

## Call For Papers: Symposium on Undergraduate Education

The National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration's (NASPAA) Section on Undergraduate Education promotes excellence in teaching and administration at the over 120 member institutions offering baccalaureate degree programs nationwide. We are therefore making this Call for Papers for a special Journal and companion conference symposium on undergraduate education in 2011. You have an opportunity to bring undergraduate education in public administration squarely into focus by contributing to a growing dialogue within the profession.

For a forthcoming *JPAE* symposium in the 2011 Summer issue (Vol 17, No. 3), released prior to the NASPAA conference, we seek quality discussion, research, and thought about public administration, public policy, public affairs and nonprofit management at the undergraduate level. Topics abound, as in these examples:

- **The business parallel?** Undergraduate business majors and degree programs continue to be popular, well-regarded opportunities for college students. Business graduates are sought out by for-profit employers across the country. At the same time, preparing undergraduates for careers in government and nonprofit service through dedicated undergraduate programs in the field of public administration is little understood and generally less valued.
- **Prep for grad school?** Many fields students pursue as undergraduates provide a clear precedent for study at the graduate level: Business students are good candidates for the MBA, social work students are preparing for the MSW, and so on. Unlike many disciplines, the role of undergraduate programs in the field of public administration for students of the MPA is unclear.
- **BA+1?** Programs in many fields are increasingly establishing fast-track master's-level opportunities for students by encouraging promising undergraduates to begin master's courses before their baccalaureate degrees have been awarded. Is this coupling appropriate for degrees in public affairs and administration? Does it enhance or degrade higher education in our field?
- **And your thread???**

The Undergraduate Section will also be hosting panels at the 2011 NASPAA conference, so symposium authors and their topics will be strong candidates for inclusion. All research papers will be double-blind reviewed before acceptance. Proposals for book reviews or *JPAE*'s new "Conversation Starters" section will also be considered for inclusion in the Symposium by the editorial team and will not be blind reviewed.

*JPAE* will begin considering abstracts and proposals starting June 1st 2010. These should be sent to Dr. Craig Donovan (cpdonova@kean.edu) and Jeffrey Callen (jcallen7@asu.edu).

**Timeline:** Final deadline for abstract/proposals for articles, book reviews, or other contributions: October 30th, 2010

Notification of selected papers: November 1st, 2010  
(Invited authors will receive submission guidelines at this time.)

Abstracts and final papers, etc. are due for double blind review by December 1st, 2010

NASPAA Conference panels, ideas, etc. may be submitted through April 1st, 2011

Questions regarding the Section, the *JPAE* Symposium, or the 2011 Conference panels may be directed to Dr. Craig Donovan, Kean University – cpdonova@kean.edu.