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## **Faculty Member Carl Stenberg Receives ICMA Academic Award**

CHAPEL HILL, NC –Carl Stenberg, professor of public administration and government, will receive the International City/County Management Association’s Stephen B. Sweeney Academic Award at ICMA’s annual conference in September. The award recognizes “a classroom instructor who has made a significant contribution to the formal education of students pursuing careers in local government.” Stenberg was nominated by Tom Lundy, county manager of Catawba County, and Julie Brenman, former budget director and assistant city manager for the City of Durham.

According to the nomination, “Whether it’s formal education for graduate students or continuing education for public officials trying to enhance their careers, [Carl Stenberg] helps his students find their way in local government. He connects students with professionals, and professionals with each other. He is particularly good at engaging students in the classroom, asking questions that get them thinking and talking to each other.”

The nomination also emphasized Stenberg’s “understanding of the rigors and challenges facing public officials, and his interest in helping public leaders do their jobs most effectively,” and his work in developing and directing the Public Executive Leadership Academy (PELA) as examples of his helping to bridge the gap between academics and practitioners.

Carl Stenberg joined the School of Government in 2003. Previously, he served as dean of Yale Gordon College of Liberal Arts, University of Baltimore; director of the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service, University of Virginia; executive director of the Council of State Governments; and assistant director of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations. He is former feature editor of *Public Administration Review* and co-author of *America’s Future Work Force*. In 2006 he was named director of the MPA program at the School of Government. Stenberg holds a BA from Allegheny College and an MPA and a PhD from the State University of New York at Albany.

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