

## CURRENT STUDENTS

### **Krista DeJoseph, MPA, '08**

Krista is a graduate assistant at the School of Public Affairs' Office of Career Services (OCS). In addition to her work in career services, Krista shoulders a great deal of responsibility in volunteer and non-profit activities. She sits on the board of the Young Nonprofit Professionals Network of New York City chairing their Professional Development Program, volunteers as a grant writer with Girls Write Now, contributes to *Ins & Outs* magazine, and oversees a Memorial Scholarship fund through John Jay College.

As part of her capstone project for her MPA, Krista has been researching mental health services in post-Katrina New Orleans, and recently visited Louisiana to meet with mental health providers in that area. Her prior research experience focused on childbirth and the medicalization of the birthing process, culminating in a presentation she gave at the 2007 Feminist Studies Group Conference at the CUNY Graduate Center. Krista is also an accomplished artist and entrepreneur as the sole proprietor of Sprout Jewelry. Sprout Jewelry is her line of custom-made jewelry, pieces of which are donated to help non-profit organizations such as Dress for Success and River Cities raise funds. Sprout Jewelry is sold online and in boutiques across the country.

### **Adenike Huggins, BSPA, '05; MPA, '08**

Adenike, a current MPA candidate in Baruch's School of Public Affairs, is the College's latest recipient of the Fellowship on Women and Public Policy program at SUNY Albany's Rockefeller School Center for Women in Government & Civil Society. "Adenike continues a proud tradition of SPA students dedicated to expanding the State's

attention to women in the policy-making process," said SPA dean David Birdsell.

### **Famod Konneh, MPA, '08**

In addition to being a full time student, Famod interns at two public agencies--the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and the New York State Attorney General's Office. At the MTA, Famod works in the Department of Buses, where he facilitates the training of all new bus operators, and reviews and updates their employment packages. At the Attorney General's Office, he works as a Liaison, specifically studying how New York State is represented to the public on social and economic issues. Famod credits these very different internships as "invaluable career builders."

### **Maria Singer, MPA, '08**

Maria interned this past fall at the United Nations in the Demographic Statistics Section. Maria was responsible for organizing the text of the Principles and Recommendations, researching and suggesting articles for inclusion in the census knowledge base, and assisting the Demographic Yearbook team with proofreading historical data.

## ALUMNI

### **Lorenzo Brown, MPA, '00**

Lorenzo is the founder and Executive Director of Heavens Hands Community Services, Inc., a non-profit social service agency servicing individuals with developmental disabilities in New York City. In 2000, while attending Baruch College's School of Public Affairs, Lorenzo completed the incorporation of Heaven's Hands Community Services, Inc. And, as if he weren't busy enough, in 2006, Lorenzo joined forces with a number of executive colleagues to develop the New York Association of Emerg-

ing and Multicultural Providers (NYAEMP). NYAEMP is the state's first association of providers dedicated to mentoring and providing technical support to new and emerging agencies serving individuals with developmental disabilities. Lorenzo currently serves as NYAEMP's President.

### **Jodi Brockington, MPA/NUF, '00**

Jodi recently accepted a position as the Vice President of the Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Management at Merrill Lynch. Her primary responsibilities are to devise and report metrics to measure the success of sales efforts, assist in the oversight and implementation of sales, and create marketing strategies. In addition, Jodi leads six philanthropic consultants geographically dispersed across the United States and manages all Research for Proposals (RFPs).

### **Wendy M. Garay, MSED**

*(Higher Education Administration) '06*

Wendy accepted a position as Director of Study Abroad for the Madrid Campus at Suffolk University. Wendy is based out of Suffolk University's Boston Campus and will work as part of the Center for International Education under the direction of the Vice President of Enrollment and International Programs, and the Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. She travels domestically and internationally to recruit students for Suffolk Madrid's numerous study abroad programs. Wendy also works on developing new partnerships and designs faculty-led programs for Suffolk University and its affiliates.

