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University Park, September 6, 2005 – Governors State University's College of Business and Public Administration (CBPA) announced today that it will offer a new research seminar course focusing on the Hurricane Katrina disaster. The 3-credit hour, graduate level course, "Hurricane Katrina: Multi-Disciplinary Perspective (MGMT 865-A)", will begin on Monday, September 12, meeting from 7:30 to 10:20 p.m. No prerequisites are required. Students must register for the course by September 12.

Dr. Akkanad Isaac, chair of the college's Division of Management, Marketing, and Public Administration, and seminar instructor, devised the course while watching coverage of response management in hurricane stricken areas. Isaac believes the course will offer students an opportunity to conduct research and analyze the crisis as it unfolds.

"The course reaffirms the CBPA's commitment to offering students study of timely, real-world topics. Students will have the unique opportunity to study a great human tragedy from a multidisciplinary perspective," said Isaac. "In addition this course will encourage students to develop the intellectual curiosity to deal with the massive problems of large systems and a skill set to cultivate future communities that are resilient to disaster."

Although the seminar has regularly scheduled classroom times, it offers a more non-traditional experience. Students will be expected to conduct individual research that specifically relates to their current field of study. Isaac is arranging for representatives from the American Red Cross and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to speak to participants and community members. The course will culminate with public presentation of the students' research findings.

Interested students may register via normal registration procedures. For additional information, contact Stephanie Wenzel in the College of Business and Public Administration by calling 708-534-4934, or via e-mail at s-wenzel@govst.edu