

Department of Political Science Newsletter

Message from the Department Head

On behalf of the faculty of the Political Science Department, I want to thank you for taking the time to examine our newsletter for Fall 2010.

These are exciting times in the Department. Fall semester is well underway and everyone is thoroughly engaged in teaching, research and service. Our classes are full of bright and inquisitive students. The entering freshman class was one of the largest in many years. Judging by high school grade point averages and ACT scores, it may also be the smartest.

Our graduate students are busy attending seminars, reading journals, preparing conference papers, and working on theses and dissertations. Between undergraduate teaching and working with graduate students, our

faculty is extremely busy. Yet we still have time for our own research and writing, as evidenced by the recent publications listed herein.

I am pleased to report that we hired a new tenure-track professor, Kyung Joon Han, who just completed his PhD at UCLA. Professor Han will teach courses in political economy, comparative politics, and research methods. We also hired three new full-time lecturers to help us in the undergraduate classroom: David Gauthier, a recent LSU PhD; Brendan Toner, who is working on his doctorate at Southern Illinois; and Sean Hildebrand, who is about to finish his PhD at NC State.

On a sad note, all of us were shocked by the sudden passing of Debby McCauley, a



long-time member of our front office staff, on August 30 of this year. Debby was not only a valuable member of our departmental team, she was like a member of the family, and losing her was a terrible blow.

Debby McCauley's sudden passing reminded all of ...
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In memoriam

MCCAULEY, DEBRA MARLENE – Debby worked at UT for 30 years, most of that time as a member of our front office staff. Debby passed away suddenly on August 30, 2010. She was only 57. Everyone was shocked and deeply saddened by Debby's death and she will be sorely missed.



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us how precious and fragile life is and how we must make each day count. That is my goal for this academic year—to do something every day to contribute in a meaningful way to the life of our department.

In closing, I would invite all our alumni and friends to contribute to the life of our department, as guest speakers, as donors, or even just by dropping by to say hello.

John M. Scheb II

Professor and Head
September 10, 2010

Personnel News

Dr. Ian Down was promoted to Associate Professor in the past summer. Congratulations to Ian!

Dr. Kyung Joon Han, was hired as Assistant Professor. Dr. Han received his Ph.D. from UCLA. His research and teaching interests include political economy, comparative politics, developed countries, and research methods.

David Gauthier, Brendan Toner, and Sean Hildebrand became the newest instructors in the department.

Dr. Anthony Nownes stepped down as Director of Undergraduate Studies and Honors Program Director. The new director is Dr. Ian Down.

Faculty Awards

Dr. David Folz received “Faculty Excellence Award for Teaching and Public Service” from the UT Institute for Public Service (IPS), in July 2010. Each year IPS recognizes a faculty member who has worked with the institute or its agencies in the last year and has demonstrated a commitment to public service and excellence in teaching or consulting. In IPS’s citation for the award, Dr. Folz “has contributed to the education of future local government managers and employees and to the improvement of government operations and governance in Tennessee cities. Through his teaching and working with



students, he affords a challenging and professional commitment to their future in public service and contributes through his research to the benefit of local governments.” Congratulations to Dr. Folz!

Dr. Yang Zhong won Professional Development Award from the University of Tennessee to conduct interviews of Chinese Christians in China in summer 2010.

Graduate Student Awards and News

Jeff Long received the David Mock Award for Outstanding Performance by a Graduate Teaching Associate.

Colin Glennon was the recipient of John Shanks Award for Outstanding Achievement in American Politics.

Lee S. Greene Award for Outstanding Performance in Public Administration went to Chris Schults.

Doug Spence received Award for Best Conference Paper in any Field .

Jamie Todhunter received Dissertation Research Assistance in the Fields of Comparative Politics/ International Relations.

Sambuddha Ghatak has had a co-authored article accepted for publication. The title is "Human Rights of Minorities in Contemporary India: A Concise Analysis." The piece will be published in the Fall 2011 issue of *Journal of Third World Studies*. Congratulations to Sam!

Amy Atchison received her doctoral degree in May and is currently teaching at Valparaiso University as a tenure-track Assistant Professor.

