The 2007 Public Administration Conference, held November 1–2 at the School of Government, was a dynamic experience. Response to the event from current students, recent graduates, and other alumni was overwhelmingly positive.

The opening session of the conference featured Jim Johnson, director of the Urban Strategies Center at the Frank Hawkins Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise and William R. Kenan Jr. Distinguished Professor of Entrepreneurship at the Kenan Flagler School of Business at UNC-Chapel Hill. In his lively and engaging presentation, Johnson explored the national and economic policies shaping the “browning” and “graying” of America, with a particular emphasis on demographic trends in North Carolina.

Johnson’s presentation was one of the best parts of the conference, according to second-year student Steve Buter. “Jim Johnson presented a variety of perspectives on immigration, many of which are not part of the current dialogue,” Buter said. After his presentation, Johnson engaged in a debate with Jameson Taylor of the John W. Pope Civitas Institute. Those who were in attendance must judge for themselves who prevailed. MPA students can look forward to a return visit from Johnson, who will take part in Diversity Day training for first-year students on January 30.

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Sticker Shock

The bottom line figure caught me by surprise. A recent report from the UNC Office of Scholarships and Student Aid indicated that the average cumulative debt for a student graduating with a Master of Public Administration degree from the School of Government in 2006 was $31,513. The average amount for North Carolina residents was $32,511.

Our faculty and staff often tell candidates during the admissions process that the MPA is a solid investment, and we occasionally give a pep talk to current students that choosing this degree in order to pursue a career in public service is a wise decision. But for many students, the MPA carries a high price tag, and public sector starting salaries do not offer much promise of prompt reduction of debt burdens.

In view of these financial realities, it is especially gratifying that our MPA students commit to two years of full-time study and that nearly all of them enter public service. These graduates are the next generation of local, state, federal, and nonprofit leaders, and the MPA program is taking steps to make their career paths as attractive and fulfilling as possible. Financial support plays a key role here, and we are pursuing three strategies.

- Each year the Graduate School allocates 14 Research Assistantships (RAs) to the MPA Program. Our budget pays for the $9,000 student stipend for the academic year, while the Graduate School provides a full tuition grant and health insurance. Students work an average of 12 hours a week, gaining significant real world experience. Research Assistantships are critical to attracting top students and enabling them to pursue full-time studies, and we are working hard to increase the number we can offer. This year, thanks to a positive response from School of Government faculty and staff, research centers, and MPA alumni in other campus units, we were able to award 25 RAs, compared with 18 last year.

- The second strategy is part-time employment with neighboring local governments or state agencies. Since most classes meet on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, the other two weekdays are available for work (as well as for study). We are fortunate that alumni in Chapel Hill, Orange and Wake counties, the North Carolina Retirement System, and other organizations have offered part-time employment to students who are not RAs. Other jurisdictions often contact Maureen Berner to request student assistance with conducting program evaluations. In addition to providing financial support, these opportunities give our students firsthand exposure to the world of public service, and enable them to develop managerial skills and build interpersonal networks, sometimes leading to job offers following graduation.

- Our third approach is scholarship support. Working with Jean Coble and her colleagues in the School’s development office, we ask alumni to consider giving something back to the program when their finances permit, so that we can bolster our scholarships. Your Alumni Association also has been a generous contributor. Last year, we were able to award more than $70,000 in scholarships to students. We hope to do more next year. At the Dean’s Dinner on November 1, Dean Mike Smith unveiled the Jack Vogt Scholarship. He presented a certificate of appreciation to Jack, and he announced that alumni had contributed $60,000 in Jack’s honor during the “quiet phase” of the campaign. What a wonderful response!

From time to time, you receive requests from the MPA program and School of Government asking for donations. I hope the above information provides a context for better understanding why we ask for your help, and how these contributions fit into our overall student support strategy. Thank you for all that you do to help our students!

Carl Stenberg,
MPA Program Director
nization’s healthcare costs can be saved by adopting workplace wellness programs. For every three barrels of oil the world consumes, one barrel of oil is found.

Buter appreciated the chance to connect with recent graduates during this time. “I had a great conversation with recent alums who work in local government. It was valuable to have an opportunity to learn about their transition from the MPA Program into the working world.”

