From the Head

“The universe is change; our life is what our thoughts make it.” – Marcus Aurelius.

One of the unique characteristics of higher education is that it is a profession – and way of life – characterized by change and renewal. The beginning of each school year brings new students to our classrooms, new colleagues to our institution, and new opportunities for scholarship.

The Department of Political Science continues to undergo change – new faces, activities and challenges – that re-invigorate and energize us. Amidst this renewal is one constant: we continue to point with pride to the achievements of our faculty, students & alumni.

We are delighted to welcome two new faculty members to the Department: Jana Kelly and Nathan Kelly. Their areas of expertise are Latin America and U.S. politics, respectively, and their research has already established them as rising scholars from whom we can expect great things.

In another transition, three former lecturers who honed their instructional skills at UT have found tenure track jobs. Nikki Giles Mitchell, Shadrack Nasong’o, and Nathan Zook are teaching at colleges in Florida, Tennessee, and Wisconsin this fall. We bid them a fond farewell and best wishes.

We are very fortunate to have Perry Ballard and Hidetoshi Hashimoto, two highly talented instructors, join us this year as lecturers. We look forward to their contributions.

The department launches its new Masters of Science in Planning (MSP) program this year. Led by Professors Ed Jepson and Bruce Tonn, the program was approved by UT in 2004 and has accepted its first class of students.

Recent graduates of our Masters of Public Administration program have gone on to careers in the public and non-profit, non-governmental sectors while current doctoral students are presenting their research at national meetings.

We continue to be proud of our undergraduates who are involved in enriching internship, mock trial, and study abroad opportunities.

The Department’s high-quality research continues to be reflected by the articles and books published by our faculty – often with students. A growing number of honors, special appointments, and other forms of recognition further testify to our strengths.

Finally, I want to thank the alumni and friends of the Department for your generous contributions this past year. Your support makes possible student and faculty research, outside speakers, scholarships, and other activities. Tell us what you’ve been up to! We want to hear from you.

- David Feldman
Dr. Lipinski Goes to Washington

Former faculty member Dan Lipinski won election to the U.S. House of Representatives from Illinois’s 3rd Congressional District in November. Lipinski, who was granted leave last fall to contest the seat vacated by his father, William Lipinski, currently serves on the Science and Small Business committees of the House.

Last spring, Dan sponsored a bill – H.R. 1362 – that would amend the Social Security Act to provide for public disclosure of prices for hospital, ambulatory surgical center procedures and drugs. He also recently sponsored H.R. 3139 that would amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for public disclosure of certain medical services. Dan returned to campus for a few days in June to speak at a Baker Center institute on Teaching Congress and the Presidency.

Department Welcomes Jana and Nathan Kelly

A special welcome to Jana Kelly and Nathan J. Kelly who joined the department this fall! Jana received her Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in 2005, and will be teaching classes on Latin American politics and developing countries. Her research focuses on democratization processes in developing nations, particularly Venezuela and the Andean region, and the role of political parties and party failure on prospects for democratization.

Nathan comes to UT from SUNY-Buffalo. He will be teaching classes on American politics, including Congress, as well as research methods. His current research focuses on the influence of citizen choices on distributional outcomes of public policy, including redistribution and modification of markets. Nathan also received his doctorate from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill in 2004.

Department Bids Farewell to Veteran Lecturers, Welcomes Perry Ballard, Hidetoshi Hashimoto, Larry Lane

Three former lecturers have found tenure-track positions at colleges in Florida, Tennessee and Wisconsin. While we will miss their contributions, we are delighted that their teaching experiences in the department have prepared them for these new opportunities. Nikki Giles Mitchell, who received her Ph.D. from UT in 2004, has taken a position at Manatee Community College in Bradenton, Florida. Shadrack Nasong’o, a native of Kenya who completed his PhD at Northeastern University, has taken a position as Assistant Professor of Political Science at Rhodes College in Memphis, where he will teach classes in international relations. Finally, Nathan Zook was appointed Assistant Professor of Political Science at University of Wisconsin-Janesville, a two-year campus of the UW system.

As our enrollment continues to grow in response to Tennessee’s Lottery Scholarships and other factors, we are fortunate to be able to draw upon the talents of three new instructors who have joined our gifted stable of lecturers this fall: Perry Ballard, who received his Ph.D. from Louisiana State University, Hidetoshi Hashimoto, a native of Japan who received his Ph.D. from the University of Maryland, and Larry Lane, whose Ph.D. is from Virginia Tech. Ballard and Hashimoto will be teaching classes in American politics, international relations, and comparative politics, while Lane will be teaching classes on public policy.