Costel Calin also completed his doctoral degree over the summer and is teaching at Quinnipiac University in Connecticut.

Sarah Wu accepted a teaching job at Tarrant County College in Fort Worth, Texas.

Undergraduate Student Awards

The following awards and scholarships were given to undergraduate students at the Political Science Awards Banquet in April 2010. *These awards are funded by private donations.*

Edgar Guenther Scholarship

Andrew Morelock
Gina Sarli

James O. and Minnie Elliot Scholarship

Will Brewer
Jason Collver
Jessica Drew
Erica Perry
Shain Raley

Ruth Stephens Scholarship

Muwafa Nama Albaraqi
Will Ladnier
Christian Peyton
Harold Roebuck
Coty Wamp

Kathryn Barnett Green Book Award

Christian Donaldson

Vernon Iredell IR Award

Ryan Buckner
Tyler Garner

Arnett A. Elliot Award

Shira Hughes

Ruth Stephens Award

Robert Montgomery
Madeline Teague

Faculty Spotlight

We are pleased to announce that **Dr. Ian Down** has been granted tenure and promoted to the rank of Associate Professor. Ian joined the Department in Fall 2004 after receiving his Ph.D. from UNC-Chapel Hill. Ian's research primarily concerns political economy, with particular interests in the politics of economic policy, the political economy of the European Union, and the political economies



of the advanced industrial countries. Dr. Down serves as the department's Director of Undergraduate Studies and Advising Coordinator. He also supervises the department's Honors Program. Congratulations to Ian on his tenure and promotion!



For the last five years **Mr. William C. ("Will") Jennings** has been a lecturer in the Political Science Department while completing his PhD at the University of South Carolina. Will is one of our most popular and successful lecturers. He teaches primarily in the field of comparative politics with particular emphasis on Africa and Asia. We are pleased to announce that Will is defending his dissertation this fall and thus will earn his Ph.D. this year. Congratulations to Will on passing this important milestone!

Kyung Joon Han is the newest tenure-track faculty member in the Department. Joon joined the Department this fall after finishing his Ph.D. at UCLA over the summer. Joon's research focuses on comparative political institutions and political economy of democratic countries with advanced economies. In particular, he studies political economy of international migration, monetary policies, social welfare, and income inequality.



Other News

Dr. David Brule was a visiting professor at Lauder School of Government, Interdisciplinary Center-Herzliya in Israel where he taught courses in research methods and strategic bargaining in fall 2009.

Dr. David Folz serves as UTK Faculty Coordinator for the Tennessee Legislative Internship Programs. He also serves as Faculty Advisor for the UT College Republicans and for the Tennessee Intercollegiate State Legislature.

Dr. Wonjae Hwang received research grants from Korean Association of International Studies and University of Inchon in spring and summer 2010 respectively.

Dr. Nathan Kelly continues to serve as Commissioner, Knoxville-Knox County Metropolitan Planning Commission.

Dr. Jana Morgan continues her active involvement with the Americas Barometer, a series of public opinion surveys about political attitudes and democratic norms conducted by the Latin American Public Opinion Project at Vanderbilt University and funded primarily by USAID. She oversees questionnaire development and analysis of the survey in the Dominican Republic. Dr. Morgan currently works with her colleague Rosario Espinal of Temple University in finalizing their major report on the substantive findings of the survey, which will be published in English and Spanish later this year.

Dr. Anthony Nownes gave a talk, "Obama's First Year," at Centripetals Luncheon, University of Tennessee, Knoxville in March 2010. He gave a similar talk for Seniors for Creative Learning in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. Dr. Nownes was also a guest speaker for Department of State Brazilian Students Program hosted by the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in February 2010. Dr. Nownes served as a judge at Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement held by the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Dr. Brandon Prins serves as Editorial Board Member, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, and Faculty Associate at Howard J. Baker Center for Public Policy. He was also an invited participant at the Nuclear Security Education Workshop, Baker Center for Public Policy, University of Tennessee, July 19-23, 2010. He is currently working with the Baker Center, Nuclear Engineering, and Oak Ridge National Lab to establish Global Security Program at the University of Tennessee.

