From June 29 - July 1, 2014, the Public Management Research Conference will take place in Seoul. The conference will be hosted by the Graduate School of Public Administration (GSPA) at Seoul National University (SNU) and is sponsored by PMRA/IRSPM/KAPS.

The conference is the third collaborative venture between the Public Management Research Association and the International Research Society for Public Management - the first being the research conference held at the University of Hong Kong in 2010 and the second held at Fudan University in Shanghai, China in 2012.

The conference will be hosted by the Graduate School of Public Administration (GSPA) at Seoul National University (SNU). SNU was founded in 1946 as the first national university in Korea. Now it has sixteen Colleges, one Graduate School, and six Professional Schools, with 5,730 full-time faculty members, 16,623 undergraduate students, and 11,355 graduate students.

The Korean Association for Policy Studies (KAPS), established in 1992, is one of the largest and most prominent professional associations in the field of public policy in Korea. Its 5,000 plus members include scholars, practitioners, institutions and students. With such a diverse membership in both academy and profession, KAPS has played an essential role for meeting a wider range of intellectual needs in society as well as facilitating professional interactions through linking theory with practice in public policy.

Research and studies conducted by KAPS provides the members with valuable policy-related information (e.g., analysis, evaluation etc.), thus, increasing a better understanding of various policy issues in Korea and ultimately suggesting more desirable policy directions.

In addition, one of the major activities of KAPS is to provide substantive knowledge about contemporary or emerging policy problems to poten-
Comings & Goings
Positions and Appointments

Alasdair Roberts has been reappointed to a second term as a public member of the Administrative Conference of the United States.

Cullen C. Merritt, doctoral candidate at the University of Kansas, accepted a position as an assistant professor at the School of Public and Environmental Affairs (SPEA) at Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis.


Samuel Workman recently joined the Department of Political Science, University of Oklahoma. He was previously at The University of Texas and received his Ph.D. from the University of Washington.

Richard Feiock, the Jerry Collins Eminent Scholar in the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy at Florida State University has been named Managing Editor of Public Administration Review.

tial users like government officials. It also supports forums or small study groups on developing policy-related human resources. KAPS publishes the Korean Policy Studies Review (in Korean), one of the premier journals in the field, quarterly, and the International Journal of Policy Studies (in English) biannually. It also publishes both on-line and off-line newsletters and holds four conferences per year with one conference being an international one.

To register and for more information go to: http://pmrc.snu.ac.kr.

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Call for proposals to Host the 14th Biennial Meeting of PMRA

The 14th Biennial Meeting of the Public Management Research Association (PMRC 2017) will take place in the late spring or summer of 2017. The Site Selection Committee issued the call for proposals from institutions to host.

Key issues for the PMRA and its selection committee in recent years have included the conference location (university campus vs. other) and the size of the meeting that the host can accommodate. It is recommended that potential hosts consult with conference hosting facilities on their campus before submitting bids.

In June 2013 in Madison, Wisconsin, 373 people attended the conference (up from approximately 300 attendees at the 2011 PMRC), and there were 12 concurrent conference sessions with up to 7 panels each. The La Follette School also hosted a pre-conference workshop at the 2013 PMRC. The Site Selection Committee encourages potential hosts to consider offering opportunities for pre-conference workshops and small group discussion outside of the regular panel sessions.

Having shifted to a conference time that is outside the academic calendar for many PMRA members, the proposals do not have to be confined to Thursday-Saturday dates. For example, a Wednesday-Friday conference would be equally viable.

Potential hosts are encouraged to consider the costs associated with international travel when deciding on dates, so as to support the trend toward increasing international participation in the PMRC.

Potential hosts are requested to complete the application, addressing the criteria laid out in the Annex, and submit an electronic version of the application by June 1, 2014 to the Site Selection Committee chair (see below). Upon site selection, the 14th conference will be known as the [Name of University] Public Management Research Conference of the PMRA.

The Annex contains further details including the criteria by which decisions will be made and can be found at http://www.pmranet.org/docs/PMRA_site_selection_RFP2017_1-25-14.pdf. Applicants to host the PMRC are welcome to contact selection committee members with questions concerning the application process or conference details.

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James H. Svara is now a Visiting Professor at the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Government, where he will contribute to the program’s scholarly research and MPA teaching.

Trevor Brown was appointed Director of the John Glenn School of Public Affairs at The Ohio State University, effective March 1, 2014.

Yu-Che Chen joined the faculty as Associate Professor of Digital Governance with the University of Nebraska at Omaha School of Public Administration.

The Research Center for Leadership in Action, at NYU Wagner has appointed Erica Gabrielle Foldy as Co-Director with Sonia Ospina. RCLA builds knowledge and capacity for leadership that makes democracy work - through research, evaluation and leadership development and peer learning programs.

David Suarez joined the Evans School of Public Affairs at the University of Washington as Associate Professor beginning fall 2013.

Jiahuan Lu, doctoral candidate at the University of Maryland, accepted a position as an assistant professor in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration at Mississippi State University. He will begin his new position in fall 2014.
Comings and Goings: A Continuation

Positions and Appointments

Jim Perry, Editor-in-Chief of Public Administration Review and Distinguished Professor Emeritus at Indiana University, Bloomington, has accepted a part-time appointment as Visiting Distinguished Scholar at Hong Kong University (HKU). Jim will spend four months at HKU each year, working to support a new policy research initiative and MPP degree at HKU. He welcomes contacts from colleagues who will be traveling through the territory.

