FEEDBACK FROM THE FIELD

We need your input! The CPR Alumni page is coming soon to: (www-cpr.maxwell.syr.edu/alumni). The Pulse Newsletter, guest book and other alumni news will be accessible from this site.

*NOTE: If you would like to receive our newsletter electronically, via e-mail, please contact our Pulse editors at cpr-alum@listserv.syr.edu or look for the newsletter on the alumni web page.

*An Alumni Thought

Commencement is not the end of a relationship; it is — in reality just the beginning of a lifelong bond between graduates and their alma mater.

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FOOTNOTES

The CPR web page is “under construction.” Look for a fresh new look! A new “Alumni” section is going to be added to the CPR home page. If you’d like to make suggestions for this site feel free to contact the CPR webmaster at: webmaster-cpr@maxwell.syr.edu or e-mail the Pulse at: cpr-alum@listserv.syr.edu (all comments will remain confidential).

CPR’s Purchasing and Publications Coordinator, Karen Cimilluca, is the proud mother of a little girl, Samantha Georgia, (7 lbs. 11oz.) born on September 21st. Samantha joins big brother Jonathan. Karen has her hands full now. The staff wish Karen well but can’t wait for her to come back to work!

On September 15th, Assistant Professor Jodi Sandfort (PA) became the proud mother of her first child, Andrew Sandfort Marchese (“Drew”). He weighed 8lbs. 3oz.; and was 22 inches tall. Jodi describes him as “a healthy, happy little boy, with a head of dark, thick hair.”

Please join the faculty and staff of the Center for Policy Research in wishing the Maxwell School a very happy birthday.

Happy 75th Birthday Maxwell!

The Pulse Editors: Karen Cimilluca and Mary Santy
**DIRECTOR’S CORNER**

On behalf of Director Tim Smeeding and the other Associate Directors, J (Douglas Holtz-Eakin) am pleased to welcome you to the fourth edition of the Pulse Newsletter. CPR opens another academic year with a host of new faces (see Faculty Focus), but an unchanged mission: to support policy-relevant, high-quality research, both directly and through the training of the next generation’s researchers. From this perspective, the remainder of the University is catching up with the CPR tradition. As part of its approach to being a student-centered research institution, Syracuse stresses integrating research into the classroom. In CPR, they have never been separate: research is its classroom.

What will we “teach?” While retaining strength in gerontology and the demography and economics of aging, new additions bolster our capacity in urban and regional economics, labor and population studies, health care and financing, public finance, and housing. In the public finance arena, CPR houses the National Tax Journal. Those with interest in public finance began an informal, weekly breakfast (we will order more bagels this year!). I expect more and stronger tax-based research over the next several years to shed light on the progressivity of the income tax, the economics of the estate tax, and other entrepreneurial decisions, and a host of other topics.

Of course, there is no reason for CPR research or its overall mission to be confined by the walls of Eggers. We invite and encourage our alumni to remain in contact. More strongly, we benefit if you remain in active contact. Share with us your career progress, your research papers, job opportunities in your organization, and your ideas for a stronger CPR.

**FACULTY FOCUS**

Welcome to the new Economics faculty who joined CPR this fall. Professor Dan Black (University of Kentucky), Associate Professor Gary Engelhardt (Dartmouth College), Professor Thomas Kniesner (University of Indiana), Assistant Professor John Moran (University of Michigan), and Professor Stuart Rosenthal (Virginia Polytechnic Institute). Vice Chancellor and Provost, Debra Freud (Public Administration) also joins us as a Senior Research Associate here in CPR.

A number of CPR faculty took their work aboard this summer including Jan Ondrich (Economics) who traveled to Germany, Timothy Smeeding (Economics/PA) who traveled to Luxembourg and England and Leah Gutierrez (Public Administration) who traveled abroad for the World Bank. Jodi Sandfort (Public Administration) attended the Third International Symposium on Public Management conference in England in March. She presented the paper “Challenging Public Management from the Front-Lines: The Case of Welfare Provision in the U.S.” It is forthcoming in the Journal of Public Management Research and Theory.

**STAFF STOP**

Ann Wicks started in January of 1994 as Administrative Secretary for the Aging Studies Program. Her predecessor (Lena Rose Orlando) left her a brand new office in Eggers Hall with boxes to unpack-welcome to CPR! She has six faculty doing things her way and is the CPR Webmaster. Along with Mary Santy, she organizes and chair MAX.Q, a one day retreat at Drumlin. It originated to put names and faces together. But has now evolved into an important forum for the staff to discuss and develop issues of consequence to them and the School, including task forces which are involved in campus-wide changes in areas of Elder Care, Flexible Work Arrangements, and Parking. Ann has been part of the “road show” for the CPR tabletop display at recent GSA and AGHE conferences, assists at the Parents Tent for Opening and Parent's Weekends, and will be starting on the path to finishing her degree this fall. If you do not know about hers three “beautiful and talented” daughters and her softball/athletic exploits you've managed to escape the work area before she started talking. We understand Ann’s motto (and screen saver) – “Tuition Benefits!” - as her middle daughter (Annamarie) enters the Art/Education program at VPA this fall. She joins Kristin - a junior in Sociology and Stephanie is talking Law School – looks like Ann will be with us for a while!

