

## February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013

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

### MEETINGS

**GENERAL:** SAPA's Executive Board has decided to hold SAPA General Meetings on stagger days-of-the-week (Mondays / Thursdays). Spring Semester general meetings will be held @5:30PM. Meeting dates this semester are: **Monday, February 11<sup>th</sup>; Thursday, March 7<sup>th</sup>; Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>; and Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**GRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT (GSG) PRESENTS "Bring a Date to GSG Night":** GSG's next meeting falls on Valentine's Day (2/14)! Students who attend the meeting are encouraged to bring a partner, friend, roommate, or someone who is interesting in joining the GSG. Anyone who brings a date will be entered into a RAFFLE for fabulous prizes, including: **A \$50 gift card to Homegrown; and Two (2) tickets to Caffé Gelato's Winter Wine Tasting. The meeting will be held at 5:30PM in Gore Hall Room 103!**

### UPDATES

**"BEYOND RHETORIC" RADIO SHOW:** Confronted with a growing number of social and environmental concerns, our global communities must to seek out innovative and meaningful solutions. Philip Barnes, a SPPA PhD Candidate, will be launching a radio talk show called *Beyond Rhetoric*, which will delve into heart of some of our world's most pressing social and environmental problems. Every week, the show will host a different guest who is knowledgeable about a particular problem. After defining and dissecting the problem, this guest will offer their solutions for how to resolve the issue. ***Beyond Rhetoric* will debut on Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, and will air Tuesday evenings from 6:30PM to 7:00PM EST.** Listen to *Beyond Rhetoric* on Tuesday evenings by tuning into 91.3 FM WVUD, or you can listen online by visiting [www.wvud.org](http://www.wvud.org). For more information about the show, click [here](#).

**FIRST ANNUAL SAPA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD:** SAPA is honored to be able to provide a scholarship opportunity to a SPPA student(s) who demonstrates exemplary work in the fields of policy and administration, both in and out of school. Individuals can nominate themselves or others for the award. **The deadline for nominations will be March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please send all nominations to [sapassociation@gmail.com](mailto:sapassociation@gmail.com).** For more information about the award, including qualifications, please click [here](#).

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### UPDATES (CONT'D)

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO STAFF POLICY SOLUTIONS COMPETITION:** Dr. Sarzynski, SPPA professor and faculty coach for SPPA's Policy Solutions Challenge Team, **needs volunteers on Friday, February 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> from 8AM to 1:30PM** to staff the Mid-Atlantic Region's Policy Solutions Challenge USA Competition. Volunteers would be required to staff a welcome table, register competition attendees, help with set-up, or direct out of town teams. **If interested, please contact Andrea Sarzynski at [apsarzyn@udel.edu](mailto:apsarzyn@udel.edu) or 302-831-1244.**

### EVENTS

**WELCOME BACK HAPPY HOUR:** To get everyone back into the spirit of the academic semester, SAPA will be hosting a happy hour on **Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00PM** at [MoJo Main](#). Appetizers will be served, and the event will be free. Please invite fellow SPPA undergraduate and graduate students out for good food and good times!

**MID-ATLANTIC REGION'S POLICY SOLUTIONS CHALLENGE USA COMPETITION:** Come out and support your fellow classmates and School as they compete against nearby schools in this year's Regional Mid-Atlantic Policy Solution Challenge USA competition! This year, the School of Public Policy and Administration has the privilege of as serving as the Mid-Atlantic Host of the [Policy Solution Challenge USA Competition](#), a national competition among teams of students from U.S. schools of public policy, public affairs and public administration to develop innovative solutions to the most important policy problems facing the country. The topic for the 2013 Challenge is ['Responses to Childhood Obesity in the U.S.'](#)

**The competition will be held in the Rodney Room of the Perkins Student Center (325 Academy Street, Newark, Delaware) on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.** Coffee and registration will be available at 8:30AM, and presentations will begin at 9AM. Lunch will also be served, and the event will convene by early afternoon. **Please RSVP to Diana Simmons ([dwalls@udel.edu](mailto:dwalls@udel.edu) or 302-831-1687) by Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>,** so we can get an accurate count for lunch. Address questions about the Competition to Andrea Sarzynski ([apsarzyn@udel.edu](mailto:apsarzyn@udel.edu) or 302-831-1244).

Thanks

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(Nathan Roby, Kathryn Lonczewski, Cimone Philpotts, Ama Nyame-Mensah, Rachel Linstead-Goldsmith, Allison Rice, Jennifer Lazo, Jennifer Nichols, Matthew Parkhurst, and David Barnes).

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