New Fellows Program Honors Fleishman

Joel L. Fleishman, professor of law and PPS and director of the Institute’s Samuel and Ronnie Heyman Center for Ethics, Public Policy and the Professions, recently retired as president of the Atlantic Philanthropic Service Company (APS). In recognition of his service to APS, Duke and APS have announced creation of the Joel L. Fleishman Fellows in Civil Society Program. The Fleishman Fellows Program will provide short-term fellowships for leaders from nongovernmental organizations, foundations and other civil society groups to come in residence at the Institute (similar to the Institute’s Visiting Media Fellows Program). The first Fleishman Fellows group is expected in Spring 2002.

Reich: ‘Who Needs the Democrats?’

The Democratic Party is at a crossroads, said former U.S. Secretary of Labor Robert B. Reich during a March 2 lecture on “Who Needs the Democrats?” at the Terry Sanford Institute. “The question is not just how do Democrats get back in power. The question is what does the country need and what are the values that should underlie and inform and inspire the Democratic Party, given what the country needs,” he said. And mimicking the Republicans is not the answer. “… if Democrats don’t have the courage of their convictions, if they don’t lead, if they simply try to mimic Republicans, then they shall fail, but more importantly, we shall fail.” Frederick W. Mayer, associate professor of PPS and political science and a friend and colleague of Reich, introduced him to the crowd of more than 300. Reich is author of the new book, The Future of Success. He also is Maurice B. Hexter Professor of Social and Economic Policy at the Heller Graduate School at Brandeis University, and is co-founder and national editor of The American Prospect.

Behn Addresses Accountability

What does democratic accountability mean? Robert D. Behn, professor of PPS and director of the Institute’s Governors Center, addresses the question in a new book, Rethinking Democratic Accountability (Brookings 2001). Behn looks at the adversarial nature of accountability as it is often practiced in public service and illustrates the extent to which aggressive accountability threatens the legitimacy and capability of many public agencies. “Robert Behn is one of the country’s leading experts on government performance. [The book] is another of his substantial contributions to this effort, bridging the gap between policy and pragmatism,” said Stephen Goldsmith, former mayor of Indianapolis.

Black MPP Alumni Hold First Reunion

Black MPP alumni returned to the Institute March 30-31 for the inaugural Black Alumni Reunion. The event was designed to encourage input and insights that will help the Institute become a more diverse and inclusive community. Attending the reunion were Eve Veliz, American Management Systems (MPP ’96); Dione Brown, Consultant-U.S. Navy (MPP ’04/ Mdiv) ; Reginald Johnson, Center for Community Self-Help (MPP ’92/ JD). Also attending were current students Tracy Robinson (MPP/ JD ’03); Delvecchio Finley (MPP ’02); and Charmeka Bosket (MPP ’01). Alumni heard remarks from Robert Korstad, associate professor of PPS; William Darlty Jr., research professor of PPS and chair of the Institute’s Committee on Black Affairs; Patrick Mason, professor, Florida State University; Pranab Bardhan, professor at Berkeley; and students Carolyn Sattin (PPS ’02) and Levar Johnson (PPS ’01).

Upcoming Events

April 27
Internship Fund Barbecue and Auction
Silent Auction, 6 p.m., 1st floor
Barbecue Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Institute lawn ($15/person, $25/couple; students: $10/person, $15/couple)
Live Auction, 8 p.m., Fleishman Commons

May 11
Graduation Reception, 5 to 7 p.m.
Fleishman Commons

May 12
MPP/ PIDP Hooding Ceremony, 10 a.m.
Institute lawn
Undergraduate PPS Majors Recognition 1 p.m., lawn

May 13
Diploma Reception, noon to 1:30 p.m.
Fleishman Commons
Light: Public Service Changing

Public service careers are becoming multi-sectoral and the lines are blurring among sectors, said Dr. Paul Light during a recent lecture at the Institute. Light is Vice President, Director of Governmental Studies and Douglas Dillon Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution. “Public service is taking place in the private sector, government and the corporate sector,” Light told faculty, students and community members. Public policy schools must be prepared to train students to succeed in a variety of sectors because “where you start your career isn’t where you’re going to wind up,” he said. Light is also the founding director of Brookings Institution’s Center for Public Service and author of a controversial 1999 book, The New Public Service. He was the inaugural speaker at the Institute’s new Public Service Colloquium Series.

