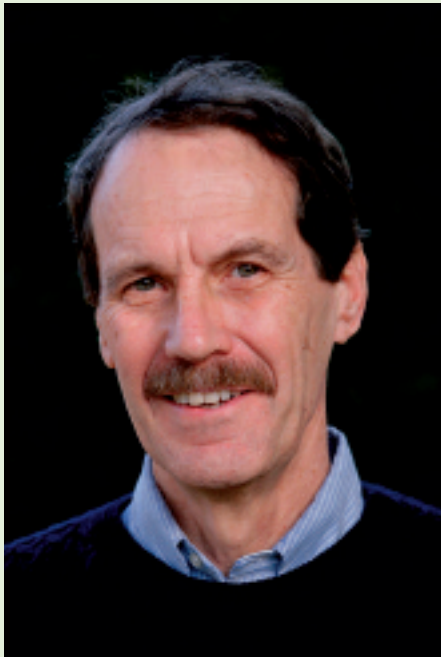




## Professorship Campaign to Honor Faculty Member David Lawrence



David M. Lawrence

David M. Lawrence, professor of public law and government, will retire in December 2009 after forty years on the School's faculty. To honor his many contributions to North Carolina, a campaign is under way to fund a David M. Lawrence Distinguished Professorship at the School. The campaign committee is chaired by Mac McCarley, Charlotte city attorney, and composed of local government officials and association and business leaders.

"Our goal is to raise \$333,000, to be matched with \$167,000 from the state, to create this new professorship," said McCarley. "We cannot think of a better or more appropriate way to honor David for the great work he has done over the years at the School of Government, and to help the School continue the kind of support he and others provide to all of us in local government."

Lawrence joined the School in 1968, when it was known as the Institute of Government. As part of his work in legal aspects of public finance, he has written on local government revenues, budgeting and fiscal control, and capital finance, publishing more than twenty books, some of which are considered required reading in government agencies. As part of his work in local government law, he has written an additional twenty books and countless chapters, articles, and bulletins on annexation, public records, open meetings, governing board procedures, and economic development.

The David M. Lawrence Distinguished Professorship will help provide resources to cultivate top-notch faculty who will apply their own expertise, creativity, and commitment in service to public officials in North Carolina. To fund the professorship, the campaign committee is seeking gifts from local government professional associations, law firms, businesses, and individuals that have worked with Lawrence. Gifts of any amount are welcome, and pledges may be paid over a period of up to three years.

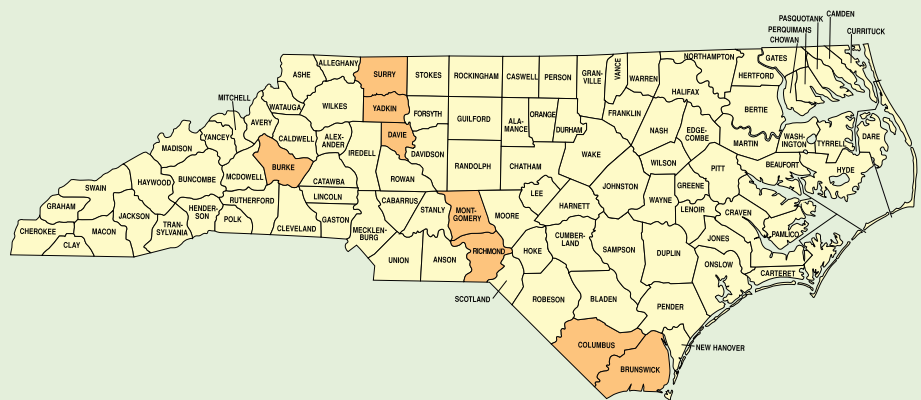
"The School has had many great faculty members throughout its history," said Dean Michael R. Smith, "but the breadth and depth of David's knowledge about local government law is remarkable. He is the quintessential practical scholar—an excellent teacher, a great writer, and an insightful advisor."

To make a gift to the Lawrence Professorship, visit [www.sog.unc.edu/development/lawrence](http://www.sog.unc.edu/development/lawrence).

