Jeana Dunlap (MPA ’06) was recently selected to be a Harvard Loeb Fellow. Jeana is the Director of Redevelopment Strategies for Louisville Metro, the consolidated metropolitan government for Kentucky’s largest city.

She’s a pioneer in this role—the office was created in 2016 when the city was awarded a $29.5 million U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Implementation Grant to redevelop the Beecher Terrace public housing complex. The Loeb Fellowship has been awarded by the Harvard Graduate School of Design since the 1960’s. As Dunlap explains, “Each cohort is selected based on their accomplishments and their potential to make the world a better place through the built environment.” Our MPA program provided a foundation for the exciting work she has done and will continue to do in the public sector.

Jeana is also the recipient of the 2020 Lyman T. Johnson Torch of Excellence Award by the UK Alumni Association. UK’s academic colleges and units selected one African American alum whose faith, hard work and determination has positively affected the lives of people on the UK campus, the city, state or nation.

David Wildasin and Merl Hackbart Receive National Awards for Lifetime Achievement

University of Kentucky Martin School of Public Policy and Administration longtime faculty members Merl Hackbart and David Wildasin recently received national recognition for lifetime achievement in their respective fields.

Hackbart is the recipient of the Aaron Wildavsky Lifetime Achievement Award given by the Association for Budgeting and Financial Management in recognition of his lifelong scholarly achievement and service.

Wildasin is the 2020 winner of the National Tax Association’s highest honor, the Daniel M. Holland Medal. This award acknowledges lifetime achievement for the significant contribution Dr. Wildasin made to the study of public finance through his pathbreaking research.

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NSF, Volcker Alliance, FEMA, EPA...

Journal Editorships

JPAM
Associate Editor 2017-2020
Ron Zimmer

International Tax Public Finance
Editor-in-Chief, 2021
David Agrawal

Education, Finance, and Policy
Associate Editor, 2020
Rajeev Darolia

Review of Higher Education
Associate Editor, 2019
Rajeev Darolia

Graduate Outcomes

21% Additional Education
19% Higher Education
17% International Government
15% Government
11% Other

2020 PhD Dr. Jiebing Wen hired as a postdoctoral scholar at Harvard University.
2020 MPA Ryan Pennington is a Budget Policy Analyst for the city of Madison Wisconsin.
2020 MPFM Shaun McKiernan is Director, Budget and Finance at Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education.
2019 PhD Dr. Alex Combs is an Assistant Professor at the University of Georgia.