Nonprofit-Public Partnership Brings Fun and Innovation to Raleigh Children

by Ashley Brown ’14

A large brick building at the corner of Hargett and Blount Streets in Raleigh is home to a medley of adventures for kids. It has been the location of Marbles Kids Museum since 2007. In this space, children are encouraged to use their “marbles” to develop new skills and interests through interactive exhibits. In one afternoon, children can become doctors, firefighters, and veterinarians in their own kid-sized community or design and construct their own buildings.

More than 400,000 people visited Marbles last year. But what many visitors may not realize is that much of the fun they are having is due to a successful partnership between the nonprofit museum and Wake County government.

“Wake County owns our building,” says Emily Bruce ’03, Marbles’ director of development, “but if you could turn it upside down and shake it out, the insides belong to the museum. Because of our strong partnership with Wake County, we are able to focus our efforts on our mission, rather than the roof leaking.”

Former Wake County Manager David Cooke ’82 sees the partnership as a significant asset to the community. “Partnerships in the public sector are important because we can accomplish more together than separately,” says Cooke. He notes that Marbles is a good example of a successful nonprofit-public partnership. “The Marbles staff is achieving their mission, and they have garnered a great following and strong support in the community.”

Marbles and Wake County revisited their working relationship last year when the museum needed to make changes...

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“I can accept failure; everyone fails at something. But I can’t accept not trying.”

—Michael Jordan
DIVERSITY: A CORE VALUE OF CAROLINA MPA

During recruitment interviews each year, we ask applicants to define their concept of diversity and talk about how they would bring diversity into the cohort experience. Once in the program, students have the opportunity to join any number of committees, including one focused on diversity. In this arena, they confront the traditional views of diversity and examine how this issue plays out based on their own personality, values, life experiences, and within the cohort and workplace.

We are constantly looking for methods to promote the ways we conceptualize, embrace, and foster diversity among students and alumni. A new course on diversity in public administration was added this year to help students understand that achieving diversity requires new knowledge and skills among public managers. In the course, faculty member Leisha DeHart-Davis explores diversity dynamics, methods of managing diversity-related conflicts, and how to enhance cultural competency within the workplace. In addition to supporting our core values, the course promotes the public service values adopted by the faculty—accountability and transparency, efficiency and effectiveness, respect and equity, and professionalism and ethical behavior.

We are also providing opportunities for alumni to advance their understanding of diversity as the concept continues to evolve. As part of the 2013 Public Administration Conference, DeHart-Davis and fellow faculty member Margaret Henderson, along with Marilu Goodyear from the University of Kansas, held a pre-conference workshop that addressed the importance of mentoring women into public service leadership roles and encouraging greater gender diversity in the upper echelons of public administration.

As I stated previously, a goal of mine as director of the MPA program is alumni engagement. I am pleased that the alumni board subcommittee on engagement recently recommended that faculty members continue to invite alumni back into the classroom to share the practical application of public administration in their professional careers. Alumni who represent diversity or advance diversity in their respective workplaces give us the ability to demonstrate this core value in the day-to-day operations of public organizations. If you are invited into a classroom, I hope that you will choose to participate.

An additional opportunity to participate in our efforts to advance diversity among our student body is forthcoming. Every year, we lose strong candidates who would contribute to the diversity of our program to peer institutions that offer stronger financial support. We are now discussing how to substantially increase our diversity scholarship endowment in order to produce the necessary resources to successfully recruit these applicants. You will begin to hear more about our efforts this spring. If this is an issue of importance to you, please be thinking of ways in which you might help with this upcoming campaign.

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to the building. Marbles partnered with private sponsor ABB, a leader in power and automation technologies, headquartered in Cary, North Carolina, to build Kid Grid. This interactive exhibit playfully mimics a power grid and exposes children to engineering and smart-grid systems. Part of the project included enclosing a terrace on the second floor of the museum. Wake County approved a loan for the construction that will be paid back through the private sponsorship.

