Political science department
Fall 2013 newsletter

From the chair, Don Haider-Markel:
Greetings from Blake Hall on the beautiful KU campus; we’ve had another solid year of productive teaching and research and another successful year placing our undergraduate and graduate students in a sluggish job market.

Inside we have profiled a few of our exceptional students as well as recent accomplishments by faculty. I take special note to welcome our new faculty: Professor Nazli Avdan (Duke), a specialist in Foreign Policy and International Relations, and Professor Patrick Miller (UNC-Chapel Hill) an expert in American Politics and public opinion. Professor Miller joins us after having served as an Assistant Professor at the University of Cincinnati.

Also join us in congratulating John Kennedy who was named the Gene A. Budig Teaching Professor for 2013-14.

One of the many recent changes on campus has been the creation of Shared Service Centers to consolidate tasks, such as purchasing and reimbursement. For us this has meant that Connie Leonard’s office has moved to Strong Hall. We were sad to see her go but she is still working with our Department, along with the Economics Department, on finances and accounting.

We have been fortunate to have a number of high-caliber scholars visit the department in the past year. This past spring Professor Arthur (Skip) Lupia (University of Michigan) came to campus to give talks and attend meetings on his research and experience in effectively disseminating social science research.

Professor Christopher Weible came to campus in February and presented his research project entitled: “Integrated Institutional Analysis of Policy Designs: The Case of the U.S. National Organic Program.”

Professor Paul Sniderman was able to visit for the second time in recent years in May 2013. He presented research on public attitudes concerning Islam, Western Europe and the Danish Cartoon Crisis.

Finally, Professor Margit Tavits came to campus in October to speak about her work on the role of inequality and identity on party strategies in European countries.

Sir Robert Worcester had the chance to visit campus again in October 2013, speaking to a series of public science courses on polling and public opinion. Sir Robert is an Adjunct Professor of Political Science and a Chancellor’s Lecturer at KU. Sir Robert graduated from KU in 1955 with a degree in Business, but his real love at KU was talking classes in political science.

You can continue to get updates about the department on our webpage (http://kups.ku.edu/), on Facebook (http://www.facebook.com/pages/Political-Science-at-KU/202370096499170), on LinkedIn at “KU Political Science” and on Twitter (@KUPoliticalSci) where we’ll post more week-to-week news about items of interest.

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 4th annual Political Science Graduation Celebration for all graduating political science majors and their families.

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).

KU’s Washington Internship Program Celebrates Its 30th Anniversary!

In January 1984, 25 KU students became the first “class” of interns for a then-experimental Washington intern program. Thirty years later, the program is going strong, with 600 alumni whose internship experience complemented their academics and offered them innumerable career opportunities.

Although most interns have been political science majors, the program has attracted art history majors, business students, chemistry majors, and business-school students, among others. And while Senators Dole, Roberts, and Moran have attracted the most interns over the years, KU students have worked for organizations ranging from INTERPOL to the Helsinki Commission to CNN. Moreover, since 2001, an average of five Wichita State University students has participated in the program, along with a sprinkling of KSU and Fort Hays students. In short, the program has offered opportunities for students across the state.

The KU program has been lucky to attract excellent D.C. coordinators, from former Representative Bob Whittaker to Linda Slattery to Stephene Moore to the current incumbent, Gary Melzt, who served as an intern for Illinois Senator Dick Durbin.

Former interns have gone on to become Rhodes Scholars (Pam McElwee), prominent academics (Nancy Burns), and a commissioner on the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (Jill Maycumber Sommers), to say nothing of dozens of Washington staffers and consultants. At the same time, most interns do not stay in Washington, but bring their experience back to Kansas and beyond.

This spring, 14 students will go to D.C., with internships ranging from positions with Senators Roberts and Moran to one with the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

In April, Dean Danny Anderson will join with internship director Prof. Burdett Loomis, Gary Melzt, and dozens of former interns in Washington to celebrate the program’s 30th Anniversary and raise funds to keep the program a viable and attractive option for future generations of KU students.

