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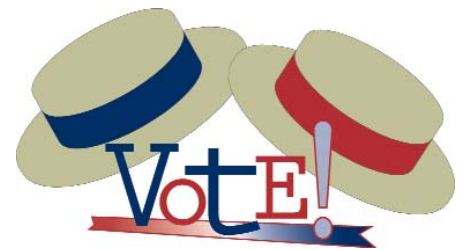
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## The Center for Election Integrity Writes the Book on Recruiting College Pollworkers

The Center for Election Integrity (CEI) has spent much of its first year conducting a major project for the Election Assistance Commission (EAC), a relatively new federal agency that is charged with implementing the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) and provides voluntary guidance to states on how to improve elections. One of the mandates called for in HAVA is to recruit younger people—in particular college students—as pollworkers.



Abigail Horn

The CEI had hardly been established six months when it won the EAC contract. **Assistant Director Abigail Horn** notes that it was “daunting” to pursue and implement a major federal contract right off the bat. She gives credit to the center’s director, Professor Candice Hoke of the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law for encouraging her to apply. When the EAC issued its requests for proposals in September 2005, there was only a four-day window to turn around a response. Horn says that, “There were four RFPs. I thought we should just apply for one, focusing on the area [provisional ballots] where we had proven expertise.

Instead, we ended up applying for two. I took the lead on what I thought was the more minor project— how to recruit college student pollworkers—and worked quickly with a university grant writer to put together a strong proposal. And we got it.”

The center won a contract to research best practices and develop a guidebook for universities and election jurisdictions on how to recruit, train, and retain college students as pollworkers. Although the center was new, Horn notes that the project was a nice fit for her skills and the resources available within the university. She was able to find assistance for some aspects of the project within the Levin College and the Law School. Levin College Director of Development **Sheila Samuels**, Communications Coordinator **Susan Petrone**, and Project Manager **Susan Burkholder** were all recruited to assist with focus groups, development of the guidebook, and evaluation tools, respectively. A group of law students, under the guidance of an outside consultant, researched every state’s laws pertaining to the recruitment of pollworkers.

Beginning in October 2005, the legal research team began collecting all of the relevant state statutes on pollworkers from the 50 states, Washington, D.C., and four territories. That data was synthesized into individual state sheets that summarize the requirements including: place of residency, registration status, age, political affiliation and training. They paid particular attention to potential impediments to recruiting college students such as whether pollworkers must be registered voters or maintain legal residence in the jurisdiction in which they serve. Also beginning in October 2005, Project Director Horn with the assistance of Levin College graduate students began reviewing all available documentation on existing or past college pollworker programs. Through a survey, in-depth phone interviews, and word of mouth, they documented the experiences of all known college pollworker programs around the country.

## FROM THE DESK OF DEAN MARK S. ROSENTRAUB

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Dear Friends,

The 1960s ballad "Done Too Soon" notes a number of outstanding individuals who died long before their time and who still had much left to contribute. It reminds us that some of our best are "done too soon," but that their work and philosophy live on in the people they affect and change.

I could not but help remember those ideas and sentiments when I learned that Professor Larry D. Terry had passed away. Unlike many of you, I did not know Larry as well as I would have liked, but I had long admired his work, writings, and accomplishments. His research and writings made important contributions to my own understandings of public administration. After I arrived at Cleveland State University, however, I had the opportunity to see the impact he had on students, colleagues, and the staff of our College. Simply put, there is a generation of students whose understanding of public administration and public service was defined by Larry. The people and students they will in turn impact will change cities and states for decades to come.

Dr. Terry was much more than an academic. He was one of those rare individuals who by his presence created ripples that improved the lives of students and public administrators. Like a young child that watches the ripples from a stone as they spread across a pond, we each can stand behind Larry's students and friends and watch them change America for the better. To say that he will be missed and that he had many more stones from which we all could have benefited is to understate his accomplishments and the impact he had on people.

While I am comforted by the knowledge that his work lives on in so many, he had so much more to give to each of us, and I for one will miss reading his thoughts and gaining from his keen insights into public administration. That loss pales in comparison to what his family and friends are experiencing and to each of them I extend my thoughts and feelings. There are no words that can comfort the loss of such a friend, father, mentor, and colleague.