“Kid Grid is giving us a bigger footprint to serve our visitors,” says Bruce. “It’s Marbles’ job to be a good steward of the county’s resources. Leveraging private sponsorship to expand our building is an exciting way to work together and benefit the community.”

The partnership between Marbles and Wake County is also a partnership between two Carolina MPA alumni. David Cooke ’82 and Emily Bruce ’03 chose different sectors for their careers—but both have found value in using the MPA alumni network. “I love working with fellow MPA alumni,” says Cooke. “There is camaraderie and a common understanding of public service from our shared experience in the program.”

Bruce notes there are valuable opportunities for students to build their networks while in school that will assist them in the partnerships they form once in the field. “I actually met David Cooke when I was a student representative to the MPA Alumni Board, and he was a board member,” Bruce explains. “The folks in local government are the unsung heroes,” she continues. “They are making decisions that affect the nonprofit world, so they are good people to know and build relationships with. It’s important to stay connected.”

Sharon Pickard Announces Retirement

MPA program manager Sharon Pickard has announced her plans to retire on January 31, 2014. In addition to her nine years with Carolina MPA, Sharon held roles in departments across the UNC-Chapel Hill campus. Her career at Carolina began in human resources and later included positions with the School of Public Health’s nursing and leadership programs, Environmental Sciences and Engineering, Epidemiology, and the University’s property office.

“Sharon’s depth of knowledge about the program and about campus systems has been invaluable to me as a new director,” said Bill Rivenbark. “Her contributions have made it possible for me to be more flexible in moving the program forward.”

Pickard is looking forward to retirement but says her years with Carolina MPA were some of the best in her career. “It has truly been a magical combination of having the right colleagues, a wonderful position, and the right School,” said Pickard. “This program draws passionate students who later become dedicated alumni. Thanks for sharing MPA with me!”
2013 Public Administration Conference

Former Cabinet Secretary Delivers Deil S. Wright Lecture, Praises MPA Education

by Ashley Brown ’14

In response to an invitation from alumnus Brodi Fontenot ’99, former US Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood delivered the Deil S. Wright Lecture on November 7 at the School of Government. LaHood talked about leadership, bipartisanship, and the importance of public service.

LaHood was a Republican congressman from Illinois who worked alongside then-Senator Obama. When Obama became president, he recruited LaHood to be part of his cabinet as secretary of transportation. “There are no Republican or Democratic roads,” LaHood said. “There are no Republican or Democratic bridges. We served the American people together.”

LaHood led the US Department of Transportation, an agency that oversees air, maritime, and surface transportation with a $70 billion budget and 55,000 employees, from 2009 through 2013. When he took the job, his first priority was to find the best people to be part of his leadership team. “One of your alums, Brodi Fontenot, was brought on as part of budgeting,” LaHood said. “He was so smart and well versed that we put him in charge of the whole department.”

Fontenot joined the Department of Transportation in 2009 as deputy assistant secretary for management and budget. He currently serves as assistant secretary for administration, chief human capital officer, and senior sustainability officer.

LaHood noted that Fontenot’s MPA degree provided him with the skills to be successful at the Department of Transportation, including the ability to think strategically and lead people confidently. “Programs such as yours are training people to think outside the box,” said LaHood. “After 35 years of public service, I ended with my dream job. You are not going to start out with your dream job, but you can start out with a job that will take you to your dream job.”

We extend our gratitude to Brodi Fontenot for inviting Secretary LaHood, an inspiring and high-profile speaker, to commemorate Deil Wright’s legacy of excellence.

The Deil S. Wright Lecture is generously sponsored by the Carolina MPA Alumni Association and Fidelity Investments.

Engaging Women in Public Administration

The first-ever pre-conference workshop attracted a spillover audience of women and men in the School of Government Dining Hall. Marilu Goodyear, director of the School of Public Affairs and Administration at the University of Kansas, shared her experiences being a leader in a field that is dominated by men.

