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**MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION  
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**Continuing Faculty**

**Larry Geri** has been a member of the faculty at TESC since 1994.  Prior to switching to academia he was an analyst and manager with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, based in Washington, D.C. His primary role was to provide management advice for the Department’s plant and animal protection programs in Mexico, and Central and South America.  He has regularly taught the first and second year core courses in the MPA program plus a wide variety of electives, including public policy, energy policy, nonprofit management, grantwriting, organizational development, and international organizations. His primary research interest over the last several years has been how public policy can hasten the adoption of renewable sources of energy.  His other interests include nonprofit management, organizational development, and international organizations.  He is the co-author (with David McNabb) of *Energy Policy in the U.S: Politics, Challenges and Prospects for Change* and has published journal articles on a variety of topics.  Larry holds a doctorate in public administration from the University of Southern California, along with an MPA from the George Washington University and a BA in Economics from the UW.  Between 2002 and 2006 he was Director of the MPA program. During the 2013-14 academic year he is on sabbatical. Larry received a Fulbright scholarship to travel to Santiago, Chile between August and December 2013 to teach a course on sustainability and perform research on Chile’s energy systems.    He is a past president of United Way of Thurston County and provides guidance to many local nonprofits on evaluation, performance measurement and strategic management.  He tries to get outdoors as much as possible in his off hours, preferably with his wife Rachel.

**Amy Gould** is a full time continuing faculty member at TESC and has taught here since 2005. She earned her B.A. in Public Policy and Management from the University of Oregon in 1997; M.S. in Public Affairs from the University of Oregon in 2000; Ph.D. in Political Science from Northern Arizona University in 2005. As a former practitioner of public administration in transportation, her research and publications include management style and leadership, trust within public service, conformity, social differences, public policy, project management, organizational theory and behavior, constitutions, Office of the U.S. President, religion, international relations and development, social science research methods, and gender studies. She serves on the Board of Directors for the American Society for Public Administration, Evergreen Chapter.

**Cheryl Simrell King** has been teaching in MPA programs for over 25 years.  She was trained as an experimental psychologist and worked as a regulatory and strategic marketing researcher before pursuing a full-time academic career. Like most Evergreen MPA faculty, she is a generalist and teaches across the MPA curriculum.  Most of her scholarship and community-based work is in the area of citizen engagement and transformational practices to improve governance and government.  This area has led her, of late, to sustainability and design thinking as portals to transforming governance.  In particular she is interested in how we shape public spaces to build and sustain communities.  She is co-author of one book (*Transformational Public Service: Portraits of Theory in Practice)* and editor of two (*Government is Us: Public Administration in an Anti-Government Era* and *Government is Us, 2.0*) as well as author and contributor to many articles published in academic and trade journals.  She serves on editorial boards of journals, reviews manuscripts for journals and publishers, and served in leadership positions in related professional organizations.  Locally, she serves as a Board member of a foundation that supports regional parks, arts and culture organizations and is an Art Ambassador for the City of Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation Department, leading waterfront public art tours in the summers.  She also serves as an assistant coach for Thurston County's Specialized Recreation and Special Olympics swim team.

**Doreen Swetkis** is a full-time member of the faculty in TESC's MPA program.  Previously, she was a visiting professor at the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University (Ohio) and received her doctorate from the Levin College in 2009. Her dissertation topic examined the relationship between residential property tax abatement programs and change in Ohio's urban neighborhoods. She has taught several courses in urban studies, public administration, and nonprofit administration.  Doreen has several years of experience as a practitioner in the non-profit sector, including serving as the associate director of development & research for a Cleveland fair housing organization. Doreen is published in the *Journal of Genetic Psychology,* *Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Housing News Service,* and the *Journal of Public Administration Research & Theory.* She is co-author of *The 21st Century American City: Race, Ethnicity and Multicultural Urban Life,* and author of an article in the text entitled, *Policy Makers versus Citizens: Implications of Competing Values when Crafting Public Policy.* She sits on the board for Nature Nurtures Farm, a local nonprofit organization.

**Adjunct Faculty**

**Marc Baldwin** is Assistant Director, Forecasting and Research for the Office of Financial management for the State of Washington.  He was Governor Gregoire’s economic development policy advisor after being an Assistant Commissioner at the Employment Security Department.  He was head of the division that included legislative affairs and the labor market information staff.  He was an assistant director of the AFL-CIO Policy Department in Washington, DC before moving to Olympia.  He has a BA from Oberlin College, an MSc from the London School of Economics, and a PhD from MIT.  He has taught in various capacities at Evergreen, primarily in the MPA core.  He is the father of an unusually bright and creative daughter.

