

MSPP Announces the 2011-2012 Class of Robertson Fellows

The [School of Public Policy](#) (MSPP) has announced the recipients of the [2011-2012 Robertson Fellowships](#). The Fellows come from diverse backgrounds, but share a common commitment to public service and leadership. Launched in 2010 with a grant from the [Robertson Foundation for Government](#) (RFFG), a nonprofit family foundation, the fellowship program helps provide the federal government with future policy leaders in international relations and foreign affairs. This year's Class of Robertson Fellows—Kent Elliott, Taylor Moore, Kasia Rada, and Caroline Smith—have exceptional undergraduate academic records and experiences, making them prime candidates for the prestigious fellowship. "We are grateful for the support we have received from RFFG," says MSPP Dean Donald F. Kettl. "The Robertson Fellows program enables us to provide these outstanding students with the best-possible educational experience."

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First Philanthropy Fellows Named

The [School of Public Policy](#) has named its first set of graduate and undergraduate students to the new Philanthropy Fellows Program. Eleven students are taking advantage of internship opportunities in the Washington, D.C. region exclusively available to Maryland students. Developed with the [Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers](#), the program is designed to provide future leaders with the opportunity to gain professional experience, develop skills, build a professional network. They will learn about local community needs through substantive work experiences with the area's leading foundations and grantmaking bodies while earning income to support academic and living expenses.

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Filmanthropy and Leadership: An Evening with Ted Leonsis

The School of Public Policy and the Colonnade Society teamed up to host an event on Sept. 12, featuring Ted Leonsis, one of the world's leading entrepreneurs and philanthropists. Leonsis spent the evening sharing insights from his amazing career, his best-selling book *The Business of Happiness*, and his innovative social venture business, SNAG films. At the standing-room-only event held at the University of Maryland's Hoff Theatre, Leonsis related stories from his time as a pioneer leader of AOL and Groupon, and as the owner of the Washington Wizards and Washington Capitals. He spoke about the tremendous success he has achieved, selling his first business by the age of 26. While he became wealthy, his money did not buy him happiness. Knowing that a change was needed, Leonsis committed to leading a life he described as "giving back more than I was taking." This change would take many forms, including his focus on forming businesses that improved society.

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Schelling says a nuclear terrorist attack is unlikely in the next decade

Nobel Laureate and Distinguished Professor Emeritus [Thomas Schelling](#) said the world has yet to see a nuclear terrorist attack in the past few decades and will be unlikely to in the near future. In a commemorative event held on Sept 21st in honor of Schelling's 90th birthday, he spoke on the topic "What Ever Happened to Nuclear Terrorism?" "There's no evidence that any other organization than the national government has acquired any nuclear weapons," Schelling said. From the incredible barriers facing terrorists trying to acquire nuclear materials, the highly unique combination of human resources needed to create a weapon, and the tough decision of how and where to use it, are obstacles that have kept nuclear weapons out of the hands of terrorists, says Schelling. He argues further that, if a terrorist group were to acquire nuclear weapons enabling them to negotiate with the world's most powerful nuclear nations, they would face an entirely new decision-making equation than before. Using their only weapon would leave them powerless to further their political agenda. The power lies in the potential, Schelling said.

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Maryland Innovation Partnership Recognized as National Model

An innovative Maryland technology transfer program - the first of its kind in the United States to partner federal labs and public universities - has received an award honoring its success. The [Maryland Proof of Concept Alliance](#), which teams the Army Research Laboratory (ARL) and the University System of Maryland, was recognized as a national model by a group representing federal labs. This program has successfully demonstrated the capability to identify, and help commercialize university developed technology," says the Alliance's Principal Investigator [Jacques Gansler](#), who directs the University of Maryland's Center for Public Policy and Private Enterprise in the School of Public Policy, and formerly served as U.S. Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics.

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Rawlings Reception Brings Students and Leaders Together to Establish Mentorship

Leaders from around the state convened in the Maurer Leadership Library on Sept. 14 for a formal networking reception with the Rawlings Undergraduate Leadership Fellows. In attendance were elected officials, heads of community organizations, and private sector leaders. [Dean Kettl](#) opened the evening with his remarks about the increasing importance of leadership development to meet society's critical challenges. The [Rawlings program](#) develops the capacity of students in the area of leadership, particularly for the sake of addressing social inequality. The Fellows had an opportunity to speak with active leaders about these issues and their own career paths.

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CISSM Hosts Morality and Security Workshop

As part of its project to engage religious communities in addressing the threats posed by nuclear weapons policies, climate change, and poverty, the [Center for International and Security Studies at Maryland \(CISSM\)](#) hosted a workshop for 20 students and faculty on September 23, 2011. The students and faculty came from a range of area religious universities, including Catholic University, Eastern Mennonite University, Regent University, and Patrick Henry College, as well as the Maryland School of Public Policy.

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[Allen Schick](#) received the [Lifetime Achievement Award from Brooklyn College](#), where he graduated in 1956. He was honored together with his brother, Marvin, making them the first twins so recognized.



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The Defeat of the SHINING PATH
and the Story Not Told
TUESDAY OCTOBER 31, 2011
6:00-8:00 PM
CENT BOARDROOM (HALL ALUMNI CENTER)

NOVEMBER 3

Water is Rising
Climate Change and Culture in the South Pacific and Chesapeake Bay
THURSDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2011
12:30-5:00 PM (AT 12:30 PM)

NOVEMBER 7

Leadership Challenges
in Prince George's County
NOV 7, 2011 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

NOVEMBER 8

America the Vulnerable
The New Threat of Digital Espionage, Crime and Warfare
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2011
6:00-8:00 PM
MSPP AT 6:00 PM (HALL ALUMNI CENTER)

NOVEMBER 15

Fall Prospective Student OPEN HOUSE
Tuesday, November 15, 2011
6:00-8:30pm

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