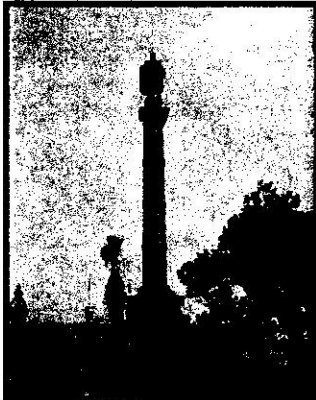


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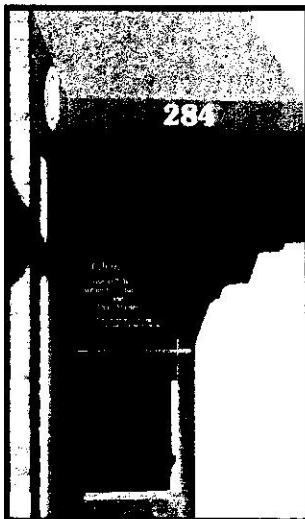
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Saving the City with a Vision

“A Classical/New Urbanistic Restoration of Marion Square is Crucial for the Economy of the Region”

The **Committee to Save the City (CSC)** became involved in Marion Square in response to a call from Vangie Rainsford of the Mazyck Wraggborough Garden District, whose neighborhood includes the Square. Vangie asked for help in getting a harmonious design for the Federal Building site.

In an extensive survey by the Mazyck Wraggborough Garden District, 100 percent of the respondents said they wanted traditional architecture for the many potential building sites around the Square, a position at odds with the Board of Architectural Review (BAR) who showed their modernist bias in rejecting a design for the College of Charleston's Simons Center by the internationally-acclaimed Robert A. M. Stern. That action became known on web sites as "The Scandal in Charleston." Architectural web sites continue to report on how Charleston residents are struggling to get new buildings that are in harmony with the historic district. Downtown neighborhood associations have united in support of the College's attempt to build a classical extension to the Simons Center. The renowned architect and urbanist Andres Duany came to Charleston and harshly criticized most new construction in the historic district, stating in no uncertain terms that Charleston's vernacular is classical and should be continued. He noted that modernist architecture is not "of its time" but rather "architecture of the architect." He said that modernist architecture is not good urbanism, that it does not make good cities.

The CSC is concerned that the BAR's preference for modernist architecture will destroy the Vision for Marion Square. The Vision is also about good urban design. New Urbanism, a popular tool for restoring downtowns, depends on calming traffic, sidewalk cafes and vibrant gathering places as well as pedestrian-friendly traditional design.

The world is watching what happens at Marion Square. Traditional Building Magazine, a renowned publication with an international circulation of 54,000, featured the Vision for Marion Square in their February issue.

Charleston has been a model for protecting historic districts. To maintain its credibility, however, the city needs to protect its very heart and soul. It can now become a model of using sophisticated classicism and New Urbanism to revitalize its center. What happens on Marion Square will define Charleston for many generations to come. Restoring the blocks around the Square is crucial to the economy of the

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Lowcountry Law

The Charleston School of Law is a new private law school that will be opening its doors to students in downtown Charleston in August 2004. The formation of a new law school in the state of South Carolina is historic, as the University of South Carolina formerly offered the only legal education in the state.

The Charleston School of Law is dedicated to striving toward the goals of teaching the practice of law as a profession, with its chief aim to provide public service; to teach students of high moral integrity; to teach the law as a means of providing relief for those who suffer because they are helpless, weak, outnumbered or because they are victims of prejudice; and to institute and coordinate legal outreach programs and to foster legal reforms.

The Charleston School of Law has been assigned an interest in the Forensic Club, the first institution for legal education in the South and one of the first in the nation. The Forensic Club was chartered by the SC Legislature in 1825. The Charleston School of Law received preliminary licensure by the SC

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Lowcountry ASPA Chapter

"A President's Perspective"

Partnerships and Networking: The key to the future of Public Administration

People ask what is ASPA? The acronym stands for the American Society for Public Administration, but what is ASPA really? The organization's mission is to promote the advancement of excellence in the public sector by providing leadership roles both locally and nationally in the area of public administration and management. ASPA seeks to achieve its mission by professionally advancing the art, science, and process of public administration, through the development and exchange of public administration ideas, information, and literature.

Although this is an overarching definition and mission of ASPA that guides the organization and directs its core meaning, the Lowcountry Chapter has focused their efforts on facilitating the exchange of ideas and the sharing of experiences by encouraging interaction between students, academia, and practitioners. Lowcountry ASPA's goals and objectives are centered around enhancing relationships between these entities and promoting professional development for area public administrators and graduate students. Through networking opportunities, professional presentations, and educational discussions on local, state and national political issues, the Lowcountry Chapter hopes to promote pride and honor in the public sector, promote professionalism in government, and advocate for good public policy.