**Stephen Buxbaum** has more than thirty years of management experience in the non-profit and public sectors focusing on community and economic development programs and policy. His background includes extensive work on farmland preservation, sustainable agriculture and water conservation beginning in the 1970’s and ‘80’s. He has worked at local, state and federal levels of government both in Washington State and Washington, D.C. As an executive manager for the state of Washington, he oversaw financing of hundreds of affordable housing, community facilities and public works projects. During his career he has managed some of Washington State’s most successful grant and loan programs, including the Housing Trust Fund and the Community Development Block Grant program. In 2005, he received a fellowship to attend Harvard University's program for senior executives in state and local government. In 2006, he was appointed to chair the Governor's Interagency Council on Homelessness. Now, in addition to managing his consulting business, he teaches part-time for Evergreen's Masters of Public Administration Program. In November 2009 he was elected to serve on Olympia, Washington’s City Council. He was elected by his peers to serve as Olympia’s Mayor Pro Tem (Deputy Mayor) from April 2010 to December 2011. He was elected Mayor of Olympia in the 2011 General Election and assumed office on January 3, 2012 (term ending December 31, 2015).

**Katherine Himes** - Dr. Katherine (Kate) Himes - brings science policy to the classroom. She lived and worked in Central and South-Central Asia, focused on the intersection of international development, diplomacy, and science policy. In this role, she helped countries utilize science and technology (S&T) to address development challenges, including water, climate change, conservation, and science capacity.   
For four years, Kate was an American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Fellow based at the U.S. Agency for International Development. Working closely with the U.S. Department of State, she supported S&T in five countries of the former Soviet Union, she also expanded entrepreneurship opportunities for researchers in African countries. Prior to her time in Washington, Kate served as Special Assistant to the Provost at the University of Minnesota.  
Currently, Kate is a Foreign Policy Interrupted Fellow and an independent consultant. She received her Ph.D. in Neuroscience from the University of Minnesota, MBA in Entrepreneurship from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and B.S. in Neuroscience from the University of Minnesota. Her dissertation focused on development in several invertebrate species, including the honeybee.  
Fun-fact: Kate has run across the Grand Canyon and back in a single day. She also holds a Ph.D. Minor in Women’s Studies, with emphasis on the Feminist Philosophy of Science.

**Paul Horton** is a leadership and strategy coach and community development and organizational change professional with 23 years of leadership-level experience working with the public, private, tribal, and non-profit sectors. He is committed to harnessing diversity, building community, fostering shared responsibility, and working across boundaries to implement collaborative approaches to organizational change. Paul specializes in using participatory leadership practices to build social capital and improve community and organizational outcomes.

Paul co-founded and was the managing director or executive director of the non-profit, Climate Solutions from 1998 to 2007. He was the director of sustainability for the engineering firm, David Evans & Associates and Principal of Paul Horton Consulting Group, LLC. He is currently a partner with the mission driven consulting firm The Athena Group. Paul received his undergraduate degree from The Evergreen State College.  He received his Masters of Strategic Leadership Towards Sustainability from Sweden’s Blekinge Institute of Technology and he holds a Certificate in Sustainable Business from the Bainbridge Graduate Institute.

**Tina Kuckkahn-Miller** works extensively in fund development, arts administration, Indigenous arts and cultures. She currently works with the Evergreen Longhouse and the arts. Tina will be teaching the Managing Cultural Organizations and Programs course. Tina expands her talents and interests toFederal Indian law and policy, non-profit management, and cultural centers.

**Amy Leneker** has held a number of leadership positions in state government. She currently works for the Department of Labor & Industries as the Assistant Director for the Government Affairs & Policy Division. Prior to working for L&I, Amy served as the Director of Government Relations at the Employment Security Department. She has held senior policy and legislative roles for a number of other state agencies and also spent six years as a legislative staffer in the Senate.  Amy is a proud Geoduck, holding both her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Evergreen.   She and her husband Corey have two children (and one incredibly clever Labradoodle) and make their home in Olympia.