Ad Controversy Prompts Public Forum

Institute faculty organized a public forum to discuss both the controversy and broader public policy issues surrounding the reparations advertisement placed recently in The Chronicle and other campus newspapers across the country. “The Reparations Ad Controversy: A Discussion About Press and Community” lasted 2 1/2 hours and was attended by more than 300 faculty, students, staff and community members.

The advertisement, placed by conservative author David Horowitz, lists 10 reasons “Why Reparations for Blacks is a Bad Idea for Blacks – and Racists Too.” It refers to the idea that African-Americans today still suffer economic and other negative effects as a lingering result of slavery and, consequently, should receive monetary compensation from the government. Conservatives such as Horowitz believe that reparations are unnecessary, given passage of the Civil Rights Act; others believe reparations are both appropriate and long overdue. The advertisement has sparked protests at Duke and other campuses.

Institute faculty participating were Ellen Mickiewicz, James R. Shepley Professor of Public Policy Studies and director of the DeWitt Wallace Center for Communications and Journalism; William Raspberry, Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist for The Washington Post and Knight Professor of the Practice of Journalism; and Susan Tiff. Eugene C. Patterson Professor of the Practice of Journalism and Public Policy. Also participating were Houston Baker, Albert M. Greenfield Professor of English and internationally known scholar of Afro-American literature and culture; Carliss Chatman and Kelly Black, political action co-chairs, Black Student Alliance; Greg Pessin (PPS ’01), editor of The Chronicle; William W. Van Alstyne, William R. and Thomas S. Perkins Professor of Law and renowned expert in Constitutional law, civil rights and civil liberty.

Panelists discussed whether running the advertisement was appropriate, given the diverse nature of the Duke community, but also focused on the larger issue of race relations at Duke. “The issue goes very, very deep,” said Mickiewicz in the March 30 issue of Duke Dialogue. “I think that there were views expressed that it should not take something that so many people found so profoundly disturbing to start talks on underlying issues,” she said. “I hope that discussion can continue without having the particular type of stimulus we had this time.”

Questions Emerge on Bush Leadership

The presidential transition has been smooth so far, but questions about George W. Bush’s ability to lead have begun to emerge, said panelists during the 15th annual John Fisher Zeidman Memorial Colloquium on Communications, held March 31 at the Institute. Speakers were Richard Berke, The New York Times; David Gergen, former White House adviser; Chuck Roberts, CNN Headline News; and Jim Yardley, The New York Times Houston Bureau. Ellen Mickiewicz, director of the Institute’s DeWitt Wallace Center for Communications and Journalism, moderated.

“This has been the smoothest transition I’ve ever seen in Washington,” Berke said. Gergen agreed, but noted that people are beginning to ask questions such as, “Is he [Bush] too much the manager and not enough the leader?” Foreign policy is also an issue. “It seems not to be that important to engage in foreign policy issues,” Roberts said. Despite concerns, “Bush is a smart, smart politician,” whose opponents have often underestimated him, Yardley said.

The event is made possible by a gift to Duke from Philip and Nancy Zeidman in memory of their son, John, a former Duke student who died in 1982 after contracting viral encephalitis while studying in China.

UPEACE Advisers Meet

Bruce W. Jentleson, Institute director and professor of political science, attended the advisory meeting on the academic program of the United Nations University for Peace, held in March at the Institute. The University is intended to be a focal point for international knowledge networks of research, education and cooperation on peace-related issues, and seeks “to provide humanity with an international institution of higher education for peace. …” Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the UN, gave the opening address. Dr. David Hamburg, President Emeritus of the Carnegie Corporation, chaired the meeting.

National Panel Looks at School Shootings

Philip J. Cook, ITT/Sanford Professor of Public Policy Studies and a leading authority on gun violence, has been named to an expert panel of the National Academy of Sciences, National Research Council. The committee is charged by Congress with conducting a series of case studies on rampage shootings in high schools.