Annette M. Kim (PhD in City and Regional Planning, UC Berkeley) joined the University of Southern California (USC) Sol Price School of Public Policy as Associate Professor, with expertise in housing and land use, Asian urbanization, and critical cartography. She will also direct the Price School’s Spatial Analysis Laboratory. She previously served as Associate Professor at MIT’s Department of Urban Studies and Planning, and is currently a Visiting Scholar at Peking University, Beijing, China.

Emma Aguila (PhD in Economics, University College London) also joined USC Price in January 2014, specializing in the economics of aging, labor economics, program evaluation, development economics, and applied econometrics. She previously served as Senior Economist and Director of the Center for Latin American Social Policy at the Rand Corp.

The School of Public Affairs at American University welcomes two new faculty members to the Department of Public Administration & Policy. Vicky Wilkins joins the school as Professor of Public Administration & Policy and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. Dr. Wilkins is a public management scholar with interests in representation, race, and gender who is currently a faculty member in the Department of Public Administration & Policy at the University of Georgia. Erdal Tekin joins the school as Professor of Public Administration & Policy. Dr. Tekin is a policy economist with interests in health and demographic economics who is currently a faculty member in the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University. Dr. Tekin is also a research associate with the National Bureau of Economic Research and a research fellow with the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA).

Books, Distinctions, and Awards


Naim Kapucu (University of Central Florida) and K. Tom Liou (University of Central Florida) published their book, Disaster and Development: Examining Global Issues and Cases (Springer Publications) in April 2014.

Meghna Sabharwal (University of Texas at Dallas) and N. Joseph Cayer (Arizona State University) published the fifth edition of their book Public Personnel Administration (Birkdale Publishers) in March 2013.

Several books by USC Price faculty were published recently. Among them:


Professor Martin Krieger, published The Scholar’s Survival Manual: A Road Map for Students, Faculty, and Administrators (Univ. of Indiana Press); and Adjunct Professor Erroll Southers, Homegrown Violent Extremism (Elsevier).

Janet Denhardt, Chester A. Newland Professor of Public Administration, and Robert Denhardt,

Len Lira, doctoral candidate at the University of Kansas received the first annual dissertation award from the ASPA Section on Personnel Administration and Labor Relations (SPALR).

Jiahuan Lu, doctoral candidate at the University of Maryland, has been selected to receive a 2013 Emerging Scholar Award from NASPAA. His primary areas of interest are public and nonprofit management, with a focus on government contracting, nonprofit-government relationships, and performance management.

USC Price School Professors Raphael Bostic and James Ferris were inducted as Fellows to the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) in November 2013. Bostic and Ferris help comprise a group of 15 Price-affiliated NAPA members.

USC Price School’s METRANS Transportation Center was awarded two grants, totally approximately $4 million, for research to improve urban transportation and facilitate the movement of freight more efficiently and sustainably. The awards bring METRANS’s grant total to more than $10 million this past year, including an earlier $3.7 million grant from Sweden’s Volvo Research and Educational Foundation.

USC Price’s National Center for Risk and Economic Analysis of Terrorism Events (CREATE) was awarded $550,000 by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to evaluate algorithms for detecting radiological and nuclear materials. Combined with four other federal grants, CREATE was awarded over $1.5 million in 2013.

USC Price’s Sol Price Center for Social Innovation has been selected as a partner institution with the federal government’s ‘Promise Zone’ program in Los Angeles -- a new initiative aimed at reducing poverty, and promoting economic and educational advancement. As an academic partner for the initiative, the Sol Price Center will help evaluate the effectiveness of spending in the L.A. Promise Zone.

Keith G. Provan, The McClelland Professor of Management died on February 16, 2014 after a protracted struggle with brain cancer.

Keith had a long and highly productive career. He has been on the faculty at the University of Arizona since 1995 after serving on the faculties of the Rochester Institute of Technology, Vanderbilt University, and the University of Kentucky. He held appointments in the Department of Management & Organizations in the Eller College of Management, in the School of Government and Public Policy and the Zuckerman College of Public Health. Since 2007 he has also been a Senior Research Fellow at Tilburg University, the Netherlands.

Keith was a gifted and dedicated organizational theorist and public management scholar. His research focused on inter-organizational and network relationships, including network structure, evolution, governance, and effectiveness, especially in the domain of health, mental health, and human services. He published over 70 academic journal articles and scholarly book chapters over his career both in management journals such as Administrative Science Quarterly, Academy of Management Journal, Academy of Management Review, Journal of Management, and Journal of Management Studies, and in
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Keith was a charter member (one of only 33 scholars) of the Academy of Management Journal’s Hall of Fame. Last September he was elected as a fellow of the prestigious National Academy of Public Administration.

Keith was active in the Academy of Management, where he was a prior officer in both the Health Care Management and Public and Non-profit Sector divisions. He was active in the European Group for Organization Studies and the Public Management Research Association.

He served on the editorial boards of several major journals in management, public management and health care. And most recently he was the Co-editor of the Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory, and an Associate Editor of the Academy of Management Journal.
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