

THE CHAIR'S WELCOME AND OVERVIEW

Our Fall 2011 semester is in full swing and election year 2012 is just around the corner. Despite a challenging economic and fiscal environment the political science department continues to excel in fulfilling its core mission to our students. Our graduate students persist in finding positions even with a limited job market, our under-graduates are being rewarded for performance on and off-campus, and our faculty had a productive research and teaching year.



Professor Allan Cigler speaks to graduates at the departmental, Spring 2011, ceremony.

Inside we have profiled a few of our outstanding students as well as recent accomplishments by faculty. There are a few items I'd like to point your attention to. The department has made two exciting new hires at the Assistant Professor level--Jiso Yoon (Penn State), a specialist in East Asian politics and policy, and Gail Buttorff University of Iowa), a specialist in Middle East and North African politics. Jiso joined us this summer and Gail will join us in August 2012 after completing a fellowship in Abu Dhabi. Please join us in welcoming Jiso and Gail.

In other developments John Kennedy has returned from his successful Fulbright scholarship, which took him and his family to China for the 2010-11 academic year; John has been examining local politics and policy in rural China through the use of survey research.

At the same time Hannah Britton has been on leave to engage her Fulbright scholarship to South Africa. Hannah is researching government response to gender-based violence in southern Africa and how governments are and how governments are dealing with AIDS in Africa. We welcome John home and wish Hannah the best of luck on her projects. We would also like to congratulate John for being a finalist for the Hope Award (a prestigious teaching award assigned by students).

Also join us in congratulating Erik Herron for being chosen as a Program Director in political science at the National Science Foundation (NSF). Erik and his family will be in Washington, DC for the next two years so that Erik can serve at NSF. Erik's appointment is very prestigious and highlights his international reputation as an elections and representation expert.

Although we can never say thank you enough to our staff, Betty Jo, Connie, and Linda, for all the work that they do to make things function smoothly in the department, this year we were able to ensure that Betty Jo was able to be recognized in November as an exceptional College of Liberal Arts employee. Congratulations Betty Jo!

You can continue to get updates about the department on our webpage, you can now also follow us on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Political-Science-at-KU/202370096499170>) where we'll post more week-to-week news about items of interest.

Please note that we will have a variety of sponsored and co-sponsored speakers in the spring semester, including Angela Davis of UC Santa Cruz (yes the Angela Davis) and Pat Egan of New York University. In April we will honor our outstanding undergraduate and graduate students with monetary and distinction awards at our **Honor's Recognition Ceremony**. In May we will be hosting the **Political Science Graduation Celebration** for all graduating political science majors and their families. Follow our Facebook page and or website to get updates on these and other events.

I invite you to contact me or any of the faculty with news that you would like to share with us and with other department alumni (dhmarkel@ku.edu).

Spotlight on a Current Undergraduate Student: Daniel Petrosky



The Department of Political Science is pleased to announce that Daniel D. Petrosky is the 2011 recipient of the **Political Science Future Military Leaders Scholarship**. This award was made possible through a generous donation by Roberto Montoya – (KU MA Political Science 1985). Daniel Petrosky is a senior majoring in political science and participating in the KU NROTC program. He is enlisted in the United States Marine Corps (USMC) and is attending KU as part of the Meritorious Enlisted Commissioning Education Program (MECEP). Petrosky has served in the USMC since 2004 and served in Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2007; he is currently a Staff Sergeant. In addition to his outstanding academic performance and service to his country Petrosky has served as a Big Brother for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Douglas County for over 3 years and served as a Washington, DC intern for Senator Brownback in 2010. Petrosky was married in May of 2011. We congratulate Petrosky on his accomplishments and wish him well as he completes his studies at KU and begins the next phase of his career with the USMC in May 2012.

Recipients of Elizabeth and Carl Gustafson Scholarship

Bret Province, James Castle, Samuel Hofmeier, Alex Jensen, Melanie Campbell, Andres Carrizosa, Taylor Drake, Kylie Mcallister, Danielle Onions, William Bettes, Rebecca Haddican, Andrew Cole

Recipients of the Emmett Bennett Award

Matthew Ross, Alley Williams

Recipient of the Eldon Fields Award

Bret Province

Recipient of the Ethan P. Allen Award for Outstanding Seniors

Ladini Jayaratne

Recipients of the Walter Thompson Scholarship

Brian Hanson, Thomas Ringenberg, Juan Urbano, Laura Dean, Dan Chen, Whitney Court, Jacob Longaker, Alexandria Innes, Matthew Miles, Lidiya Zubytska, Steven Torrente, Saatvika Rai, Adam Brown

Recipient of the Joseph P. Harris Fellowship

Adam Brown

Fulbright Fellowship, for research in Croatia

Cody Brown



Jacob Longaker, Thompson Summer Fellowship recipient -

This summer I conducted five weeks of field research in São Paulo, Brazil for completion of my M.A. thesis in Political Science. My project explores the belief systems and policy frames underlying LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender) activist networks in relation to a state level non-discrimination policy. I also intend to analyze the role of issue attention in agenda setting and public policy.

