

About the Section on International and Comparative Administration (SICA) of ASPA

SICA seeks to bring together members of ASPA committed to introducing an international and comparative perspective into public administration practice and academic endeavors. SICA provides a forum for practitioners, instructors and researchers to share experiences and to reflect on challenges facing the field worldwide. To learn more about SICA, please visit aspasica.wordpress.com

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Message from the Chair

Dear SICA Members:

Our Section has had a busy few months! Among the top items:

1. [Naim Kapucu](#): Congratulations to Naim Kapucu for being awarded his **university's top honor: Pegasus Professor!** Naim is also a **SICA Board member** and in 2018, he won the Riggs Award for Lifetime Achievement from SICA. His contribution to ASPA continues as Co-Chair of the ASPA 2020 Conference in Anaheim.
2. [Riggs Symposium](#): Read through the 2020 Riggs Symposium Call and to submit a paper or panel that relates to its themes. Kudos to AI, Veronica, and team for putting together such a forward-thinking Call for Proposals. To register your **paper or panel interest, visit the ASPA conference page, select 'Fred Riggs Symposium' within Section Symposia, and complete the form. We are looking forward to another lively Riggs Symposium.**
3. [SICA Awards](#): The Calls for our four SICA-related awards have been shared on our website, via social media, and via our SICA listserv. Please spread the news to those who might be interested.
4. [Occasional Paper Series](#): Aroon Manoharan has been working hard with the Series committee to create our first online Occasional Papers Series. We expect to share its first 4-5 articles by late October.
5. [Social Media](#): SICA now has a [Facebook page](#). Come find us! Thanks to Jen Murtazashvili for creating this page. In May, the SICA Board approved funds for a new website for SICA – expect to see an updated version in October.
6. [Elections](#): In October, you will soon see a Call for Nominations for our SICA Board. Charlene Roach and team have been organizing for this election. More information soon.

If you have any questions or ideas for SICA, please email. I would love to hear from you!

Sincerely,

Kim Moloney (SICA Chair)

SICA's newsletter

In addition to serving as SICA's historical chronicle, the focus of this Newsletter is to continue being a viable medium reflecting the collaborative, continuous and transformational Comparative-Development synergy. The newsletter's objectives are summarized as follows:

- Invite and engage global partnership among existing and prospective members in becoming an integral part of the SICA professional community;
- Promote scholarship by serving as a medium to establish collaborative networking opportunities among global scholars seeking partnerships for academic exchange, research and professional growth;
- Serve as the link between mentors and aspirant professionals and scholars;
- Report SICA members' research, publications, professional achievements and other news;
- Serve as a forum to support and promote opportunities for symposiums, occasional papers, and other similar outcomes;
- Involve members in the creation of innovative conference programs and ideas;
- Keep members informed of opportunities / events.

2020 Riggs Symposium



The Section on International and Comparative Administration (SICA) of the American Society of Public Administration is seeking abstracts and/or fully-formed panels for the [seventh annual Fred Riggs Symposium](#), to be held in Anaheim, California on April 3, 2020.

Our question for this year's symposium – Does Democracy Deliver? – is tied to the overall ASPA conference theme: 2020 Vision for Politics, Policy and Administration.

Over the last quarter-century, policymakers have been urged to redesign administrative systems so that they advance liberal democratic values. Emphasis has been put on design principles like public control, checks and balances on agency action, transparency, decentralization, and community engagement. In some contexts, these principles have been implemented without having formal democracy. Simultaneously, scholars have noted growth in autocracy and a decline in democratic governance around the world. This has led many policymakers and scholars to raise a set of related and critical questions:

- Is democracy necessary to generate effective service provision and establish governmental legitimacy?
- What kinds of organizations and institutional designs are necessary to produce public services?
- Do democratic systems control corruption and maintain a strong merit-based public service more effectively than non-democratic systems?
- To what extent is liberal democratic governance necessary to improve state capacity?

Four decades of SICA leadership

SICA was created out of the merger of ASPA's International Committee and the independent Comparative Administration Group (CAG). CAG, a group of self-selected academics and practitioners that coalesced in the late 1950s and early 1960s, consisted of a loosely knit group of scholars interested in furthering the development of the field of comparative public administration in the U.S. and abroad. Many CAG members were active in development administration abroad, living for substantial periods in country working with national and sub-national governments and groups, and then writing about their experiences and knowledge gained through participant observation.