Lyons Serves as Policy Director for Knoxville

Professor Bill Lyons continues to serve as Director of Policy Development for the City of Knoxville while on leave from UT. Lyons heads the city’s Department of Policy Development. The mission of the department is to enhance the climate for quality growth of business through “the strategic development of incentives and the involvement of appropriate organizations, individuals and the public in . . . policymaking.”

Folz, Zhong Complete Professional Leaves

Professors David Folz and Yang Zhong were among the first UT faculty to complete professional sabbatical leaves last year under UT’s new Faculty Professional Development Leave program.

Folz completed a book titled Managing America’s Small Cities, co-authored with Edward French, a lecturer in the Department. The book explores the policy challenges facing local decision-makers in smaller towns and cities.
Zhong completed a book on: *Political Culture and Participation in the Chinese Countryside*. It explores the penetration of democratic, participatory values among the Chinese peasantry.

**Foreign Travel Supports Department Members’ Research**

Han Lheem, Department Lecturer, was invited to present his work on two occasions during summer 2005. He spoke on “Civil Society and Democracy in Korea since 1993: A Cultural Analysis,” (with James Foster) at an International Conference on Peace, Seoul, Korea, July 16-17. He also presented “Political Tension and Economic Interdependence in Cross-Strait Relations,” at an international symposium on China’s Transition and Ascension, at San Francisco State University, July 30-31, 2005.

Dr. Lheem also received a grant from the World Citizenship Institute Fund in February 2005 that enabled him to conduct a survey on the impact of societal attitudes and perceptions on the foreign policies of the Kim and Roh Presidential Administrations during his trip to Korea. The findings will be developed into a journal article.

Professor David Feldman spent part of July 2005 in Moscow, Nizhny-Novgorod and Dzerzhinsk, Russia doing research on the growth of civil society institutions and their influence on environmental policy reform. Working with Dr. Ivan Blokov, the Director of Greenpeace-Russia, Feldman and Blokov interviewed several government officials, as well as NGO leaders, in an effort to determine the influence of emerging environmental, human rights, and other groups on national and regional environmental policy. They also completed a survey, which will be sent to over 130 journalists, scientists, and NGO officials in Russia over the coming months to determine what obstacles to the continued growth of a civil society Russia faces. He and Blokov are preparing a book.

Finally, Will Jennings, Department Lecturer, will be conducting interviews at the East African Community in Arusha, Tanzania in May/June 2006 as part of a comparative integration manuscript contrasting the varied experiences of the EAC, the Southern African Development Community, and the Economic Community of West African States in creating common markets and common currencies in their respective regions.

**Faculty Direct Interdisciplinary Programs**

Professors Mike Fitzgerald, John Scheb, and Yang Zhong are directing three of the College of Arts & Sciences’ Inter-disciplinary programs (IDPs) this year.

Professor Fitzgerald begins his second year as director of the American Studies Program. Undergraduates may major or minor in this program, which features coursework in political science, anthropology, economics, English, geography, history, and sociology. Some political science majors pursue the program for supplemental coursework, or as a minor or second major. Each year, international students interested in studying American culture focus on courses in American Studies.

Professor Scheb is in his final year as director of the Legal Studies Program. The program offers a variety of pre-law and criminal justice related classes. Finally, Professor Zhong has begun directing the university’s Asian Studies Program this fall.

**American Studies to Offer Students, Campus Community, Learning Opportunities**

In commemoration of the sixtieth anniversary of Sir Winston
Churchill’s famous “Iron Curtain Speech,” American Studies is co-sponsoring with the Political Science Department, College of Arts and Sciences, and the Howard Baker Center, an international conference on the Anglo-American “special relationship.”

Distinguished public figures and scholars from the international community will visit Knoxville during the 2005-2006 academic year for the project. This joint enterprise of the University of Tennessee and Churchill College at the University of Cambridge in Great Britain highlights our departmental commitment to the integration of knowledge through inter-disciplinary teaching, research, and public service.

Carcieri, Morgan, Nownes Receive Teaching Awards

Three faculty members have received recognition for their teaching prowess this past year. Professor Anthony Nownes has been awarded the University of Tennessee National Alumni Association Outstanding Teacher Award for 2005. Meanwhile, Pi Sigma Alpha, the Department’s honors society, has named professors Martin Carcieri and April Morgan as “2005 Teachers of the Year.”

