

# IMPACT

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### MPA Students Partner with Faculty

by MPA students Sarah Dickson and Jim Hemphill

Carolina MPA students and faculty are applying academic research and hands-on support to local communities to address complex issues. Following are three examples of how these partnerships are tackling issues related to food insecurity, public participation in local government, and economic development.

#### Morse and Students Publish Citizens Academy Handbook

Carolina MPA faculty member Ricardo Morse and MPA graduates Michelle Holder '15 and Sabrina Willard '17 recently published the book, *The Citizens Academy Handbook: Building Capacity for Local Civic Engagement*. This book is a practitioner's guide for implementing programs at the city and county level that help citizens better understand how their local governments function.

"At its heart, citizens academies are a launch pad for participatory democracy," said Willard. The research for the book was practical in nature and included materials from real programs, insights from program coordinators, as well as feedback from hundreds of people who graduated from citizens academies.



Rick Morse, Associate Professor of Public Administration and Government, and Sabrina Willard '17

Morse said that he was pleased with the publication: "I'm really happy to have published this book with two of my students as co-authors and really thrilled that Michelle is now running one of these programs herself. It is very user-friendly and meant to be a handbook that is used, as opposed to something you would just read or assign to a class."

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## DIRECTOR'S COLUMN

Happy new year! 2017 is behind us, and we are getting a running start in 2018, ramping up our annual recruiting efforts to attract the very best students to the Carolina



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MPA program. Our focus is on recruiting individuals who embody our mission statement of striving to become public service leaders in all levels of government and nonprofit organizations. The fact that a large percentage of our alumni are currently serving in leadership positions is a major selling point for us during the recruiting process.

These are exciting times at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. On October 6, the University launched the Campaign for Carolina,

deploying a bold vision—and needed infrastructure—to raise the support necessary to carry the nation's first public university, with its mission of public service, into the future. The School of Government has a campaign goal of \$50 million, and the MPA program is one of the four funding priorities of this goal.

Our nationally ranked program educates promising students and leaders who bring an invaluable commitment to public service to organizations and communities within North Carolina, across the country, and around the world.

Scholarships are a key funding priority of the Carolina MPA program. The ability to offer such funding allows us to attract the very best students and to compete against other top-ranked MPA programs in the United States,

including those at Georgia, Kansas, Syracuse, and Southern California. Alumni and friends of the program have been extremely generous in establishing and supporting a number of scholarship endowments.. We want to build on this momentum during the comprehensive campaign.

Securing the resources necessary to establish an endowed scholar position is another funding priority of the Carolina MPA program. In creating this position, we would be able to recruit a recognized leader in public administration, thereby increasing our national rankings. These rankings are extremely important on many levels, not the least of which is that they represent a major reason for why individuals apply to our MPA program.

Our final funding priority is to support student experiences outside the classroom. Opportunities like the Deil S. Wright Lecture Series and immersion experience provide critical professional development for our students and offer additional occasions for them to learn from and network with alumni like you.

Our efforts to encourage alumni to unite and work with us are not only about securing critical student support and having strong faculty in place, but also building our identity in an increasingly competitive environment. The School of Government, including the MPA program, is excited and proud to be part of the largest fundraising campaign in University history. This opportunity could not have come at a better time!

Last year, the MPA program celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. That's 50 years of educating exceptional public service leaders. We now seek to build an infrastructure of support for the next 50 years and beyond. We want to be in a position to recruit and graduate the very best at Carolina. We look forward to working with you, our friends and alumni, in pursuit of these goals.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Rivenbark". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and "R".

William C. Rivenbark  
Professor and Director



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### **Berner and Student Present at International Conference**

In July 2017, MPA dual-degree student Julia Da Silva, along with MPA faculty member, Maureen Berner, traveled to the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management international conference in Brussels, Belgium. They presented their research on *Food Insecurity Among University Students: The Case of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*. Other researchers and policymakers presented on topics such as health, migration, peace building, and education.

