



Political Science
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FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR,

Don Haider-Markel:

A warm greeting from the hill! As we approach the winter holidays please take a moment to look inside and catch our updates on a few of our exceptional students as well as recent accomplishments by faculty. We especially congratulate Professor **Mark Joslyn** who was named the Gene A. Budig Teaching Professor for 2015-16 and now emerita Professor **Elaine Sharp** on her retirement! And please join us in welcoming our newest faculty member, Professor **Clayton Webb**, in Quantitative Methods and International Relations.

With continued support from our donors, we have been fortunate to have a number of high-caliber scholars visit the department and co-sponsor two significant symposia in the past year. In February we welcomed Professor William Jacoby for a presentation "Is There a Culture War? Conflicting Value Structures in American Public Opinion." Professor **Kevin Smith** joined us in March for a brownbag session and for an intriguing presentation "Real. Comfortable. Genes: How Biology Makes Politics Feel Natural," as part of **The Clifford P. Ketznel Speaker Series for the Expression of Minority Opinions**. In April we cosponsored a visit and presentation by Professor **Joe Soss** "Learning Where We Stand: How School Experiences Matter for Civic Marginalization and Political Inequality" with the School of Public Affairs & Administration. That same month we worked with Anthropology and Sociology to host Dr. **Alex Smith's** presentation "What Happened in Kansas? Democracy, Religion and the 2014 Gubernatorial Election."

Alum **Larry Pascal** (class of 88) graciously delivered the commencement address for the May 2015 political science graduation ceremony. Larry also had time to meet with undergraduates and discuss his career as an international lawyer with Haynes and Boone LLP.

During the fall semester the department was also able to make use of Ketznel funds to co-sponsor a symposium, October 1-2, "**States of Surveillance Symposium**" at KU, which included Dr. **Allesandro Acquisti** as keynote speaker and eleven scholars for paper presenta -

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tions the following morning and afternoon. As a precursor to the symposium we helped to support a visit by Dr. **Mark Peffley**, and his talk, “The Impact of Persistent Terrorism on Political Tolerance: Israel, 1980-2011.” We also coordinated with Dr. **Shawn Alexander** of the Langston Hughes Center to develop and host a symposium at the Hall Center with six invited scholars and an evening conversation at Spooner Hall on “**Protecting the Vote**,” to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the passage of the Voting Rights Act. Both events were well attended and provided visibility for our scholarship as well as dialogue about social justice.

Throughout the year many of our graduate students and faculty presented research projects at our semi-weekly Friday Research Brownbag series, which continues to successfully provide feedback on research and encourage learning across sub-fields about the projects students and faculty are working on.

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 day-to-day 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**. On May 13, 2016 we will be hosting the 6th 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).

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Alex Green, awarded Political Science Future Military Leaders Scholarship speaks with PhD grad student Patrick McCarthy



Some of the undergraduate awards being presented by Dr. Bejarano, Undergrad Director



Retired Professor Earl Nehring, and Leslie Ketzal attended the event.

From the PI SIGMA ALPHA & DEPARTMENTAL AWARDS EVENT

Students inducted

Ranya Ahmed
 Sammy Badran
 Madeline Bjorklun
 Monique Brigham
 Chris Carey
 Kaitlyn DeYoung
 Hunter Goh
 Sara Goudge
 Emma Halling
 Ashley Hart
 Luke Herrington
 Chris Higginbotham
 Johnny McFarland
 Ryan Ott
 Hsin-Yi Pan
 Sierra Reicheneker
 Benjamin Rogers
 Alina Zheng

Ethan P.Allan Pi Sigma Alpha Award:

Amanda Gress, Abigail Naudet

Emmett L. Bennett Scholarship:

Shegufta Huma, Owen MacDonald, Laura Bilsborrow,
 Nico Mendoza, Brittany Bodenheimer

Eldon Fields Pi Sigma Alpha Award:

Nicolas Ball, Emily Jo Taylor

Elizabeth and Carl Gustafson Scholarships:

Jesse Burbank, Alex Chartrand, Garrison Matthews, Megan Peat,
 Madeleine Bryce, Aurelie Gagnet, Cody Christensen, Nicole
 Humphrey, Caleb Bobo, Claire MacLachlan, Jacob Reinig, Victoria
 Purvis, Nicole Richardson, Campbell Gatehouse, Thomas Leonard,
 Lyle Harte, Emma Halling

Allan J. Cigler Academic Enrichment Award:

Nicolas Ball

Political Science Future Military Leaders Scholarship:

Alexander Green

Walter Thompson Scholarships:

Ranya Ahmed, Luke Herrington, Benjamin Rogers, Brian Turnbull,
 Brittnee Carter, Sara Goudge, Ryan Daugherty, Carolina Costa-
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Political Science Faculty Award: Campbell Gatehouse, Emily Jo
 Taylor, Alli McKinnon, Allison Morte, Hsin-Yi Pan



more Stars!

