



April 16, 2015

Happy Thursday SPPA Students!

Please read below for this week's announcements and updates!

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### **Mark Your Calendars!**

Be sure to add the following events to your calendar - we hope to see you there.

#### **Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice: 9th Annual Graduate Student Conference**

*When:* Friday, April 17 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a reception from 2:30-4 p.m.

*Where:* Perkins Student Center, Rodney Room

*Details:* The Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice at the University of Delaware invites you to attend our 9th Annual Graduate Student Conference with a theme of "Making Connections, Creating Change." This year's conference will feature the research of graduate and undergraduate students from the University of Delaware and surrounding schools. The featured keynote speaker is Dorothy E. Roberts, J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania. Attendees will benefit from the opportunity to network with other local scholars in related disciplines. For more information or to register for the event, visit the registration page:

[https://delaware.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cupp8cmhPpjsK4B](https://delaware.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cupp8cmhPpjsK4B).

#### **NVPA Symposium**

*When:* Thursday, April 23 from 1-4 p.m.

*Where:* Perkins Student Center - Alumni Lounge

*Details:* The School of Public Policy and Administration's journal, *New Visions for Public Affairs*, is excited to host their annual symposium. This event recognizes students in the field whose valuable and quality research is being published in this year's journal. We are delighted to welcome Paul Kane, reporter on Congress and politics for the *Washington Post*, as our keynote speaker. Join us as we celebrate the new visions our students have for the future world of Public Affairs! Light refreshments will be provided for attendees. Please contact Angie Kline at

[akline@udel.edu](mailto:akline@udel.edu) or Katrina Cowart at [kcowart@udel.edu](mailto:kcowart@udel.edu) with any questions.

## **SAPA Speed Networking Event**

*When:* Wednesday, April 29 from 4-6 p.m.

*Where:* Graham Hall, Rooms 185 and 187

*Details:* SAPA will be partnering with the Delaware Association of Public Administration to host a speed networking event. Students will be provided the chance to network with a variety of professionals who recently graduated from a similar academic background so that they may learn about potential career paths available to them in this field. Professionals will offer insight into their positions, as well as feedback and advice at the student's request. Some of these professionals may also be looking for students interested in employment or internship opportunities. Light refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to Sarah Fulton at [graceful@udel.edu](mailto:graceful@udel.edu) no later than Friday, April 24 at 5 p.m. Space is limited. We hope you can join us!

## **Orioles Baseball Game**

*When:* Friday, May 1 at 7:05 p.m.

*Where:* Camden Yards, Baltimore

*Details:* We're headed down to Baltimore on Friday, May 1 to Camden Yards for an Orioles game!

We'll leave Newark around 3 pm, stop for food along the way, and head into the game. If you would like to go, please email Elizabeth Gibson ([emgibson@udel.edu](mailto:emgibson@udel.edu)) so tickets can be ordered. They will be about \$15 a person. Your email will be considered your confirming attendance. Also, please indicate if you'd be willing to drive, and how many people you can fit. Take me out to the ball game!

## **SAPA Board Nominations Are Now Being Accepted**

The board of SAPA is excited to announce the ballot for the 2014-2015 Board Elections! At this link <https://sites.udel.edu/sapa/files/2015/04/SAPA-Board-2015-16-Candidates-1-18a5zco.pdf> you'll find a brief bio and photo of all nominees. Please take a moment to review the nominees' information so you can make an informed vote.

The election will **begin at 9AM on Tuesday, April 21** and will **close at 9PM on Tuesday, April 21**. As per SAPA Bylaws, the voting window is 12 hours. A link will be sent out once the voting window has begun.

## **Professional Photos and Business Cards for Students**

SAPA is excited to announce that we will be hosting an event to provide professional photographs and business cards for SPPA students. There will be a small fee of \$15 which will get you an electronic file of your photo and 100 University of Delaware business cards. A date and time are TBD, but it will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please express your interest in utilizing this service to Jessica at [mitchj@udel.edu](mailto:mitchj@udel.edu). Once details become available, they will be promptly communicated!



