Dr. Kirk Harlow is the new Chair of the Health and Public Administration Department. He was appointed Chair after Dr. Roe Roberts the former Chair stepped down because of health reasons. Dr. Roberts now enjoys “just being a professor.”

Who is Dr. Harlow?

Dr. Harlow holds a Dr.P.H from the University of Texas School of Public Health and M.E.A.S and B.S degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. He has taught health and public administration at the undergraduate and graduate levels for nearly 20 years. Dr. Harlow has recently conducted research on the cost effectiveness of patient simulators in nursing education, and just completed a survey of over 1000 WFISD students on issues related to high-risk behavior such as alcohol and drug abuse. In addition to his scholarly work, Dr. Harlow has provided a variety of consultation and training services to public and private organizations, as well as being involved in operating several small businesses.
Meet the MHA Advisory Board

We are very pleased to have an Advisory Board comprised of representatives of the wide variety of health services organizations in the area. The members of the Advisory Board work with the faculty to ensure our curriculum meets the needs of prospective employers, our students have outstanding opportunities for residency placements, and the MHA Program remains a vital part of the health services community.

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Upcoming Seminars
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Friday, October 20, 2006
Speaker: Rod Erakovich
Topic: Public Organization Ethics Building in Serbia, Montenegro and the United States: A Comparative Analysis

Friday, November 03, 2006
Speaker: Dr. Fil Arenas
Topic: Presentation Skills

Friday, November 17, 2006
Speaker: Dr. Kirk Harlow
Topic: An Analysis of Patient Simulators in Nursing Education

International students are required to attend the seminars
Need Financial Help?  
MHA/MPA Scholarships are Available

With the rising cost of tuition and other expenses, we all need some help. The MHA/MPA has scholarships for incoming students who are pursuing degrees in the health and public administration department. There is the Graduate Merit Scholarships and the Minnie Rae Wood Scholarship. Visit the health and public administration website for scholarship requirements and application deadlines.

The web address is  
http://hs2.mwsu.edu/healthandpublic/scholarships.asp

Fall Academic Calendar

“Don’t miss a key deadline”

October 3rd
Deadline for December Graduates to file for Graduation

October 17th
Deadline for May Graduates to file for Graduation

November 4th
Last Day to Drop with ‘W’

November 22nd - 24th
Thanksgiving Holiday

November 27th
Classes Resume

December 10th - 16th
Final Examinations

December 17th
Commencement

January 14th
Spring Classes Begin
On-Campus Organization

There is an on-campus organization for graduate students. It is the Graduate Students Association. It provides among other things a forum for graduate students doing research and presentations to present their research to their peer and polish up on their presentation skills. There are other social events that you could enjoy. If you would like to be a member of this organization please contact Devah Carter assistant to the Graduate Dean, her email address is Devah.carter@mwsu.edu or to Casmint Edwards, President of the GSA, her email address is casmint.edwards@mwsu.edu.

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