



GREETINGS FROM THE DEPARTMENT CHAIR:

Welcome to the 2009 edition of the KU Political Science department newsletter! There is much activity to report as 2009 draws to a close. Departmental faculty have been active on the research front (see Faculty Research Updates). They have also been active on other fronts as well, in keeping with important developments at the university. For example:

Professor **Paul Johnson**, who is serving as our Director of Graduate Studies, has also been appointed as Associate Director of the **Center for Research Methods and Data Analysis**, a unit newly created by KU's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to provide resources, support, and educational opportunities for social and behavioral scientists at KU. The unit, directed by Dept. of Psychology professor Todd Little, will draw together expert methodologists, statisticians and applied researchers from across KU -- offering access to the latest research tools and methods both to help support faculty research programs and to provide educational opportunities for students. Professor **Dorothy Daley** serves on the steering committee for the Center.

Professor **Juliet Kaarbo** has been appointed Director of Faculty Programs for the university's **Office of International Programs**. She is responsible for administering a variety of faculty development programs aimed to expand the international dimension of teaching and research at KU.

A number of our faculty are also involved in the **Center for Global and International Studies (CGIS)** – a unit newly created by the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to promote interdisciplinary research, teaching and service on global, transnational and international topics. Professor **Thomas Heilke** is serving as Acting Associate Director for Faculty Programs and Outreach in CGIS and many of our colleagues with specialties in international relations or comparative politics are among the affiliated faculty of the new center.

Meanwhile, Professor **Hannah Britton** has been designated to serve as Director of the Center for International Political Analysis in the university's **Institute for Policy & Social Research**. The Center, one of several within the Institute, supports the development of international research that is outside the boundaries of traditional centers or in areas of the world not covered by other university programs. We have also recently marked two very important moments in the department's history.

On the occasion of his inaugural lecture on October 19 we celebrated Professor **Robert Rohrschneider's** appointment in our department as the first **Sir Robert Worcester Distinguished Professor in Public Opinion and Survey Research** (see newsletter item on this for more detail).

On April 8, 2008 the department's Washington Semester Intern Program, directed by Professor **Burdett Loomis**, celebrated its 25th anniversary with a reception, graciously sponsored by former Kansas Governor Bill Graves, at the Capitol Hill Club (see newsletter item on this for more detail).

As is often the case in academia, we also have reason to bid farewell to a colleague. **Professor Philip Schrodt** has accepted an offer to take up a position in the Department of Political Science at Penn State University. We sincerely wish him the best in his new position.

There is still more to report on with respect to our graduate program and our undergraduates. I invite you to read on, to celebrate the accomplishments of our students, and to share in our excitement about the many new developments in our department. Finally, I invite you to contact me with any of your own news that you would like to share with us and with department alumni.

WASHINGTON SEMESTER PRORAM CELEBRATES 25TH ANNIVERSARY AND ESTABLISHES D.C. ADVISORY BOARD

The Department's Washington Semester Intern Program celebrated its 25th anniversary with a reception, graciously sponsored by former Kansas Governor Bill Graves, at the Capitol Hill Club, April 8, 2008. More than 100 former interns and friends of the program attended, representing almost all of the program's twenty-five "classes." Then-Dean Joseph Steinmetz welcomed the guests and talked about the program's value to the College and the University. Professor Burdett Loomis also offered remarks about the program, and noted the service of former director Linda Slattery and current director Stephene Moore. Hillary Tilkins, who interned during 2007, helped organize the event, which allowed many former interns to catch up with their class mates and with departmental developments.

In other internship news, the Washington program now has an advisory board, made up of former interns, other KU graduates, and friends of the program, all from the Washington area. The board will provide a wealth of knowledge and expertise on prospective internships, fund-raising, and career advice. Members include: Bob Woody, Co-Chairman, The Buxton Initiative; Alan Morgan, National Rural Hospital Association; Marcie Cooperman, House Committee on National Resources; Selina Jackson, Vice-President for International Affairs, UPS; Howard Bauleke, Chief of Staff for Rep. Dennis Moore; Matt Schlapp, Cove Strategies; David Shulenburg, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Assoc. of Public and Land-Grant Universities; Heather Wingate, Citigroup Vice President and Director, Federal Government Affairs; Neil Newhouse, Public Opinion Strategies; Linda Slattery, former D.C. Intern Program Director; Christina Erland Culver, Founding Partner, C/H Global Strategies.