2020 Riggs Symposium



The aim of the 2020 Riggs Symposium is to explore these questions, and consider how specialists in public administration should respond to the apparent crisis of liberal democracy. We seek papers and panels that address this topic in any national or comparative context. Papers might evaluate criticisms of liberal democratic governance, examine specific cases of policy reform or policy failure that relate to aspects of liberal democratic governance, or challenge us to reconsider assumptions about the desirability or features such forms of governance.

Individual Paper Proposal: Please submit an abstract not exceeding 300 words, your paper title, and your affiliation and contact information.

Panel Proposal: Please submit the panel title along with the titles of 3-5 papers and the paper author names, affiliations, and contact details. Each panel submission must also include the paper abstracts for each panel. Each abstract should not exceed 300 words.

All abstracts and panel proposals must be submitted via the ASPA website. **Please name your submission with an indication of 'Riggs Symposium/SICA'** and select the Riggs Symposium from the options when you submit through the ASPA website. The submission deadline is October 4, 2019. Notice of abstract acceptance will be given by mid-December, 2019.

Four decades of SICA leadership (continued)

Renowned scholars including Fred Riggs, Ferrel Heady and Donald Stone were mainstays of CAG. CAG received Ford Foundation grant support to conduct research and publish a series of occasional papers in the 1960s largely through the efforts of Riggs, Heady and Clarence (Clancy) Thurber at Ford. SICA was created in December 1973 with Fred Riggs serving as the first chair. Since this time a long list of distinguished scholars and practitioners have served as SICA Chair and on the Section's Executive Committee.

2020 Riggs Symposium



If your paper abstract or panel is accepted, your full paper for the ASPA Conference is due by March 1, 2020. Accepted paper authors must register for the conference via the ASPA website. All full papers submitted for the Riggs Symposium will be considered for SICA's Garcia-Zamor Best Paper Award.

The 2020 Riggs Symposium Committee is:

- Veronica Junjan, Co-Chair (University of Twente)
- Alasdair Roberts, Co-Chair (University of Massachusetts Amherst) •
- Farhad Hossain (University of Manchester)
- Mauricio Dussauge Laguna (Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas)
- Jennifer Murtazashvili (University of Pittsburgh)
- Meghna Sabharwal (University of Texas Dallas)

Join ASPA and become a SICA member

ASPA is the leading interdisciplinary public service organization that advances the art, science, teaching, and practice of public and non-profit administration. Membership is open to anyone working in, studying, researching, or interested in public service. ASPA will help you build your professional networks and acquire the knowledge, skills, and necessary experiences to be exceptional public servants. ASPA membership provides various opportunities that can help you succeed in your career. Additionally, Section membership in SICA will bring you together with ASPA members committed to introducing an international and comparative perspective into public administration practice.

2020 Col Leadership Award

SICA is seeking nominations for the 2020 Col Leadership Award. Established by SICA in 2016, the award recognizes individual members who have made significant contributions to the development of the Section on International and Comparative Administration.

Send all nominations to Col Leadership Award Chair, Peter Haruna, at pharuna@tamiu.edu by January 19, 2020. Letters of nomination should indicate detailed contributions of nominees to, and leadership roles within, SICA. You should include an explanation about how the nominee's contributions have helped to transform and enrich SICA. Include relevant supporting documents as well. Each nominee will require at least two letters of nomination from SICA members.

The Col Leadership Award Committee will give due consideration to all nominations and related materials after the submission deadline. The 2020 Col Committee members include Peter Haruna Chair, (pharuna@tamiu.edu), Genevieve Meyers (meyersge@udmercy.edu) and Aminata Sillah (sillah06@gmail.com).

The Committee will announce the winner by February 15, 2020 and present the award at the 2020 SICA Business Meeting at the 2020 ASPA Annual Conference.

2020 Fred Riggs Award for Lifetime Achievement

SICA is currently seeking nominations for the 2020 Fred Riggs Award for Lifetime Achievement in International & Comparative Public Administration.