Students who are finalizing their studies and beginning their travels toward public sector employment, practitioners who will continue to travel its road for many years, and those that see the light at the end of tunnel inching towards retirement can best describe ASPA for what it is without ever even being a member. ASPA is an organization committed to enhancing public service and is centered around what we do and what each of us strives to be, "excellent in our jobs and in our careers". Yet to me, ASPA represents an opportunity to join a group comprised of "the inspired, the actors, and the mentors". For centuries we have learned how to manage and lead government, politics and public policy through the knowledge of those whom came before us. From the great writers of our constitution to the theorist and philosophers who analyze it, our capacity for such knowledge is only so much, yet our experiences are infinite. ASPA was first founded in 1937 in part to support and sustain connections among different public administration organizations and the different functions and specialties that comprise the field of public administration. The organization's purpose has not veered far from its original intention. It continues to expand and enhance its opportunities through local chapters that network, collaborate and partner with varying agencies and organizations that are committed to public service.

In each of us, students, practitioners, academia, public administrators and public officials is a wealth of knowledge and an infinite number of experiences that needs to be exchanged. My definition of ASPA and vision for the Lowcountry Chapter is, "an opportunity for an exchange of ideas and an

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Joint Public Policy Colloquium in Columbia



On March 20th, 2004, students, faculty, and alumni from MPA programs at CofC, USC, and Clemson met in Columbia for the first annual *Joint MPA Colloquium for Masters in Public Administration Students*.

The program featured presentations by Professors Robert Becker, Clemson University, William Moore, College of Charleston, and Robert Oldendick, USC. The seminar, entitled *South Carolina: Policy Issues for the 21st Century*, focused on urbanization in South Carolina and its implications for policy; party and election trends in the state and their impact on policy formation;

and public opinion data from South Carolinians on various policy issues relevant to public policy. In addition, Eric Budds, from the South Carolina City/County Managers Association, spoke about careers in local government. The College of Charleston MPA students commented that they enjoyed the research presentations and the opportunity to network with members of the other joint programs. In closing both Directors Smith (Clemson) and Bretting (College of Charleston) thanked Dr. Tyer for organizing and presenting this great public policy colloquium!



**Photos courtesy of Dr. Tyer*

Director's Corner

Greetings from the College of Charleston's MPA Program. Can you believe it? It is already spring! It is the time to turn the soil, feed your lawn, plant your vegetable garden, and get outdoors in order to enjoy the beauty of the South Carolina Lowcountry! At the College of Charleston spring means graduation ceremonies, end of the semester gatherings, and the transition from the spring semester into the May Evening and Summer Evening graduate school course offerings! Please refer to the MPA web site (www.cofc.edu/~puba) on a regular basis for updates to the schedule.

On a more personal note we have the photograph of another MPA graduate student's newborn --- please welcome *Kaitlyn Stirlitta Roberts*. As the season of new growth, including the birth of wildlife and plant life, spring promotes relaxation, re-grouping, and revitalization. Attempt to make time to volunteer for a worthy not-for-profit organization, do something for your neighborhoods parks, and offer to volunteer at the College of Charleston! Many of the MPA Program's students, faculty members, and alumni know Professor Angela C. Halfacre, Associate Professor, Political Science Department and Director, the Master of Environmental Studies Program. But did you know that Angela was recently engaged to marry Dan Russ Hitchcock? Dan has PhD from the University of Georgia in biology and works for the US Forest Service at the Savannah River Site. Please make a point to congratulate them both on this joyous occasion!

Like always, I invite you to contact me (if you have news worthy items, have any questions about the program, and/or want to proffer some "free advice") at brettingj@cofc.edu or please call me at (843) 953-6105. Until next time... happy trails to you!

New Degree Seeking Students

Christopher Clark graduated from Coastal Carolina University in 2003 with a B.A. in Political Science. Chris is currently serving as a G.A. for the Riley Institute.

Kip Deaton graduated from the College of Charleston in 2002 with a B.A. in Political Science.

Rochelle Killingbeck graduated from USC with a B.A. in Communications.

Kathryn Murph graduated from the University of Georgia in 2003 with a B.A. in Political Science. Kathryn is currently serving as a G.A. for the Riley Institute.

Laetitia Sobiesuo graduated from the College of Charleston in 2003 with a B.A. in History.

Robert (Bobby) A. Teal III graduated from Clemson University in 2003 with a B.A. in Sociology. Bobby is currently serving as a G.A. at the Riley Institute.

Jessica Via graduated from the College of Charleston in 2003 with a B.A. in Communication/Media Studies.

Amy Zeigler graduated from the College of Charleston with a B.S. in Sociology.

