

## Maryland School of Public Policy Update

**John Berry Returns to His Alma Mater Sharing Advice for Success**

OPM Director [John Berry](#) advised the School of Public Policy graduates to maintain honor and integrity, to be humble, to be persistent, and not to be afraid to take risks. Berry, the Federal Government's Chief People Person, a graduate of the University of Maryland, and "a kid from Rockville," said that he owes his success to taking risks. "I never could have told you 30 years ago that I'd be here today: Presidentially-appointed, Senate-confirmed, the head of a 6,000-person agency and the highest-ranking openly LGBT official ever," Berry said. "One step at a time, one risk after another, I moved forward."

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**Nuke the Oil Well?**

CNN's Deborah Feyerick looks at a nuclear approach to stopping the Gulf oil disaster and if it's a last resort worth considering. [Nathan Hultman](#) says, "There really isn't any certainty that doing this kind of detonation under the water and in this particular geologic situation, would work. There are certainly questions about radiation leakage. There are questions about damage to ecosystems. There are questions about the impact of a shock wave."

[CNN](#)

**Reinhart and Nelson Receive Gold and Silver Medals in Book Awards**

[Carmen Reinhart](#) and [Robert Nelson](#) have received the top prizes in the category of "Finance, Investment, and Economics" of the "IPPY" Awards (more formally the Independent Publisher Book Awards) for their recent publications.

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**Two Challenges for Performance Management**

Philip Lee (MPM '90) writes an op/ed in [Federal Times](#)

"Chief performance officer Jeff Zients will soon unveil a new system for managing agency performance. Federal managers treated similar efforts by the Clinton and Bush administrations largely as compliance exercises -- hoops to jump through with little practical use. Zients wants his system to be useful to managers. To move beyond compliance, however, Zients' system will need to address two challenges in public- sector performance management."

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**Muslims and America**

*Internalizing the Clash of Civilizations*

Over the last six years [Steven Kull](#) have been conducting a major study of public opinion in the Muslim world. This study included conducting focus groups in six majority Muslim countries and numerous surveys in ten of them, including all of the major ones. It also included a comprehensive analysis of surveys conducted by other organizations. It will not surprise you to hear that there is quite a lot of anger toward America in the Muslim world.

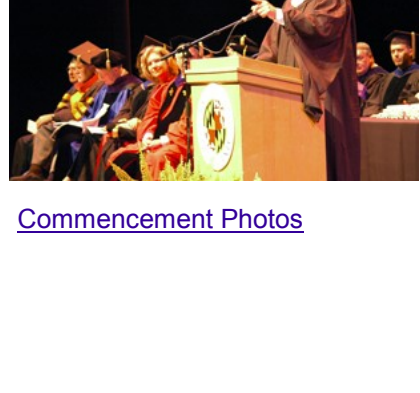
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**Expanding Consumer Influence in Health Care**

Results Based Leadership Collaboration Helps Leaders Build Skills to Achieve Results

On May 12, 2010 over 40 consumer sector leaders from 17 states came together and boosted their efforts to improve health care quality through consumer engagement. These leaders left the session with stronger voices, expanded skills, and more confidence in their ability to influence health care practice and policy in their communities.

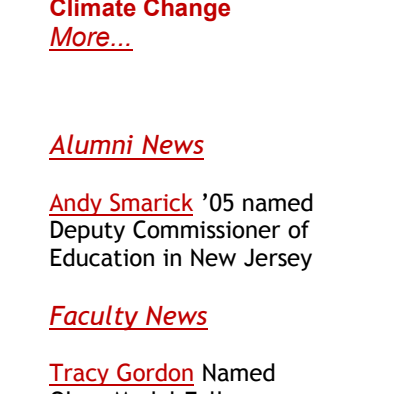
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AUGUST 25

[New Student Welcome Dinner](#)

AUGUST 26-27

[New Student Orientation](#)



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