

SPOD

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

A Message from the Chair

I would like to start my message by expressing 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. Special thanks go to the section's outgoing officers: Carol Rusaw (Immediate Past Chair), Paul Henderson, (Treasurer), Hindy Schachter (board member), Ana-Maria Dimand (board member) and Shahrin Upoma (board member) for their significant contributions to the section's success and for facilitating such a smooth transition for the new Executive Board. I am really excited to work with the new board and to continue the success of our organization. The last 18 months have certainly tested all of us but I have been impressed with everyone's resilience, patience and compassion. As we transitioned to a new way of learning, working and socializing, we encountered challenges but were also presented with opportunities for our growth and development.

As the new SPOD's chair I would like to first get to know our members better and listen to their ideas and suggestions. I am particularly interested in hearing your opinions in terms of programming and professional development activities. A survey addressed to all our members will follow soon. I am looking forward to continuing the implementation of past programs such as the Capstone Panel at the National ASPA conference, scholarship support to our Ph.D. students, and networking events. I would also like to further discuss with our board and our members some new initiatives, among which are:

- Extending the scholarship support to our Master's and Undergraduate students
- Better engagement of practitioners in our activities
- Organization of a career panel with experts in the field
- Webinars on career placement and advancement and
- Organizing a special issue symposium with the Public Administration Quarterly on a current topic of interest.

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, Facebook, and LinkedIn (linked on the last page). 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 Scutnicu, Ph.D.

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Member Recognition

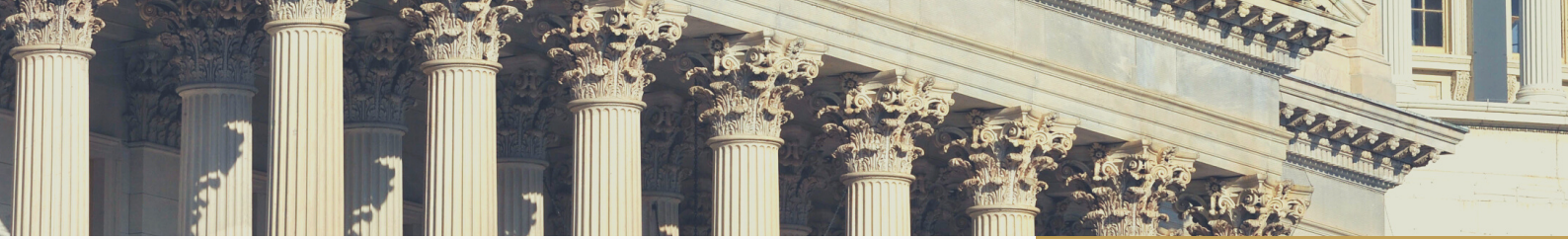


Hindy Lauer Schachter

Dr. Schachter is a Professor of Management at the New Jersey Institute of Technology and was invited by the Federal Housing Finance Agency to present her research on "Women in Public Administration: A Need to Study Second Generation Bias" on March 1, 2021.

Zeeshan Noor

Dr. Noor is a Postdoctoral Research Associate at Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, and was recently selected for an Emerging Scholars Award with the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA).



Announcement Board

Michael L. Summers, MHA, of SUMMERS Consulting, shares his presentation from this year's ASPA National Conference: [Covid 19: What We've "Learned" to Improve Service to the Public](#)

Participants learned to reflect on what their government organization had experienced and "learned" from the Coronavirus experience and how this learning could be utilized going forward (i.e., coming out of the Covid fog, the "new normal"). To access the presentation, click [here](#).

Dr. Philip M. Dodd-Nufrio, Professor of Public Policy and Administration at the Metropolitan College of New York, brings our attention to veterans in Ocean County who are battling mental health issues, addictions and homelessness.

A "gofundme" page has been created to encourage for those interested in the project that will be building a full-service facility for these veterans. The project is called "Jeff's Camp." To learn more about the project click [here](#). Nonprofit organization [Just Believe Inc.](#), is managing the donation.



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SPOD Job Board

The Department of Public Administration and Policy in the School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Georgia is hiring for a tenure-track assistant professorship. The position requires a research and teaching focus on public management; expertise and interest in one or more public management specialties is desirable (e.g., local government, nonprofit management, criminal justice, human resource management, leadership, etc.). [More information may be found at this link.](#) Deadline for applications is September 15, 2021.

The School of Public Policy at the University of Massachusetts Amherst is hiring for two tenure-track Assistant Professor positions beginning September 2022. More information may be found [here](#). Review of applications will begin on September 20, 2021.

The McCourt School of Public Policy at Georgetown University invites applications for a tenure-line assistant professor in the field of comparative public management. Deadline for applications is September 20, 2021. More information may be found [here](#).

The Department of Public Policy (DPP) at the University of Connecticut (UConn) seeks to fill two assistant professor positions to start in August 2022. Please note that we are looking for candidates qualified in the areas of public management and public budgeting and finance. Review starts on October 1, 2021. For full job ad, please visit: <https://dpp.uconn.edu/2021/08/06/dpp-hiring-two-assistant-professors/>

The Center for Public Administration and Policy at Virginia Tech's Blacksburg campus is seeking an Associate or Full Professor of Public Administration and Policy to start in August 2022. Review of applications will start on October 4, 2021. More information may be found [here](#).

The Department of Political Science at Sam Houston State University invites applications for a nine-month Tenure-Track Assistant Professor position starting in fall 2022. The search committee will start to review applications on October 11, 2021. For more details click here: <https://shsu.peopleadmin.com/postings/28494>

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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!





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