

This is your weekly summary of news from the SAPA Board:

Meetings

-- The SAPA Board would like to thank everyone who was able to make it to the SAPA meeting last Thursday! SAPA's next general meeting will be held on Thursday, April 19th 2012 in 187 Graham Hall at 5:45 PM. See everyone then!

Updates

-- Committees:

--- A Committee info session will be held Thursday, March 22nd at 6PM in Graham 187. Students who are interested in creating a committee please feel free to attend.

---- Students that are interested in joining a softball team/committee, please read the following info. For a 10 vs. 10 co-ed softball team: the league will be divided by skill level (white members are beginner players, gold members are intermediate players, and blue members are advanced players). There is a minimum of 7 students per team (for a team of women: minimum of 3 players) and a maximum of 20 students. Also, It costs \$25 per team to compete. The softball season runs from April 2nd 2012 to April 26th 2012. Each team will compete in one game per week. Registration begins on February 20th 2012 at 8AM, and ends on March 21st at 8PM. Members of a team need a school email address and a valid UD student ID number to signup and play. Please contact Natasha Nau at nnau@udel.edu for more details!

---- Any students who would like to publicize the creation of a committee in the weekly email please email us at SAPAssociation@gmail.com. Thanks!

-- Faculty meeting updates:

----A faculty meeting was held last Friday. We would like to welcome Nina David and Joe Trainor, who will begin as faculty members at SPPA in September. We would also like to thank all students who participated in the hiring process! Please pass any questions or concerns to Jeralynn (jemill@udel.edu) or Kathryn (klon@udel.edu) regarding the faculty meetings.

-- Graduate Student Senate Updates:

---- The 2nd Annual Grad Forum has a Call for Papers out now and the deadline for submissions is March 23rd. Please contact Jeralynn Miller at jemill@udel.edu for more details as she is organizing the event.

---- *****International Students***** There will be a Town Hall Meeting on March 20th from 7:00 PM to 8:30PM in 127 Memorial Hall to discuss the OISS fee increase that occurred and other relevant issues. All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

---- **Upcoming GSS events include happy hours and an end of the year picnic that is still in the planning stages. All graduate students are invited to join!**

----- March 21st event at Catherine Rooney's at 7:30pm.

----- April 12th event at Cafe Gelato at 7:30pm.

-- Anyone with questions or concerns regarding the 50th Anniversary events or the June 2nd Alumni Social and Fundraiser please contact Jeralynn Miller at jemill@udel.edu.

-- SAPA is in the process of revamping its social media outreach methods, in order to connect with SPPA students and alumni.

---- Please email SAPAssociation@gmail.com to be added to our new LinkedIn page, and

---- Check out our new Facebook Organization page by clicking on the following link: <http://www.facebook.com/pages/SAPA-at-University-of-Delaware/350141545006283>.

Events

-- **SAPA Bowling Night: Tonight, SAPA is hosting an all-you-can-bowl night from 10PM to Midnight! Come out and bring a friend to the Blue Hen Lanes in the Newark Shopping Center! You can still purchase your tickets from Diana Simmons today for \$7, or purchase them at the door for \$10 from Todd O'Boyle.**

-- **SAPA's charity donation drive: During the week of April 2nd, 2012 SAPA will be hosting a charity donation drive. There will be bins located around Graham Hall where students can place their gently used items. At the end of the week, all items will be donated to the Salvation Army. Please take a look at the attached donation drive flyer to see what types of items can be donated. This donation drive is a great way for students, faculty and staff to make a positive impact on the local community and get a head start on spring-cleaning!**

-- **On Thursday, March 22nd 2012 two info sessions will be held in Graham 187. All interested parties please feel free to attend:**

---- **At 5:30 PM an info session on the upcoming SAPA Officer elections will be held.**

---- **At 6PM a committee info session will be held. Students who are interested in creating a committee please feel free to attend.**

-- **Spring into March Madness: Calling all SAPA grads, undergrads, alumni, faculty and staff! Join the annual SAPA bracket pool! No cost to enter. The First Four start Tuesday, March 13th at 6PM, so be sure to get your brackets in by then. Contact Todd O'Boyle (ttoboye@udel.edu) right away for an invitation to join the UDEL SAPA bracket pool on NBCsports.com!**

