



NEWS

Infrastructure Certificate Practicum Aims to Support Economic Recovery in Puerto Rico by Providing Internet Access



Students pursuing the CIPA Infrastructure Project Management and Finance (IPMF) Certificate traveled to Puerto Rico in January to do fieldwork for their practicum. Led by John Foote, the IPMF faculty coordinator, students examined options for providing Internet service to public institutions, (e.g., libraries, clinics, hospitals, municipal buildings, etc.) and households in Puerto Rico which are situated in

municipalities that do not currently have adequate service. Read more [here](#).



CIPA Students Ratchet up Presence at Policy Competitions

“These competitions are a unique opportunity for students to take the tools and skills they are learning in the classroom and apply them to a competitive setting,” says Brenner. “This mimics the very real competition they will face in their public service careers, as they vie for limited resources, budget, time, agenda attention, and support for their innovative policy ideas. It also allows them to network with other MPA students who will be their colleagues in the near future.” Read more [here](#).



Former World Bank Executive Serves as 2019 Executive in Residence

During spring semester 2019, students benefitted from having Dr. Yan Wang serve as CIPA Executive in Residence. Recently retired, Wang served as a senior economist in the Growth and Competitiveness Unit at the World Bank Institute (WBI). In her role as Executive in Residence, she visited campus twice over the course of the semester to guest lecture in classes, engage in roundtables, and hold office hours to discuss academic and professional interests with students. Read more [here](#).

CIPA's Giving Day 2019 Results Exceed Expectations



Punctuated by lighthearted competition between alumni and current classes and entertaining videos of faculty staff taking pies to the face when pre-set donor milestones were reached, Cornell's Giving Day 2019 was a rousing success for the CIPA program, breaking all previous records for both donor participation and total funds raised. Read more [here](#).



CIPA Chair to Lead Panel on Alumni Engagement at Upcoming APPAM Conference

"We've been working with CIPA alumni for several years now to design innovative programming for our students through our certificate programs," says Fitzpatrick. "These graduate certificates are novel because of the ways in which they create unique learning environments for students that build on our



CIPA Partners with Hampden-Sydney College, Seeks Partnerships with other Alumni

CIPA has partnered with Hampden-Sydney College (H-SC) and the College's Wilson Center for Leadership in the Public Interest to encourage and facilitate the enrollment of qualified H-SC students into CIPA. This partnership developed as a result of 2008 CIPA alumnus Ryan Pemberton, who serves as the director

fantastically engaged alumni base and our experiential learning goals. These programs are unlike any others that we've been seeing from other programs and the students who have participated have done really well after graduation. We're excited to keep building in this area." Read more [here](#).

of the Wilson Center, reaching out to CIPA Executive Director Thomas O'Toole to discuss possible affiliations. "This is exactly the kind of partnership that we would love to have our alumni help us develop with their undergraduate institutions," says Thomas O'Toole. Read more [here](#).

CIPA Colloquium Reimagined: Professional Development for Public Affairs



"...the new programming has transformed the way students think about careers and networking from the moment they start at CIPA. We have received overwhelmingly positive feedback from them about the course content and their career readiness. We've also been gratified to receive congratulatory comments from alumni, who have supported us every step of the way – from helping us envision the transition to engaging with students in informational interviews and on-campus visits. I am excited about what this means for CIPA students and the program moving forward."

--Kayla Kirchner Malone. Read more [here](#).



Former CIPA Director Richard Schuler Dies at 81

It is with great sadness that we share the news that our beloved CIPA Professor and former Director Richard (Dick) Schuler passed away on Wednesday, February 13, following a brief illness. Professor Schuler was a longtime CIPA core faculty member who served as director from 1995 to 2001. A Professor Emeritus in recent years, he held joint appointments as professor of economics and professor of civil and environmental engineering. Read more [here](#).



