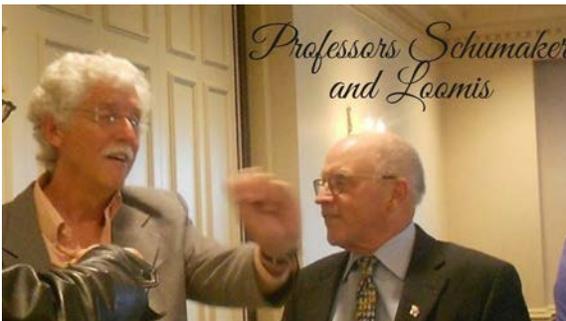




Hello from the upper south side of Mt. Oread! As we approach the holidays please take a moment to look inside and catch our updates on a few of our exceptional students as well as recent accomplishments by faculty. We are lucky to have such a long tradition of excellent scholars who are also excellent teachers. This year our congratulations go to Professor **Gary Reich** for receiving the **Gene A. Budig Teaching Professorship** for 2017-18.



This fall we welcomed two new faculty members to our department, Assistant Professor **Brittnee Carter** and Assistant Professor **Mike Wuthrich**. Professor Carter's interests are in International Relations and security studies, with a focus on terrorism. Professor Wuthrich's expertise is in the Middle East, with a focus on Turkish politics.



Professors **Burdett Loomis** and **Paul Schumaker** retired after the spring 2017 semester following many years of dedicated service to KU and the Kansas community. Thanks to all family, friends, students and alum that were able to attend the May 2017 retirement event. We also said goodbye for now to **Betty Jo Ross**, who retired after serving tirelessly as the Office Manager for Political Science for more than 13 years.

Thanks to continued support from our donors we have been fortunate to sponsor or co-sponsor a number of high-caliber scholar visits to campus in the past year. As part of the **Clifford P. Ketznel Speaker Series for the Expression of Minority Opinions** and the **Political Science Lecture Series** we had the pleasure of hosting Professor **Gbemende Johnson** this fall to talk with us about her research on the use of executive privilege. Likewise, in the spring of 2017 we hosted Professor **Anna Grzymala-Busse** to learn about her research on successor parties to authoritarian regimes.

During the past year many of our graduate students and faculty presented research projects at our 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. We have continued to intermix our Brownbag series with **teaching professionalization workshop sessions** for graduate students.

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 February 2017 we honored our outstanding undergraduate and graduate students with monetary and distinction awards at our **Phi Sigma Alpha Honor’s Recognition Ceremony**. We will hold a similar event in 2018 and in May 2018 we will be hosting the 7th annual **Political Science Graduation Celebration** (founded by Professor **Elaine Sharp**) for all graduating political science majors and their families. You can find pictures of these events on our webpage and our Facebook page.

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](mailto:dhmarkel@ku.edu)). –Don Haider-Markel, Chair



Allan J. Cigler, the Chancellor’s Club Distinguished Teaching Professor at the University of Kansas, died on January 13, 2017, following an extended illness. He was 73.

**Dr. Gbemende Johnson** presenting her talk as this year’s **Clifford P. Ketznel Speaker**



*During the Spring -*

Twenty-nine students were new inductees February 17<sup>th</sup> to the Gamma chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honor society. Criteria for induction include a 3.5 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale in all political science courses with a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.4 for undergraduates. In addition, inductees cannot have a grade lower than a B in any political science course: Logan Albers, Elizabeth Christine Andrews, Mattie Bieberly, Andrew Bilbo, Rebekah Burgweger, Gabriela Carrillo, Madeline Caywood, Ashley Cossaart, Robert Curtis, Sarah DeBauche, Christopher Fry, Emma Gren, David Halliwell, Samantha Harms, Emily Harvatin, Shegufta Huma, Jacob Janeiro, Kayla Kahn, Parker Kempin, Chance Maginness, Matt McReynolds, Shea O'Sullivan, Megan Peat, Cyan Sanders, Robert Santamarina, Todd Andrew Schmidt, Kevin Stump, Taylor Tidwell, and Marcus Williamson.

