The onset of fall semester is always an exciting time at the University. One of the best things about an academic career is the sense of renewal one feels as fall semester approaches. My favorite time of the year is the first week of fall semester, as thousands of new students descend on the campus and we welcome a new cohort of graduate students and undergraduate majors into our department.

(Everyone on campus is especially eager for the arrival of fall this year, as summer 2011 was the hottest in Knoxville since 1987!)

This fall finds our department searching for new faculty members in American government/public policy and international relations. We also are eagerly awaiting the arrival (in January) of our newest colleague, Scott Powell, who this fall is completing his PhD at Ohio State. The hiring of new faculty is another thing that gives all of us on campus that wonderful sense of renewal.

Hiring new faculty is especially important for our department, as several of our colleagues have either left or retired this summer. Bob Gorman and Bob Cunningham completed their many years of service to UTK on July 31 and both will be missed terribly. David Brule, an assistant professor in the field of international relations, also departed this summer to take a position at Purdue University. Of course, all of us are very sad to see David go, but we also wish him every success in his new position at Purdue.

Here’s wishing everyone—our faculty, students, alumni and friends, a productive and pleasurable fall!

As always, stay in touch!

John Scheb
Professor and Head
September 1, 2011
**Personnel News**

Scott Powell (pictured right), Ph.D., Ohio State University, was hired to teach public policy and research methods and will join the faculty in January 2012.

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

Dr. David Folz has been appointed departmental internship coordinator, which includes responsibility for the Tennessee Legislative Internship Program.

Professors Nathan J. Kelly and Jana Morgan were granted tenure and promoted to Associate Professor.

Dr. James C. Gilchrist was promoted to Distinguished Lecturer.

**Faculty Spotlight**

UT Press has just published a new book on service learning by our own Professor Emeritus Bob Cunningham (below). Coauthored with Bob Kronick and Michele Gourley, the book is entitled *Experiencing Service-Learning* (UT Press 2011). Congratulations to Bob on this publication!
Graduate Student News

Colin Glennon (left) successfully defended his dissertation, earned his doctorate, and was appointed Assistant Professor of Political Science at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado.

Nurgul Aitalieva has received the Lee S. Greene Award for Outstanding Performance in Public Administration.

Doug Spence and Jeff Long have received the Department’s Award for Best Conference Paper of 2010-11.

Missy Buice has received Dissertation Research Assistance in the Fields of Comparative Politics.

Amanda Sanford has received the David Mock Award for Outstanding Performance by a Graduate Teaching Associate. Amanda also has been elected President of the Political Science Graduate Student Organization for 2011-12.

David Scott has received the Otis Stephens Fellowship, which provides assistance to an outstanding graduate student studying public law and the courts.

Undergraduate Awards and Scholarships

The following awards and scholarships were given to undergraduate students at the Political Science Awards Banquet in April 2011. These awards are funded by private donations.

Edgar Guenther Scholarship
Lucy Boateng
Julianna Deyo
Rhett Pratt

Arnett A. Elliot Award
Lindsay Cupp

Vernon Iredell Award
Treston Wheat

Kathryn Barnett Green Award
Delvin Tubbs

Ruth Stephens Scholarship
Jennifer Baldwin
Julia Gillette
Rachel McKane
Shain Raley
Seth Walker

James O. and Minnie Elliot Scholarship
Alice Brading
Ashton Davis
Christina Hawk
Erica Jenkins
Kenneth Merriweather
Grant Minchew

Ruth Stephens Award
Alex Payton
Coty Wamp

Judge John M. Scheb Prize
Jordan T. Smith
Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Brandon Prins (left) has been appointed Baker Center Fellow for Global Security. Prins is currently Chair of the Scientific Study of International Processes Section of the International Studies Association and incoming Chair of the Foreign Policy Association Section of the American Political Science Association. He also is co-principal investigator on a grant from the Y-12 National Security Complex.

Dr. David Folz (left) led a team of researchers that examined the trends, causes, and policy implications of residential fire mortalities in TN from 2002 thru 2010. Funded by the Tennessee Municipal League, the Tennessee Fire Chief’s Association, the Tennessee Fire Inspectors Association, and the UT Municipal Technical Advisory Service, the study was produced for the Tennessee State Fire Marshal’s Office. The research team included Chris Shults, Political Science PhD student, Leah Festa, UT MPA student, Mike Myers, CTAS Senior GIS Consultant, Frances Adams-O’Brien of MTAS and Gary West, Assistant Commissioner for Fire Prevention with the TN Department of Commerce & Insurance. The purpose of this study is to provide the analytical foundation for an informed plan of action to help reduce and prevent fatalities that occur in residential structures which account for about three-fourths of all civilian fire deaths in the state. The study and related research products can be examined at: http://www.tnfirechiefs.com/tn-fire-mortality-study.

