

Center for Public and Nonprofit Management At the University of Central Florida

The proposal for the Center for Public and Nonprofit Management (**CPNM**) was approved by the administration of the University of Central Florida on September 18, 2008. Designated as a Type III Center, the new Center for Public and Nonprofit Management will rely solely on external funding - - not appropriated state funds. Organizationally the **CPNM** is one of the independent centers and institutes within the College of Health and Public Affairs, and located administratively within the Department of Public Administration.

The primary goal of the CPNM is to coordinate, strengthen, and increase the “*funded*” research efforts of the faculty members and students within the Department of Public Administration and the College of Health and Public Affairs. The creation of the **CPNM** will provide the infrastructure to achieve this goal.

New grant proposals from public administration will be submitted through the **CPNM**, and current funded programs, such as the Public Service and Leadership Development program with the Republic of Turkey and the Capacity Building Institute, will be under the direction of the **CPNM**. The Capacity Building Institute, which encompasses several grant accounts has partnered directly with 160 Central Florida nonprofit agencies, resulting in the organizations receiving external funding awards in excess of \$2,000,000.

The Center for Public and Nonprofit Management is dedicated to applied research, education and training, and service in the areas of: community-oriented research, community capacity building networks, emergency management, civil society and public participation. The **CPNM** will also be responsible for coordinating ongoing research colloquiums, hosting the annual community conferences in nonprofit management and public administration, and publishing research monographs.

The Director of the **CPNM** is **Dr. Naim Kapucu**, Associate Professor in Public Administration, who has previously coordinated the Capacity Building Institute. The **CPNM** opens with a full-time Program Coordinator, ten (10) graduate assistants, and two undergraduate interns funded through existing grants. In October 2008 the **CPNM** will host a visiting scholar from Turkey, and in January 2009 it will host another visiting scholar from China. Currently the **CPNM** is housed in Research Park in the Bennett Building.



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Pictured: Capacity Building Institute staff (Dr. Naim Kapucu, right) with Dr. Stephen Goldsmith, Kennedy School of Government of Harvard University, keynote speaker at the 2nd Annual Public Administration Conference at the University of Central Florida, March 28, 2008