The Ethan P. Allen Pi Sigma Alpha Award: Claire Meckowski, Sara Prendergast

The Emmett L. Bennett: Trent Allen, Tyler Blake, Brittany Bodenheimer, Victorial Calderon, Cody Christensen, Owen MacDonald, Chance Maginness, Kathleed Pudas, Henry Walter

The Eldon Fields Pi Sigma Alpha Award: Kevin McCarthy, Victoria Purvis

The Elizabeth and Carl Gustafson Scholarships: William Admussen, Samantha Harms, Sarah Herman, Shegufta Huma, Aadil Khan, Garrison Matthews, Jacob Vance, Tymon Wall, Kellor Yde

The Allan J. Cigler Academic Enrichment Award was presented to these students working with faculty on their assigned projects. This fund is made possible by former students of Professor Allan Cigler, who wished to recognize him for his continued academic service. The recipients: Henry Walter, and Kevin Kruse

The Political Science Future Military Leaders Scholarship is awarded to political science majors participating in ROTC. This fund is possible by the generosity of Roberto Montoya. The Spring 2017 recipient was Logan Albers

The Political Science Faculty Award is given to those students that have nearly completed or have completed an honors thesis with a faculty member: William Admussen, Jesse Burbank, Adam Steinhilber, Madeline Ulloa, Tymon Wall, Zachary Watson



Recently three more Cigler awards were announced, for 2017-2018: Shiloh K. Bennett, who is working with Dr. Britton on the Anti-Slavery and Human Trafficking Initiative, Annah Buhlinger, working with Don Haider-Markel on "Abortion Advocacy Groups in the American States: A New Measure of Group Strength, and Alex Middlewood, a graduate student for her work with Drs. Joslyn and Haider-Markel "Guns, Gender and Political Engagement: Gun Ownership and women's Willingness to Discuss Politics"

Graduate Students awarded for Walter Thompson Summer (2017) Scholars, for projects with faculty, were Michael Baggs, Rachel Finnell, Taylor Tidwell, Amilee Turner, Bronson Herrera, Alexandra Middlewood, Patrick Gauding, Andrew Bilbo, and Yeon Joo Kim.

*Some more of the graduate student activity -*



**Cagil Albayrak**- MPSA Paper on panel “Norms, Identity, and Social Approaches to Foreign Policy”, Discussant for undergrad poster panel “The Politics of Terror Attacks” Accepted for ISA 2018 – “Foreign Terrorist Organizations: Projection of Power through Norms and Rules of Terrorism Designation”

**Sammy Badran** – Sammy returned from his Fulbright activity and taught a course about The Arab Spring this semester and is teaching about non –State Actors in Global Politics in the Spring.

**Carolina Costa Candal** received multiple awards this year, among them Tradition of Excellence Award, the 2017 Emily Taylor Center Outstanding Woman Educator, and the 2017 Bernstein Award for Future Faculty! From Political Science Carolina also received a Harris Award this year.

**Brian Turnbull**, who returned from his Fulbright work in India, also received the Harris Fellowship this year.

**Ryan Daugherty and Luke Herrington**, MPSA “Trafficked and Abused God” that looks at the ideological differences between faith-based groups responses to human trafficking.

**Rachel Finnell** presented her work on relations in the South China Sea at the Southern Economics Association conference in Tampa in November with Dr. John Crooker. Her work on the South China Sea will also be presented at SPSA in January.

**Alexandra Middlewood** received the 17-18 Allan J. Cigler Academic Enrichment Fund Award. Her co-authored research papers “Guns, Gender, and Political Engagement : Gun Ownership and Women’s Willingness to Discuss Politics” with Dr. Mark Joslyn and Dr. Donald Haider-Markel, and “Speak Loudly and Carry a Big Stick: Gun Ownership, Motivated Reasoning, and Support for the Use of Military Force” with Patrick Gauding, Dr. Donald Haider-Markel, Dr. Mark Joslyn, **Cagil Albayrak**, and **Bronson Herrera** have been accepted at the southern Political Science Association Annual conference in January 2018. Alexandra also has volunteered as an Election Worker for the 2017 election cycle in Douglas County, and as a Committee Chair for the 2017 American Model United Nations conference. She also received a Prestage Cook Travel Award for 2018.

Other graduate students involved with the issue of gun ownership and political behavior research this year were **Andrew Bilbo** and **Michael Baggs**, who co-authored, along with Joslyn and Haider-Markel a study that was part of a special journal issue of *Social Science Quarterly* (“Gun Politics”).

**Todd Schmidt** received a Senior Military Fellowship from the Simon Center for the Study of Interagency Cooperation. He received meritorious service medal for Battalion Command and service overseas in Kuwait and was selected to attend War College at the Army Strategic Planning and Policy Program. He has a U.S. Army publication in July of “Together We Fight, Together We Win” and in September published “The Human Dimension: The Foundational Investment” in U.S. Army FIRES magazine. **Schmidt**, and PhD alum **John Kupka** were promoted to Colonel in the U.S. Army this year!