Da Silva's project is part of a larger study conducted by Berner to measure the level of food insecurity experienced by college students at universities across the southeast. Berner received a grant from the University's campus-wide effort *Food for All*, which seeks to mobilize the University and all of its members around a common issue facing our society. As part of the study, Da Silva distributed an anonymous survey to all UNC undergraduate students. She was startled to discover that one in five students are food insecure based on US Department of Agriculture measures.

"I was excited to work with professor Berner because of her extensive history in this field and the opportunity to learn more about an area of need in our community," said Da Silva.

### **MPA Student Joins Development Finance Initiative**

The Development Finance Initiative (DFI) is an entrepreneurial effort at the School of Government that provides legal, financial, and development expertise to help local governments attract private investment. Every year, the DFI Graduate Fellows program employs students from a variety of academic fields, including the MPA program, for in-depth project work.

Omar Kashef '17 found that DFI's graduate fellowship provided valuable insight into the processes involved in development finance and supplemented his MPA coursework. "Beyond developing an understanding of commercial real estate development and financial

analysis, I also had an opportunity to improve my own project management and communication skills. Learning how to present a financial analysis during a public council meeting in a way that all can understand is critical because it's those same public bodies that end up making important decisions in their communities," Kashef said. Since graduating from the MPA program, he has continued his work with DFI as a full-time program manager.



Left to right: Senior project manager Peter Cvelich and project managers Omar Kashef '17 and Sarah Odio

## TRUE CAROLINA BLUE: JUSTIN STIREWALT

A DEDICATION TO PUBLIC SERVICE RUNS IN THE FAMILY

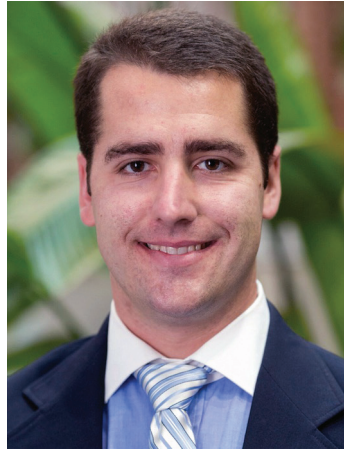
by Andy Bradshaw

Justin Stirewalt's grandfather, retired First Sergeant Robert C. Lawson, served in the North Carolina State Highway Patrol for nearly 30 years, from 1973 to 2001. During his first year on the job, Lawson came to the then Institute of Government to train at the 54<sup>th</sup> North Carolina State Highway Patrol Basic School.

More than 40 years later, Stirewalt is studying under the same roof, of sorts, as his grandfather once did, as an MPA@UNC student. "I've got a picture of his class of graduates from the Patrol School program standing in front of Knapp-Sanders, and it's really humbling to think that I'm now following in his footsteps," said Stirewalt.

In addition to continuing his family's legacy of education at the School, Stirewalt has built a career that mirrors his grandfather's dedication to public service. Following his graduation from UNC-Chapel Hill in 2007, he went to work for the Surry County Sheriff's Office as a deputy sheriff. During nearly a decade of service, he's worked his way up through the ranks to become a detective.

The spectrum of crimes Stirewalt investigates is wide-ranging, covering everything from mailbox tampering to homicide. Regardless of the type of case, however, Stirewalt said that



his responsibility remains the same. "It's my duty to help protect this community," he said. "And I would never want to do anything to betray the trust of the people I serve—the citizens of Surry County."

In service of this mission, Stirewalt has often turned to the School's publications for guidance. "Working in law enforcement really shows you the value of the School," said Stirewalt. "From *North Carolina Crimes* to legislative updates, the School of Government has practically been a daily resource for me."

But Stirewalt felt that the School's potential to serve and enhance his career could extend beyond its publications. He applied and was accepted into the program, proudly

embracing the opportunity to return not only to his alma mater, but also to the institution where his grandfather trained four decades ago.