## Local Government Service Corps to Aid Twelve Communities

Twelve towns, chosen in geographic clusters, will participate in the North Carolina Local Government Service Corps: Drexel, Hildebran, and Rutherford College; Boonville, Cooleemee, and Dobson; Candor, Ellerbe, and Star; and Bolton, Navassa, and Northwest. The initiative, a partnership between the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Government and Appalachian State University, is designed to assist some of the most economically distressed communities in the state. The project is funded by a grant from the Golden LEAF Foundation. The North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center and the North Carolina League of Municipalities have been active in supporting the corps and shaping its development.

The pilot phase of the service corps project will deploy four recent graduates from three of the state's Master of Public Administration (MPA) programs to work as Golden LEAF management advisors with the selected communities. They will provide hands-on economic development and capacity-building assistance to the communities for two years, beginning in August 2009. Each cluster of communities has agreed to share the services of a management advisor and has defined specific pro-



Twelve North Carolina communities, located in the eight counties highlighted above, have been selected to work with the new North Carolina Local Government Service Corps' Golden LEAF management advisors.

jects or priorities to be addressed during the two-year period.

In addition, public officials in the host communities will receive scholarships to attend regional Essentials of Economic Development workshops offered by the School of Government in partnership with Appalachian State University and other universities.

Emily Williamson, Hildebran town council member and vice president for student development at Western Piedmont Community College, said, "The impact of our participation in the service corps program should be transformative. The elected officials and residents of Hildebran have

invested in planning and strategies to assist in our community's economic recovery, and the skills that a professional manager can provide will enable our community to pursue and implement these strategies in ways we would not do otherwise."

The Golden LEAF management advisors are John Gowan from UNC-Chapel Hill, Elton Daniels from UNC-Wilmington, and Amanda Reid and Tyler Beardsley from Appalachian State University.

For more information about the Local Government Service Corps, contact project director Will Lambe at 919.966.4247 or [whlambe@sog.unc.edu](mailto:whlambe@sog.unc.edu).

## Graduates Leave MPA Program Well Prepared

**T**wenty-five students from the School of Government's Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program participated in graduation exercises on May 9 at the Knapp-Sanders Building. In his opening remarks, Dean Michael R. Smith assured the students that they are well prepared, saying, "You leave here with the commitment needed to make the kind of changes we need to see in the world."

Two graduating students received awards: Mary Tiger, the Deil Wright Capstone Paper Award for her capstone research on drought surcharges, and Duane Hampton, the Nanette V. Mengel Communications Award

for his capstone presentation on municipal police working for private clients.

MPA alumni Sharon and Doug Rothwell gave the commencement address jointly. Sharon is vice president of corporate affairs for Masco Corporation, and Doug is president of Detroit Renaissance. Four years ago, they established the Rothwell Scholarship, which is awarded annually to an outstanding student in the MPA Program. "It is good to want to make the world a better place and help society," Sharon told the graduates. "A little idealism can prompt you to accomplish things others would not dare to attempt."

The full text of the MPA commencement address is available at [www.mpa.unc.edu](http://www.mpa.unc.edu).



*Monica Evans receives her hood from Dean Michael R. Smith (left) and Professor Gordon Whitaker at the MPA graduation ceremony on May 9, 2009.*

## Award Created to Honor Faculty Member John Rubin



*John Rubin*

**T**he North Carolina Commission on Indigent Defense Services (IDS) has honored John Rubin, professor of public law and government, by creating an annual training award in his name. The Professor John Rubin Award for Extraordinary Contributions to IDS Training Programs will honor selected people who volunteer their time and effort to serve as trainers and who have done outstanding work on training programs for attorneys who represent indigent people.

Shelby attorney David R. Teddy, a partner in the firm of Teddy & Meekins, is the first recipient of the Rubin Award. Teddy is the current chair of North Carolina Advocates for Justice, a nonprofit, nonpartisan association dedicated to protecting the rights of individual North Carolinians through professional and community legal education.

Rubin joined the School in 1991 and has written articles and books on criminal law, including the *North Carolina Defender Manual*. He also designs and teaches in numerous training programs each year for indigent defenders and is a frequent consultant to the Office of Indigent Defense Services.