Cook has made several recent presentations related to gun violence, including a colloquium at the Department of Energy’s Fermi Lab in Batavia, IL; a lecture on “The Effects of the Brady Handgun Violence Prevention Act” to the Washington Statistical Society; and a seminar on gun tracing at a conference organized by the University of Arizona Law School, Tucson, AZ. He also spoke at Stop N.C. Gun Violence, the first statewide citizen conference on the issue.

Exhibits Focuses on HIV & Families

Two concurrent documentary exhibits at Duke provide a poignant glimpse into the lives of people in the local and international community affected by AIDS. “Visions and Voices: HIV in Ethiopia, Zimbabwe and North Carolina,” is on display at the Institute through May. The exhibit includes photographs taken in Africa by former Hart Leadership Program Fellows Eric Gottesmann and Marcy Levy, as well as tape recordings of North Carolina residents living with
HIV/AIDS made by Kathryn Whetten-Goldstein, assistant professor of PPS and community and family medicine and acting director of the Institute’s Center for Health Policy, Law and Management.

The second part of the exhibit, “Shadow of Silence: A Story of AIDS,” is on display at Duke’s Center for the Study of Medical Ethics and the Humanities. It features work by former Hart Fellows Noah Hendler and Craig Cohen. Their work captures the impact of AIDS on a Malawi fishing village and is drawn from a book to be published with Duke’s Center for Documentary Studies.

Exhibit sponsors are the Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy, the Institute’s Hart Leadership Program, the Center for the Study of Medical Ethics and Humanities, the Center for Documentary Studies, the Humanitarian Challenges at Home and Abroad FOCUS Program, and the Office of the Vice Provost for International Affairs. An opening reception was held April 11 at the Institute.

In honor of the exhibit, Dr. Debwerk Zewdie, manager, ACTAfrica, World Bank, spoke April 17 at the Institute on “AIDS in Africa: Where is the Hope?” Whetten-Goldstein and Alex Harris, professor of the practice of PPS and Center for Documentary Studies, discussed the collaborative nature of the exhibit during the Institute’s Spring Board of Visitors meeting.

Finnegan: ‘Globalize This’

Author and journalist William Finnegan gave a lecture at the Institute April 9 titled “Globalize This: Reporting on an Unruly Planet.” The lecture, part of the Hart Leadership Program’s Distinguished Speakers Series, was co-sponsored by the Vice Provost for International Affairs and the FOCUS Program’s “Humanitarian Challenges at Home and Abroad” course. In his most recent work, Cold New World: Growing Up in a Harder Country (1998), Finnegan examines the effect that changing economic conditions have had upon working-class youth. The book was inspired by his New Yorker piece about a young drug dealer in New Haven, and centers on a group of people lost in the shuffle of America’s affluence and plagued by “liberal consumerism” and the ideology of the American dream.

CIDR Now DCID

The Center for International Development Research (CIDR) has a new name: Duke Center for International Development (DCID). DCID will expand its teaching, training, research and overseas advising activities with the incorporation of new faculty this coming fall. DCID will continue with its former activities, including administration of the Program in International Development Policy (PIDP). Bob Conrad serves as the Center’s Director.

Seminar Explores Globalization

American, Japanese and other international scholars explored the nexus between development, business and financial activities and the global environment from two complementary perspectives during a seminar sponsored by DCID. The topic was “The Economy and Ecology of Globalization.” Attendees focused on two main questions: How does the ongoing globalization of the world economy affect the health of the biosphere? And how do different actors concerned with the international environmental policy challenge and change the pattern of world economic development? Co-sponsors with DCID were the Center for Global Partnership and the Japan Foundation.

DCID’s Rethinking Development Series attracted three global speakers during spring semester: Dr. Erhard Busek, former Vice Chancellor of Austria, on development challenges in Eastern Europe and the role of the European Union; Dr. Philip Dongier, World Bank, on community-based poverty alleviation and the role of the World Bank; and PIDP alumna Bibiana Vasquez, now with the Inter-American Development Bank, on the role of micro-enterprises in development.

