

UIC COLLEGE OF
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
AT CHICAGO URBAN PLANNING
& PUBLIC AFFAIRS



Commencement

May 9, 2014



On behalf of the faculty and staff of the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs, I extend to you our collective congratulations on having successfully completed your academic degree program and having prepared yourselves for the opportunities and challenges that await you in the next chapter of your life. Congratulations!

Your education has suited you well for making a difference in the world, for moving the needle in a better direction, for ensuring that you will leave behind a world far better than the one you are entering.

For those of you who are already part of, or soon to join, agencies and organizations in the governmental, nonprofit, and private-sector worlds that are committed to service and to engage in civic discourse and action for the express purpose of moving your community forward, the faculty and staff in CUPPA are secure in the knowledge that you possess the skills, knowledge, and commitment to solving the problems that society offers. You entered into this arena with passion to do good—with a dedication to improving the human condition—and we are convinced that you will indeed make a difference.

Your academic achievements and, perhaps just as important, your perseverance and hard work to earn your degree are a tribute to you as well as to your parents, your partners, your families, your friends, your village. We salute you and those who have offered you their guidance, comfort, and support during your academic journey at UIC. Many scholars, collaborators, and mentors have played a crucial role during your academic experience and have helped you along your path of discovery. I encourage you to continue to build on those relationships and to continue to exchange ideas, insights, and knowledge with those who teach others. We will be here for you during the next steps of your journey. In return, we hope you will continue to reflect on your experiences and educate us on your findings, insights, and discoveries.

I have a single request of you, our alumni: remain engaged with CUPPA and help make it a better institution of learning, discovery, and impact.

Thank you and, as you turn the page on this last chapter of your journey, I offer my heartfelt congratulations!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael A. Pagano".

Michael A. Pagano
Dean

Class of 2014

Dean Michael A. Pagano **Presiding**

PROCESSIONAL

- Platform Party and Faculty of the College**
- Doctoral Degree Candidates**
- Master’s Degree Candidates**
- Bachelor’s Degree Candidates**

“AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL” **Circle Center Brass Quintet**

WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS **Michael A. Pagano**
Dean

GREETINGS FROM THE UNIVERSITY **Mitra Dutta**
Vice Chancellor for Research

KEYNOTE SPEAKER **Lisa Schrader**
Chief of Staff, City of Chicago, Office of Mayor Rahm Emanuel

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES **Michael A. Pagano**
Curt Winkle
Head and Associate Professor,
Urban Planning and Policy

Laura Lee Junker
Associate Dean of the
Graduate College

INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT AWARD RECIPIENTS **Michael A. Pagano**

INTRODUCTION OF THE ANNA BACHMAN MEMORIAL AWARD **Michael A. Pagano**

STUDENT SPEAKERS **Kara Highfill**
Urban and Public Affairs

Amanda Quirk
Public Administration

Kelly Siegel
Urban Planning and Policy

GREETINGS FROM THE CUPPA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION **Michael McDermott, MUPP ’07**
President, CUPPA Alumni Association

CLOSING REMARKS **Michael A. Pagano**

RECESSIONAL

Audience is requested to remain seated until the academic recession is completed. Graduates and guests are invited to join Dean Pagano and the faculty at a reception immediately following the ceremony in the tent across Rochford Street.

CEREMONY OFFICIALS

Marshal of the Day	Sharon Mastracci Interim Head, Department of Public Administration, Associate Professor of Public Administration
Commencement Marshal	Albert Schorsch III Associate Dean
Banner Carriers	
UIC	Jim Thompson Associate Professor, Public Administration
CUPPA	Curt Winkle
Name Reader	Albert Schorsch III
Musical Accompaniment	Circle Center Brass Quintet

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Lisa Schrader
Chief of Staff, Office of Mayor Rahm Emanuel, City of Chicago

Lisa Schrader was appointed chief of staff to Mayor Rahm Emanuel in March 2013, where she is responsible for managing day-to-day activities of city government while driving the long-term strategic planning needed to drive forward Mayor Emanuel's agenda for Chicago.

With more than 18 years of government and private sector work in operations, finance, communications, and organizing, Schrader most recently served as chief operating officer for Mayor Emanuel in May 2011, where she was responsible for managing city government and sister agency operations. Prior to that position, she served in the Mayor's Office as a deputy chief of staff for Mayor Richard M. Daley, focusing on budgeting, finance, revenue, and internal services.

Schrader has been with the City of Chicago since 2001 in several other roles, including deputy chief financial officer, deputy budget director, and public information officer for city's financial team. Her responsibilities included managing policy and communications across a range of city issues and operations.

Prior to her work in Chicago, Schrader worked for the Democratic National Committee's Texas research and communications team in the 2000 presidential election and the Better World Campaign in Washington, D.C., an effort to strengthen the relationship between the United States and the United Nations and encourage Congress to meet U.S. financial commitments to the U.N.

Schrader also worked for The Project, a labor union-supported legislative accountability campaign in strategic U.S. Congressional districts, and several issue and candidate campaigns, including Californians to Protect Employee Rights and Harvey Gantt's 1996 campaign against Jesse Helms for the North Carolina U.S. Senate seat.

