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DAVID FELDMAN NAMED HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

In 2003 a nation-wide search was conducted for a new Head for the Department of Political Science. It turns out we didn't have to look very far! Our new Head is David Lewis Feldman, who has been teaching as an adjunct associate professor at UTK since 1997, while working as a senior research scientist in the Energy, Environment and Resources Center since 1993, and directing the Southeast Water Policy Initiative at the University of Tennessee.

Dr. Feldman has published five books, as author or editor, on the topics of water policy, energy, and other environmental issues, in addition to more than 50 book chapters and articles in refereed journals. His forthcoming book, *Water Policy for Sustainable Development*, will be published by the Johns Hopkins University Press.

Dr. Feldman received his Ph.D. from the University of Missouri, Columbia, in 1979 and has previously taught at Moorhead

State University, West Virginia State College, and Central Methodist College. Between 1988-1993 Dr. Feldman was on the research staff, Energy Division, at Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

In 2001 Dr. Feldman received the Policy Studies Organization's Interdisciplinary Scholar Award. He served as editor of the *Review of Policy Research* from 1997-2003.

Q&A With the New Head:

What opportunities attracted you to this position?

The department has great faculty who are dedicated teachers, professionally active in their research, and highly committed to public and community service. It is a real privilege to be associated with them. The strengths of the department's faculty are not only sources of pride but provide a strong, secure foundation for building a department of choice. Finally, as the flagship public university of the state, we offer a comprehensive and diverse curriculum covering all aspects of the discipline—reflected, too, by the diversity of students attracted to our courses. I see the potential to build on this

comprehensive scope—and upon our other achievements—as an uncommon opportunity.

What challenges do you foresee?

Continued budget constraints will mean that we will have to work smarter—not just harder—to convince a variety of constituencies—both within and outside of the university—of our value. We also have an immediate need to recruit new faculty in public administration and comparative politics and to build on our existing strengths in these areas. And, of course, we want to continue to build on our first-rate MPA program.

What is your vision? Are there new directions you want to see the department heading towards?

On the most basic level, I want to be a facilitator to help advance the activities of the department. I'll be spending a lot of time trying to assimilate as much as I can about what people need to do their jobs better. I also want to become an effective advocate for the needs of the department. Longer term—and this is where my vision Really lies—I want us to undertake more strategic

planning—to step back and consider questions such as:

- Are we doing the best job we can to recruit the most promising undergraduate and graduate students?
- Can we do a better job leveraging external funds to support our research and facilitate travel and other professional opportunities leading to publication and to the advancement of the department's reputation?
- Are we taking full advantage of available opportunities to perform effective service for the community and the state at-large?
- Have we defined our comparative strengths, and are we doing a sufficient job of making the university community aware of our capabilities?

PROMOTIONS AND NEW APPOINTMENTS

Professor Yang Zhong has been appointed Associate Head of the Department. He also was promoted to full Professor this month.

Two new lecturers have been hired to provide more course offerings for our undergraduates.

William Andrew Jennings, who is completing a Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina, will teach Introduction to

Political Science, Political Change in Developing Areas, and Black African Politics this fall. His research interests are in regional integration in Southern Africa and he has considerable experience in teaching and conducting research overseas—most recently in South Africa, the Republic of Korea, and Cameroon.

Nathan Zook is completing a Ph.D. from Indiana University and previously taught at Towson State University in Maryland. He will be teaching the honors section of American Government, Popular Culture and American Politics, and Congress this fall. Mr. Zook's research interests include the role of human rights groups, social movements, and the media in American foreign policy, and the mobilization of faith-based and human rights groups.

This year the department will be conducting searches to fill positions in comparative politics and public administration.

MPA PROGRAM NEWS

After 11 years of service as Coordinator of the MPA program, David Folz has decided to relinquish those duties to spend more time on his research agenda and to complete his book on local government management. David Houston has agreed to take over as MPA Coordinator, effective this fall.

During his tenure as Coordinator, the UT MPA

became a nationally ranked program and increased its ranking during the two national surveys of graduate programs in public administration and public affairs conducted by US News in 1998 and 2001. For the first time in school history, the UT MPA also obtained full accreditation by the National Association of Schools in Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) in August 2002, a distinction the program will enjoy until the 2008-2009 academic year, as long as it continues to abide by the findings of its self-study process and NASPAA standards.

Dr. Folz also was instrumental in establishing a UT Chapter of Pi Alpha Alpha (PAA), the national public administration honor society. Since it was established in 1997, the UT Chapter of PAA has inducted 27 distinguished UT MPA student-scholars.

According to Dr. Folz the program's greatest accomplishment during his time as Coordinator is the graduation of 87 students with MPA degrees, each of whom represents the finest qualities of the Volunteer Spirit in their commitment to the professional and ethical practice of public administration. One measure of the success of the UT MPA program is that its graduates are highly sought after by employers: since 1992, 99% of MPA students obtained employment either before or within three months of graduation. Dr. David Houston will assume the duties of MPA Coordinator in August 2003.

