**SCHEDULE FOR DEPARTMENTAL ORIENTATION**

**AND MPA SOCIALIZATION SEMINAR**

**Schedule as of May 1, 2018**

**Attendance & Dress Code Policies**

**MPA students** are required to attend all sessions, and will receive 1 hour 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.

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 6th**

**8:00 – 8:15 Registration and Continental Breakfast** (provided) (Science Learning Center 85)

**8:15– 8:45 Welcome Remarks**

*Dr. Bradley E. Wright, Department Head*

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

*Ms. Rose Anthony. Georgia Students for Public Administration*

*Mr. Chris Mixon, Georgia Students for Public Administration*

*Mr. Zachary Harris, UGA ICMA*

*Mr. Robert Wilson, UGA ICMA*

**8:45– 10:00 Introduction and Icebreaker**

*Dr. Eric Zeemering*

**10:15 – 12:00 Orientation to the Program**

*Dr. Eric Zeemering*

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

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

Shannon Hinson, Associate Director of Admissions, UGA Law

**1:15 – 1:45 Academic Honesty & Integrity**

*Mr. Phillip Griffeth, Director of Academic Honesty & Student Appeals*

**1:45 – 2:45 Culture Competency & Diversity**

*Shonte Wallace, Coordinator of Faculty and Staff Development*

*Tiffany Smith, Senior Coordinator for Multicultural Services & Programs*

**3:00 - 3:30 Public Service and the MPA**

*Dr. Eric Zeemering*

**3:30- 5:00 Community Leader Panel**

*Kelly Girtz, Mayor-Elect, Athens-Clarke County*

*Mariah Parker, Commissioner, Athens-Clarke County*

*Joan Prittie, Executive Director, Project Safe*

*Scott Freeman, Police Chief, Athens-Clarke County Police Dept.*

*Linda Davis, Board Member, Clarke County Board of Education*

**DAY 2 – Tuesday, August 7th**

**8:00-8:15 Continental Breakfast (provided)** (SLC 85)

**8:15 – 9:00 Professional Skills**

**9:00- 10:00 Health & Wellness in Graduate School**

*Kelly Truesdell, University Health Center*

**10:00 – 10:30 Career Services**

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

**10:45 – 12:00 Alumni Panel**

**12:00 – 1:00 Lunch – (provided)**

Alumni panel members invited to attend

Carl Vinson Institute division directors invited to attend

**1:00 – 3:30 Ethics Seminars**

*J. Mike Martinez, Affiliated Professor*

**3:45 – 4:30 Orientation to Athens and Service Projects**

*Dr. Eric Zeemering*

*Mr. Aaron Redman*

**4:30 – 5:00 Q&A Session**

*Dr. Eric Zeemering*

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

*Andrew Grandage, MPA Advisor*

**DAY 3 - Saturday, August 11th**

**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) or phone (706-

542-3510) by August 1, 2017 to make this request.

**12:20 – 2:00 Lunch & Reflection on project – (provided)** (SLC 85)

Dr. Eric Zeemering