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About the Maxwell School

Syracuse University’s Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs was the first in the nation to offer graduate professional education in public administration, beginning in 1924, and the program has been unwaveringly strong since.

In an arrangement that is unique among major colleges and universities, Maxwell is also home to Syracuse University’s scholarly programs in the social sciences — anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, social science, and sociology. The co-mingling of these scholarly programs with Maxwell’s professional degrees creates rich, compounding benefits for students and faculty members. Scholarly research is tested by the “real-world” perspective of the professional programs.

Maxwell’s high esteem draws in large part from the unfettered cross-propagation of theory, policy, and practice — apparent in the classroom and in eight interdisciplinary institutes (some of them co-sponsored with other Syracuse University schools). Scholars work side-by-side with practitioners on matters of domestic public policy, global affairs, citizenship and public affairs, environmental policy, conflict resolution and collaborative management, and national and international security, among others.

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Technology as the delivery mechanism for governance, education and health services in his country. Mr. Thakur is ICT Team Leader with the United Mission to Nepal where he oversees ICT strategies, plans and budgets including maintaining communication infrastructure between UMN’s field offices and headquarters.

Phone Myint Win
Myanmar (Burma)
Mr. Myint Win is engaging in policy analysis and public administration studies with a focus on capacity-building in civil society and NGOs. He wishes to utilize this knowledge base so that Myanmar civil society can effectively contribute to nation-building, reconciliation, democratization, development and poverty reduction. Mr. Win is program coordinator for Burnet Institute Myanmar where he coordinates the institute’s programs and projects in addition to developing strategic partnerships with local organizations.

Brahmanand Thakur
Nepal
Mr. Thakur’s area of focus is ICT policy and management as a way to increase social equity and governance. He has an interest in open government and global science diplomacy. He aims at making information and communication

Humayun Bashir Tarar
Pakistan
Mr. Bashir Tarar is undertaking study in public administration, policy analysis, implementation, performance measurement and leadership. He wishes to integrate these skills into practice in policing, where policies create public value through enhancing capacity and support and their subsequent overlap. Mr. Bashir Tarar is a member of the Police Service of Pakistan and in his last assignment was SSP Research and Analysis in the Counter-terrorism Department with the Punjab Police in Pakistan.
The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program was initiated in 1978 to honor the late Senator and Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and his lifelong commitment to international cooperation and public service. 

The program brings accomplished mid-career professionals from designated developing nations and emerging democracies to the United States for a year of professional development and related academic study and cultural exchange. The people-to-people approach to international understanding provides a basis for lasting ties between U.S. citizens and their professional counterparts in other countries. It also strengthens the global exchange of knowledge and experience essential to a sustainable world.

Fellowships are granted competitively to professionals with a commitment to public service. The program is sponsored by the United States Department of State and is administered by the Institute of International Education. This year’s program includes 204 Fellows from 93 countries, hosted by 18 universities throughout the United States.

Humphrey Fellows come to the Maxwell School to pursue studies and professional development work in the areas of public policy, public administration, non-profit management, leadership and collaboration. ICT policy is one focus of the fellowship, and Humphrey Fellows work in partnership with the University’s School of Information Studies. The goals of the program are:

- to provide opportunities for a rich exchange of information among Fellows and also between Fellows and host families, community members, professional colleagues, as well as students and faculty at the Maxwell School;
- to help Fellows understand as broadly and deeply as possible U.S. cultural, political, legal, and economic systems; and
- to help Fellows develop a fuller sense of global context in which we all operate.

In collaboration with Syracuse University faculty members and alumni, a network of affiliated professionals, host families — and the Fellows themselves — the Humphrey Fellows Program at Maxwell provides an extraordinary environment for cross-cultural learning.

Participants • 2011-12

Sulaiman Al-Shandouli
Oman

Mr. Al-Shandouli has an interest in technology management in government organizations in addition to technology investments. He intends to pursue studies in e-government in order to further his country’s development in effective government community-initiated and -targeted infrastructure. This will enable better services to be delivered to Oman’s citizens and create a bi-directional flow of information. Mr. Al-Shandouli also intends to gain knowledge about IT and technology, especially in investments in the telecommunications industry. He currently is Director of the Office of Secretary General for the Research Council of Oman where he assists in formation of science and technology policy for his country.