By his presence and tenure at our College he changed the Maxine Goodman Levin College for the better. He made each of us better and to that end, our College and I celebrate the life of Professor Larry Terry.

*Dean Mark S. Rosentraub*

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In February, the research team conducted focus groups with students in four cities (Boston, Los Angeles, Cleveland, and Oberlin). The purpose of these focus groups was to identify successful strategies currently being employed as well as potential pitfalls to be avoided when replicating and adapting successful programs at other colleges.

Using all the information gathered, Horn drafted a report that describes best practices in the field of college pollworker recruitment, training, and retention. Petrone took that report and turned it into a guidebook that is designed to function as a “how to” guide for implementation of new programs. It is meant to serve both school administrators interested in engaging their students in the electoral process and election officials interested in filling their pollworker ranks with educated, tech-savvy individuals.

The center completed the final draft of the guidebook in late spring, and Horn presented it to both the Advisory and Standards Boards of the EAC and received extremely positive feedback. She also presented the guidebook at a federally mandated public hearing, once again to very positive feedback. The CEI and EAC jointly chose three pilot projects to field test the guidebook. These include the city of Boston and Suffolk University; the city of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Grand Rapids Community College; and Cuyahoga County and Cleveland State University. Each pilot project is a partnership between a local election office and an area school. Each pilot project will follow the guidebook and give feedback on its usefulness. All three projects will be recruiting student pollworkers for the November 2006 elections. Once it has received post-election feedback, the CEI will make final revisions to the guidebook, which will then be distributed nationwide by the EAC in 2007.

Prior to joining the Levin College, Horn worked for the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) as a democracy officer in Latin America, where she worked with national election agencies and nonprofit organizations in several countries on their elections. The experience familiarized her with the logistics behind planning and implementing elections and how to get citizens engaged in the process. She notes that while she is familiar with elections in Latin America, her experience with U.S. elections was limited to voting. “I’ve never been a pollworker here. I’ve never observed elections here,” she says. “This project has been a wonderful eye-opener. The biggest surprise is how similar it is to Latin America. We think of the United States as a frontrunner and technologically advanced, but as we saw in the 2000 election, proper elections require a lot of people power and there is a large area for mistakes.”

The center’s project for the EAC has been a unique learning experience. Horn states that the biggest realization to her was just how localized U.S. elections are. She notes that while she “knew intellectually that we have a federal system and that election systems differ by state, I didn’t realize how different election systems could be county by county, or city by city. The localization of election systems is unusual in the world context. There are both pros and cons to this localization. On the positive side, locally run elections allow for variations between communities and reflect the diversity of our country. On the negative side, different election jurisdictions in different parts of the country have varying levels of resources and levels of experience. Their ability to properly train pollworkers varies. I believe, at the very least, some state guidance on pollworker training curricula would be good. We’re all following the same state laws, so it makes sense to have statewide guidance on training content.”

This first project of contracted research has given the Center for Election Integrity the opportunity to begin a working relationship with the EAC and to establish itself as source of information and research around election issues. Not only has the project helped the CEI, but Horn knows the CEI has performed useful work, noting that, “This is an important issue that will help a lot of election jurisdictions around the country get the pollworkers they need.” Bringing in her experience working on elections in Latin America she states that, “The common denominator between Latin American and U.S. elections is the importance of pollworkers. Pollworkers determine an individual’s right to vote. If pollworkers do their job correctly, individuals have a much better chance of exercising that right.”



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## FOCUS ON: URBAN CHILD RESEARCH CENTER



Dr. Mittie Olion  
Chandler

Since taking over the directorship of the Urban Child Research Center (UCRC) a few years ago, **Dr. Mittie Olion Chandler** has managed to take a small center and expand its range of projects through innovative partnerships both within and outside of the college. The center's focus remains rooted in research and policy analysis on matters that affect families and children in urban communities. Partnerships with other centers in the college or with external partners allow the UCRC to play a key role in large evaluative and other projects. Dr. Chandler notes that the UCRC has worked with Levin College Forum Director Kathy Hexter, faculty member Dr. Sanda Kaufmann, the Center for Neighborhood Development, and is conducting the evaluation of Dr. George Weiner's obesity project with the Biomedical and Health Institute (BAHI). "Essentially, if it has to do with children or families, the UCRC is involved," she says.

