2015 APPAM SPRING CONFERENCE

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) held its annual Spring Conference on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at The University Club in Washington, DC. The theme of the 2015 Spring Conference was “How Policymakers Use APPAM Member Research.” The goal of the conference was to begin a dialogue among academic researchers; policymakers, who create policy; and practitioners, who implement policy. The conversation was intended to advance the exchange of knowledge and information among these sectors, creating better informed policy deliberations.

APPAM PHD DISSERTATION AWARD, 2014–2015: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Purpose of Award: The APPAM seeks to recognize emergent scholars in the field of public policy and management by presenting an award for the best PhD dissertation in public policy and management.

Nature of Award: Winners receive a cash award in the amount of $1,500 in addition to a plaque, recognition at the annual APPAM Fall Research Conference, and publication of an abstract in the Journal of Policy Analysis and Management. A separate grant covering travel costs to the fall conference also will be provided. The award winner, and two honorable mentions, will be given an opportunity to display posters of their dissertations during the research conference.

Eligibility: Any dissertation that has been completed in the academic years 2013-2014 or 2014-2015 and granted a degree in that period is eligible for consideration. No dissertation that has been completed prior to May 1, 2013 will be accepted. No previously submitted dissertations will be considered. Dissertations from any discipline are acceptable as long as they deal substantively with public policy issues and are nominated by a faculty member of a public policy program who is an institutional member of APPAM. (The faculty member need not be the major advisor or supervisor of the student’s dissertation, but can nominate the dissertation based on the belief that it makes a strong contribution to policy analysis.)

Nominating Procedure and Deadline: Nominations must come from institutional members of APPAM (but not necessarily the institution that granted the degree). Please send a letter of nomination (with the nominee’s current address, e-mail address, and phone number) carefully detailing the unique contributions
this dissertation makes to the field and the dissertation itself to Tristanne Staudt,
tstaudt@appam.org.

**Deadline for Nominations:** All nominating materials must be received by July 24, 2015.

**EXEMPLAR AWARD**

**Purpose of Award:** The Exemplar Award recognizes the work of an individual who has made major contributions to public policy by valuing the knowledge resident in academia and using research and analysis to craft innovative solutions to policy problems. This award serves to recognize extraordinary skills in policymaking and serves as a counterpart to those awards recognizing outstanding research. The award was created by APPAM’s Policy Council in 2013 to draw attention to the important role individuals play in connecting research and policy in the policymaking process.

**Nature of Award:** Given annually at the Fall Research Conference, the Exemplar Award provides the recipient a chance to deliver a talk or other program deemed appropriate by the President-elect for the conference’s programming. The recipient will receive a plaque, $2,500 cash award, and travel and lodging for attending the conference.

**Eligibility:** Nominees for this award should be those who successfully link knowledge and discovery to practical applications that can be implemented successfully for the public good. Only APPAM members may nominate an individual.

**Nominating Procedure and Deadline:** Nominations must be accompanied by a written description of the significant contributions by the nominee over time and should involve high-level, complex issues. A small committee of three members from the Association’s Policy Council, selected by APPAM’s President, will review all nominations and make a recommendation.

Awardees possess the following characteristics:

- Values intellectual rigor.
- Holds own work to highest standards.
- Works across political perspectives.
- Demonstrates a strong moral and ethical character.
- Fosters mutual respect.
- Seeks innovative approaches to policy problems.
- Sought out by peers for his or her counsel and advice.

A letter of nomination detailing the nominee’s accomplishments should be sent to Tara Sheehan, tsheehan@appam.org.

**Deadline for Nominations:** The deadline for submitting nominations is August 31, 2015.

**UPCOMING APPAM RESEARCH CONFERENCES**

- November 12–14, 2015, Hyatt Regency Miami, Miami, FL.
- November 2–4, 2017, Hyatt Regency, Chicago, IL.
- November 8–10, 2018, Marriott Wardman Park, Washington, DC.

For more information about these and other APPAM programs and activities, please visit APPAM.org.