In January, 1984, twenty-five KU students headed off to Washington, D.C., as part of the political science department’s initial Washington Semester program. Thirty years later, we’re still at it, as fourteen undergrads descend on D.C. for the spring semester. Since 1984, more than 600 students from KU, and for 15 years from Wichita State, have lived and learned politics in the nation’s capital.
**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT MITCHELL RUCKER**

Mitchell Rucker is a junior majoring in political science and economics. He is an honor’s student and likely will complete a thesis on education finance policy. Mitch has worked as a research assistant in political science and currently serves as an undergraduate teaching assistant in economics. He has also served as a tutor at Lawrence Free State High School in Math and English. Mitch has been interested in politics from an early age. In fact, during his first year of studies at the University of Kansas he also began a run for a State House seat in the 117th district. At age 19 Mitch ran against two opponents in the Republican primary and came in second place. He was inspired to run because of the direction of the state government on education funding, tax changes, and the fact that rural residents were not benefiting from recent policy changes.

In the spring of 2013 Mitch participated in the political science internship program and worked for Senator Moran’s office in Washington, DC. Mitch says he had a first-hand look at policymaking in the Capital as he focused on education, health care, and military issues. Although life in DC was a culture shock, he says the housing apartments for interns arranged by the internship program did help with the transition.

On campus Mitch is a JR/SR CLAS Senator on Student Senate, student representative to the University Senate, Chairman of the Student Safety Advisory Board, and he sits on both the Parking and Transit commissions. He also serves as an Honors Ambassador for the Honors Program and is the Alumni Relations Chairman for his fraternity, Alpha Tau Omega. Mitch plans to graduate in spring 2015 and will likely attend law school out of state. However, he does plan to return to Kansas with hopes of perhaps serving in a county attorney office and perhaps even running for a state legislative seat down the road.

**GRADUATE STUDENT JUAN URBANO**

Juan Urbano grew up in Brownsville, Texas, “The Rio Grande Valley.” Juan graduated in the top 10 percent in his high school graduating class.

He earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Texas, Austin and his M.A. in Political Science at the University of Texas, San Antonio, and is now an ABD PhD student in Political Science at the University of Kansas and is applying for faculty positions around the country.

Juan reflected on his interest in politics and told us: “My parents are the predominate reason I became interested in politics at a young age. My dad would let me go to the voting booth with him on election day down in Brownsville and tell me which candidates to vote for and let me pull the lever. My mom, through her job, has always been well connected in political circles and we would go to political rallies, known as pachangas, in the Valley. Because of their political participation I grew up wanting to stay awake every election night watching the returns and I have been hooked on learning about politics since. I feel like my research on Latino political behavior has been, in large part, a reflection of their interest in politics which they have bestowed upon me.”

His dissertation is titled “The Rural(ing) Majority: Why Rural American towns Pass Immigrant Ordinances”. The dissertation analyzes why some rural towns across America decide to pass immigration ordinances. He suggests that local perception of immigration creates anxiety among locals and makes them more likely to support local anti-immigrant ordinances in their town. Urbano also shows that individuals in rural communities are more likely to favor anti-immigration policies because they feel racially threatened by the new population. Finally, he demonstrates which types of towns are more likely to pass anti-immigrant ordinances and why. His dissertation Chair is Dr. Christina Bejarano.

“Juan’s chosen research area of Immigration Policy is a hotly contested debate in the current political environment, especially as the Democratic and Republican parties are trying to figure out how to attract the growing Latino community to their particular political party. As a result of this debate, this research area is highly regarded in the political field of Latino politics and I believe that Juan can provide a unique contribution to the existing theories of immigration policy.” said Dr. Bejarano.