Joe Steinmetz, former Dean of KU's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Julie Merz, Political Science department graduate, and currently senior staffer at the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee



KU Provost Danny Anderson and Robert Rohrschneider, the Sir Robert Worcester Distinguished Professor of Public Opinion and Survey Research, visit with the audience prior to Rohrschneider's inaugural lecture.

ROBERT ROHRSCHEIDER GIVES INAUGURAL LECTURE AS THE FIRST SIR ROBERT WORCESTER DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR IN PUBLIC OPINION AND SURVEY RESEARCH

On October 19 our newest colleague, Professor Robert Rohrschneider, delivered his inaugural lecture as the Sir Robert Worcester Distinguished Professor of Public Opinion and Survey Research. The lecture entitled "Do Political Parties Represent Citizens in Europe?" was given in Alderson Auditorium at the Kansas Union to a diverse audience of KU faculty, including those holding other named professorships at KU, graduate and undergraduate students and interested members of the community. Following the lecture and reception, Professor Rohrschneider was feted at a dinner given by the Provost's Office and toasted by Sir Robert Worcester, the donor whose generous gift endowed the professorship in his name.

As noted in our November, 2008 newsletter, Sir Robert Worcester received his undergraduate degree from KU in 1955 and subsequently moved to Great Britain where he founded the enormously successful company Market and Opinion Research International (MORI). Sir Robert, who is chancellor of the University of Kent and an honorary professor at the University of Kent, the London School of Economics, and Warwick University, was at KU for the occasion of Professor Rohrschneider's inaugural lecture.

FACULTY RESEARCH UPDATES

Christine Bejarano has a co-authored chapter on “Anticipated—but not Quite Present Political Effects in Emerging Communities” accepted for publication in a collection edited by De la Garza, Rodolfo O., Louis DeSipio, and David L. Leal (eds.). *Beyond the Barrio: Latinos in the 2004 Elections*. South Bend: University of Notre Dame.

Hannah Britton’s co-edited book *Women's Activism in South Africa: Working Across Divides* is being published this year by University of KwaZulu Natal Press, the leading academic press in South Africa. In addition, her chapter on "South Africa: Challenging Traditional Thinking on Electoral Systems" was published in the edited volume *Women and Legislative Representation: Electoral Systems, Political Parties and Sex Quotas*, published by Palgrave.

Alan Cigler and Burdett Loomis co-edited the 7th edition of their reader on American politics, published by Houghton-Mifflin in 2008.

Dorothy Daley’s article on “Interdisciplinary Problems and Agency Boundaries: Exploring Effective Cross-Agency Collaboration” was published in the *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory* in 2008.

Alesha Doan’s co-authored book *The Politics of Virginity: Abstinence in Sex Education* was published in 2008 by Praeger.

Ron Francisco’s book *Dynamics of Conflict* was published earlier this year 2009 by Springer-Verlag.

Don Haider-Markel’s *Political Encyclopedia of U.S. States and Regions* was published by CQ Press in 2008. He also co-authored five journal articles in 2008, including “Race, Bureaucracy, and Symbolic Representation: Interactions Between Citizens and Police” in the *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*.

Tom Heilke’s “Friendship in the Civic Order: A Reformation Absence,” was published as a chapter in *Friendship and Politics: Essays in Political Thought* (Notre Dame: Notre Dame University Press).

Erik Herron’s *Elections and Democracy After Communism* was published this year by Palgrave Macmillan. He also had an article on “The Parliamentary Election in Ukraine” published in *Electoral Studies*.

Paul Johnson and Elaine Sharp co-authored the paper “Accounting for Variation in Distrust of Local Police,” published in *Justice Quarterly* in March, 2009.