Caleb Bobo is a student in Political Science & African American Studies. He's been an intern in Washington & Topeka. He won the 2015 Robert Hemenway Public Service award, and has been awarded multiple other awards for his spirit and his campus and public service, and academic achievements. He is active with the Student Alumni Leadership Board, KU Black Male Initiative, Student Senate, and helps recruit students for the Office of Admissions. He is a mentor to fellow students in the University Honors Program. Here he is pictured at Undergraduate Research Day at the Capitol, mentored by Kala Stroup presenting his research "African-American Students at Predominately White Universities"



Emily Taylor is a student working with Dr. Hannah Britton as her advisor with research focusing on Human Trafficking. Emily worked interning as an Operations Fellow at the Polaris Project, a leading anti-slavery organization in the country. Dr. Britton can attest that Emily has an authentic and impressive dedication to human rights, gender equity, and human trafficking. She's worked internships and has also worked as a Deputy Finance Director in the Greg Orman for U.S. Senate campaign in 2014.



Saatvika Rai is one of our many talented Political Science graduate students who is completing her dissertation and is on the market!



After completing her B.A. with Honors in India, and M.S., Environmental Studies with the European Commission on Erasmus Mundus Program, Vika came to the University of Kansas, receiving a Masters in Political Science, and pursuing her PhD. Vika's research examines the impacts of environmental policy by exploring how different government institutions respond to environmental problems and how this impacts vulnerable communities and environmental justice. Her dissertation is titled "The Politics of Climate Adaptation in the U.S." and she has been presenting her research at various national conferences. Vika has been a GTA, Research Associate, received research awards and been a Doctoral Research Fellow with the Institute of Policy & Social Research. She is also an NSF-IGERT Associate in the Climate Change, Humans and Nature in the Global Environment (C-CHANGE).



Some of the Graduate Student activity

Ranya Ahmed, along with Amanda Murdie, Forthcoming. "International Nongovernmental Organizations and Human Rights Promotion." Encyclopedia of Public Administration and Public Policy. Walter Thompson Scholarship. **Cagil Albayrak** completed his Master's degree with thesis "Strategic Construction: Designation of Terrorism", and is preparing to take comprehensive exams next. **Sammy Badran** will be presenting a paper titled "The Influence of Western feminism on contemporary Moroccan Feminist Organizations" at MPSA in April.

Brittnee Carter EITM Certification, EITM Summer Institute Fellow, Attended conferences, published in Cambridge Review of International Relations, Lake Michigan College Alumni Achievement Award **Carolina Costa-Candal** is president of the PSGA this year (Political Science Graduate Students). She and **Ryan Daugherty** both received Walter Thompson Summer Scholarships and also completed comprehensive exams this semester.

Ginger Feather received a \$15,000 PEO Scholars Award for this academic year and was a keynote speaker at the Kansas State PEO convention in Wichita, KS in June. She presented papers of "Women's and Youth Movement Activism in Tunisia and Morocco" and "Discursive Shifts in Women's and Youth Movements: Tunisia and Morocco" based on summer research in Tunisia and Morocco at the European Political Science Association Women and Gender Conference in Upsalla, Sweden and the Social Movements conference on Unfinished Project Arab Spring in Edmonton, Canada in September. She also presented work in Morocco in May and completed comprehensive exams this semester. **Sara Goudge** received a Walter Thompson Summer Scholarship. **Luke Herrington** is currently researching the relationship between religion and terrorism, and the effects of internet use on political tolerance. His book, published in August with Al McKay and Jeffrey Haynes is "Nations Under God: The Geopolitics of Faith in the Twenty-First Century" He was also a Thompson Scholar this year. He presented a paper at the 2015 Society for Scientific Study of Religion conference in Newport Beach, California in October and had a book review published: "Review of Area 51: An Uncensored History of America's Top Secret Military Base" in the Special Operations Journal. **Terilyn Huntington** is completing her dissertation and is on the market. **Fassue Kelleh** passed his comprehensive exams this semester and is working on dissertation. **John Livingstone** is completing his dissertation and recently presented on French & German Foreign Policy toward Russia. **Jacob Longaker** will attend SPSA 2016 in Puerto Rico and present work from his dissertation entitled "Contending and Negotiating Identity through Discourse: Trans Activism in the Brazilian LGBT movement" He also will be in a roundtable "Transgender Politics." He has been selected to receive a Prestage-Cook Travel Grant from SPSA to attend the annual meeting. **Patrick McCarthy** has been on leave, but will be returning to complete his dissertation. **Saatvika Rai** received the APSA Travel Grant and attended APSA in San Francisco. She is a research associate under Dr. Dorothy Daley for the NSF project on "Climate Risk Governance & Polycentrism in the U.S. States, and is on the Graduate Committee this year. **Sierra Reicheneker** is completing her masters and preparing for comprehensive exams. **Benjamin Rogers** passed his comprehensive exams and is working on his dissertation. He was a Walter Thompson Scholar. **Steven Sylvester** is completing his dissertation and is on the market. **Brian Turnbull** is completing exams and working on his dissertation. He was also a Thompson Scholar. **Charles Malcom Williams** successfully defended his dissertation "Conflict, Corruption, and Consent: an analysis of popular support in Afghanistan", and **Kristina Youngblood** and **Lidiya Zubytka** will also be defending soon and are on the market.

