



Martin School of Public Policy and Administration

2023 Alumni and Friends Reception

Friday April 14, 2023

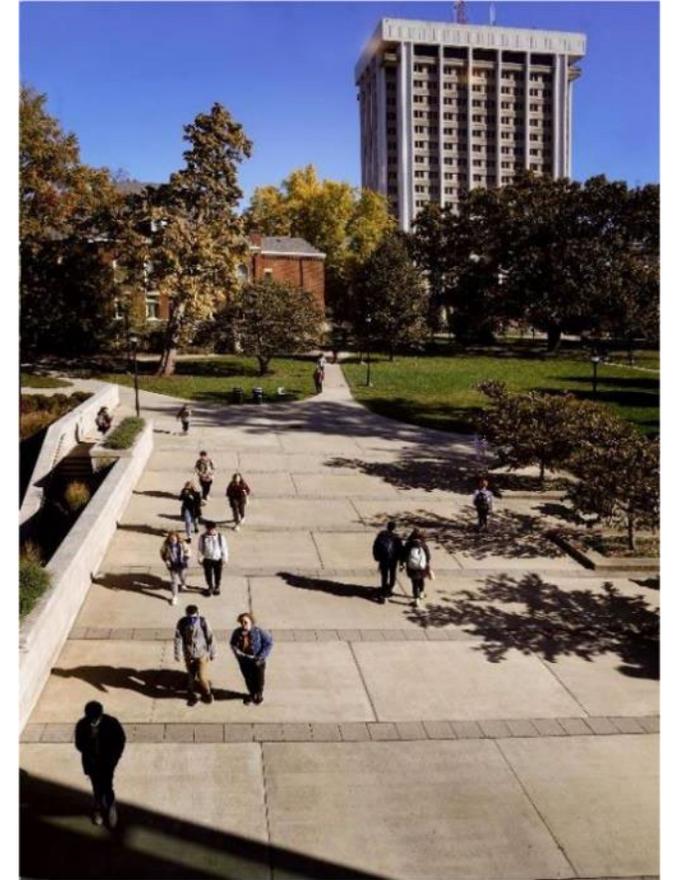
SIGNIFICANT GROWTH

Since 2015, Martin School enrollment has grown from **88 to 186** students in the current academic year.

Much of this growth is from the new undergraduate and online programs.

Students from 13 states have enrolled in our online programs including Kentucky, California, Iowa, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Michigan, Georgia, and South Dakota.

We expect another record incoming undergraduate class. We are attracting both in-and out-of-state students including students from Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, and Oregon.



NATIONAL RANKINGS

Ranked 29th
among Public Affairs Program

Ranked 4th
in Public Finance and Budgeting

by U.S. News & World Report



FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

- **Dr. Raj Darolia was appointed by the U.S. Department of Education to be a senior advisor for one year assignment. He was also promoted to full professor this year.**
- Dr. David Agrawal was appointed as a 2023 Campbell Fellow at Stanford's Hoover Institution.
- Dr. Caroline Weber was appointed coeditor of the National Tax Journal. She also was promoted to associate professor this year.
- **Dr. Hope Harvey's research was featured on National Public Radio's 1A podcast.**
- Dr. Annelise Russell spent six months at the Library of Congress as a research fellow.
- A number of new grants won by Martin School faculty including Drs. Hope Harvey, Caroline Weber, and Raj Darolia.
- Dr. Ron Zimmer's research on state takeover of schools was cited by CNN and NBC News.
- **Brooke Kuerzi won a campus wide outstanding staff award.**



Dr. Rajeev Darolia



Dr. Hope Harvey

STUDENT NEWS

- **Farid Al-Firdaus** (MPA, Non-Profit Certificate) named one of the top 5 Indonesian Community Leaders and started his own non-profit dedicated to increasing voting in Indonesia, VOTES Indonesia Changemakers.
- **Andrew Laws (PPL) is 2022-23 student body president.**
- **Zachary Owen** (PPL) will be serving as an intern through the Victory Institute and will be placed in a U.S. Senator's office for the summer.
- **Hunter McCormick** (PPL) joins U.S. Government Accountability Office, Forensic Audits and Investigative Service.
- **In December 2022 we had a first graduate. This May, we will celebrate six graduates. Four will be attending top graduate schools and two will enter public service careers.**
- **Yun Jun Kim**, was awarded the ABFM Best Graduate Poster Award for his poster titled "How does intergovernmental competition increase government spending?"
- **Recent placements for our MPA/MPP students include UK Health Care, US Forest Service, EPA, Bluegrass Development District, and Commonwealth of Kentucky.**



NEW DIVERSITY INITIATIVE

Received a generous donation from **Judy Barager-Kemper** to establish the **Miriam Jane Van Dyke Barager Endowment for Diversity and Inclusion**.

- It will allow the Martin School to better prepare students to understand the importance of diversity in developing and implementing public policies.
- It reaffirms the Martin School's commitment to actions that promote diversity and inclusiveness in meaningful ways.

Dr. Karida Brown of Emory University recently gave a talk on her book "Gone Home: Race and Roots Through Appalachia", which draws on oral histories to share the culture and history of African Americans from Eastern Kentucky.



EXCITING OPPORTUNITY

Because of enrollment growth, grant funding, and lack of event space, we have outgrown our current space in Patterson Office Tower.