Mark Joslyn co-authored four papers published in refereed journals in 2008. They include “Pulpits versus Ivory Towers: Socializing Agents and Evolution Attitudes” (co-authored with **Don Haider-Markel**) and “Culture, Segregation, and Tolerance in Urban America,” both published in *Social Science Quarterly* and “Understanding Beliefs about the Origins of Homosexuality and Subsequent Support for Gay Rights: An Empirical Test of Attribution Theory” published in *Public Opinion Quarterly*.

Julie Kaarbo is the co-author of “Taking it to the Extreme: The Effect of Coalition Cabinets on Foreign Policy,” published in *Foreign Policy Analysis* and the author of “Coalition Cabinet Decision Making: Institutional and Psychological Factors” in *International Studies Review*. She also has co-authored a paper with Baris Kesgin on “When and How Parliaments Influence Foreign Policy: The Case of Turkey’s Iraq Decision” to appear in *International Studies Perspectives* in May 2010.

John Kennedy’s “Rural China: Politics and Policy” is included as a chapter in the edited volume *The Politics of China*, published by Oxford University Press. In addition, his paper “Legitimacy with Chinese Characteristics: ‘Two Increases, One Reduction’” was published by the *Journal of Contemporary China*, his paper “Popular Support and the Rural and Urban Divide in China: The Influence of Education and the State-Controlled Media” was published by *Political Studies* and he has articles appearing in two other journals in 2009 as well.

Burdett Loomis's major essay on "Interest Groups and the Presidency" appeared in the *Oxford Encyclopedia of the Presidency*, published in 2008. In addition, he had several chapters published in other edited volumes including one in *Debating the Presidency: Conflicting Perspectives on the American Executive*, published by CQ Press in 2009, and one in *Interest Groups & Lobbying: Vol. One – The United States and Comparative Studies*, published by Edwin Mellin Press.

Michael Lynch's co-authored paper "Constrained Instability of Majority Rule: Experiments on the Robustness of the Uncovered Set" was published in *Political Analysis* in 2008.

Sharon O'Brien's chapter "Tribal Governments," was published in 2008 in the *Smithsonian Handbook: Indians in Contemporary Society*, Vol. 2.

Mariya Omelicheva had four articles published in academic journals in 2009 and chapters in books currently in print. The articles are "Convergence of Counterterrorism Policies: A Case Study of Kyrgyzstan and Central Asia" published in *Studies of Conflict and Terrorism*; Reference Group Perspective on State Behavior: A Case Study of Estonia's Counterterrorism Policies, published in *Europe Asia Studies*, "Democratization of World Politics: A Bona Fide Relationship or Illusory Liaison?" published in *International Studies Review*, and "Security Rights Violations in the Context of Counterterrorism: Analysis of the Post-Soviet Nations" *International Journal of Human Rights*.

Gary Reich's co-authored "'Educating Kids' versus 'Coddling Criminals: Framing the Debate over In-State Tuition for Undocumented Students in Kansas,'" was published in *State Politics and Policy Quarterly* in 2008.

While spending academic year 2008-09 at the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Studies (NIAS), Wassenaar, on a research fellowship **Robert Rohrschneider** had three articles published or accepted for publication. These include his co-authored "Understanding Divisions in Party Systems: Issue Position and Issue Salience in 13 Post-Communist Democracies," published in *Comparative Political Studies* and "Representational Consistency: Stability and Change in Political Cleavages in Central and Eastern Europe." *Politics & Policy*, forthcoming.

From Ideologies to Public Philosophies: An Introduction to Political Theory, authored by **Paul Schumaker** was published in 2008 by Blackwell. Schumaker edited an accompanying anthology, *The Political Theory Reader*, which is currently in press with Wiley-Blackwell. He also co-authored (with Francis Heller) the chapter "The Kansas Constitution: Conservative Politics through Republican Dominance," in G. Connor and C. Hammons, eds., *The Constitutionalism of American States*. University of Missouri Press, 2008 and his "The Good, the Better, the Best: Improving on the 'acceptable' Electoral College" is slated to appear in *Electoral College Reform: Challenges and Possibilities*, edited by Gary Bugh, and published by Ashgate Publishing.