New Non-Degree Seeking Students

Diane Cavanagh graduated from the College of Charleston in 2003 with a B.A. in Psychology and a Minor in Spanish.

Michael Stephen Gaines graduated from the College of Charleston in 1999 with a B.A., History.

Earl Grant is an Assistant Coach for the Citadel basketball team.

Suzanne Grimm, graduated from Providence College in 1992 with a B.A. in History. Suzanne currently works in the CoFC Office of Human Resources.

Jason Lind graduated from the College of Charleston with a B.S. in Education. Jason is currently work for the Coast Guard Fisheries.

Margaret McNabb, graduated from Baylor University in Waco, Texas with a B.A. Speech Communications.

Terrie Murray

Mary C. O'Rourke

Marguerite Trott graduated from the College of Charleston in 2002 with a B.A. in Communications and a Minor Fine Arts.

Sarah Wolfe graduated from Radford University in 2000 with a B.S. in Criminal Justice.

Congratulations December 2003 Graduates!

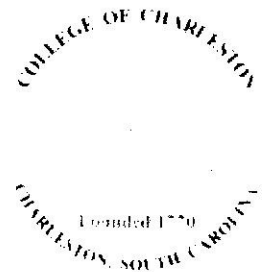
Mark Gordon is currently in Newport, Rhode Island for training until the end of April. He will be transferring from his position as Commanding Officer of the Southeast Regional Fisheries Training Center to serve as the Executive Officer of the Coast Guard Cutter Mohawk, a 270' Medium Endurance cutter, home-ported in Key West, Florida.

Sherlonda Adkins has returned to school...as an instructor! She is teaching Intro to Data Processing at Miller-Motte Technical College in N. Charleston.. She teaches evening classes, which allows her to stay at home during the day to be with her children. She thoroughly enjoys teaching and is excited about the "free time" she has to explore new hobbies.

Ilze Visocka is the Development and Communications Assistant at the Lowcountry Food Bank. She is happy to be working for a nonprofit and putting her expertise to work in the development field.

Michelle Knaggs continues to work for the county planning department and she recently started pursuing entrepreneurial ventures when she bought her first investment property.

Ada Cruz After graduation, Ada moved back home to the Philippines and is currently working in the Financial Solutions Division of NCR Corporation where she serves as a liaison to the company's clients.



Springs Sabbaticals: Dr. Jos and Dr. Moore take leave for research.



Dr. William V. Moore Professor, College of Charleston. Southern Illinois University, B.A., 1966; Southern Illinois University, M.A., 1968; Tulane University, PhD, 1975. Dr. Moore is currently a professor of political science at the College of Charleston where he has been a member of the faculty since 1972. He is currently on sabbatical and conducting research for a book project on the Ku Klux Klan.



Philip H. Jos, Professor, Ph.D., University of South Carolina.
Area of expertise: Administrative Ethics and Accountability, Public Policy, Perspectives on Public Administration

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Welcomes a New Public Administration Faculty Member!

Jessica Sowa, Assistant Professor at the University of South Carolina. PhD in Public Administration-Syracuse University; MPA-University of Tennessee; BA-University of Massachusetts. Her research focuses on public administration, in particular, the multiple mechanisms that are used to deliver public services. Dr. Sowa's current research focuses on exploring the use of inter-agency collaborations to deliver full-day, full-year publicly funded early care and education services in New York State and the Commonwealth of Virginia. Other areas of Interest: Public and Non-profit Management, Organization Theory, Behavior, and Development, the Implementation of Social Policy, and Human Resource Management. This spring Dr. Sowa is teaching a course called the Legal and Operating Environment of Non-Profit Organizations at CoFC.

The Charleston School of Law

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Commission on Higher Education in September 2003 and is set to receive final approval this spring. The new school is not yet accredited by the American Bar Association, but will apply at the end of the first year of classes at the earliest possible time.

Admissions Overview

For its inaugural year, the Office of Admissions is expecting over 1,000 applications for admission to both the part-time and full-time programs. The Office of Admissions is under the leadership of John S. Benfield, Assistant Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid. Dean Benfield came to the Charleston School of Law after thirteen years as the Dean of Admissions of USC Law School. Dean Benfield received his B.A. from Wofford College and holds a master's degree in American History from the University of South Carolina. Also staffing the Office of Admissions is Marta Joy Borinsky, who received a J.D. from UVA and is formerly of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Green, and MacRae in Washington, DC. Ashley Long of the MPA program, who received a B.A. from the College of Charleston, and Sherrie Armstrong Tomlinson of the MPA program, who also received a B.A. from the College of Charleston. Ms. Tomlinson also recently completed her MPA internship experience with CSOL. John Carr, of the College of Charleston, also helps staff the new school.

