

# PUBLIC POLICY GRADUATE PROGRAM

## News and Updates, 2016



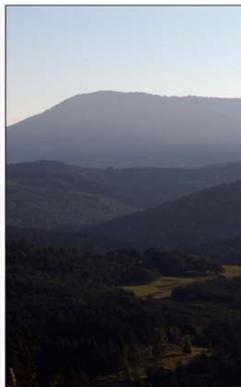
### Master of Public Policy at OSU

Oregon State University (OSU) offers the **Master of Public Policy (MPP)** to graduate students interested in energy policy, environmental policy, international policy, law and crime policy, science and technology policy, social policy and rural policy. The program is offered both on campus and by distance education and is accredited by the NASPAA Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation. For more information, visit: [liberalarts.oregonstate.edu/spp/mpp](http://liberalarts.oregonstate.edu/spp/mpp)



### PhD in Public Policy at OSU

Oregon State University (OSU) offers a **Ph.D. in Public Policy** to graduate students interested in the study and practice of policy as applied to issues critical to Oregonians and the world. This full-time program is designed to ensure that students interact with policy-makers as well as the knowledge-producers who support policy decisions. For more information, visit: [liberalarts.oregonstate.edu/spp/phd](http://liberalarts.oregonstate.edu/spp/phd)



## News and Events

- Professor Hilary Boudet is leading an **NSF-funded research project** that investigates under what conditions and via what mechanisms communities undertake significant climate-related actions – in terms of collective mobilization and governmental policy – following an extreme weather event.
- PhD Student Edward Louie has published a paper: Louie, E. P., & Pearce, J. M. (2016). **Retraining Investment for US Transition from Coal to Solar Photovoltaic Employment.** *Energy Economics.*
- Our 2016 Commencement MPP Participants represented 7 different countries and 4 different U.S. states.
- Terra Magazine **reported on MPP Alumnus Zachary Dunn's work** on the Trans-African HydroMeteorological Observatory in Africa.
- MPP student Mohsin Amin, whose area of interest is energy policy, recently published an article in Foreign Policy magazine. This is one of the most widely read journals on US foreign policy and global affairs. The article deals with a gas pipeline project in South Asia: **A Pipeline to South Asia Prosperity.**
- MPP students Ennada Lagouit (Morocco Fulbright) and Anna Karmazina (Russia Fulbright) have been selected to participate in **NASPAA's Student Simulation Competition** at the Sol Price School of Public Policy, University of Southern California. #
- Former MPP student Gabriel Wigtil's article "Places where wildfire potential and social vulnerability coincide in the coterminous United States" – which is based on his MPP Essay – has been accepted for publication in *the International Journal of Wildland Fire.*



*Dr. Misty Mason Freeman and School Director Dr. Denise Lach*

- Misty Mason Freeman graduated as our first PhD student in Public Policy.
- PhD student Hillary Fishler and MPP student Jordan Hensley have received 2016 Oregon Fellowships to work with the USDA Forest Service and the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Committee.
- MPP and Fulbright Scholar Mohsin Amin is serving his summer internship in the President of Afghanistan's Office working on energy policy issues. MPP Fulbright Scholar Muhammad Salar Khan is also serving as an intern for the World Bank in Washington, DC.
- The **5th Social Justice Conference**, with presentations from students from the Public Policy Graduate Program and others, took place on May 6 in the Native American Longhouse as part of **Holocaust Memorial Week 2016.** (Web Site: [liberalarts.oregonstate.edu/sjc](http://liberalarts.oregonstate.edu/sjc))

Our web site contains the complete list: [liberalarts.oregonstate.edu/spp/mpp/graduate-program-news](http://liberalarts.oregonstate.edu/spp/mpp/graduate-program-news)



*Former MPP student Suman Pant conducting Field Research in Nepal*

## OSU Public Policy Analysis Laboratory

The OSU Policy Analysis Laboratory (OPAL) was established in 2012 to address complex and interconnected public policy challenges of the present and future. Through community-based policy work, policy students and faculty address real-world challenges with diverse faculty and clients. Projects range from longitudinal studies to in-depth interviews depending on the nature of the challenge.

Web Site: [liberalarts.oregonstate.edu/spp/opal](http://liberalarts.oregonstate.edu/spp/opal)

### Oregon State University Carbon Action Plan

The OSU Carbon Action Plan evolved out of a collaboration between the OSU Sustainability Office and the OSU Policy Analysis Laboratory (OPAL). However, the development of the OSU Carbon Action Plan is the result of a committed group of faculty, staff and students working together to create a plan that enables OSU to engage in strategic and tactical steps to reduce overall greenhouse gas emissions and achieve net carbon neutrality by 2025. It is therefore important to acknowledge all of those who contributed to the plan's development, and who spent many hours of their time working through the details of the plan and process for implementation.

### Policy Clinic: Renewable Energy Siting in the West

Drawing on insights from the study of social movements, the aim of the Policy Clinic is to understand the factors and processes that drive mobilization against renewable energy facility proposals in the Western US (California, Idaho, Oregon and Washington).



*Professor Hillary Boudet with her research team*

Why do some communities respond quickly and forcefully to a siting announcement, while others remain passive? How do individual community members join together to launch a mobilization effort? Why do some community groups turn to protests and demonstrations, while some rely on other forms of political participation, like public hearings and letter writing?

Professors Hilary Boudet and Brent S. Steel have been working with MPP and PhD students on a USDA grant to answer these questions and more. The goal of this research is to better comprehend the factors and processes that spark local community mobilization in the context of renewable energy siting.

## Field Schools and Conferences

### 13th International Comparative Rural Policy Studies Summer Institute (ICRPS), Fairbanks, Alaska, July 14-16, 2016

The 2016 ICRPS Summer Institute convened for thirteen days and involved approximately 30 graduate students and numerous faculty members from universities around the world. Sessions were supplemented with field trips, group work, and student presentations. The Institute provided a unique opportunity for students from a range of OECD countries to meet and work together on comparative rural policy issues and make invaluable research and networking contacts. Web Site: [icrps.org/index.php](http://icrps.org/index.php)



*ICRPS students and faculty in Fairbanks, Alaska*



*The Transatlantic Students symposium group at the Salton Sea*

## 14th Transatlantic Students Symposium: "The Politics and Culture of Resilience: Adapting to a Changing Environment," CA & OR, March 2016

For the 2016 Symposium OSU's Public Policy Graduate Program and Diversity & Cultural Engagement partnered again with Humboldt University Berlin and Warsaw University. We visited several sites in California and Oregon which were relevant to the cultural memory and the survival and resilience of indigenous, immigrant and marginalized cultures, as well as sites of ecological interest. The program concluded with a student conference at OSU.

Web Site: [www2.rz.hu-berlin.de/transatlantic/](http://www2.rz.hu-berlin.de/transatlantic/)

Next Year: 15th Transatlantic Students Symposium, "Challenges to Democracy and Supranationality." Rome, Warsaw, Berlin, Spring 2017



*The symposium group after their successful conference at the Asian-Pacific Cultural Center at OSU*

## New Online MPP

OSU is offering a new online MPP program, which is uniquely positioned to merge political science, sociology, economics, statistics, management and other social disciplines to shape policies and programs that will impact and influence local, regional and international policy decisions. Web Site: [liberalarts.oregonstate.edu/spp/mpp](http://liberalarts.oregonstate.edu/spp/mpp)

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*Graduates at the 2016 Commencement Ceremony*