Schrader was born in West Virginia; grew up in Dayton, Ohio; and earned a bachelor's degree in political science and English literature from Miami University (Oxford, Ohio). She lives in Chicago's Bucktown neighborhood.

STUDENT SPEAKERS



Kara Highfill
Urban and Public Affairs

Kara Highfill, a native Iowan, has made Chicago her home while pursuing her dual undergraduate degrees in urban and public affairs and political science. Kara has been an active member in undertakings ranging from Model United Nations, the LAS student advisory board, and Operational Africa Relief, taking leadership positions in all tasks. Kara is a member of Phi Kappa Psi, a political science honor society, and has consistently been on the Dean's List for her academic achievements. During her undergraduate career, Kara has worked in development and special events for UIC Athletics and has spent two summers in Washington, D.C., working at a political campaign finance firm while studying at George Washington University. Upon graduation, Kara will be working in the public policy field and plans to further pursue her studies with a master's in public policy.



Amanda Quirk
Public Administration

Amanda Quirk is completing her MPA with a concentration in Public Management. She currently works as a contractor employee for the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Foreign Labor Certification, where she performs analysis and audits of temporary labor certifications.

In 2009, Amanda received her BA from DePaul University in International Studies. Following the completion of her degree, she traveled to Peru as a volunteer with the nonprofit organization Nexos Voluntarios. She worked on a community development program in the town of Media Luna for three months, where she loved working with the local people and enjoyed living in the beautiful Andes.

Her professional experience also includes working at the nonprofit organization Heartland Alliance, interning at the Cook County Board of Review, and interning at the International Law Students Association.

Amanda was born and raised in Chicago and looks forward to working in and improving her community with the skills she learned through the UIC Public Administration program.



Kelly Siegel
Urban Planning and Policy

Kelly Siegel graduates from the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs with a master's degree in Urban Planning. Her concentration is land use planning, and she has a particular interest in environmental planning and sustainable development. A Chicago native, Kelly grew up in the Beverly neighborhood and currently resides in Roscoe Village. She graduated with high honors from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a major in international, resource, and consumer economics and minors in business administration and environmental studies. Currently, Kelly works as a benefits authorizer at the Social Security Administration. She has also served as an intern for the Environmental Education program at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In her spare time, she coaches soccer, trains for marathons and triathlons, and travels with friends. Kelly has loved being involved with the Master of Urban Planning and Policy program. As president of the Urban Planning and Policy Student Association, watching the Urban Innovation Symposium grow over the past three years has been one of her favorite things. Kelly is confident that the MUPP program has prepared her for the road ahead, and she cannot wait to start her next adventure as an urban planner!

MARSHAL OF THE DAY

**Sharon Mastracci**

Sharon Mastracci is the interim department head and an associate professor in the Department of Public Administration. She has been on faculty at UIC since 2002. Sharon conducts research on emotional labor, gender, and human resource management, and will study emotional labor in nursing on a Fulbright research grant at the University of Birmingham (UK) in 2015.

CUPPA ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

**Michael McDermott**

Michael McDermott is a senior associate at Hickey and Associates, a global site selection and public incentives management firm. His areas of expertise include location selection, labor analytics, public incentives negotiation, and portfolio analysis using business intelligence technology. He has experience assisting clients across multiple industry sectors including manufacturing, logistics, renewable energy, data centers, and shared services.

Prior to joining the team, Mr. McDermott worked in the Global Corporate Services Group for Newmark Grubb Knight Frank. His consulting work focused on strategic alignment of real estate with the operational needs of corporate owners and tenants. Additionally, he assisted communities and regions in developing economic development strategies for targeted industries and foreign direct investment.

Mr. McDermott also worked in municipal economic development for the Village of Tinley Park, Illinois, where he conducted research on downtown redevelopment and business park competitiveness.

Mr. McDermott has his Master of Urban Planning and Policy from the University of Illinois at Chicago. His urban planning studies were concentrated in economic and community development with emphasis on business location analysis, real estate development finance and retail district revitalization. He also received a BA in economics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

He is a member of the Illinois Development Council Board of Directors, Urban Land Institute Young Leaders Group, and president of the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs Alumni Association.

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IN MEMORIAM



Anna Bachman, MUPP
January 16, 1988 – January 12, 2014

Anna Bachman, MUPP student and member of the class of 2014, died unexpectedly on January 12, 2014.

Anna was a child of the universe—a loving, generous, and thoughtful sister, daughter, niece, cousin, friend, coworker, student, and MUPP. Throughout her short life, she was unique in her continual efforts to be a better person—to be more understanding, more patient, more helpful to all individuals in her life. She loved her life and had many achievements for someone so young. As a MUPP student, Anna was able to identify her career path involving improvements in community development through policy change. According to Janet Smith, associate professor of urban planning and policy and Anna's advisor, "Anna's commitment to affordable housing stems from a conviction grounded in social justice and the dignity of all human beings. She did not just believe that we needed more of it, but that it was foundational to a strong community and economy and our humanity. Anna was a beautiful soul."