APPAM Recognizes Ladd Paper

A paper by Helen F. Ladd, professor of PPS and economics, on “The Effects of Urban Poverty on Educational Outcomes: Evidence from a Randomized Experiment,” was selected by the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management as one of five exemplary research papers under a new grant program initiated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Co-authors are Jens Ludwig of Georgetown and Greg Duncan of Northwestern.

Ladd also has been appointed to a task force set up by the Century Foundation to explore ideas for restoring the American Common School ideal, where public schools educate children from various economic and racial groups under one roof. The task force is chaired by Lowell P. Weicker, former U.S. senator and former governor of Connecticut. Ladd and her husband, Ted Fiske, continue to speak and write about school decentralization and choice in New Zealand. In March, they gave a presentation in Paris to a joint group of UNESCO and OECD, and in mid-April, Ladd gave a paper on the impacts of competition at the American Educational Research Association Meetings in Seattle.

WPP Names Lader Chairman

WPP, the world’s largest advertising group, has appointed Philip Lader, outgoing U.S. ambassador to Britain, as chairman. Lader, member and former chair of the Institute’s Board of Visitors and Duke graduate, has been the U.S. envoy to London since 1997. Lader also has been appointed senior adviser at Morgan Stanley International, the global financial services company, and will be affiliated with a Southeast law firm.

‘The Public and New and Old Media’

The Institute’s Dewitt Wallace Center for Communications and Journalism hosted a workshop titled “Is Anyone There? The Public and New and Old Media” Feb. 20-21. Participants included Larry Grossman, former president, NBC News and PBS, and president, Horizons Cable Network; Vladimir Pozner, Russia’s leading television journalist and president, Academy of Russian Television; Rainer Rosenberg, Austrian Broadcasting Corporation (ORF); and Steven Wildman, director, Quello Center for Telecommunication Management & Law, Michigan State University. The workshop was held under the auspices of the Commission on Radio and Television Policy, co-chaired by Center Director Ellen Mickiewicz and Erhard Busek, director of the Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe in Vienna and former Vice Chancellor of Austria.
Give Affirmative Action Time to Act
By William Darity Jr.

A standard objection to affirmative action and other race-based programs designed to remedy economic disadvantage is the observation that living white Americans are not responsible for past injustices visited upon black Americans. No living white American has owned slaves; no living white American voted for laws that established Jim Crow practices in the South; no living white American helped set up inferior, legally segregated schools for black Americans. Why, then, should living white Americans have to bear the cost of compensation for those injustices to living black Americans?

Furthermore, opponents of affirmative action argue, black Americans today do not live under the crippling segregation that previous generations faced. Therefore, now is the time to get rid of race-conscious policies and move toward the ideal of a colorblind society.

The apex of that argument is the proposal that blacks should give up their attachment to blackness. The call for blacks to cease being black is oddly unilateral, seldom accompanied by a call for whites to cease being white. The subordinate group is to surrender an identity that helps shield its members from the power of the dominant group, while the dominant group does not need to surrender an identity that confers racial privilege upon its members. The foundation of that philosophical position is the view that the past is irrelevant in explaining black-white relations in the United States today.

To believe that only the present matters is to deny the continued economic subordination of blacks. Yet as we enter the 21st century, black Americans’ income, per capita, is only 59 percent of that for white Americans — the same percentage that the economists Richard Vedder, Lowell Gallaway, and David C. Klingaman estimate was the case in 1880.

Patrick Mason, an economist at Florida State University, and I recently reviewed the statistical research for the past 25 years and found that current discrimination in the labor market causes black men to earn 12 to 15 percent less than white men.

The discrimination that previous generations of blacks experienced in the labor market also harms modern blacks’ employment prospects. For a paper forthcoming in The American Journal of Economics and Sociology, Jason Dietrich, David Guilkney, and I looked at census data for various ethnic and racial groups from 1880 to 1990. We controlled for variables like the individual’s age, years of schooling, marital status, and whether he or she was born in the United States. We found astonishingly strong correlations between, on the one hand, the occupational status of American men and women in the 1980 and 1990 censuses, and, on the other, whether their ethnic or racial group had experienced discrimination a century ago.