Since enrolling in the fall of 2016, Stirewalt has found not merely a balance between his career and his coursework, but also a connection between the two. "The courses—particularly on public service leadership and organizational theory—have really exposed me to a broader range of leadership styles," he said. "I've learned how to lead in different ways, and appeal to each of my colleague's strengths and deficiencies."

Like his grandfather before him, Stirewalt is striving to be the best public servant he can be for his community. With the help of the MPA program, he believes that lofty goal is well within his reach. "Growing up, I always admired how the other officers respected my grandfather not just for the job he did, but also how he did it," he said.

"We only get one chance to build a reputation in public service, and I'm learning the tools to build one my grandfather can be proud of."

*Justin Stirewalt received the 2017 Megan Cornog Memorial Highway Safety Scholarship from the University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center.*

## MPA Students Become School of Government Clients

by MPA students Sarah Dickson and Jim Hemphill

The UNC School of Government offers more than 200 courses annually, reaching and educating 12,000 public servants a year in addition to 250 MPA graduate students. But what is it like for an MPA graduate to become a client of the School of Government? 2017 MPA graduate Margaret Murphy recently found out.

Murphy works for Wake County as a budget and management analyst. Recently, she decided that she wanted to learn more about budgeting and other issues specific to North Carolina and was interested in pursuing budget officer certification through the North Carolina Local Government Budgeting Association. So she turned to the School of Government.

As a former MPA student, Murphy was familiar with the topics covered in many of the School's courses, including performance management, revenue projections, and capital



Margaret Murphy '17, Budget Management Analyst, Wake County

budgeting. Courses at the School of Government had also taught her about the nuances of contract law and regulations. "The courses allowed me to gain a more in-depth understanding of North Carolina statutes around budgeting, finance, ethics, and contracts," she said.

School faculty member Kara Millonzi has seen many MPA alumni return to the School as practitioners enrolled in courses. "I certainly think that having that connection and knowing who to talk to and even knowing that the resources are here has to be an advantage for students who stay in North Carolina over their colleagues and peers who didn't start out in the School of Government," said Millonzi.

Through MPA program classes that lay the foundation for public service leadership, and the provision of continuing education through professional development seminars, the School of Government is making a lasting impact in North Carolina and beyond. Our MPA students enter the classroom determined to make a difference in their communities and then return to the School as clients to continue to build upon that determination.

## Congratulations 2017 Graduates!

### SUMMER

Darren Allison	Andrew Jelinek
Jill Auditori	Britney McCoy
Shawn Brown	Tom Mirc
Tabitha Bryant	Shelagh Mollohan
Jenny Carlberg	Zachary Steffey
Jasmin Cook	Kyra Weins
Alex Gottschalk	William White
William Hagerty	
Janice Hillanbrand	

### WINTER

Brittany Baker	Laura Kerfoot
Casheif Belvin	Matthew Kirkland
Elizabeth Biser	Marc Kurbansade
Jason Cloninger	Eric Marsh
Michael Evans	Tracy Miles
Milton Flynt	Dipika Mouli
Emily Hall	Albert Park
Brian Haney	Max Taintor
James Hoppe	Kevin Teater
Jon Ireland	Carmencita Thompson

## Navigating Diverse Perspectives: MPA Immersion

by MPA student Sarah Dickson

In fall 2017, Carolina MPA brought on-campus and online students together by offering its second immersion course, *Navigating Diverse Perspectives*. The experience is designed to facilitate students' understanding of their own identities and to introduce them to concepts of empathy and cultural competence. "Your effectiveness as a public service leader will depend on how well you can understand and respond to the perspectives of a diverse array of people," said faculty member Leisha DeHart-Davis.

First-year student Josh Fernandez decided to take the course because "it was a great opportunity for personal and professional development. We are living in such a politically, racially, and culturally polarized time right now. Embracing diversity is one step in the journey to heal these divisions."

In preparation for the course, students were required to complete a few assignments. They engaged in readings about empathy and reflected on the multiple identities they have and how they influence interactions in the world. They were also asked to select and read a book that highlighted a perspective different from their own.