**Steve Marshall** has more than 32 years of national and international business, government, and higher education experience grounded in a firm understanding of teaching methodology. Led worldwide training for Citibank and nationwide training for MetLife. Federally, delivers multi-year leadership and professional development training to the U.S. Departments of Homeland Security and Education, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Pretrial Services Agency for the District of Columbia. Wrote eighteen leadership and professional development courses, and taught employees in the U.S., Australia, England, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Korea, Philippines, Poland, and Singapore. Domestic and foreign travel, multicultural experiences, and personal relationships with people of many nationalities have resulted in substantial experience and expertise in working across cultural differences

**John R. McCoy** represents the 38th Legislative District, which includes the Tulalip, Marysville and Everett communities of Snohomish County. John is Co-Chair of the National Conference of State Legislators Environment Committee and is an active member of the Environmental Management Roundtable, the Labor and Economic Development Committee, and the Communications, Financial Services & Interstate Commerce Committee for the National Conference of State Legislatures.

In the Washington State Legislature, John is Chair of Community Development and Housing and Tribal Affairs committee, Vice-Chair of the Environment Committee and sits on the House Education Committee. John has worked on expanding broadband across the state to get folks connected. He has also pushed to expand Washington’s renewable energy portfolio and create incentives for alternative energy, like biomass and solar. John continues to work on making Washington greener and run more efficiently.

John served in the United States Air Force for 20 years, retiring in 1981 with extensive training in computer operations and programming. He worked as a computer technician in the White House from 1982 to 1985. John went on to management in the private sector to continue his career in computer programming and operations. In 1994 he returned to Tulalip to help bring the community into the digital world and build what is now the Quil Ceda Village Business. In 2000 John became General Manager of the Quil Ceda Village Business Park where he retired August 2010.

John and his wife, Jeannie McCoy, make their home in Tulalip. They have three daughters, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

**Grace O’Conner** is a nearly life-long Olympia resident. She is an assistant attorney general for the state of Washington, where she defends a variety of agencies against employment actions. Grace did her undergraduate work at Bates College in Lewiston, ME, where she created an interdisciplinary major across English Literature and Political Science, with a minor in Women's Studies.  She graduated magna cum laude from Gonzaga University School of Law in 2005, where she was a teaching assistant for a second-year Constitutional Law section, president of the Women's Law Caucus, and authored the journal comment, *Her Body is a Battlefield: The Applicability of the Alien Tort Statute to Corporate Human Rights Abuses in Juarez, Mexico*, 40 Gonz. L. Rev. 503 (2005).  Grace has worked as a law clerk for two state Supreme Court justices, the Honorable Bobbe J. Bridge (Ret.) and the Honorable Debra L. Stephens, assisting the judges in their decision-making process. As an assistant attorney general, she has also represented the Department of Social and Health Services and the Department of Early Learning, advocating for the state in numerous administrative hearings, as well as working with agency staff to draft agency rules, among other duties. Grace is active in Thurston County's local civil legal aid organization, and enjoys spending time with her husband and two young sons, as well as reading fiction, in her spare time.

**Jenny Serpa** graduated from the MPA program with a Tribal Governance Concentration in 2012. She has focused on educational systems, access barriers, and health disparities in her education and career pursuits. Jenny has a passion for community-based research and service. She is the co-founder and co-manager of American Indigenous Consultants LLC, a company which offers non-profit start up assistance, non-profit administrative services, and grant writing services for Tribes and non-profits. She has worked at the Seattle Indian Health Board, one of the 34 Urban Indian Health Organizations, and its Urban Indian Health Institute, one of the 12 Indian Health Service Tribal Epidemiology Centers serving the Urban Indian population across the United States. Jenny's keen knack and love of research has earned her a Mary Gates Research Scholarship & Best Honors Thesis at the University of Washington (BA) and the Sue Crystal Fellowship for capstone research (MPA). Jenny is of (Peruvian) Quechua and Scottish descent, who was born and raised in Colorado and has lived in Washington for the last 9 years.

**Emeritus Faculty**

Prior to his retirement, **Alan Parker** served as Director of the Northwest Indian Applied Research Institute at Evergreen and a Member of the Faculty in the MPA Program. Among other positions, he was President of the American Indian National Bank (1982-87) and Staff Director and Chief Counsel of the U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (1977-81 and 1987-91).

The central focus of **Linda Moon Stumpff’s** work is the exploration of local and indigenous knowledge and values as they are expressed through participatory governance institutions. Her work is environmental protection and planning takes a broad focus with international study and practice. Joining the National Park Service in 1976, she served as a Chief Ranger until 1991 when she moved to the National Forest Service to take on broader duties as a manager and planner. Linda completed undergraduate work in International Relations and Forestry at the University of California, Berkeley and furthered her studies mid-career earning a doctorate from USC’s School of Public Administration and Regional Planning. Her current work at Evergreen includes writing and editing case studies for the Enduring Legacies Program and working on research in forest and fire ecology. She continues to publish mainly in environmental journals and she is working on two books.