Juan’s fields are American Politics, Public Policy, Political Behavior, Public Opinion, Immigration Politics and Policy, Race and Ethnicity Politics.
**POLITICAL SCIENCE STUDENT AWARDS**

The Ethan P. Allen Pi Sigma Alpha Award to outstanding graduating seniors majoring in political science:
Danielle Onions, Christina Mohr, and Shannon Collins

The Emmett L. Bennett Scholarship to an outstanding junior majoring in political science:
Kira Alexander, Kaylee Olinghouse

The Eldon Fields Award to outstanding seniors majoring in political science:
Jacklyn Baillergeon, Joshua Dean, Kyle Patterson, Kenneth Cochran

The Elizabeth and Carl Gustafson Scholarships ranging from $250 to $2,000 to outstanding political science undergraduates: Jacklyn Baillergeon, Tyler Childress, Mitchell Cota, Joshua Dean, Ciera Foreman, Amanda Gress, Alex Johnson, Brendan North, Kyle Patterson, and James Wilson II

Graduate students who received the Walter Thompson Scholar Summer research award:
Chelsie Bright, Brian Hanson, Jacob Longaker, Thomas Ringenberg, Ben Rogers, Josh Schukman, and Steven Sylvester

The Political Science Future Military Leaders Scholarship is awarded twice a year to Political Science majors participating in ROTC.

- Michael Laverty – Fall 2012
- Alex Chartrand – Spring 2013
- Hugh McConnell – Spring 2013
- Benjamin Allman – Fall 2013

The Political Science Future Military Leaders Scholarship is made possible by a generous donation from Roberto Montoya.

The Department of Political Science is pleased to announce that Midshipman Benjamin Allman is the fall 2013 recipient of the Political Science future Military Leaders Scholarship. This is an exclusive academic excellence award for KU ROTC cadets who are also political science majors and was made possible through a generous donation by Roberto Montoya. The first award was in 2011. Benjamin Allman is a junior ROTC Midshipman majoring in political science and minoring in economics with a 3.75 cumulative GPA and a 4.0 political science GPA. Allman’s primary interests are in American politics and political economy. Allman is part of the Semper Fi Society in ROTC, a College Young Life Leader, and part of Canterberry at KU. Off campus he is a volunteer with the Upward Bound Basketball League and a camp counselor for Doxazo Sports. Allman will be joining the Marine Corps after his graduation and commissioning in May 2015 and is hoping to be placed in Artillery or as a Combat Engineer. He also hopes to attend Seminary sometime in the future.

Kyle Patterson, pictured here, along with Professor Allan Cigler, was recipient of The Allan J. Cigler Academic Enrichment Award, in the amount of $1,000. This fund is made possible by former students of Cigler who wished to recognize him for his continued academic service.

Abby Naudet is receiving an award under the Allan J. Cigler Academic Enrichment Fund to collaborate with Professor Patrick Miller on a research project investigating the historical discourse over the Voting Rights Act in media outlets. The project will run through spring 2014.

Eric Hurtt was awarded Allan J. Cigler Academic Enrichment Award funding for his work with Professor Paul Schumaker researching President Obama’s commitment to “principled pluralism”.


**John Kennedy Named Budig Teaching Professor 2013-2014**

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at the University of Kansas has selected John Kennedy, associate professor of political science, as the latest recipient of the Gene A. Budig Teaching Professorship Award. Kennedy, who is also director of the Center for Global and International Studies, will hold the title of Budig Teaching Professor for the 2013-2014 academic year and will receive a $5,000 award.

The award honors an outstanding faculty member in the social or behavioral sciences who has made a profound contribution to teaching. Each department in the social and behavioral sciences may nominate one faculty member for the award.

Kennedy is known for a thoughtful, enthusiastic style in the classroom. Students note that his passion for political science is equally evident in general courses and in courses that focus specifically on his areas of expertise, including politics in China.

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**Political Science Faculty Current Activities 2013**

Alan Arwine published *The Changing Basis of Political Conflict in Advanced Western Democracies* with Palgrave Macmillan, has an article forthcoming in *Social Science Quarterly*. He also delivered the keynote address at the 32nd Eisenhower National Pilgrimage in Abilene, KS. In addition to his work on political party evolution, he is also researching the determinants of human rights performance in developing countries.

Nazli Avdan is in her first semester at KU. She is currently working on a number of projects on international terrorism, including a piece that examines which features of democracies render them vulnerable to terrorist attacks. It employs a network model and conceptualizes terrorism as an inherently multilateral phenomenon. These projects range from manuscripts under review to those submitted for conference presentation. She is also working on a book project examining how security concerns affect states’ border and migration control.