The Fred Riggs Award was established by SICA in 1985 to recognize scholars who made significant and widely recognized contributions to the conceptual, theoretical and/or operational progress in the fields of international, comparative and/or development administration. This award is named in honor of Fred W. Riggs, a pioneer in these fields and a leading founder of SICA. The award is made annually at the SICA Business Meeting held in conjunction with the ASPA Annual Conference.

Each letter of nomination should indicate in some depth the person's intellectual achievements and relevant qualifications for the Fred Riggs Award. You should

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and academic endeavors. SICA is comprised of practitioners and academics that are involved in, or interested in, international or overseas public administration activities. The section is concerned with promoting research and communication of public administration with an international and comparative focus. Your SICA membership and engagement will provide numerous additional benefits to your ASPA membership including forums for practitioners, instructors and researchers to share experiences and to reflect on challenges facing the field worldwide.

include the nominee's CV as well as any other supporting documents. There should be *at least* two letters of nomination from SICA members.

All nomination materials should be sent directly to Kim Moloney as the SICA Chair and Chair of the 2020 Riggs Award Committee at k.moloney@murdoch.edu.au by December 1st 2019. The winner will be announced before December 31, 2019 and the award will be offered at the 2020 SICA Business Meeting at the ASPA Annual Conference in Anaheim CA.

All received nominations will be considered by our 2020 Riggs Award Committee:

- Kim Moloney, Chair
- Raymond W Cox III, Member
- Shamsul Haque, Member
- Naim Kapucu, Member
- Pan Suk Kim, Member
- Gedeon Mudacumura, Member

2020 David Gould Scholar Award

SICA is now accepting nominations for the 2020 David Gould Scholarship Award. David Gould Scholarship Program offers talented graduate students in the fields of public administration, public policy, or international development some support to facilitate their participation in the ASPA annual conference.

Each year one or two students receive a nominal stipend and a free registration for the SICA Symposium. The 2019 winner was Dr. Cristina Stanica.

This Scholarship Program is named in honor of David Gould who was an active SICA member and long-time professor of public administration at the University of Pittsburgh. He was among those killed in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, December 21, 1988.

In order to nominate a graduate student for a Gould Scholarship, please send a **letter of nomination** by a faculty member (should mention the student's current GPA) and the student's CV to Dr. Kim Moloney,

SICA Chair, at k.moloney@murdoch.edu.au

The deadline for sending nominations is December 1, 2019.



ASPA's President, Paul Danczyk, released the [July](#) and [August](#) Programming Videos:

Main topics:

[ASPA's e-learning platform](#)—participate, advertise these programs to your Chapter and Section members, and even partner with ASPA to produce a webinar throughout the year.

[ASPA National Council](#)—The list of elected leaders is on ASPA's website. If you want contact information, [let us know](#) and we'll be happy to provide!

[ASPA Staff](#)—ASPA staff roster is online; reach out to us any time!

2020 Garcia-Zamor Best Paper Award

Named in honor of Jean-Claude Garcia-Zamor (Professor, Florida International University). This Award recognizes outstanding research and scholarship in the fields of international, comparative and/or development administration. Submitted papers should be well-analyzed, structured, and of high original research quality. The paper *must* be presented by at least one co-author at the ASPA Annual Conference scheduled for Anaheim CA April 3-7, 2020.

Please send all papers to **SICA's Garcia-Zamor Best Paper Award Committee Chair**, Meghna Sabharwal, mxs095000@utdallas.edu

The paper submission deadline is March 31, 2020. After the submission deadline, all received papers will be assessed by the Garcia-Zamor Best Paper Award Committee and the winner announced by May 15, 2020. The winner will be **immediately be announced via SICA's social media and website**. The winner will be formally given their award at the 2021 SICA Business Meeting during the ASPA Annual Conference.

Call for papers, Special Issue of “Public Administration Issues”

Comparative Performance Management in Government: International Cases.

Guest Editor: Professor Tobin Im, Dean of Graduate School of Public Administration, Seoul National University.

Co-editors: Professor Alexey Barabashev, President of Graduate School of Public Administration, Higher School of Economics (Moscow), and Assistant Professor Jesse W. Campbell, Incheon National University, South Korea

ASPA'S E- Learning Portal

ASPA's e-learning program offers events year-round, focusing on issues of importance to public administrators, most notably issues related to some of the biggest challenges our country faces: infrastructure, public finance, public service/governance/leadership and social equity.

