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# MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



As most of you know, GWIPP's mission is to encourage and facilitate externally funded public policy research at GWU. From our inception in 2001, we experienced a nearly continuous annual increase in both the dollar amount and number of proposals submitted, as well as the amount of funding received. However, as I noted in an earlier Director's Message, many funders were adversely affected by the "Great Recession," and GWIPP's external research funding was not immune. Bringing in externally funded research created a real challenge – our external funding dropped from \$1.9 million in FY2008 to an average of \$1.3 million over the past few years.

I am extremely pleased to report that GWIPP has been able to meet this challenge and during just the first 6 months of FY2012 we have already received \$4.3 million in new project funds, with an additional \$2.2 million pending. This funding consists of a few major projects, as well as several other substantial ones. Our Policy Research Scholars have been particularly active in both submitting proposals and in getting them approved for funding. Policy Research Scholars receiving awards include Sharon Lynch, a faculty member in the Graduate School of Education and Human Development, from the National Science Foundation for research on science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) schools; Brandon Bartels, a Political Science Department faculty member, on how existing law constrains Supreme Court decision making, also from NSF, and a recent award from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to Antwan Jones of the Sociology Department to study the impact of living in disadvantaged neighborhoods on adolescent obesity.

Our Research Professors have also been particularly active. Some of the funding includes awards to Andrew Reamer from the Kauffman Foundation to study improving federal economic statistics; to John Gist from the Pew Foundation to study the effect of recession on the wealth of the elderly; and to Pat Atkins, Mike Bell and David Brunori from the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy to study property tax expenditures and the health of local governments. Also Burt Barnow of TSPPPA and a close affiliate of GWIPP received funding from the Center for Employment Security and Education for research on the implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Of course, the ability to increase our funding level has also had a major impact on our ability to support graduate research assistants from across the University to work on our various projects. Thus far, in FY2012, GWIPP is supporting over 20 research assistants.

We believe that our success is due to a combination of hard work and excellent proposals by our Research Professors, Policy Scholars and other faculty who have brought their research through GWIPP and the research services GWIPP provides (as well as a certain amount of randomness that affects funding decisions from year to year). While we are confident that the former characteristics will continue, we can only hope that our luck persists as well.

Finally, I would like to take a moment to thank the Office of the Vice President for Research. The staff of the OVPR is responsible for making sure our proposals are submitted on time, our contracts negotiated in compliance with GW policies and our awards set-up so faculty and researchers can get on with the task of researching. GWIPP thanks them for their efficiency in completing those tasks and for their continued support in helping GWIPP meet the challenges of our mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hal Wolman".

# WHAT CAN GWIPP DO FOR YOU?

## FOR CLIENTS AND FUNDERS:

- GWIPP applies the skills of GW faculty and graduate research assistants to your research
- GWIPP researchers are experienced in the academic, government, and nonprofit areas, and bring their strengths in each to your project
- GWIPP researchers have published extensively in their fields of expertise

## FOR GW FACULTY:

- GWIPP's Policy Research Scholar program offers targeted assistance to faculty members pursuing policy research
- GWIPP puts together research teams by recruiting faculty with similar interests or pertinent skills
- GWIPP assists in the process of transforming a research interest into a viable research project
- GWIPP assists in identifying external funding sources with relevant research interests, many of whom already have a funding relationship with GWIPP
- GWIPP helps construct funding proposals, develop budgets, and submit proposals
- GWIPP administers and manages grants once awarded

## FOR GW GRADUATE STUDENTS:

- GWIPP hires graduate research assistants for public policy projects that provide valuable experience in funded or client-centered research
- GWIPP provides the opportunity to work closely with researchers on current policy issues, learn how to design and implement research projects, and convey findings to a target audience
- GWIPP offers opportunities to present research at conferences, submit articles for publication, and gain useful background information for your research interests, including dissertation work

For more information, contact Garry Young at [YoungG@gwu.edu](mailto:YoungG@gwu.edu) or 202-994-6494.

