Three Join Institute Faculty

Phillip Boyle

Phillip Boyle joined the Institute of Government in August 1999 as an associate professor of public management and government. He will teach, consult, and write in the areas of democratic governance and organizational development for school boards and superintendents. He also will teach political and public administration theory in the Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program at the Institute. Boyle is particularly interested in what the roles and responsibilities of leaders are in different types of organizations, and how citizens, elected officials, and community leaders participate in and learn from democratic governance.

Before joining the Institute, Boyle taught in the Master of Science in Management Program at Regis University, the Center for Management Development at the University of Denver, and the MPA Program at the University of Colorado at Denver. He has extensive experience in issues related to human resources, having served as a consultant on personnel issues for the city and county of Denver and having worked for several years in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Boyle received a B.A. in 1976 from Monmouth University, an M.S. in social policy and administration in 1980 from Columbia University’s School of Social Work, and a Ph.D. in public administration in 1997 from the Graduate School of Public Affairs at the University of Colorado at Denver.

William Rivenbark

As of July 1, 1999, William Rivenbark is the new director of the North Carolina Local Government Performance Measurement Project, a program developed for cities and counties to use in measuring and assessing their performance and comparing the results across jurisdictions. Rivenbark also will provide technical assistance to local government, conduct applied research, and teach courses for local government officials and students in the MPA Program.

Rivenbark comes to the Institute from Greenville, South Carolina, where he served in various management positions, including finance director. His areas of specialization include public budgeting and finance, performance measurement, and local government administration. He has done research on such topics as taxation policy and governmental accounting. Among his publications are articles in Public Administration Quarterly, Public Finance Review, and the International Journal of Public Administration.

Rivenbark earned a B.S. in business administration from Auburn University in 1989, an M.P.A. from...
Jessica Smith

Jessica Smith joined the Institute faculty in January of this year and will specialize in criminal law and procedure. Her interests also include appellate litigation and judicial administration. Initially she will work part-time, assuming full-time responsibilities by summer 2000.

Smith has experience in both criminal law and appellate litigation, having served as law clerk to Judge W. Earl Britt of the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of North Carolina, and Judge J. Dickson Phillips, Jr., of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. She also worked for a private law firm in Washington, D.C., specializing in litigation and dispute resolution.

While employed by this firm, she assisted the Council for Court Excellence, a nonprofit group working on local court reform. Her publications include a recent article in the University of North Carolina Law Review advocating interjurisdictional certification (procedures that allow federal courts to obtain answers to questions of state law from a state’s highest court) in North Carolina.

Smith earned her B.A. in 1987 from the University of Pennsylvania and then did her law studies there, receiving a J.D. in 1992. In law school she was the managing editor of the University of Pennsylvania Law Review.

— Jennifer Henderson

Institute Construction Moves Forward

Mounds of red clay and yards of concrete, rebar, and lumber retaining walls are rising from the Institute of Government’s construction site. Since early January of this year, the general contractor, Richard Beach Builders, has been digging and pouring footings for the new dining and library wing, the central courtyard, and the colonnaded front entrance along South Road leading into the university. In February, footings were started on the southwest side, where a three-story skylit galleria, a new classroom wing, and a two-level parking deck will be located.

Once the footings are complete, the concrete first-level walls and columns will be formed and placed. Also, the plumbing contractor, Acme Plumbers, will begin to install sanitary, storm, and water systems in both areas. The mechanical contractor, Watco Corporation, has been coordinating underground piping installation, and the electrical contractor, L. L. Vann Electric, is starting to lay out ducts and install conduits for wiring.

The Institute continues to work on raising the remaining $4 million needed to ensure complete construction, furnishing, equipping, and landscaping of the newly renovated and expanded building. We appreciate the help of many friends, colleagues, clients, and students from across the state who already have contributed. To date, more than $120,000 has been pledged to fund the Nannette Mengel Garden in the central courtyard. Additional gifts recognize the contributions of individuals and professional organizations that work closely with the Institute.

Also in progress is a three-year $900,000 campaign launched in 1999 by members of the North Carolina League of Municipalities and the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners to name a classroom wing of the building in honor of the sixty-nine-year partnership between North Carolina’s local governments and the Institute.

With the existing building doubling in size, many opportunities are available to recognize permanently the past or present public service of individuals, organizations, and businesses. Special naming gifts or outright gifts may be made to the Institute of Government Foundation’s capital improvement fund. Please contact Ann C. Simpson at the Institute for more information: phone (919) 966-9780; e-mail simpson@iomail.iog.unc.edu.

— Ann Simpson