**Amilee Turner** received the Terri Knoll Johnson award for 2016-17, an award that goes to students in the College who are mothers. Her conferences included a poster presentation for MPSA “The Psychology Behind the Terrorist Mind and Online Radicalization and Mobilization Efforts” and “The Voice’ of Modern Political and Social Movement: Black Lives Matter and the Utilization of the Social Media Framework at the “Words matter” conference in Bloomington, Indiana. Amilee also has been working with the GTAs on a project to create online teaching portfolios and other professional development. Her baby was the first one born in Lawrence in 2017!

**Sierra Watt**, participated in the following MPSA presentations “Pro-life Paternalism: Race and Reproductive Health” with Rachel Denney, “Rural/Urban Perceptions of Midwestern Human Trafficking: Frontline Workers’ Perspectives” with Dr. Hannah Britton, Corinne Schwarz, Ryan Daugherty, and Marcus Williamson, and “Waiting for a Bang! Instructors of color Navigating the Prospect of Guns on Campus” with Carolina Costa-Candal and Marcy Quiason. Carolina and Marcy also presented the poster “Triggered? Minority Instructors Navigating the Prospect of Guns on Campus at the conference 4 W: Women, Well-Being, Wisconsin and the World in the spring in Madison, Wisconsin. Sierra presented her dissertation research, Native American Women’s Representation in Tribal Governments at Red Hot Graduate Research at the KU Commons in fall and for the KU-Haskell Faculty and Graduate Working group in spring. Her review of Elizabeth Kryder-Reid’s book “California Mission Landscapes: Race, Memory and the Politics of Heritage” was published in *News from Native California*, Volume 31, Issue 1.



### Graduate Student feature: **William Hatungimana**

**William Hatungimana** was a refugee child who found sanctuary from a war torn country, and is now one of our PhD students in Political Science. Dr. Pedro Dos Santos, a PhD alum from our program taught William at Luther College in Decorah Iowa, where William received his BA in 2016, and Dos Santos recommended that William proceed to graduate school at KU.

William Hatungimana was born in Rwanda. He and his family fled there following the Genocide in 1994 and he grew up in Swaziland, where after completing Mpaka High School he attended Waterford Kamhlaba UWCSA and completed his

International Baccalaureate Diploma in 2011. When at Waterford, William and classmates were founders of the Malindzo Refugee Education Initiative, a program designed to provide education for refugee children. William was a very involved student at Luther, and an assistant soccer coach.

In a blog, William wrote “Dreams and imaginations come when opportunities are available. Where opportunities are, most refugee children have strived because they understand that is the only way out of their predicaments.” ...“However in the absence of opportunities refugee children decide to give up.”

William is a PhD student studying Comparative Politics and International Relations. His research focuses on institutions and grassroots rural poverty alleviation programs in sub-Saharan Africa.

After graduation, he hopes to continue conducting research on poverty alleviation and teach at an American university where he hopes to share his experience and knowledge. His passion for conducting research on poverty alleviation comes from the hardship he faced growing up in poverty, in a refugee camp.

## Faculty activity 2017

**Alan Arwine** is teaching courses in International Relations and Comparative politics while he is writing a book that explores the determinants of social and political tolerance in Western democracies.

**Nazli Avdan** is finalizing a book manuscript for U Penn Press. The book, *Keeping them Out*, explains how states manage economic and security interests in crafting border and migration policies. She is also working on a number of co-authored articles. Two of them, with Professor Webb, explore public perceptions of transnational terrorist events, and more specifically, how personal and physical proximity of audiences to victims explain threat perceptions. Another piece, with Gary Uzonyi, examines the strategic interdependence between governments' and pro-government militias' tactics in civil wars.

**Christina Bejarano** has spent the academic year attending four political science conferences and further developing three research projects on minority women in electoral politics. She was recently named the American Political Science Association's (APSA) Women's Caucus President-Elect and the Women and Politics Section Co-chair for the 2018 APSA conference; follow on Twitter [@CEBejarano](https://twitter.com/CEBejarano)

**Hannah Britton's** research focuses on gender and African politics, and she is currently finishing a book manuscript on state-society partnerships to end gender-based violence in South Africa. She continues to lead the Center for the Study of Injustice at the Institute for Policy & Social Research (<http://ipsr.ku.edu/CSI/>). In this role, she directs the Anti-Slavery and Human Trafficking Initiative (<http://ipsr.ku.edu/ASHTI/>), two qualitative methods working groups, and a working group on gender-based violence. She also co-directs the Food Research Group with Dietrich Earnhart in the Department of Economics.