A crucial mechanism for the transmission of discrimination’s effects across generations is the transfer of wealth. Indeed, the sharpest economic gap between blacks and whites in the United States today is the gap in wealth. ...
erode disparities that the caste system had produced. In the state of Kerala, the Ezhava caste, once a despised group, has displayed substantial upward mobility in recent years, to the point at which some younger members of the caste question whether they still need the preferences.

But there is more to the story. The system of preferences has been in place at the national level since 1950, but Kerala, a politically progressive state, had initiated preferences on behalf of the lower castes half a century earlier. Thus, the Ezhava have benefited from preferences for close to 100 years, or about four generations.

Affirmative action in the United States, conducted on a much narrower scale than the Indian system, has been in effect for only a quarter of a century, and today it is being rolled back rapidly. Instead of pretending that racism and its effects no longer exist, we need to strengthen affirmative action and devise a new set of policies that directly tackle the racial gap in wealth.

William Darity Jr. is a research professor of public policy studies, African and African-American studies, and economics.

Racial Segregation in the 2000 Census: Promising News

By Edward L. Glaseer, Harvard University and the Brookings Institution, and Jacob L. Vigdor, Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy, Duke University

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Findings

An analysis of racial segregation in roughly 300 Metropolitan Statistical Areas using 2000 Census redistricting files indicates that:

- Overall black/non-black segregation levels are currently at their lowest point since roughly 1920. There are still a large number of “hypersegregated” metropolitan areas, but the 1990s continued a three-decade trend towards decreasing segregation throughout the U.S.

- Out of 291 MSAs analyzed, all but 19 are more integrated than they were in 1990. The average decline in segregation was 5.5 percent.

- The decline in segregation comes about primarily from the integration of formerly entirely white census tracts. The number of overwhelmingly African-American census tracts (80 percent or more African-American) remained steady between 1990 and 2000, although the number of African-Americans living in those tracts dropped.

- The West is the most integrated region of the country, followed by the South. The Northeast and Midwest are still quite segregated.

- Segregation declined most sharply in places that were growing quickly, in places where the percentage of blacks in the population was changing (growing or shrinking), and in places where blacks made up a small portion of the population in 1990. Segregation remains extreme in the largest metropolitan areas.

Jacob L. Vigdor is an assistant professor of PPS and economics.
Faculty Notes

Elizabeth Alden, visiting lecturer in PPS, will be one of the keynote speakers at the United Methodist Church’s Institute of Higher Education this June in Nashville. At Duke, Alden has been invited to serve on the interview team for the Robertson Scholars.

Charles Clotfelter, associate director of the Institute and director of the Center for the Study of Philanthropy and Voluntarism, was quoted in several publications recently regarding state lotteries, including The Tennessean and the Charlotte (N.C.) Observer. Reader’s Digest, in an article titled “What the Gambling Industry Won’t Tell You,” cited a study done by Clotfelter and Philip J. Cook, ITT/ Sanford Professor of PPS, for the National Gambling Impact Study Commission. The study found that 10 percent of lottery players account for 68 percent of lottery sales.

Christopher Conover, assistant research professor of PPS with the Institute’s Center for Health Policy, Law and Management, has been named to the executive committee of the Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law. CHPLM’s Duke Health Policy Cyberexchange was recently named by HotBot as the third-most frequently visited Web site for those searching for “health policy” during the past year. Visit the site at www.hpolicy.duke.edu/cyberexchange/.

Elizabeth Glennie, research scholar, Center for Child and Family Policy, co-authored an article titled “Education, Cognitive Skill, and Labor Force Outcomes” in Sociology of Education, Vol 74, #1. The paper finds that educational attainment and cognitive skill contribute to labor force outcomes in different ways for whites, blacks, and Hispanics. Co-authors are Alan Kerckoff, Duke Department of Sociology, and Stephen Raudenbush, University of Michigan School of Education)

Alexander S. Keyssar, professor of history and PPS, recently testified on election reform before the Congressional Black Caucus and at the first Federal Election Reform Commission public meeting in Atlanta. He is author of the recently published The Right to Vote: The Contested History of Democracy in the United States.