Thursday’s afternoon session featured Patrick Bresette, an associate program director for Public Works at the Demos Center for the Public Sector. Bresette’s presentation explored public perceptions of government and notions of public service. He outlined different ways to think about and present services to citizens or customers and showed that most people, when asked about government on camera, tend to either laugh or cringe.

A lovely reception and dinner at the Carolina Inn ended the day on a positive note, with recognition of three distinguished public servants who have played an important role in the history of the MPA Program. For details on the awards and scholarships that were presented, see page 5.

The second day of the conference began with the Deil Wright Lecture. Rosemary O’Leary, Distinguished Professor of Public Administration at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University, gave an interactive presentation titled “Extreme Green Public Managers: Ethical Decisions in Going Green,” which included a compilation of case studies from her book *The Ethics of Dissent: Managing Guerrilla Government*. Adding to her accounts of guerrilla warfare in the office was a series of thoughtful questions posed to O’Leary by conference participants. Four lucky questioners received complimentary copies of O’Leary’s book. Behind the scenes, first-year MPA students had the opportunity to meet informally with O’Leary over lunch.

Later in the day, concurrent sessions ranging from sustainability to striking a work-life balance were followed by a closing session by Tim Newman of the Charlotte Regional Visitors Authority. Newman described the factors that shaped the decision to locate the NASCAR Hall of Fame in Charlotte. Anyone lacking NASCAR knowledge at the beginning of the presentation left knowing much more about the industry, in addition to financial, political, and economic factors that often shape location decisions for development projects.

How to tie everything together? Brown, gray, green, tsunamis, guerillas, oil, NASCAR. Hmm... A witty person could likely think up a rotten joke. But the best answer is to attend next year’s conference, because this one was well worth it.

Rosemary O’Leary delivered the Deil Wright Lecture at the School of Government on November 2.
A NOTE OF APPRECIATION

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Also, a special thanks goes to Chris Long ’81, director of health safety and sustainable development for the US Environmental Protection Agency; Susan Lynch and Sharon Pickard, MPA program staff; Carl Stenberg, program director; Jean Coble, external relations coordinator; and the work-study office staff.

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Awards and Scholarships presented at Dean’s Dinner

The 2007 Conference on Public Administration included the third annual Dean’s Dinner at the Carolina Inn in Chapel Hill. Special guests included Deil Wright, former director of the MPA Program; Donald Hayman, retired faculty member; and Betty Quick, School of Government Foundation board member. An awards program followed the dinner, honoring the three men listed below.

Ed Kitchen ’74
Dean Mike Smith introduced Ed Kitchen as an outstanding and dedicated alumnus, whose involvement contributed to the MPA Program’s move to the Institute of Government in 1997. Kitchen recently retired from the City of Greensboro after 30 years of service. He served the city as personnel director, assistant city manager, deputy city manager, and city manager.

Upon his retirement, Kitchen’s friends, colleagues, and longtime admirers created a scholarship in his honor. The J. Edward Kitchen Public Administration Scholarship is a celebration of his successful career and a commitment to new generations of public servants. Kitchen made a personal commitment to continue building this scholarship established in his honor.

Steve Allred ’74
The MPA Alumni Distinguished Public Service Award honors individuals who exemplify high standards of service to the public and to organizations in which they serve. The award is the highest honor bestowed by the alumni association. Previous recipients include faculty members Gordon Whitaker (1993) and Deil Wright (2001), Richard Stevens ’74 (1997), and Cal Horton ’71 (1998).

The award was presented to Steve Allred in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the MPA Program, the University of North Carolina, and to the School of Government. Allred is a 15-year member of the School of Government faculty and served seven years as director of the MPA Program. As director, he built upon the foundation of others while advancing the scope of the program’s vision. He was instrumental in bringing the MPA Program to the Institute of Government in 1997 and securing the resources to support it. In his remarks at the dinner, Dean Mike Smith said, “We will always be in his debt for this good deed.” Smith also commented that for the past six years, during which Allred has served in the Office of the Provost at UNC-Chapel Hill, he has “brought a calming influence to the regular roils of academia, lent a voice for progress, and offered firm leadership steadied by long experience.”

