

Dear USC/SPPD friends,

On behalf of Rich Callahan, we wanted to let you know of some the recent news in Sacramento.

I hope that you find it helpful.

All the best,  
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USC School of Policy, Planning, and Development  
**Update from the USC State Capital Center**  
*January-February 2007*

Topics: Starr Reception, Student Recruitment, Upcoming Student Events, New Advisory Board Members, Faculty and Staff News, Appreciations, Past-Recent Events, Job and Internship Listings, Alumni Club News, Alumni and Student Updates.

**Dr. KEVIN STARR RECEPTION**

A reception will be held in honor of **Kevin Starr** who was awarded a National Humanities Award. Please join us on January 25, 5:30 p.m. at the Center. RSVP to Megan Braziel, <[mbraziel@usc.edu](mailto:mbraziel@usc.edu)> or 916-442-6911 x.29.

**STUDENT RECRUITMENT**

**Scott Steele** is spearheading recruitment efforts in Sacramento for SPPD. If you know of prospective students or if you are interested in helping recruitment efforts, contact Scott at 916.442.6911 x.13 or <[ssteele@usc.edu](mailto:ssteele@usc.edu)>. Applications are still being accepted for Fall 2007.

**UPCOMING STUDENT EVENTS**

**Capitol Career Day**

Reception--Thursday, Feb. 8, 5:30 p.m., USC State Capital Center

Main event--Friday, Feb. 9, 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the State Capitol.

Panels on careers in the executive, legislative and third branch will share career advice and insights. This event is free and open to students and alumni. RSVP is required by Feb. 2, 2007 to Virginia Kaser, <[kaser@usc.edu](mailto:kaser@usc.edu)>.

**NEW ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS**

Welcome to:

**P.K. Agarwal**, Director of CA Dept. of Technology Services,  
**Lesley Cummings**, Exec. Dir. at Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board,  
**Martin Gallegos**, Senior VP of the CA Healthcare Association,

**Grantland Johnson**, former-Secretary of CA Health and Human Services Agency.  
**Margret Kim**, Public Advisor for the CA Energy Commission, and  
**Dean Misczynski**, Director for the CA Research Bureau,  
who recently joined our Sacramento advisory board.

### **FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS**

Congratulations to **Yvonne Choong** and Joel on their new addition--a healthy baby boy!

Welcome to **Christine Hall**, Esq., who is teaching PPD 513 (Health Law)!

Congratulations to **Jonathan Brown**, who was named *A la Amistad Universal de Todos Los Pueblos* by two universities in Mexico--Universidad Anahuac Mexico Sur and Universidad Anahuac de Xalapa!

### **APPRECIATIONS**

Special thanks to these guest lectures last semester:

**Steve Soto**, Senior Negotiator, CA Medical Assistance Commission in PPD 514 (Zaretsky)

**Bob Stone**, former-Asst. Secretary of Defense in PPD 540 (Burke)

**Morey Winograd**, Director of USC Center for Telecomm Technology in PPD 540 (Burke)

**Henry Tingle**, City Manager, City of Citrus Heights, in PPD 540 (Burke)

### **PAST-RECENT EVENTS**

SPPD co-sponsored a lively community forum on the topic of Flood Control with the League of Women Voters of Sacramento County on January 8, 2007. Panelists included Sacramento Mayor **Heather Fargo**, **Lester A. Snow**, Director, Dept. of Water Resources, and **Stein Buer**, Exec. Dir., Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency.

**Randy Tan**, MHA, a Senior Consultant in the Public Sector Strategy and Operations Practice of Deloitte Consulting, presented on **What is Consulting? Who Does It?** this past Wed., Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>. The lively presentation and discussion provided our students a realistic understanding of consulting as a field.

On Friday, Jan. 19<sup>th</sup>, we hosted a **Healthcare Residency Breakfast and Workshop** for potential residency preceptors to learn more about the MHA residency program.

### **JOB AND INTERNSHIP LISTINGS**

Job announcements and internship opportunities are emailed to students and alumni of academic and leadership programs who request this service. To receive postings for Northern California, please email your current resume and the year and program that you completed to Virginia Kaser <[kaser@usc.edu](mailto:kaser@usc.edu)> with your request.

Also be sure to check the regularly updated job postings for Northern and Southern California as well as fellowships and internships at

<http://www.usc.edu/schools/sppd/careers/jobs/index>

Contact Brian Zepeda <[rzepeda@usc.edu](mailto:rzepeda@usc.edu)> for the password required.

## **ALUMNI CLUB NEWS**

President **Art Campos** welcomes the participation of current students as well as alumni in the club's activities. To find out what the Sacramento chapter is planning, sign up for a free membership at <http://alumni.usc.edu/>.

## **ALUMNI AND STUDENT UPDATES**

***Jennifer Baker**, MPA 2002, Director of Governmental Affairs and Program Analysis, CA State Teachers' Retirement System (CalSTRS)*

***Bill Barcellona**, MHA, 2006, Vice President, Governmental Affairs, CA Association of Physician Groups*

***Claudia Crist**, MHA 2006, Director for Training and Development, Sutter Health Sacramento Sierra Region*

***Cheyenne Cook**, MPA 2004, Director of Political Affairs, Californians Allied for Patient Protection*

***Steve Ferraiuolo**, MHA 1995, Vice President, Operations, BloodSource*

***Mariama Grimes**, MPA 2004, Fiscal and Policy Analyst, Health Section, Legislative Analyst's Office*

***Bryon Gustafson**, MPA 2006, Law Enforcement Consultant, State of California - Department of Justice, Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training*

***Liz Rilveria Hall**, MPA 2003, Program Manager, California Nutrition Network*

***Julia McGinnis**, MPA 2006, Project Manager, U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation*

***Corinne Jackson**, MHA 2006, Director of Diagnostic Imaging, Marin General Hospital*

***Larry Rillera**, MPA 1998, Legislative Director, California Seismic Safety Commission*

***Sandra Perez**, MPA 1995, Director of the Patient Advocate, CA Department of Managed Health Care*

***Bob Sands**, MPA 1999, Assistant Secretary, CA Health and Human Services Agency*

***Randy Tan**, MHA 2001, Senior Consultant, Deloitte Consulting LLP*

***Toni Tullys**, MPA 2004, Project Manager, Bay Area Mental Health and Education Workforce Collaborative*

*Suzanne Wierbinski, MPA-IGM 1997, Director, CA Democratic Caucus*

**ALUMNI CONTACTS**

Please email Virginia Kaser (Kaser@USC.edu) if this is being forwarded to you by another alumni. We'd like to get in direct contact with you!

Do you have updates for the next letter? Let Virginia, <kaser@usc.edu>, know!

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