Dr. Yang Zhong took 14 UTK Haslam Scholars to Tsinghua University of China in May, 2010 to study Chinese politics, society and culture. He continues to serve as editorial board members for *Modern China* and *Journal of Chinese Political Science*. He is also an external Research Associate, China Policy Center, University of Nottingham.

Faculty Publications and Conference Participation (2009-2010)

Dr. David Brule

“Diverting the Legislature: Executive-Legislative Relations, the Economy, and U.S. Dispute Initiation,” (with Wonjae Hwang). *International Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 54, No. 2 (2010)

“Democratic Diversions: Government Arrangements, the Economy, and Dispute Initiation,” (with Laron K. Williams). *Journal of Peace Research*, Vol. 46, No. 6 (2009)

Attended the International Studies Association meeting in New Orleans in spring 2010 where he presented a paper and also served as a discussant

Dr. Ian Down

“Opinion Polarization and Inter-Party Competition on Europe,” (with Carole J. Wilson). *European Union Politics*, Volume 11, No. (2010)

“The Evolution of ‘Europe’ as a Domestic Political Issue” Paper presented at the 2010 annual meeting of the Mid-West Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (with Carole J. Wilson)

Dr. David Folz

“The Costs of Municipal Waste and Recycling programs,” (with Robert A. Bohm, Thomas Kinnaman, Michael Podolsky). *Resources, Conservation, and Recycling*, Vol. 54 (2010)

“Extended Early Voting at the Farragut Vote Center: Findings from a Pilot Project,” paper presented at Election reform and Voting Rights Conference in spring 2010 at Howard Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy, the University of Tennessee, Knoxville

“The Process and Politics of Reforming County Government: Town-Gown Collaboration in Knox County, Tennessee,” paper presented at the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration (SECOPA), Louisville, KY in fall 2009

Dr. Patricia Freeland

“The Biology Battles: Public Opinion and the Origins of Life,” (with David Houston). *Politics and Religion*, Vol. 2 (2009)

“Belonging, Believing and Behaving: The Religious Character of Public Servants,” (with David Houston), *Administration and Society* (forthcoming)

“Rejecting Darwin and Support for Science Funding,” (with David Houston), *Social Science Quarterly* (forthcoming)

“The Impact of Public Servants' Spirituality on their Attitudes toward Work,” (with David Houston), paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association, 2010

Faculty Publications and Conference Participation continued

Dr. Jim Gilchrist

"Challenge to Cairo," in Aysegul and Gul M. Kurtoglu, eds., *Different Faces of Political Islam* (Istanbul, Profil Yayinlari, 2009)

Dr. Kyung Joon Han

"Do Hard Times Reduce Inequality?" (with Ronald Rogowski), paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 2, 2010

Dr. Wonjae Hwang

"Diverting the Legislature: Executive-Legislative Relations, the Economy, and U.S. Dispute Initiation," (with David Brulé). *International Studies Quarterly*, Vol. 54, No. 2 (2010)

"Power, Preferences, and Multiple Levels of Interstate Conflict," *International Interactions*, Vol. 36, No. 3 (2010)

"Economic Integration, Trade Blocs, and Preference Convergence," *Journal of Peace Studies* (forthcoming)

"Economic Integration, Trade Bloc, and Preference Convergence," paper presented at the Meeting of the Peace Studies, Dalian, China in spring 2010

"Economic Liberalization, Social Cleavages, and Party Systems," paper presented at the 51st Annual International Studies Association Convention, New Orleans, in spring 2010

"System Structure, Power, and International Conflict," (with David Brulé), paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA, in January 2010

Mr. Joseph Jarret

"Communicating in a Crisis," *Public Management Journal* (October, 2009)

"Of Morals, Mores & Malt Liquor: Tennessee's Beer Laws," *The Tennessee Bar Journal* (January, 2010)

"Animal Control Liability: Challenges for Today's Public Risk Manager," *Public Risk Journal* (April, 2010)

"The Legal & Risk Management Challenges of Vendor Contracts," *Public Risk Journal* (forthcoming)