Department Members Host Baker Center Presidential Campaign Debate Forums

Professor Bill Lyons and Graduate Assistant Eric Smith hosted two public forums sponsored by the Howard S. Baker Jr. Center for Public Policy last October. Part of a national program called “Debate Watch,” Lyons and Smith served as moderators at two forums – one held in the City-County Building, the other on the UT campus – in which audience members watched, and then had the opportunity to discuss, two of the debates between President George W. Bush and Senator John Kerry. It was reported that these forums were among the best attended in the entire series nationwide.

Lecturers Advise Student Organizations

Two lecturers will serve as advisors to UT student organizations this year. Will Jennings has become faculty advisor to the UT chapter of the College Democrats of America while Kara Stooksbury has taken over leadership of Pi Sigma Alpha, the department’s honors society. Thanks Kara and Will!

Sustainability Initiative to be Headed by Jepson

A new research center led by Professor Ed Jepson, devoted to the study and advancement of sustainability as a community development strategy, is being developed by UT.

The center will become part of a new UTK environmental institute entitled the Institute for a Secure and Sustainable Environment. As one of five program concentrations in this new institute, the center will host scholars whose principal goal is to generate funded research and publication to help clarify and apply the concept of sustainability. These scholars will develop research questions, identify funding opportunities, and organize research collaborations. A secondary purpose of the new center is to disseminate information about sustainable development and facilitate its application. Steps to accomplish these goals may include a web-based certificate degree in sustainable development, annual lecture series, and expert assistance to communities.

Folz Directs Tennessee Legislative Internship; Houston, Gorman, Nownes continue in special posts

Professor David Folz will serve as coordinator of the Tennessee Legislative Internship program for AY 2005-6. The program provides UT students the opportunity to work for state senators and members of the general assembly in Nashville. Folz takes over from Bob Cunningham who led the program in AY 2004-5 – a year during which six UT students served as interns to legislators from throughout the state.

Meanwhile, Professor Robert Gorman will continue to serve as Coordinator of Graduate Studies for the Department, while Professor David Houston will continue in his role as MPA coordinator. Finally, Anthony Nownes will continue to serve as the department’s undergraduate advising coordinator.

Our sincerest thanks go to Professors Folz, Gorman, Houston and Nownes for their efforts – and
to Bob Cunningham for his splendid leadership of the legislative internship program during 2004-5.

Board of Visitors Conducts First Site Visit, Issues Report

On April 4-5, 2005, the Department’s new Board of Visitors was convened and, over two-days, met with faculty and graduate students as well as with Alan Lowe, Director of the Howard Baker, Jr. Center for Public Policy, and Hap McSweeney, Interim Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences.

The new Board is comprised of four alumni of the department, and is expected to grow over the next year. Current members are:

R. Craig Williamson (chair), Director, South Carolina Universities Research and Education Foundation;

Ross King, Jr., Director, Association of County Commissioners of Georgia;

Mike Keith, Voice of the Tennessee Titans football team and sportscaster; and,

Judge Thomas Varlan, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Tennessee.

In its report, the Board noted several challenges facing the department, and it issued several recommendations. Among the most important challenges noted are: 1) the difficulty in dealing with a large student undergraduate student enrollment; 2) the need for smooth integration of the Planning and Urban Studies programs into the Department; 3) the need to provide scholarships and internships to worthy students; 4) the desire to continuously develop the MPA program; 5) the desire to establish an alumni base that can help provide input and financial support to the Department; and, 6) in a “climate of competing needs” ensuring that study and research in political science is deemed to be a “worthy investment” by the university as well as the community at large.

The Board offered several initial recommendations, including: 1) developing a listing of alumni; 2) developing a completion survey form to be given to all BA, MPA, MA and Ph.D. graduates from the 2005 class. This form can serve as basis for developing an alumni database; 3) developing a list of potential internship hosts; and, 4) developing a special announcement about how, why, and to what benefit financial contributions can be made to the Department, including exact amounts which can be assigned to support internships, scholarships, fellowships, junior faculty awards, faculty awards, and endowed chairs.

Copies of the Board of Visitors report are available from David Feldman at 865-974-2845.

STUDENT NEWS

Students Gain Practical Experience in Community Development, Policy-maker Collaboration

During spring semester, 2005 students in Political science 410 – a special topics class – had the opportunity to apply concepts they learned in the classroom to the needs of citizens and policy-makers. For the 4th year, the course on sustainable community development, a part of the Appalachian Teaching Project (ATP) sponsored by the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) offered students the opportunity to be exposed to instructors who offered a wide range of expertise on the subject – and to then apply what they learned to a community-level project.