2019-2020 E-Learning Themes

Under ASPA President Paul Danczyk's leadership, the 2019-2020 e-learning calendar will strive to be theme-based, looking at four distinct categories:

1. 2020 Vision for Governance
2. 2020 Vision for Leadership and Management
3. 2020 Vision for Infrastructure
4. 2020 Vision for Finance

Call for papers, Special Issue of “Public Administration Issues”

In this special issue of Public Administration Issues, we seek to bring together articles examining the implementation of performance management and measurement regimes in diverse contexts. Specifically, we are looking for studies that help to shed light on the unique aspects of performance management regimes in contexts that differ considerably from the West. Both qualitative and quantitative studies are welcomed, however, provided that contextually relevant phenomena are the focus of the case study or incorporated into the empirical model. Specifically, we hope to address the following questions in the Special Issue:

- Which areas of government have been most amenable to performance management reform, and which have resisted?
- What are examples of unintended consequences of performance reforms, and what general lessons can be drawn from these?
- What are the difficulties and problems of implementing the performance management into the practice of governance?
- What are the most advanced national and regional performance assessment projects?
- Are these practices disseminated, and are there any obstacles for their successful dissemination?

Important Dates and Information:

- Abstract submission deadline (no more than 500 words): September 30, 2019.
- Deadline for submission of manuscripts on the basis of accepted abstracts: January 31, 2020.
- Proposed date of publication of the special issue: May 2020.

Guidelines for authors (requirements for manuscripts) are: <https://vgmu.hse.ru/en/>

Please, send your abstracts to the addresses: tobin@snu.ac.kr and jessewcampbell@gmail.com; and in cc to: abarabashev@hse.ru and vgmu@hse.ru

SICA Webinar Invitation

SICA Members are invited to lead an ASPA webinar in the upcoming months.

These are the [2019-2020 themes](#).

Kim Moloney led an April 2019 ASPA Webinar on her recently-published Oxford Handbook.

Alasdair Roberts served as the discussant and kept the conversation lively while providing important insights. The publication that was discussed is **“The**

Oxford Handbook of Global Policy and Transnational **Administration”**,

Diane Stone and Kim Moloney, Eds., Oxford University Press (2019).

If you'd like to organize a webinar, please e-mail Asmita Tewelde, Professional Development and Events Editor at atewelde@aspanet.org

Member Spotlight

Meghna Sabharwal, Director of Ph.D. In Public and Nonprofit Management, University of Texas at Dallas



Congratulations to Prof. Meghna Sabharwal for being recognized with the Faculty Champion Award from the Office of Diversity and Community Engagement and the ERG Women's Group at their **“Women Leading in Diversity: Paving the Way”** Event at the University of Texas at Dallas, April 2019.

Prof. Sabharwal is also the recipient of the Mary Hamilton Award for service to the International Chapter 2019, American Society for Public Administration.



Register [here](#) for ASPA 2020 Annual Conference!

The globe may be large, but the public administration world is more inextricably linked than ever before and getting smaller by the day. Actions in nation-states can directly, often quickly, affect policy and administration in others. As important, one nation's experiences can inform others, providing best practices that bridge the geographic divide and can be applied in a global context, including public policy approaches, management, collaboration, administrative features and more. Where do we experience similarities? Where can our differences increase fruitful collaboration? How can we apply each for the betterment of all?

Member Spotlight

Naim Kapucu, Director, School of Public Administration, College of Community Innovation and Education



We congratulate Prof. Naim Kapucu for his promotion to Pegasus Professorship at University of Central Florida, the highest faculty achievement at the university.

For the past four years, Prof. Kapucu has directed the School of Public Administration. He's led creation of six new degree programs, including the [fully online Masters in Research Administration](#), and has brought top journals in the field to UCF. Kapucu's leadership and relationships put the school's programs on the map. The school has two [U.S. News & World Report nationally ranked graduate degree programs](#): No. 7 emergency management and No. 8 nonprofit management.

"Coming to UCF was the best decision I ever made," he says. "I tell students, faculty and staff to be yourself, know yourself and let other people be themselves. Have a vision with a solid plan to accomplish your goals. But keep in mind: In the world of public administration and policy, a vision without execution is hallucination."