Faculty activity 2015.

Alan Arwine is writing a book that explores the determinants of social and political tolerance in Western democracies

Nazli Avdan working on a series of articles on transnational terrorism, focusing on whether border control policies deter transnational terrorism and on the connection between state repression and terrorist violence. As a second stream of research I'm coauthoring a set of papers examining reproductive freedom and women's rights in the context of civil war.

Christina Bejarano is serving as Undergraduate Director and finished two book chapters for the two edited volumes, *18 Million Cracks: The Legacy of Second-Wave Feminism in American Politics* and *Distinct Identities: Minority Women in U.S. Politics*. She also gave an invited talk at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill for "Latina/os, Media, and Politics: A Symposium on Latina/o Political Power and Media Representation."

Hannah Britton is serving as the Director of the Center for the Study of Injustice (<http://ipsr.ku.edu/CSI/>), finishing a book, and working with her research team on the Anti-Slavery and Human Trafficking Initiative (ASHTI, <http://ipsr.ku.edu/ASHTI/>).

Gail Buttorff is developing a line of research on authoritarian politics and women's empowerment in the Middle East and North Africa.

Alesha Doan has been serving as chair of WGSS and is co-authoring a new book on reproductive rights and policymaking and collaborating on research papers resulting from a study focused on the integration of women into the U.S. Army Special Forces.

Don Haider-Markel is chairing the department and published a *Policy Studies Journal* article with Ph.D. student Steven Sylvester and has two forthcoming book chapters on LGBT politics. He has two new book projects underway and continues to present new research on attributions and politics (see <https://kups.ku.edu/working-group-attributions-and-politics>).

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

Paul Johnson is serving as Director of the Center for Research Methods and Data Analysis (<http://crmda.ku.edu/>) where he works with statistical research projects from many different departments.

Mark Joslyn is serving as Graduate Director and working on several projects related to attributions, politics, and policy (see <https://kups.ku.edu/working-group-attributions-and-politics>).

John Kennedy was on sabbatical for fall 2015 and is working on a book project on politics in rural China as well as finalizing the publication of two articles.

Burdett Loomis published two books – *Interest Group Politics*, 9th ed., co-edited with Al Cigler and Tony Nownes, and *The Contemporary Congress*, 6th ed., co-authored with Wendy Schiller. He also gave the keynote address at the Great Plains Political Science Association meetings, continues to edit the journal *Interest Groups & Advocacy*, and is the editor for a University Press of Kansas series of books on legislative leaders.

Faculty activity continued

Patrick Miller has been teaching courses related to American political behavior, and in the last year had articles accepted for publication at *Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly*, *Political Research Quarterly*, and *Politics, Groups, and Identities*. In spring 2016 he is taking a research intensive semester to begin a project on policies and political behavior related to U.S. military families

Mariya Omelicheva's monograph "Democracy in Central Asia: Competing Perspective and Alternative Strategies" was published by the University Press of Kentucky. She is also a recipient of \$954,000 Minerva grant funded by the US Department of Defense (together with Stephen Egbert, KU, and Lawrence Markowitz, Rowan University) to work on a terrorism-trafficking nexus project in Eurasia.

Gary Reich taught two new graduate seminars and collaborated with three graduate students on a cross-national study of ethnic minority representation in legislatures. He is chairing three dissertations and is working on a manuscript that examines state-level policies toward immigrants in the US.

Robert Rohrschneider organized a conference on the European parliamentary election that brought several leading scholars from Europe to the Lawrence campus. He also worked on his project on representation in Europe after the economic crisis developed in 2007 which led to the several publications in 2015.

Paul Schumaker has begun phased retirement. His article, "John Rawls, Barack Obama, and the Pluralist Political Consensus" is forthcoming in *American Political Thought*.

Elaine Sharp is serving as emerita faculty after 30+ years of teaching and research at the University; we miss her daily work ethic on the 5th floor of Blake Hall.

Jiso Yoon is working on finalizing her book manuscript where she shows how past traditions of public policymaking prior to democratization provide a useful tool in explaining advocacy practices in today's policy community in Korea (forthcoming in SUNY Press). In addition, she has been awarded JSPS fellowship to study how women's policy interests are represented in Japan's local politics and is on leave to conduct this research in Asia.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MANY PHD GRADS IN POLITICAL SCIENCE IN 2015!

Here they are below, and where they currently reside..

Kee Hyun Ahn	Ministry of National Defense Republic of Korea
Thomas Ringenberg	Rockhurst University
Chelsie Bright	Mills College, Judicial Council of California
Johnathon Kupka	Garrison Commander U.S. Army Virginia
Derek Glasgow	Mercer University
Alex Jorgensen	Missouri State University
Brian Hanson	Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College
Luke Campbell	Metropolitan Community College, Avila, William Jewell
Steven Torrente	University of Nebraska at Kearny
Svetla Ben-Itzhak	Kansas State University
Charles Malcom Williams	Lt. Col. U.S. Army