



### A WELCOME FROM THE DEANS

Welcome to the first issue of *News and Notes*, the faculty and staff newsletter of the School of Social Science, Urban Affairs, and Public Policy. This newsletter is just one way by which we intend to keep you informed of the events, news, and other information about the programs and people within the School. It complements our website, [www.policyschool.neu.edu](http://www.policyschool.neu.edu), which we update regularly and urge you to visit often. In fact, we encourage you to make the School website your homepage, and to suggest additions and changes to it as we proceed. We also invite submissions about events, student and faculty achievements, and any other news or information you want to share with your colleagues and the broader community.

Our first seven months have been busy ones, in part because the birth of the School coincided with the arrival of Joseph Aoun as president of Northeastern. The President's prompt restructuring of the

University's fundraising operations intersected with and shaped our own development planning, which to date has taken up an enormous amount of time and energy. The foundation for this effort is now in place, and even greater challenges and opportunities lay ahead. We welcome your ideas on potential development opportunities as we move forward.

We are also laying the ground work on several fronts for initiatives designed to benefit the constituent units within the School. Among them is a joint marketing campaign for our various applied or professional masters programs, a new "Social Science Research Workshop" to provide an additional platform for faculty to discuss their work, a plan to provide additional training in statistics and



methodology at the graduate level, and a new graduate certificate in urban studies designed to attract additional students to our graduate programs.

Perhaps most important in the long run is our new ability to represent the social sciences at the College and University levels, giving a collective identity to our disciplines for the first time in Northeastern's history. Our institutional presence alone is a step in the right direction.

Sincerely,  
Barry & Chris

### NEW INITIATIVES: GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN URBAN STUDIES

While not yet official – final University approval should come this Spring – we expect the new Graduate Certificate in Urban Studies to offer additional value to our existing graduate programs. This 5-course certificate, counting for 16-18 SH depending on

the mix of courses, will be made available only to students admitted into a participating graduate program. Students will complete four graduate courses or seminars from a list of designated offerings plus a 3 SH Urban Capstone project (to be

created). Updated information on the Certificate will be made available on the School website. Questions on the program can be directed to Chris Bosso at [c.bosso@neu.edu](mailto:c.bosso@neu.edu).

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- *Journalists in Schools* aims to engage public school students
- Professor Awusabo-Asare visits from University of Cape Coast, Ghana
- Development team continues momentum on fundraising efforts

## NEW INITIATIVES: JOURNALISTS IN SCHOOLS

The School's unique partnership with the NU School of Journalism has already born fruit in the form of a unique opportunity to serve Boston's public schools. *Journalists in Schools* aims to help better engage BPS students in their school's community and inspire them to studies beyond high school through creating school news-

papers in 12 high schools across Boston over five years. The project will place young adults who have been accepted into graduate school in a year-long community service position within the public schools during their "gap year". They will serve as mentors and assist the project in a capacity similar to their desired field of study —

whether it is journalism, education, sociology, political science or business — while offering mentorship, knowledge about college, and inspiration to use learning for broader social good to the public school students. More information on the project will be published on the School's website soon.

## MEET NEW FACULTY

### Denise Garcia

*Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Affairs*

Garcia (Ph.D., University of Geneva) focuses on international security, conflict and negotiation, and the international arms trade. Prior to coming to Northeastern, she was a researcher with the Intrastate Conflict and International Security Programs at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. Her new book, *Small Arms & Security: New Emerging International Norms* (Routledge, 2006) examines how new international norms develop to deal with illicit arms trafficking worldwide.

### Denise Horn

*Assistant Professor of International Affairs*

Horn (Ph.D. Rutgers) specializes in the effects of US foreign funding in the development of civil society in transitional states, particularly in the areas of women's issues and women's NGOs. Prior to coming to NU she served as the Associate Director of the Center for Global Security and Democracy at Rutgers University and was involved in the development of the Civic Engagement Program (CEPO) at the State University of Moldova in Chisinau. Currently she is looking at the impact of foreign aid funding on the politics of new accession states and their relationship with the EU.

### Heather Hindman

*Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology*

Hindman (Ph.D. University of Chicago) previously taught at the University of Chicago, Denison University and Centre College. Trained as an interdisciplinary scholar, she uses theories and methods from post colonial studies, globalization and science, technology and studies (STS) to illuminate issues of power, gender and history at the middle level of global actors. Focusing on Nepal as a nexus of historical and political novelty, her forthcoming book considers the influence of everyday life interactions of diplomats, development workers and their local staff upon the implementation of policy.

