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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, Cheryl Simrell King, and Doreen Swetkis. We also have a Fulbright Scholar from Germany, Lukas Richter, joining our team as a teaching associate.

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 your assignments for Orientation (Saturday, September 26 and Sunday, September 27 – start at 9am) and the first week of class (Thursday, October 1) are at the bottom of the book list.

The rest of the college is also reading *Thinking in Emergencies* for orientation (called “O” week) – the author, Ellen Scarry, will be on campus during “O” week (Sept 21-25). She is the featured speaker for Convocation (Monday, September 21) and will be lecturing/participating in seminars in other contexts (she’s at the Tacoma campus Monday evening). You can get more information about “O” week activities through Greener Commons and the college’s website, when the information is available.

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.

A full syllabus will be posted, and the website will go live, sometime mid-September. We’ll let you know.

Cheryl is acting as Course Coordinator for the year; if you have any questions, address them to her.

Best wishes,

The Faculty Team

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