## CENTER FOR WASHINGTON AREA STUDIES

The Center for Washington Area Studies (CWAS) undertakes and promotes policy research relevant to the District of Columbia and the Washington metropolitan area. Directed by Garry Young, the center is multi-disciplinary and university-wide, and is uniquely placed to draw from the wide range of expertise available at GW. Recent CWAS research includes an analysis of the factors that affect the economic competitiveness of the District of Columbia, a comparison of bicycling policies in three area counties, an analysis of the commercial property market in the District, a study of the policy

impact of the District's lack of representation in Congress, two studies comparing Washington, D.C. to other nation's capitals, and an examination of the infrastructure needs of the District of Columbia. Recent funders of CWAS projects include the District of Columbia's Office of the Chief Financial Officer, the Trellis Fund, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and Our Nation's Capital.

Aside from research carried out at CWAS, the center also supports efforts by GW faculty to seek external funding for research related to the Washington region. For example, CWAS participates in the Policy Research Scholar program by funding a Scholar doing Washington-relevant research.

## POLICY RESEARCH SCHOLAR PROGRAM

The Policy Research Scholar program is a critical part of GWIPP's effort to encourage and facilitate public policy research at GW. In an annual competition, GW faculty submit proposals for policy-based research they hope to develop. Those selected are given the title of Policy Research Scholar and serve in that capacity for one year. Each Scholar is required to develop his or her project during that year and submit a proposal for external funding. Scholars receive a variety of resources from GWIPP. These include \$10,000 that can be used fully for summer stipend or \$5,000 in summer stipend coupled with one course release. Additionally, GWIPP staff help Scholars identify potential funders, develop their proposals, construct budgets, submit proposals, and administer the grants once funded.

The Policy Research Scholars who commenced their term in Fall 2011 constitute the program's tenth cohort of Policy Research Scholars. Scholars come from all the campus schools and from many of the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences departments. They have worked on a wide range of policy-related projects, bringing in more than \$4.2 million in external funding to the University.

The announcement for the next Policy Research Scholar competition will be distributed to the campus community in early November 2012.

For more information on GWIPP's Policy Research Scholar program, please consult GWIPP's PRS website (<http://www.gwu.edu/~gwipp/prs.htm>) or contact Garry Young at [YoungG@gwu.edu](mailto:YoungG@gwu.edu) or 202-994-6494.

For a listing of current Scholars, please reference page 13.

# BUILDING A GUIDE BOOK FOR TAX EXPENDITURE BUDGETS FOR THE PROPERTY TAX

BY: DR. MICHAEL BELL AND DAVID BRUNORI

Tax Expenditures have been at the focus of the federal and state tax reform debates for many years. This focus arises in part because policy makers and political leaders know a lot about tax expenditures at those levels of government. The federal government and most states account for the amount of spending that occurs through the tax code. But there is very little known about the costs of property tax expenditures at the local government level. Few, if any, governments account for lost property tax revenue from the myriad of deductions, exemptions, and credits that are available to property owners. Yet, state and local governments routinely use the property tax laws to provide relief to targeted groups (poor, elderly, handicapped), as incentives for economic development, or as a means of encouraging socially desirable behavior (preservation of open space).

GWIPP Research Professors Michal Bell and David Brunori working with the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy are engaged in research that will develop guide book for designing property tax expenditure budgets.

The guidebook will describe the various property tax expenditures currently in use in the United States. It will include: a description of the tax expenditure; a summary of its use (from the Significant Features of the Property Tax and other sources); a literature review of the impact/cost of the particular expenditure; a discussion of the methodology for analyzing the costs of the expenditure; and a sample calculation of those costs in a particular jurisdiction.

The property tax expenditures to be included in the guidebook are: preferential assessment for agriculture and timber property; preferential assessment for green space, open space, conservation easements, etc.; assessments limits; homestead exemptions; non profit exempt property; circuit breakers, classification; and economic development. These expenditures affect varied segments of society and their adoption is influenced by a wide range of political interests.

