

# Welcome to UMBC Public Policy



## New Director of Public Policy

We welcome Dr. Susan Sterett who joined us in fall 2017 as the new director of the UMBC School of Public Policy. Dr. Sterett joins us after working three years as a professor at Virginia Tech. Prior to that, Dr. Sterett served for three years as the program director for law and social sciences at the National Science Foundation. At the University of Denver, she spent many years in political science, where she served for two years as an associate dean for the University of Denver's Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences academic unit.

Dr. Sterett received her Ph.D. in jurisprudence and social policy from the University of California, Berkeley. She works within law and social sciences, where her research, teaching, and writing have focused on what people and institutions do with law and policy, particularly around social welfare issues. She is currently in the last year of a three-year term as a co-editor for Law and Society Review. She is delighted to have joined UMBC and to get to know her colleagues. Dr. Sterett is advocating for opportunities to bridge STEM and public policy programs in order to work together to solve some of today's most pressing issues.

## Retired Faculty

Dr. Don Norris retired (August 2017)  
Dr. Mary Mandell retired (December 2017)

## New Faculty

Dr. Susan Sterett has joined us (August 2017)  
Dr. Jane Lincove, associate professor (August 2017)  
Dr. Pamela Bennett, associate professor (August 2017)  
Dr. Zoe McLaren will join us as an associate professor (August 2018)

