



Public Administration Program Newsletter

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Two More Presidential Management Interns

The Public Administration Program is proud to announce that another two of our students have been selected as Finalists in the Presidential Management Intern (PMI) Program. This highly prestigious program is the federal government's fast-track management training program.

Colleen Smith and **Michelle Weber** were both selected this year in the highly competitive Program. Ms. Smith will be moving to Washington, D.C. to work for the U.S. Census Bureau. Ms. Weber will be working here in San Francisco at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM).

Ms. Smith and Ms. Weber make the fifth and sixth PMI finalists in the past three years from the SFSU Public Administration Program.

Welcome to New Faculty Member Frank Scott!!

Professor Frank Scott, recently the Executive Director of the Western Youth Services in Fullerton, CA, will be joining the SFSU Public Administration faculty in August 1999.

Professor Scott will be teaching nonprofit administration, organizational behavior, and public management courses. In the Fall, he will be teaching PA 700: Democracy and Public Administration in Diverse Environments and PA 727: Strategic Management.

1998-99 Public Administration Graduates

Reynaldo Aquino Jr.

Cynthia Brandon

Sarin Chandar

Shih Sheng Chang

Connie Choy

Carol Finis

James Fisher

Alan Gibson

Nancy Gilbert

Yanina Hamir

Maya Hart

Jean Hutton

Terrance Mims

Elizabeth Mingle

Kevin Mullin

Kareem Olusegun

Colleen Smith

Premrudee Tantinejakul

Stephanie Titus

Michelle Weber

Christopher Younghans-Haug

New Developments:

- ✓ ***SFSU Chapter of Pi Alpha Alpha Honorary Society Approved!***
- ✓ ***Student Portfolio Is Implemented***
- ✓ ***New Culminating Experience Option-- Master's Case Study Analysis is Now Available***

Details Inside...

Fall 1999 Class Schedule

Undergraduate Courses:

PA 490: The Public Service as a Career. This course is a one unit offering that allows students to explore the variety and diversity of careers and jobs in the public and nonprofit sectors. Students in this online course will



investigate jobs available in the public sector and prepare skills assessments and resumes. Access to an email account and to the World Wide Web is **required**. Can be taken credit/noncredit. *Email Professor Genie Stowers at*

gstowers@sfsu.edu (3 units; ONLINE; Schedule Number #)

Core (Required) Courses

PA 700: Democracy and Public Administration in Diverse Environments. This first course in public administration will provide an excellent introduction to the field. The course is taught by Professor Frank Scott, our new faculty member. (3 units; Mondays 6:10- 8:55; #32605)

PA 710: Research Methods for Public Administration This course is required of all MPA students and has prerequisites of 300 or 400 level courses in both statistics and research methods. Professor Melissa Leavitt, a popular instructor in this class, will teach PA 710. (4 units; Thursdays 6:10- 9:50; #32616)

PA 720: Microeconomic Applications for Public Administration This course is also required and has a prerequisite: an undergraduate course in microeconomics (ECON 101). Taught by Professor Jack Osman, the course focuses on the application of economic principles to the public sector. (3 units; Tuesdays 4:10- 6:50; #32620)

PA 730: Politics of Policy Making and Implementation This course is an introduction to the critical policy process, crucial to all public administrators. Taught by Professor Debbie LeVeen, who specializes in health policy, this course will be quite topical. (4 units; Wednesdays, 6:10-9:50; #32642)

PA 745: Managing Human Resources. Professor Carol Edlund, one of our most popular instructors, will be teaching this required core course in the Fall. (3 units; Thursdays 6:10- 8:50; #32653)

Elective Courses

PA 727: Strategic Management. This course, an option in Public Management and the Non-profit Administration emphases, will be taught by Professor Frank Scott in the Fall. The course focuses upon strategic planning, performance measurement, and productivity improvement. (3 units; Wednesdays ; 7-9:50 #32631)

PA 767: Administrative Law. This course will be taught by Professor Robert Mason, whose career was spent as an administrative law judge. The course will cover the legal system with particular attention to regulatory and administrative systems in the public sector. (4 units; Tuesdays 7- 9:50 p.m.; #32664)

PA 780: Policy and Organizational Analysis. Darwin Farrar, an attorney with a Master's in Public Policy from U.C. Berkeley who is with the CA Public Utilities Commission, will be teaching this course in the Fall. The course will focus on methods of analyzing and understanding public policies and is useful as an elective for any emphasis. (4 units; Mondays 6:10- 9:50; #32675)

PA 790: Special Topics-- Virtual Government. Professor Genie Stowers will teach this course. The course meets for three class meetings face to face then online only. This course will focus upon how governments are using the Internet as well as new trends like the ecommerce for interactive online service delivery. Students will also learn to build web pages. (3 units; Friday 8/27 6-9 pm; Saturday 8/28 10-4; ONLINE; #32676)

Are your friends and colleagues not yet enrolled in the SFSU Public Administration Program? They can try out our courses by enrolling using the Open University option: call 1-800-987-7700 or email sfsucel@sfsu.edu to ask for an "Open University" packet.

1998-99 Student Awards

**Overall Outstanding MPA Student:
Christopher Younghans-Haug**

(4.0 G.P.A.)

now at UC Irvine Medical School

**Outstanding Public Management
Student:**

Alan Gibson

(4.00 G.P.A.),

now at Harvey Rose / City Budget Analyst

**Outstanding Nonprofit
Administration Student:**

Jennifer Bing

(3.96 G.P.A.),

Health Initiatives for Youth

Outstanding Policy Analysis Student

Connie Choy

(3.61 G.P.A.),

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Outstanding Individually Designed
Emphasis Student**

Michelle Weber

(3.98 G.P.A.),

will be Presidential Management Intern at
U.S. Office of Personnel Management
Emphasis: **Education Policy**

**Portfolio Details at [http://
thecity.sfsu.edu/~mpa/portfolio/
portfolio.htm](http://thecity.sfsu.edu/~mpa/portfolio/portfolio.htm)**

New Culminating Experience Option Now Available

A new culminating experience option, PA 890-- Master's Case Study Analysis, is now available for students. Sign up for PA 890 in the Fall to complete the culminating experience option.

For this option, students will meet with the Program Director at the beginning of the semester then will work with their own faculty Committee throughout the semester on a structured case study analysis of some organizational issue of their choice. The case study could involve research but also may not.

Students will complete the case study analysis through completing a series of questions about the selected organizational issue and will give a presentation to complete the requirements. A portfolio assessment will also be required.

Honorary Society Pi Alpha Alpha Now Approved

The national public administration honorary society, Pi Alpha Alpha, has now approved the creation of a chapter at San Francisco State University.

Students with over 18 hours of public administration courses and a grade point average of 3.75 are eligible for induction into the new society. Students and alumni who qualify will be contacted by the Program office.

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Important Dates To Remember

Updates
Available on
the SFSU Public
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Program Web
Site: [http://
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Touchtone Registration for Fall 1999:
July 15 - August 20

Late Registration for Admitted Students:
August 14 - September 8

Academic Advising: *August 24*

Instruction Begins: *August 25*

Labor Day: *September 6*

Last Day of Instruction: *December 10*

Final Examinations: *December 11, 13-17*

Winter Recess: *December 20 - January 21*

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