One of the UCRC's most high-profile internal partnerships was an evaluation of the Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority's (CMHA) HOPE VI project, which was undertaken with the Levin College's Center for Neighborhood Development. HOPE VI is an urban revitalization program targeted toward the most distressed public housing in the country. CMHA received a HOPE VI grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to support construction and renovation in Carver Park. In addition, a portion of the HUD grant was designated for Community and Supportive Services (CSS) programming. The CSS component of the Carver Park HOPE VI was intended to assist residents in overcoming the obstacles to self-sufficiency during the course of the project.

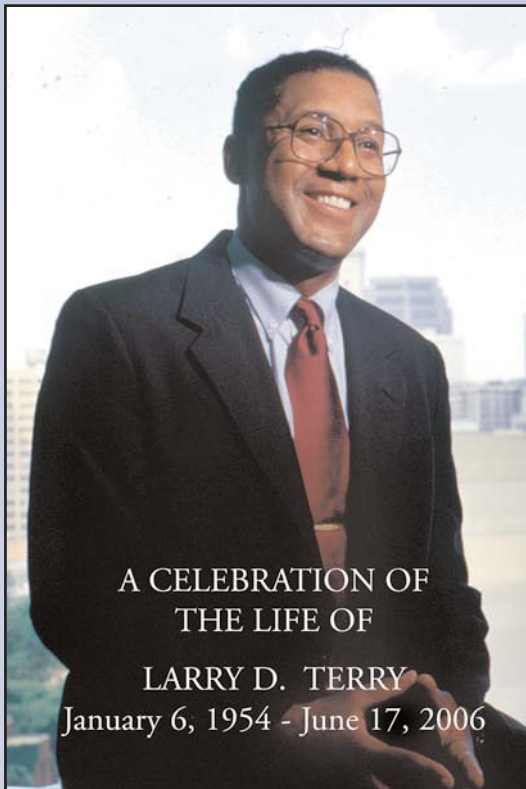
The UCRC and colleagues from the Center for Neighborhood Development (CND) evaluated the outcomes of the CSS plan. The evaluation focused on following the services provided to residents by contracted agencies, how the CSS program affected HOPE VI residents, and whether the goals and objectives of the CSS program were met. The evaluation team also considered the extent to which residents achieved some measure of self-sufficiency, identified problem areas that impeded the desired outcomes, and made recommendations that may be useful in implementing future initiatives. The UCRC and CND have also begun an evaluation of CMHA's Valleyview HOPE VI project. With the lessons learned from the previous Carver Park evaluation, Dr. Chandler believes this four-year evaluation process could potentially be instrumental in improving the outcomes of HOPE VI by allowing for continuous interaction and feedback to the CMHA staff.

A major ongoing project has been an evaluation of the Neighborhood Centers Association's (NCA) 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Centers, known as the NCA Academy. NCA received funding from the Ohio Department of Education through the U.S. Department of Education for after-school and summer programming for at-risk youth. The UCRC's commitment to evaluating the first five-year program, NCA Academy I, extends through 2007. NCA Academy II, a second five-year program, extends through 2009. Another significant partnership project was "Building Bridges to Close the Preschool Literacy Gap," a collaborative effort with the Greater Cleveland Neighborhood Centers Association (NCA) and CSU's College of Education to develop a comprehensive program to improve the educational prospects of students enrolled in selected Head Start programs. This project was completed in 2005.