STUDENT NEWS

Tennessee Legislative Internships

The Tennessee Legislative Internship Program is based in the Department of Political Science. Through this program University of Tennessee students serve as interns for the Tennessee State Legislature. If you are interested, please inquire in the Department office.

Legal Studies

Legal Studies is an interdisciplinary major within the College of Arts and Sciences. Drawing on faculty and coursework in political science, sociology, psychology, journalism, history and other disciplines, the Legal Studies program seeks to attract students interested in exploring the ways in which law and legal institutions shape and are shaped by values, behavior, communications patterns, and organization of social, economic, and political systems.

If you are interested in learning more about the program, see Prof. John Scheb.

Banquet Honors Outstanding Students and Professors

The annual Pi Sigma Alpha/Pi Alpha Alpha event provides an opportunity for the department to recognize its outstanding students and for students to honor the professors who have been

instrumental in their success. This year's reception was held on April 21 at the Faculty Club, with Pi Sigma Alpha advisor Anthony Nownes presiding. The following students were inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha:

Reem M. Abdelrazek
 Natasha Bingham
 Austin J. Brosk
 Joshua James Carncross
 Joy Elizabeth Cecil
 Chaya Chandrasekaran
 Katherine Elizabeth Curlee
 Ashley Gillis
 Stephanie T. Horne
 Alexander Laird
 Michael A. Law
 David Christopher Lewis
 Sang J. Lim
 Candace E. Patton
 Thomas Alexander Sager
 Kristin A. Taylor
 Jennifer Vakili
 Elizabeth Vaughn
 Joshua Lynn Webb

Dr. Anthony Nownes was named Pi Sigma Alpha Professor and also received the PSGSO Professor of the Year award. Eric Smith won the David Mock Award for Outstanding Graduate Teaching.

Undergraduate awards, which carry with them scholarship funds, were awarded as follows:

The Ruth Stephens Award for outstanding performance and interest in the study of international relations and comparative politics was awarded to Catherine Anita Perry.

The Ruth Stephens Scholarship was awarded to David Christopher Lewis, Blake Reagan, and Kristin A. Taylor.

The James O. and Minnie Elliott Memorial Scholarship recognizes high-ranking students in any field of political science. This year the scholarship was awarded to Joshua James Carncross, Stephanie Christiansen, and David Nathan Whitney.

The Arnett Elliott Award is named to honor a former colleague and is given to an undergraduate student for excellence in the study of political theory. This year's award was given to Alyson Kennedy and Vanessa Thomas.

The Vernon Iredell Scholarship was also named to honor a former colleague. This year's recipient is Adam Holland.

The Edgar Guenther Scholarship was awarded to Ashley Brooke Gillis.

Pi Sigma Alpha Sponsors Forum on War in Iraq

In order to assist the University community in understanding the ramifications of a possible war in Iraq, Pi Sigma Alpha sponsored an open forum in early March. At the forum, Political Science faculty members Michael Fitzgerald, Robert Gorman, and Donna Lee Van Cott, as well as Lt. Colonel Ronald E. Borden gave their views on the topic. Approximately 150 students and other members of the University community attended.

GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS

Ph.D.s, MPAs, and MAs Awarded

The Department awarded doctoral degrees in Spring 2003 to John Barbrey, Greg Ryan and Han Gyu Lheem. A master's degree in Political Science also was awarded to Dan Terry.

The following students received master's degrees in Public Administration during the 2002-2003 academic year:

Michael Atnip, Andrea Baird, Macel Ely, Matthew King, Marea Herrington, Margaret Griffith, Mark Kelly, and Mary Beth Hickman, Kelly McGuire, Lyndsey Moseley.

Lyndsey Moseley was accepted as a participant in the Henry Institute for the Study of Christianity and Politics workshop entitled : "Pollsters and Parishioners," held at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI, from July 19-26, 2003.

Congratulations to all of you!

Ph.D. Graduates Accept Teaching and Public Service Positions

We are proud to announce that several of our recent graduates have accepted teaching and public service positions:

Claudia Bryant was appointed assistant professor at Western Carolina University.

Keith Clement was appointed assistant professor at the University of Western Florida.

John W. Barbrey was appointed visiting assistant professor at Armstrong Atlantic State University, in Savannah Georgia.

Greg Ryan has joined the U.S. Navy.

Where Are They Now?

Our Political Science graduates have distinguished themselves in various professional careers:

MPA graduate Duane D. Gregg, a sergeant in the Army National guard, spent most of 2003 in Baghdad, where he specializes in water purification and fuel distribution.

1998 MA graduate Jennifer (Murray) Christenson joined the U.S. Embassy in Lusaka, Zambia in 2003. She previously was assigned to the Embassy in Panama City.

Political Science major Ayappa Bidanda will enter UCLA's master's program in public policy this fall, after serving two years as an award-winning participant with Teach for America in an inner city school in California. He also won \$16,000 on "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?"