Co-taught by Professor Bruce Tonn of the Department, and Tim Ezzell and Eric Ogle of UT’s Community Partnership Center, students and faculty worked with Morgan County citizens to develop an eco-tourism plan.

In this year’s class every student had an opportunity to interact with the citizens of Morgan County either by making presentations or facilitating breakout group sessions on topics related to eco-tourism.

The unique service-learning emphasis of the course gave students the opportunity to apply what they were learning to help others with real needs and to see some of the needs of other communities across the Appalachian region. Seven students had the opportunity to go to Washington, DC to present their work to the Appalachian Regional Commission & other Appalachian Teaching Project schools. The DC trip solidified the entire course & taught the students about public participation & activism.

In the past, students taking this course have had the opportunity to
do comparable work with citizens of Cocke and Meigs counties.

**UT Mock Trial Team Celebrates Year of Great Achievements**

The UT Mock Trial program chapter – advised by Professor John Scheb – had its best year overall during 2004-05, fielding three teams that competed in tournaments at other institutions. At a regional tournament, team A finished third, team B finished fifth, and team C finished seventh. Chris Suedekum and Gary Kelly earned “outstanding attorney” awards, and John Bandeian and Ali Brewer earned awards for “outstanding witness.”

All three of UT’s teams earned bids to national competition, but only two could accept the bids due to AMTA rules. Team A competed in the National Championship Tournament in Des Moines, Iowa in April. Team B competed in the National Tournament in Richmond, Kentucky in March. At the national level, Chris Suedekum was named “All-American Attorney” and Ali was recognized as an “All-American Witness.”

Congratulations also go to members of all three UT Mock Trial teams who participated in a regional tournament in Birmingham, Alabama this winter! The three teams went to Birmingham on January 30 and 31 to participate in a regional Mock Trial tournament.

All three teams placed in the top ten in the competition, with two teams earning a bid to national tournaments in the spring. The team captained by Rocky King came in second place. Elizabeth Lovell’s team placed fifth and Sarah Dunn’s team came in ninth.

Five students received individual awards. Jeff Brandon and Katie Tweel received “outstanding witness” awards while Sarah Dunn, Elizabeth Lovell, and Rocky King, were given “outstanding attorney” awards. The Political Science Department congratulates all members of UT’s Mock Trial teams on their accomplishments in Birmingham.

**Wagers Receives Cunningham Scholarship**

Congratulations to Kristin Wagers, selected as this year’s recipient of the Robert Cunningham Scholarship! The scholarship is awarded annually by the East Tennessee Chapter of ASPA. This award is open to any MPA/MCM student at a university in East Tennessee for the purpose of helping to fund attendance at the Southeastern Conference for Public Administration. To be eligible for this award, applicants must have a 3.5 GPA and be a member of the East Tennessee Chapter of ASPA.

**Grad Students Present Research at National Meetings**

Kimberly Dougl was awarded a SARIF grant from UT for summer 2005 to support her dissertation research.

Ole Forsberg studied at the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor during summer 2005. Forsberg took classes on a variety of subjects including Game Theory, Multivariate Statistics, Time Series analysis, and Missing Data. ICPSR is internationally renowned and students come from all over the world to study under respected authorities in their fields.

Two of the department’s senior doctoral students were granted awards this past spring to support their dissertation research. Ole Forsberg was awarded a Yates Dissertation Fellowship for the 2005-2006 academic year. The award provides recognition as well as financial support to outstanding doctoral students during the dissertation process. Meanwhile, Kimberly Dougl was awarded a SARIF grant from UT for summer 2005 to support her dissertation research.

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Ole Forsberg also presented a poster at the 2005 American Political Science Association meeting. His poster was entitled: “Who are the Victims? Assessing the Propensity for Democracies to be the Target of Initial Force in Militarized Interstate Disputes, 1980-2000.”


Several graduate students will be presenting their research at the Southeastern Conference on Public Administration SECoPA) in Little Rock, Arkansas in October 2005. Their names, and respective degree programs, are as follows:

Jesse Cragwell - MA  
Krissy Gladders - Ph.D. Student  
Sarah Surak - MPA  
Kristin Wagers - MPA Student  
Brandon Waite - Ph.D.

**Spring Banquet Honors Students, Faculty**

Several students and faculty were recognized at the Department’s annual Pi Sigma Alpha/Beta Zeta Chapter banquet held on April 20th at the University Club on Neyland Drive. The annual banquet provides an opportunity for the department to showcase its outstanding students, and for students to honor professors who have been instrumental to their success.