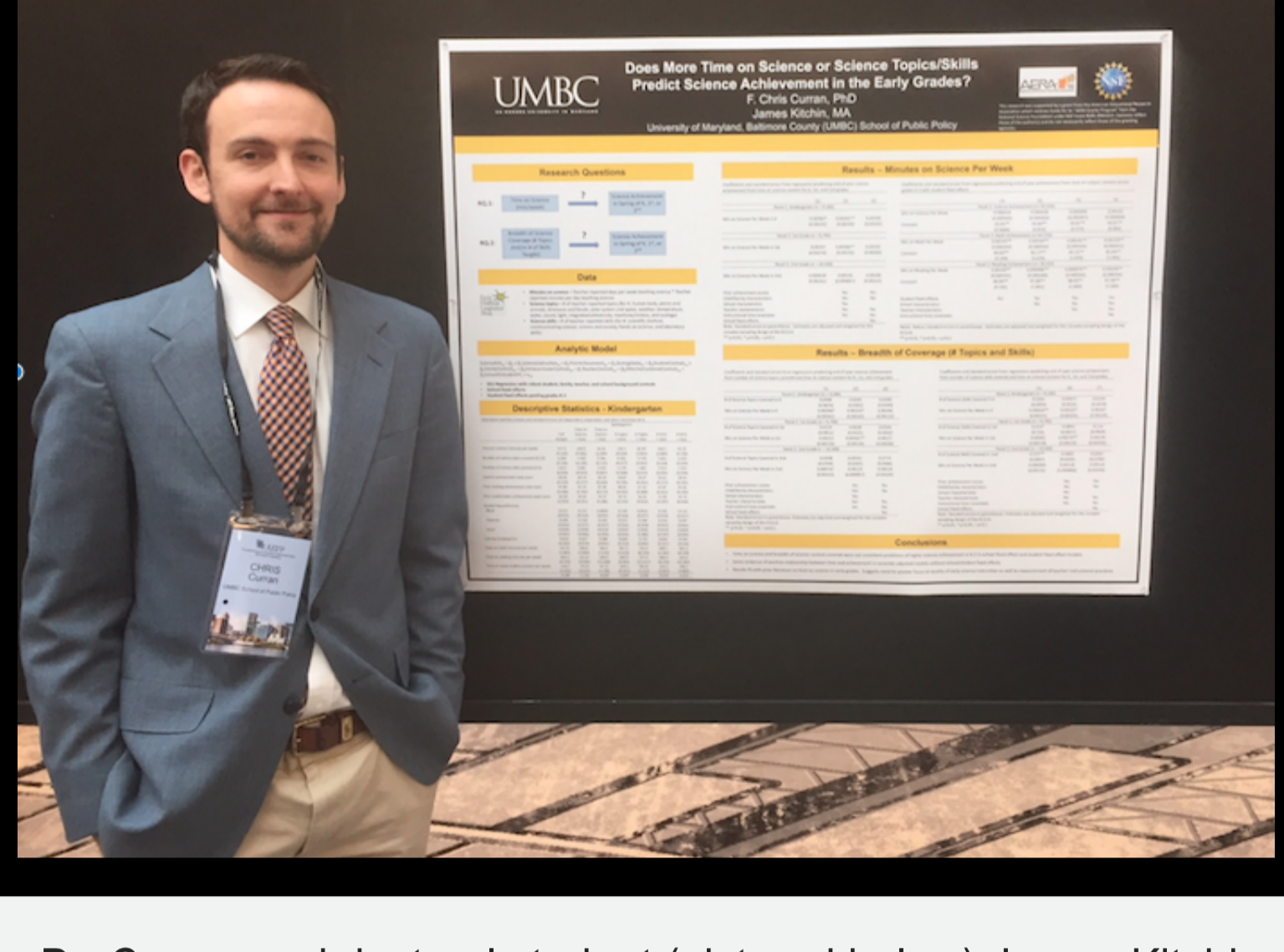
## Meet Dr. Jane Lincove

Dr. Jane Lincove is an associate professor in education policy. Her research focuses on the implementation and effects of market-based policy in public education, including teacher compensation, and the equity effects on low-income families, minorities, and girls.

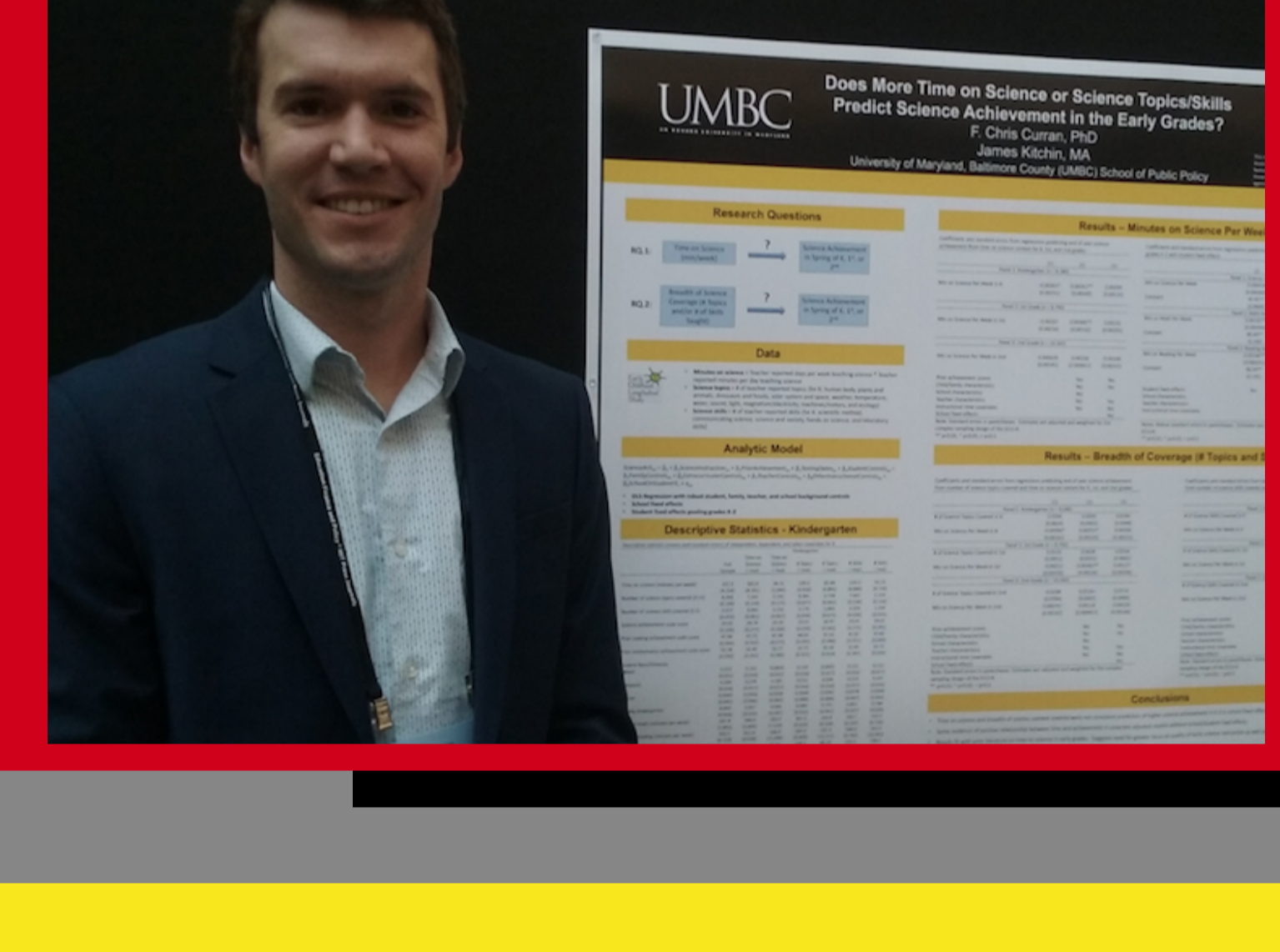
Dr. Lincove teaches PUBL 604 Statistical Analysis and PUBL 611 Causal Inference in Program Evaluation. Dr. Lincove received her Ph.D from University of Southern California. She is also a research associate with Tulane University with her research interests include identifying obstacles to college access for minority and low-income high school graduates, measuring the equity effects of school choice lotteries, and learning how charter schools influence the supply and quality of public education. Dr. Lincove's forthcoming research involves the Maryland Longitudinal Data Study to gather information about subject placement exams, high school graduates and where students go to college. Dr. Lincove feels at home at UMBC as she grew up in Arlington, VA.