2020 Global
Public
Administration
Track

This track addresses public administration from a global perspective. What is working well beyond borders and across oceans? Where do common struggles provide for opportunities to work together to solve them? Papers and panels should address efficiency, effectiveness, economy, equity, ethics and empowerment within a global context. Sample topic areas include:

Member Spotlight

Pan Suk Kim, Professor of Public Administration at Yonsei University in South Korea



Congratulations to Prof. Pan Suk Kim for receiving the AAPA Lifetime Achievement Award in Public Administration from the Asian Association for Public Administration (AAPA) in Manila, the Philippines on May 23, 2019.

He received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Ministry of Administrative Reform of the Republic of Indonesia because he delivered a lecture at the 2019 Presidential Lecture Forum at the main stadium in Jakarta, Indonesia on July 24, 2019. In the Presidential Lecture Forum, Indonesian Vice President Jusuf Kalla opened the forum. Right after that, Dr. Kim delivered his lecture for approximately 6,000 newly recruited government employees and additional 1,000 government leaders in Indonesia. It can be found at <https://www.menpan.go.id/site/berita-foto/presidential-lecture-2019>.

2020 Global
Public
Administration
Track Topics:

- Trends and developments in global public administration
- Federalism, elections and intergovernmental relations
- Collaboration across public administration organizations
- Global sustainable governance
- Democracy and social justice across national boundaries
- Ethics and combating corruption
- Immigration and border security
- Health care around the globe
- Disaster management around the globe
- Resilience in government
- Technology adoption and best practices
- Emerging models of collaborative governance

Recent and forthcoming publications by SICA members

Strategies for Governing: Reinventing Public Administration for a Dangerous Century

By Alasdair S. Roberts

2019 Forthcoming, Cornell University Press

Bearing the White Man's Burden: American Empire and the Origin of Public Administration

By Alasdair S. Roberts

2019 Forthcoming, Perspectives on Public Management and Governance

Beyond the State: Global Policy and Transnational Administration

By Kim Moloney and Diane Stone

2019 International Review of Public Policy 1(1), p. 104-118

Managing Employee Performance in Transition Economies: A Study of Vietnamese Public Organizations

By Tai Anh Vu, Geoff Plimmer, Evan M. Berman and Meghna Sabharwal

2019 Public Administration and Development 39, p. 89-103

Occasional
Paper Series

The Series Committee (Aroon Manoharan as Chair with Mohamed Alaa Abdel-Moneim, Kilkon Ko, Kim Moloney, and Charlene Roach as committee members) is happy to announce that it has received several submissions for our first issue. Each have been reviewed with the expectation that our first issue will have 4-5 articles for late October 2019. In the meantime, we are currently accepting new submissions in the form of Policy Briefs, Practitioner Perspectives, Research Ideas, and Reflections for Issues 2 and 3. For more information, see: <https://aspasi.ca.wordpress.com/occasional-paper-series/> or email Aroon at aroon.manoharan@umb.edu

Recent and forthcoming publications by SICA members

Gender in Negotiation in Public Organizations: Do MPA Programs Prepare Future Public Administrators to Negotiate for the 21st Century Global Workplace?

By Maria D' Agostino, Helisse Levine and Meghna Sabharwal

2019 Journal of Public Affairs Education, <https://doi.org/10.1080/15236803.2019.1579594>

The Association Between Administrative Characteristics and National Level Innovative Activity: Findings from a Cross-National Study

By Kohei Suzuki and Mehmet A. Demircioglu

2019 Public Performance and Management Review 39(4), p. 755-782

E-Government and Information Technology Management: Concepts and Best Practices

By Marc Holzer, Aroon P. Manoharan and James Melitski

2019 Melvin & Leigh, Publishers

MENAPAR Conference

The Middle East and North Africa Public Administration Research (MENAPAR) network will organize its fourth biennial conference in Ifrane, Morocco in partnership with the UCLG-A (United Council of Local Governments-Africa) and the African Local Governments Academy (ALGA). This conference has a special significance because it coincides with the MENAPAR becoming a regional member of IIAS (for the Arab region) and having been registered as an international NGO in Belgium. The dates (usually the last week of October) will be discussed during the MENAPAR Board meeting in Brussels, Belgium at the conclusion of the IIAS Governance week.

The Conference is held between October 28-31, 2019.