Faculty Publications and Conference Participation continued

Dr. Nathan Kelly

"Inequality and the Dynamics of Public Opinion: The Self-Reinforcing Link Between Economic Inequality and Mass Preferences," (with Peter K. Enns). *American Journal of Political Science* (forthcoming)

"Explaining Attitudes Toward Fighting Latin American Inequality," (with Jana Morgan). *Poverty and Public Policy* Vol. 2, No. 2 (2010)

"Inequality and the Dynamics of Public Opinion: The Self-Reinforcing Link Between Economic Inequality and Mass Preferences," (with Peter K. Enns), paper presented at the annual meeting of the Elections, Public Opinion, and Parties section of the Political Studies Association, Glasgow, Scotland.

"Explaining Legislative Policy Production since 1789," (with J. Tobin Grant), paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, ON, Canada, 2009

Dr. Jana Morgan

Dr. Morgan's book, *Bankrupt Representation and Party System Collapse*, has been unconditionally accepted at Penn State University Press. The book will be available in 2011.

"Explaining Attitudes Toward Fighting Latin American Inequality," (with Nathan Kelly), *Poverty and Public Policy* Vol. 2, No. 2 (2010)

"Latin American Attitudes about Women in Politics," (with Melissa Buice), paper presented at the MPSA annual meeting in April 2010

"Party System Stability versus Collapse," paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in, in Toronto, Canada, September 2009

Dr. Anthony Nownes

"An Assessment of City-County Consolidation in Nashville/Davidson County," (with David J. Houston, and Marc Schwerdt), in Suzanne Leland and Kurt Thurmaier, eds., *City-County Consolidation Cases: Promises Made, Promises Kept?* (Washington, DC: Georgetown University Press, 2010)

"Density Dependent Dynamics in the Population of Transgender Interest Groups in the United States, 1964-2005," *Social Science Quarterly*, Vol. 91 (2010)

"Resolved, The 'No Cup of Coffee' Rule Should be Adopted in Washington," in Richard J. Ellis and Michael Nelson eds., *Debating Reform: Conflicting Perspectives on How to Fix the American Political System* (Washington, DC: CQ Press, 2010)

"Lobbying in the New Millenium: Evidence of Continuity and Change in Three States," (with Krissy Walker DeAlejandro), *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*, Vol. 4 (2009)

"Governors, Lobbying, and the Legislature: Evidence from a Pilot Study," (with Marc Osborn), in Conor McGrath, ed., *Interest Groups & Lobbying: Volume One - The United States, and Comparative Studies* (New York: Edward Mellen Press, 2009)

Faculty Publications and Conference Participation continued

Dr. Brandon Prins

“Crossing the Militarized Threshold: Bilateral Vs. Third Party Conflict Management,” (with Glynn Ellis and Sara McLaughlin Mitchell, *Foreign Policy Analysis* (forthcoming)

“Rivalry, Territoriality, and Militarized Inter-State Conflict in the Western Hemisphere, 1901-2000,” (with David Lektzian and Mark Souva), *International Studies Quarterly* (forthcoming)

“Opportunities and Presidential Uses of Force: A Selection Model of Crisis Decision-Making,” (with David Brule and Bryan W. Marshall, *Conflict Management and Peace Science* (as part of a special edition on the diversionary use of force, forthcoming)

Dr. John Scheb

“A Supreme Court without Protestants-Does it Matter?” (with Hemant Sharma, and Colin Glennon), *Judicature*, Volume 94, No. 1 (July-August 2010)

“Racial Discrimination in the Death Penalty in Tennessee: An Empirical Assessment,” (with Kristin Wagers), *Tennessee Journal of Law and Policy*, Volume 5, No. 1 (Fall 2009).

An Introduction to the American Legal System, 2nd ed., (with Judge John M. Scheb), (Wolters Kluwer Law and Business, 2010)

Criminal Law and Procedure, 7th edition, (with Judge John M. Scheb) (Cengage, 2010)

“Divided Government and the Voting Behavior of Supreme Court Justices” (with Hemant Sharma). Paper given at the annual meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA, January 7, 2010.

