

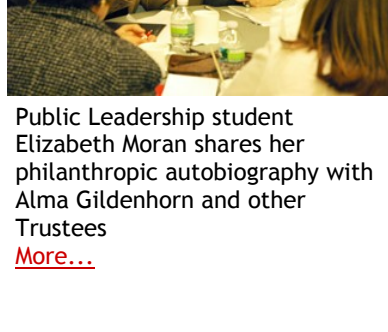
**Public Leadership Students Lead Discussions at UM Board of Trustees Meeting**

Ordinarily, students do not attend meetings of the Board of Trustees for the University of Maryland. But at this year's annual meeting, School of Public Policy Public Leadership undergraduate honors students were invited to attend and to lead breakout sessions with Trustees, sharing what they have learned in Professor Bob Grimm's course, "[How Will You Make a Difference? The Art and Science of Philanthropy.](#)"

Trustee Alma Gildenhorn, a University of Maryland alumnus, introduced the students and opened the discussion.

"I have found over the years that people don't naturally give; they don't naturally understand philanthropy," Gildenhorn said. "I can't think of anything more important than developing a program on philanthropy."

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Public Leadership student Elizabeth Moran shares her philanthropic autobiography with Alma Gildenhorn and other Trustees

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**Don Kettl Launches the "Dean's Challenge" to Support MSPP Alumni Internship Fund**

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**Rawlings Fellows Gain Real Skills and Inspiration at National Black Student Leadership Development Conference**  
*Dr. Nina Harris Honored*

Current and former members of the Rawlings Undergraduate Leadership Fellows program traveled to Virginia in January to experience the annual [National Black Student Leadership Development Conference](#). Every year, the conference brings collegiate students from all over the country together to develop leadership competencies, learn from high-profile speakers, network with professionals and graduate school representatives, and develop friendships. [Dr. Nina Harris](#), the Director of the Rawlings program has always made ethical leadership development a priority for students. This year, the conference organizers recognized her work with the 2011 Leadership Legacy Award for hard work in this area for so many years. Dr. Harris is very supportive of this experience for black students because of both the hard and soft skills that they develop when attending.

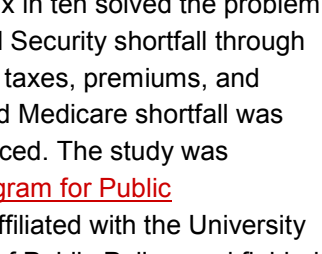
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From left to right, Dr. Nina Harris, Angele Chapman, Eviealle Dawkins, Tokunbo Okulaja, Josh Parrish, Jennifer McDaniels, Chayla Jackson, Whitney Joseph

**Americans Know How To Solve Deficit, UMD Study Finds**

A new University of Maryland study finds that when average Americans are presented the federal budget in some detail, most are able to reduce the budget deficit dramatically and resolve the Social Security shortfall. Through a combination of spending cuts and tax increases, on average, respondents cut the discretionary budget deficit projected for 2015 by seventy percent. Six in ten solved the problem of the projected Social Security shortfall through adjustments in payroll taxes, premiums, and benefits. The projected Medicare shortfall was also dramatically reduced. The study was conducted by the [Program for Public Consultation](#) (PPC), affiliated with the University of Maryland's School of Public Policy, and fielded by Knowledge Networks.



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**MSPP STUDENTS In the News**

MSPP Student Rennie Silva has written a policy brief on recent border clashes between Cambodia and Thailand. "[Stepping Back From the Brink at Preah Vihear: Cambodia and Thailand's Choice](#)" was published by the Institute for Security and Development Policy, an affiliate of Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

James McGarry, a student in [Professor Nathan Hultman's](#) Energy Policy class, has published an op-ed in the *Baltimore Sun* entitled "[Two steps to boost renewable energy.](#)"

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Chris McGoff publishes *The Primes: How Any Group Can Solve Any Problem*.

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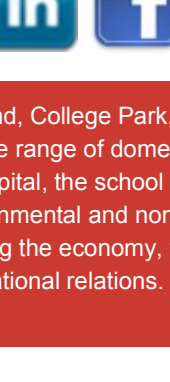
[HALF THE SKY | Empowering Women in Developing Countries](#)



Ioana Petrescu will moderate an all-female panel to explore the large policy issues raised in UM's First Year Book, *HALF THE SKY* **MARCH 2**



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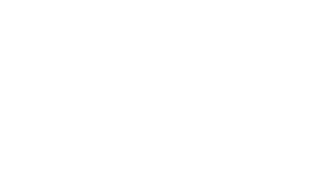


**Don Kettl On Possible Government Shutdown**

The FBI will still be going out trying to catch bad guys. The crucial Middle East desks at the State Department will continue to stay open. [Marketplace](#)

How to Shut Down the Government: A Primer [Huffington Post](#)

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