Overall, I recorded fourteen semi-structured interviews with a digital audio recording device. Respondents represent a broad cross-section of the policy subsystem, including academics, bureaucrats, activists, lawyers and politicians. Moreover, the interview sample includes lesbian, gay, bisexual, transexual, *travesti* and heterosexual identities.

I was fortunate to be in the country for LGBT pride month and witness a high level of activity by LGBT groups in São Paulo. Interviews were supplemented by a number of informal and group respondent sessions, such as seminars, conferences, public debates and NGO meetings. At all times, ethnographic field notes were recorded to inform my research beyond my prepared interview questions.

Funding from the Thompson scholarship also enabled me to complete two short trips to the *interior* of São Paulo, allowing for the inclusion of local level NGOs in my research. Additionally, I received certification for a three weekend course on *Direito e Diversidade Sexual*, sponsored by the *Ordem dos Advogados do Brasil* (OAB). Most importantly, I developed a rich network of contacts for future research on LGBT politics in Brazil.



Some other graduate student research work this summer, made possible by the Thompson Fellowship-

Laura Dean – I participated in the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research hosted by the Consortium on Qualitative Research Methods hosted at the Maxwell School of Syracuse, New York. The experience I had at this institute was one of the most enriching and informative of my academic career. Not only was I able to learn the most innovative approaches to qualitative methods but I also was able to obtain useful feedback on my dissertation research design and network with future colleagues, all of which will assist me in my future career as an academic and as I look to perform fieldwork in Eastern Europe.

Dan Chen- During the Summer I worked as a research assistant for Professor Kennedy on the paper examining political attitudes and social class in China. The data set is a unique nationally representative survey of rural and urban China conducted in 2008 by Texas A&M and Peking University. My work was threefold. First, I researched for and wrote up the literature review. Second, I analyzed the descriptive statistics and helped writing up the results. Finally, I prepared for the PowerPoint presentation at the APSA conference in September 2011. The summer research provided me with a unique opportunity to work with this data set and prepare for a national political science conference as well as my first co-authored publication.

Spotlight on a Current Graduate Student: Adam Brown, PhD candidate



Adam Brown is from Saint Joseph, Missouri. He received his MA in Political Science here at KU in May of 2008, and is now in his sixth year and a PhD Candidate. Adam has taught Comparative Politics and International Relations courses as a GTA and Lecturer in the Political Science Department. His research interests center on international conflict and foreign policy analysis, with emphasis on psychology and domestic influences on foreign policy.

In March Adam presented a paper entitled "Institutions on the Offensive: The Effects of Authoritarian Institutional Variations on War Duration, 1823-1991" at the International Studies Association Annual Convention in Montreal, Canada. Later in the spring, Brown was awarded the Harris Fellowship to conduct dissertation research. His dissertation explores the psychological differences between hawkish (conflictual) and dovish (accommodative/cooperative) foreign policy decision makers. Over the summer he traveled to Istanbul, Turkey to attend the International Society of Political Psychology's Summer Academy and Annual Scientific Meeting. There he presented the theoretical framework of his dissertation. Currently Adam is finishing his dissertation and serving as a Lecturer in the Political Science Department.

ALUMNI NEWS

In September, alumnus, Anthony J. Nownes (PhD, 1993) was an invited campus speaker. He presented his research and visited with graduate students and faculty. Nownes has been a professor of Political Science at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville since 1993, obtaining full Professor in 2008. He researches interest group politics in the United States and has published numerous articles, books and book chapters. These include the 2006 Cambridge University Press book: *Total Lobbying: What Lobbyists Want (and How They Try to Get It)*. He is currently working on a number of projects, including one that examines the role of lobbyists in the government procurement process.



RECENT FACULTY ACTIVITY AND RESEARCH

Christina Bejarano is examining Latina representation in state politics for a book with the University of Texas Press and has a forthcoming article, "Tracking the Latino Gender Gap: Gender Attitudes Across Sex, Borders and Generations," appearing in *Politics and Gender*.

Gail Buttorff will be joining the faculty in August 2012. She is currently as a NYUAD Fellow in Political Science in Abu Dhabi. She is working on several projects relating to elections and political parties in the Middle East and North Africa.

Hannah Britton is on a Fulbright fellowship in South Africa. She is conducting research for two projects: 1) state strategies for addressing gender-based violence in southern Africa and 2) governance and AIDS in Africa.

Al Cigler has unfortunately decided to begin phased retirement. He recently published another edited collection on interest group politics with CQ Press and completed several book chapters on campaign finance and interest groups.

Dorothy Daley has been working on an internally supported grant project on the development of water infrastructure to promote public health at the state and local level and seeking external funding for the project. She recently published a co-authored article on local adoption and implementation of climate change mitigation policy in *Urban Affairs Review*.

Alesha Doan was officially awarded tenure and promotion to Associate Professor. She is currently working on a book project on prenatal care facilities as a new front in the abortion debate.

Ron Francisco continues to pursue his research agenda on protest and repression with several manuscripts in progress or under review at professional journals. He has also agreed to complete a book manuscript on finances for academics.

