



Leadership Anchorage: Why it's Different?



By Glenna Shoening

I am a 2007 graduate of the MPA program (policy analysis emphasis). While taking classes in the program, I had the great fortune to meet some of Anchorage's leaders in civic entrepreneurship. One of the most poignant qualities these leaders shared was an almost innate sense of community involvement and the ability to connect with others. Inspired by these leaders, I too sought ways in which I could become more connected to the Anchorage community and put my newly earned degree to the test.

On my quest to become more connected, I came across a program called Leadership Anchorage (L.A.) offered by the Alaska Humanities Forum. The application deadline came in August; I interviewed in September and shortly thereafter was notified that I was accepted into year 12 of the L.A. program, which would run from September 2008-May 2009.

I thought I knew what to expect when I arrived at the overnight retreat with 20 other participants in September. I was not prepared for the wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm I would walk away with after only 2 days of meeting this diverse, phenomenal group of people. Participants are selected to intentionally represent a cross-section of Anchorage's diverse and culturally-rich population. What separates this program from other Leadership opportunities is:

- Commitment from participants to enhance our community from within;
- Development of and participation in a mentor/mentee relationship;
- Pertinent, timely readings in the humanities;
- Diverse team dynamic to tackle a group project for a local client;
- Deliverable results at the end of the program;
- Lifelong network of community resources acquired through completion of the program.

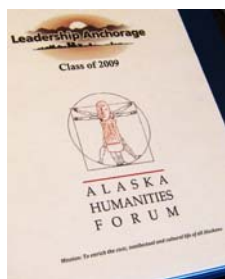
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http://www.akhf.org/programs/leadership/leadership_main.html

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Go Public! Go Web!

There are several new tools that the students of the MPA Program can use on our website.

One of them is a Google group that is open to everybody who either is a current student of the Program, or is planning to join the program. In this group students can discuss classes, work on assignments, trade books, and even share files.

Join us today in our MPA at UAA Google group!

Internet address: <http://groups.google.com/group/mpa-uaa>

Another great tool is our MPA List-serve. You can subscribe to our messages here: <http://lists.uaa.alaska.edu/mailman/listinfo/uaampa>, or just contact us and we will add your e-mail address to the MPA List-serve!



2009 SWPA Conference Scholarship Awards!

ASPAs Section for Women in Public Administration (SWPA) annually awards up to three \$500.00 scholarships to help defray the costs associated with attending the ASPA national conference.

SWPA Conference Scholarship applicants must be a full-time practitioner in public service, **or** a student enrolled in a Master's or Doctoral degree program in Public Administration/Public Policy/Public Affairs or a closely related field and must be a member of ASPA and SWPA. Recipients of the SWPA Scholarships will participate in the 2009 ASPA Conference, March 20-24, 2009 and will be honored at the SWPA National Awards Breakfast on Monday, March 23, at 7:30a.m. at the Hyatt Regency, Miami, Florida. Public service practitioners and MPA and Doctoral students with a keen interest in issues related to women, diversity, and/or gender are encouraged to apply!

To learn more about these SWPA Conference Scholarships and to access the application form, please visit the SWPA Web site at <http://www.aspaonline.org/swpa/>.

The nomination deadline for receiving completed Scholarship Applications is November 13, 2008!



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Spring 2009 MPA Classes

PADM 601 - Introduction to Public Administration



Greg Protasel, is Chair of the Department of Public Administration and for the last six years has served on the Anchorage Budget Advisory Commission. He is a past president of the University of Alaska Anchorage Faculty Senate and a member of the United Academics Representative Assembly. Dr. Protasel's areas of specialization are public management and financial administration.

This class is designed to give an overview of the MPA program as well as an overview of the field of public administration. The course explores the underpinnings and origins of public administration in the U.S. Core functions of public administration are studied such as human resources management, the budgetary process and program implementation. Management and leadership in public organizations are analyzed to help managers better understand their organizations.

PADM 671 - Building Community - Citizen Engagement & Public Administration

Sheila Selkregg, PhD brings 30 years of experience in community planning, public policy development, program management and evaluation to the course. Dr. Selkregg has served as Planning Director for Anchorage and had done extensive community planning throughout Alaska. She is currently serving as an assembly member for the Municipality of Anchorage.