The Office of Admissions is expecting a strong first class at the Charleston School of Law, with an expected median LSAT of 153 and a median undergraduate GPA of approximately 3.10. This would be a very strong beginning for a new, yet-to-be-accredited school. Dean Benfield says, "The pool of applicants has been very strong. With currently over 800 applications for 125 seats, the competition for the first-ever entering class is very keen and shows a great interest in the new law school." The Charleston School of Law is looking for a full-time class of approximately 125 students and a part-time evening program of 40 students.

The Charleston School of Law held three open houses in the spring at the new Mary Street location and hosted hundreds of potential students along with their families and friends. The School of Law will be moving to its new location in April.

Classes will begin in August and CSOL will offer a full-time program as well as a part-time evening program. This will be the only part-time legal education opportunity available in South Carolina. Dean of Admissions John S. Benfield says, "The Charleston School of Law will be a great place to go to law school and students should think very carefully about attending." The Charleston School of Law will be located at 81 Mary Street, in the former Chamber of Commerce building and former depot for the Best Friend of Charleston. Currently, CSOL has temporary administrative offices at 81 King Street. More information about the School of Law can be found at www.charlestonlaw.org. *Any interested parties may contact the Office of Admissions at 843-329-1000 or admissions@charlestonlaw.org for more information.



Open house January 2004

Dean & Faculty



The Charleston School of Law is spearheaded by **Dean I. Richard Gershon**, formerly a five-year Dean of Texas Wesleyan School of Law. Dean Gershon led Texas Wesleyan to full ABA-accreditation and will guide the Charleston School of Law through the accreditation process. He is also a Professor of Law and will be teaching at the school, specializing in tax law. Dean Gershon received his LL.M from the University of Florida, his J.D. from the University of Tennessee, and a B.A. from the University of Georgia. Dean Gershon is compiling a strong faculty for the new school.

Faculty members who will be joining the Charleston School of Law in August include:

R. Randall Bridwell, who received his LL.M. from Harvard University and a J.D. from Southern Methodist University. Professor Bridwell joins CSOL from the University of South Carolina Law School, where he was the Strom Thurmond Professor of Law. He specializes in admiralty, legal history and conflicts and will help to create an Admiralty Law Institute at the Charleston School of Law.

Gordon Russell, Associate Dean and Director of the Law Library and Information Services, will also serve as a Professor of Law. Dean Russell received his Master of Library Science from Brigham Young University and his J.D. from the University of New Mexico. He joins CSOL from St. Thomas University School of Law in Miami.

Stephen A. Spitz received his J.D. from the University of Nebraska and also joins CSOL from USC Law. At the University of South Carolina Law School, he won the Gedney M. Howe Outstanding Teaching Award. Professor Spitz's specialties include property law and environmental law.

Lorri S. Unumb, who received her law degree from USC, is coming to the Charleston School of Law from George Washington University where she directed the First-Year Legal Research and Writing Program. Ms. Unumb previously served as senior litigation counsel with the Civil Division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Nancy L. Zisk, an honor graduate from Duke Law School, previously served as an adjunct professor at American University School of Law. She specializes in torts and was most recently a sole practitioner in Fairfax County, VA.

The Charleston School of Law expects two other faculty members to be hired by the start of classes in August. Additional faculty members will join the Charleston School of Law with the advent of second and third year classes.

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Founders & The Advisory Board

The Charleston School of Law has a distinguished Advisory Committee whose members are dedicated to creating and advising the new law school. These advisory board members include: Honorable Alex M. Sanders, Jr., Chairman. Retired President of the College of Charleston. Retired Chief Justice of the S.C. Court of Appeals and Steering Committee Member; Honorable William W. Wilkins, Jr., Chief Judge for the Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit; Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr., Mayor of the City of Charleston; Honorable Richard E. Fields, Retired Judge Ninth Circuit; Edward J. Westbrook of Richardson, Patrick, Westbrook and Brickman and Steering Committee Member; Ralph C. McCullough, II of Finkel and Altman and Steering Committee Member; Honorable P. Michael Duffy, U.S. District Judge for the District of S.C.; Honorable David C. Norton, U.S. District Judge for the District of S.C.; Gedney M. Howe, II, Attorney; Honorable Robert S. Carr, U.S. Magistrate Judge for the District of S.C., Adjunct Professor at the College of Charleston and Steering Committee Member; Dr. William V. Moore, Professor at the College of Charleston; Honorable Deadra L. Jefferson, Judge, Ninth Judicial Circuit; John A. Hagins, Jr., Attorney; Covington, Patrick, Hagins, Stern, & Lewis; George C. Kosko, U.S. Magistrate Judge for the District of S.C. and Steering Committee Member.