To register, click [here](#).

This year's theme will contribute to knowledge building in the area of **"Public Administration Research and South-South Cooperation for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in the Arab Region"**.

Interview series: Naim Kapucu

Professor Kapucu, thank you for accepting our invitation for SICA's Newsletter interview series! Congratulations on your achievements! The goal of this interview is to inform our members about your insights on the field, and share information about your successful endeavors.

⇒ The interest in global public administration seems to be growing. Why do you think that is?

Globalization was a substantial challenge for public administration as an academic field as well as practice of implementing public policies worldwide. It also provided opportunities for public administration as well. I always emphasize policy and administration integration as it nicely captured in "vision without execution is hallucination" quote. Major policy problems such as sustainability, resilience, human security cannot be addressed without international collaborative efforts. We also have opportunities to learn from others globally as we learn more about domestic policy problems. Almost all the states are interested in efficient, equitable, just implementation of public policy and public programs. High level of public performance, accountability, rule of law, strong civil society, and other core elements of good governance are also critical for public administration. Furthermore, good governance is no longer a concern that is unique to a particular state in any geographic region of the world. In a world of increased interdependence, good governance is increasingly a concern of the global community of states and of international organizations. It would be a mistake to assume, for example, that the problems of public administration that occur in non-OECD countries are so different from those of developed countries. Contexts in which remedies to those problems are sought may differ, but the issues and policy problems themselves are embedded in public administration, whether they are about legitimacy, efficiency, honesty, or transparency and accountability, recruitment and retention of talented officials, excessive bureaucratization and red tape, and other core elements of effective public policy and governance.

The comparative global approach is rich, still, relatively under explored territory for public administration. We have much to learn from other nations. What they have done, where they have succeeded and failed, will not have direct applicability to our context, but should be suggestive, if we can work out the relationships between structure, opportunities, reforms, and outcomes. Any steps we can take in this direction will benefit public administration as a field of study and practice. We have observed several training programs provided practitioner public administrators in different countries by academic institutions, international associations, and United Nations training programs. We also have observed substantial increase in academic exchange programs for students and scholars globally. I am hopeful that this will help tremendously the practice and scholarship of public administration.

⇒ What do you think will change about the internationalization of public administration in the next five years?

It is hard to provide a concrete response to this question but I can at least mention my wishes for global public administration. We need to collectively address as part of comparative public administration, the governmental, administrative, and political systems of both developed and developing countries with a focus on political systems and their manifestation in administrative systems. We also need to highlight the impact of the context including the culture to the administration of public policies in addition to the structures, behaviors, and processes of public administration in a comparative perspective.

AGPA Conference

Asian Group for Public Administration (AGPA) is regional group affiliated to IIAS. It is aimed to attract and convene institutions and organizations in the field of Public Administration in Asia through academic activities and events and to promote the development of administrative science in Asia. AGPA is a flexible and light-structured network, which mainly carries out academic activities and events, with the guidance and support of IIAS and on the basis of mutual respect, consultation and voluntary participation.

The next AGPA Conference is in Bali, Indonesia on November 10-12, 2019.

The theme of the conference is: **"Strengthening The Role of Public Administration in the Global Changing Society: Public Sector Reform and Digital Transformation in Asia"**.

For registration, please click [here](#).

Interview series: Naim Kapucu

Particular emphasis needs to be put on exploring the role of public management systems within the wider political and democratic frameworks in which they function. Based on our accomplishments so far, we need to engage global public administration community in academic exchanges (for both students and scholars/educators), collaborative scholarships, which include joint conferences and workshops, joint training programs for public administrators, and efforts to learn innovative public administration practices globally. If we successfully do these in the next couple of years, the success will not only contribute to global public administration, but also lessons learned will help domestic public administration theory and practice.

⇒ How did you first get involved with SICA and what do you like most about this community?

I am a member of ASPA since 1996. I have never missed an ASPA annual conference since then. The first section of ASPA I engaged was SICA. During my PhD years at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA) we received substantial emphasis on international affairs as well as development administration. The group is probably the most diverse in ASPA as well as the most collegial. My favorite activities of ASPA annual conferences are Riggs symposium and SICA meetings. Many of my friends in the section were instrumental for my professional development over the years. I have participated in several research and training activities globally. SICA members are my go-to people when I need an advice. I did develop and taught a course at the School of Public Administration at the University of Central Florida. Most of the resources in the course come from the members of SICA.

