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## MPA Spring Gathering

The MPA Spring Gathering will be held on Thursday, April 26, from 6- 9 p.m. at the home of Dr. MT Hallock Morris. This year, we'll be honoring our May graduate Sarah Siddens. MT will provide the brats, the burgers, and the cook. You will provide the side dishes. Students in PA 653 can "register" their side dish on the class discussion board in Blackboard. Students who are not enrolled in PA 653 can "register" their side dish by e-mailing MT at [mhmorris@usi.edu](mailto:mhmorris@usi.edu). A reminder and directions to the mixer will be sent out in mid-April.

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## It's That Time Again: Early Registration Dates

- **Early Registration Dates:** Early registration dates for Fall 2007 are **April 2-13, 2007**. Students have two options for registration: walk through registration with their advisor or web registration through MyUSI. Returning graduate students may register for classes beginning on **Monday, April 2**. Eligible continuing and readmitted students not taking advantage of the early registration period will have additional opportunities to register. Please see the registration information on the Registrar's website: <http://www.usi.edu/reg/early.asp>.
  - **Registration Policies for the MPA Program, Summer Course:** Students who have been officially admitted to the MPA program should be able to register for the summer course on-line during the early registration period without the need to have an advisor sign a *Permission to Enter a Closed Class* form. Special students will not be allowed to register for this course until Monday, May 7 – if there are still seats available. (In the event that special/guest students are allowed to register earlier, you will receive an email informing you of this change.)
  - **Registration Policies for the MPA Program, Fall Courses:** Students who have been officially admitted to the MPA program should be able to register for PA609 and PA615 on-line during the early registration period without the need to have an advisor sign a *Permission to Enter a Closed Class* form. Special/Guest students will not be allowed to register for this course until the registration period just prior to the start of classes, if there are still seats available. (In the event that special/guest students are allowed to register earlier, you will receive an email informing you of this change.)
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## Summer 2007 Schedule of Classes

- **PA 614: Interpersonal Communications within Organizations, Tuesdays, 6-9 p.m. (May 8 to June 26, 2007), Dr. Karen Bonnell [[kbonnell@usi.edu](mailto:kbonnell@usi.edu)]**  
This course provides a review of the research and applied approaches to organizational communications. This course includes an examination of the process of selecting appropriate communication channels, a consideration of the ways in which meaning, both verbal and nonverbal, is conveyed, and an exploration of ways in which communication can help alleviate typical interpersonal problems within organizations.
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## Fall 2007 Schedule of Classes

- **PA 609: Budgeting, Mondays, 6-8:45 p.m., Dr. Brian Posler [[bpolsler@usi.edu](mailto:bpolsler@usi.edu)]**  
This course will examine the preparation of public/nonprofit budget proposals, the various strategies of appropriations, as well as budget implementation. Both governmental and non-profit budgeting will be analyzed, and attention will be given to the policy implications of budgetary decisions on the public good. An extended budget simulation will be employed as a learning tool in this course, and there will be a significant online component to the course. Dr. Posler

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## Fall 2007 Schedule of Classes, Continued ...

is a political scientist, as well as a former Appropriations Director for a Member of Congress, so the course will have both theoretical underpinnings and practical applications.

- **PA 615: Legal Aspects of Public Administration, Thursdays, 6-8:45 p.m., Dr. MT Hallock Morris**  
[\[mhmorris@usi.edu\]](mailto:mhmorris@usi.edu)

The purpose of this course is to examine legal issues relating to public administration. Many legal topics will be addressed in depth, such as public sector affirmative action, implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act, whistle-blowing protections, public employee privacy and free speech in the workplace. More generally, this course will look at legal aspects and legal challenges to agency, regulations, policy implementation, and laws pertaining to the public sector. This course will meet on: September 6, 13, and 27; October 4, 18, and 25; November 8, 15, and 29; and December 6 and 13. The course will have a distance education component.