# Faculty Highlights



Dr. Curran and doctoral student (pictured below) James Kitchin presented their research at the AEFPP (Association for Education Finance and Policy) in March 2018.



## Faculty Research

Dr. John Rennie Short's new book, Hosting the Olympic Games: The Real Cost for Cities was published in spring 2018.

Dr. Chris Curran's recent study, "Income-Based Disparities in Early Elementary School Science Achievement", was published in the *Elementary School Journal*.

Dr. Pamela Bennett's article on affirmative action and higher education was published in *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.

# Student Highlights



NASPAA Student Simulation  
Dave Anguish (gray blazer, pictured) and his team work together on their policy proposal.

Jennifer Smith (Ph.D. candidate) was the Shinogle research award recipient.

Erin Stauder (Ph.D. candidate) was recently named by the Daily Record to its 2018 listing of top 100 women. Stauder is the Executive Director of the Hearing and Speech Agency.

Laura Mateczun (Ph.D. candidate) wrote a film review on *Hidden Figures* which was published in *The Journal of Health and Human Experience*, in which she stressed the important role of women of color in STEM.

Danrui Lu (Ph.D. student) received the "Award for Outstanding Charitable Action" in the first Yangzhou Charity Award ceremony as announced by Yangzhou City Government (Yangzhou, Jiangsu Province, China) and Yangzhou Niangsu for her continuing contributions to local child equity, particularly in child education. Ms. Lu created the Danrui Educational Grant which supports more than 80 children to return to school, and the charity also influences local charity awareness.

## NASPAA Student Simulation

UMBC Public Policy students Rebecca Postowski (M.P.P. '19 Environmental Policy), Erica Peery and David Anguish (M.P.P. '18 Public Management) competed in a global health simulation in D.C. where they used key public policy concepts to address a simulated global pandemic.

The teams played four rounds which included writing policy briefs and sharing results to the "Prime Minister" for a final presentation. Among the other 560 of the NASPAA Student Batten Simulation participants, were students at competition sites in nine U.S. states as well as in China, Colombia, Egypt, Hungary, and South Korea.

# Alumni

Robert Cennamo, MPP '08 was named Baltimore City Budget Director.

Michael T. Walsh's, Ph.D. '12, first book published on December 2017 by Arcadia Publishing/The History Press. The book, entitled Baltimore Prohibition: Wet and Dry in the Free State, is a more condensed version of his doctoral dissertation purposely geared towards a more general readership.

Chris Haffer, Ph.D. '93, After 25 years with CMS, Dr. Haffer moved in November 2017 into the Senior Executive Service as the first Chief Data Officer and Director of the Office of Research, Information and Planning of the U.S. Equal Opportunity Commission.

David Muhlhause, Ph.D. '04, was appointed as the Director of the National Institute of Justice, Department of Justice.



Rear Admiral Sylvia Trent-Adams, Ph.D. '06, the current Deputy Surgeon General of the United States, received the Outstanding Alumna in the Social and Behavioral Sciences.

# Summer Course

There is still time to sign up for PUBL 610-01 titled "Program Evaluation for the Public Policy Interventions."

This course is taught by an alumna, Dr. Lina Martinez, who has experience working at The World Bank, American Development Bank and as a consultant in Colombia.

The class will be a hybrid class in the second summer session (early July – early August) for 4 weeks and 3 credits.

The students will meet in the classroom two evenings a week and the remainder of the work will be online.

Office of Summer and Winter Programs  
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Lina Martinez, Ph.D. '12

Congratulations class of 2017 and class of 2018 graduates.

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