-- **Join the folks from the Disaster Research Center (DRC) for Fika. Fika is a tradition from Sweden where everyone takes a break to enjoy tea or a light snack together and relaxed conversation. A number of DRC faculty and students have traveled to Sweden to work on research collaborations and they have brought this tradition back for us to enjoy as well. Fika is held weekly at 3:00 on Tuesdays in the Roundhouse. Please join us and bring coffee, tea, or a snack. If you would like to purchase something from the Roundhouse, please arrive early as it closes at 3:00. Hope to see you there!**

-- **In honor of the SPPA's 50th Anniversary, the School will be hosting a Distinguished Speaker Series. Below is the schedule for the Distinguished Speaker Series:**

---- **Tuesday, March 20th, at 6PM in Gore Recital, Roselle Building: Governor Jack Markell**

---- **Tuesday, April 3rd, at 5PM in Gore Recital, Roselle Building: U.S. Senator Chris Coons**

---- **Thursday, April 12th, at 5PM in 206 Kirkbride Hall: Chancellor Leo Strine**

---- **Tuesday, May 1st, at 5 p.m. Gore Recital, Roselle Building: U.S. Senator Tom Carper***

***A reception will follow Senator Carper's presentation.**

Opportunities

***We will be posting all opportunities on the SAPA bulletin board. PLEASE CHECK IT REGULARLY.**

-- **Doctoral students: Please visit the following link to see some available opportunities: http://www.apsanet.org/content_27997.cfm. Please note that the <http://www.apsanet.org/> website lists many opportunities for other graduate students in the public policy sector.**

-- **Resource Media's Seattle office is looking for a full-time program director to serve as a communications strategist (digital plus traditional communications) and consultant to the environmental and health campaigns and organizations Resource Media works with. The position offers a competitive salary and benefits. Please visit <http://resource-media.org/about/job-openings> for more information.**

-- The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is seeking to hire a Policy Intern. The intern will assist in the data collection, stakeholder interviewing, and analysis on CMAP's Manufacturing Cluster Drill Downs and Human Capital Information Portal (both are GO TO 2040 implementation projects). The intern will produce written products and data analysis for the drill down analyses and prepare and manipulate data for the HCIP. The intern will participate in the development, analysis, and writing of CMAP reports, and will liaise with many important stakeholders. The position will also provide valuable training in analysis, research, data collection and manipulation, data presentation, GIS, and interview skills, all furthering the intern's education and preparing them for a career in policy and planning. Please visit <http://www.planning.org/jobs/search/listing.htm?AdID=43520> for more information.

-- The American Planning Association (APA) seeks an individual with strong communication, research, and writing skills, a solid foundation of urban and regional planning knowledge, and a customer-service orientation for an internship with APA's research department. The principal duties of the position are responding to a wide variety of research requests from Planning Advisory Service (PAS) subscribers and performing research resulting in the enrichment of APA's best practices information holdings (www.planning.org/pas/). The intern may also assist with sponsored research projects on topics such as solar energy and drought mitigation. For these projects, the intern will assist staff with conducting research, writing reports, and developing educational and outreach activities. Please visit <http://www.planning.org/jobs/search/listing.htm?AdID=43476> for more information.

-- The New York City Department of City Planning is seeking talented undergraduate and graduate students with a focus on planning, urban design, technology or related fields for summer internships. Interns may work in the borough planning offices as well as in functional planning departments including Transportation, GIS/Internet Technology, Strategic Planning, Planning Coordination, Zoning and Urban Design, Land Use Review and Technical Review. Interns will work in a variety of capacities ranging from data collection to organizing written and graphic materials for presentations to the Community and the City Planning Commission. Please visit <http://www.planning.org/jobs/search/listing.htm?AdID=43420> for more information.

-- **Call for Scholarship / Award / Fellowship / Job / Internship information**
SAPA is placing a call for students who have previously been awarded scholarships, awards, and fellowships, or have participated in any other type of job or internship opportunity. It can be difficult tracking down information regarding outside opportunities, and so we ask that those students who have already taken advantage of such opportunities please pass along the information. Send an email to SAPAssociation@gmail.com with the name of the opportunity and the process for which others can apply. This information will then be disseminated to incoming students.

Thanks.

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Please feel free to email us at SAPAssociation@gmail.com with any questions, comments, or additions to the weekly email. Thanks!