

MPA Alumni Newsletter, Fall 2019

DIRECTOR'S NOTE: WELCOME ALUMNI, STUDENTS, AND FRIENDS

Greetings MPA Alumni and Friends,

I think it is appropriate that I begin my tenure as director of the MPA program with an Evergreen custom: offering a few expressions of gratitude. First I want to thank our out-going Director, Doreen Swetkis. Doreen has served our faculty, staff, students and community with distinction over the past four years and has laid the groundwork for our program's continued success in educating the next generation of Washington's leaders. Second, I want to say thank you to the MPA program faculty and staff, all of whom have gone out of their way to make me feel welcome and make my transition to Evergreen smooth.



Mike Crow, MPA Director

I also want to express my gratitude to our students and alumni. We live in times when public servants are often unrecognized for their vital contributions to our communities, even by those at the highest level of our government. It gives me great hope for our future to see talented people make the choice to pursue careers that will make a difference in our society, and I thank you for doing so.

[Continue reading MPA Director's Welcome Letter to Alumni, Students, and Friends.](#)

ANNOUNCING MPA'S FIRST TACOMA COHORT

We are pleased to announce our first MPA Tacoma cohort starting this Fall at the Evergreen-Tacoma site, located in the notable Hilltop neighborhood.



We began offering MPA elective courses at the Evergreen-Tacoma site starting last Fall. We are offering our Public & Nonprofit Administration and Public Policy concentrations at the Tacoma site. Doreen Swetkis and Lianna Shepherd are the inaugural faculty team that will teach the Tacoma first-year learning community. [Learn more about the MPA Tacoma cohort.](#)

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:

Destiny Petroske MPA '18 and **Debra Penny Jim** MPA '18 begin PhDs with New Zealand's Te Whare Wananga o Awanuiarangi Program

Two recent MPA Tribal Governance alumnae Destiny Petroske and Debra Penny Jim recently starting working toward their PhDs at the Te Whare Wananga o Awanuiarangi program, located in New Zealand.

[Read their Alumni Spotlight interview.](#)



WASHINGTON MONTHLY NAMES EVERGREEN BEST IN NATION IN MASTER'S UNIVERSITY CATEGORY

Washington Monthly magazine has ranked The Evergreen State College as first out of 606 schools granting masters degrees! The nonprofit magazine, based in Washington D.C. ranks colleges and universities based on three criteria: social mobility, research and civic engagement. Washington Monthly is trying to change how Americans value education, taking into account more than GPAs and graduate earnings. [Read more about Washington Monthly's annual college ranking.](#)

RETURN TO EVERGREEN:

CAPSTONE TO CAREER PANEL

Return to Evergreen is our annual weekend celebrating Greener alumni! Undergraduate and graduate alumni are invited to choose from over 20 hands-on activities, workshops, seminars, social events, and a field trip. **MPA will have one panel October 19 that highlights MPA alumni.** MPA Assistant Director Anna Rhoads is co-facilitating the panel, Theory to Practice: Graduate Alumni on a Capstone Shaping a Career, featuring four MPA alumni and two MES alumni discussing the thesis and capstone process. [Learn more about Return to Evergreen and register online.](#)



WELCOME YOICHIRO TSUZUKI!

We are excited to have Yoichiro Tsuzuki join the MPA program as a visiting faculty member this year. Yoichiro is a visiting professor from University of Hyogo in Japan.

[Learn more about Yoichiro.](#)

DOREEN SWETKIS COMPLETES THIRD EDITION OF BOOK

MPA faculty member Doreen Swetkis recently completed the third edition (2019) of *The 21st Century American City: Race, Ethnicity, and Multicultural Urban Life*, with co-author Wendy A. Kellogg. The new edition is an e-book, and presents recent scholarship on race, ethnicity, and the American city to help students understand the current characteristics of urban areas. Using a multidisciplinary framework, the objective of this text is to "see" the city from many vantage points.



MPA IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2020 COHORT

We are now accepting applications for our Public & Nonprofit Administration, Public Policy, and Tribal Governance cohorts with a start date of Fall 2020 at the Olympia campus. If you know someone who would be a good fit for the MPA program, please refer them to our [application webpage](#) for more information.



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