In honor of the Distinguished Public Service Award being presented to Steve Allred, the Alumni Association presented a scholarship to second-year MPA student Shannon Byers.

Faculty member Jack Vogt
Alumni Mary Vigue ’04 and Rod Visser ’85 shared “A Moment with Jack” as they recounted their memories of their time in the classroom as Vogt’s students. In honor of Vogt’s retirement from three decades on the faculty, a scholarship was created by alumni and friends of the MPA Program. Lee Worsley ’97, MPA Alumni Association president, presented a certificate to Vogt with these words:

“Jack Vogt’s teaching, guidance, and sincere friendship have influenced thousands of budget professionals in North Carolina over a span of thirty years. Jack has been a valued mentor for generations of Carolina MPA students and he continues to help improve local government finance and budgeting in myriad ways. Jack works hard to ensure that his students reach their full potential and are prepared for the future. Through his teaching and compassion, Jack continues to support his students after graduation and remains an important part of their professional lives.”

The A. John Vogt Scholarship is dedicated as a permanent endowment to identify and educate the most promising young public leaders in North Carolina and the nation for today and future generations.
True Carolina Blue: Ryan Ewalt
by Jean Coble

This issue of Impact introduces you to Ryan Ewalt, our first Rothwell Scholar. Ryan grew up in Salisbury, Maryland, on the Delmarva Peninsula. Ryan says that his childhood laid the foundation for who he is today. “Salisbury is a rural town in a heavily agricultural area,” he explained. “I lived next door to my grandparents and was surrounded by family. The values of my parents, grandparents, and the small church I attended shaped who I am and how I see the world. I know the strong bonds I have there will eventually lead me back home.”

I asked Ryan why he chose a career path in public service. I liked his response: “I feel like public service chose me. My grandfather has run for office four times. Although he never won, he stayed committed. He has been a great example of perseverance and dedication to public service.”

Ryan has already shown a dedication to public service. He has applied his bachelor’s degree in systems engineering from the University of Virginia to solving government problems on the federal, state, and local level. While at the University of Virginia, Ryan participated in a public service internship with the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. Ryan said, “They wanted to put engineering students within reach of science and technology policy. That internship was an excellent way to learn about local government management and services from within.”

Over the summer Ryan interned with the Wake County Manager’s Office. “That internship was an excellent way to learn about local government management and services from within,” Ryan explained.

While I was in Raleigh, I also had the opportunity to continue to develop my friendship with Senator Richard Stevens ’74. I truly value his wisdom and selflessness. He has been a great mentor to me.”

Ryan is now halfway through his second year in the MPA Program. He is working on his research assistantship, which focuses on improving development review processes in nine North Carolina cities, as well as his capstone project, which will focus on what factors influence the price of government in North Carolina counties. Ryan will graduate in May. “I am open to all possibilities after graduation,” Ryan said, “but I have one ultimate goal: to return to the Eastern Shore of Maryland. I’m not sure how I can serve back home, but I would like to serve my family, friends, neighbors, and fellow Marylanders.”

As the first Rothwell Scholar, Ryan had an opportunity recently to meet the generous donors who established the scholarship, MPA alumni Doug and Sharon Rothwell.

After meeting Ryan, Doug Rothwell said, “Ryan is just the kind of individual we hoped the scholarship would attract to Carolina. He has an excellent academic track-record, practical work experience, and a commitment to government. He could have gone to any graduate school he wanted to. Ryan told us the scholarship made a big difference in him choosing Carolina. Sharon and I are delighted that this scholarship can help further boost our program’s national reputation.”

“I feel like public service chose me.”
Lecture Series Off to a Solid Start

The start of the fall semester meant the launch of a new MPA Lecture Series, organized by the Carolina Society of Future Leaders (CSFL). Led by seven second-year and six first-year MPA students, CSFL invites engaging policy, nonprofit, and government practitioners to speak to students, faculty, and friends about current topics facing the field of public administration. Dean Mike Smith kicked off the series in September with a discussion of the history of the School of Government and the MPA Program. His presentation included a moving video tribute to Albert Coates, founder of the Institute of Government, and his wife, Gladys Hall Coates. To view the video, visit www.sog.unc.edu/about/coates.html.

