

Dedication

This volume is based on the work of the Fourth Transatlantic Dialogue, June 2008 at Bocconi University, Milan, Italy. It was the latest in a continuing series of collaboration between the American Society for Public Administration and the European Group for Public Administration. This book is dedicated to one of its contributors, the late Professor Deil S. Wright, who sadly passed away before publication. We reproduce the tribute to him delivered by his colleagues to NAPA.

A Tribute to Deil S. Wright
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Deil Wright is one of the fathers of University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill's Masters of Public Administration program. He was beloved by his students, and he mentored hundreds of MPA alumni throughout their careers. A prolific researcher and writer, Deil authored many books, including three editions of *Understanding Intergovernmental Relations*, which helped define the field in the 1970s and 1980s, and more than 100 published articles.

Deil Wright is a legend in public administration and political science. He joined the UNC-Chapel Hill Department of Political Science in 1967 and was named Alumni Distinguished Professor of Political Science in 1983; in 2002 he was named Professor Emeritus. He served as Director of the MPA program from 1973–1979. Deil is credited with creating the “culture” of the MPA program as one that expects a great deal from students but also offers substantial support. He developed the MPA Alumni Association and initiated the annual alumni conference. MPA alumni have honored him by endowing both a lecture series and a scholarship in his honor. Each year, one MPA graduate is recognized with the Deil Wright Capstone Paper Award.

Deil's work in public administration took him to many parts of the world, especially to Korea and Japan. With co-sponsorship of NAPA and the National Institute for Research Advancement (NIRA) of Japan, Deil helped to organize three joint conferences in the 1990s focused on

achieving effective national-local government relations. He had many professional colleagues and former students in Korea and Japan and he taught there frequently. He was also a 35-year member of the Chapel Hill Rotary Club and through his Rotary International contacts, he led a Rotary Group Study Exchange to Japan in 2001. He and four young professionals spent a month in the country, meeting with professional counterparts, visiting Rotary Clubs, and staying in homes of Rotarians in Japan.

Prior to joining UNC-Chapel Hill, Deil taught at Wayne State University, the University of Iowa, and the University of California at Berkeley (as a visiting professor). He has also served as the Carl Hatch Visiting Professor of Public Administration at the University of New Mexico. He served on the Director's Advisory Committee of the National Institutes of Health, the NC State Internship Council, and the Executive Council of NASPAA.

Deil was elected to be a Fellow in the National Academy of Public Administration in 1975 and participated actively in the Standing Panel on the Federal System.