

Maryland School of Public Policy Update

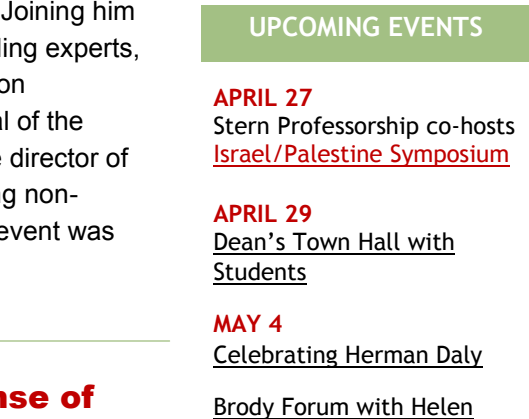
**A Government that Works is
Transparent, says Gov. O'Malley**

With suit jacket off and sleeves rolled-up, Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley demonstrated to an over-flowing room of graduate students, faculty, and staff of the Maryland School of Public Policy, how a government that works—works!

"We have set about setting goals, measuring performance, and driving towards the attainment of those goals," O'Malley said. "Driving progress forward and doing it with a level of openness, transparency, and performance measurement and information sharing that has never been attempted before in our state." [More...](#)

**MSPP Stern Professorship
Co-Hosts U.S. Debt Forum**

The School of Public Policy's Stern Professorship co-hosted a major forum on the ballooning federal debt and what the nation can do about it. House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer kicked off the session by arguing that the looming fiscal crisis is an even bigger issue than health reform, which the Congress just struggled to pass. Joining him in the forum were some of the nation's leading experts, including David Walker (CEO of the Peterson Foundation and former Comptroller General of the United States) and Robert Bixby (executive director of the Concord Coalition, Washington's leading non-partisan think tank on budget issues). The event was broadcast nationwide on [C-SPAN](#).



UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 27
Stern Professorship co-hosts
[Israel/Palestine Symposium](#)

APRIL 29
[Dean's Town Hall with
Students](#)

MAY 4
[Celebrating Herman Daly](#)

[Brody Forum with Helen
Thomas](#)

[Brody Forum with Kurt L.
Schmoke](#)

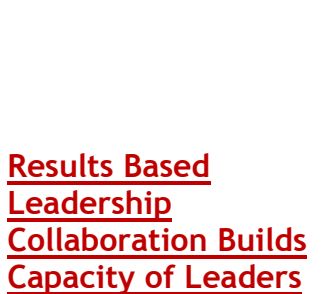
MAY 6
[CISSM Forum](#) to host
Ph.D. Alum Kevin Jones
"The Hijacking of a
Government: The Kyrgyz
Protests of 2010"

[Alumni News](#)

[Caroline White '09](#)
training for 2012 Olympics

[Student News](#)

Matthew Verghese awarded
"Outstanding Graduate
Student Employee of the
Year"

[MSPP In the News...](#)**Public Policy Blog Makes Sense of
Health-Care Reform**

Last month's passage of health-care reform didn't end the yearlong debate: It just started a new one about how to put the historic and complex law into effect nationwide. A new blog, co-sponsored by the School of Public Policy, adds a much-needed impartial voice to the discussion, supplying analysis and a forum for discussing questions surrounding the execution of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010. [More...](#) [View the blog](#)

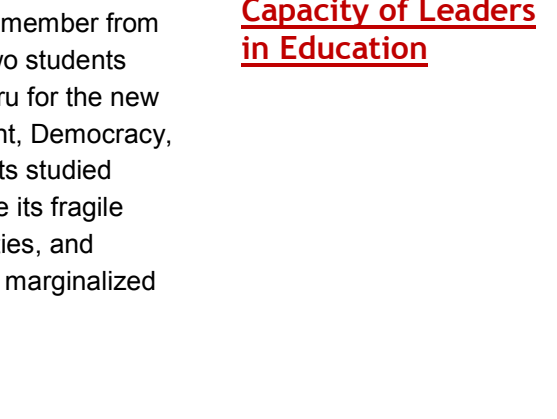
**Peter Reuter Appointed Chair of New
National Academy of Sciences
Committee**

[Peter Reuter](#) was recently appointed to chair a new National Academy of Sciences Committee. The "Committee on Estimating Costs to the Department of Justice of Increased Border Security Enforcement by the Department of Homeland Security", was created by Congressional mandate to study some of the effects of increases in Department of Homeland Security enforcement activities against illegal immigration. [More...](#)

[More Faculty News](#)

**China Executive Master Program Graduates
First Students**

The School of Public Policy's executive China program held a graduation ceremony for the first cohort of 26 students in the [China Executive Master of Public Management Program](#). The ceremony was held in Suzhou City, China on March 15th. Participants in the program are executive level, local and city government officials sponsored by the Suzhou City government.

**New Study Abroad Course Brings Students
to the Peruvian Amazon, Capital**

This March, 11 students and one faculty member from the School of Public Policy, along with two students from other programs, spent 8 days in Peru for the new spring study abroad course "Development, Democracy, and Human Rights in Peru." The students studied Peru's past and current efforts to improve its fragile democracy, expand economic opportunities, and protect human rights, especially those of marginalized peoples. [More...](#)

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