### **Ron Gonzalez, MPA/NUF, '07**

Ron was appointed Project Director of the New Brunswick School-Based Youth Services Project. Fresh from the Robert Wood

Johnson Foundation, Ron was selected to participate in the prestigious National Urban Fellows (NUF) program while completing his MPA at Baruch's School of Public Affairs. His extensive professional background allows Ron to bring considerable organizational and program management experience to the health and human service field.

**Kanika Jefferies, MPA/NUF, '06**

Kanika has been appointed a New York State Public Management Intern (PMI) in the Office of Mental Health. During this full-time paid internship, interns serve in an administrative position within a State agency and participate in rotational assignments, a mentoring program, and special training to complement their on-the-job learning, leading to a full time position in State government. These internships are highly competitive, and, according to the PMI program "attract talented individuals from graduate programs across the country, [and] represent a significant accomplishment."

**Tina Labthavikul-Smith, MPA '07**

Tina was awarded the Fellowship on Women and Public Policy from the Center for Women and Government & Civil Society in Washington. Tina has moved to Albany will work on special population matters in the office of Mental Health. "The Center for Women and Government & Civil Society is a research, leadership development, and public policy education organization which works to advance women's employment equity and policy influence. Through its Public Policy Leadership Program that encourages girls' and women's involvement in the policy process, the Center hopes to make public policy more responsive to the needs of women, children, and families."

**Brendan Lyons,**

*MSED (Educational Leadership) '07*

Brendan is currently employed as an Assistant Principal of Supervision for The East Bronx Academy, a 6-12 secondary school located adjacent to Crotona Park, in the Bronx. Brendan is responsible for direct supervision of the 6th and 7th grades. He is also Team Leader for the Inquiry Team and is responsible for analyzing student performance data in order to impact instruction.

**Sarah Nadeau, MPA, '07**

Sarah is the Deputy Director of the Council for Prejudice Reduction and an education researcher at the National Center for Schools and Communities. On September 21, 2007, Sarah co-hosted the 10th annual Student Observance of the International Day of Peace at the United Nations. On this Day of Peace, invited students heard were welcomed by UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon, and remarks by United Nations Ambassadors of Peace, notably Jane Goodall, Michael Douglas, Elie Wiesel and Princess Haya of Jordan.

Along with her co-host, Kymberli Stewart, of Viacom Corp., Sarah moderated presentations and question-and-answer sessions between 800 students at the UN Headquarters and groups of students in Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Lebanon, via videoconference. Students shared stories and observations about how the conflicts in their countries affected their daily lives, hopes, and dreams. The Day of Peace observance was webcast live through the UN and is available for viewing at [www.cyberschoolbus.un.org/peaceday/2007](http://www.cyberschoolbus.un.org/peaceday/2007).

**Holly Anne Reichert, MSED, '06**

In a January 9, 2008 article in the New York Times, Holly Anne, who graduated from the School of Public Affairs MSED - Educational Leadership program in May 2006, was named principal of the Khalil Gibran International Academy. Holly has worked in the city public schools for more than nine years, first as an English as a Second Language teacher and, later, as a teacher mentor. She has also spent much time in

the Arab world, including work as a Peace Corps volunteer in Yemen, as a teaching fellow at the American University in Cairo, and as head of the English department at an English-Arabic dual language school in Bahrain. She has a bachelor's degree in Arabic Language and Social Anthropology from the University of London, and master's degrees from the American University in Cairo, Teachers College at Columbia University and Baruch College.

**Charles Theofan, MPA '75**

In a January 8, 2008 article in Newsday.com, Charles, who has a master's degree in public administration from the School of Public Affairs at Baruch College and a law degree from the University of Toledo College of Law in Ohio, will become the eighth city manager in Long Beach. Charles is currently head of planning and economic development for the Town of Hempstead, but had served as corporation counsel and then city manager in Long Beach in 2004 and 2005, the only other time the GOP ran what is considered a Democratic stronghold.

**Antoinette Wilcken, MPA, '07**

Antoinette accepted a position with the Department of Education as a Business Process Analyst. She is working on a team that includes four others to revamp in-house processes for the largest school system in the nation that has over 135,000 employees. Her job includes identifying and implementing processes compatible with new and current systems beginning with the Human Resources Department.