Dear Evans School Community,

I am very proud to report that this year we have received a record number of nearly 800 applications for admittance to the Evans School MPA program! To put this growth into perspective, that's a 15% increase from last year. Clearly, more and more people understand that we are the premier school to prepare the next generation of public service leaders.

I am incredibly excited about this terrific group of applicants, and am so proud of our faculty whose outstanding teaching, research and service keep drawing
the best and the brightest to the Evans School.

With this huge outpouring of interest from prospective students, the need to renovate Parrington Hall has become more urgent than ever. As you know, we are working hard to turn our historic building into a 21st century learning environment with modern classrooms, cutting edge technology, and vital new collaborative spaces.

Governor Dan Evans and I spent two days in Olympia earlier this month talking to legislators about the need to renovate Parrington Hall to improve our ability to educate, research, and innovate. We received the top score from the Washington State Office of Financial Management (OFM) among all higher education renovation projects submitted by Washington State's six 4-year institutions, and were included in the UW's top ten priority list for capital projects as well. I'm pleased to report that our project has strong support in both the State Senate and House of Representatives, and that we are well-positioned as the legislative session begins.

We've also been privately fundraising for Parrington Hall as part of the Campaign for the Evans School and I am happy to announce that thanks to the generosity of our community, we are halfway to our private fundraising goal. With your help, this critical renovation will become a reality.

The first month of this year has been busy and exciting, and I don't foresee us slowing down at all.

Thank you all for being a part of it.

Sandra O. Archibald
Dean and Professor

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EVANS SCHOOL'S GOT TALENT: The Evans School Student Organization (ESO) cordially invites you to the annual Silent Auction and Talent Show. Come see the amazing talent of the students, staff, and faculty and bid on items to support future ESO events and programming.

PROFESSOR SCOTT ALLARD WINS AN ELECTION: Allard was elected as Treasurer of the Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (APPAM).

APPAM is dedicated to improving public policy and management by fostering excellence in research, analysis, and education.
MAGGIE BEETSTRA (MPA '17) GIVES PRESENTATION AND A BLOG IS BORN: Beetstra presented work by the Evans School Policy Analysis & Research Group (EPAR) at the 2017 American Meteorological Society Annual Meeting in Seattle on January 22. Her poster examined how precipitation and farm management practices are related to seasonal hunger among farmers in Malawi.

Read Beetstra’s work directly right here.

Also in January, EPAR launched its first-ever blog. Posts will feature research on women in development, rural livelihoods, agricultural productivity, digital financial services and other emerging technologies, development finance, and more, in an easy-to-digest format focused on key findings.

PROFESSOR ZUMETA PRESENTS AT KANE HALL: Zumeta gave a perspective on the documentary "Starving the Beast." The film is about some state efforts to reduce funding and alter policies toward public research universities.
WHAT'S THE DEAL WITH THE LONG-TERM FISCAL HEALTH OF THE GOVERNMENT ANYWAY? Evans School alum Kerstin Hudon (MPA '16), who now works for the Government Accountability Office (GAO), gives a primer about government financing and fiscal health in this great semi-animated video. Way to go Kerstin!

"America's Money Matters—Understanding the Nation's Long-Term Fiscal Health"

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR BEN BRUNJES ON NPR:
Brunjes was interviewed for an NPR story regarding the Department of Veteran Affairs on the radio show "All Things Considered."

Professor Alison Cullen is currently on sabbatical at the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder CO, supported jointly by the Visiting Scientist Program at Computational Information Systems Laboratory (CISL) and as an NSF Faculty Fellow in the Advanced Study program.

Send updates to evanscom@uw.edu
Professor William Zumeta served on a Technical Review Panel for the U.S. Department of Education's National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS). In 2018, the plan for data collection is going to be changed to include state-level samples based on administrative records revealing how students pay for college.

Professor J. Patrick Dobel quoted in The Seattle Times: Dobel was quoted regarding the possible ethical questions around a state legislator serving part time while pursuing a part time job with the new presidential administration.