Understanding the costs of property tax expenditures is important for a number of reasons. Property taxes are the most important source of local revenues. In FY 2008, local governments raised \$397 billion in property tax revenues, more than any other single source of state and local revenues. Property tax exemptions, credits, and deductions have a direct effect on the fiscal conditions of state and local governments. Moreover, the use of property tax expenditures often defies the accepted principles of sound tax policy. Such expenditures usually narrow the tax base and result in otherwise higher rates. Tax expenditures also often raise horizontal and vertical equity issues. The goal of the project is to develop a guide for determining the costs associated with the various property tax relief mechanisms.

# SELECTED ONGOING PROJECTS

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## GUIDEBOOK ON TAX EXPENDITURE BUDGETS FOR THE PROPERTY TAX

FUNDER: LINCOLN INSTITUTE OF LAND POLICY

START DATE: SEPTEMBER 2011

INVESTIGATORS: MICHAEL BELL, DAVID BRUNORI

This project will create a guidebook for the development of property tax expenditure budgets. It will describe the various property tax expenditures currently in use, provide a literature review of the impact/cost of the particular expenditure, and discuss the methodology for analyzing the costs of the expenditure. The guidebook will also provide a sample calculation of the costs of each expenditure. The guidebook will focus on the following expenditures: Preferential Assessment (assessment programs for agriculture and timber and green space/conservation); assessment limits; homestead exemptions; non profit exempt property; circuit breakers; classification; and economic development.

## MULTIPLE INSTRUMENTAL CASE STUDIES OF INCLUSIVE STEM-FOCUSED HIGH SCHOOLS: OPPORTUNITY STRUCTURES FOR PREPARATION AND INSPIRATION (ISPrI)

FUNDER: NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

START DATE: SEPTEMBER 2011

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: SHARON LYNCH

OSPrI research will study a new type of high school that is rapidly emerging across the USA: inclusive, STEM-focused high schools (ISHS). Unlike older, highly selective STEM-focused schools that target students already identified as being STEM gifted/talented, the goal of ISHSs is to develop new sources of STEM talent among underrepresented minority students, and provide them with the means to succeed in school and in STEM jobs, college majors, and careers. ISHSs have the exciting potential to create entirely new opportunity structures for students underrepresented in STEM fields because they help connect the dots between K-12 schooling, higher education, and STEM jobs and careers through innovative education programs that are delivered at the school level, but expand the boundaries of the normal school day and year. ISHSs blur boundaries between formal and informal education, and can potentially reconfigure relationships among teachers, students, and knowledge. The first phase of this study focuses on 12 well-established “exemplar” ISHSs, i.e., schools that have been carefully planned as inclusive STEM-focused schools, with community and business support. It will create 12 rich case studies of ISHS models, and used cross-case analyses to identify their critical components, implementations, and outcomes. Phase 2 will select 4 promising ISHS models for further study, focusing on student-level experiences and drilling more deeply into district-level databases for comparisons of student outcomes with comprehensive schools in the same district.

## REAL-TIME LABOR MARKET INFORMATION SYSTEMS

FUNDER: JOBS FOR THE FUTURE

START DATE: APRIL 2011

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: ANDREW REAMER

GWIPP is assisting Jobs for the Future, a Boston-based nonprofit with funding from the Lumina Foundation,



# SELECTED ONGOING PROJECTS

in preparing a paper that assesses the current state of real-time labor market information (LMI) systems and the current and potential place of real-time LMI within federal policy. By gaining a depth of understanding of the community colleges, workforce development programs, and federal agencies make effective use of this important innovation. (Real-time LMI includes statistics and analyses drawn electronic job postings.)

## IMPROVING FEDERAL ECONOMIC STATISTICS (PHASE III)

SUPPORTER: KAUFFMAN FOUNDATION

START DATE: OCTOBER 2010

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: ANDREW REAMER

This project aims to support improvements in the availability, quality, and accessibility of federal economic statistics used by policymakers and researchers. Written project products include congressional testimony, presentations, articles, and letter recommendations to government officials in response to calls for comments published in the Federal Register.

## EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROVISIONS INTERIM REPORT

FUNDER: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

START DATE: SEPTEMBER 2010

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: BURT BARNOW

This project is a study of the use of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds for workforce investment programs. The three-year project includes two rounds of site visits to 20 states and 2 local areas per state to investigate how the ARRA workforce funds were used, innovative projects undertaken with the funds, the major challenges and accomplishments of the states and local areas, and how areas are coping now that the funds have been spent. A report was prepared after the first round of site visits, and a final report will be prepared in the spring of 2012. The first round of sites visits showed that most states were able to spend their money consistently with federal guidelines and that there was a great deal of need for the services provided. States have maintained many of the innovative practices started with the ARRA funds, but they have had to serve fewer customers now that the funds are no longer available.

## LIFE LIVED IN RELIEF: PALESTINIAN EXPERIENCES WITH HUMANITARIANISM SINCE 1948

FUNDER: NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

START DATE: SEPTEMBER 2010

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: ILANA FELDMAN

This project explores Palestinian experiences with humanitarianism in the years since 1948. The research examines the importance of relief practices in the development of Palestinian political identity in exile. A key goal of the research is to more fully understand the nature of politics in contexts of extended humanitarian assistance. The research will collect data to answer three research questions: (1) How does politics emerge in the context of a struggle for physical survival? (2) What are the noninstitutionalized means through which people express political ideas and make political claims? and (3) How is "community" produced across a diffuse humanitarian terrain and what form does it take? The project involves archival research, oral



histories, and ethnographic fieldwork with Palestinian refugees and with the agencies and organizations that provide assistance to them. This research is both multi-sited and long-term, making it possible to track change over time and to identify the distinctions of particular geographic locations.

#### CONSULTATION ON PROGRAM AND POLICY EVALUATION

FUNDER: SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

START DATE: JULY 2009

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: MICHAEL WISEMAN

Michael Wiseman is in the third year of a three-year, \$650,000 contract with the Social Security Administration's Office of Policy to provide consultation on a wide range of policy evaluations. Initiatives to which he and TSPPPA graduate students Kate Kairys, Theresa Anderson, and (currently) Erica Harbatkin have contributed include:

- The Benefit Offset National Demonstration, a multi-year randomized control trial of revision of financial incentives for work for persons with disabilities;
- The Mental Health Treatment Study, an experiment with intensive employment-oriented services for recipients of Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits;
- The Accelerated Benefits Demonstration, an experiment with early provision of Medicare and other health benefits to SSDI recipients; and
- Study of demand for Supplemental Security Income benefits for children generated by recession-related family hardship and the erosion of benefits from and access to Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

Wiseman and Harbatkin's crosscutting concern is with development of standards for the "process analysis" component of demonstration design and evaluation. This connects to their work as consultants on counterfactual evaluation strategies for the European Commission Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion. Harbatkin and Wiseman participated in an evaluation meeting for the European Social Fund in Brussels in October.

#### SIGNIFICANT FEATURES OF THE PROPERTY TAX

SUPPORTER: LINCOLN INSTITUTE OF LAND POLICY

START DATE: JUNE 2006

INVESTIGATORS: PAT ATKINS, MICHAEL BELL, DAVID BRUNORI, CATHERINE COLLINS, HAL WOLMAN, AND GARRY YOUNG

This ongoing collaborative effort between GWIPP and the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy collects a wide range of data detailing the property tax in all fifty states and the District of Columbia. The project continues to update major characteristics of the property tax, having added 2007-2009 data sets to the web-based Significant Features. New research is being completed on state property tax classification systems and effective tax rates, as well as expanding the review of truth in taxation requirements and tax limits. This extensive compilation, the most complete of its kind, is available to the public on the web at [www.lincolninst.edu/subcenters/significant-features-property-tax](http://www.lincolninst.edu/subcenters/significant-features-property-tax).

# RESEARCH PROFESSOR PROFILE

## DR. CATHERINE COLLINS

BY: AMANDA WARNER



Dr. Catherine (Cathy) Collins is the Program Manager at GWIPP for the Significant Features of the Property Tax. She began at The George Washington University in August of 2010 and is the third manager of the program. This project is a joint venture with the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy. The Significant Features project is aimed at data collection of state property tax, arguably the most controversial tax in the country.

