

School of Public Policy Newsletter

Oregon State University – February 7, 2011

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General

- Melissa Torgerson, MPP Graduate, was recently promoted to Policy and Program Development Manager for the division in Oregon Housing and Community Development (OCHS) that includes all state homeless, food, energy, weatherization and community services programs (CRD). Congratulations to Melissa!
- We made an offer to Jennifer Sykes for the Public Policy and Public Administration position and she accepted. Most likely she'll be joining the Sociology Program next fall.
- The school is currently in the process of making offers for three positions: Law and Crime, Advanced Quantitative Methods, Quantitative Policy Analysis. The following is a list of the committees that are a part of this process:

Law and Crime Search Committee

Economics: Shawna Grosskopf, Carol Tremblay

Political Science: Rorie Solberg, Andrew Valls

Sociology: Scott Akins, Michelle Inderbitzen (Scott is the Chair of this committee)

Advanced Quantitative Methods and Quantitative Policy Analysis Search Committee

Economics: Rolf Fare, Carol Tremblay (Rolf is the Chair of this committee)

Political Science: David Bernell, Sarah Henderson

Sociology: Scott Akins, Sally Gallagher

*Denise and Brent both serve on all the committees. By the end of next week, the process should be complete.

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Sociology

- **Brett Burkhardt** will be here Monday and Tuesday. Brett's discipline is Sociology; interviewing for the Law & Crime position. Brett's seminar will be at 4:00 pm in Owen 106.

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- **February** is the Annual Food Drive. This is a great opportunity for the School of Public Policy to join forces and work together for a worthy cause. Please be thinking of what you might be able to do in the way of cash donations; payroll deduction is a possibility. I'm also scheming for an all out blitz on Friday, February 25. More details as soon as Laura has room in her brain to be creative! I'd like your input, so watch for yet another Doodle Poll.

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- On Wednesday February 16, 2011, Dr. William Lunch will be celebrating his birthday. Happy birthday Bill!

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- **Alison Johnston** accepted our offer and will be joining us in the fall. Congratulations to everyone who put in the extra work on convincing Alison this was the right place for her.

Sociology

- **The Law and Crime Search Committee** sent a list of strengths and weaknesses for the two final candidates, Murat Mungan and Brett Burkhardt, to the School Advisory Committee. After lengthy discussion, the Advisory Committee decided to advance an offer to Brett Burkhardt as he seems to be a better fit at this time with the needs of the Law and Crime option in the MPP. If he declines, we'll make an offer to Murat Mungan as he seems a great investment who will be able to contribute to the Law and Crime option with some additional work.

General

- **Save the Date:** School of Public Policy Faculty Meeting
We're planning the School all-faculty meeting for Friday, March 11, 2011 at 3:00. At that point we hope to have all the hiring in place (including the Economics Instructor) so we'll need to talk some about mentoring (and space). The Advisory Committee will also be announcing a mini-grant competition for SPP faculty. And, we'll have time to check in to see what's working, what's not. Let Denise know if there are additional items you'd like on the agenda.

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- **Steve Ortiz** – 02/26/2011
- **Shawna Grosskopf** – 02/27/11

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Economics

- **Todd Pugatch** will be here Tuesday and Wednesday. Todd's discipline is Economics; he is interviewing for the Advanced Quantitative Methods position.

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- **Monday** is the last day of the Annual Linn Benton Food Share fund raiser. Please drop your contributions off at your program's office by the end of Monday.

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