PSGSO News

The Political Science Graduate Student Organization elected new

officers in 2002. Ole Forsberg will serve as president, Eric Smith will be Secretary and Representative for the Graduate Student Association, and Alissa Warters will be Treasurer and Representative to the Graduate Committee. Other offices will be filled when the PSGSO meets in the fall.

FACULTY NEWS

Prof. Caprioli Studies Women and War

In May Dr. Mary Caprioli was awarded a University of Tennessee Professional Development Award to help fund some of the data costs for an ongoing project entitled "Gender Equality and State Behavior Internationally." The most labor-intensive aspect of the project entails building a database on states' first use of force during militarized interstate disputes.

During the summer Dr. Caprioli worked as a consultant for the World Bank, providing research and analysis on the topic of "Gender Equality and Civil Wars." This project analyzes the effect of gender inequality on the likelihood of a state experiencing civil war.

Dr. Caprioli continues to serve as associate editor of *International Studies Perspectives* and as an advisory board member of the Minorities at Risk project.

Courts and Attorneys Cite Professor Carcieri's Legal Analysis

Professor Marty Carcieri's scholarly work was recently cited during court proceedings by justices and attorneys. His article "Bush v. Gore and Equal Protection," which appeared in the *South Carolina Law Review* in 2001, was cited by the Indiana Supreme Court in January 2003. In March of this year his article "The Sixth Circuit and Grutter v. Bollinger: Diversity and Distortion," which appeared in the *Texas Review of Law and Politics* in 2002, was cited in *amicus curiae* briefs to the United States Supreme Court in March 2003.

Prof. Cunningham Wins College Service Award

Professor Bob Cunningham received one of the College of Arts and Science's Faculty Public Service Awards for 2002-2003. The award recognizes Professor Cunningham's "extraordinary contributions in outreach and public service to the community."

The award will be presented formally at a ceremony on September 29, and includes a \$1,000 grant for professional development.

Professors Fitzgerald and Morgan Receive University-wide Teaching Awards Again!

The University of Tennessee National Alumni Association recognized two of our professors for their outstanding teaching. Professors Mike Fitzgerald and April Morgan both were recognized this year. It was the second time both of them have won this prestigious award. Congratulations!

Professor Morgan Receives Global Studies Grant

Professor April Morgan received an award from UT's Global Studies program that will enable her to study the relationship between supranationalism and globalization in regional and international organizations. This project is being developed as a journal article and, upon completion, will also form the basis of a lecture to Global Studies students. Prof. Morgan seeks to identify and measure continuity and change amid the hype of supranationalism and globalization, and explain the significance of both in terms of international law and organization.

Prof. Morgan presented a paper at the 2003 meeting of the International Studies Association on the potential rise of nuclear anxiety among college students after the events of September 11.

Professors Scheb and Stephens Prepare New Texts

Professor John Scheb is working with Professor Otis Stephens on an encyclopedia of civil rights and liberties, which

will be published by Greenwood Press in 2005. Professor Scheb also is working on a new textbook on administrative law, to be published next year by Wadsworth.

Professor Smith Retires

Professor T. Alexander Smith retired at the end of the spring 2002 term. Professor Smith began his career at the University of Tennessee in 1968, immediately after receiving his PhD. from Ohio State University. He taught courses on comparative public policy, with particular focus on the countries of Western Europe, and published three books and more than a dozen articles on a variety of public policy issues.

Professor Van Cott Presents Work on Andean Politics

Professor Van Cott was invited to present her work on three occasions during the last year. She compared Andean and Mexican movements for "Chiapas: Current Dilemmas of the Conflict and Negotiation," sponsored by the Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, in Mexico City, on October 30, 2002. She spoke on Bolivian politics at the International Development Research Centre in Ottawa, on October 28-29, 2002. And she presented research at a conference on "Informal Institutions and Politics in Latin America," co-sponsored by Harvard University and the Kellogg Institute at the

University of Notre Dame, on April 24-25, 2003.

Professor Zhong Hosts Chinese Studies Meeting, Presents Research on Chinese Politics

Professor Yang Zhong organized and hosted the 16th Annual Meeting of the Association of Chinese Political Studies (USA) in Knoxville in early April 2003. The meeting included scholars from the United States, China, Taiwan and Hong Kong. During the meeting, Professor Zhong was elected president of the Association. His book, *Local Government and Politics in China: Challenges from Below*, was published by M.E. Sharpe in May 2003.

During the past year Professor Zhong presented his research on rural democracy and political culture in China at the Southeast Regional Conference of the Association for Asian Studies, at Jekyll Island, Georgia, January 17-19, 2003; at a panel discussion held at Florida Atlantic University, Miami, in April 2003; and at the Asian Studies program at the Illinois State University in April 2003.

Professor Zhong received two grants to assist him with his research: one from UT's SARIF fund, which enabled him to hire a graduate student researcher, and one from UT's Global Studies Committee, to support field research.

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