Elaine Sharp was lead author on three co-authored papers published or accepted for publication by refereed journals in 2008 or 2009. Among these was "At the Invitation of the Court: Eminent Domain Reform in the Wake of the *Kelo* Decision," published in *Publius: Annual Review of American Federalism, 2007-2008*. She also co-authored a chapter for a forthcoming Oxford University Handbook on Urban Politics.

Brent Steele's *Ontological Security in International Relations* was published by Routledge press in 2008 and his co-edited book *Ethics, Authority and War* is forthcoming with Palgrave publishers. In addition, the University of Michigan Press will be publishing his book *Counter-Power and the Ethics of Insecurity*. He also has published or forthcoming articles in the journals *International Relations*, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs* and *Global Public Health*.

Fiona Yap's co-authored article "Pathologies or Progress? Evaluating the effects of Divided Government and Party Volatility" and her article "Executive-Legislature Divide and Party Volatility in Emergent Democracies: Lessons for Democratic Performance from Taiwan" have both been published in the *Japanese Journal of Political Science*. In addition, she edited an annual editions volume on comparative politics for McGraw Hill publishers.

GRADUATE PROGRAM NEWS AND NOTES

With Professor Paul Johnson serving as Director of Graduate Studies, the graduate program in Political Science continues to attract students from the United States and from abroad who are interested in seeking the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees. In addition to the resources available to them in our department, our graduate students will also have an opportunity to participate in research training and interdisciplinary projects at the Center for Research Methods and Data Analysis, newly created by KU's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. The Center will have frequent presentations and tutorials on the latest developments in research methodology in the social sciences. In addition, there are employment opportunities as research fellows who will serve as statistical consultants or team participants on externally funded research projects.

SPOTLIGHT ON A CURRENT GRADUATE STUDENT

Ryan Gibb, who is doing his dissertation research under the directorship of Prof. Hannah Britton, has received a highly prestigious dissertation research award. Ryan will do field work in Uganda with the support of a 2009-2010 US Department of Education Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad (DDRA) Program.



Ryan will begin the fieldwork in the spring of 2010. The dissertation concerns the institution of land right tenure in Uganda. The project will blend the insights of the so called "new institutionalists" with research of scholars who specialize in African politics and economics. Ryan graduated from Creighton Prep High School in Omaha, Nebraska and did his undergraduate work and an M.A. at Marquette University in International Affairs. In addition to his work as a scholar, Ryan ran in the Kansas City Marathon Oct 17.

A SAMPLING OF GRADUATE STUDENT AWARDS AND ACTIVITIES

The 2009 Joseph P. Harris Fellowship, given to an outstanding graduate student whose major unfinished task is completion of the doctoral dissertation, was awarded to Will Delehanty.

Adam Brown was the recipient of the 2009 Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award given by the Political Science Department's Political Science Graduate Association.

Laura Dean, who is the recipient of a Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) award, also won the 15th annual Roy and Betty Laird Center for Russian Studies Essay competition for the essay: "The implications of East European sex tourism in a neocolonial context."

Baris Kesgin's essay on "Comparative Foreign Policy" will be published in the 21st Century Political Science reference handbook. He is also the winner of a 2009 KU Graduate School Summer Fellowship. His summer project: data collection to supplement an existing international events data set.

RECENT JOURNAL ARTICLES AUTHORED OR CO-AUTHORED BY GRADUATE STUDENTS

Andrea Vieux (co-authored with Prof. Donald Haider-Markel) "Gender and Conditional Support for Torture in the War on Terror" *Politics & Gender* 4:5-33 (2008).

Matthew Beverlin and William Delehanty (co-authored with Prof. Donald Haider-Markel) "Media Framing and Racial Attitudes in the Aftermath of Katrina," *Policy Studies Journal*, November 2007

Will Delehanty (co-authored with Prof. Brent Steele) "Engaging the Narrative in Ontological (In)security Theory: Insights from Feminist IR" *Cambridge Review of International Affairs*, September, 2009.

Jim Stoutenborough and Matt Beverlin, "Encouraging Pollution-Free Energy: The Diffusion of State Net Metering Policies" *Social Science Quarterly*, December, 2008.