This year, the banquet honored new Pi Sigma Alpha initiates, other departmental honorees, and the UT Mock Trial team. The following students were inducted into Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honorary:

Kevin Ryan Bragg  
Lindsey Bray  
Christopher James Brown  
Matthew Christopher  
Matthew Claiborne  
Mary Elizabeth Clement Nicholas  
Peter Dongarra  
Kimberly Lynn Douglass  
Jason Russell Dunn  
Andrew B. Dunsmore  
Ole Forsberg  
Shuwanza Goff

Michael Haynes  
Michelle H. Johnson  
Peter Koffman  
Raymond James McKinnon  
Jessica Whitney Mize  
Amit Dhiru Pate  
Vanessa Pate  
Sarah Phillips  
Amanda Sanford  
Travis Smuckler  
Christopher L. Stump  
Susan Turner  
Bradford A. Vaughan  
Jessica Williamson

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

**Ruth Stephens Scholarship ($1000 each)** - Joakim Daun  
Lara Kuhnert  
Travis Smuckler

**Edgar G. Guenther Scholarship ($1000)** – Brett Penley

**James O. and Minnie Elliot Scholarship ($800 each)** – Steve Nabors  
Amanda Sanford  
Wade Murphy Tosh

**Ruth Stephens Award ($400 each)** - Lindsey Livingood  
Mary Henrietta Uwera

**Arnett A. Elliott Award ($300 each)** - Chris Brown  
John Sturgis

**Vernon Iredell Award ($800)** – Amit Patel

**Recent Faculty and Student Publications**


Carroll, Deborah. “The Property Tax: Past, Present, and Future” (with Benjamin J. Sharbel - this is a 2005 graduate of our MPA program) in Handbook of Public Financial Management, Howard A. Frank editor (Forthcoming).


Folz, David. “Explaining the Performance of Mature Municipal Solid Waste Recycling Programs” Journal of Environmental Planning and Management (with Bruce Tonn & Jean Peretz).


Nownes, Anthony J. (with Daniel Lipinski), "The Population Ecology


Tonn, B. 2004. "Imprecise Probabilities and Scenarios," Futures (Forthcoming)


Zhong, Yang. co-edited Leadership in a Changing China (with Professor Weixing Chen) was published by Palgrave MacMillan Press in spring 2005.


Yang Zhong, Political Civilization and Modernization in China: The Political Context of China’s Reform (co-edited with Professor Hua of Louisville University) will be published by World Scientific Press this coming fall.

Alumni News

Doctoral Grad Works for Korean Research Institute, Edits Journal

Dr. Sang-Hyun Park’s freshly minted Ph.D. is already being put to good use in his new position as Senior Researcher at the Institute for East Asian Studies (IEAS) in Seoul, Korea and as Editor of the journal, East Asian Review. He is also Lecturer in the Graduate School of International Relations at Ewha Women’s University.

Recent alums enter prestigious graduate programs, undertake other exploits

Keith Brakebill will enter Stanford University, Sammie Smith is going to American University, and Rashi Joshi has been awarded a scholarship to the University of Chicago.

Julio Driggs enters Emory Law School this fall. He has been awarded a Dean’s Scholarship.

Having completed her master’s degree at NYU, Anya East begins UT Law School this month. Sharon Bogaty has finished her graduate studies in education and is teaching 8th grade social studies.

Fred Agee is working as a producer for television reality shows and had a role on "Will & Grace" last year.

Caisse – former Presidential Management Fellow – goes to work for National Park Service

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1 Thanks to Douglas Finnan and Donna Ogle for their contributions to this section.
Jennie Rebekah Everett Caisse (MPA 2004) has left her position as a Presidential Management Fellow with the Internal Revenue Service Wage and Investment headquarters in Atlanta to take a position as a Human Resource Assistant with the Great Smoky National Park Headquarters in Gatlinburg Tennessee in August 2005.

She will be responsible for processing all personal actions and participating in recruitment efforts. The GRSM administration and human resources division office supports over 400 permanent, term, and seasonal employees per year.

Moseley goes to work for Sierra Club –

Lyndsay F. Moseley (MPA, 2003) has accepted a job with the Sierra Club in June 2005 to work with their "Environmental Partnerships" program, specifically as a liaison to the faith community. She will also work with Sierra Club staff to help them understand how to engage people of faith in their work.