Hannah Britton is currently leading the Kansas Anti-Slavery and Human Trafficking Initiative at KU. This consortium of faculty and students is developing a research model to examine the context of vulnerabilities that contributes to exploitation and trafficking. The consortium is conducting a pilot project in the Kansas City metro area this year. Britton is also teaching a new graduate course on the Politics of Human Trafficking this fall, as a pilot to assess interest in a potential graduate certificate in Slavery and Human Trafficking.

Gail Buttorff is working on a book manuscript examining how perceptions of regime legitimacy affect opposition party strategy in authoritarian elections. In addition, Professor Buttorff, together with colleagues at New York University, Abu Dhabi and University of London, is working on a large, multistage project examining obstacles to the improvement of women's status in the Middle East and North Africa.

Al Cigler is in phased retirement and will retire by May 2014.

Dorothy Daley had recent grant proposal submissions focused on: (1) renewable energy and Kansas; (2) Climate change and subnational governance; and (3) human trafficking and public health. She has also been working on two papers investigating water infrastructure investment. Daley also recently helped to convene a diverse group of scholars from around the country to begin planning how to develop a shared professional space for interdisciplinary population health researchers.
Alesha E. Doan is currently working on two large projects that reflect her ongoing research interests investigating the intersections between social policy, gender and politics. In the first project, she is examining the political factors that led to an influx of antiabortion policies adopted in the states between 2010 through 2013. In the second project, she is leading a collaborative research team that is examining how the integration of women into the special operation forces of the military may impact unit cohesion in these small, specialized combat units.

Ron Francisco is in his last year of teaching at KU. He is teaching the honors section of introduction to comparative politics and protest and revolution for the last time this semester. He is coding protest and repression in U.S. states, with several states completed this year. He is working on a paper about the Third Reich which he suspects might be the last paper he publishes.

Don Haider-Markel is chairing the department and has an edited collection, the *Oxford handbook of State and Local Government* appearing in early 2014, is co-authoring *Pulled Over: How Police Stops Define Race and Citizenship* with Chuck Epp and Steven Maynard Moody for the University of Chicago Press (early 2014), and is co-editing *Transgender Rights and Politics* with Jami Taylor for the University of Michigan Press (spring 2014). He recently published articles with Mark Joslyn in *Social Science Quarterly* and *Social Science Journal* on attributions.

Tom Heilke is serving as Dean of the Graduate School at KU and will be stepping down to start a new Dean position in Canada, which is closer to family.

Erik Herron is in his final year on leave as a Program Director at the National Science Foundation, managing the Political Science and Science of Organizations programs, and assisting with Innovation Corps and Secure and Trustworthy Cyberspace programs. He has forthcoming articles in *Electoral Studies* and *Party Politics*, and continues to research party personnel decision-making, parliamentary oversight, and election quality.

Carolyn Johnson is currently teaching law courses in the department, including the ever popular course on constitutional law.

Paul Johnson is Acting Director of the Center for Research Methods and Data Analysis where he works with statistical research projects from many different departments. In his research he’s working on programming for statistical analysis and has recently released an update of his R software package called "rockchalk", about which he offers a Webinar [http://pj.freefaculty.org/R](http://pj.freefaculty.org/R). His current project is called "portable parallel seeds." It concerns the synchronization of calculations across a large number of computing systems.

Mark Joslyn is serving as Graduate Director and working on several projects related to causal attributions of problems and related policy preferences. He recently published articles employing attribution theory with Don Haider-Markel in *Social Science Quarterly* and *Social Science Journal*.

John Kennedy is serving as the Director of the Center for Global and International Studies (CGIS) at KU and is working on a book project on politics in rural China.

