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MPA Students from China Discover America

By Martha Griffith, Coordinator, MPA Program

The department's MPA program is hosting a cohort of 24 students from the city of Hangzhou in the People's Republic of China. These 24 students are city officials and represent a wide variety of offices and departments in the Hangzhou city government, including the Hangzhou Economic Commission, the Tourist Administration Bureau of the Yuhang District, the Foreign Affairs Office, the Development and Planning Commission, and the Hangzhou West Lake Exposition.

Hangzhou is the capital of Zhejiang Province on the southeast coast of China and is just southwest of Shanghai. This area is famous for its historical and cultural heritage and is a favorite vacation site for the Chinese as well as foreign tourists. The enrollment of these students at Kennesaw State represents an investment by the city of Hangzhou in support of its rapid economic growth, increasing foreign trade, and its rapid social changes.

In 1978, China adopted a reform and open door policy which has prompted economic growth. Along with this growth, a series of administration reforms have resulted in the central government giving the provinces and cities increased responsibility and authority in economic matters such as urban management, local economic development, local capital project investment, foreign trade, education, taxation, banking, commerce, and raw material and resource management.

While China has a long history of public administration, there were no academic programs parallel to the American Master of Public Administration until recently. In 2001 24 universities were permitted to offer MPA programs for a maximum of 100 students each. The demand has been tremendous. It is within this context that our MPA program was contacted in regard to the possible admission of a cohort of students from Hangzhou and these students were admitted. They will complete the MPA program in summer 2004.

Chinese MPA students
meet Governor Sonny
Perdue at the capitol.



STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS HAD A BIG YEAR

Pi Sigma Alpha

The national honor society for Political Science. This year's Pi Sigma Alpha President was **Reema Keen**.

Newly inducted members for the 2003-2004 academic year are:

Benedicta Lara Pitan
Latoya Simpson
John Tatum
Jessica Matthews
Kenyon Moore
Richard Tate
Stephen Hillman

Fred Akpaka Kalu
Melissa Lyons
Phillip Smith
Kristina Garcia-Bunel
Gloria Sandoval
Jenny Cotton
Brian Kilgore

Model UN

The KSU team won two awards at the Southern Regional Model UN competition in Atlanta last November, then won an Honorable Mention Award at the national competition in New York in April. Kennesaw State took 26 students to the Southern regional meet, representing the countries of Cuba, Egypt, Hungary, and Morocco. The Cuba team, led by **Marcela Guerrero**, and the Egypt team, led by **David Agnetti** and **Hannah Hip** both won awards. There were 40 schools represented at the competition, and only 10 schools, including KSU, took home multiple awards. The team captain is **Reema Keen**. The faculty advisors for the KSU team are **Stephen McKelvey** and **Linda Morrisson**.



Model Arab League

The KSU Model Arab League earned the top honor at the southeast regional competition in Spartanburg, S.C. in March. They were named Outstanding Delegation for their representation of The Republic of Sudan. Four KSU students were named Outstanding Delegates: **Khaled Kabbara, Eric Kennedy, Carolyn Moraniec, and Mehrnush Saadat**. Honorable Mention awards went to **Samir Hallab, Margarita Jones, and Imana Rucker**.

Then, in early April, the team competed at the national competition in Washington, D.C. and won the Honorable Mention delegation award. In seven committees, five KSU students won Outstanding Delegate awards: **Mehrnush Saadat, Khaled Kabbara, Imana Rucker, Carolyn Moraniec, and Margarita Jones**.

Other members of the team who contributed to KSU's wins this year are **Youcif Al-Megaryaf, Omar Ead, Emil Man, Joel Parker, and David Valente**.

The Model Arab League competitions are similar to national Model United Nations matches, but on a smaller scale. The event includes resolution formation and working with other Arab countries to come up with comprehensive plans to deal with a variety of different issues facing the real Arab nations today. Each country is responsible for six committees: Economic Unity, Environmental Affairs, Joint Defense, Ministers of the Interior, Palestinian Affairs, and Social Affairs.

The faculty advisor for the Model Arab League team is **Ms. Linda Morrisson**. For more information, you may contact her at mrs@mindspring.com.

Mehrnush Saadat contributed to this article.

KSU Mock Trial Team at Honors Day Festivities





Student Update

Stephen Butler (POLS, 00) is the campaign coordinator for Dylan Glenn, a Republican candidate for the 3rd Congressional district of Georgia.

Ingrid Garcia (IA 99) has left her position as coordinator of Hispanic Affairs at KSU's Admissions Office to pursue a Master's degree in Intercultural Communication at the University of Luton in England.

Michelle Armas (IA 02) is working at the American Council for International Studies where she manages study abroad trips.

Betheny Stich (MPA 02) is completing her Ph.D. at Virginia Tech. She recently co-authored an article on the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority with Ulf Zimmerman and Goktug Morcol.

Ashlee Stillman (IA 03) has been appointed to the Peace Corps as Health Educator for Post-Communist Europe. Ashlee was recognized this past year as the outstanding IA Senior.

Shamel Williams (MSCM 04) was named outstanding student of the year from the MSCM Cohort 3. Shamel has started an organization called "Achieve Peace" which focuses on teaching conflict management skills to inner city youth.

Nick Ayres (POLS 05) was the personal assistant to Governor-elect Sonny Perdue throughout the 2002 campaign. Nick traveled the state with Perdue, while taking a break from his studies, and is now on the staff of the Governor.