A database has been created that includes all fifty states and the District of Columbia and is meant to be utilized by both academic practitioners and the public. The database is organized by topic and has information from 2006 to 2009. Currently, there is a big push to get the word out about the database. Those involved in the project are giving presentations at academic conferences and writing short topical papers. Cathy presented “State Funding of Circuit Breaker Property Tax Relief for Senior Homeowners,” at the American Society for Public Administration Roundtable in March, 2011.

As part of managing the Significant Features project, Cathy supervises the work of five graduate student research assistants and one work-study student who assist in data input for the database. Doctoral student, Geoffrey Propheter, says, “Working with Cathy is educational. At any given time I can ask her a question about my tax policy research and immediately be vaulted into an informative debate. Her expertise in state and municipal financing has helped me out of many conceptual binds. Like the other professors at GWIPP, she is extremely passionate about her research, which makes her an invaluable source of knowledge.”

Cathy received her BA from Syracuse University and after graduation began work with the federal government in grants programs. This led her to pursue an MPA in public administration at Syracuse University. She entered the program interested in city planning, but after a research assistantship with the Metropolitan Studies program, her focus turned to public finance. She continued at Syracuse to attain her PhD from the Maxwell School of Citizenship. After achieving her PhD, Cathy moved to Manhattan and worked for the New York City Office for Tax Policy, followed by Moody’s Investor Service.

The Significant Features of the Property Tax database can be found at <http://www.lincolnst.edu/subcenters/significant-features-property-tax/>

# POLICY RESEARCH SCHOLAR PROFILE

## DR. HUYNH-NHU LE

BY: AMANDA WARNER

Dr. Huynh-Nhu Le, who goes by Mimi, is an Associate Professor with the Department of Psychology. Mimi teaches two courses a semester, one for undergraduates, and the other for graduate students. She has been with the university since 2001. Mimi received her Doctor of Philosophy, Clinical and Community Psychology from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign and followed it with the Clinical Psychology program at the University of California, San Francisco.

Dr. Le has been working with GWIPP since 2004. Her project titled, “Linking MCH and WIC: Integrating Perinatal Depression Screening and Prevention for High Risk Women,” analyzes the link between high risk women and depression during and up to one year after pregnancy. It also aims at creating treatment programs that will be available through WIC (Women, Infants, and Children), a government program for low-income ethnic-minority women that is run by the Department of Agriculture. Finally, the project assesses the impact of the program on preventing perinatal depression by following the families up to the first year postpartum. The project is funded by the National Institutes of Health. The specific WIC facility involved in this project is Mary’s Center, which has two locations in the District, and was founded in 1988. Mary’s Center’s mission is, “to build better futures through the delivery of health care, education, and social services. We embrace culturally diverse communities to provide them with the highest quality of care, regardless of ability to pay.”

The research coordinator on Mimi’s grant, Carolina Villamil, says of her, “I’ve been working with Mimi since June 2011 and have found her to be one of the most supportive supervisors I have had throughout my working life. She is very collaborative, open-minded and fair. Her relationship with Mary’s Center has certainly helped her implement many successful projects there, despite the challenges encountered in community-based research. Mimi also has an uncanny ability to see any missing piece to a project and quickly fills in the these blind spots with solutions.”

Currently, WIC focuses on nutrition, rather than mental health. This project aims to integrate screening and treatment programs that can be carried on after the project is completed. Mimi and the students who work with her, are training WIC staff on depression screening and referrals. In most cases, after the child is born, the focus is transferred from the mother to the child and the mother’s health is no longer seen as a priority. A six week intervention course has been developed to help with mood regulating and general parenting skills.

