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The Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, the University of Minnesota's public affairs graduate school, prepares individuals for public service and designs more effective public policies and institutions. The Institute offers four graduate degree programs and is home to several research and outreach centers and programs.

While hospitable to a wide range of viewpoints, the Humphrey Institute does not take positions



State of the Institute

By Dean J. Brian Atwood

Dean Atwood convened an all-Institute assembly on November 7, 2005. Read his state of the Institute address [here](#).

From the president

Dear fellow alumni and friends of Humphrey Institute:

This is an exciting time to be involved with the Humphrey Institute. And not only because 2005 saw one of the largest incoming classes in the institution's history (tied with 2003 at 187). There's a lot of hard work underway to ensure that the Institute meets the challenges of a changing world while remaining true to the inspirational legacy of Hubert Humphrey.

I'm sure readers of this newsletter are aware of the strategic positioning project launched by President Bruininks on behalf of the entire University. Bruininks insists that the University must remain the world-class public research institution Minnesota historically has relied on to maintain the "above average" quality of life we enjoy as a state. HHH faculty and fellows are actively participating in this process, which will see the Institute remain a freestanding "college without walls."

Inside the Institute itself, students, faculty members, staff, and alumni have rolled up their sleeves to tackle two reform processes with far-reaching consequences for the future of the Institute: the Strategic Planning Task Force, which is crafting a new mission statement for the Institute (adopted in 1983), and a "center reform" strategy to improve integration of the Institute's parts, increase quality and quantity of the Institute's social contributions, and facilitate sounder, more transparent financing. More information about these important efforts can be found in the dean's state of the Institute [address](#) (or see previous story).

The Alumni Board has agreed to its own set of ambitious objectives for 2005-06. They include to:

- increase by 30% over 2004-05 contributions

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to the Alumni Tuition Grant Program

- plan and host an alumni-student networking and fundraising event on campus and in D.C.
- stay tuned for more details in the next issue;
- work with the University of Minnesota Alumni Association (UMAA) to help make the University-wide alumni directory and database more responsive to the needs and wants of the Humphrey Institute community
- lead alumni participation in the 2006 annual conference of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs
- oversee the reorganized mentor program, including hosting a mentor networking event

Intrigued? Want to get involved? Learn more about some of this work in these pages or feel free to contact me to express your ideas or interest.

Sincerely,

Bernadine Joselyn (MPA '00)
President 2005-2006, Humphrey Institute
alumni board

Alumni Tuition Grant Program - profiles of alumni support

By **Miriam Goldfein** (MA '88)

Why give to the Humphrey Institute? Each person has his or her own specific reasons, but often those reasons relate to "giving back" or affording someone else the same valuable educational opportunity one feels he/she had while at the Humphrey Institute. Below are two (of many) alumni who have made a commitment to donate to the Alumni Tuition Grant Program (ATGP) at the Humphrey Institute. The grants are awarded annually to non-first year students and are based on merit and need. [Read more](#) about **Charlie Richardson** (MA '77) and **Elizabeth Roe** (MA '93).

We want you to OPT-IN/OPT-OUT

Have you thought about getting in touch with your old stats class pal, but don't know how? Thinking of switching jobs and want to know if any Humphrey Institute alumni are working at a prospective employer? May students or alumni to contact you? Please follow the steps below to ensure your wishes are met.

Here's how:

1. Make sure your contact info is UP-TO-DATE! Use our convenient [online form](#) to update your information.
 2. Be sure to check the box(es) to approve release of your contact information to students or alumni.
 3. Contact [Michelle Potter](#) to make a request.
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Mentor corner

Mentors in this year's program are invited to a pre-kick-off orientation/networking mixer on January 10, 2006. Enjoy wine and cheese with your fellow mentors at Rosalux Gallery, located at the Open Book, 1011 Washington Avenue, Minneapolis.

Building bridges - meet the International Fellows

From Bhutan to Niger, from Serbia and Montenegro to Peru, the 2005-2006 International Fellowship program has brought another inspiring group of mid-career professionals to the Humphrey Institute. The fellows have had an active couple of months getting settled and connecting with the academic community, alumni, and professional peers in Minnesota and Washington, D.C. Of special interest were a full-day meeting with department heads at Hennepin County and trips to Duluth, Grand Rapids, and Washington, D.C. [Read more.](#)

Leadership and management program in February

The Institute's Public and Nonprofit Leadership Center will team with the professional and executive program to offer a new leadership and management program February 6-10. The Association of Minnesota Building Officials (AMBO) selected the Institute's bid to produce a weeklong professional development program customized to AMBO members' needs. The weeklong "Academy" will be open to the first forty participants to register, and professionals from any field may attend. For further information on the program, and the link to AMBO's registration web site, please see www.hhh.umn.edu/pe.