Students Showcase their Community Engagement Work

Katelyn Palumbo, M.P.A. '19, worked through the Jewish Family Services of Buffalo and Erie County, in coordination with the [Cornell Institute of Public Affairs](#) to help address issues faced by resettled refugees in Buffalo. About 85 languages are spoken in the western New York region, and communications about weather, for example, can be a challenge. Read more [here](#).

CIPA FACULTY IN THE NEWS

How Elizabeth Warren's Universal Child Care Plan Would Affect You



CIPA Director Maria Fitzpatrick is quoted in this Feb. 19, 2019 *Rolling Stones* article. *“Making the program universal is particularly compelling, Fitzpatrick says, “because we do have some evidence that a universal program is even more likely to have benefits than a targeted program, and in part that’s driven probably by peer effects across children — there are benefits, for example, for children from different backgrounds spending time together in daycare and preschool classes.* Read more [here](#).

[Book Offers Hope to Parents of Children Who Self-injure](#)

“So much of self-injury is giving voice to emotional experiences. It’s a way to take an amorphous, emotional cloud of stuff and focus it and control it,” says CIPA faculty member Dr. Janis Whitlock. She has co-authored a new book entitled *Healing Self Injury*, published in

[Cornell Partners with Harvard to Improve Rural Schools](#)

Although Ithaca does not qualify as “rural,” local schools and their students from rural communities will still benefit from this effort, according to Prof. John Sipple, advisor to Harvard’s National Center for Rural Education Research Networks and CIPA

[Students, Faculty Shape Global Effort to Cool a Warming World](#)

As part of a Cornell delegation of students and faculty, CIPA Lecturer Rebecca Brenner attended the 24th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. There, she co-presented a talk on “Building Community

February by Oxford
University Press.
Read more [here](#).

Core Faculty member.
Read more [here](#).

Resiliency and Climate
Action through Trained
Volunteers.”
Read more [here](#).

Staffing Changes at CIPA

As the semester draws to a close, I wanted to inform you that two of our CIPA staff members will be leaving this summer, while another will be entering a two-year phased retirement. Read more [here](#).

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

CIPA Alumnus Wesley Hunt Announces Candidacy for Texas' 7th Congressional District



"My time in the military has taught me that when you believe in something you defend it," said Hunt. "I am someone who truly believes in the values of this country. This is the greatest country in the world. And it's time for leaders who truly believe in the values of this country, to step up and fight for our values and our way of life."
--W. Hunt. Read more [here](#).



Thinking Equal in Timor-Leste: Gabi's Path in Development

Gabriela Leite Soares, MPA 2013, was one of several women featured by The World Bank on International Women's Day in March, for the inspirational work she is doing across East Asia and Pacific. *"We need to strive for increased access concurrently with quality. It's not enough to fill classrooms with teachers and health facilities with health providers. Policies should be made using well-researched evidence."* –G. Leite Soares.

Read more [here](#).

Feature Story with Jessica Li

Jessica Li, MPA 2007, was recently featured on the Platform for Women website. *"[Jessica] knows what she is talking about and definitely walks the walk. Her advice to other women of color is not from some textbook on empowerment. No. Who can learn from a book about empowering women! She has lived through and has adeptly handled the most awkward and difficult situations. She knows how to handle power dynamics in the workplace because she has personally navigated her professional career in a very white world."* Read more [here](#).

16 Daily Habits High Achievers Say Help Them Be the Best Versions of Themselves



Olinda Hassan, MPA 2014, was tapped to offer the #5 tip in this Inc. article on the

habits of high achievers. At the time of publication, she was a partner in the strategy and innovation team at Twitter. As of March 21, 2019 Olinda is a Senior Policy Manager at Spotify. *Swap out emails for face-to-face time: "It's easy to get caught waiting on emails while decision-making. I make it a point every day, rather than waiting for an email, to swap out one email chain for a face-to-face meeting. Our offices have an open work space, and the entire purpose is collaboration, but I sometimes forget to take advantage of it. Making at least one decision in-person every day not only helps get an answer faster, but allows me to do some very valuable networking among and outside my team."* Read more [here](#).