Second-year student Samantha Bauer chose the book *White Trash: The 400-Year Untold History of Class in America*, by Nancy Isenberg, which traces class history from colonial America to the 2015 Ku Klux Klan riots in South Carolina. "The book taught me about

many of the policies and attitudes past generations used to design an exploitative system to maintain the power of the propertied elite," Bauer explained. "I also learned how we continue to maintain that system with current practices and attitudes about the poor. I learned so much about our class context which will help me better serve the public in the future."

taking the chances to get to know them because of implicit biases and blinders that I have," West said.

Second-year student Alexandra Jones stated that she found the style of the course to be beneficial. "The immersion experience provided a unique chance to learn in a completely different format," Jones said. DeHart-Davis echoed this sentiment. "Through



Carolina MPA alumni and students attended the program's second immersion course.

Students had an opportunity to hear from current public administrators about their experiences with diversity in the workplace. MPA alumna Faith Thompson '03 discussed how she navigated diverse perspectives in both her personal and professional life. Learning about implicit bias from the course's instructors provided new insight for second-year student Ebony West. "Despite knowing that it is bad to assume, I was confronted with the boxes I place people in without

the course, I hope that MPA students recognized their own worldviews, allowed themselves to be challenged, and opened them to different perspectives."

The MPA program will continue to offer courses like the immersion experience, as it provides an opportunity for online and on-campus students to participate in workshop-type courses together and allows students to learn from the expertise of the program's exemplary alumni.

# Richard Stevens '74 Receives Distinguished Alumnus Award

by MPA student Jim Hemphill

On October 12, 2017, Carolina MPA alumnus Richard Stevens was honored with a Distinguished Alumnus Award. The award is presented annually to alumni of UNC-Chapel Hill who "have made an outstanding contribution to humanity in any walk of life." Stevens is a "triple Tar Heel," having received a BA (1970), a JD (1974), and an MPA (1978), all from UNC. This prestigious award is one of many accolades for Stevens, who has profoundly influenced both the University and the state by his lifelong commitment to public service.

After receiving his MPA, Stevens held numerous positions with the City of Durham, including director of finance and assistant city manager. He left Durham to serve as the assistant manager of Wake County before being appointed manager in 1984, a post he held from 1984 until 2000. Stevens decided to break from his role as an administrator in 2003 and move over to an elected role, winning a seat in the North Carolina State Senate.

Over the course of his five-term senate career, Stevens co-chaired the education and appropriations committees and served as a budget leader under both Republican and Democratic majorities. Before stepping down from this role in 2013, he was ranked third-most effective Senate member, according to a survey by the nonpartisan North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research. Upon retiring from the Senate, Stevens joined Smith Anderson, a



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Raleigh law firm, where he advises clients on a wide range of matters, including economic development, state and local regulatory issues, land use, local government law, government contracting, bond financing, and state policy issues.

Stevens' efforts on behalf of the Carolina community have been as influential as his distinguished public service career. He served on the UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Trustees from 1995 to 2003 and on the Board of Visitors from 1991 to 1995. He was chair of the Board of Trustees from 1997 to 1999. While Stevens was ineligible to serve on the Board of

Trustees during his time in the Senate, he has happily rejoined the Board beginning in July 2017. Stevens was chair of the Board of Visitors for the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Hospital from 2014 to 2016 and chair of the Carolina Club from 1994 to 1997 and 2002 to 2011.

Stevens helped facilitate the MPA program's transition from the political science department to the School of Government. He has taught seminars in state government for the program and mentored many MPA students over the years. As Wake County manager, Stevens hired Carolina MPA students for internships and staff positions. Both the School of Government and School of Law have established scholarships in Stevens' name. He continues to play an active role in the work of the School of Government and in the development of the MPA program.

Though he has been repeatedly recognized for his service in the past, the Distinguished Alumnus Award is particularly significant for Stevens. "I'm especially flattered by the fact that the [Distinguished Alumnus] award is nominated by faculty," Stevens said.