Many of the UCRC's projects build upon each other. For example, Dr. Chandler has served on the United Way's Strong Families = Successful Children Vision Council since 2003. She was part of the Levin College team that conducted an evaluation of the Lighted Schoolhouse project in 2006 funded by that Vision Council. Chandler now serves on a task force of the Vision Council that will consider options for projects similar to the Lighted Schoolhouse in the future. The model calls for schools to serve as centers of community services and activities. The Vision Council also has a TEACH (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps) task force to improve the quality of preschool education through promoting the education of childcare providers, and giving them increases in pay commensurate with their own increases in education. Through the task force, the UCRC is also trying to improve the 2+2 program between Cuyahoga Community College and Cleveland State University's early childhood education program. Chandler notes that, "This is all part of the larger movement within the state to improve preschool education. Being part of the task force may lead to the UCRC being more instrumental in this movement."

One upcoming project that Chandler finds particularly exciting is the evaluation of Dr. George Weiner's obesity project in Cleveland's Central neighborhood. "This project entails the use of an approach to community engagement known as community-based participatory research," she notes. "Though not new, this is cutting-edge work in its application to address health disparities among low-income people of color. This issue has been talked about a lot lately; it's great to be part of a team that is trying to tackle the problem."

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*It is with great sadness that the College notes the death of Dr. Larry Terry, formerly of the Levin College, on June 17<sup>th</sup>. He was a Professor at the Levin College until 2001 and was Executive Vice Provost for Academic Affairs and Professor of Public Administration at the University of Texas at Dallas at the time of his death.*

Larry Terry was a creative scholar, an engaging and provocative writer, a gifted teacher, and a wonderfully warm and kind friend and colleague. In Larry, there was, not only an integrity, but also an energy, an intensity, and a sheer sense of schoolboy-like excitement that enriched everything that he wrote and talked about and that inspired those who worked with him, including myself. Like many others, I shall miss him but am glad he stayed, at least for a while, with us.

—Dr. Michael W. Spicer

Larry and I were friends from graduate school days. He encouraged me to apply for the Levin Chair, so I'm at Cleveland State because of him. It was an honor to serve as his associate editor when he was editor-in-chief of *Public Administration Review*. He was a brilliant editor. We listened to each other a lot over the years and tried to support each other's efforts and give each other honest advice. He was the kind of leader he wrote about: a conservator, one who aims to combine innovation and development with concern to preserve the core values and capacity of the enterprise. I believe the College owes Larry a lot; I know I do. He had many more contributions to make to the field of public administration. I will miss him very much.

—Dr. Camilla Stivers

I remember Larry Terry for many things but mostly for his scholarly comradeship. He shared his scholarship with other faculty members. He initiated discussions on scholarly issues in public administration, and if you were unable to converse because you had not read the article or book, he asked you to read it and have the discussion with him later. It was his way of keeping you current as a scholar. After the discussion, he would suggest that we raise enough questions to write an article about the issues ourselves. He would then frame the issue and assign you a part to research and write. It was his way of assuring that you fulfilled your scholarly publishing requirement. He did this with me and I am aware that he did it with other faculty members also. Larry gave me two other scholarly tips (1) Whenever you read a book, write a review of it and (2) when reading books or articles always have index cards available and write references for your next article. Larry was brilliant, and he shared.

—Professor Sylvester Murray

*The family has requested that Professor Terry be remembered through the **Larry D. Terry Ph.D. Award** to benefit Levin College doctoral graduates who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and scholarship. Donations may be sent to:*

**Larry D. Terry, Ph.D. Award**  
c/o The Cleveland State University Foundation  
2121 Euclid Avenue  
Cleveland, OH 44115

## FOCUS ON: URBAN CHILD RESEARCH CENTER

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The UCRC is the one of the smallest centers in the Levin College. Chandler currently has “two and a half” graduate assistants who provide research and analysis. Chandler states that, “It would be wonderful in the future if funding were available to have a full-time researcher on the UCRC staff. Not only to work on research or evaluation projects, but to seek out new projects. This is an opportune time, as childhood and education issues are currently high on state legislators’ lists of priorities.”