We have an opportunity to move into new space at Miller Hall!!!!

- Will create greater visibility for our undergraduate and graduate programs.
- Hopefully, expand our outreach to the policy community including policymakers in Frankfort.

However, we need to raise \$1.8 million of the total \$6 million cost of renovating the space.

We are in the early stages of launching a major fundraising campaign to reach the goal of \$1.8 million. We will need a lot of help to get there from board members, alumni, faculty, Martin School friends, and everyone who cares about preparing future public policy makers for the challenges they will face.





NATURAL SCIENCE



REMEMBRANCE OF DR. DWIGHT DENISON

Beloved Martin School faculty member, renowned scholar, highly respected colleague and a friend to many both within and outside of the UK community.

He will be truly missed.





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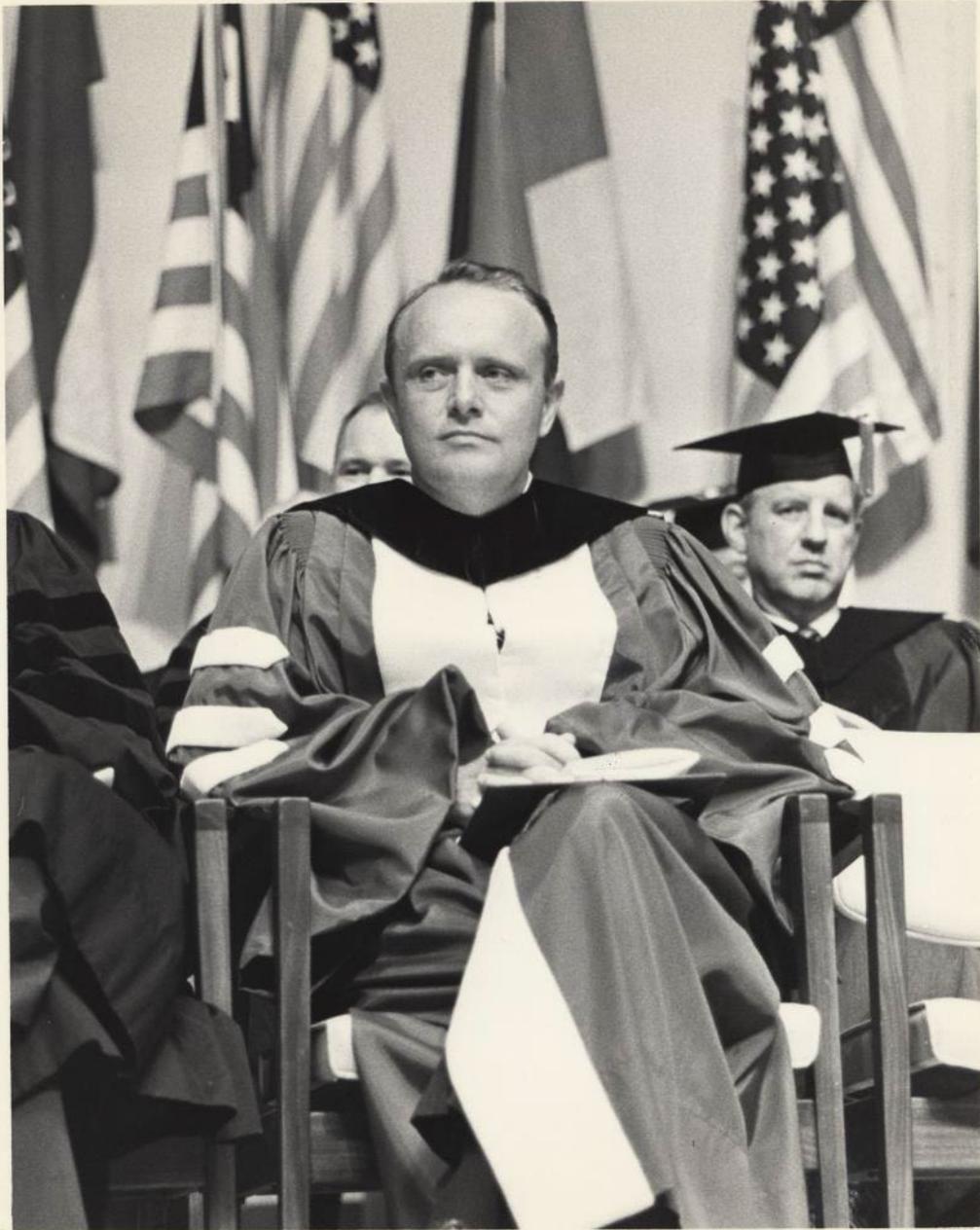


















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ALUMNI NEWS



Dexter Horne



Jinhai Yu

Dexter Horne (MPA, 2018) was honored at the University of Kentucky Lyman T. Johnson Torch of Excellence luncheon for his professional accomplishments.

Andrew Sullivan (Ph.D., 2021) became an Assistant Professor at University of Central Florida.

Jinhai Yu (Ph.D., 2018) become an assistant professor at the University of Connecticut.

Erin Klarer (MPFM, 2020) was promoted to Vice-President of Government Relations and Communications at Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

Ryan Kaffenberger, (MPA, 2018) and Current MPFM Student Promoted to Senior Associate of Finance and Workforce Development Kentucky Council on Post-Secondary Education.



Ryan Kaffenberger



Andrew Sullivan