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National Academy of Public Administration Announces
2021 Class of Academy Fellows
39 Leaders in Public Administration to Join the Academy

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The National Academy of Public Administration today announced that 39 leaders in the field of public administration have been selected for the 2021 Class of Academy Fellows. Induction of the new Fellows will occur during the annual Academy Fall Meeting, which will take place virtually and in-person at five host sites across the country November 3-9.

“I am very pleased to welcome the Academy’s 2021 class of Fellows,” said Terry Gerton, President and CEO of the Academy. “Our distinguished Fellows are nationally recognized for their expertise in the field of public administration and this year’s incoming class is no exception. As government at every level continues to manage the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic in addition to addressing public concerns regarding equity, the environment, the nation’s fiscal health and others, we welcome our new Fellows’ perspective as we work collaboratively to find intergovernmental solutions to the Grand Challenges in Public Administration.”

Selection of the Academy’s new Fellows follows a rigorous review of the individual’s contributions to the field of public administration and policy. A Fellows Nominating Committee, selected by the Academy’s Board Chair, makes its recommendations to the full Fellowship, which then votes on those individuals nominated to be a Fellow. The Committee was co-chaired by Academy Fellows Katherine Siggerud, Former Chief Operating Officer, U.S. Government Accountability Office and Kendra Stewart, Professor and Director Joseph P. Riley, Jr. Center for Livable Communities, College of Charleston.

The 2021 class joins more than 940 Academy Fellows – including former cabinet officers, members of Congress, governors, mayors and state legislators, as well as prominent scholars, business executives, nonprofit leaders, and public administrators. Below is the list of new Academy Fellows:

MOHAMAD ALKADRY
Professor and Department Head, Public Policy, University of Connecticut

MICHAEL BARR
Joan and Sanford Weill Dean, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan
CAROLYN BOURDEAUX  
U.S. Congresswoman, U.S. House of Representatives

THOMAS BRANDT  
Chief Risk Officer, Internal Revenue Service (IRS), U.S. Department of the Treasury

CLARENCE H. CARTER  
Commissioner, Tennessee Department of Human Services

SORAYA CORREA  
Former Chief Procurement Officer, U.S. Department of Homeland Security

BARBARA DYER  
Research Affiliate, Sloan School of Management, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

NURIA ESPARCH  
Former Minister of Defense, Peru

LAWRANCE EVANS  
Managing Director, Applied Research and Methods, U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO)

KYLE FARMBRY  
Professor, School of Public Affairs and Administration, Rutgers University-Newark

AMMA FELIX  
President and CEO, Collegiate Directions, Inc.

ARETHA FERRELL-BENAVIDES  
City Manager, City of Duncanville, Texas

VENTRIS GIBSON  
Director, Department of Human Resources, Government of the District of Columbia

TJ GLAUTHIER  
Former Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy and Former Associate Director, Natural Resources, Energy and Science, U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

SHIRO GNANASELVAM  
Chief Executive Officer, Social Impact

CHET P. HEWITT  
President and CEO, Sierra Health Foundation and The Center for Health Program Management

FREEMAN A. HRABOWSKI, III  
President, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
WILLENE JOHNSON  
Consultant; former Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of New York

NAIM KAPUCU  
Pegasus Professor, School of Public Administration & School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs, University of Central Florida

ARLEAS KEA  
Deputy to the Chairman for External Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)

JUDITH KELLEY  
Dean, Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University

SUSAN KINNEY-PERKINS  
Professor of Logistics, Defense Systems Management College  
Former Director of Logistics, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

KELLY LEROUX  
Professor, Department of Public Administration, University of Illinois Chicago

GINGER LEW  
Senior Advisor, Eagle Creek Renewable Energy

LUIS LUNA-REYES  
Associate Professor, Public Administration and Policy, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs, University at Albany

OPAL MAULDIN-JONES  
City Manager, City of Lancaster, Texas

LAUREL MCFARLAND  
Executive Director, Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration (NASPAA)

NANCY NAVARRO  
Councillmember, Montgomery County Council, Montgomery County, Maryland

KERRY NEAL  
 Managing Director, Financial Policy, Reporting and Analysis, Comptroller and Global Financial Services, U.S. Department of State

TIMOTHY PERSONS  
Chief Scientist and Managing Director, Science, Technology Assessment, and Analytics, U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO)
MARIA ROAT
Deputy Federal Chief Information Officer, U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB)

WILLIAM RODGERS
Vice President and Director, Institute for Economic Equity, Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis

THOMAS ROSS
President, Volcker Alliance

MARK SCHWARTZ
County Manager, Arlington County, Virginia

SHERRY SUTTLES
Former local government administrator, management consultant, grant writer, author/editor/historian, filmmaker

MARY TSCHIRHART
Director, Trachtenberg School of Public Policy & Public Administration, George Washington University

PEGGY VALENTINE
Vice President, Allied Health Education, Vanderbilt University Medical Center

VICKY WILKIINS
Dean and Professor, School of Public Affairs, The American University

KENNETH WONG
Walter and Leonore Annenberg Professor of Education Policy; Director of Urban Education Policy Program; and Professor of Political Science, Public Policy, and Urban Studies, Brown University

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