

**SCHEDULE FOR DEPARTMENTAL ORIENTATION  
AND MPA SOCIALIZATION SEMINAR  
Schedule as of May 4, 2017**

**Attendance & Dress Code Policies**

**MPA students** are required to attend all sessions, and will receive 2 hours of academic credit in the fall semester, which is required for graduation. Attendance will be taken at all sessions. The MPA Socialization Seminar is a three-day event structured to orient new students to the MPA program, Department, University, and Athens community.

**PhD students** especially those new to UGA/SPIA—are strongly encouraged to attend any of the sessions listed below, but are not required to do so. If you are a PhD student and plan to attend any of the socialization seminar sessions, please let Dr. Edward Kellough know by August 1, 2017.

The graduate programs in the Department of Public Administration & Policy at UGA are professional degree programs; therefore, we expect everyone attending socialization seminar sessions to be dressed accordingly. If you have any questions regarding the attendance or dress code policies, please contact Laura Bayne at (706) 542-9660.

**DAY 1 – Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00 – 8:15 Registration and Continental Breakfast** (provided) (Miller Learning Center Room 250)

**8:15– 8:45 Welcome Remarks** (MLC 250)

*Dr. Bradley E. Wright, Department Head*

*Dr. Laura Meadows, Director of Carl Vinson Institute of Government*

*Ms. Kaitlin Powers, Georgia Students for Public Administration*

*Ms. Brittany Bullock, UGA ICMA*

**8:45– 10:00 Introduction and Icebreaker** (MLC 250)

*Dr. Edward Kellough*

**10:15 – 12:00 Orientation to the Program** (MLC 250)

*Dr. Edward Kellough*

**12:00 – 1:00 Lunch – (provided)** (MLC Rotunda)

Dept. of Public Administration & Policy faculty & staff invited to attend

**1:15 – 1:45 Academic Honesty & Integrity** (MLC 250)  
*Mr. Phillip Griffeth, Director of Academic Honesty & Student Appeals*

**1:45 – 2:45 Culture Competency & Diversity** (MLC 250)

**3:00 – 3:30 Public Service and the MPA** (MLC 250)  
*Dr. Brian Williams, Associate Professor*

**3:30- 5:00 Community Leader Panel** (MLC 250)

## **DAY 2 – Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**

**8:00-8:15 Continental Breakfast (provided) (MLC 250)**

**8:15 – 9:00 Soft Skills** (MLC 250)

**9:00- 10:00 Health & Wellness in Graduate School** (MLC 250)

**10:00 – 10:30 Career Services** (MLC 250)  
*Mr. Aaron Redman, Career Services and Recruitment Coordinator*

**10:45 – 12:00 Alumni Panel** (MLC 250)

**12:00 – 1:00 Lunch – (provided)** (MLC Rotunda)  
Alumni panel members invited to attend  
Carl Vinson Institute division directors invited to attend

**1:00 – 3:30 Ethics Seminars** (MLC 250)  
*J. Mike Martinez, Affiliated Professor*

**3:45 – 4:30 Orientation to Athens and Service Projects** (MLC 250)  
*Dr. Edward Kellough*

**4:30 – 5:00 Q&A Session**  
*Dr. Edward Kellough*  
*Ms. Melody Herrington, Enrolled Student Services Coordinator*

## **DAY 3 - Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**

### **9:00 – 12:00 Community Service Projects**

Students will be assigned to work on a community-based project in Athens.

Please note: the service work may be performed outdoors; it will be hot and you should expect to get dirty; wear breathable clothing, closed-toe shoes, pre-apply sunscreen, and bring lots of water.

Alternative service work will be arranged for individuals with limited mobility. Please contact Melody Herrington via email ([melodyh@uga.edu](mailto:melodyh@uga.edu)) or phone (706-542-3510) by August 1, 2017 to make this request.

### **12:20 – 2:00 Lunch & Reflection on project – (provided) (MLC 250)**

Dr. Edward Kellough