Find and promote seminars, lectures, employment opportunities, conferences, events, and more on the Evans School Calendar.
Feb 1, 2017

THE GOLDFILOCKS CHALLENGE-RECONSIDERING MONITORING AND IMPACT EVALUATION IN THE SOCIAL SECTOR: Evans School Research Seminar Series

In this talk Professor Gugerty will present her recent work on rethinking how nonprofits and other social sector organizations approach performance management, learning, and evaluation. The Goldilocks Project consists of an online toolkit, a series of engagements with nonprofits and foundations, and a forthcoming book from Oxford University Press.

Learn more

SOLICITATION FOR SESSION PROPOSALS: State Higher Education Executive Officers Association (SHEEO)

Minneapolis, Minnesota

Proposal deadline date: March 1, 2017
Conference date: August 8 to 11, 2017

Conference theme: Structuring Higher Education for Student Success and the Public Good.

Each year, SHEEO strives to put together the most relevant agenda possible for our Higher Education Policy Conference. We invite you to submit session proposals for the SHEEO policy staff to consider as we develop this year’s agenda, providing an opportunity for you to share your work, identify important and timely topics in higher education policy, and participate in the Conference planning process.

Learn more

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**IMPROVING THE THEORY AND PRACTICE OF BENEFIT-COST ANALYSIS**

**Society for Benefit-Cost Analysis**

**9TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND MEETING**

March 15-17, 2017

Washington, D.C.

The Society for Benefit-Cost Analysis (SBCA) is an international group of practitioners, academics and others who are working to improve the theory and application of the tools of benefit-cost analysis.

Learn more
April 10 to 20, 2017

**CHINA STUDY TOUR** *International City/County Management Association (ICMA)*

*Innovations for Local Government Management Professionals: Lessons from China and the United States*

Beijing, China

Last day to register: February 28, 2017

This is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to gain international presentation and consulting experience by sharing your technical expertise in China.

At the same time, you can experience Chinese historical, cultural, and educational attractions, and learn how cities in China have used innovative approaches and technologies.

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June 25 to 29, 2017

**92nd Annual Conference** *Western Economic Association International (WEAI)*

*San Diego, California*

Keynote Addresses include: Janet Curie, Princeton University, and WEAI President Peter Diamond.

Founded in 1922, WEAI is a non-profit, educational organization dedicated to encouraging and communicating economic research and analysis. The
Association's principal activities include publishing two refereed quarterly journals—Economic Inquiry and Contemporary Economic Policy—and staging scholarly conferences that are forums for current economic research.

Learn more

July 3 to 20, 2017

STUDY ABROAD IN PARIS University of Maryland School of Public Policy

Paris, France

Comparative Policy Analysis and Practical Program Evaluation

The University of Maryland School of Public Policy will offer a three-week, for-credit international graduate course. This course will cover policy analysis and program evaluation in comparative perspective. As a comparative course, a major theme will be the conduct of policy analysis in various community and national settings, to reflect differences in governance, politics, culture, and research infrastructure.

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SCHOLARSHIP, INTERNSHIP, & VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
GLOBAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM Hands 4 Others

Application deadline: February 13, 2017

The Global Internship Program (GIP) is an award-winning volunteer internship program that trains leaders to make a global impact. In the program, you will receive leadership resources that set you up for success. You will also gain tangible experience in the global arena.

Hands 4 Others (H4O) is a non-profit organization that trains and empowers students to be globally-minded leaders.

Learn more

CALLS FOR PAPERS & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR JEWISH STUDIES GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP Henry M. Jackson School of International Affairs

Application deadline: April 3, 2017

Fellowship award: $3000

The Stroum Center for Jewish Studies at the University of Washington is now accepting applications for supplemental graduate fellowships for the 2017-2018
academic year. Any graduate student planning to be enrolled at the University of Washington for the 2017-2018 academic year is eligible to apply, as long as they can demonstrate a strong connection between their research and Jewish Studies topics.

Learn more

CALL FOR PAPERS FOR SPECIAL PUBLIC POLICY EDITION Open Journal of Political Science

Deadline: Continuing

Open Journal of Political Science (OJPS) is an international journal dedicated to the latest advancements in political science. The goal of this journal is to provide a platform for scientists and academics all over the world to promote, share, and discuss various new issues and developments in different areas of political science including: public administration, public policy, public law, international relations, and more.

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