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## **SAPA Bar Crawl 2015**

In order to determine which date works best for most students who are interested in attending, please complete this short survey to assist us as we plan the event. The survey can be found here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QBZY9FG>.

## **Support SPPA Student Fundraiser**

One of our students, Yuliya Brel, has started a fundraiser to gather funds for a young girl from her home country who suffers from Rett Syndrome. See below for more information to support this worthy cause!

"Masha was diagnosed with Rett Syndrome - a serious and rare genetic disease. It is the most physically disabling of the autism spectrum disorders. The symptoms include loss of speech and motor control, disordered breathing, severe digestive problems, orthopedic abnormalities including fragile bones, seizures, impaired cardiac and circulatory function, etc. There is no cure for the disease, only supportive treatment, which is very expensive. However, even the supportive treatment cannot be provided for the girl in Belarus, and she needs to go to Italy for the purpose. One dose of the drug prescribed to Masha costs almost 1,000 euro (a little bit more than \$1,000). She needs 12 of them.

I opened an account for Masha at YouCaring.com <http://www.youcaring.com/medical-fundraiser/help-four-year-old-masha-fight-rett-syndrome-/331836>. I have already negotiated with Wells Fargo bank, and was told they would wire all the raised funds to Masha's account in Belarus. I greatly appreciate your effort to help. It means a tremendous lot to the little girl and her family, and to me personally."

## **Volunteer Opportunities**

**Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17**

### **2015 Buddy Walk**

The Down Syndrome Association of Delaware is hosting their 2015 Buddy Walk and need your help! There are a variety of volunteer shifts available ranging from 2-4 hours. Register with a friend! Sign up is easy and on-line. Follow this link <http://dsadelaware.ivolunteer.com/buddywalk2015>. Volunteers are needed pre-race (Saturday) and day-of (Sunday).

**August 3-7, 2015**

### **Summer Camp**

The Days of Summer Camp has officially released its application for the fourth summer of camp! Camp will be held August 3-7, 2015 in Middletown DE for children with Down syndrome and their siblings. We are looking for enthusiastic counselors ages 16-22 years old. Please share this link with friends and family who may be interested. We are so excited for another fun year of camp- we are expecting close to 100 children.

<http://dsadelaware.org/programs/days-of-summer-camp/>

## Committee Contact Information

Want to get involved with SAPA? A committee is a great way to do so! If you are looking for a low-commitment way to get involved, a committee is an ideal way to do so! We have five different committees that assist the Board with planning events. Please contact the chairperson of the committee(s) you are interested in to learn more! The committees and chairs are as follows:

### Community Service Committee

Chairs: Lauren Camp ([lmcamp@udel.edu](mailto:lmcamp@udel.edu)) and Alyssa Kinney ([kinneya@udel.edu](mailto:kinneya@udel.edu))

### Fundraising Committee

Chair: Jessica Mitchell ([mitchj@udel.edu](mailto:mitchj@udel.edu))

### Social Committee

Chair: Elizabeth Gibson ([emgibson@udel.edu](mailto:emgibson@udel.edu))

### Professional Development Committee

Chair: Sarah Fulton ([graceful@udel.edu](mailto:graceful@udel.edu))

### Updated:

### Undergraduate Committee

Chair: Alex Zissman ([asizzman@udel.edu](mailto:asizzman@udel.edu))

## Get Connected with SAPA!

Check out our website for general information, "like" us on Facebook to stay up-to-date on events and participate in upcoming contests, and follow us on Twitter to see what's going on in SAPA and read relevant information related to our fields. We all also welcome students to post events or articles that they think would be beneficial for students!

**Website:** <http://sites.udel.edu/sapa/>

**Facebook:** SAPA at University of Delaware

**Twitter:** @UD\_SAPA

### -SAPA Board 2014-15

*Jessica Mitchell, Serita Moss, Nermin Zubaca, Brandon Johnson, Adria Buchanan, Mark Rucci, Josh Gates, and Jason Bourke*

### **SAPA Board Contact Information**

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