Smith’s lecture was followed by an October visit from Governing magazine columnists Katherine Barrett and Richard Greene. The dynamic husband and wife duo of B&G Report local government fame shared their thoughts on “On the Radar Screen: Seven Big Trends Facing Local Government.” Their fast-paced presentation touched upon major issues facing state and local governments, with a particular emphasis on North Carolina.

Barrett and Greene traveled from New York City, where they work as consultants for the Pew Center on the States and lead efforts to examine states’ post-retirement benefits and tax structures. They also serve as principal authors of the Government Performance Project, which “grades” state and local governments on management effectiveness and provides information and data that cities, counties, and states can use to improve performance and achieve goals. In addition to their CSFL lecture, Barrett and Greene treated David Ammons’ Productivity Improvement in Local Government class to a small-group discussion about performance measurement trends.

In the spring, the CSFL Lecture Series will provide a look at the nonprofit world and the federal government. Speakers include Todd Cohen, editor and publisher of Philanthropy Journal, and Jay Hein, director of the White House Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives.

The 2007–2008 Lecture Series is sponsored by the Carolina Society for Future Leaders, the UNC-Chapel Hill Student Congress, the Master of Public Administration Program, and the School of Government. All lectures, which are free and open to the public, are announced via the MPA Program website at www.mpa.unc.edu.

Dean Mike Smith delivered the first lecture in this year’s series with a discussion of the history of the School of Government and the MPA Program.

Mark Your Calendar: MPA Lecture Series

February 12, 2008 • 3:30 p.m.
School of Government, UNC-Chapel Hill
Speaker: Todd Cohen, editor and publisher of Philanthropy Journal

The lecture is free and open to the public. For more information about the Philanthropy Journal, visit www.philanthropyjournal.org.
MPA Students Travel to Washington

While many UNC-Chapel Hill students spent their fall break lounging around, first- and second-year MPA students devoted two days to learning about public service opportunities in and around Washington, DC. Twenty-five students and five faculty members traveled to the nation’s capital in October to connect with MPA alumni in the area.

Students had the opportunity to attend two days of panel presentations and engage practitioners in discussions of work in the federal government, nonprofit, local government, and private sectors. Francesca O’Reilly ’98, who works for the American Health Association, was eager to participate in the event. She recalled the kindness shown to her by alumni when she was a student. “Being able to hear about the positive and negative experiences of fellow UNC MPA-ers in a variety of positions was beneficial,” she said. “When I was a student, the opportunities to interact with alumni allowed me to gain valuable insight and perspective. That knowledge helped me to weather some tough situations. So for me, it is truly a pleasure to give back to the MPA program in this way.”

Jim Wright ’00, who is employed by the accounting firm of Grant Thornton, agreed. “One of the most memorable and impressionable aspects of my MPA experience was the commitment of alumni who contributed to the development of students on so many levels, whether it be informal networking, internships, or participating in the Capstone Conference,” Wright explained. “It is a real pleasure to give back a bit, and I look forward to participating in MPA career forums in the future.”

Small group lunches on Friday afternoon allowed for casual conversation among students and alumni. First-year student KC Tydgat lunched with Brodi Fontenot ’99, who shared his perspective on his Capitol Hill job with the Senate Budget Committee. Fontenot praised the opportunity for unstructured networking, saying, “It was nice to have time to connect with alumni in an informal atmosphere.”

Megan Povse, also a first-year, lunched with folks from the Fairfax County Budget Office. “They were easy to talk to and painted a realistic picture of their jobs. It was good to get an open and honest perspective about what it is like to work and live in the DC area.” Both students are keeping DC in mind as a place they might like to work after graduation.

While students were impressed with the alumni they encountered, alumni participants were equally complimentary of the students. O’Reilly said, “I was impressed by the intellectual and pragmatic curiosity displayed by this year’s attendees. The students certainly were not shy and were determined to make the most of their trip.”

The two-day trip included a few extracurricular events, such as a reception at the Dubliner Hotel and a tour of the US Capitol building. A new Capitol Visitors Center is under construction, so the tour was specially arranged for the group of sharply dressed students from Chapel Hill.