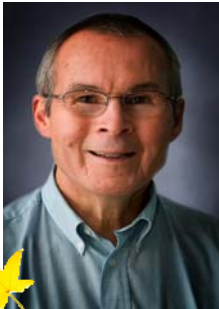


In this course you will learn tools and techniques that support increased community involvement; and how to hold effective public meetings. The class presents methodologies for organizing and recording public input; building public process, as well as skills for conflict resolution. The class offers valuable skills and insights to tribal, non-profit, and public organizations and leadership. It will discuss strategies to build consensus and to educate and engage the public.



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PADM 671 - Alaska Native Policy



Edgar Blatchford has extensive background in government and public policy and Alaska Native concerns. He served in the Alaska Governor's Cabinet for two Administrations, has been Mayor of Seward twice and has served on the board of directors of Chugach Alaska Corporation, including numerous terms as chairman.

Regional Native Corporation Issues and Concerns are the focus of this course. Beginning with an overview of ANSCA, the course will look at how the Corporations have evolved, issues they are confronting at present and concerns for the future. The course will examine policy regarding Alaska Natives born after December 1971 who are not shareholders; discuss what obligations, beyond those to their shareholders, the Corporations may have to Alaska Natives as a People; and address issues surrounding land ownership and resource development. The role Alaska Native heritage plays in determining qualifications for leading the Corporations into the future will also be examined.

PADM A604 - Research Methods in Administration

Dr. Sharman Haley conducts research at the Institute of Social and Economic Research. She has studied fisheries, petroleum, rural sanitation issues, and tax policy. Dr. Haley teaches the core MPA course in research methods.



This class focuses on making sure students have a sufficient grasp of the basic research skills for both quantitative and qualitative research. Additionally, the objective of the course is to increase students' skills in critical thinking (about their own analysis and research and research conducted by other students), observation and application of what they learn to problem solving.

PADM 610 - Organizational Theory and Behavior



Stephen Smith will teach PADM 610, *Organizational Theory and Behavior*, in Spring 2009. Currently he is the Deputy Chief of Administration in the Anchorage Police Department. He is a 2003 graduate of the UAA MPA program and 1998 graduate of the University of Louisville's Southern Police Institute, Administrative Officers Course.

The class focuses on showing managers how they can bring about change from the bottom to the top. It also helps them diagnose problems and act in new ways to resolve them within the organization.

Fall 2008 MPA Open House

Approximately 40 people attended Fall Open House of the Public Administration Program, held August 20, 2008 in the Rasmuson Hall of the University of Alaska, Anchorage. This was an opportunity for current and prospective students and faculty to meet and discuss what the MPA Program has to offer.

As Greg Protasel (the Chair of the PADM Department) said: "Our program is growing, and becoming more international. This year we have four international students and three more have applied for the Spring Semester".



Chancellor Ulmer discussing MPA Program with prospective student Ghada Littlewolf.



Important Dates and Deadlines

November 10: Spring 2009: Priority Registration Begins

November 17: Withdrawal Deadline Spring 2009: Open Registration Begins

November 20: Comprehensive Exam Meeting for MPA Students

December 18: Fall 2008: Grades Available on UAOnline

January 12: Spring 2009: Instruction Begins

Spring 2009: Senior Citizen Registration Begins

January 20: Spring 2009: 100% Tuition and Fees Refund Deadline for Full Semester-length Courses

Spring 2009: Last Day to Add/Drop Full Semester-length Courses Online

January 27: Spring 2009: 50% Tuition-only Refund Deadline for Full Semester-length Courses

Spring 2009: Add/Drop Deadline

Spring 2009 Graduate Student Continuous Registration Deadline

Spring 2009: Payment Deadline

January 28: Spring 2009: Withdrawal Period Begins Online

March 2: Summer 2009: Application for Graduation Deadline

March 9-13: Spring Break (No Classes)



Useful Links and Contact Information

MPA Program Online Tools

Enroll in Spring 2009 Semester Classes here: <http://uaonline.alaska.edu/>

Web Page: <http://www.cbpp.uaa.alaska.edu/pubadmin.asp>

Program Requirements: <http://www.cbpp.uaa.alaska.edu/mpaprogramrequirements.asp>

MPA at UAA Google Group: <http://groups.google.com/group/mpa-uaa>

MPA List-Serve: <http://lists.uaa.alaska.edu/mailman/listinfo/uaampa>

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