ABA Accreditation

The Charleston School of Law is not yet accredited and is prohibited from guaranteeing American Bar Association (ABA) accreditation to incoming or interested students. ABA provisional accreditation is necessary to enable graduates of the School of Law to sit for the Bar Exam in any state. The Charleston School of Law will apply for provisional ABA accreditation

at the earliest possible time, which is at the end of the first year of classes. Following application, the ABA will review the application and the school for a year before deciding whether to issue provisional accreditation. Final accreditation is only possible five years after provisional approval.

Dean Richard Gershon spoke about ABA accreditation, saying, "One of the most important things in getting ABA approval is having an excellent full-time faculty. We've started that process by hiring Steve Spitz and Randall Bridwell from the University of South Carolina, Professor Gordon Russell, who's been a full-time teacher and Library Director at St. Thomas University Law School, and Lorri Unumb, who is currently the Director of Research and Writing at George Washington University. Those are important starts towards the ABA approval process. The other thing we are developing is a strong admissions profile. We are fortunate to have John Benfield, who was Dean of Admissions at USC and who understands not only the admissions process, but also how important it is to have great numbers as we apply for ABA approval." While the School of Law cannot guarantee accreditation, administrators feel confident that they will not only meet the standards required for ABA accreditation, they will exceed them.



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its mission of finding ways to institutionalize Mayor Riley's vision of urban living. Students selected for the experience might, for example, travel as a group to other cities to research specific topics such as the creation of public urban spaces. Prominent mayors or urbanists might be brought in for intensive sessions. The students might undertake a service learning project with a neighborhood. The possibilities are endless and fit perfectly within the College of Charleston's Fourth Century Initiative seeking to provide unique and distinctive learning experiences.

HOPE VI, both the Case Management Program and the Evaluation, continue to occupy a great deal of staff time. The Case Management Program is now fully staffed with three full-timers in the North Charleston office. Janet Key spends about half of her time up there, and we provide support by assigning a GA there four days a week. Silke Banning, an Institute GA with significant social work experience, is devoting about fifty percent of her time there and assisting with the evaluation as well. The HOPE VI Evaluation initial baseline data report was submitted in January—with some work remaining. The complete baseline data should be gathered and analyzed this fall.

Two Institute Graduate Assistants—Chris Clark and Kathryn Murph—have been working on a project for the Charleston County School Board's Project Cornerstone. Cornerstone is part of the US Department of Education Safe Schools and Healthy Children initiative. They are gathering data on programs operated throughout Charleston County that have some overlap with Cornerstone's goals.

The Institute was recently contracted by the City of North Charleston to evaluate their Weed and Seed Program. The Institute conducted an evaluation of that same program in the summer of 1999 and evaluated the City of Savannah, Georgia's program from 1994-99. Bobby Teal, another GA, will be helping with data collection and analysis.

Dr. Felts has been working with the Trident United Way's (TUW) Success by Six program and will be facilitating focus group sessions in May that will attempt to mobilize different segments of the community to work to improve early childcare, provide parents with information and resources about early childcare, and improve the health of very young children. In July, the Institute and TUW will release a strategic plan for the region focusing on this most important issue.

Carolyn Lackey has been focusing on putting together grant proposals that will allow us to begin to videotape Mayor Riley's "Design Talk." He has given this talk—in different variations—to literally thousands of people over the years, and yet no one has ever worked to create a high quality video of it. Staff members are excited about being able to work with him to do so.

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whole region. As Harvard urbanist William Julius Wilson recently pointed out, "In the global economy, firms choose regions. The health of the inner city is a key factor in their decisions." At the moment the blocks surrounding Marion Square could be in any dead city in America.

Charleston's economy also depends on visitors, who are drawn to Charleston because of its classical beauty-it is urgent that the classicism of new buildings around Marion Square be as sophisticated as the Exchange Building, the greatly mourned

Charleston Hotel, and the lost Regency mansion by William Jay, which once occupied the site where the much-hated Federal building now stands.

The Committee to Save the City was formed in 1996 to protect the ambience of the historic district. We urge you to visit our website at www.savethecity.org to view an online version of our quarterly publication, *The Guardian*. For CSC membership information contact our Membership Coordinator at tuffel@att.net

The Committee to Save the City, Inc.



By Truman Moore
President, The Committee To Save the City

Interview With An Urban Designer

On February 12, 2004, I spoke with Professor Ralph Muldrow, an Architect (NJ license) and professor at the College of Charleston. Mr. Muldrow is a Professor of Preservation Planning and Co-Director of the Historic Preservation & Community Planning Program for the college. He received his B.S., and B.A. at the University of Virginia, and has a Masters in Architecture and a M.S. from the University of Pennsylvania. In the Spring of 2003, Dr. Muldrow collaborated with architects from both the Charleston area, and from New York to create a vision for the Committee to Save the City. He wanted to create an Urban wall of buildings around the square that would produce an effect of an outdoor room. Muldrow wanted to design a proposal that would provide "an urbanistically greater architectural definition of the square."