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## New Course Substitution Policy

As some of you are aware, students in the MPA program have been allowed to substitute some courses in the Business School (CIS601, MNGT601, and MNGT611) for MPA courses. However, with the growth of the MBA program most of the seats in these courses must be reserved for students in the MBA program. In the future, students in the MPA program will not be allowed to enroll in courses in the Business School without the permission of both the Director of the MPA program and the Director of the MBA program. Please do not seek to enroll in any course in the Business School without obtaining written permission from both these individuals.

MPA students already enrolled in courses being offered this summer in the Business School will **NOT** be required to withdraw. That said, it is important to note that no additional MPA students will be allowed to enroll in MBA courses (or other courses in the Business School) offered this summer. MPA students may, of course, still enroll in PA614.

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## MPA Students to Participate in IPSA Conference

The University of Southern Indiana will be hosting the annual meeting of the Indiana Political Science Association on Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. This year, five of our MPA students will be presenting papers at the conference: **Lana Abel**, *The Kyoto Protocol and the United States: How Cities and Their Citizens are Doing the Right Thing When the Federal Government Won't*; **Linda Bailey**, *Group Decision Making: Ethical Challenges and Considerations for Small Groups*; **Rebecca Patrick**, *The Abramoff Scandal*; **Michelle White**, *Natural Disaster Reduction and Preparedness in Evansville*; and **Peter Whiting**, *Media's Ethical Watchdog Leased or Unleashed in Today's Society*. Their paper abstracts are posted on the conference website: <http://www.usi.edu/libarts/philpolsci/polsci/ipsa.asp>.

Faculty members in the Department of Philosophy, Political Science, and Public Administration will also be taking part in the conference. **Dr. Uisoon Kwon**, who taught PA 618 last fall, will be presenting his paper entitled *Economy and Turnout* at the conference. Other faculty members – **Dr. Paul Raymond**, **Dr. Charles Barber**, **Mr. Jeremiah John**, **Dr. Brian Posler**, and **Dr. MT Hallock Morris** – will be acting as panel chairs during the conference. **Dr. Stephen Bennett**, an adjunct instructor in the department will give the keynote address, *Time to Look Again at Young People and Politics*, during the event. Dr. Morris, president of the IPSA, organized the event.

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## Kudos!

- Congratulations to **Janet Johnson**, Assistant Director of Career Services and a **2005 graduate** of USI's MPA Program. Janet has been asked to serve on the board of Family Matters in Mt. Vernon, Indiana. Janet has also completed her certification as an etiquette consultant.
  - **Lana Abel**, a student in the MPA program, and **MT Hallock Morris**, assistant professor of political science, are both serving on the steering committee for the Haynie's Corner Arts District in Evansville, Indiana. To learn more about the Arts District's activities, see its web page at: <http://www.hayniescornerartsdistrict.org/>.
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## 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](mailto:mhmorris@usi.edu).

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## 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 life-time 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.

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## Taking the GRE

Individuals applying for regular admission to the MPA program are required to take the GRE. This test is offered through Prometric Testing Center, Hebron Office Plaza, 923 S. Kenmore, Evansville, IN 47714. Call the center at 812-479-6855 to register for the test. Available test times are Mondays through Fridays are 8:00 AM and noon, and on Saturdays at 8:00 AM only. USI's **GRE** code is R1335. Free practice tests can be downloaded from <http://www.gre.org>. See the MPA website for more details on test fees.

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## Miscellany

- For information about the University of Southern Indiana's Graduate Student Policies, see the Graduate Studies website at: <http://www.usi.edu/gradstud/academic.asp>.
  - General admission requirements for USI's graduate programs are listed on the Graduate Studies website at: <http://www.usi.edu/gradstud/admit.asp>.
  - The specific MPA program admission requirements can be found at: <http://www.usi.edu/gradstud/admpa.asp>.
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## 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/>.

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