Faces of Women in Development – Nov. 2018: Rupa Shah

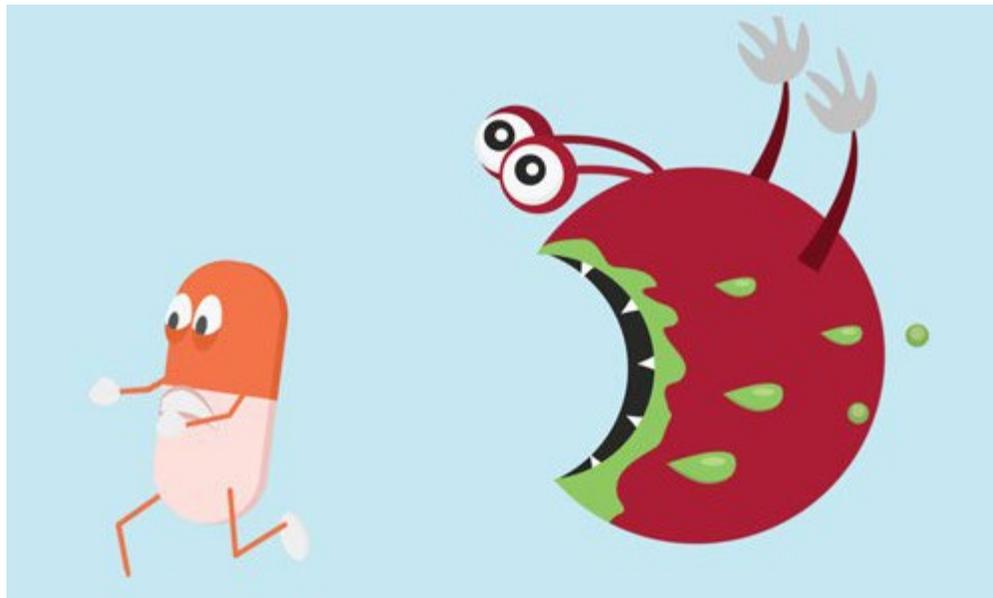
Women in Development of Greater Boston featured Rupa Shah, MPA 2015, as the Face of Women in Development (Philanthropy). She serves as the Associate Director of Development and Corporate Relations at T1D Exchange. Read more [here](#).



Cornellians Experience 'Cultural Exchange,' Meet National Leaders

"The trips were organized by Mohammad Zohair Javed MPA '18 and Shan-E-Ahmad MPA '18, who wanted the trips to bring different cultures together and help dispel myths or misunderstandings about their home country." Read more [here](#).

Antibiotic Resistance Research Published by Abhinav Choudhry



Abhinav Choudhry, MPA 2018, authored an article entitled “Antibiotic Resistance: Fighting a Multi-Headed Demon,” which was published in March by Global Policy Insights, a policy think tank. Read more [here](#).

BLOGS: Public Policy in Action



Hear from faculty and current students about their research, studies, and experiential work in CIPA’s new [Public Policy in Action blog](#).

[**Making the Most of Service-Learning Opportunities at CIPA: 2019 SMART Team Studies Indonesia’s Cacao Industry**](#)

[**How a Capstone Project Turned into a Research Position**](#)

[**Systems Thinking: CIPA’s Derek & Laura Cabrera Offer New Hope for Solving Wicked Problems**](#)



[Understanding the Importance of Translational Research—Q & A with Janis Whitlock](#)

[An Interview with the Director of the Cornell Institute for Public Affairs—Maria Fitzpatrick](#)

[Researching the Economics of Risky Health Behaviors with MPA Faculty Member—John Cawley](#)

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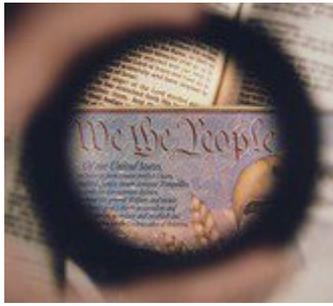
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