Burdett Loomis is currently working with Al Cigler and KU PhD Tony Nownes on 9th edition of *Interest Group Politics*. Loomis spent January-June 2013 in Adelaide, Australia, as Australian-American Distinguished Chair of American Politics at Flinders University. He is preparing to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Washington Intern Program this spring with activities in D.C. Loomis has also received Kansas Humanities Council grant for a pilot project that will compile oral histories from Kansas state legislators.
Patrick Miller joined the department this fall after being on the faculty at the University of Cincinnati, a post doc at the Duke Initiative on Survey Methodology at Duke University, and completing a doctorate at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is studying the role of emotions in political behavior and how intergroup conflict between partisans in the mass public affects civility and political polarization. He is also collaborating with an undergraduate student, Abigail Naudet, to study public dialogue over voting rights.

Mariya Omelicheva is currently serving as the Director of the Center for Russian and East European Studies at KU and celebrated the birth of a son this fall. She is working on a book entitled “Democracy” for Central Asia? Perspectives and Strategies Promoted From Without and Within for the University Press of Kentucky and has forthcoming articles in the Cambridge Review of International Affairs and Education About Asia.

Gary Reich is currently teaching and conducting research in the areas of comparative public policy, immigration policy, and justice in public policy.

Robert Rohrschneider is currently setting up a new book length study on the influence of the economic crisis on political representation in Europe. To this end, he and his collaborator Stephen Whitefield at Oxford University are collecting information about the programmatic positions of all major parties in 27 European countries. This new data base the basis for a sequel to their 2012 The Strain of Representation (Oxford University Press). He is also currently writing several papers that deal with the way that political representation works in Europe, and how voters in the 2013 federal election in Germany decided their party support.

Pete Rowland has returned from retiring in the private sector to offer courses on judicial process.

Paul Schumaker was awarded "the best paper" published in urban affairs at the annual meeting of the Urban Affairs Association in April and has had two other papers published this year from his project dealing with how the ethical principles of city officials impact urban policy. He continues to enjoy teaching introduction to political theory and upper-division courses on theories of justice, democracy, and American public philosophy.

Elaine Sharp has just completed an essay on the future agenda for research in the urban politics field, which will appear in a special issue of the Journal of Urban Affairs; and her recent paper on the impact of minority representation on policing outcomes has been accepted for publication in Social Science Quarterly. She is also collaborating with Haider-Markel and two graduate students (Chelsie Bright and Steven Sylvester) on a study of the impact of minority teachers and school board members on the implementation of school discipline policies.

Jiso Yoon continues to work on a number of research projects related to advocacy and policymaking, comparative policy agendas, and women and politics. Specifically, the main themes she explores in her research are: how legacies of state-society relationship affect advocacy and policymaking in Korea and the US today; how changes in the governing party and leadership alter executive policy priorities in East Asia; and gender quotas and the political representation of women in Korea.

Don Haider-Markel, Political Science Professor and Chair, receiving the University Scholarly Achievement Award from Chancellor Burnadette Gray-Little.
 highlights of graduate student awards & activities

Congratulations to Political Science PhD 2013 graduate, Ryan Gibb, who was awarded the Argersinger Dissertation Award! Ryan is now a professor of International Studies at Baker University.

Political science graduate student Jacob Longaker has received a Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Award for 2014. Jacob’s dissertation focuses on understanding the relationship between the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) social movement and public policy in Brazil. He is particularly interested in how internal dynamics, such as intersectional differences, affect agenda setting and the choice of strategies and tactics on behalf of the movement. Jacob will conduct one year of multi-sited fieldwork in São Paulo, Rio de Janeiro, and Goiás starting in January 2014. Jacob also presented a paper at Midwest and has a book chapter forthcoming with Don Haider-Markel “What’s in a Name? Transgender Policy in Latin American Countries: A Comparative Perspective” in Transgender Rights and Public Policy.

Chelsie Bright at the Capital Research Summit

Chelsie Bright’s presented research has been about “Kansas voter ID Laws: Advertising and It’s Effect on Turnout” with Michael Lynch, and “Power Distances and Struggles: The Centralization of Education Among the American States” Also “Educational Solutions for Financial Troubles in Personal Finance Education”. With Professor Don Haider-Markel, Chelsie has the forthcoming publication “Lesbian Candidates and Officeholders” in women and Elected Office: Past, Present, and Future, 3rd Edition. She received the EITM Certification Scholarship, EITM travel scholarship, and was a DACOR Bacon House Fellow. She also received one of the department’s Walter Thompson Scholarships for summer research work with professors Sharp and Haider-Markel.

