Recent MIPAR Grants

Issues in Benefit-Cost Analysis in Support of the Department of Homeland Security
Scott Farrow (Economics) has received a $35,000 grant from the Department of Homeland Security Center of Excellence at the University of Southern California Center for Risk and Economic Analysis of Terrorism Events (CREATE) for two projects: a synthesis of research and practice on the extent to which a Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) model can be theoretically consistent with a benefit-cost framework; and identification of specific maritime threats using partial equilibrium cybersecurity modeling and benefit-cost analysis.

Open Forums Research
George R. La Noue (Research Professor, Public Policy), has received a $35,000 grant from the Charles Koch Foundation to conduct research on the topics and participants in on-campus national policy debates at 120 institutions on 24 policy issues. Assisting him will be Public Policy students Kamilla Keldyiarova (MPP) and Adam Shulman (PhD), and alumni David Song (ECPA), a Ph.D student in the Stanford University School of Education, and Matthew Speake (BA), a University of Baltimore Law School JD student. National release of the report is expected in late summer.

New Research

In his book, Metropolitan Governance in America (2015, Ashgate Publishing Group), Donald F. Norris (Public Policy) presents evidence of the highly fragmented local governance landscape throughout America, and suggests the need for mechanisms that would enable metropolitan areas to address the difficult and controversial issues facing local governments.

Nancy Miller (Public Policy) and Adele Kirk co-authored an article that examined state use of Medicaid home and community-based services (HCBS) to provide long-term support to older adults and individuals with physical disabilities. The article, "Predicting state investment in Medicaid home and community-based services, 2000–2011," was published in the Journal of Aging & Social Policy (November 7, 2015).

Brent Gibbons joins Truven

MIPAR’s Brent Gibbons (PhD, ’13) has joined Truven Health Analytics’ Center for Behavioral Health Services Research as a research leader on evaluation and economic research. Dr. Gibbons was a post-doctoral research fellow with MIPAR for over two years, focusing on mental health and substance abuse policies. He is also an adjunct professor in the School of Public Policy, teaching Statistical Analysis.

Upcoming Events

Improving Your Chances of Getting NIH Grants in Today’s Competitive Environment
Wednesday, February 17, 2016, 12 – 1pm
Public Policy Room 451

Join Dr. Joe Frascella, Senior Advisor to the Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse at the NIH, for an informed discussion of the NIH grant process and strategies for securing NIH grants.

We will serve a light lunch. Faculty in all departments are welcome. RSVP to Anne Roland (anne@umbc.edu).

Public Policy Forum
Cybersecurity Concerns in Local Governments
Friday, April 15, 2016, 8:30 – 11 am
Columbus Center, 701 E. Pratt Street
Baltimore, MD

This forum will present research on cybersecurity initiatives in local governments in Maryland.

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