Derrick Dickey (POLS 04) was the Assistant Press Secretary for the Sonny Perdue for Governor campaign. Derrick is now the Deputy Communications Director for Governor Perdue.

Maggie Heim-Smith (POLS 99) is in her third year of law school at Georgia State University and is in the process of applying to the Georgia Bar.

Nicolie Myles (IA 02) is working as International Student Advisor at Georgia State University's International Student and Scholar Services. She is a finalist for a position with the Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Good luck Nicolie.

Joel May (POLS 03) is now a law student at the University of Tennessee Law School.

Kent Wickham (IA 99) graduated 2nd in his class from John Marshall Law School. He has opened his own law practice and was recently appointed judge pro tem of the Recorders Court of Norcross.

Nels Peterson (POLS 01) is graduating from Harvard University Law School this summer. While at Harvard Law, Nels served as VP of the Federalist Society and Editor of the Journal of Law and Public Policy. He was also a member of Harvard's award-winning Moot Court Competition. After graduating, he will clerk for Judge Pryor of the U.S. Court of Appeals, 11th Circuit, then start work with the Atlanta law firm of King & Spalding. Congratulations Nels.

Faculty Round-Up

Susan Raines had two journal articles published in 2003, one in *Global Environmental Politics* and the other in *International Studies Perspectives*. She also had three other articles accepted for publication, two by *Conflict Resolution Quarterly* and one by *Administration and Society*. In addition, she presented papers to the Georgia Coalition to End Homelessness in Savannah, and a conference on Peace Education in Jaipur, India.

Michele Zebich-Knos was awarded a KSU Incentive Grant for travel to Antarctica as part of an ongoing research project. She will travel to Antarctica in December 2004. Her project examines the role of the United States in Antarctica, how U.S. policy toward Antarctica develops, what legislation is enacted, and how it is implemented. She will also examine global interests in the region as well as potential future conflicts.

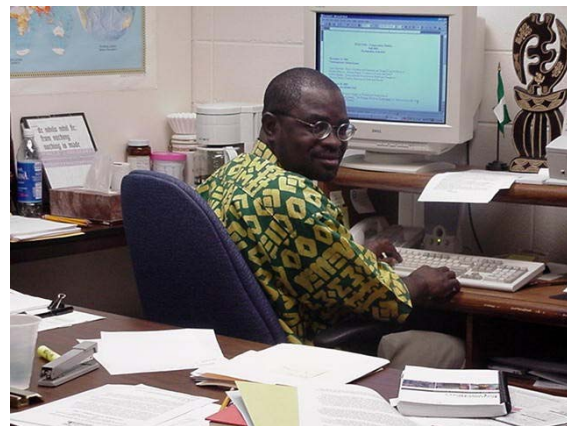
Barbara Neuby was nominated for *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* this year by one of her students. She presented a paper on disaster preparedness at the Carl Vinson Institute for Government at UGA, a paper on municipal finance at the Georgia Political Science Association, and a paper on Assessment at the Southern Political Science Association.

Ulf Zimmerman co-authored two articles on smart growth in Georgia, one included in a new book on *Suburban Sprawl*, and the other published in the journal *Politics & Policy*. He also presented papers on governance to the American Society for Public Administration, and to the Georgia Political Science Association.

Kerwin Swint is working on a new book called "Mud: The Top 25 Negative Political Campaigns of All Time." It will be published in 2005 by Praeger Publishers. Dr. Swint taught in London, England last summer in the Study Abroad Program. He has also served on the President's Task Force on Strategic Planning for KSU this year.



Dr. Elizabeth Gordon



Dr. Nurudeen Akinyemi



Dr. Barbara Neuby



Dr. Li and Dean Linda Noble



Professor Stephen McKelvey



Dr. Martha Griffith

New Faces



Dr. Tom Doleys

Tom Doleys joined the KSU faculty as an assistant professor of political science and international affairs in the fall of 2003. Prior to arriving at KSU, Dr. Doleys held teaching positions at Gettysburg College (PA) and the University of Missouri-Columbia. Dr. Doleys' educational background includes a B.A. in Political Science from Duke University, an M.A. in Foreign and International Affairs from the University of Virginia, and Ph.D. in Political Science from Vanderbilt University. While his interests are wide-ranging, Dr. Doleys' primary research and teaching are in the areas of international organizations (particularly the European Union), international political economy and European politics. His dissertation, completed in 2001, was entitled "Beyond Autonomy and Control: The European Commission, Member States and the Evolution of European Union Competition Policy." He has published articles in the *European Journal of Public Policy* and the *European Union Studies Association Review*.

William E. Baker is Assistant Professor and teaches primarily in the Master of Public Administration program. Bill joined the department in the Fall of 2003 and holds the Ph.D. degree from Auburn University. He has extensive experience in local government, working as Administrative Assistant to the Mayor and City Council Administrator of Birmingham, Alabama. He has also worked with a regional economic development agency in Birmingham. Prior to his appointment in the department he operated his own management consulting company for several years. His primary research interests include urban and regional politics, public utilities, institutional arrangements, policy evaluation and analysis, and race relations. His most recent publication, "Defining Quality of Life in Alabama: A Perceptual Community Based Definition for Local Leaders" appeared in Winter 2003 issue of the *International Journal of Public Administration*. His most recent presentations were at the Southeast Conference of Public Administration and the Georgia Political Science Association in Fall 2003. Bill is married to Gwen Walker Baker and they have three children. He is an avid baseball fan, having been an amateur coach for his kids for many years.



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