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Dalmas Nelson Distinguished Lecture on Ethics and Law

Evening Lecture -- November 16, 2006

6:30 – 8:00 p.m. (reception at 6:00 p.m.)

Dr. Robert P. Huefner, Professor, University of Utah
Department of Political Science

“I Know I’m Wrong, So How Can I Be Right?
Public Administration, Democracy and Transparency”

The lecture is free and open to the public

Ethics Conference

November 17, 2006

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

A conference held to explore the issues of ethics in the public sector

All meetings will take place in the Alumni Hall at the Eccles Health Sciences
Education Building on the campus of The University of Utah.

Sponsored by: Utah Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration, The University of Utah’s Center for Public Policy and Administration, Pi Alpha Alpha (the honor society for students of public affairs and administration), and the University of Utah’s Master of Public Administration Student Association.

For more information and to registered, please visit: <http://www.cppa.utah.edu/ethics>

OCTOBER LUNCHEON

By Ken Hansen

At the October ASPA Luncheon, we honored two of our distinguished members. We also heard about exciting developments surrounding the University of Utah's Institute for Public and International Affairs (IPIA).

The Utah Chapter of ASPA recognized **Ed Blaney** for his years of dedicated service. Ed began serving on the ASPA Council in 1983. Since then he has actively contributed, serving as president in 1988 and on the Council for well over 10 years. Thank you, Ed, for all your efforts on our behalf!

Representative Roz McGee presented the DR. F. TED HEBERT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION to **Dr. J. Steven Ott**, Dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Science at the University of Utah. This award honors individuals that have made significant contributions to public administration through academia or as a public citizen.

Professor Ott has been Dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Science at the University of Utah since July 2000 and is Professor of Political Science/Public Administration. Previously he was Director of the Masters of Public Administration program. Professor Ott has authored and edited several books and articles in the areas of public management policy, nonprofit organizations, organization theory, organizational behavior, human resource management, administrative theory, and organizational culture. His most recent books are: *Classics of Organization Theory* (6th ed.) (2005), *Classic Readings in Organizational Behavior* (3rd ed.) (2003), *The Nature of the Nonprofit Sector* (2001), *Understanding Nonprofit Organizations* (2001), and *Introduction to Public Administration* (2001). His recent articles and book chapters have focused on the challenges of maintaining accountability while delivering government services under contract through nonprofit and for-profit organizations while also granting contractors flexibility to innovate.

Dean Ott has touched the lives of many people at all levels of the University of Utah and the Salt Lake community. His energetic teaching style and vast knowledge on public and private organizations has influenced students in the MPA program; students still consider Dr. Ott as their favorite professor. Steve has promoted the careers of many others who have pursued masters or Ph.D. degrees because of his subtle persistence. Steve has assembled a strong supporting cast within the College of Social and Behavioral Science and deftly manages with his caring yet hands-off approach, allowing a positive management style that creates both innovation and perplexity. Steve has also been an important influence in the community, not only promoting the College, but giving needed support to critical issues such as support for the disabled and care for those who experience substance abuse.

After the recognitions, Dr. Ott introduced the audience to the University of Utah's Institute for Public and International Affairs (IPIA). IPIA is the culmination of years of effort to bring together expertise and resources from across campus to better position the University and the communities it serves to meet future demands for multi-disciplinary research in public policy, politics and governance.

IPIA is an “umbrella” institute that includes a few well-known centers and institutes already in existence at The University of Utah. For example, the Hinckley Institute of Politics, the Center for Public Policy & Administration, and the Siciliano Forum are under the IPIA “umbrella.” IPIA is bringing these centers or institutes together with faculty from across the College and the University to tackle important societal problems in Utah, the U.S. and around the globe.

IPIA is also an entrepreneurial focal point for new programs. As new areas of opportunity arise, new centers, institutes and programs will be created in IPIA to work on them.

As Professor Ott says: “IPIA’s future lies where public policy, politics, and governance intersect domestically and in the international context. Its value to The University of Utah, the state, nation and world will depend on how well we build academic respectability and legitimacy in the eyes of the public.”

More information about the Institute for Public and International Affairs is available at <http://www.ipia.utah.edu/>.

December 1, 2006 ASPA Luncheon

12:00 noon

Auditorium of the State Office Building

“The State Spending Cap”

A panel will discuss H.B. 66 (2004) regarding the spending cap and how it came into place and how this bill has impacted the budget process for the next year, 2007.

Watch for further information!

Council Corner

Ken Hansen, Division of Administrative Rules
ASPA Chapter President

I am very fortunate. Every day I have the privilege of working with brilliant, creative, honest people. I work with people who are dedicated to public service because they believe they make a difference—they make our society better because of their efforts. I work for the State of Utah.

Notwithstanding the experience I have had, government employees are faced with difficult situations every day. By the very nature of government, employees hold significant power over those we serve. Infrequently we hear of dishonorable behavior, poor decisions, or serious mistakes.

Because of the level of trust and responsibility government employees have been given, it is crucial that we are continually engaged in a conversation about our role, our duty as public servants and our obligations under law.

On November 16 and 17, 2006 the Utah Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration, the University of Utah's Center for Public Policy and Administration, Pi Alpha Alpha (the honor society for students of public affairs and administration), and the University of Utah's Master of Public Administration Student Association are sponsoring a conference on government and ethics. On Thursday evening, Dr. Robert Huefner, professor of political science, will deliver the Dalmas Nelson Distinguished Lecture on Ethics and Law. His lecture is entitled, "I Know I'm Wrong, so How Can I Be Right? Public Administration, Democracy and Transparency."

On Friday, panels and breakout sessions will focus on ethics and issues of transparency. We look forward to the opportunity to talk about these important issues and network. Additional information and registration is available at <http://www.cppa.utah.edu/ethics/>.

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