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Binghamton University's Rubaii to Serve as NASPAA President
USC's Knott becomes Vice President; four Executive Council members elected

(October 31, 2011) -- **Nadia Rubaii** of Binghamton University became the 2011-12 President of the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) at NASPAA's Annual Conference, held earlier this month in Kansas City, MO.

[Rubaii](#) is Associate Professor in the Department of Public Administration at Binghamton. She previously served on NASPAA's Executive Council from 2000-03 and chaired the Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation from 2007-09.

"Nadia Rubaii has been a leader in the public affairs education community for almost 15 years," said NASPAA Executive Director Laurel McFarland. "We are honored to have someone with her experience and commitment to educating the next generation of public sector professionals, and to social equity, as our president."

[Jack Knott](#), Dean of the School of Policy, Planning, and Development at the University of Southern California, was elected Vice President and President-elect.

Four active public affairs faculty were elected to three-year terms on NASPAA's Executive Council:

[David Birdsell](#), Dean of the School of Public Affairs at Baruch College, City University of New York

[Roger Hartley](#), Director of the Master of Public Affairs program at Western Carolina University

[Younguck Kang](#), Professor of Policy Analysis and Public Finance at the Korea Development Institute School of Public Policy and Management

[Palmira Rios Gonzalez](#), Director of the Graduate School of Public Administration at the University of Puerto Rico

Of note, Kang is the first Council member from a non-U.S. institution; NASPAA began accepting non-U.S. schools as full members in 2009.

[Frances Berry](#), Professor of Public Administration at Florida State University, has completed her term as president, and will remain on NASPAA's Executive Committee as Immediate Past President.

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