**SCHEDULE FOR DEPARTMENTAL ORIENTATION**

**AND MPA SOCIALIZATION SEMINAR**

**Schedule as of June 28, 2016**

**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. Deborah Carroll know by August 1, 2014. There will be a separate orientation for PhD students only, which is required of all entering PhD students. It will take place on Friday, August 14th in Baldwin 202 from 10:30 am to 2:00 pm..

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 Dr. Deborah Carroll at (706) 583-0553.

**DAY 1 – Tuesday, August 9th**

**8:00 – 8:15 Registration and Breakfast** (provided) (Miller Learning Center Room 214)

**8:15– 8:45 Welcome Remarks** (MLC 348)

Dr. Stefanie Lindquist, Dean of School of Public & International Affairs

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

Mr. Jacob Wingate, Georgia Students for Public Administration

Ms. Brittany Bullock, UGA ICMA

**8:45– 10:00 Introduction and Icebreaker** (MLC 348)

Dr. Andrew Whitford

We will have a discussion of the book *Serving the Public Interest: Profiles of Successful and Innovative Public Servants*  edited by Norma M. Riccucci. Please read the book and come prepared to contribute to the discussion.

**10:15 – 12:00 Orientation to the Program** (MLC 348)

Dr. Andrew Whitford

**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 348)

*Ms. Deborah Craddock-Bell, Director of Academic Honesty & Student Appeals*

**1:45 – 2:45 Culture Competency & Diversity** (MLC 348)

*Ms. Shonte Wallace, Coordinator of Faculty and Staff Development*

**3:00 - 3:30 Public Service and the MPA** (MLC 348)

*Dr. Brian Williams, Associate Professor*

**3:30- 5:00 Community Leader Panel** (MLC 348)

**DAY 2 – Wednesday, August 10th**

**8:00-8:15 Breakfast (provided) (MLC 348)**

**8:15 – 9:00 Soft Skills** (MLC 348)

**9:00- 10:00 Health & Wellness in Graduate School** (MLC 348)

**10:00 – 10:45 Career Services** (MLC 348)

*Mr. Aaron Redman, Career Services and Recruitment Coordinator*

**11:00 – 12:00 Alumni Panel** (MLC 348)

**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 348)

*Dr. Laurence J. O’Toole, Golembiewski Professor of Public Administration and Distinguished Research Professor*

**3:45 – 4:30 Orientation to Athens and Service Projects** (MLC 348)

*Dr. Andrew Whitford*

**4:30 – 5:00 Q&A Session**

*Dr. Andrew Whitford*

*Ms. Melody Herrington*, *Enrolled Student Services Coordinator*

**DAY 3 - Saturday, August 13th**

**9:30 – 1:00 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) or phone (706-

542-3510) by August 1, 2016 to make this request.

**1:30 – 2:30 Lunch – (provided)** (Rotunda of the MLC)

**2:45 – 4:15 Reflection on project** (MLC 348)

Dr. Andrew Whitford

**4:15 – 5:00 Wrap–up and evaluations**

Dr. Andrew Whitford