“We haven’t moved the needle very much in my lifetime, though I am ahead of where my mother was,” she said. “But I’m worried my granddaughters won’t be much ahead of where we are now.”

Goodyear spoke of the importance of mentorship, finding balance, and becoming “comfortable with being vulnerable at the top,” since there is no way to know ahead of time if you will have the right skill set for what comes next as a leader. She cited two important career lessons: “Be true to who you are in every context,” and “when you don’t get what you want, there’s always another way.”

Goodyear also shared a life lesson: “It is critically important that each moment of my life, I am doing the things I should be doing at that moment,” she said. “Then I can be fully engaged in that moment. That thinking has allowed me to set my own goals and manage my work.”
Jack Vogt Receives Donald Hayman Distinguished Public Service Award

by Ashley Brown ’14

For 33 years, Jack Vogt established a strong rapport with MPA students and government officials throughout North Carolina, providing expertise in financial management. The respect Vogt gained during his career was evident when Jim Greene ’87 presented him with the Donald Hayman Distinguished Public Service Award at the Dean’s Dinner on behalf of the MPA Alumni Association.

During the ceremony, several former students shared stories of admiration for Vogt’s dedication to teaching, his professional integrity, and his now-legendary bad jokes.

“You could never question Jack’s love for teaching,” said Jim Greene ’87, deputy city manager of Concord, North Carolina. “He has always been a kind and compassionate person.”

Ellen Liston ’78, deputy city manager of Coral Springs, Florida, said, “Jack embodies what makes Carolina unique and special. He didn’t just help students graduate, he helped them become leaders.”

The award was special to Vogt because Donald Hayman served as a mentor throughout his career.

“I can remember when Don picked me up from the airport and ushered me around during my interview at Carolina,” said Vogt. “He ended up being a mentor to me for 25 years. If there was ever a person dedicated to public service, it was Donald Hayman, especially in North Carolina.”

Both Donald Hayman and Jack Vogt built impressive résumés of public service in North Carolina during their tenure as faculty.

Vogt joined the Institute of Government in 1973, where he taught financial management courses to both public administration students and public officials. He served as editor of Popular Government, director of the summer internship program, director of the Municipal and County Administration course, and director of the NC Local Government Performance Measurement project. He is author of Capital Improvement Programming: A Handbook for Local Government Officials. He is editor and principal author of A Guide to Municipal Leasing, for which he received the Research and Publications Award of the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada. He also authored Capital Budgeting and Finance: A Guide for Local Governments. This book is widely regarded as the definitive work on capital budgeting.

Vogt’s breadth of work embodies the high standards of service that the Hayman Award seeks to recognize. However, Vogt noted that none of it would have been possible without the award’s namesake, Donald Hayman.

“He was one of the founders of the MPA program. This great gathering here would not have been possible without Donald Hayman,” said Vogt, recognizing not only Hayman’s contributions to his own career, but to the careers of many of the Carolina MPA alumni in the audience.

Donald Hayman was a founding faculty member of the MPA program at UNC-Chapel Hill. His career at the then-Institute of Government began in 1948 and spanned 37 years. Having worked with more than 150 cities and counties in North Carolina, Hayman embodied the term “pracademic” for being both an academic and an active practitioner in his field.

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New Scholarships Announced at Dean’s Dinner

Robert W. Bradshaw Jr. Public Administration Fellowship

A fellowship was created by Richard and Judy Vinroot of Charlotte, North Carolina, in memory of their friend and mentor, Robert W. Bradshaw, as a way to honor his commitment to public service. “This premier fellowship for the Carolina MPA program will help us attract the highest quality students interested in public service,” said School of Government Dean Mike Smith. The fellowship, which covers tuition and expenses for both years of the program, was awarded for the first time in 2013 to first-year student Micah Guindon.

