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Trachtenberg School of Public Policy & Public Administration

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From the Director, Fall 2014

Welcome to the fall 2014 edition of the Trachtenberg School Newsletter!

Exciting things are happening at the Trachtenberg School this fall semester. We're welcoming a new professor, hosting a variety of events and welcoming a great group of new students. The first cohort of students in our new Budget and Public Finance Certificate program are joining us at the Foggy Bottom campus. You can learn more about all of these things by reading this quick newsletter and visiting our website. And look for the next issue of *The Trachtenberg Experience* magazine in your mailbox in a few months.



All of us at the Trachtenberg School are thankful you are part of our tradition of doing good and doing it well. We hope you'll enjoy this update on the school and that you'll find ways you can be involved in these conversations about service across the public, private and nonprofit sectors.

Warmest Regards,
Kathy Newcomer
Director, Trachtenberg School

Welcome Sanjay Pandey, Shapiro Professor of Public Policy & Public Administration



The Trachtenberg School is delighted to welcome Dr. **Sanjay Pandey** as the newest member of our faculty and the school's latest endowed chair. Professor Pandey was the first member of the faculty to be honored by NASPAA, the global standard in public service education, and the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) with their Distinguished Research Award in November 2013. His research has been recognized with numerous awards and included in leading collections. Two of his co-authored articles are included among *Public Administration Review's* 75 most influential articles. But he's more than a resume.

"Being open to new ideas and possibilities led me to studying public management, which remains an enduring passion" according to Professor Pandey. When Sanjay Pandey entered college in India, he had the opportunity of a lifetime to study engineering at the prestigious Indian Institute of Technology in Kanpur (IITK). While he was a studying at IITK, Professor Pandey discovered that he was fascinated by the humanities and social sciences courses, especially sociology. He pursued this interest and joined the interdisciplinary social science program at the Maxwell School of Syracuse University where he planned to study science and technology policy. Yet again, he discovered that he was fascinated even more by the organization and management of public organizations.

[» Read more about Sanjay Pandey](#)

Join These Events

It will be a busy fall at the Trachtenberg School as we celebrate a new book from two Trachtenberg School professors, host policy discussions and forums and find opportunities to connect with others in the school.

- **September 5: [Book Signing with GW Professors Jed Kee and John Forrer, authors of *Governing Cross-Sector Collaboration*](#)**



- **September 18:** [Why Government Fails so Often, a grand lecture by Professor Peter Schuck and moderated by Amitai Etzioni](#)
- **September 18-21:** [Alumni Weekend 2014](#)
- **October 11:** Tour the Monuments with Kathy Newcomer!
- **October 30:** TSO Student Policy Forum: "What We Know About Policies to Reduce Income Inequality" with sponsorship support from the Trachtenberg School and National Economists Club
- **November 17:** Street Sense Street Theatre presents *Straight Talk from the Streets: Addressing Homelessness in Washington, D.C.*
- **December 5:** Holiday Open House



Check the [calendar on our webpage](#) for more information on upcoming events, including **Information Sessions** for prospective students, an Open House co-hosted with the School of Media and Public Affairs and more.

Women's Leadership Fellows Program Recruiting Alumni Mentors



The Trachtenberg School is recruiting alumni mentors for the second cohort of Women's Leadership Fellows (WLF), a nine-month professional development program for a small group of Trachtenberg female students who have been selected from a competitive application process.

In September, WLF participants will review potential alumni mentor bios and select their top preferences so we can make the best matches based on experience and career goals. Alumni mentors will be asked to connect on a regular basis, (in person, by phone or by Skype), and will

be invited to attend the WLF December 3 Holiday Networking Session from 4-6pm.

Alumni interested in serving as WLF mentors can live anywhere and have all types of professional experience.

If interested, please email Denise Riebman, DRiebman@gwu.edu, with your name, title, organization, location and a brief bio by Friday, September 5th!

Support The Trachtenberg School Masters Professional Development Fund

Since its launch in fall 2013, the Trachtenberg School Masters Professional Development Fund has opened doors for MPA and MPP students to attend and present at conferences in their discipline. This unique opportunity to apply for up to \$300 to cover conference costs is not available for master's-level students at many universities and wouldn't be possible at the Trachtenberg School without the generous contributions of alumni and Advisory Board members.

For the students who have been awarded funding, the experience has been very valuable.

"Attending the NASPA 2014 Assessment and Persistence Conference was a fantastic opportunity, both academically and professionally." –**Adam Bethke**, MPA '15

"[The United Neighborhood Centers of America Conference on Neighborhood Revitalization] was a tremendous learning and networking opportunity." –**Bill Winfrey**, MPP '15

"Beyond being a networking opportunity, it was also an opportunity to have insights from practitioners in the international development field on present and future trends. I am very grateful for the opportunity to attend [the Society for International Development's conference] provided by the Trachtenberg School Professional Development Fund." –**Odia Cisse**, MPA '15

You can make your gift to the TSPPPA Masters Professional Development Fund in a number of ways:

- Securely online at www.gwu.edu/give2gw. Just choose "other" under designation and type in the name of the department.
- By mailing your check, made out to The George Washington University and with the name of the department in the memo line, to:

The George Washington University
2100 M Street NW, Suite 310
Washington, DC 20052

- By phone by calling the GW Annual Fund at 1-800-789-2611.

Trachtenberg School Goals in Relation to New GW \$1 Billion Campaign

George Washington University's seven-year, \$1 billion university-wide fundraising effort—dubbed *Making History: The Campaign for GW*—was publicly announced at a gala event on George Washington's Mount Vernon estate in July. To date, the campaign has raised more than \$525 million toward the historic effort, which is scheduled to conclude in 2018.

Goals of the campaign related to the Trachtenberg School include:

- helping reduce students' financial burden
- supporting faculty research
- and, training the next generation of leaders.

[Learn more about The Campaign for GW](#) and how you can participate.

Alumni – Stay Connected!

Register Now! Alumni Weekend September 18-21

Please join us for **Alumni Weekend 2014** (#GWAW14)! Choose from 60+ events, including the annual Columbian College reception with Dean Ben Vinson, an All-Alumni Kickoff Party and Concert featuring Hall & Oates, Taste of GW Food Festival, our popular Culture Buffs lecture and tour at the DAR Museum and more! There will be opportunities to sit in on a Friday afternoon class or pop in to visit with your favorite professor.

We will also be honoring three CCAS alumni at this year's Distinguished Alumni Achievement Awards: Adam Conner, BA '06, Vice-President of Politics, Brigade; Mark Plotkin, BA '69, contributor to the BBC on American Politics; and Neil Portnow, BA '71, President & Chief Executive, The Recording Academy.



Class reunions will be held for the undergraduate classes of 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, and 2009 and a special 1-year reunion for the class of 2013.

All Colonials, regardless of class year, and their families are welcome! For more information and to register, please [click here](#).



Alumni Travel Program

Experience it. Learning is a lifelong adventure and the **GW Alumni Travel Program** makes it a global event. As a GW graduate, you have access to this world-class program that specializes in cultural immersion and educational experiences. Your diploma is your passport to a lifetime of discovery.

To learn more about the **GW Alumni Travel Program** and see where your next journey may take you, [visit us online!](#)



LinkedIn Virtual Networking Hours

Join fellow GWAA LinkedIn group members for this unique opportunity to share your experiences, exchange career tips and build your professional network! Online networking enables you to speed-network from wherever you are: home, office, library, even on the road. Come build real relationships and connections in a purposeful, exciting way!

[Click here](#) for information on our next event!