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Dr. Ed Kwon has published two research papers. The paper on "Financial Liberalization in Peoples' Republic of China," was published in the *Pacific Focus* 24, no. 2 (2009). The other research paper, "A Longitudinal Research on the DPRK's Nuclear Weapons Program," was published in *The Journal of Peace Studies* 9, no. 4 (2008).

Dr. Hongmei Wang presented papers at the 20th IEEE Int'l Conference on Tools with Artificial Intelligence and the 13th International Conference on Human-Computer Interaction. In addition, she has a journal paper that has been accepted. As a PI, she has successfully obtained a Faculty Summer Fellowship and a Faculty Project Grant.

Dr. Jayce Farmer presented papers at the Southern Political Science Association in New Orleans, LA and at the American Society for Public Administration conference in Miami, FL. He also served as the chair of the planning committee for the 2009 Southeastern Conference on Public Administration in Louisville.

Dr. Gary Mattson participated in the

And the winners are...

Chris Lawson receives 40 under 40 award

Chris Lawson (2008, NKU MPA) was a recipient of the Cincinnati Business Courier's Forty under Forty award. Forty Under 40 recognizes the Tri-State's next generation of young leaders and innovators – people who have already made a mark professionally and in the community. This year's class was chosen from more than 470 nominations. This is the 13th year the awards have been given.

Chris and other recipients were honored at a luncheon at Cincinnati Music Hall on September 24, 2009. Chris is the Campaign Director for Community Shares of Greater Cincinnati. Community Shares is a partnership of 27 local nonprofit organizations build-

ing social and economic equity and healthy environment in Greater Cincinnati. A graduate of Miami University with a degree in Urban and Regional Planning, Chris has experience as a zoning commissioner, political campaign coordinator/researcher, lending banking client specialist and as an intern with the ACLU & the Cincinnati Collaborative Agreement. While at Miami University he co-founded and led the Planners Network Chapter of Miami University in Cincinnati. He is Vice-Chairman of Mayor Mallory's Young Professionals Kitchen Cabinet: Civic Engagement Committee.



Chris Lawson and Dr. Shamima Ahmed

Public Administration" in Southwest Ohio. At the time of his death in 1998, Heisel's students held management positions in many of the local governments in the Greater Cincinnati region. Don Heisel's students and mentees are still to be found in many of the cities, villages, townships, and counties in Ohio and Northern Kentucky.

Lester is a 2002 graduate of Bowling Green State University. He is employed as an Account Executive with Huntington National

The Cincinnati-based Center for Local Government (CLG) is pleased to announce that current NKU MPA student Dustin Lester was awarded the 2009 W.D. Heisel Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage a commitment to excellence in public service. Masters in Public Administration (MPA) students from Southwest Ohio or Northern Kentucky are eligible to apply.

Donald Heisel, the namesake of the scholarship, has been referred to as "The Father of

Student gains valuable insight from internship

This summer I had the privilege of completing an internship with Pretrial Services at the Kenton

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