James L. Westbrook Jr. and Ashley Westbrook Turton Memorial Scholarship

Diane Westbrook created a scholarship to honor the lives and accomplishments of her husband, James L. Westbrook Jr., and daughter Ashley Westbrook Turton. Jim Westbrook had a long and successful career in public service, including numerous positions in local government and a decorated military career. Ashley Westbrook Turton, a native of Greensboro and Cary, passed away in 2011 at age 37. At the time of her death, Turton was manager of federal affairs for Progress Energy Service Company. After graduating from North Carolina State University, she worked for Governor James B. Hunt Jr. and NC Attorney General Michael Easley before moving to Washington, DC, where she served as chief of staff for Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro. In Washington, Ashley mentored young women interested in government careers. This scholarship was awarded in 2013 to first-year student Katherine (Kat) Thompson.

Social Media and the Public Administration Conference

#unclahood
- November 7–11, 2013
- Accounts reached: 9,000
- Times appeared on timelines: 18,611

See tweets from the Deil S. Wright Lecture and other conference events at http://storify.com/UNCMPA.

View the Deil S. Wright Lecture with former US Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood and an interview with LaHood by Ashley Brown ’14 at www.youtube.com/uncmpa.

Thank you!
This year’s Public Administration Conference was a huge success thanks to the hard work of conference co-chairs Heather Drennan ’03 and Erin Schwie Langston ’03 and committee members Matt Bronson ’97, Jane Cox ’93, Scott Edmonds ’08, Dan Goetz ’76, Cindy Holmes ’84, Sharon Laisure ’76, Maggie Parker ’14, Chris Sherman ’05, and Tonya Walton ’05.
A Conversation with Faculty Member Kim Nelson

by Ashley Brown ’14

Kim Nelson joined the School of Government in August 2013. She previously taught for seven years in the MPA program at Northern Illinois University, where she received the 2010 Professor of the Year award from the students of the Division of Public Administration. Her research and teaching interests include local government management, form of government, and innovation in local government. She also has previously taught at Southern Illinois University, the University of North Carolina-Wilmington, and North Carolina State University. Nelson received a BA in communications and marketing from Virginia Tech, an MPA from the University of Texas at San Antonio, and a PhD from North Carolina State University.

Ashley Brown (AB): How did you end up at UNC-Chapel Hill?

Kim Nelson (KN): While attaining my PhD in public administration at NC State, I learned about the mission of the Institute of Government through a UNC-Chapel Hill class on economic development with Michele Hoyman. I thought then that it would be a great place to work. After I graduated from NC State, I taught at a few places, most recently at Northern Illinois University. When my mentor, Jim Svara, sent me the job posting for the faculty position at the School of Government, I thought it was the perfect opportunity to return. The mission of the School to improve state and local governance in North Carolina matched my interests. It is a position that allows me to continue teaching MPA students and conducting research (working with some of the best names in the field), while also working directly with practitioners. In my opinion, the best public administration teachers and scholars are those who understand how theory relates to practice.

AB: What is your research area?

KN: My broad research area is local government management, but more specifically I have three overlapping research foci: form of government, innovation, and administrative-elected relations in local government.

AB: How did you become interested in these areas?

KN: While I believe in the value of professionally managed local government, there is little empirical evidence in the research to back up my belief. I am interested in researching the effect of local government form on different aspects of governance.

AB: What do you teach in the MPA program?

KN: I am currently teaching city and county management, and I am developing an online version of that class for next fall. I will also teach the class on managing local government services.

AB: What other work will you be doing for the School of Government?

KN: I’ll be working with local government officials, doing quite a bit of academic research, serving on two ICMA committees, and I am currently developing a panel for the 2014 North Carolina City and County Management Association Seminar.

AB: What do you most enjoy about teaching?

KN: I think the best thing about teaching is being able to interact with students regularly—to hear their perspectives and to help them see the potential in their careers. It’s gratifying when you see students who had no interest in local government when they entered the program, but by the end find it is their passion. Also, the great thing about the School of Government is that I’ll get to see students years later—out in the field and successful in their careers—when I work with them as practitioners.

