Class Notes

Graduating senior and Public Management Fellow Angela Choi (pictured left) co-authored one of seven policy papers accepted by the Roosevelt Institute for its annual Ten Ideas report. Her paper proposed innovative approaches to increase and retain primary-care physicians in New York. Another PMF senior, Weeks Mensah (right), won two awards in the Zahn Social Innovation Challenge for his proposed entrepreneur incubator for New York City students.

New PSM graduates lined up some impressive appointments. Ariel Quinones translated his summer internship into a position as Program Manager for the West Harlem Development Corporation. Preeya Saikia heads to Washington, DC to assume the role of program assistant in the Executive Office of the President, Office of Management and Budget. Mariya Komartsova won a critical language scholarship from the US Department of State to study Arabic in Morocco.

Wataru Nakai (PSM) recently earned appointment as Program Administrator for the Housing Trust Fund Corporation. Yesica Oviedo (PSM) won a slot as a Benefits Administrator with the US Social Security Administration.

News we can share?
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IMMIGRATION STUDY
FEATURED AT CONFERENCE

In May, Professor Adriana Espinosa presented her work on changing attitudes towards immigration at the annual conference of the American Association for Public Opinion Research, held in Anaheim, CA.

Espinosa’s work, prepared in collaboration with Psychology Professor Glen Milstein, shows that, although acceptance for all immigrant groups has increased in recent decades, acceptance for immigration among Hispanic respondents has followed a different trajectory than for other groups.

CAREER WEBSITE LAUNCH

Watch your mail for the launch of the new career website at PSMlink.org. The site will offer job and internship listings, links to job search engines, and employment statistics.

You can help! Keep us on top of jobs and internships at your organizations!

STUDENTS WIN PRIZE AT GRADUATE SYMPOSIUM

PSM students Patrick Herring and Evan Mastronardi, pictured right, took third prize in CCNY’s first graduate research symposium on April 24th in the great hall. Their work focused on residency requirements for New York City police and how requirements compare to those in other cities. The graduate symposium was organized by PSM graduating student Chukwudi Onike and featured almost 40 projects from students in programs across the CCNY campus.
How You Can Help: SPONSOR A CAPSTONE PROJECT NEXT SPRING

Does your organization need some help? Why not enlist the support of a team of PSM capstone students?

Projects from last semester illustrate the range of possibilities. A team working for the Government Accountability Office collected data on census practices in 40 countries. The World Bank used students to help develop proposals for capacity building in war torn nations.

Black Agency Executives sponsored a project to expand membership.

Community Action for Social Justice Inc., run by former PSM student Sandy Guillaume, worked with PSM students on a management plan for her organization.

Citizen’s Union of the City of New York employed the help of a capstone team to build a database on the subject of non citizen voting.

If you would like to sponsor a project, please contact Adriana, Natalia or Mark at:

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STUDENT AMBASSADORS HEAD FOR INTERNSHIPS

The PSM internship program not only provides students with solid real-world experience, it also helps showcase our great program and talented students.

This summer, students are heading to a variety of assignments in Washington, DC and New York City. Ndeye Diop and Erika Guadalupe will spend the summer in Washington at the National Disability Rights Network. Patrick Herring will intern with the DC office of US Congresswoman Carolyn McCarthy. Hector Velez will take up a post at the US Office of Personnel Management.

Locally, Annalyn Lazarus will be interning with the Salvation Army, Keishorne Dennie in the Comptroller’s Office, Bureau of Assets Management. Wai Ping Kan will serve with the YMCA of Greater New York. Evan Mastronardi will be working for the Colin Powell Dean’s Office and the PSM program. Keiko Sometani will be at City Year of New York. Finally, Quichen Zhang will spend the summer with the Asian American Research Institute.

PSM STUDENTS MEET WITH GENERAL POWELL

PSM students had a private meeting with General Powell who was on campus for a May 21st meeting of the Board of Visitors. “He has a great sense of humor and was genuinely interested in the well being of students,” said PSM continuing student Evan Mastronardi (right). Mastronardi’s report on Powell School finances was one item on the Board’s agenda. “His deep commitment to City College is very evident,” said Mariya Kormatsova (left). Angela Choi (center), a member of the affiliated Weston Scholars program was also at the meeting.
PSM Graduation 2014: Congratulations Graduates!

PSM awarded 15 degrees on May 30th during CCNY’s 168th commencement exercise. President Lisa Coico urged graduates “to stay connected to your alma mater.”

Commencement concluded a week of celebration for graduates. On May 29th, students participated in smaller graduation ceremonies sponsored by the Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership. This year’s students are among the first to graduate from the new Colin Powell School.

A few days earlier, the PSM program hosted a reception honoring graduates. Dean Vince Boudreau told students that PSM is a boutique program with an outstanding record of success. “Our mission now is to grow the program and make it a leader in public management education,” said the Dean.

At the reception, which was held in the North Academic Center’s Amsterdam Room, six students were honored for outstanding achievement (see below). PSM director Mark Musell told honorees “Our record of success would not be possible without the credit and recognition your outstanding work brought to the program.”

Romulo Armas Monje
Muhammad Arshad, honored for outstanding achievement
Krystina Buckley
Hina Chaudhry
Yenory Garcia
Ramon Jimenez

Mariya Komartsova, honored for outstanding achievement
Frank Lorenzo
Kimra Matthias

Chukwudi Onike, honored for outstanding achievement
Christina Prince

Ariel Quinones, honored for outstanding achievement
Preeya Saikia, honored for outstanding achievement
Sajeda Sukta
James Suggett, honored for outstanding achievement