Chandler goes on to say that, “Evaluation research has become the backbone of the UCRC. It still amazes me to find that program implementors don’t value and hence don’t maximize the potential benefits of evaluation. Despite what we teach about evaluation, it is sometimes not incorporated in the design of projects. It may be an afterthought to meet funding requirements. One result is that the evaluation can be seen as a threat to the program rather than as a mechanism for program improvement. This is an aspect of evaluation work that I enjoy most—sharing information and perspectives that contribute to program success.”



## THE LEVIN COLLEGE FORUM PROGRAM

Streaming video of Levin College Forum events are available on the College website at: <http://urban.csuohio.edu/forum/>.

**Building Northeast Ohio's Economy: Entrepreneurship & Innovation.** This was the first in a series of three forums that will share the results of a set of regional economic indicators developed by researchers in the Levin College's Center for Economic Development. A presentation on how Northeast Ohio compares with other regions on measures of entrepreneurship and innovation was followed by a panel discussion showcasing programs and strategies in Northeast Ohio. The forum was opened by Cleveland State University President Michael Schwartz and Ziona Austrian,



Pictured above: Ray Leach, Ziona Austrian, and Dean Robert Sherer

director of the Center for Economic Development. The ensuing panel discussion was moderated by Robert F. Sherer, Dean of the Nance College of Business. Panelists included: Ray Leach, Chief Executive Officer, JumpStart, Inc.; Bob Panthofer, C.E.O., Stanton Advanced Ceramics; Baiju R. Shah, President, BioEnterprise; Warren Goldenberg, C.E.O, CardioInsight; Tom Sudow, Executive Director, Beachwood Chamber of Commerce; and Eric and Cary Senders, Principals, 6062 Holdings Co.



**Sustainable Neighborhoods, Sustainable Cities.** This forum provided an opportunity for community development professionals, city planners, designers, developers, investors, elected officials, and the public to brainstorm how best to build on the assets of Cleveland's neighborhoods to create a more sustainable city. The keynote speaker was Matthew Carmona, head of the Planning School at the Bartlett School of Planning, University College, London, and a well-known educator, theorist, and designer in the field of urban design with a special competence in sustainable planning. His talk was followed by an interactive session with a panel of local community development professionals and planners. This event was sponsored by National City Bank and the Third Planet Foundation.

**Cleveland State University**  
**Financing Viable Start Ups Through Micro Loans**

Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2006  
 8:00 - 10:00 am  
 Pavilion, Cleveland State College of Urban Affairs  
 Cushman-Miller Hall - Atrium  
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Small and minority business development and income equality are two of the factors important to Northeast Ohio's economic future. Both depend on micro lending, a proven economic development tool. As a nonprofit lender and technical assistance provider in Cleveland, WEDCO Fund, has provided more than \$1 million in loans to 53 businesses not able to obtain traditional financing. These businesses have created 134 jobs and contribute to the tax base and broader economy. The Forum will feature national and local experts in micro lending, showcase success stories, and discuss the potential for expansion.

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**Financing Viable Start-ups through Micro Loans.** Small and minority business development and income equality are two of the factors important to northeast Ohio's economic future. Both depend on micro lending, a proven

economic development tool. This forum featured national experts Wendy K. Baumann, President, The Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation, and Sue A. Peters, Associate Program Officer for the Mott Foundation's Pathways Out of Poverty Team, as well as local experts in micro lending.



Pictured above: Bhavani Prasad Grandhi and Dean Mark S. Rosentraub.

### Building Legal Systems in Newly Emerging Nations: Focus on Andhra Pradesh State in India.

The speaker was Bhavani Prasad Grandhi, Justice on the High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, India.



Pictured above: Chris Nance, Office of Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones; Norman Robbins, Greater Cleveland Voter Coalition; SHERECE GRAY, Outreach Coordinator, League of Women Voters of Cleveland Educational Fund; and Ron Olsen, CASE Adopt-a-BOE

**Lessons Learned from Ohio's Primary: Making November a Success.** Presented by the Center for Election Integrity and the Levin College Forum. Election officials, election day observation groups, election experts, and elected officials discussed their findings and analysis from the May primary and provide recommendations for improvements to election procedures before the November election. Panelists addressed such issues as

the role of pollworkers and their training, the usability and reliability of new voting technology, the effects of new Ohio legislation, and procedural concerns. The recommendations generated by the conference will be used by the independent task force charged with assessing the May primary election for the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections and will be submitted for use by other election studies. One of the members of that task force is Professor Candace Hoke, Director of the Center for Election Integrity.



