



Happy Birthday, Dean Eitel!

1. Dean Eitel is celebrating a significant birthday this year! Dean Eitel has been a mainstay with the Greater Chicago Chapter of ASPA for more than 40 years. For our colleagues who are new to the chapter, we wanted to relay the breadth and depth of Dean's experience and his involvement with ASPA.

Dean Eitel has held senior positions with RAND McNALLY & Company, U.S. Defense Mapping Agency, Raytheon, Agency for Resources Inventories, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. These roles required Dean to live in Skokie, Illinois, St. Louis, Missouri; Alexandria, Virginia; Washington, D.C.; and Chicago.

Dean Eitel decided to take a detour from full-time management after receiving his doctorate in Public Policy Analysis from the University of Illinois at Chicago to teach full-time. He has taught at Roosevelt University, The School of the Art Institute, DePaul University, and Illinois Institute of Technology in the United States, and internationally in Brussels, Milan, Berlin, and Dublin.

While at DePaul University as a faculty member he also served at the Assistant Director of the School of Public Service. Dean has presented scholarly papers and lectures, facilitated over 70 workshops and training series, and served as a consultant to more than 40 organizations.

Dean Eitel was chosen as the Faculty Member of the Year in Public Administration by 8 area universities in 2010. It was an honor well-deserved since he has mentored hundreds of students. The Chicago Chapter of ASPA renamed the Annual Outstanding Student Award the "The Dean F. Eitel Outstanding Student of the Year Award" to recognize his many contributions to the Chapter.

The Greater Chicago Chapter of ASPA could go on and on, but Dean Eitel would get after us. So, Happy Birthday Dean. We are so glad to call you a mentor, colleague, and friend.

2. Mentors Corner: Joanne Howard, PhD

Dr. Joanne Howard is a faculty member at Illinois Institute of Technology's Stuart School of Business. She teaches courses in nonprofit management, strategic planning, and policy leading to the Certificate in Nonprofit Management and the Master's in Public Administration and Policy.

Joanne has had several influential mentors during her career and believes in the urgency of passing on what she has learned throughout her career. Each year, she selects a discrete number of students/colleagues to mentor. She meets with them in person or via Zoom to hear about their travails and successes and, most importantly, to provide counsel on their academic, professional, or entrepreneurial careers.

“As public, government, and nonprofit professionals it should be in our personal mission statement to mentor and work with younger people. We can't complain about our young compatriots if we haven't lent a hand to pull them up to the next level.”



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Editor's Note: The purpose of the Mentor/Mentee Section is to help facilitate Networking for new professionals in Public Administration to help build their network. If you would like to be included as a Mentor or Mentee on a future Newsletter; please see the Survey (#5)

3. Mentee's Corner: Chauncey Jacob Brandom M.P.A.

Chauncey is a May 2020 Graduate of UIC's College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs. He earned his master's in public administration (MPA). He believes it is his calling to fight for what is right. Ideally, he would like a position in public service within the areas of advocacy, community engagement, and government and law, covering topics (not limited to) racial, social, gender, educational, and economic justice. But he is open to options.

Chauncey's most recent Nonprofit experience is working at Young Invincibles (YI) in the Young Advocates program. At YI, Chauncey had the honor of participating in all aspects of Advocacy and Policy Research regarding his assigned topic of wrap-around supports for college students. He facilitated focus groups to obtain qualitative data for their policy proposals. With that data, YI and he were able to talk to legislators from the Illinois Senate and House about what policies they should sponsor and support.

Chauncey's founding of the only LGBT+ Organization and 'safe space' at his undergraduate university (called the Pride Alliance) of Texas A&M University - Corpus Christi solidified his decision to devote his life to public service. That experience led him to pursue and obtain his MPA.

Currently, Chauncey is the editor for the Newsletter, called ChASPA for the Chicago Area Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration. He is more than willing to send anyone his resume and contact anyone interested in correspondence, job leads, or chat. Feel free to email him at cjbrandom@outlook.com



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5. We WANT Your Feedback, Ideas, and Thoughts!

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-Chauncey Jacob Brandom M.P.A.