Corinne M. Krupp, visiting associate professor in PPS, received a grant from Duke’s Center for European Studies to develop a new course on European Union Trade Issues. It is part of the Center’s initiative to increase the international course offerings at Duke. She will teach the course at least twice in the next 5 years.

Ellen Mickiewicz, James R. Shepley Professor of Journalism and director of the DeWitt Wallace Center for Communications and Journalism, was quoted in a Washington Post article about Ted Turner by Paul Farhi. She also appeared on the NewsHour with Jim Lehrer as an expert commentator on Russian media.

Shari Miller-Johnson, senior research scholar at the Institute’s Center for Child and Family Policy, was interviewed on North Carolina Now, a news program produced by the local PBS affiliate, about the school shootings in California.

Noah Pickus, assistant professor of PPS, has been quoted recently on immigrant and diversity issues and the 2000 Census data. Comments appeared in USA Today, The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, the News & Observer of Raleigh (N.C.) and the Durham Herald-Sun (N.C.).

In February, faculty members Elizabeth Alden and Alma Blount (Hart Leadership Program), Noah Pickus (PPS) and Elizabeth Kiss and Diane Woryold (Kenan Institute for Ethics) represented Duke at the Institute on College Student Values in Tallahassee, FL. Duke was one of only seven schools invited to participate.

Donald Taylor, assistant research professor of PPS, served as a policy expert recently for a Durham Voters Alliance forum, “Are We Healthy Durham?” The forum’s goal was to discuss how the health of Durham County (N.C.) and problems in improving health compare to problems throughout North Carolina and the United States.

Susan Tifft, Eugene C. Patterson Professor of the Practice of Public Policy and Journalism, has been accepted as a Visiting Artist and Scholar at the American Academy in Rome in June. She plans research and writing on global media ownership.

Theodore W. Triebel, visiting lecturer in PPS, discussed the recent mid-air collision between the United States’ reconnaissance plane and a Chinese F-8 fighter jet in a letter to the editor in the News & Observer of Raleigh (N.C.). Triebel was a Navy fighter pilot.

Jacob L. Vigdor, assistant professor of PPS, was co-author of a study on segregation published by the Brookings Institution. The study, “Racial Segregation in the 2000 Census: Promising News,” analyzed racial segregation in 300 Metropolitan Statistical Areas using 2000 Census redistricting files. Vigdor and his co-author, Edward L. Glaeser of Harvard and Brookings, have been quoted about the study in numerous media, including the News & Observer of Raleigh (N.C.), the Los Angeles Times and the Birmingham (Ala.) News. [See Issues, Page 5, for findings from the study.]

Student Notes

Jordan Bazinsky (PPS ’01), Duke Student Government President, has been elected to a three-year term Young Trustee to the Duke University Board of Trustees by DSG and the InterCommunity Council.

For the third year in a row, a participant in the Hart Leadership Program’s Service Opportunities in Leadership (SOL) program has been awarded a Truman Scholarship based on work done through the program. Christine Varnado (’02) was one of two Duke students selected for the scholarship, which recognizes academic accomplishments, leadership potential and commitment to a career in public service. Varnado’s SOL project involved helping refugee and immigrant women and children regain self-sufficiency. Past SOL-Truman winners are Lakeytria Felder (’00) and Tico Almeida (’99).

Sarah Gomez (’00), a Hart Fellow working this year in Ahmedabad, India, has been interviewed by several news media about her experiences following the Jan. 26 earthquake there. She also wrote a guest column for the Chronicle.

Adam Grossman and Jared Weinstein (both PPS ’02) have received a $15,000 grant for a project they developed in the “Entrepreneurship” class taught by Anthony Brown, professor of the practice of PPS and sociology. The students’ proposal, “Acres of Diamonds,” seeks to improve the Bull City Baseball Association (now called the Durham Bulls Youth Athletic League DBYAL), a summer baseball experience for boys and girls, ages 6-15, who live in public housing.

Scott Douglas (MPP ’02) has been asked to speak at the Summer 2001 Program of the Center for Genome Ethics,
Law, and Policy in August. The center is part of Duke’s new Institute for Genome Sciences and Policy. He will address genetic privacy issues.

Amy Hepburn (MPP ‘01) has been selected to participate in the Women in International Security’s 2001 Summer Symposium in June in Maryland and Washington, D.C. The symposium’s theme is “The 21st Century: State and Security Challenges.”

Roberto Obando (MPP ‘01) was selected by the Institute of International Education to participate in the seminar “Education and Equal Access: from the census data to policy implementation,” held in New Orleans in March. Obando also received the Gould Fellowship, sponsored by the Section on International and Comparative Administration of the American Society of Public Administration. The fellowship is named after David Gould, the professor from University of Pittsburgh who died in the Lockerbie airplane crash. Thanks to the fellowship, Obando attended ASPA 2001 in March.

Stanley Phiri of Malawi (PIDP ’01) has been asked to participate in two events at Harvard University’s Center for International Development (CID). The first is a one-day workshop to develop a set of recommendations, requested by the Bush Administration, regarding U.S. Foreign Policy and Faith-Based Initiatives as they relate to development in Africa and to AIDS orphans. CID and Harvard’s Carr Center for Human Rights Policy also have invited Phiri to speak on “AIDS in Africa: Addressing a Crisis of Human Rights and Development.”

Alumni Notes

The November elections resulted in some job changes for several of our MPP alumni:

Marc Sumerlin (MPP ’96), after working on the Bush Campaign in 1999 and 2000, is now the Deputy Assistant to the President for Economic Policy.

In the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB), three alumni have new positions. Jim Capretta (MPP ‘87) moved from the Senate Budget Committee to become Director for Health and Personnel. Keith Fontenot (MPP ‘82) left the Policy Office of the Social Security Administration to be the Chief of the Health Financing Branch. Harvard Professor John Graham (MPP ’80) has been nominated as the new Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs.

John McManus (MPP ’93) is the new Staff Director of the Health Subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee, moving from the staff of Congressman Bill Thomas (R-CA).

Paul Brathwaite (MPP ’93/ JD ’96) left his position as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Labor for the Employment Standards Administration to become Policy Director for the Congressional Black Caucus.

Peter Kant (MPP ’96) left his position as Executive Quality Manager of the Food and Nutrition Service at the U.S. Department of Agriculture and is now a Director at the Jefferson Consulting Group.

Brad Keller (MPP ‘00) gave up his Presidential Management Internship at the U.S. Department of Transportation to return home and work for newly elected Gov. Bob Wise of West Virginia as the Special Assistant for Policy and Legislative Affairs in the Department of Tax and Revenue.

After working on the successful campaign of Senator Hillary Clinton (D-NY), Marc Lapidus (MPP ‘87) is now Senior Adviser to the New York State Democratic Party.

In other MPP alumni news:

Daniel Blume (MPP ‘91) was promoted to Principal Administrator in the Private Office of the Secretary General at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in Paris.

Justin Brown (MPP ‘98) has a new position at Booz-Allen Hamilton in Washington, D.C.

Gene Conti (MPP ‘78) has been named Chief Deputy to Lyndo Tippett, new N.C. Secretary of Transportation. Conti had been a highway administrator in the Clinton administration.

Matthew Cullinan (MPP ‘90) is Senior Program Officer for education policy at the J. Paul Getty Trust in California.

Tim Cahill (MPP ‘98) has a new position as Managed Care Rate Development Analyst at the Massachusetts Division of Medical Assistance, working for alum Ellen Breslin Davidson (MPP ‘92).

Eric Christopherson (MPP ‘91) and Seiko Matsuzawa (MPP ‘91) are spending a year in China on a fellowship won by Seiko for pre-dissertation research. Eric will travel with her and continue working on a novel.

Kevin Cook (MPP ‘96) left the North Carolina Governor’s Office for a position at EP&P, a health care and management consulting firm in Washington, D.C.

Tom Danielson (MPP/ MEM ’96) left the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to take a position as a biologist in the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

Caroline Davis (MPP ‘94) left the OMB for Laguna Research Associates in San Francisco.