Research resource for public and nonprofit organizations

Does your organization have a public policy or planning problem that requires research, analysis, and innovative thinking? The Humphrey Institute provides an innovative resource to help public and nonprofit organizations with targeted, practical, applied research needs. It's called the Capstone Workshop. The workshop links the skills and services of second-year graduate student teams with the real needs of clients. [Read more.](#)

University of Minnesota Council on Public Engagement (COPE) place-based education working group

Exploring the Intersection of Learning and the Place in which it Happens: A Series of Discussions

COPE's Place-based Education Working Group has conceived this series of events as a way to open a campus-wide conversation about the role of place in higher education, and about how education at this university would look, if we take place seriously as we go about the business of educating.

Why are we having this discussion now?

We are currently engaged in much discussion about what an education at the University of Minnesota should be. Important work in identifying appropriate outcomes has been undertaken by faculty, staff, and students and has resulted in documents now circulating the campus. These include the Proposed Undergraduate Learning Outcomes (from the Provost's Council on Enhancing Student Learning Curriculum Assessment Working Group) and the Student Success Outcomes (coming out of work organized by Student Affairs). [Read more](#) about COPE.

Fellowship opportunities

Next Generation Fellowship

The National Bureau of Asian Research (NBR) is pleased to announce The Next Generation Leadership program, a new year-long fellowship for recent master's degree recipients that focuses on bridging the gap between scholarship and policymaking. The fellowship will be based at NBR's headquarters in Seattle. Fellows will collaborate with leading scholars to publish research and share their findings with the policymaking community in Washington, D.C.

[Read more](#) about this fellowship and the **Middle East Associative Rights Initiative Senior Research Fellowships**.

Attend the 2006 legislative briefing and reception on January 25, 2006



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Join alumni, faculty members, staff, and students for an insider's preview and discussion of the University of Minnesota's 2006 capital request. Hear President Bruininks, along with students and faculty members, explain how the projects in this year's request will benefit the University and the entire state. This program will teach you how to be an effective advocate for the University at the Capitol and in your own community. Enjoy a light dinner and meet others who care about the future of the U. Find out more and register to attend by visiting

http://www.alumni.umn.edu/www_alumni_umn_edu_legislativebriefing.html

Survey reminder: Connecting with University of Minnesota alumni

The University of Minnesota recently sent you and other alumni a survey designed to help the U better connect with its alumni, and understand the influence its graduates have on Minnesota, the nation, and the world.

The survey will help measure the social and economic impact of U graduates and will help the U gain an understanding of what is important to alumni about their college experience and in their community life today.

Please take a few moments to complete the survey. Your participation is greatly appreciated and will be very helpful to the U in creating the most complete picture possible of University of Minnesota graduates.

Survey to measure alumni connections and impact

Hundreds of thousands of alumni will get a rare chance next month to help the U better connect with its alumni, and understand the influence its graduates have on Minnesota, the nation, and the world.

A survey designed to help measure the social and economic impact of U graduates will be mailed in mid-January. It will go to all but recent grads, with the exception of the Institute of Technology and the Carlson School of Management, whose alumni received a similar survey recently.

"We are measuring the impact our graduates have through their work in business, education, research, medicine, agriculture, architecture, law, and other disciplines," says U President Robert Bruininks.

The survey will also help the U connect with alumni by understanding what is important to them about their college experience and in their community life today.

Please watch for the survey and take a few moments to complete it. You will also have the opportunity to complete the survey online. Your participation is greatly appreciated.

Alumni relations staff news

Michelle Potter will be on maternity leave this winter, from approximately mid-December through early March. Jane Vega, career services assistant, will temporarily fill in for Michelle in performing basic alumni relations services. You may reach [Jane Vega](#) at (612) 624-3800 concerning alumni matters during this period.

Alumni news

Do you wonder what your classmates and fellow Humphrey Institute alumni are doing these days? Find out by visiting [this web page](#).

Humphrey Institute calendar

To view local Humphrey Institute events, visit the Community Connections Calendar at www.civcal.localevent.net/.

Update your contact info

Have you moved or changed jobs? Have you got a new e-mail address or telephone number? We would like to know! Update your information on the Humphrey Institute [alumni web page](#).

Past issues

Read past issues of News & Views on the [alumni web site](#).

Volunteer

Interested in getting involved at the Humphrey Institute? Let us know [your interests](#).

Deadline for the spring issue of *News & Views*

Please submit entries for the spring issue of the alumni newsletter to [Michelle Potter](#) by March 1, 2006.



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