

July 17, 2014

Greetings Incoming MPA Tribal Governance Students,

Welcome to the MPA Tribal Governance Program at The Evergreen State College (TESC).

We are writing as your first year Core teaching team. We are: Michael Lane and Doreen Swetkis for the Fall quarter; Michael Lane and Laurance Geri for the Winter quarter and Linda Moon Stumpff and Laurance Geri for the Spring quarter. You can learn more about us on the MPA website (<http://www.evergreen.edu/mpa>) at the [Faculty and Staff](#) link.

We know some of you are anxious to get started on preparing for the academic year. Enclosed with this letter is the book list for Fall quarter. Note you have three readings to complete before the first session (Friday, October 3, 12-7pm, Saturday, October 4, 9am-5pm, and Sunday 9am to 5pm). One of your orientation readings is included with this letter, the mini-guide: *Critical Thinking, Concepts and Tools*.

We've placed a book order through the Evergreen Bookstore; they offer both used versions and, for some books, rental options. Of course, you can also purchase your books through any web-based retailer. We've embedded web links to Amazon.com on the booklist; we are not necessarily recommending you use Amazon, com. It is a place to start for complete information about the books.

We are also posting this letter and the book list to the MPA website (<http://www.evergreen.edu/mpa/coursesyllabi.htm>) and have already sent an email through your cohort's list serve (mpa-tribal2014@lists.evergreen.edu) so you have access to embedded links. If you don't plan to regularly check your Evergreen email, go into your account and have emails from that account forwarded to your preferred account.

The first session starts on October 3rd 2014 at noon (12 pm) and is inclusive of Orientation. The location will be included in the syllabus, which is forthcoming.

You have **one assignment, due Friday, October 3, 2014** as follows:

Assignment #1: Prepare for seminar on the book, *Cosmopolitanism: Ethics in a World of Strangers* and the reading, *The Ethical Space of Engagement* by Willie Ermine which can be found here: <https://tspace.library.utoronto.ca/bitstream/1807/17129/1/ILJ-6.1-Ermine.pdf> You are to write a 1000 word reflection paper inspired by the two readings. A reflection paper does not require citations and is a summary of your understanding, thoughts and views on what was read.

We are in process of building our course website. You will submit all assignments electronically through the website.

Finally, if you have some spare time on your hands this summer and would like to do a bit of reading to lay the groundwork for your MPA experience, we suggest the following (suggested readings embedded):

- [Contemporary theories of government and governance](#)
- [History of economic thought](#)
- [American Civics 101](#)
- [Indian Nations/Sovereignty 101](#)

A full syllabus will be posted, and the website will go live, sometime in September. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call or email one of us.

The MPA Tribal Governance Cohort Team