More on Mary’s Center may be found at <http://www.maryscenter.org/>  
More on WIC may be found at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/>

# RESEARCH ASSISTANT PROFILE

## SARAH FICENEC



Sarah Ficeneec is in her third year of the Public Policy PhD program in the Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration. She received her undergraduate degree in economics and history, specializing in international relations, from Creighton University in her hometown of Omaha, Nebraska. Sarah then went on to the Masters of Public Policy program at Johns Hopkins University. Here she held two internships: the first was on the Hill with her state senator; the second was with the Girl Scouts of America. While at Johns Hopkins, the director of her program recommended GWU.

Her involvement with GWIPP is predominantly on the Regional Economic Resilience project. Sarah is working on this project alongside Director Hal Wolman, Research Professor Pat Atkins, and fellow Research Assistant Travis St. Clair. The project is funded by the MacArthur Foundation through the University of California - Berkeley and began in June of 2008. The project pairs nicely with her doctoral dissertation, which focuses on social network analysis of economic development policy makers in the Rust Belt, specifically the Detroit and Cleveland Regions. She will be conducting a snowball survey of influential policymakers in up to eight regions and will analyze the data using social network analysis. This will enable her to describe the characteristics of these networks and create a typology of the networks and determine if there is a correlation between characteristics of the networks and other measures of regional collaboration.

Sarah is also assisting Hal with preparing a proposal for a project that will examine if regional governance effects regional economic growth. It will consider both formal government structures and networks among public and private sector organizations in a region.

Sarah is an active participant in professional conferences. In March of 2011 she presented her paper, "Building Economic Development Networks in Detroit: A Comparison of Methods of Social Network Analysis" at the Urban Affairs Association annual conference in New Orleans. In the same month, Sarah attended the American Society for Public Administration meeting in Baltimore, MD. She will be attending the 2012 Urban Affairs Association conference in Pittsburgh, PA.

What she has most enjoyed about the TSPPPA program and working with GWIPP is getting to know the staff, faculty and students. She says, "I've really enjoyed getting to know everyone and seeing how passionate they are about the things they work on."



# NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS

## GWIPP HOSTS ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC DATA USERS ANNUAL CONFERENCE

On September 21 and 22, 2011, GWIPP hosted the annual conference of the Association of Public Data Users (APDU), the trade association that supports a strong federal statistical system. In the Continental Ballroom at the Marvin Center, over 100 participants covered a 12-part agenda, with topics including:

- The 2010 Census
- The American Community Survey
- New longitudinal data systems
- Advanced data visualization tools
- Improved data delivery
- Economic statistics

A program highlight was the appearance of Bureau of Labor Statistics Commissioner Keith Hall as a keynote speaker. Federal agencies also making presentations included the Census Bureau, the Bureau of Economic Analysis, the National Center for Education Statistics, and the National Center for Health Statistics. Numerous speakers from nonprofit and commercial organizations made presentations as well. To a large extent, conversations focused on the potential for maintaining legacy statistical products and implementing product innovations in light of ongoing budget constraints.

The APDU annual conference offers a unique opportunity for data users, federal data providers, and data intermediaries to share information and develop relationships. GWIPP will be hosting next year's APDU conference on September 12-13, 2012, again at the Marvin Center.

## PUBLICATIONS

David Brunori published the third edition of "State Tax Policy: A Political Perspective," with the Urban Institute.

Stephanie Cellini wrote an article which can be found in the *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, 29(3), Summer 2010: 526-552. It is titled, "Financial Aid and For-Profit Colleges: Does Aid Encourage Entry?"

Along with articles in both *Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis* and the *International Migration Review*, Dylan Conger completed a chapter in the book "Is Becoming an American a Developmental Risk?" published by American Psychological Association Books. Her chapter is titled, "Chapter 10: Immigrant Gateway Type and the Immigration Paradox."

# NEWS AND PUBLICATIONS

Royce Hanson recently published an article with Dan Hardy and Eric Graye in the e-journal *Sustainability: Science, Practice, & Policy*, titled “Are we there yet? Smart growth, travel forecasting, and transportation adequacy in Montgomery County, Maryland.” It can be found in volume 7, issue 2, pp. 43-59, [sspp.proquest.com/archives/vol7iss2/1004-021.hardy.html](http://sspp.proquest.com/archives/vol7iss2/1004-021.hardy.html).