The Carolina MPA program is proud to have Richard Stevens as an ambassador and grateful for his unwavering dedication to the greater good. We congratulate him on receiving this prestigious award.

## Philanthropy Is Everybody's Job

by MPA student Jim Hemphill

Mal Watlington '69 and his wife Amanda are people of action. Their abundant energy and passion have served them well throughout fascinating and successful careers in the public and private sectors. Now they hope to inspire action from other UNC alumni by setting an example. They have made a planned gift and established an endowment that is to be funded during their lifetimes to benefit the UNC School of Government and the Classics Department. They hope to inspire others to sustain programs they care about and live out the motto, "Philanthropy is everybody's job."

Mal and Amanda met at Carolina in the early '70s. Amanda was earning her PhD in Classics and Mal was a student in the MPA program. Upon finishing their degree programs, they began a professional journey that neither would have anticipated.

Mal built on his MPA studies by becoming Forsyth County's assistant county manager in 1971. Led by fellow MPA alumnus Alexis Jones '66, he next took a position as assistant city manager in Wilmington, where he served until 1978, when he left to serve as program manager of the University of Michigan's business school. During this time, Mal took graduate business management courses at Michigan and at Eastern Michigan University, enabling him to make a shift into the private sector. In 1982, he was hired by MDSI/Schlumberger as manager of organization development, and has since served in leadership roles for many influential companies and consulting firms around the world. All the while, Mal has remained committed to staying engaged in

local government, serving on citizen advisory boards and consulting with municipalities.

Amanda applied her Greek and Latin studies and mastered a completely different language: the language of search engine marketing. Amanda earned an MBA with a marketing concentration from Eastern Michigan and worked as an editor on the monthly journals *Health Care Strategic Management* and *Hospital Materials Management*. She became interested in internet marketing and researched the subject in her spare time. Finding her niche in the study of search engine marketing, Amanda is a pioneer in the field.

Amanda's creativity and expertise enabled her to develop patent-pending language-based analytic tools and methodologies to support search engine marketing campaigns. She is a renowned expert on blogs, podcasting, and the language and psychology of search. Over the course of her career, Amanda has consulted with Fortune 500 companies, presented at numerous conferences, authored or edited more than 30 magazine and journal articles, and written or edited several books.

Today, the Watlingtons run their own consulting business, City Square Consulting/Searching for Profit. Amanda provides her invaluable subject knowledge while Mal runs the organizational and management side of the business.

Though each of their career trajectories has been atypical compared to the average Classics or MPA graduate, they assert that the



breadth of their studies at Carolina was critical to their success. MPA students have taken countless career paths and have contributed to society in innumerable ways. Through their generosity, the Watlingtons seek to "take care of what gave [them] the leverage to be able to have a prosperous and meaningful life."

Their trust in the leadership at the School of Government has led them to avoid placing restrictions on their gift. "We wanted to accommodate for changing problems and priorities," they said. They cited the robust enrollment of the online format and rising percentages of women in the MPA program as recent changes that may guide future goals of the School of Government.

In addition to their belief in the mission of the School, Mal and Amanda are firm believers in the University's public service mission. As Amanda says, "The term public university literally implies a responsibility of everyone to sustain it." Mal and Amanda hope their gift will serve as a call to others: "Give what you can, be a part, come on in, the water's fine!"



## Life Events

**Angelica Arnold '17** is a development coordinator for the Youth Policy Institute in Los Angeles.

**Jessica Aylor '07** has been promoted to vice president of community engagement for the Triangle Community Foundation in Durham, NC.

**Daniel Baird '13** is manager and analytics software engineer at MetLife in Cary.

**Rafael Baptista '15** is a strategy and performance analyst for the City of Raleigh Department of Budget and Management Services.