### Upcoming Event:

*An exhibition of the artistic works of Dr. Robin M. Chandler, Department of African-American Studies, will run from March 12 - April 30 in the John D. O'Bryant African American Institute. Visit [www.policyschool.neu.edu](http://www.policyschool.neu.edu) for more information.*



Denise Garcia



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## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

**Tara Doran, Sociology '07**, won the 2006 Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) Social Action Award, along with two other undergraduates, for her essay, "Studying Hate Crimes and Fighting for Justice." She then presented her project while participating in a panel at the SWS Annual Meeting at the University of New Orleans in February.

**Byron Hurt, Journalism '93**, (the School of Journalism works closely in partnership with our School) was profiled in a December 24 *New York Times* article about his documentary, "Hip Hop: Beyond Beats and Rhymes," which recently premiered on PBS. In the film, Hurt questions the violence, degradation of women and homophobia in much of the rap music of which he has always been a fan.

**Christina Mulka, Political Science '07**, was recently offered a full-time position as Illinois Press Secretary for U.S. Senator Richard Durbin. Christina began her responsibilities in early March. She was previously a co-op student for the Senator. Christina is a native of Lisle, IL, and while at Northeastern she was an honors student and rowed on the varsity women's crew team.

### Upcoming Event:

*Social Science Research Workshops in the months of March and April include presentations by Maria Luengo-Prado (ECN) and Clay McShane (HST). Visit [www.policyschool.neu.edu](http://www.policyschool.neu.edu) for more information.*

## WHAT SSUAPP: VISIT FROM PROFESSOR AWUSABO-ASARE

On January 25, Professor Kofi Awusabo-Asare, Dean of Social Sciences Faculty, University of Cape Coast, Ghana, visited Northeastern University as a guest of the Department of African-American Studies to give a talk, "The Myths and Realities of the HIV/AIDS Pandemic In Africa". Awusabo-Asare's research addresses the social dimensions of HIV/AIDS in Ghana and other African nations. The following excerpt is

from an interview that Joe Christo, managing editor of the School's website, conducted with Awusabo-Asare. The full interview is available at [www.policyschool.neu.edu](http://www.policyschool.neu.edu).

**Christo:** *In certain African countries, has there been a reluctance to admit that [HIV/AIDS] is a problem?*

**Awusabo-Asare:** At the national level, for some countries, there is a lack of political will to accept that

they have a problem. And then for some countries, they have the political will, but they are also concerned about the implications for the tourism industry...At the individual level, or household level, there is this whole issue of stigma and discrimination...That is why some of us came in and began to look at the social dimensions.

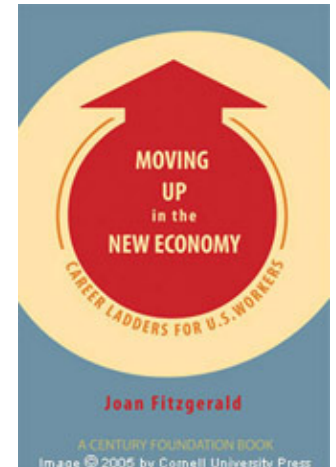


## WHAT SSUAPP: NEW PUBLICATIONS

*Congratulations to the social science faculty whose 2006 publications were featured at the University's Major Works reception on February 27, 2007.*

- **Shahid Alam (ECN)**, *Challenging the New Orientalism: Dissenting Essays on the "War Against Islam."* (Islamic Publications International).
- **Winifred Breines (SOC/ANT)**, *The Trouble Between Us: An Uneasy History of White and Black Women in the Feminist Movement* (Oxford University Press).
- **William Crotty (POL)**, with Richard Katz, *Handbook of Party Politics* (Sage Publications).
- **Kamran Dadkhah (ECN)**, *Foundations of Mathematical and Computation Economics* (Thomson South-Western).
- **Joan Fitzgerald (LPS)**, *Moving Up in the New Economy: Career Ladders for U.S. Workers* (Cornell University Press).
- **William Fowler (HST)**, *Empires at War: The French and Indian War and the Struggle for North America* (Walker Books).

- **Samantha Friedman (SOC/ANT)**, with Emily Rosenbaum, *The Housing Divide* (New York University Press).
- **Denise Garcia (POL)**, *Small Arms & Security: New Emerging International Norms* (Routledge).
- **Wilfred E. Holton (SOC/ANT)**, with William A. Newman, *Boston's Back Bay: The Story of America's Greatest Nineteenth-Century Landfill Project* (Northeastern University Press).
- **Alan M. Klein (SOC/ANT)**, *Growing The Game: The Globalization of Major League Baseball* (Yale University Press).
- **Jack Levin (SOC/ANT)**, *Domestic Terrorism* (Chelsea House). \* *And three other 2006 Major Works.*
- **Kwamina Panford (AFR)**, with Kwadwo Konadu-Agyemang, *Africa's Development in the Twenty-first Century: Pertinent Socio-Economic and Development Issues* (Ashgate).
- **Kathrin Zippel (SOC/ANT)**, *The Politics of Sexual Harassment: A Comparative Study of the United States, the European Union, and Germany* (Cambridge University Press).



