh.

Monica Croskey ’05 is assistant to the director of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities.

Joe Gavrilovich ’05 is employed by The Pew Charitable Trusts in Washington.

Philip Rogers ’05 was named executive assistant to the chancellor of East Carolina University.

Laura Jensen ’06 is the assistant to the manager in Durham County.

**Accomplishments**

Charles Price ’74 is the author of a new book, *Nor the Battle to the Strong: A Novel of the American Revolution in the South*.

Christopher Morrill ’85, assistant city manager for management and financial services in Savannah, Georgia, and David Vehaun ’87, management services administrator in Rock Hill, South Carolina, were elected as a slate of candidates for the 2008-2011 Governmental Finance Officers Association Executive Board.

Johanna Foster ’05 was named a 2009 recipient of the UNC-Chapel Hill Graduate Education Advancement Board Impact Award. The competition recognizes “outstanding graduate student research of particular benefit to North Carolina.” Her work, while controversial, led to examination of and eventual revisions to bail bond policies in Wake County.

**Marriages**

Bree Bean ’05 and Ryan Coplen were married on March 29, 2008. Bree is a budget analyst with the City of Jacksonville, North Carolina.

**New Arrivals**

Christina Lyndrup Farrell ’92 and her husband, Timmy, welcomed a son, Emerson Brendan Mark, on August 1, 2008. He joins big sister Olivia, 17 months.

Jonathan C. Jordan ’93 and his wife, Tracie, celebrated the birth of their second child, a girl named Lily Grace, on July 28, 2008.

Brian Brooks ’99 and his wife, Jennifer, celebrated the birth of Sarah Marie Brooks on January 22, 2008. She joins brother Ian Michael, 2.

Jennifer Snow Butler ’00 and her husband, Stockton, welcomed a son, Walton Snow Butler, on September 21, 2008.

Adrienne Bailey Davis ’02 and her husband, Delvin, celebrated the arrival of a son, Elijah Marcel Davis, on August 5, 2008.

Martina Williams ’04 and her husband, Vince, welcomed a daughter, Genevieve, on November 14, 2008.

Shawn Purvis ’06 and his wife, Sara, celebrated the birth of Joshua “Josh” David Purvis and Anna Nataline Purvis on October 29, 2008.
MPA Scholarship Recipients

We are pleased to announce the following students received scholarships for the 2008–2009 academic year. With the rising cost of tuition, our ability to offer scholarships makes it possible for some students to attend the program who might not be able to otherwise, and allows others to concentrate more fully on their academics. We thank our donors for their continued support. Their gifts make a difference!

**Nanette Mengel Scholarship**
- Sarah Banks
- Katherine Burdett
- Chanitta Deloatch
- Kayla Fuga
- Sean Gallagher
- Ashleigh Martin
- Gregory Mavraganis
- Ashley Clark Perry
- Christopher Riddick
- Ann Roper
- Ingrid Rosiuta
- Daniel Sargent
- Amber Broach Smith
- Rebekah Temple

**Hayman-Howard-Wright Scholarship**
- Emily Anderson
- Ashley Clark Perry
- Sybil Tate
- Rebekah Temple
- Mary Wyatt Tiger
- Kathryn Tydgat

**Rothwell Scholars**
- Jason Damweber
- Adam Parker

**Local Government Scholarship**
- Andrew Stevenson

**Jean Coble Scholarship**
- Sean Gallagher

**Diversity in Public Service Scholarship**
- Fred Thomas

**Howard Holly Scholarship**
- John Gowan

**Ed Kitchen and John Gold Scholarship**
- Terry Waterfield

**Ronald Aycock Scholarship**
- Megan Povse Wright

**Local Government Fellows**
- Duane Hampton
- Lana Hygh