Now in the Thomas F. Campbell Phd Exhibition Gallery:

**The Triplicity Project: Photography by G.M. Donley.** The Triplicity Project is a creative presentation by G.M.

Donley of urban spaces accompanied by transcripts of people's impressions of those spaces. The works are triplets of images in black and white. Visitors will have the opportunity to add their own thoughts to the images. The exhibition runs through September 30, 2006.

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## In Tribute to the Public Service



The "In Tribute to the Public Service" Award was established in 1985 by the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs Visiting Committee to honor individuals who demonstrate exemplary leadership in public life and contribute significantly to the betterment of the community.

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*Award & Scholarship  
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7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.  
Doors Open 7:15 a.m. ♦ Program 8:00 a.m.  
Cleveland City Hall and Council Chambers  
Continental Breakfast and Award Ceremony*



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## FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

**Dr. Tom Bier** was a panelist at the Cleveland City Club on June 28th as part of "Redeveloping Cleveland: Revitalizing Housing," a four-part series that focuses on the challenges and solutions to revitalizing housing in Cleveland.

The team of **Priscilla Burkes** (Center for Neighborhood Development) and **Vivian Tucker** (Center for Public Management) came in second in the recent eight-week walking contest sponsored by the university's Health and Wellness Services. The team of **Ellen Cyran** (NODIS) and **Jim Wyles** (NODIS) was a runner-up.

**Dr. Ziona Austrian** was on WCPN's "Making Change" program. Read part of her comments or listen to the interview at: [http://www.wcpn.org/mc/vault/radio\\_features/0609innovationStudy.html](http://www.wcpn.org/mc/vault/radio_features/0609innovationStudy.html).

**The Center for Sacred Landmarks** was noted in a recent *Crain's Cleveland Business* article about Ursuline College's new program in historic preservation. Read the article here: <http://www.crainsicleveland.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060619/SUB/60616035/1008&Profile=1008&template=printart>.

**Professor Candace Hoke**, co-director of the Center for Election Integrity, was mentioned in an *Akron Beacon Journal* article on the problems with electronic voting machines during the May primary. Read it here: <http://www.ohio.com/mld/beaconjournal/news/state/14710062.htm>.

**Dr. Ned Hill's** analysis of Ken Blackwell's proposal to lease the Ohio Turnpike was mentioned in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, *Vindy.com*, and the *San Jose Mercury News*. Dr. Hill was quoted in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* in an article on Honda's potential new assembly plant in Ohio. He was also quoted in *The Hutchinson News* (Kansas) regarding the annual Kansas Mayors Conference, at which he was a speaker, and in the *Cleveland Free Times* responding to Ohio Secretary of State Ken Blackwell's proposed Tax Expenditure Limitation (TEL) amendment.

Several Levin College faculty received CSU Faculty Merit Awards at the end of spring semester, among them **Dr. Bill Bowen**, **Dr. Brian Mikelbank**, **Dr. Roby Simons**, and **Dr. Vera Vogelsang-Coombs**.

A project proposal submitted by **Drs. Jennifer Alexander** and **Stuart Mendel**, co-directors of the Center for Nonprofit Policy & Practice, will receive funding in year two of the University Center for Teaching and Learning (UCTL) faculty incentive program for the development of online courses. The two will develop the three remaining public administration courses for the certificate in nonprofit management.

**Phil Star** was quoted in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* in an article about a federal housing subsidy program for low-income renters. Read it here: <http://www.cleveland.com/news/plaindealer/index.ssf?/base/cuyahoga/114941002698790.xml&coll=2>.

**Dr. Dennis Keating** and **Professor Norm Krumholz** presented a paper at the World Planning Congress in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, on June 19.