John Drescher (MPP ’88 and former DeWitt Wallace Visiting Media Fellow) is author of the new book, Triumph of Good Will: How Terry Sanford Beat a Champion of Segregation and Reshaped the South. Drescher was on campus Feb. 27 for a book-signing at the Gothic Bookstore. He also taught a class and talked with students at the Institute. He is Managing Editor for The State newspaper in South Carolina.

Krista Enns (MPP/ JD ’99) has a new position as a Judicial Clerk for the Hon. Mary Beck Briscoe on the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals in Lawrence, Kansas.
Mollie Finch (MPP ‘98) is now a Senior Consultant with Community Wealth Ventures, Inc., in Washington, D.C. Mollie is also a member of the Terry Sanford Institute of Public Policy Board of Visitors, and the chair of the Terry Sanford Institute DC Alumni organization.

Kelly Opheim Gordon (MPP ‘96) moved to Oregon and is now a Program Manager at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory.

Jeannette Johnson-Licon (MPP ‘97) is now Director of Multicultural Affairs at DePauw University in Indiana.

Drew Kim (MPP ‘96) is Assistant Director of the Tennessee Technology Development Corp. in Nashville.

Petrea Moyle (MPP/ MEM ‘97) is now working for Assemblywoman Helen Thomson (D-8th) in the California State Legislature, responsible for energy, water and environment issues.

Ben Muskovitz (MPP ‘90) has a new position in the U.S. State Department in the Secretary’s Office for Resources, Plans and Policy, which manages all foreign assistance that flows to countries around the world.

Amy Raslevich (MPP/ MBA ‘00) has left Deloitte Consulting to be the Associate Chief Operations Officer at Community Care Behavioral Health in Pittsburgh.

Jon Rosenwasser (MPP ‘95) has returned to graduate school to pursue a Ph.D. degree at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University in Massachusetts.

Anne Scharff (MPP ‘95) has a new position within the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services as the Supervisor, Special Projects Unit, Division of Child Development.

Paul Sperduto (MPP/ MD ‘84) received the 2000 American Cancer Society’s coveted Lane W. Adams Award for Excellence in Caring, one of only 11 individuals nationwide selected for their exemplary compassion and deep regard for human values.

Jill Boese Stamp (MPP ‘97) has left Deloitte Consulting for a position as the Director of External Relations for Public Agenda in New York.

Trent Stamp (MPP ‘97) is Vice President for Communications at Teach For America in New York.

Elana Varon (MPP ‘91) has been promoted to Senior Editor at CIO Magazine, located in Massachusetts, focusing on business-to-business electronic commerce.

Margaret Weber (MPP ‘99) is now in the Health Financing and Public Health Division of the U.S. General Accounting Office in Chicago.

After two-year terms in the inaugural group of N.C. Governor’s Public Management Fellows, Kristin Cozza (MPP/ MEM ‘98) and Beth Kidder (MPP ‘98) both have permanent positions in N.C. State Government. Cozza is a Watershed Planner in the Wetlands Restoration Program of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Kidder is a Health Policy Analyst in Division of Medical Assistance of the Department of Health and Human Services.

PPS Alumni news:

Steven Abramson (PPS ‘78) and his spouse, David Morgan, are the new owners of Somerset House, a guesthouse in Provincetown, MA. On weekdays, Steven is Director of Managed Care at Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York.

Justin Fairfax (PPS ‘00) recently completed his work with the Gore for President campaign and is now working in the Washington office of Sen. John Edwards (D-NC).

Michelle Schwartz (PPS ‘98) left her position in the Washington office of Sen. Charles Schumer (D-NY) to return to Yale Law School.

Kate Spaziani (PPS ‘99) has joined Rep. Marion Berry’s office (D-Ark.) as legislative assistant for health care issues.

Brady Wood (PPS ‘98) is Director of Community with zUniversity.com in Stamford, CT, and is enjoying life in NYC.

We plan to publish alumni notes more frequently. Help us out by sending updates to Donna Dyer, Director of Career Services and Alumni Relations, by email at donna.dyer@duke.edu, by fax to 919-684-2153, or by telephone to 919-613-7383.