**Nicholas Byrne '15** is a compliance associate at Fairview Investment Services in Raleigh.

**Sean Coffey '08** is director of communications at the California Association of Nonprofits in San Francisco.

**Joseph Eckstrom '16** is serving as assistant principal of CCS Opportunity School in Concord, NC.

**Megan Garrett '16** is the assistant director of development and stewardship for the UNC School of Education.

**Alex Gottschalk '17** is services management and budget analyst for the City of Virginia Beach.

**Elizabeth Hannigan '17** is a project archivist at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

**Sarah Manning Henricks '16** is a management analyst fellow with the City of Los Altos, CA.

**Maia Knox '15** is a management analyst for the City of Sammamish, WA.

**Bruce Locklear '84** is director of educational relations for Jostens Inc. in Minneapolis, MN.

**Katie Loovis '00** is vice president for external affairs at the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Chamber of Commerce.

**Josh Lopez '15** is an attorney at the Law Office of Josh E. Lopez, PLLC in Wilmington, NC.

**Randall Lyons '06** is cash manager for the City of Charlotte Department of Management and Financial Services.

**Chris Morrill '87** is the executive director of the Government Finance Officers Association in Chicago, IL.

**Chris Morello '92** is the assistant director of the Economic Development Department of Isle of Wight County, VA.

**Amy Claire O'Neal '16** has joined the Stam Law Firm PLLC in Apex, NC, as an associate attorney.

**Nicholas Peak '16** is a legislative fiscal analyst for the Kentucky Legislature Legislative Research Commission in Frankfort.

**Paul Plymouth '16** is a government relations project manager at Crown Castle in Linthicum Heights, MD.

**Andrea Ponikvar '17** is the major gifts officer for the Cleveland Zoological Society.

**Jeff Richardson '88** is the county executive of Albemarle County, VA.

**Chris Riddick '07** earned his EdD in organizational change and leadership from the University of Southern California Rossier School of Education and is an organizational change management analyst with Fannie Mae in Washington, DC.

**Christina Riordan '04** is a budget coordinator for the City of Durham Department of Budget and Management Services.

**Doug Rothwell '78** was appointed to the board of directors of ITC Holdings Corporation, based in Novi, MI. He also serves as a chairman of the University of North Carolina Board of Visitors.

**Safa Sajadi '11** is an attorney with the General Counsel's Office of Credit Suisse in Research Triangle Park.

**Stefan Schropp '16** is a litigation associate at Ropes & Gray LLP in Washington, DC.

**Michael Smallwood '12** is a policy analyst with the NC Wildlife Resources Commission in Raleigh.

**Nicholas Smith '17** is a research and planning associate for the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts Research and Planning Division.

**Zack Steffey '17** is the manager for the Town of Cape Carteret, NC.

**Alex Terry '09** is a budget analyst with the Wake County Department of Budget and Management Services in Raleigh.

**Beverly Thorpe '92** is associate director for administration at the Center for Child and Family Policy at the Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University. She was also recently appointed as a member of the Durham County ABC Board.

**Ann Wall '86** is manager of the City of Greenville, NC.

## Faculty: Then and Now

by Dylan Russell '17

The years have come and gone, but one thing remains the same—dedicated faculty teaching future public servants how to create lasting change in their communities. From organizational theory to capital budgeting, our students continue to learn how to effect and inspire change. Have a look back at past professors who pioneered courses and inspired students during their time with the MPA program, and current professors teaching our online and on-campus students. While the curriculum has evolved, our faculty's dedication to inspiring their students to be change agents has remained constant.

### CAPITAL BUDGETING



**Jack Vogt**  
Faculty 1973–2006



**Kara Millonzi**

### CITY AND COUNTY MANAGEMENT



**Kurt John Jenne**  
Faculty 1985–2002



**Kim Nelson**

### HUMAN RESOURCES



**Stephen Allred**  
Faculty 1986–2001



**Leisha DeHart-Davis**

### INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS



**Deil Wright**  
Professor, Political Science  
Department, 1967–2002



**Carl Stenberg**

### ORGANIZATIONAL THEORY



**Gordon Whitaker**  
Professor, Political Science  
Department, 1973–1997  
School of Government  
Faculty, 1997–2012



**Willow Jacobson**

## MPA Alumni Association—Focused on the Future

Your MPA alumni association board is poised for action in 2018. We've spent the last two years looking at how far the Carolina MPA program has come in its first 50 years, examining the role of the alumni association, and charting a course for its future. The evaluation process was characterized by spirited and thoughtful discussions about what has worked well and what needs to change so that we can better serve current and future alumni.