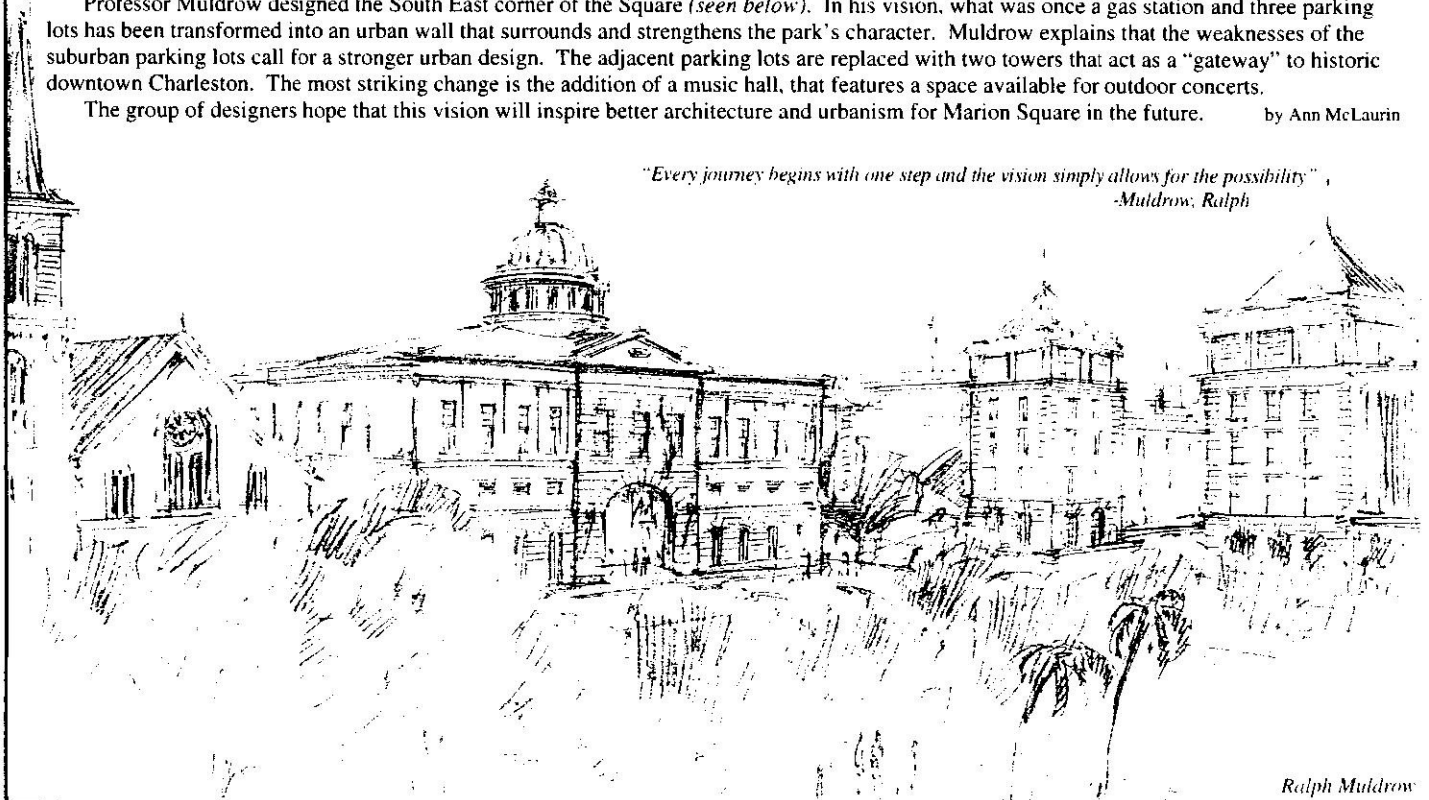
Muldrow posits that at present time, the park is not utilized to its utmost potential; the city needs something to help bring people back into the park. With the exception of the weekly Farmer's Market and our devoted sunbathing-students, it remains to be a park with no public. Even the student's presence in the park is in jeopardy. The architects envision an urban wall of buildings that will frame the park and enhance the beauty of the area in the hopes that it will entice Charlestonians to Marion Square.

In the fall of 2003, the architects presented their Vision to over 300 attendees at a reception held at the Francis Marion Hotel. The presenters welcomed positive feedback from local landowners, developers, neighborhood associations, preservation organizations, and Mayor Joe P. Riley. The positive responses from both Charlestonians and property owners are essential; both must agree to the changes before the proposal is brought to fruition. Unsurprisingly, there is some debate between the traditional architects and the modern architects within the community. Muldrow insists that Marion square as a whole needs architectural changes. He posits that the essence of the design is "continuing with the traditional architectural fabric of the city of Charleston."