AB: Outside of teaching, what do you like to do?

KN: I am a mom to a 13-year-old girl, so that keeps me busy. After living on the Midwestern prairie for years, I am looking forward to hiking in the mountains. I also enjoy taking my dog for walks around Carrboro.
Micah Guindon understands the importance of professional development and skill-building for the public sector workforce. Prior to enrolling in the Carolina MPA program, she worked as a public school teacher and program manager for a small nonprofit organization. Her diverse experiences led her to pursue an MPA with the goal of continuing to grow as a public sector professional. “The skills we are learning in the MPA program can be applied to many types of jobs and will be useful throughout our careers,” she says.

Guindon’s parents both work in the public sector in Barnesville, a small town in southeastern Ohio where she was raised. Her father is a high school math and science teacher, and her mother is a middle school guidance counselor. From an early age, her parents instilled in her the importance of public service and integrity. At Guilford College in Greensboro, North Carolina, Guindon chose to follow in her parents’ footsteps: she majored in elementary education and community justice studies, which focuses on conflict resolution in communities as part of the Justice and Policy Studies Department.

After college, Guindon taught at an elementary magnet school in Greensboro. The school models an “open philosophy” curriculum, with classrooms that have children of various ages; her class included children from kindergarten through third grade.

After four years in the classroom, Guindon moved to the nonprofit sector as a student services coordinator at Reading Connections, a Greensboro-based nonprofit that provides adult literacy services. She was soon promoted to a management position developing and evaluating programs and supervising program staff. “At that point, I was looking for additional professional training opportunities to widen my scope,” says Guindon. “I got my nonprofit management certificate from Duke and then decided to look at MPA programs.”

Because Carolina’s MPA program emphasized the practical application of the skills she had already developed, as well as the opportunity to expand those skills, Guindon knew this program would be a good fit. “I like the practical nature of the School of Government and how that filters into the classroom. It provides a great intersection of theory and practice,” she says.

Guindon is still exploring the various career options that will be available to her with the addition of an MPA education, and she is excited about the prospect of working with public sector professionals throughout the state. “I am interested in continuing to work in the field of education, but I am using this time in the MPA program to explore other fields as well.”

Micah Guindon is the 2013 recipient of the Robert W. Bradshaw Jr. Public Administration Fellowship, created by Richard and Judy Vinroot of Charlotte, North Carolina, in memory of their friend and mentor, Robert W. Bradshaw, and to honor Bradshaw’s commitment to public service.
Town Manager Hardin Watkins ’88 Leads Garner to All-America City Award

by Ashley Brown ’14

Under the leadership of Town Manager Hardin Watkins ’88, Garner, North Carolina, was one of 10 recipients of the 2013 All-America City Award. Each year, the National Civic League recognizes cities that demonstrate a high-level of civic engagement and cross-sector collaboration to solve community-wide problems.

The award is an open competition for neighborhoods, towns, cities, counties, and metropolitan regions. Applicants must submit a narrative describing three projects that illustrate how the community has worked together to create change.

“Ultimately, the award is about citizens coming together to solve problems,” says Watkins. Garner wanted to showcase projects that were innovative and could be successfully replicated in other communities. “With this award, we have had the opportunity to tell our story on a national stage—and there is a great story to tell about Garner.”

The Town of Garner included the following projects in its All-America City application:

- Garner Veterans Memorial, which was made possible through funds raised by local grassroots efforts
- Community of Hope Ministries, which provides services for Garner elementary schools’ at-risk youth and their families
- Cultural development highlighted by a partnership between the community’s nonprofit theater group, Towne Players, and the Town of Garner

After weeks of rigorous preparation, 44 members of a citizen panel, convened by the Town of Garner, traveled to the National Civic League headquarters in Denver, Colorado, where they gave a presentation about their community and participated in a Q&A session.