Lib Wanner '83  
President, Carolina MPA Alumni  
Association Board

We're now fully focused on the future and it's an exciting one! With the addition of our online format, our student demographics have changed a great deal. How we communicate with one another has also significantly changed. Any board should be closely connected to its constituents, but we wondered...are we really connected? Are we truly interacting with one another in meaningful ways? And, as alumni of the program, are we truly in touch with students and faculty?

Focusing on the future, we revisited the mission of the alumni association and its associated goals. After much discussion, we opted for simplicity. It now reads as follows:

***The mission of the Carolina MPA alumni association is to advance and support public service leaders by maintaining and strengthening connections among alumni, students, and faculty.***

To support this mission, we will focus our efforts on what I call **MPA-C<sup>3</sup>: Connection, Collaboration, and Contribution**. Your alumni association board adopted a working committee structure to bring these words to life. We look forward to working on your behalf to accomplish the following:

- Facilitate connections with one another
- Ensure that collaboration among alumni, students, and faculty are mutually beneficial to all involved
- Make the giving of your time and resources as enriching for you as it is for the program

To better focus our efforts, for 2018 and 2019 we have adopted the theme **Diversity and Inclusion**, an important and timely issue.

I encourage you to contact any board member to share your thoughts and ideas.

Thank you,  
Lib Wanner '83

### MPA-C<sup>3</sup> Committees

#### CONNECTION COMMITTEE

Taylor Libby '05 (co-chair)  
Lib Wanner '83 (co-chair)  
Jennifer Fox (student)  
Matt McKirahan (student)  
Austin Rouse '16  
Leslie Scott '89  
Bill Stockard '94  
Susan Austin '99 (staff lead)

#### COLLABORATION COMMITTEE

Catherine Clark '99 (co-chair)  
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Kyle Bromir (student)  
Erin Eckert '00  
Johanna Foster '05  
Jake Levitas (student)  
Katie Loovis '00  
Joe Moore '05  
Mike Silver '15  
Bill Rivenbark (staff lead)

#### CONTRIBUTION COMMITTEE

Jeff Richardson '88 (co-chair)  
Lee Worsley '97 (co-chair)  
Ben Durant '88  
Joy Jackson '09  
Ebony Perkins '13  
Austin Rouse '16  
Andy Willis '94  
Brandon Foster (staff lead)

## Save the Date

**APRIL 6, 2018**

### ALUMNI FORUM

UNC School of Government and The Carolina Inn

Last year, we celebrated our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and we're excited to gather again as alumni and friends.

**This year's Alumni Forum will include:**

**Public Administration Career (PAC) Chats**—presentations of innovative work being done by Carolina MPA alumni and students

**Deil S. Wright Lecture**—delivered by Dr. Alice Rivlin, founding director of the Congressional Budget Office and former director of the Office of Management and Budget

**Dean's Dinner**—an opportunity to spend time with fellow alumni over dinner at The Carolina Inn

Stay tuned for more details and to register.  
[mpa.unc.edu/alumni-events](http://mpa.unc.edu/alumni-events)

## IMPACT

**APRIL 10, 2018**

### CAROLINA GIVING DAY

Interested in supporting the program by making a challenge or matching gift? Contact Brandon Foster.

Connect with us on social media to learn more about this opportunity to spread the word about giving to Carolina MPA.

### HAPPY HOUR HUBS

We're planning a year of events where you get to network with other Carolina MPA alumni. Stay tuned as we finalize our spring and summer schedule of Happy Hour Hubs.

If you would like to help organize a Happy Hour Hub in your community, contact Brandon Foster at [foster@sog.unc.edu](mailto:foster@sog.unc.edu) or 919.962.0426.



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