Baris Kesgin and Juliet Kaarbo (forthcoming in May 2010). "When and How Parliaments Influence Foreign Policy: The Case of Turkey's Iraq Decision." *International Studies Perspectives*.

SUMMER 2009 RESEARCH PROJECTS SUPPORTED WITH THOMPSON SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS

- Chris Kroh's study of the European Parliament with Chris focused on offices in Belgium
- Raminta Stockute's data collection on the Lithuania Legislature
- Laura Dean's work in Latvia conducting interviews and gathering data on sex trafficking and sex tourism
- Cody Brown's research in Serbia, collecting data on social protests
- Andri Innes's research on human rights and the asylum seeker problem
- Whitney Court's investigation of the Vice Presidential role in U.S. Presidential elections
- Nick Howard's investigation of lobbying and campaign donations in Kansas
- Christian Cantir's research in Moldova on socialization of nation-states
- Kellee Kirkpatrick's analysis of emergency contraception policies in the US
- Bruce Blair's examination of U.S. presidential elections as evaluations of presidential performance
- Pedro Dos Santos's research on Brazilian elections and the representation of women in Brazil
- Alana Querze's interviews in Washington, DC for her dissertation on military "state-building"

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM NEWS AND NOTES

With Professor Fiona Yap as Director of Undergraduate Studies, assisted by our Advising Specialist Heidi Hulse, Political Science remains one of the largest majors in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at KU. Current counts show us as having about 550 majors. Last spring, 120 students graduated from KU with a major in Political Science. Our new minor in Public Policy is also attracting considerable interest. With responsibility for the inter-disciplinary Co-Major in International Studies moved to the new Center for Global and International Studies, where it will be developed into an inter-disciplinary, stand-alone major we are also in a position to focus on other enhancements to our undergraduate program, including the possibility of additional minors.

SPOTLIGHT ON A CURRENT POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

Andrea Peterson is a senior majoring in Political Science, East Asian Languages and Cultures, and International Studies. She is a graduate of Manhattan High School in Manhattan, Kansas.

While carrying an A average in her political science courses, she finds time for a broad array of activities. She participates in organizations such as the Commission on the Status of Women, KU Amnesty International, and KU Students against Sweatshops. Her list of accomplishments also includes successfully coordinating a week-long series focused on raising awareness at the University for sexual health and safety. In 2008 she also served as a volunteer for the Great Plains Alliance for Clean Energy, going door-to-door providing information about the impacts of the planned coal-fired energy plants in Holcomb, Kansas. Since last fall, she has been working in Congressman Dennis Moore's office, serving as a liaison between constituents and his office and representing the Congressman at Douglas County and University of Kansas events. Upon her graduation, Andrea plans to continue working for Congressman Moore or on the mid-term election campaign. Following that, she hopes to attend graduate school in political science. She would love to be a chief-of-staff for a member of Congress one day.

AWARDS PRESENTED AT THE 2009 ANNUAL PI SIGMA ALPHA HONORS BANQUET

Recipients of Elizabeth and Carl Gustafson Scholarship

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Daniel Johnson
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Valerie Shands
Chandler Frigon

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David Mills
Derek Martin
Joshua Gapetz

Recipients of the J. Eldon Fields Award for Outstanding Seniors

Cooper Alton
Andreas Graf

Recipients of the Ethan P. Allen Award for Outstanding Seniors

Grant Wille
Laura Webb



Andrea Peterson at the inauguration.

REMINDER: CIGLER FUND CONTRIBUTIONS

Last fall, at what turned out to be one of the least propitious times from the perspective of the state of the economy, we launched the fundraising campaign for the Allan J. Cigler Academic Enrichment Fund. The fund, which was established by KU alumnus John Mark Hanson (now Dean of Social Sciences at the University of Chicago), is intended to provide funds for undergraduate research efforts. We know that many individuals were not able to contribute at the time of the fundraising launch, but wanted to be reminded again in the future. Contributions can be made to the fund using the pledge form on the last page of this newsletter, or by contacting the KU Endowment Association directly at the phone number shown on that form.



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