**Kevin O'Brien** was quoted in *Crain's Cleveland Business* in an article about state environmental cleanup funds. Read it here: <http://www.crainsicleveland.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060529/SUB/605290310/1004&Profile=1004>. In addition, he was quoted in the *Medina Sun* in an article about the proposed Tax Expenditure Limitation (TEL) amendment and its impact on government spending. Read it here:

<http://www.cleveland.com/sun/medinasun/index.ssf?/base/news-0/1147365593264420.xml&coll=3>.

O'Brien was also quoted in the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* in an article about a potential industrial landbank for the city of Cleveland. Read it here: <http://www.cleveland.com/search/index.ssf?/base/business/1147768403206150.xml?bxbiz&coll=2>.

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**Professor Norm Krumholz** was briefly quoted in the *Denver Post* in an article about rehabbing homes in first ring suburbs. Read it here: [http://www.denverpost.com/business/ci\\_3845644](http://www.denverpost.com/business/ci_3845644).

Both **Dr. Brian Mikelbank** and **Professor Harry Margulis** published articles in Volume 2, Issue 1 of *Opolis*, a new international journal of suburban and metropolitan studies. Download the articles from the *Opolis* website at: <http://repositories.cdlib.org/cssd/opolis/>.

**Kirby Date**, Coordinator of the Countryside Program, which is part of the Levin College's new Center for Planning Research and Practice, was quoted in an *Akron Beacon Journal* article on a proposed cluster home development in Cuyahoga Falls. Read it here: <http://www.ohio.com/mlid/ohio/news/14589590.htm>.

*Plain Dealer* columnist Phillip Morris mentioned **Dr. Roberta Steinbacher** in his tribute to the late Gerald Gordon. Read it here: [http://www.cleveland.com/news/plaindealer/phillip\\_morris/index.ssf?base/opinion/1147768274206150.xml&coll=2](http://www.cleveland.com/news/plaindealer/phillip_morris/index.ssf?base/opinion/1147768274206150.xml&coll=2).

**Dr. Mark Salling** and Terry Lenahan recently published "Persons with Disabilities by Race, Cuyahoga County, 2000" in the May 2006 issue of *Public Health GIS News and Information* (No. 70).

**Professor Candice Hoke**, director of the Center for Election Integrity, was appointed as one of three investigators by the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections to investigate the problems surrounding the May primaries and to recommend reforms. The Election Review Panel's final report can be found at: [www.cuyahogavoting.org](http://www.cuyahogavoting.org)

The Spring/Summer 2006 newsletter of the USAID Local Government Reform Project notes courses taught by **Tom Cozzens** in Croatia as well as distance learning courses taught by **Kevin O'Brien** and **Claudette Robey**. Read it online at: [http://isite23.isite.com.hr/Download/2006/05/09/News-5-color\\_EN.pdf](http://isite23.isite.com.hr/Download/2006/05/09/News-5-color_EN.pdf).

**Dr. Michael Tevesz** was on WCPN/90.3 discussing historic churches and how they fit into the Cleveland Catholic diocese's need to close some parishes.

**Dean Mark Rosentraub** was quoted in the *Detroit Free Press* in an article on the positive economic impact LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers are having on the city of Cleveland. Read it here: <http://www.detroitnews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060512/SPORTS0102/605120329>.

This spring, **Dr. Dennis Keating** was asked and agreed to serve on the Community Shares Advisory Board and the Board of Directors of the Cleveland Civil War Roundtable.

**The Center for Sacred Landmarks** was mentioned in a *Plain Dealer* article on a university-church partnership with the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland to catalog and inventory sacred art and artifacts. Read it here at:

<http://www.cleveland.com/cuyahoga/plaindealer/index.ssf?base/cuyahoga/114612711493630.xml&coll=2>.

**Abby Horn**, Program Manager in the Ruth Ratner Miller Center for Greater Cleveland's Future, was a co-presenter on April 27th at the annual meeting of the Fund for Our Economic Future. She and representatives from the Gallup Organization presented the 2006 findings of the Northeast Ohio Barometer of Economic Attitudes, an annual survey of public perceptions of the region's economic growth and opinions on regionalism and collaboration.

