

**George Mason University
School of Public Policy**

PUBP 850: Seminar in Public Policy

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Basic Information

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Objectives

The objectives of this colloquium series is to provide doctoral students in public policy broad exposure to the theories, analytical methods, and research outcomes that describe the field of Public Policy. Each week invited speakers will present their research—approaches and outcomes—as the basis for informed discussion with full participation of students and attending faculty. It is expected that through these seminars doctoral students will be exposed to policy issues and research methods that will strengthen their own research skills as well as develop new directions and ideas for future research papers.

Student Evaluation

In order to achieve the objectives of this colloquium series, the doctoral students must be active participants in the discussions that build on the guest presentation. Attendance is required in order to receive credit for the Seminar. A maximum of two absences will be accepted but any absence should be discussed with the instructor (please communicate your planned absence via email so I have a record).

There will be a terminal assignment that will involve the preparation of a short paper due shortly following the last class in which you will comment on the range of pedagogies employed by the semester's speakers. This is to be a maximum two page assessment of styles and techniques that make the communication of ideas and information effective (or ineffective) for the subject and type of group (small) and format (seminar). What works what does not? Are there lessons that you might take from these presentations that will help make you a more effective presenter in a similar setting? Your assignment can be emailed to me on or before May 5.

Attendance at the Colloquium, the participation in the seminars' discussions and submittal of the assigned essay will be the basis for course grading as either a Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory (letter grades will not be used in this class).

Schedule of Seminars

Date	Presenter	Topic
January 23	Joesph Pobiner	Locating and Designing Major League Baseball Stadiums To Achieve Public Policy Objectives
January 30	Roger Stough	Washington's Tech Sector Before and After the Bubble
February 6	Tom Gulledge	Enterprise Engineering
February 13	John McClain	The Washington Area Housing Market
February 20	Toni Travis	Why Hasn't Boston Ever Elected a Black Mayor?
February 27	Frank Sesno	The Media in Public Policy
March 6	Daniel Ritchie	The World Bank's DC Outreach Program
March 13	Spring Break	
March 20		

March 27	Storm Cunningham	Restoration Economics
April 3	Bill Kingston	International Intellectual Property Policy
April 10	Qingshu Xie	Dynamics of Regional Income Convergence in the United States
April 17	Michael Fauntroy	Blacks in the Republican Party
April 24	Stephen S. Fuller	Impact of federal Spending on the Washington Area economy
May 1	Mzia Mikeladze	Dean, School of Public Administration, Georgia Institute of Public Affairs, Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia
