

MPM Spring Quarter 2013 News

As the hustle and bustle of team projects, capstone presentations, and graduation exercises subside, all bodes well as the MPM program completes another successful year. Please continue to keep us updated and send your news to either rjkrizek@northwestern.edu or l-lealaitafea@northwestern.edu so that our MPM Newsletter can be more interesting to everyone.

New Graduates

Congratulations to our 2013 MPM graduates. The recognition ceremony for the professional programs was held on Thursday, June 20 at the Pick-Staiger Concert Hall and graduation exercises took place of Friday, June 21. Our most recent alums are:

Fahad A. Alayaf (Saudi Arabia)	Amer Y. Mian (Canada)
Mohammed A. Bager (USA/Saudi Arabia)	Elizabeth C. Newell (USA)
Michael E. Cirillo (USA)	Ruoxi Nie (China)
Nicolas Clerget (France)	Olaide O. Okanlawon (USA)
Neal P. Deiters (USA)	Ajay P. Singh (USA)
Camille G. Duranteau (France)	Jun Wang (China)
Daniel B. Forgey (USA)	Qinglong Xu (China)
Evan D. Jones (USA)	Chang Zhang (China)
Michael R. Labellarte (USA)	Haoyu Zhao (China)
Ahmad A. Makki (USA)	



Graduation Brunch

Our Brunch on Sunday, June 2, 2013 at the Park Ridge Country Club was another wonderful and memorable MPM event. There was a great turnout of 136 graduates, alumni, and guests, and we were happy to see everyone of them. Shown below are several photos taken on this happy occasion. Next year our Brunch is scheduled for **Sunday, June 1, 2014**, so please mark your calendars accordingly.



Alum News

Kabarungi Jacinta Bishanga (MPM 2010) is working as an architect in Kampala, Uganda, but she has a loftier long-term goal of adding value to her country by helping to create and/or shape policies governing the construction industry. Her capstone report on *Factors that Influence Construction Projects in the Third World*, with Uganda as a case study, made her realize that Uganda fell short in many ways. A few months ago she was considered for an influential position on the Urban Physical Planning Committee for Kampala – a position that would have afforded her the opportunity to work toward this goal, but the architect chosen is currently serving as the Vice President of the Uganda Society of Architects. Not to be deterred, she is confident that her time will come to play a role in changing the face of the construction industry at the policy level in Uganda by using the skills and knowledge gained in the MPM program. She is exactly the type of individual who can make an impact and we look forward to learning the results of her endeavor.



Congratulations to **Peter Pagano** (MPM 2010) and his wife, Rima, on the birth of their daughter, Sophia, on November 13, 2012. This precious bundle weighed in at 5 pounds, 8 ounces and was 19 inches long.

For the past three years **Benoît Rosala** (MPM 2010) has been employed by SD Ingenierie, a small construction management company located in the suburbs south of Paris. In his first project he was in charge of scheduling and supervising the day-to-day operations for a 283-apartment project involving six different buildings. His second project was a retirement house with 108 rooms, a restaurant, a kitchen, and some recreational areas; in this case he was in charge of almost everything from the bidding to the post-construction phase, including procurement and construction. For the past three months, he has been overseeing the construction of two residential housing projects (one with 172 flats and the other with 56 flats). His duties on all of these projects included weekly meetings with more than 20 contractors (from concrete to painting through electrical, plumbing, carpentry, etc.), monthly meetings with the owner, managing cost control, scheduling, day-to-day site supervision, resolving conflicts and disputes in the drawings and specifications, administrative paperwork, and approving monthly payments for each contractor in accordance with their documented accomplishments.



Michael Washington (MPM 2010) and his wife, Lynette, are the proud parents of Leilah Denise, who was born on June 7, 2013 in Baltimore, Maryland, weighing 8 pounds and 4 ounces. Both baby and mom are healthy and doing well.

Ke Liang (MPM 2012) is working with China Resources Land Limited, one of the leading property investment and development companies in China, held by China Resources (Holdings) Limited. She is in the Commercial Property Operation Department of the Beijing Office and is really happy with her position.

Congratulations to Xing (Kimi) Yan (MPM 2012) on her new job at the Beijing Municipal Engineering Design and Research Institute (BMEDI), a state-owned company that is highly recognized for specialized civil engineering designs. Currently she is serving on a team that is organizing and managing EPC projects (similar to turn-key contracts). Her most recent assignment involves working with a German company to prepare a bid for a solid waste fuel incineration project in Beijing.

Employment Opportunity with PricewaterhouseCoopers

John Seungjun Oh (MPM 2008) is currently working at PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), where he is utilizing skills learned in the MPM program to provide professional project management services to energy/utility clients through PwC and project/program management services through PwC/Advisory/Capital Projects & Infrastructure Solutions. He encourages interested individuals in our MPM family to explore opportunities with PwC and agrees to help them initiate an interview if they will send him a resume and cover letter; John's email is: Seungiun.oh@us.pwc.com The following link will provide some insight into how PwC helps clients increase their potential for success by working with them to find the best-fit solutions to their problems. <http://www.pwc.com/gx/en/capital-projects-infrastructure/index.jhtml>

Addition of Specialization Areas

We are excited and enthusiastic about the addition this coming Fall Quarter of three new specialization areas in the MPM program. These areas are listed below together with the new custom-designed courses that comprise their focus in each case.

Transportation Management

Transportation Economics and Finance
Transportation Context Sensitive Solutions
Management of Operations in Transportation
Intelligent Transportation Systems
Infrastructure Decision Making

Real Estate Development

Project Feasibility Analysis and Valuation
Project Funding and Global Capital Markets
Commercial Land Use and the Regulatory Environment
Transaction Management and Mitigating Risk
Asset Management and Strategic Planning

Sustainability

Metrics of Sustainability
Sustainability Management
Policy and Regulations
Sustainable System Design
Economics of Sustainability

Executive Management for Design and Construction

Based on experiences and recommendations gained from the inaugural presentation of the EMDC program last year, a few modifications have been made in the content and schedule of the courses. The six courses comprising the certificate curriculum are listed below, together with the quarter in which they will be taught. Please visit the web site at <http://emdc.northwestern.edu> and encourage your colleagues to consider this program of study to enhance their professional careers.

Fall Quarter

Construction Law and Risk Management
Finance and Accounting for Executives

Winter Quarter

Communication and Negotiation
Advanced Business Strategy

Spring Quarter

Advanced Business Development
Human Resource Management