Professor Muldrow designed the South East corner of the Square (*seen below*). In his vision, what was once a gas station and three parking lots has been transformed into an urban wall that surrounds and strengthens the park's character. Muldrow explains that the weaknesses of the suburban parking lots call for a stronger urban design. The adjacent parking lots are replaced with two towers that act as a "gateway" to historic downtown Charleston. The most striking change is the addition of a music hall, that features a space available for outdoor concerts.

The group of designers hope that this vision will inspire better architecture and urbanism for Marion Square in the future. by Ann McLaurin

"Every journey begins with one step and the vision simply allows for the possibility"
-Muldrow, Ralph



Ralph Muldrow



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advancing excellence in public service...

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advocate for professionalism in the public sector." The basic reason that makes each of us alike, the common threads that we share, is that we are "all" public administrators. In some capacity or another, whether we will learn it as students, teach it as professors, practice it as administrators, create it as policy makers or live it as citizens, we are "all" a part of the public sector. We care about preserving what those before us have established, we care about our community and we care about what the future holds for us and our families.

The Lowcountry ASPA Chapter's focus this year has been to identify ways to unite individuals and agencies, engage the public through civic involvement and partnership building, promote excellence in government through the facilitation and exchange of information, and influence the future of public administration through education and networking opportunities. As part of the Chapter's effort to promote these objectives, the organization has begun to develop working partnerships with other agencies including area colleges and universities, municipal governments, nonprofit organizations, regional ASPA chapters and other advocacy groups. Recently, the League of Women Voters of the Charleston Area partnered with Lowcountry ASPA to discuss how the two agencies can more effectively and efficiently impact the needs of the community and expand their efforts to promote community involvement. Collaboration and partnership building was spoken loud and clear. Lowcountry ASPA and the League have agreed to work together to coordinate and present several forums, workshops and special events for members, area professionals and concerned citizens. Events to include a forum on the upcoming ½ cent sales tax referendum, promotion of citizen participation through voter registration, and voter turn-out and a forum on Home Rule to name a few.

The Lowcountry Chapter looks forward to this partnership and the development of many more like it. We also look forward to engaging new professionals and expanding our activities to foster interest in public service, encourage mentoring relations with students and veteran public administrators and promote forums for professional development and interaction. In early fall, the Chapter will sponsor a forum on the Changing Environment of Personnel in Public Administration. Lowcountry ASPA is looking forward to upcoming events and our ability to enhance local relationships and expand professional development opportunities. Anyone interested in Lowcountry ASPA or the events sponsored by the Lowcountry ASPA Chapter should contact (843) 973-7285.

Upcoming Events:

- April 2004 Cutter Ride/Homeland Security Discussion (with Coast Guard)
- April 2004 Annual Elections for Council Officers
- May 2004 Annual Luncheon and Awards.
- June 2004 Summer Fun-Raiser and Barbecue
- September 2004 Workshop "Changing of Personnel in Public Administration."
- October 2004 Forum on ½ -cent sales tax to support public transportation (with the League).



Back row: ASPA Council Members Anne Kilpatrick, Tammie Hoy and Debbi Rhoad
Front Row: League Members Joan Dehne, Barbara Zia and Peggy Huchet

By Tammie Hoy
President, Lowcountry ASPA

Top 10 "Best Places to Work" in the Federal Government

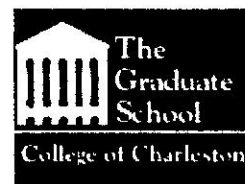
The Partnership for Public Service (PPS) and the Institute for the Study of Public Policy Implementation (ISPPi) compiled a ranked-list of the "best" federal agencies to work for based on a federal employee job satisfaction survey conducted by the Office of Personnel Management in 2002. The Top 10 "Best" places to work in the federal government are:

1. National Aeronautics and Space Administration
2. National Science Foundation
3. Office of Management and Budget
4. General Services Administration
5. Environmental Protection Agency
6. Office of Personnel Management
7. U.S. Air Force
8. Department of Commerce (TIE)
9. Department of the Interior (TIE)
10. Department of the Army

For a complete list of ranked federal agencies/subagencies, data analysis, and additional background information go to
www.bestplacestowork.org

Master of Public Administration Graduation Commencement

Saturday, the 15th of May, 2004
at two-thirty in the afternoon
Sottile Theater



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Congratulations to Charmaigne Palmer-Roberts and her family!



Kaitlyn Stirletta Roberts

was born on March 10, 2004. She came into the world at a 6 lbs 11 oz. and 19 1/2 inches long.