Sania Battalova
Kyrgyzstan

Ms. Battalova’s area of focus is technology policy and management as it relates to education and information services. She is interested in exploring how new technologies play a role in collecting, analyzing and disseminating information within the realm of government service and public participation. Ms. Battalova is currently Director of Information Resources and Technology at American University of Central Asia where she directs and manages the background information technology and resource. Additionally, she develops the library and IT strategic plan in line with the University’s and Kyrgyz Libraries Consortium missions.

Hazim Hamed
Iraq

Mr. Hamed has an interest in public policy, public administration and economic development and leadership. He wishes to serve his country and transfer the knowledge gained to others in the government to positively take part in this historic transitional period of the country. Mr. Hamed works as an adviser in the Iraqi Presidency.

Kristine Jaunzemé
Latvia

Ms. Jaunzemé is focusing her studies on public organizations and management, public administration, policy and conflict resolution as well as civic engagement and participation. Ms. Jaunzemé is Director of Local Government Supervision Department in the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development of the Republic of Latvia. She examines the legality of decisions and binding regulations of local governments, drafts proposals for legislation concerning local government, and works on the implementation of one-stop agency principle in the availability of state and local government services.

Elena Marchan
Ecuador

Ms. Marchan is studying policy analysis, democracy and anti-corruption as an additional interest in humanitarian law and human rights. She wishes to combine analytical and quantitative skills with research in anti-corruption, best practices, legal transparency and ethics practices. Ms. Marchan is currently working as an Institutional Coordinator in the Attorney General’s office where she works in a communication, planning and public relations counsel.

Prateek Mohanty
India

Mr. Mohanty is interested in public administration, policy analysis and good governance with a focus on anti-corruption. He wishes to gain exposure to NGOs working in anti-corruption in addition to opening initiatives such as freedom of information and anti-corruption laws. He wishes to study the anti-corruption efforts of the World Bank and UNDP. This focus is in order to elevate collaborative efforts in good governance within India. Mr. Prateek is Superintendent of Police in the state of Orissa, heading anti-corruption efforts in his jurisdiction, investigating allegations of corruption and the supplanting of development funds.

Kenyatta Mwawashe
Kenya

Mr. Mwawashe’s area of focus is in public administration, policy analysis and good governance. He is a leading promodercacy activist with over 15 years of experience in the coordination of multiple bilateral advocacy programs on public policy, legislative and constitutional reforms, human rights and aid effectiveness at the community, national and global levels. He is a Co-founder of Cepen Kenya and a Board Member of Levite Foundation, civil rights organizations working for excluded women and young people in Kenya. Mr. Mwawashe is the 2009 recipient of The International Peace Federation Award in Kenya for his work advocating for good governance in his country. Until recently he has been the Senior Policy and Governance Advisor at Plan International Kenya.

Gang Sheng
China

Mr. Sheng is studying policy analysis and public administration. He has an interest in the sustainability of development as it relates to China’s emerging markets and limited resources per capita. This is dovetailed with his city’s reconstruction after the massive earthquake of 2008. Mr. Sheng is Executive Officer for the Vice Mayor in Chengdu Municipal Government where he assists in the oversight of the city’s Science and Technology Bureau, Economic Commission and Bureau of Safety Inspection and Production.

Rezwana Siddiqui
Pakistan

Ms. Siddiqui is interested in public policy analysis and public administration with special focus on policy incentives on taxation and investment with GDP growth. She believes that good governance and improved service delivery requires broad-based structural reforms in the public sector, coupled with an enhanced role of IT to curtail discretionary powers of public servants, especially the tax officers. All these efforts translate into improved tax-to-GDP ratio, enhanced tax base through proactive role of the FBR in documenting the economy and playing its role after the Anti-Money Laundering Act 2010. Ms. Siddiqui is Secretary, Strategic Planning of the Federal Board of Revenue.