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Official Newsletter of the ASPA Section on Professional
 & Organizational Development (SPOD)

A Message from the Chair

I hope my message finds all of you healthy and happy. I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation for all our board and section members. The ASPA Section of Professional and Organizational Development (SPOD) could not be successful without your support and dedication.

Many congratulations to our 2022 scholarship award winners: Intae Choi (Ph.D. student at the University of Missouri), Ravin Cline (PH.D. student at the University of Texas at Dallas), and Meng Ye (Ph.D. student at Georgia State University). I am particularly happy that the section was able to increase the number and the amount of the scholarships this year to allow more students to attend the 2022 ASPA national conference.

The section also administered a survey addressed to all our members and friends and we will soon be able to provide a report of what we have learned from you. Thank you for taking the time to fill out the survey!

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming ASPA conference in Jacksonville, FL. The annual business meeting for our section is scheduled on Sunday, March 20 (8-8:45 a.m. EST) in the St. Johns Conference room. We will also arrange for a Zoom link for our members who cannot attend the ASPA conference in person. Zoom details will be distributed this week via email.

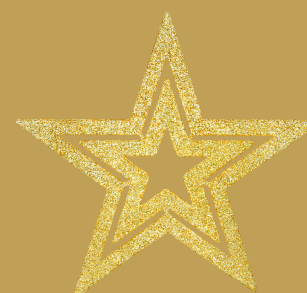
The SPOD board is also working on a new initiative of selecting the best article published in Public Administration Quarterly in 2021. We will announce the winner in the next two months.

I encourage you to become actively involved in the section's activities and to share with us your wonderful accomplishments. Make sure you follow us on Twitter (@SpodAspa), Facebook (facebook.com/spodaspaorg) and LinkedIn (https://www.linkedin.com/in/spod). I would like to invite you to take a moment and read through this newsletter about highlights of our chapter's activities. A special thank you goes to Lauren Loyless for all her commitment and effort in putting this newsletter together.

My warmest regards,
Gina Scutelnicu, Ph.D.

Chair, ASPA Section for Professional and Organizational Development
 Associate Professor & Chair
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Member Recognition



Gina Scutelnicu

Dr. Scutelnicu is an Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Public Administration at Pace University. She is this year's recipient of the Donald C. Stone Service to ASPA Award.



Lauren Loyless

Ms. Loyless is a doctoral student at the University of Texas at Dallas and a Risk Communication Social Scientist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. She was recently selected as a 2022 ASPA Founders' Fellow and will be attending the conference this week in Jacksonville, FL.





Announcement Board

2022 Annual Conference Business Meeting |
8 a.m. EST Sunday, March 20 | St. Johns
Conference Room | [click here for Zoom link](#)



Stay tuned for Spring 2022 announcements
including our membership survey results and
the best articles published in [Public
Administration Quarterly](#).

We look forward to seeing you this week at
#ASPA2022 in Jacksonville, FL.



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2022 SPOD Scholarship Recipients

Ravin Cline, Ph.D. Student
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT DALLAS



2022

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Ravin Cline earned her Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Belhaven University. She earned her Master of Science in Counseling Psychology from Palm Beach Atlantic University. Ravin spent her previous career in the Social Work and Addiction fields. She has a passion for diversity and immigrant issues, which was birthed, in part, from her experience as a social worker. She is currently the Founder and Executive Director of Embracing Diversity, a 501(c)3 founded serving the immigrant community.

In operating the nonprofit, the importance of sectoral collaboration became clear. With an interest in diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) and an intrigue toward collaborative governance, Ravin enrolled in a doctoral program at the University of Texas at Dallas.

She is currently studying Public Affairs and Public and Nonprofit Management. She is a Teaching Assistant and teaches a class entitled Diversity in the Public Sector. She is also a co-author of a book chapter about intersectionality and Human Resource Management during the COVID pandemic.



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We will post your information and make it available across all commonly used social media platforms. Your resume and profile will also be uploaded to our website. We look forward to working together to meet your career goals!





Meng Ye, Ph.D. Student
GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY



2022

ANNUAL SPOD SCHOLARSHIP

Meng Ye is a third-year PhD student in public policy with the major field of public management and nonprofit studies. Her research interests lie in nonprofit management, cross-sector collaboration and competition, nonprofit marketization and social enterprises. She has published a journal article and several book chapters on topics including social enterprise policy in China, charitable fundraising, and charitable financial management.

Meng worked formerly as the Deputy Director of the Center for Charity Law of China Philanthropy Research Institute (CPRI). Her roles include conducting research and consulting projects on the nonprofit sector. She consulted the National People's Congress and National Development and Reform Committee regarding refining the regulatory systems for nonprofits and was closely involved in the legislative process of China's first Charity Law. She also helped drafting local policies on nonprofits in Beijing, Shenzhen and Yunnan. Meng is also a qualified lawyer in China.





Intae Choi, Ph.D. Student
THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI



2022

ANNUAL SPOD SCHOLARSHIP

Intae Choi is a Ph.D. student in the Truman School of Government and Public Affairs at the University of Missouri. His research interests are in human resources management and organizational behavior in public organizations, with particular focus on issues of public service ethics and employee separations.

He holds a bachelor's degree in Public Administration and a master's degree in Public Administration -all from Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea.





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