In October Research Assistant Geoffrey Prophter published an article in *Tax Notes*, “Sales Tax Revenue Rebates: Running Amok in Illinois.”

Clarence Stone produced a chapter in *Justice and the American Metropolis*, titled, “Beyond the Equality-Efficiency Tradeoff.” The volume is published by the University of Minnesota Press (2011) and is edited by Clarissa Hayward and Todd Swanstrom. Clarence also wrote a piece, with Robert Whelan, called “Urban Politics: The Case for a Polity Approach.” It can be found in the *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, Summer 2011.

Michael Wiseman wrote a piece with Steve Wandner in *The Workforce Investment Act*, titled “Financial Performance Incentives.” It is edited by Douglas Besharov and Phoebe Cottingham, and published by *Upjohn Institute for Employment Research*, 2011. He also has an article, “Supplemental Security Income for the Second Decade,” in *Poverty & Public Policy*, 3(1), 2011.

Director Hal Wolman, working with Research Assistant Travis St. Clair, wrote “Forces Affecting City Population Growth or Decline: The Effects of Inter-Regional and Inter-Municipal Competition,” in *Defining a Future for American Cities Experiencing Severe Population Loss*. This volume is edited by Alan Mallach and published by the American Assembly, 2011.

## GWIPP TRAVELS

Cathy Collins presented “State Funding of Circuit Breaker Property Tax Relief for Senior Homeowners,” at the American Society for Public Administration Roundtable in March, 2011.

Research Professor Clarence Stone traveled to Seattle, WA in September for the 2011 Annual ASPA (The American Political Science Association) Meeting. He presented a paper along with Robert Whelan of the University of Texas at Dallas, “Toward Understanding the Changing Politics of U.S. Cities: A Political Development approach.”

Dylan Conger gave two presentations in the fall: “The Academic Development of Black Foreign-born Students in Miami-Dade” with Megan Hatch at the Migration Policy Institute, September 2011 and “The Effect of Grade-Level Placement on English Language Learners Academic Achievement” at the University of Vermont, August 2011.

David Brunori gave various presentations, including the keynote addresses at: the Hartman Institute Salt

Forum on October 26 in Nashville; the Northeast Association of State Tax Administrators on September 19 in Wilmington; the National Conference of State Tax Court Judges on September 22 in Cambridge; and the Multistate Tax Commission on July 27 in Whitefish.

Research Professor Andrew Reamer presented “Employment and Workforce Data Systems at the Federal Level: New Developments, Challenges, and Opportunities for Community Colleges” at the Real Time LMI Innovators Network sponsored by Jobs for the Future, under grants from the Joyce and Lumina foundations in November and “The Government’s Role in Stimulating Clusters at a Workshop: Encouraging the Commercialization of Research Results and the Utilization of Cluster Mapping through EU-US Collaborations,” held at the Center for Transatlantic Relations, Johns Hopkins University in December.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Theresa Anderson, who worked as Professor Michael Wiseman’s research assistant in 2010–11, began as a full-time Social Science Analyst with the USDA Economic Research Service in July 2011. In this position, she is using survey and administrative data to research usage and administration of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly Food Stamps). She will finish up her MPP at GW at the end of this academic year.

## 2011-2012 POLICY RESEARCH SCHOLARS

Antwan Jones, Assistant Professor of Sociology  
Childhood Residential Stability and Health: The  
Role of Neighborhood Resources

Rebecca Katz, Assistant Professor of Health Policy  
Redesigning Effective Quarantine Regulations in  
the United States

Scheherazade S. Rehman, Professor of  
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for Transatlantic (U.S. - EU) Financial Crisis Policy  
Management

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Identity Regimes in Multiethnic Democracies

Travis Wright, Assistant Professor of Educational  
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Growing Hope: Promoting the Resilience of  
Maltreated Children in Schools

Steven A. Tuch, Chair and Professor of Sociology  
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Preferences in ‘Post-Racial’ America: A Study of  
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