“It was an all-hands-on-deck process where citizens, local government, nonprofits, and many others came together to share the projects they had been working on to improve their community,” says Watkins. “The citizen panel was our booster club throughout the whole process.”

The panel returned to Garner with the 2013 All-America City Award and a boost of confidence in their successful collaborative work.

“People help people in Garner, and we want everyone to know that we are a great community,” says Watkins. “It’s a good place to live and a good place to grow. Now we have national credibility to back it up.”

The experience also allowed the Town to reflect on the positive steps it takes each day to improve the local standard of living and cultivate meaningful partnerships between the town government and its citizens. For Watkins, the All-America City Award also reflects many of the same public service values that were ingrained in him while earning his MPA at UNC-Chapel Hill.

“My MPA education gave me an appreciation for collaboration and civic engagement,” said Watkins. “Remembering that government does not have to do all of the work by itself is a message I got loud and clear in the MPA program.”

The Garner Veterans Memorial, made possible through donations by citizens, civic groups, churches and government agencies, demonstrated the town’s high level of civic engagement in its All-America City Award application.
Life Events

On the Move

Steve Allred ’74 will be stepping down as provost and vice president of academic affairs at the University of Richmond. After his first year-long sabbatical in 28 years, he will join the University’s School of Law as distinguished university professor.

Daniel Baird ’13 has joined Raftelis Financial Consultants in Cary, North Carolina, as an associate consultant.

Angel Banks ’10 is a revenue examiner with the State of Iowa Department of Revenue.

Ann Roper Bowen ’08 has launched Charnwood Consulting LLC, a firm focused on grant proposal writing and program development for nonprofit organizations in Norfolk, Virginia.

Jane Brasier ’80 is business development director for Advanced Energy in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Carrie Cook ’07 started EmpowHERment Inc., in Charlotte, North Carolina. The organization’s mission is to empower girls and women to be leaders in their community through mentorship, talent development, and advocacy.

David Cooke ’82 retired from Wake County in November 2013, after serving as county manager since 2000.

Bree Bean Coplen ’05 has opened a new business, Giggles Drop-In Childcare, in Cary, North Carolina.

Jim Donnelly ’93 is director of occupational training at Guilford Technical Community College in Jamestown, North Carolina.

Beth Eastlick ’95 is assistant vice president for corporate and foundation relations in University Development at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

Douglas Fountain ’88 has moved back to the United States from Uganda, living temporarily in Fresno, California. He will be on the move again soon to the Pacific Northwest.

Annie M. Francis ’09 is coordinator of student affairs at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Social Work.

Ruffin Hall ’93 has begun his new position as city manager of Raleigh, North Carolina.

Wally Hill ’79 has joined the City of Hemet, California, as city manager.

Carolyln Hutchison ’86 retired in August as police chief of Carrboro, North Carolina.

Laura Jensen ’06 recently joined Person County, North Carolina, as assistant finance director/budget manager.

Ed Jones ’68 retired as deputy manager of Forsyth County, North Carolina, in July.

Adam Lindsay ’03 has been appointed assistant town manager in Southern Pines, North Carolina.

Sarah Waterman Manning ’07 entered medical school at the University of Vermont College of Medicine, dovetailing her public policy and administration background with an MD degree.

Melvin McDermott ’09 is assistant director of undergraduate admissions at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Scott Morrissey ’03 is director of environmental programs at Denver International Airport in Colorado.

Ben Mount ’03 joined the City of Raleigh, North Carolina, as associate city attorney.

Adam Parker ’08 is now a lawyer in North Carolina. Richard Stevens ’74 made a motion to introduce Parker to the court, and Judge Robert N. Hunter Jr., for whom Parker is clerking, administered the oath.

Pat Pate ’84 is the new city manager of Manassas, Virginia.

Ebony Perkins ’13 is donor relations manager for the Central Carolina Community Foundation in Columbia, South Carolina.

John Pick ’72 is manager of the City of Northglenn, Colorado.