Congratulations Dr. Halfacre!

On March 13, 2004, Dr. Dan Hitchcock proposed to our very own, Dr. Angela C. Halfacre. The two are engaged to be married in late November of 2004. The ceremony will be held in Litchfield Beach, South Carolina.



Congratulations and Best Wishes from the MPA program!

MPASA The MPA Student Association has been busy this year – we have visited with friends and colleagues at social events and MPASA-sponsored speaking engagements. To kick off the Fall semester, students and faculty met at the Terrace over Marion Square; everyone had an enjoyable evening as the year got underway. In November, Mr. Wally Seinsheimer, Jr., spoke to MPA students about the Palmetto Institute and the organization's efforts to improve the economy and business environment in South Carolina. Students and faculty met for a pot-luck dinner to honor December MPA graduates and wish everyone seasons greetings. The MPASA planted a young live oak tree in front of 75 Calhoun Street in honor of these recent graduates ~ we hope that this tree will be a stately reminder of their accomplishments and promise for the future. Already well into the Spring semester, MPASA invited Ms. Margaret Seidler, a MPA graduate, organizational consultant, and leadership coach, to speak. Ms. Seidler conducted a lively discussion about applying management styles and techniques; everyone in attendance took away new tools for the trade. Join the MPA Student Association for upcoming events (see below), more great speakers, and some exciting social activities.

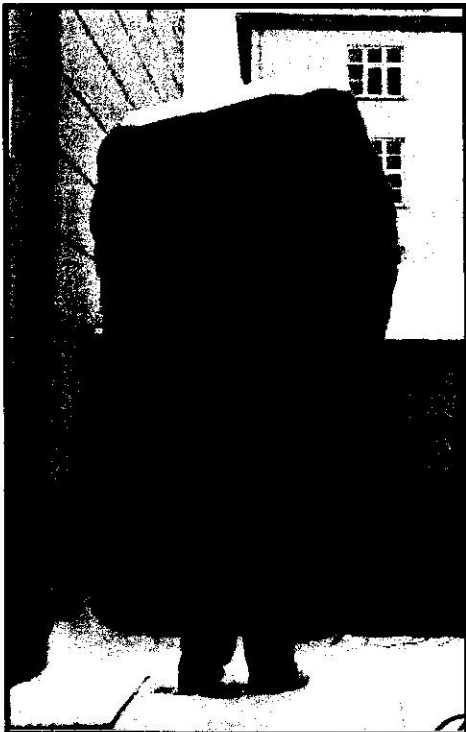


**MPASA Graduation/Holiday Party*

- National Youth Service Day Charleston - Saturday, April 17th** -Celebrate National Youth Service Day by volunteering to plant trees, sort food donations, paint schools, and help with other areas of need.
- Habitat for Humanity - Saturday, April 24th** -Volunteers are encouraged to come out and help build a home for a local family in need.

**For additional information contact Terry Biorn at ltb50@hotmail.com.*

Memorial to the Unknown Bureaucrat



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7th Annual Conference

Over 350 nonprofit professionals attended **The South Carolina Association of Non-Profit Organizations' (SCANPO) Seventh Annual Conference** in Charleston, March 24-26, 2004. The theme was *"Pathways to the Future."* **Kim Klein**, internationally acclaimed fundraiser, consultant and author delivered an inspirational keynote address and presented several interactive, information packed sessions on the topic of resource development. The 2004 conference, focused on topics such as non-profit leadership, finance and accounting, corporate sponsorships, collaborating with faith-based organizations, technological advances, fundraising, organizational culture, conflict resolution, and public relations.

Nationally known speakers such as **Janet Kelly, Charles Weathers, Carolyn Sawyer** and **Jennifer Henderson** were featured in breakout sessions. Many local "subject matter" experts also shared their experiences and knowledge with participants. Two professors from the College of Charleston were also guest speakers at the conference. **Dr Sam Hines**, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Services, presented *How Good People Make Tough Choices—Building an Ethical Organization*. **Dr. Mack Tennyson**, a Professor of Accounting at C of C, presented *The Emerging Non-Profit Leader Primer*, and discussed the essential financial and accounting aspects of non-profit organizations.

The South Carolina Grantmakers Network participated in a session on capacity building facilitated by Paul Connelly, author of *Strengthening Nonprofit Performance: A Funder's Guide to Capacity Building*. Networking and informal discussions enabled participants to gain valuable information and make new contacts in the sector. "Curbside Consulting" opportunities allowed participants to receive free advice from nonprofit consultants.

To find additional information and resources, or to become a member, visit the SCANPO website at www.scanpo.org. You can also contact the main office at 1(800)438-8508 or via e-mail at info@scanpo.org.