Special thanks are due to Martha Perego ’79 and Abigail Lundy of ICMA for hosting the group at their Capitol Street headquarters. Organized by faculty member Maureen Berner and Susan Austin ’97, this was the second Washington trip for MPA students. The goal is to alternate each year between a North Carolina site and Washington to provide opportunities for students to learn about public service jobs by engaging with practitioners beyond the classroom.

Wright said that he is pleased with the MPA Program’s efforts to make students aware of opportunities in Washington. “It is encouraging to see the focus and commitment the program is placing on making students aware of the vast array of public and private sector opportunities available to MPAs in the DC area.”

The chance to connect with alumni amid the hustle and bustle of Washington was an invaluable experience for students. Students and faculty express their appreciation for the participation of the alumni listed below.

Local Government
Josh Edwards ’05, Fairfax County, VA
Ellicia Seard ’93, Fairfax County, VA
Gene Swearingen ’70, Town of Haymarket, VA
Greg Useem ’03, Prince George’s County, MD

continued
Although they occupy the same building nearly every day, MPA students and School of Government faculty rarely have opportunities to interact beyond the line at the third-floor coffee maker. A networking event was one of the first steps toward bridging this gap. Last year, student representatives Gabriel Hatcher ’05 and John King, a second-year student, reported to the faculty on ways MPA students could improve interaction with the School’s faculty and staff. Their plan was adopted and put into action this fall.

Initially suggested by Cal Horton ’71, the format of the event was inspired by speed dating. But instead of quick questions about love and relationships, students probed an eclectic group of faculty and staff for stories from their professional experience. Event organizer John King said, “Our committee created a format and designed questions we thought students and faculty would enjoy.”

Like speed dating, SOG participants rotated to a new table of eager MPA students every 10 minutes. Questions asked of faculty included unusual, funny, or amazing career experiences; the advantages and challenges of public sector work; descriptions of current projects; tips for maintaining a healthy work-life balance; and helpful lessons learned for public service professionals. Staff, in turn, had an opportunity to learn about the backgrounds, research, and career interests of students. Judging from the laughter, enthusiasm, and animation that filled the room, the event proved to be a successful ice-breaker.

Nearly 50 people participated, including 20 faculty and staff members. Following the event, John King received positive feedback from both staff and students. He largely credits the success of the event to the collaborative efforts of committee members Kate Shem, Ryan Davidson, Jackie Ashley, and Sean Coffey. Building upon the success of speed networking, another event is in the works for the spring semester. Many thanks are due to King and his committee, MPA office staff, and participants for their contribution to the event.
In August, Greg Allison was promoted to senior lecturer in public finance and government. Allison is the first faculty member at the School of Government to achieve this rank, which can be awarded to a faculty member who has served as a lecturer for at least 10 years and has rendered distinguished service in teaching as evidenced by teaching awards and other indicia. When announcing Allison’s promotion, Dean Mike Smith said, “I am pleased that this promotion recognizes what we have known for some time. Greg is deeply committed to excellence in his work and we are lucky to have him as a colleague.”

Since joining the faculty in 1997, Allison has been recognized several times for his teaching excellence. He was named the Albert and Gladys Coates Term Lecturer for Teaching Excellence for 2002–2004, and the NC Association of Certified Public Accountants has named him its Outstanding Conference Speaker on three different occasions. Beyond teaching, his accomplishments include several publications related to the field of governmental accounting. Congratulations, Greg!

Dale Roenigk was recently appointed a lecturer on the School’s faculty. Since 2006 he has served as director of the NC Benchmarking Project. Roenigk has expanded the success of the project by working on ways to make the data more accessible and useful. He is applying the same interest to other projects aimed toward the creative and meaningful use of data. Students will have a chance to learn from Roenigk’s expertise this spring through his decision modeling course. Congratulations, Dale!

In Memoriam

Patricia E. Griggs ’73, affectionately known as “Trish” to her family and “Pat” to co-workers and associates, passed away at her home on August 16, 2007. Griggs began her employment with Mecklenburg County in 1975, serving as Equal Employment Opportunity/Affirmative Action Administrator. In 1989 she was appointed director of Mecklenburg County Women’s Commission. While in that position, she pursued major transformations, including development of the first witness program for children, ages 5 to 18, who reside in homes with domestic violence. She retired in 2004.