Tim Reavis ’13 accepted a position as a tech hazards planner with the Division of Emergency Management, North Carolina Department of Public Safety.

Jeff Richardson ’88 recently joined Cleveland County, North Carolina, as county manager.

Mike Ruffin ’82 is retiring as manager of Durham County, North Carolina, effective January 31, 2014.
Adrienne Simonson ’00 is a management and program analyst with the National Climatic Data Center, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) program, in Asheville, North Carolina.

Les Stewart ’02 is the brew master for Trophy Brewing Company in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Bill Stockard ’94 is the human resource director for the UNC-Chapel Hill Office of the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration.

Kenneth Woodcock ’97 serves as chief of security forces at Air Force Global Strike Command at Barksdale Air Force Base near Shreveport, Louisiana.

Ben Eisner ’05 has been named to the Strategic Planning and Emerging Trends Committee of the North Carolina Bar Association.

Amanda Kaufman ’09 co-authored “Contemporary Challenges in Local Government: Evolving Roles and Responsibilities, Structures, and Processes,” which was published in the July/August 2013 issue of Public Administration Review.

John Quinnterno ’00 wrote Running the Numbers: A Practical Guide to Regional Economic and Social Analysis, published in December 2013 by M.E. Sharpe Inc. Quinnterno is principal of South by North Strategies Ltd. in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

New Arrivals

Kristin Allan Bovid ’05 and Nick Bovid welcomed son Andrew Nicholas on April 22, 2013.


Ryan Davidson ’06 and Jenni Davidson announce the birth of a daughter, Emelyn Anne, on March 10, 2013.

Ryan Ewalt ’06 and Heather Scarborough Ewalt ’06 are the proud parents of Ella Austin, born October 10, 2013.

Carol Cooley Hickey ’06, husband Matt, and brother Ian welcomed Patrick Wallace on June 26, 2012.

Ben Mount ’03 and wife Celina announce the birth of their third daughter, Rachel Marie, on June 18, 2013.

Charlie Perusse ’92, wife Wendy, and brother Griffin announce the birth of Keaton Russell, born on April 13, 2013.

Melanie Greenspan Ranen ’05 and husband Matthew announce the birth of Ethan Meyer on June 14, 2013.

Sheva Roquemore ’97 and Rydell Wilkins welcomed a son, Gabriel Joseon, on October 27, 2013.

Chris Sherman ’05 and wife Ioana welcomed a son, Luca Matei, on August 14, 2013.

Weddings


Trina Ozer ’05 married Rajiv Matta on August 3, 2013.


Adrienne Simonson ’00 married Paul Carlson on May 11, 2013, and moved to Franklin, North Carolina.

Sarah Waterman ’07 married Will Manning on July 14, 2013.

Carrie Cook ’07 received the YWCA Central Carolinas 2013 Emerging Leader Woman of Achievement Award.

“Evaluating GoodSearch: Effective E-philanthropy or Fundraising Fad?” by Ann Roper Bowen ’08, was published by The Philanthropy Journal in August 2013.

“MPA faculty member David Ammons, Ellen Liston ’78, and Jordan Jones ’14 co-authored “Performance Management Purpose, Executive Engagement, and Reported Benefits among Leading Local Governments,” which was featured in the September 2013 issue of State and Local Government Review.

Send news for the Life Events section, along with comments or suggestions for IMPACT, to Jean Coble at coble@sog.unc.edu.
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FEBRUARY 6, 2014
MPA Alumni Breakfast
NC City and County Management Association Winter Seminar
Sheraton Imperial Hotel and Convention Center, Research Triangle Park

MAY 10, 2014
MPA Graduation
School of Government, UNC-Chapel Hill

JUNE 6, 2014
Engaging Women in Public Service: Taking Your Place and Paying it Forward
School of Government, UNC-Chapel Hill

NOVEMBER 6–7, 2014
Public Administration Conference
School of Government, UNC-Chapel Hill