⇒ What advice would you like to share with SICA members in terms of advancing global perspectives on public administration?

I recommend curiosity, interest, and openness in learning from colleagues and friends in other part of the world. Learning from others will help us personally and professionally and will make us better people. When I was invited to two universities in China in 2012 during my sabbatical year, I was a bit hesitant since I have never been in the country and experienced the culture and daily life. Lucky enough, the both universities (Tongji in Shanghai and Xian Jiao Tong in Xian) asked me to train graduate students, post docs, and junior faculty on network analysis and applications of it in emergency and crisis management. The topic I am passionate about. I spent about a month during the summer 2012. I am glad that I accepted the invitation. I am a frequent visitor of the country and the universities now. I also visited six countries during my sabbatical instead of going to one university. That was also a great opportunity to learn and expand my network with scholars in global public administration community.

Contribute to the next issue of the newsletter

The newsletter team highly values each member's opinion, contributions, and constructive ideas to help create, generate, disseminate, and optimize your newsletter's objectives.

We hope you will continue enriching this newsletter through your contributions; opinions and ideas to help strengthen not only your professional growth, but also sustain SICA as a global professional forum to bridge the relativity gap among world societies. If you are already a member, we appreciate your continued association and support. Let us know how we can serve you better.

Email us at c.stanica@northeastern.edu if you have items for our newsletter, blog, or social media sites including:

- New Publications
- Research Projects
- Conferences
- Recent Accomplishments
- Speaking Engagements
- Etc.

SICA Leadership

Chair: Kim Moloney (2019-2021): k.moloney@murdoch.edu.au

Chair-Elect: Meghna Sabharwal (2019-2021): meghna.sabharwal@utdallas.edu

Secretary: Nidhi Vij Mali (2019-2022): nvij@olemiss.edu

Treasurer: Atta Ceesay (2019-2022): ceesayaa@buffalostate.edu

Immediate Past SICA Chairs

- Shamsul Haque (2017-2019)
- Gedeon Mudacumura (2013-2017)
- Jeanne-Marie Col (2009-2013)

SICA Executive Board Members

4/2019-4/2022

- Mohamed Alaa Abdel-Moneim
- Farhad Hossain
- Naim Kapucu²
- Jen Murtazashvili

4/2018-4/2021

- Peter Haruna
- Genevieve Enid Myers^{1,2}
- Charlene Roach
- Alasdair Roberts²
- Meghna Sabharwal (Chair-Elect as of Mar 2019)
- Aminata Sillah^{1,2}

4/2017-4/2020

- Veronica Junjan
- Raymond W Cox III¹
- Rym Kaki¹
- Pan Suk Kim¹
- Kilkon Ko¹

No Designation = Elected Board member or Prior SICA Chair

¹ = Appointed SICA Board member by Haque

² = Term extended by Moloney in August 2019 via agreement of individual Board member, Election Committee Chair, and SICA Chair-Elect. Purpose: Ensure annual Board elections have approximately equal numbers of Board positions open for SICA member election. With the above shift, five Board positions will be open for election in January 2020, five in January 2021, and four in January 2022.

Upcoming events



The 2019 Transatlantic Dialogue (TAD 15) will be held in New York, October 20-22, 2019.

More information can be found [here](#).



The 2019 Northeastern Conference of Public Administration (NECoPA) will be held in Brooklyn, NY on November 8-10, 2019. It is NECoPA's 10th Anniversary and this year's theme is:

Building an Equitable Public Service Through Sustainability and Innovation!

For more information and registration, follow this [link](#).

SICA Leadership



SICA Chair, Kim Moloney, has expressed her sincere gratitude to Alasdair Roberts, Genevieve Myers, Aminata Shah, and Naim Kapucu for their voluntary agreement to extend their current SICA Board terms. Their generosity allows SICA to continue benefiting from their involvement while helping SICA regularize the number of Board members up for your election each year. With this realignment, SICA will have five Board members up for election in January 2020, another five in January 2021, and four in January 2022. Kim appreciates the willingness of AI, Genevieve, and Aminata to extend their terms by one year and for Naim to extend for two years.

Thank you!