Dr. Yang Zhong

“Religion and Political Tolerance in South Korea,” (with Junghyoun Kim), *East Asia: An International Journal*, Vol. 27, No. 2 (2010)

“Chinese Township Government: Between a Rock and a Hard Place,” in Jae Ho Chung and Tao-chiu Lam, eds., *China's Local Administration: Traditions and Changes in the Sub-National Hierarchy* (Routledge Press, 2010)

“The Logic of Comparative Politics and the Development of Political Science in China,” *Journal of Chinese Political Science*, Vol. 14, No. 4 (2009)

“How did China's Transitions Impact People's Welfare Benefits in the Reform Era?” (with Bo Li), *Journal of Contemporary China*, Vol. 18, No. 62 (2009)

“Political Legitimacy and Popular Support among Southern Jiangsu Peasants,” paper presented at the International Conference Governance and Legitimacy, Shanghai, China, July 2010

“Religion and Political Tolerance in South Korea,” (with Junghyoun Kim), paper presented at the Conference on Christianity and Economic Development, Beijing, China, December 2009

Alumni News

Dan Masters (PhD) reports that he and his wife are going to have a baby in December. In his academic life Dan has a forthcoming article in *Democracy and Security* with Lethia Williams entitled “Assessing Aggressive Democracy Promotion: Military Intervention and Democracy in the Post-World War II era.” He is also awaiting decision on two other articles in order to decide if he wants to move for tenure early (this year) or wait until next year.

Senator Jamie Woodson (BA) has been appointed to the Tennessee First to the Top Advisory Council. Senator Woodson is also a member of our Board of Visitors.

Nick Kistenmacher (BA) currently serves as Sen. Corker's Sr. Field Director in Memphis and teaches political science as an adjunct professor at the University of Memphis.

Jennifer S. Stanley (BA) was recently honored with the Alumni Promise Award by the UTK College of Arts and Sciences. Stanley remains the most recent UTK graduate to be named a Rhodes Scholar. She is also chair of the Arts and Sciences Board of Advisors.

Kara Stooksbury (PhD) is Chair of the Political Science Department at Carson-Newman College.

Ross King (MPA) is now Executive Director of the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia. Ross is also a member of our Board of Visitors.

Steve Metcalf (MPA) is president of the Policy Group, a lobbying firm in Asheville, North Carolina. Metcalf is among the most successful lobbyists in North Carolina.

Bob Durant (PhD) is Chair of the Department of Public Administration at American University.

Tony Simones (PhD) has been promoted to Associate Professor at Dalton State College in Georgia.

Gary Anderson (MA) is head of the international office at Zeppelin University in Germany.

Sharon Wright Austin (PhD) has been awarded a CLAS Term Professorship for the 2010-11 academic year at the University of Florida.

Joseph G. Njoroge (PhD) is Head of the Department of History & Political Science at Abraham Baldwin College in Georgia.

Jennifer Weems (MA) is Field Director for Senator Bob Corker's Office in Jackson, TN.

Political Science Funds—Opportunities for Giving

The Political Science Department has a number of funds established to recognize student achievement, enrich programs, and facilitate research. Contact the Department for more information about any of the following funds:

Political Science Head's Support Fund
Political Science Enrichment Fund
Graduate Student Award Fund
Lee S. Greene Memorial Fund
Lawrence Durisch Research Fund
William G. McCall Graduate Fund
John Shanks Memorial Fund
Otis H. Stephens Fellowship

Jeffery & Deborah Chapman Career Exploration Fund
Frank Clement/Cordell Hull Fund
Vernon Iredell International Relations Award Fund
Edgar G. Guenther Scholarship Fund
Arnett A. Elliott Fund
Ruth Stephens Scholarship Fund
Ruth Stephens International Relations Award Fund
James O. & Minnie Elliot Memorial Scholarship
Robert B. and Mildred A. Cunningham Master of Public Administration Enrichment Endowment
Political Science Research Excellence Fund
Political Science Study Abroad Fund
Mock Trial Activities Fund
Kathryn Barnett Green Book Award Fund