Don Haider-Markel is completing an edited collection, the *Oxford handbook of State and Local Government*, and is co-authoring *Pulled Over: Racial Framing of Police Stops* with Chuck Epp and Steven Maynard Moody for the University of Chicago Press.

Tom Heilke is serving as the Director of the Center for Global and International Studies at KU and recently published a book chapter on Eric Voegelin's reading of Immanuel Kant.

Erik Herron is currently on leave serving as a Program Director in political science at the National Science Foundation. He recently published an article on elections in Azerbaijan (*Comparative Political Studies*) and an article on Ukraine's 2010 presidential election (*East European Politics and Societies*).

Paul Johnson is serving as the Associate Director of KU's Center for Research Methods and Data.

Carolyn Johnson is maintaining our central pre-law courses and enjoying a mostly empty nest at home.

Mark Joslyn is serving as our Graduate Director. His current projects include manuscripts examining attributions of blame and how partisan predispositions lead citizens to be misinformed.

John Kennedy has returned from his Fulbright fellowship in China. He recently published two book chapters on politics in rural China and lessons learned conducting face-to-face surveys in the countryside. He has also agreed to take over as Undergraduate Coordinator in July 2012.

Burdett Loomis recently published several edited collections on interest groups and another on the U.S. Senate. His book on the evolution of Kansas politics and the emergence of culture war issues (*Kansas Pastoral: The Politics of Change, 1960-1975*) will appear in print in 2012.

Michael Lynch has a forthcoming article in the *Journal of Politics* on winning coalitions in the U.S. Congress. He also has a co-authored article on presidential recess appointments forthcoming in *Presidential Studies Quarterly* and a forthcoming article in *Urban Affairs Review* with Elaine Sharp and Dorothy Daley.

Mariya Omelicheva is undergoing review for promotion and tenure to Associate Professor. She recently published her book *Counterterrorism Policies in Central Asia*, with Routledge and has several recent or forthcoming articles, including one in *International Interactions* that examines the linkage between natural disasters and political instability. She also traveled extensively in central Asia this past summer on a IREX travel grant to conduct surveys and interviews for her new book on democracy promotion in Central Asia.

Gary Reich is working on several projects related to evangelicals in Latin American politics and state policies towards immigrants in the U.S.

Robert Rohrschneider is co-authoring *The Strain of Representation, How Parties Represent Diverse Voters in Eastern and Western Europe* for Oxford University Press and has several recent or forthcoming publications including an article on global environmental attitudes. He recently served as a special symposium editor for the *Electoral Studies* symposium on the 2009 German elections.

Paul Schumaker has been on sabbatical and is working on two book manuscripts which he has tentatively titled *Principled Pluralism*, and *Progressive Pluralism*. He has a forthcoming article on the morality and justice principles of elected city officials in the *Journal of Urban Affairs*.

Elaine Sharp has completed her book, *Does Local Government Matter? How Urban Policies shape Civic Engagement*, with the University of Minnesota Press and has recent or forthcoming articles in *Economic Development Quarterly* and *Urban Affairs Review*.

Brent Steele has a co-edited collection titled *Theory and Application of the 'Generation' in International Relations and Politics* forthcoming with Palgrave, and has several recent and forthcoming publications including articles in the *Journal of International Political Theory* and the *Review of International Studies*.

Fiona Yap has recent or forthcoming articles on democracy in south Asia in *Comparative Political Studies*, the *British Journal of Political Science*, and *Constitutional Political Economy*. Unfortunately she has also accepted a position at the Australian National University and will be leaving us in June 2012.

Jiso Yoon joined the faculty in August and is currently examining the Policymaking Process in Korea, EU and the US. She is also working on a co-authored project exploring media coverage and the policy process in the U.S. and Korea.

MEET THE STAFF (THE PEOPLE THAT MAKE IT ALL HAPPEN)



Betty Jo Ross – Office Manager, Administrative Associate Sr. –

I handle the everyday operations of the office, which can range from helping new faculty become familiar with the University to helping a student enroll in a class. My most recent endeavor was setting up arrangements for the first Political Science Graduation celebration, which culminated on May 20, 2011 in Woodruff Auditorium, followed by a reception. In the end, it was a most rewarding accomplishment and I look forward to the next one in 2012. In my spare time, I enjoy working in the yard, but my favorite time is spent with my 18 month old granddaughter in Lenexa, Ks.



Connie Leonard - Administrative Associate - I have been with the Political Science department since 1993. I have three granddaughters and enjoy spending time with them especially when an overnight stay is possible. I'm looking forward to a couple of trips in 2012. One is a trip to Europe with my sister and another to the East Coast with my husband, my brother-in-law and his wife.



Linda Pickerel -Graduate Coordinator - I've been helping send out application materials and letters for our talented graduate students who are on the market! I've kept up to date at meetings on graduate policies, and new procedures, such as a new admissions program that will be rolling out soon, and have also been helping with the website, putting together the newsletter, and the new Political Science Facebook page. My husband, Mark Pickerel, is also employed here at the University of Kansas.



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