Saatvika Rai was awarded funding from the KU Women for KU Women fund to present “Climate Variation, Food Security and Human Migration in Kenya” at the APSA conference. Saatvika, and also Jacob Longaker, have been inducted into the IPSR Doctoral Research Fellows program.

Saatvika Rai also presented “Who decides to move? Spatial Analysis of Climate Variation and Human Migration in Kenya” at the MPSA. She also presented her paper “What We Call Them: changing Definitions of Environmental Refugees and implications for Vulnerable Communities in East Africa” at the Mid American Alliance for African Studies joint meeting with ISA. For the Wiley-Blackwell Online Conference she presented “Discussant, Migration in a Changing World: Where Do We Go Now?” She was involved with, or helped organize several conferences and has received awards such as CHS Foundation Mini-Grant Award, Ruben Zadigan Scholarship in Environmental Studies, Graduate Scholarly travel, and the departments Walter Thompson Scholarship.
More graduate student activity.


Laura Dean: presented two papers this year, “Human Trafficking Policy Variation in the Post-Soviet Region” at the Third European Conference on Gender and Politics in Barcelona, Spain, and “The Social Construction of Trafficking Victims in the Ukrainian Media” presented at The International Scientific Conference of Students and Young Scientists in Kharkiv, Ukraine.

Ginger Feather presented “Assessing Women’s Empowerment and Gender Party in Morocco and Egypt with a Muslim Feminist Lens: Gains under Mohammed VI and Mubarak and Prospects for Women’s future with Islamic Party Dominated Parliaments” at the Arab-Spring Revisited Conference in Morocco, and presented “The Impact of Family Law Reform on Demographic Trends: Egypt and Morocco” at the African Studies Association (ASA) conference in Boston. Ginger also had a manuscript selected for publication in the Journal of Women and Human Rights in the Middle East in the Spring of 2014.

Derek Glasgow presented papers at Midwest titled “How Self-interest Limits Partisan Frames: The Case of Public Support for Power Plant Construction” and “Simulating Locke’s Second Treatise of Government in the Classroom”

Brian Hanson, Juan Urbano, and Thomas Ringenberg received the WPSA Best Paper Award on Latina/Latino Politics at the 2012 Western Political Science association conference for paper titled “Racial Threat, Immigration, and Trust in Congress”

Terilyn Huntington presented her paper “The Rise of the Cubicle Warrior: UAV’s and the Alienation of the Soldier from the Battlefield” at the ISA.

Alex Jorgensen presented a paper at the MPSA titled “Killer Speed: A study of speed limit increases in Kansas” and gave a poster presentation of “Deferring Unwanted Behavior: Preliminary results following the upgrade to primary enforcement of seat belt laws” at the State Politics and Policy Conference.

Chris Kroh presented a dissertation chapter at the MPSA, and the overall findings, “Persuasion and Consensus: Dissent Management in the European Parliament”

Thomas Ringenberg, along with Professor Doan, presented a paper at the MPSA “Father Knows Best: Redefining Scientific Knowledge and Reaffirming State Paternalism through Antiabortion Legislation in the States”

Steven Torrente presented two papers at the International Studies Association meeting “The Body in Space: Answering the Challenge of Subjective Knowledge of Torture” and “Torture, Information, and the Elusiveness of Security”

Lidiya Zubytyska presented “European and Democracy: Ukraine through the Lens of Euro 2012” at the ISA Midwest. She also presented a paper on “Moscow Protest 2011-2012: Structural Preconditions and Sustainability” at the 9th Biennial Conference on Conflict Studies at the University of Massachusetts in Boston. Lidiya co-authored an article with Professor Mariya Omelicheva on “The Failures and Prospects of Regional Organizations: Lessons from Post-Soviet Space and Beyond” (2013)
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