**Brittnee Carter** joined the department in August 2017. Her research lies at the intersection of state and global security and causes of and responses to war and political violence broadly speaking. Her May 2017 publication with Professor Omelicheva in *Political Science Quarterly* examines the efficiency of U.S. military and security assistance programs aimed at promoting international civilian and human rights, finding some programs to be more successful than are others.

**Don Haider-Markel** is chairing the department and published several co-authored articles on LGBT politics, gun politics (<https://gunpolitics.blog/>), and the politics of attributions (<https://kups.ku.edu/working-group-attributions-and-politics>). He has two book projects underway, with one on the rise of transgender rights, appearing in early 2018; follow on Twitter @dhmarkel

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

**Paul Johnson** is serving Director of the Center for Research Methods and Data Analysis (CRIMDA) where he has been working on a number of projects with teams from around the University. You can follow CRIMDA activities on their blog at: <http://crmda.dept.ku.edu/timeline>.

**Mark Joslyn** is serving as Graduate Director and recently expanded his research to include political attitudes and behavior of gun owners. This group, while often the subject of much debate and speculation, is relatively unknown (<https://gunpolitics.blog/>). This year Professor Joslyn and Professor Haider-Markel edited a special issue of *Social Science Quarterly* on gun politics and gun owner political behavior (for his work on attributions, politics, and policy see <https://kups.ku.edu/working-group-attributions-and-politics>).

**John Kennedy** is serving as Undergraduate Director and is currently working on project examining the "missing girls" in China. While many scholars suggest there are over 20 million girls absent in Chinese society due to the draconian single child policy and traditional son preference, he and his colleague find that over 10 million of the "missing girls" are 'hidden' from national statistics. They demonstrate how

street level bureaucrats at the grassroots level resolve the contradiction between local interests (villagers desire to have more children) and national policy by allowing rural parents to have additional illegal or unregistered births. He is also working with the college on a China Initiative to increase cross department China related research and events. One of the current programs is a KU internship at a non-government organization and policy research center in central China that works on rural education and health policies.

**Burdett Loomis** is officially retired but is (happily for us) continuing to serve as an instructor to oversee the DC and Topeka intern programs.

**Patrick Miller** has published several journal articles with co-authors in the last year on topics such as political discussion in social networks, attitudes toward voter identification laws, and attitudes toward transgender rights. He continues to teach courses in political behavior, and has been quoted in media outlets such as the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and *National Public Radio*. He tweets about politics and political science @pmiller1693

**Mariya Omelicheva** has been working on *The Trafficking/Terrorism Nexus: Mapping Security Threats and State Responses in Central Asia* (with Lawrence Markowitz), which is under contract with Columbia University Press. She published an article on the impact of religion on political participation with former PhD student Ranya Ahmed in *Religion, State & Society* and published an article on the role of national holidays in Russia's politics to a special issue on centennials in international relations in *Australian Journal of Politics and History*.

**Gary Reich** is continuing his research on state policies related to immigrant populations differ across the United States. His article "Immigrant Legislation, Across and Within the United States" will appear in the forthcoming issue of *Research and Politics*. He also co-authored the article, "Planting in Fertile Soil: The National Rifle Association and State Firearms Legislation," in *Social Science Quarterly*. His teaching acumen was recognized this year when he was named the Gene A. Budig Teaching Professor in the Social and Behavioral Sciences.

**Robert Rohrschneider**, together with Jacques Thomassen (University of Twente), is editing a book for Oxford University Press, which assesses the quality of political representation in western democracies. He also continues his long-standing collaboration with Stephen Whitefield (Oxford University) on a new expert survey on representation in Europe (2018), funded by the British Academy.

**Clayton Webb** was married in May to Sarah Statham. He has a forthcoming article on economic sanctions in *International Interactions* and a forthcoming article using experimental methods with Professor Avdan in the *Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict*. He was awarded a Big 12 Faculty Fellowship Grant to work with Professors in Political Science and Statistics at Iowa State in spring 2018.

**Michael Wuthrich** joined the department in August 2017. He has been studying patterns of Populist Party rule in countries where they have achieved power through fair elections, particularly in Turkey, Hungary and Poland. He is also conducting research on the strategic placement of women as party candidates for parliament in Turkey's closed-list parliamentary electoral system.

**Alumni – We would love to hear from you!**

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Thanks so much!