Griggs’ legacy includes numerous honors. She was recognized by the National Association of Commissions for Women in 2002 and was named Woman of the Year in 1993 by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Black Women’s Caucus. That same year she was named Career Woman of the Year by the Metropolitan Business and Professional Women’s Organization. She was also president and charter member of the Charlotte Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc., a National Teen Mentoring Program, from 1997 to 2001.
On the Move

TRIANGLE AREA

Jessica Gilmour Aylor ’05, is the new development officer for corporate outreach at the Triangle Community Foundation in Durham.

Amy Hurtt ’98 is director of development with Interact, a domestic violence prevention and crisis resource agency in Wake County.

Brandon James ’04 and Alicia James ’04 have both accepted positions in the North Carolina Office of Management and Budget. Brandon is a management analyst and Alicia is a budget analyst in the education division. They are excited about “coming home” to Raleigh.

Congratulations to recent grad Christina Riordan ’04. She is executive director of the Orange County Rape Crisis Center.

Ben Scaggs ’88 has been named director of the Office of Administration and Resources Management for the US Environmental Protection Agency in Research Triangle Park.

Sarah Shapard ’01 is business director for Community Independent School of Pittsboro.

Formerly the chief recruiter for Research Triangle Park, Gary Shope ’77 was named a principal with SZD Whiteboard, a new consulting firm specializing in corporate site selection and economic development.

Sara Yanosy ’04 is a budget analyst for Wake County.

AROUND NORTH CAROLINA

Ron Graham ’80 retired from his post as deputy manager for Forsyth County in October, after serving the county for 22 years. The Winston-Salem Journal reported that his retirement plans include travel and a move to Wilmington to be closer to the beach.

After serving Macon County for 16 years, County Manager Sam Greenwood ’75 will retire on January 1, 2008. He was county manager from 1979 to 1985 and was hired again for the position in 1996.

Alicia Jolla ’03 was appointed small business director for the City of Charlotte.

Recent graduate Doug Paris ’05 is serving his hometown as the City of Salisbury’s first assistant to the city manager.

A former management analyst for the Town of Danville, Virginia, David Parrish ’03 was recently hired as manager for the Town of Yanceyville.

Mitzi York ’81 was named administrator for the Brunswick County Tourism Development Agency.

OUT-OF-STATE

We are pleased to announce that Robert Leibson Hawkins ’91 is the Constance McCatherin-Silver Assistant Professor of Poverty Studies at New York University. He is serving as the first junior chair in the NYU School of Social Work.

Gardner Johnson ’84 is director for human resource services for Marlboro County Schools in Bennettsville, South Carolina.

Marc Nelson ’01 recently relocated to Savannah, Georgia, where he is the private development coordinator for the City of Savannah’s Department of Development Services.

Gene Swearingen ’70 is town manager of Haymarket, Virginia.

Since March 2007, Andy Williams ’99 has worked as business manager for Oak Park Township, Illinois.

New Arrivals

Erin Schwie Langston ’03, and her husband, Bill, welcomed a son, Carter James Langston, on October 15, 2007. He weighed in at 8 lbs., 9 oz. and was 20 inches long. Erin plans to return to work part-time with the City of Dallas, Texas, in January.

Ben Rowe ’94, and his wife, Ann, announce the birth of a son, William (Will) Jacob Rowe, on July 27, 2007. Big sister Elizabeth is enjoying her new little brother.

Sarah Shapard ’01 and her husband, Rob, welcomed a daughter, Samantha Manning Shapard, on April 27, 2007.

Andy Williams ’99 and his wife, Beth, are the proud parents of a baby boy, Samuel Carter Williams, born February 11, 2007.

Weddings

Meredith Miller ’96 married Rick Farace on September 22, 2007, in St. Michaels, Maryland. Meredith and Rick live in Washington, DC, in a row house they just completed renovating.
**Congratulations to MPA Scholarship Recipients**

*Congratulations to the following students who received scholarships for the 2007–2008 academic year.*

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