## WHAT SSUAPP: CLMS IN THE PRESS

It's not anything new for the School's Center for Labor Market Studies (CLMS) to be releasing influential and insightful reports. However, the amount of attention that CLMS has been receiving lately on a regional and national scale is unprecedented.

At the 63rd Anniversary Dinner for the United Negro College Fund on March 9, former President William J.

Clinton gave a speech in which he mentioned the CLMS report *The Educational Attainment of the Nation's Young Black Men and Their Recent Labor Market Experiences*. The report had been extensively referenced in Bob Herbert's syndicated *New York Times* column on March 5 titled "Education, Education, Education." Other media outlets that have cited

CLMS reports and events in recent months include *The Christian Science Monitor*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Providence Journal*, and Manchester, New Hampshire's *Union Leader*.

Information on how to obtain copies of the most recent CLMS reports, and more details on press coverage of their work, can be found at [www.policyschool.neu.edu](http://www.policyschool.neu.edu).

### School Fact:

*Did you know that the School has over 150 faculty, researchers, and staff? Or that it teaches over 1,600 undergrad majors and over 330 graduate students?*

**DEVELOPMENT UPDATE** *By John Sarvey, Development Officer*

Over the past few months we have been laying the foundation to support a fundraising effort to secure over \$100 million for the new School. These initial tasks include developing and refining the case for supporting the new School, building a board of champions to help engage others, crafting a development plan, and developing a list of major prospective donors.

A small team of us including Barry, Chris, Joe Christo, and Heather Seligman have worked on revising earlier drafts of the prospectus for the new School. We recently finished our revisions and turned the content over to a team from Marketing and Communications, who have delivered a professionally-designed brochure.

This brochure and other support materials will serve as our main development tools as we visit with prospective donors.

We have begun to build an incredibly connected and committed board of champions to help raise funds for the new School. Most of them come from relationships that Barry has cultivated over the past several years, particularly through his work on affordable housing, economic development, and other policy initiatives. We are excited to share that Robert Beal, one of the most successful and philanthropic developers and civic leaders in Boston, has committed to chairing the board. Other individuals already committed to serving include Barry and Eleanor

White, Gloria Larson, Nick Littlefield, Paul Grogan, and Thalia Schlesinger. In addition to these early champions, we have over 50 additional individuals that we hope to secure for the board. Some of these individuals have the capacity to personally contribute multi-million dollar gifts while others will help introduce us to more individuals with that capacity.

Barry and I have developed and continue to refine a development plan with specific goals for various components of the new School. We are primarily using the development plan internally and with our board of champions to guide our efforts.

While most of our major prospective donors will come from our champions and their relationships, I

am also researching corporations and foundations as well as combing through our lists of Northeastern alumni to identify additional prospective donors. We are particularly looking for those alumni who have substantial financial capacity but may have been overlooked in the past.

I am also available to meet with departments and centers to discuss development needs and strategies in your particular areas. Along with my other development colleagues in Arts and Sciences, we can also work with you on strategies for engaging alumni or promoting events.

If you have any leads, ideas, or questions about development efforts please contact me at [j.sarvey@neu.edu](mailto:j.sarvey@neu.edu) or x4049.

**MEET THE STAFF**

**Heather Seligman** is the Associate Director for Administration and Finance at CURP, managing finances, projects, and staff. She serves in a similar capacity for the School, especially through facilitating fundraising. Heather has a BA in art history from Hobart and William Smith Colleges, and is currently pursuing an MBA at Northeastern University.



John Sarvey

**Joe Christo** is the Managing Editor at CURP and serves in that same role for the School, managing all aspects of the website and coordinating other communications materials, including this newsletter. Joe is a recent graduate of Northeastern University, where he majored in journalism and minored in political science.

**John Sarvey** is a Development Officer for the College of Arts and Sciences, with primary responsibility for the School. He came to Northeastern after twelve years with City Year, where his roles included vice president of service and civic leadership. John designed his own major at UCLA in organizational studies and served as the elected student body president representing 23,000 undergraduates. Upon graduation he participated in the Coro Fellowship in Public Affairs.

**Judy Pearring** serves as CURP's Office Manager, and also helps with research and the administrative functions of the School. She serves in a part-time capacity while she continues her sophomore year at Northeastern University, pursuing a degree in psychology, with a minor in modern languages - Spanish.



Heather Seligman



Joe Christo



Judy Pearring