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Dear Incoming MPA Student,

Congratulations on being accepted into the MPA Program at Evergreen and welcome!

We are writing as your first year Core teaching team. We are: Marc Baldwin, Larry Geri, Cheryl Simrell King, and Doreen Swetkis. Marc, Larry and Doreen will be with you in Core for all three quarters. Michael Lane replaces Cheryl in the Spring term. 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 term. The books are listed in the order they are assigned.

Note you have three readings to complete before Orientation (Friday, October 3, 3-7pm & Saturday, October 4, 9am-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-pnapp2014@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.

Because of Orientation, recall there is **no class on Thursday October 2**. Our regular schedule (every Thursday night) begins Thursday, October 9.

You have **one assignment, due Saturday, October 4**, as follows:

Assignment #1: Prepare for seminar on the book, *Cosmopolitanism: Ethics in a World of Strangers*, using the Outline for Preparation, illustrated in Table 4.2 (p. 40), of *Learning Through Discussion*. Take electronic notes on your responses to Steps 1-7 in Table 4.2. You will turn in your notes.

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. We'll keep in touch.

The Faculty Team