**Dr. Ziona Austrian** was quoted in the *Milwaukee Sentinel Journal* regarding the latest Dashboard of Economic Indicators developed by the Center for Economic Development, the Federal Reserve Bank, and the Fund for Our Economic Future. The Dashboard report was also noted in the *Planetizen* electronic planning and development newsletter.

Former Research Associate **Jill Norton** has rejoined the Levin College after working in Colorado for several years. She is now Program Manager in the Center for Economic Development.

The Levin College was saddened to learn of the death of **Dominic A. Tomaro**, a long-time friend and supporter of the Levin College. He had a long and distinguished career as the director of public works for the city of Cleveland Heights. His career accomplishments include the establishment of long-range planning and improvement programs to the city's infrastructure, the development of a model refuse collection system and the implementation of Ohio's first curbside newspaper recycling program and city-wide recycling of glass, metal and plastics. He was involved in many professional organizations and held numerous leadership positions. The College is host to the **Dominic Tomaro Public Works Scholarship** for students in the public works management field.

## Maxine Goodman Levin College of .....? Cleveland State University

Many of you should have received an invitation via email or postcard to take on online survey regarding the market position of the Levin College. If you have already completed this survey--thank you.

If you have not, please take a few minutes to fill out this short survey. If you cannot remember your ID or password, please email: [julie@viewpointforum.com](mailto:julie@viewpointforum.com). Your opinion really counts!

**Don't forget - update your current information at**  
<http://urban.csuohio.edu/alumni/information/updateform.htm>

## ALUMNI AND STUDENT UPDATES

**Hugh Lloyd Thomas** ('91 MPA) to City Administrator, Sylvania, Ohio.

**Thomas W. Thielman** ('94 MPA) to Economic Development Manager, City of Mentor.

**Kellie F. Glenn** ('95 MPA) to Project Director, Department of Community Development, city of Cleveland.

**Monica Wharton** ('96 JD/MPA) to Financial Aid Administrator, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Cleveland State University.

**Ndeda N. Letson** ('98 MUPDD) to Development Services Manager, University Circle Inc.

**Robert J. Schneider** ('02 BA) is Program Manager, Department of Marketing and Communications, District of Columbia Public Library, Washington DC.

**Benjamin Limmer** ('03 MUPDD) to Planner II, METRO Rail, Phoenix Regional Transit Authority.

**Michael Villano** ('04 MPA) to Township Administration, Boardman, Ohio.

Congratulations to **Maria Haller** (MPA/JD '06), who has been named one of The Cleveland Foundation's Cleveland Executive Fellows. The Fellowship is an experiential, immersion fellowship that will accelerate the professional development of civic leaders for Greater Cleveland. Maria will begin her work on September 1st.

**Jorianne Jernberg** ('06 MPA, Certificate in Economic Development) to Budget Analyst, Federal Transit Administration.

**Adam M. Freck** ('06 MUPDD) to Research Analyst, Corporate Research & Analysis Service Group, Colliers Ostendorf-Morris.

**Antoinette Swanson** (MUPDD student) has received a \$500 scholarship from the Ohio Planning Foundation's James Jennings, Senior Scholarship Program.

If you would like to share your latest news with the Levin College community, please notify

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## 2006 WASHINGTON DC SEMINAR CLASS



The topic for this year's Washington DC Seminar Class was "Ethics and Public Administration". The class heard speakers from the US Office on Government Ethics, Office of Management & Budget, Washington D.C. Board of Elections & Ethics, Center for Responsive Politics/Open Secrets, Brian Lamb, President & CEO of C-SPAN, as well as Congressman Ralph Regula, Congressman Steve LaTourette, Congresswoman Stephanie Tubbs Jones, Congressman Dennis Kucinich, Josh Rubin from The CRJ Group Inc., Doug Dziak from Senator Voinovich's Office and Rob Walker from the Senate Ethics Committee and The Reverend Canon John L. Peterson from the National Cathedral.

Photos from the 2006 Washington DC class can be found at [http://urban.csuohio.edu/photos/dc\\_2006/](http://urban.csuohio.edu/photos/dc_2006/)

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