
MPA Program Announces New Coordinator

Dr. Paul Raymond, founding director of the MPA program, will return his focus back to undergraduate teaching next year. Under Dr. Raymond's leadership, the program developed the curriculum, found support within the community, recruited students, hired faculty, and graduated the first classes of public administrators. We thank Dr. Raymond for his service to our program, and wish him well with his continued teaching and research activities in the Political Science Program.

We are pleased to announce that **Dr. Brian Posler**, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, has agreed to serve as the interim Coordinator of the MPA program. Prior to coming to USI, Dr. Posler served as Chair of the Political Science Department at Millikin University, and also completed a stint as Appropriations Director for a member of Congress. Dr. Posler will be teaching the Budgeting course this fall. His office is 104E in the Wright Administration Building, and he may be reached at 465-7020. You can also contact Dr. Posler via email at bposler@usi.edu. Please stop by, introduce yourself, and welcome him to our program.

MPA Spring Gathering to be April 26

Don't forget! The MPA Spring Gathering will be held on Thursday, April 26, from 7-9 p.m. at the home of Dr. MT Hallock Morris. This year, we'll be honoring our May graduate Sarah Siddens. Dr. Morris will provide the brats, the burgers, and the cook. You will provide the side dishes. If you need directions, please email Dr. Morris at mhmorris@usi.edu. **The gathering will be held rain or shine!**

Graduating in December 2007 or May 2008?

Attention Current MPA Students! If you will be graduating in **December 2007** or **May 2008**, please make an appointment to see Dr. Morris about completing your graduation checkout sheet. During this meeting, Dr. Morris will discuss your course schedule for the next year and will complete the required form. Contact Dr. Morris at mhmorris@usi.edu.

Application Deadlines for the MPA Program

In order to be admitted to the MPA Program for the fall 2007 semester, please submit your application materials to the Graduate Studies office by July 27, 2007. Applications received after this date will be considered only if space is available. Applicants who are unable to meet the July 27 deadline may apply for admission as a guest student if they submit a Graduate Application for Nondegree or Guest Status on or before August 24, 2007. Guest students have a lifetime limit of six credit hours (two courses). Admission as a guest student does not guarantee admission to the program at a later date. MPA classes will be open to guest students only if there are spaces available.

About the MPA @ USI

The Master of Public Administration (MPA) is the primary graduate degree sought by current and future administrators in government agencies, not-for-profit organizations, and heavily regulated private corporations. The curriculum consists of twelve graduate courses. Courses emphasize practical applications of skills and knowledge relevant to problems confronting administrators working in government agencies and not-for-profit organizations in southwestern Indiana. Since most MPA students are working professionals attending school part-time, most courses meet one evening each week during fall and spring semesters. Some courses are also offered in the summer or can be taken online as distance education courses. See our home page at: <http://www.usi.edu/libarts/philpolsci/MPA/>.