**GRAD BAG**

Wedding bells for CPR alumni, John Phillips (Social Security Administration) and Kathern Ross (Urban Institute). They were married October 9th. Wish them well if you're in Washington, DC.

CPR grad Lloyd Blanchard (PA) successfully defended his dissertation on September 10, 1999. Lloyd is now Assistant Professor with The Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs, at the University of Washington Seattle. Hakam Ayan (PA), presented a paper at the 1999 Annual Population Association of America Meeting, this spring in New York, entitled “Traditionality, Modernity, and Household Composition: Parent-Child Coresidence in Contemporary Turkey.”

Pamela Herd (Sociology) has won the Graduate level scholarship in gerontology and finance from the AARP Andrus Foundation. This $7,000 tuition scholarship, includes $1,000 for travel expenses to the Gerontological Society of America's Annual Scientific Meeting to be held in November in San Francisco. She will present a poster presentation on the research she has done on alternatives to nursing home care as long-term care for the elderly. Congratulations to all our CPR grad students!

**DIPLOMATIC POUCH**

CPR’s Associate Professor Chihwa (Duke) Kao (Economics) traveled to Singapore in June to attend the Far East Econometric Society Meeting. Duke has traveled to many big cities (New York, Tokyo, Kyoto), but found Singapore to be one of the most colorful. “It is very “green” and it’s an impressive first sight to see tall trees standing along the highway. It was like driving through a park.”

While there, he traveled to Malaka, Malaysia. The border between these two countries is a small and narrow bridge. It took three hours to cross from Singapore to Malaka, being escorted off the bus, on both sides of the border, and going through customs one by one. “Never cross the border unless you have plenty of time!”

In Malaka, Duke immediately noted the contrast between these two countries. Malaysia has an Old World history. Malaka is known for its Chinese-Portuguese-Dutch heritage. In 1409 the Ming Emperor, Yong Lo, sent Admiral Cheng Ho, to Malaka to establish commercial relations between China and Malaka. The first Chinese settlers to Malaka were five hundred nobles accompanying Princess Hang Lo, the daughter of the Emperor. The last stop before the conference was Pulau Tioman Island. A slow bus was the local mode of transportation for the people. There are no highways in Malaysia. The transportation infrastructure is relatively primitive. Overall, the country is aesthetically beautiful and Malaysia’s East Coast is relatively unpolluted. Would he recommend we go? “I certainly will go back to visit again if I ever have the chance.”

View our website at www-cpr.maxwell.syr.edu **September 24th,** at the Hotel Syracuse, the Maxwell School celebrated its 75th birthday. Chancellor Kenneth “Buzz” Shaw and Dean John Palmer took this opportunity to honor numerous faculty and staff within the Maxwell School. Five CPR faculty and staff received recognition for their many contributions to the School. Timothy Smeeding was named the Maxwell Professor of Public Policy; Douglas A. Wolf was named the Gerald B. Cramer Professor of Aging Studies; Christine L. Himes started in January of 1994 as Administrative Secretary for the Aging Studies Program. Her predecessor (Lena Rose Orlando) left her a brand new office in Eggers Hall with boxes to unpack-welcome to CPR! She has six faculty doing things her way and is the CPR Webmaster. Along with Mary Santy, she organizes and chair MAX.Q, a one day retreat at Drumlin. It originated to put names and faces together. But has now evolved into an important forum for the staff to discuss and develop issues of consequence to them and the School, including task forces which are involved in campus-wide changes in areas of Elder Care, Flexible Work Arrangements, and Parking. Ann has been part of the “road show” for the CPR tabletop display at recent GSA and AGHE conferences, assists at the Parents Tent for Opening and Parent's Weekends, and will be starting on the path to finishing her degree this fall. If you do not know about hers three “beautiful and talented” daughters and her softball/athletic exploits you've managed to escape the work area before she started talking. We understand Ann’s motto (and screen saver) – “Tuition Benefits!” - as her middle daughter (Annamarie) enters the Art/Education program at VPA this fall. She joins Kristin - a junior in Sociology and Stephanie is talking Law School – looks like Ann will be with us for a while!

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