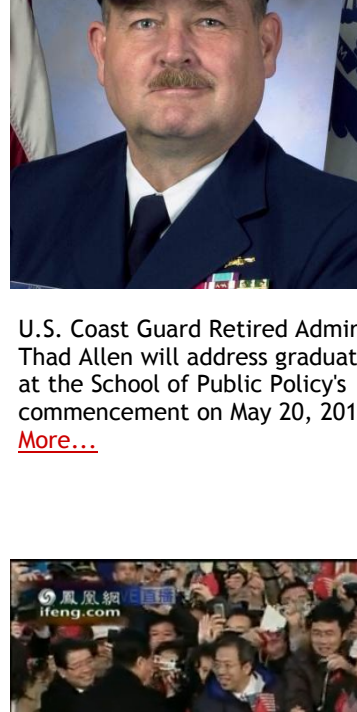


Distinguished Scholars Join MSPP Faculty

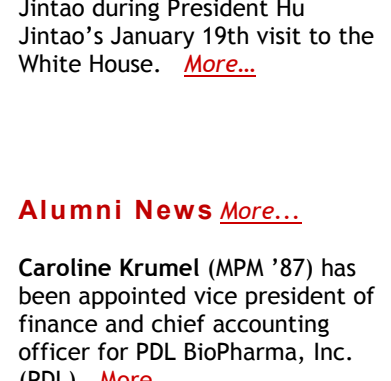
[Phillip Joyce](#) and [Phillip Swagel](#) have joined the faculty of the Maryland School of Public Policy. Joyce, whose public sector experience includes a five-year stint with the United States Congressional Budget Office and author of [The Congressional Budget Office: Honest Numbers, Power, and Policy Making](#), will serve as Professor of Management, Finance and Leadership. Swagel, former Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy at the Treasury Department and senior economist at the White House Council of Economic Advisers, the IMF and the Federal Reserve Board; will serve as Professor in International Economic Policy. Swagel will also direct the Thomas Schelling Distinguished Visitor Series.



U.S. Coast Guard Retired Admiral Thad Allen will address graduates at the School of Public Policy's commencement on May 20, 2011. [More...](#)

CISSM hosts "Countdown to Zero" screening at Hoff Theater

The Center for International and Security Studies at Maryland (CISSM) will host a screening of the documentary film, "[Countdown to Zero](#)," on February 2, 2011 at 7pm in the Stamp Student Union's Hoff Theater. The screening, which is free and open to the public, will be followed by a panel discussion with CISSM director John Steinbruner and Bruce Blair, the co-coordinator of Global Zero, and light refreshments. Written and directed by acclaimed documentarian Lucy Walker, "Countdown to Zero" traces the history of the atomic bomb from its origins to the present state of global affairs. The end of the Cold War saw dramatic decreases in global nuclear arsenals, yet the world continues to be held in a delicate nuclear balance that could be shattered by an act of terrorism, failed diplomacy, or a simple accident.



Mingzhong Zhang, director of the Chinese Executive Master of Public Management program, shakes hands with President Hu Jintao during President Hu Jintao's January 19th visit to the White House. [More...](#)

Poll: 2010 Voters Misinformed on Key Issues

Includes Viewers of Fox News, MSNBC, and other Media

A new poll finds both a widespread perception by 2010 voters of misinformation in the election campaign, as well as strong evidence that many actually were misinformed on key issues. The election was the first since the U.S. Supreme Court struck down limits on election-related advertising. The poll - conducted by [WorldPublicOpinion.org](#), based at the University of Maryland, and Knowledge Networks - shows that 9 in 10 voters last November had encountered what they considered false or misleading information during the campaign. According to 56 percent of respondents, this campaign misinformation occurred frequently, while 54 percent found it more frequent than usual. Only three percent found it less frequent than usual.

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Rennie Silva Selected to Participate in Prestigious Exchange Program

Maryland School of Public Policy student Rennie Silva has been invited to join a delegation of emerging Turkish and American leaders who will travel to the United States and Turkey in 2011. [Young Turkey Young America: a New Relationship for a New Age](#), is organized by the [Atlantic Council](#) and supported by a grant from the US Department of State. Silva was chosen through a highly competitive selection process designed to engage and connect future leaders of both countries and strengthen the US-Turkey bilateral relationship.

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Progress Slow Towards Smarter Growth, Report Says

A new report by the National Center for Smart Growth Research and Education concludes that Maryland is making only slow and barely discernible progress towards smarter growth. The study, the most comprehensive assessment of Maryland's smart growth program to date, finds that in several smart growth performance measures such as multifamily housing construction, per capita vehicle miles traveled, housing affordability, and compact development, Maryland has largely tracked national trends, and has not measurably gained ground over the last decade. For more details, please view the [full report](#).

National Academies Committee Chaired by Steinbruner Publishes Findings

The National Research Council's Committee on Detering Cyberattacks, which was chaired by John Steinbruner, a professor of public policy at the school and the director of the Center for International and Security Studies at Maryland (CISSM), published the "[Proceedings of a Workshop on Detering CyberAttacks: Informing Strategies and Developing Options for U.S. Policy](#)" in late 2010. The publication contains the committee's letter report and workshop papers that were presented in June and July 2010 on a range of issues relating to cyberattacks, including the economics of deterring cyberattacks and the international and national rules that impact online activities.

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Caroline Krumel (MPM '87) has been appointed vice president of finance and chief accounting officer for PDL BioPharma, Inc. (PDL). [More...](#)

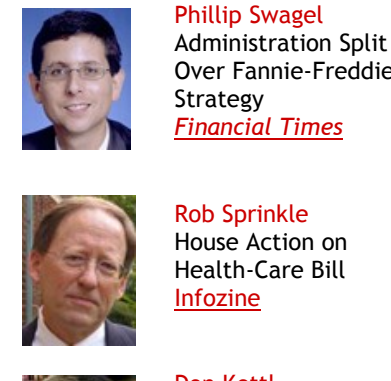


Doug Belling (MPM '03) welcomes Margery Alice W. Belling. [More...](#)



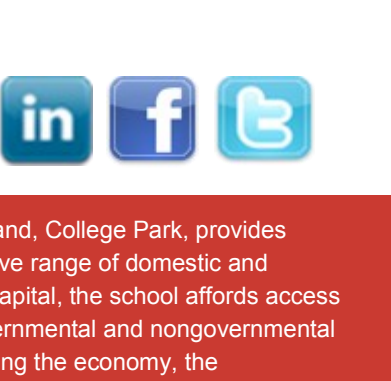
Jim Garrett (MPM '02) welcomes baby boy Joshua Andrew Garrett. [More...](#)

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Students participate in Study Abroad trip to Morocco, Jan. 1-19 [More...](#) | [Photo Gallery](#)

Ph.D. candidate Kumar V. Pratap published an article in [Financial Express](#), one of India's main economic newspapers, on public-private partnerships in India.



MSPP student Joe Edwards making music and public policy [More...](#)

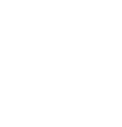
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