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**Dr. Tony Wohlers to deliver lecture on October 9 on
“The Digital World of Local Government: Insights from the United States and Germany”**

CHAPEL HILL, NC – Tony Wohlers, Ph.D., will deliver a lecture titled, “The Digital World of Local Government: Insights from the United States and Germany” at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 9, in the School of Government’s Knapp-Sanders Building. This event is free and open to the public. A reception will precede the lecture at 3 p.m.

Wohlers has undertaken considerable qualitative and quantitative research focused on the role of neighborhood groups in local government, the impact of e-government and perceptions of risk on public policymaking, and urban growth approaches in large cities. His research on e-government has received attention across the United States and abroad, and he has made presentations at the Northeastern Political Science Association Annual Meeting and the 5th International Conference on Politics and Information Systems Technologies and Applications, where he was recognized for a paper titled, “E-Government: Trends and Sophistication at the Local Level.”

A native of Germany, Wohlers is an assistant professor in the Department of History and Government at Cameron University in Lawton, Okla. He specializes in public policy, public administration, comparative politics, European politics, and research methods. Wohlers earned a Ph.D. in political science from Northern Illinois University, a master’s degree in political science from the University of Illinois, and three bachelor’s degrees in political science and history from Sonoma State University and the University of Saarland, Germany. His doctoral dissertation analyzed the influence of neighborhood groups on local agenda-setting.

The presentation by Wohlers is part of the 2008–2009 Lecture Series sponsored by the Carolina Society for Future Leaders, the UNC-Chapel Hill Student Congress, the Master of Public Administration Program, and the School of Government.

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