Professors Nate Kelly and Jana Morgan (above) are on leave during the fall semester. They are in Santiago, Chile, collecting data on political, social and economic inequality in Latin America.

Mr. Joe Jarret (right), a lecturer in our MPA program who also serves as the Knox County Law Director, presented a paper before the Tennessee Political Science Association, had a paper accepted for presentation by SECoPA for this year’s conference in New Orleans, and presented continuing legal education programs on local government law to the Tennessee Bar Association and Tennessee Municipal Association and Tennessee County Attorney’s Association. His article, "Religious Discrimination in the Workplace" was selected as the 2011 article of the year by Public Risk Magazine.
**Faculty Spotlight**

**Professor Jana Morgan** talking about her forthcoming book, *Bankrupt Representation and Party System Collapse* (Pennsylvania State University 2011). The photo was taken this summer at Universidad Diego Portales in Santiago, Chile.

**David Gauthier** (right), a lecturer in the Department who teaches political philosophy, just published a book (left) on Martin Heidegger with Lexington Books. David also recently coauthored an article on Heidegger: "The Politics of the Homeless Spirit: Heidegger and Levinas on Dwelling and Hospitality." History of Political Thought, Vol. 32, No. 1 (2011). Congratulations to David on these publications!
Alumni News and Notes

Jamie Woodson (left) retired from the Tennessee Senate to become President and CEO of SCORE, the State Collaborative on Reforming Education. Jamie is also a member of our departmental advisory board.

Jennifer Santoro Stanley (left) a Rhodes Scholar and a 1995 graduate of UTK, addressed the nearly 1,200 graduates and their guests at the College of Arts and Sciences’ Commencement Ceremony on Friday, May 13. While at UTK, Stanley was a member of the first class of Whittle Scholars, and she remains the most recent Rhodes Scholar from UTK to date.

Jacquie Lawing Ebert (right) received the Accomplished Alumni Award from UTK in the fall of 2010. The Memphis native and 1986 UT Knoxville honors graduate manages the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation account for GMMB, a communications firm based in Washington, D.C.

Laurie Rowe (left), who received her B.A. in 1995, is Manager of the Office of Provider Services with the District of Columbia Department of Health Care Finance. She also holds the position of Eastern Region Vice President of the National Urban League Young Professionals. Ms. Rowe also is a member of the Political Science Board of Advisors and has established the Kathryn Barnett Green Award to assist political science students with the purchase of textbooks.

Robert L. Gaylor (BA), is Senior Vice-President of Investor Relations for Miller Energy Resources, a Knoxville based energy firm that conducts oil and gas exploration in Tennessee and Alaska.

Mariselle Morales (BA), a 2008 political science graduate, competed in the Miss America pageant as Miss Puerto Rico.
Message from the Advisory Board Chair

Jeff Chapman (pictured left, from a recent visit to Machu Picchu in Peru) was elected chair of the Political Science Advisory Board at its spring 2011 meeting. Jeff has asked that we include the following message in this issue of the newsletter:

Why is it important for alums to give back to our university? There are dozens of reasons really. But I'll limit my discussion here to two. Number one: our university needs our help. The state's budget for higher education has been on a downward spiral for decades. And the demands on faculty have never been greater. The University is the first step in the journey of life for young people in the state. Our faculty points the way. We need to increase stipends, fellowships, assistantships to meet the challenge.

Number two (and more importantly): it's fun. By donating to our college or department we can rejoin the university community. Years after graduation the only connection many alums have is a visit to campus for an occasional football game. Frankly, that's a small part of university life. The neat things, the interesting things, the important things at our university are what are happening in the classrooms and labs. I get a genuine charge when I read about the work that Brandon Prins is doing for Y-12 or Yang Zhong's research on China.

In closing I'll relate a conversation that I had with my dad. I asked him if he wanted to leave a gift to UT. His response was "Why would I do that?" I said to him "If you're able, why would you not?"

Faculty Spotlight

Robert A. Gorman (right), who retired from UTK this summer after thirty-four years of distinguished teaching and scholarship in the field of political theory, has been named Professor Emeritus by the University of Tennessee. Congratulations to Bob on this well-deserved honor. He will be sorely missed around the Department!

Wonjae Hwang (left) has been elected to represent the Department in the UTK Faculty Senate. This fall Wonjae is hosting a visiting professor, Dr. Jinman Kim, a professor and Lt. Col. in the Korean Army Academy. The two will do research on North Korean politics.
Mock Trial. UTK Mock Trial is a student organization that competes in mock trial competitions across the nation. In the fall, they attend private invitational tournaments, and in the spring, they compete in the American Mock Trial Association Championship Series. This consists of a Regional Tournament, an Opening Round Championship Series (ORCS) Tournament, and a National Championship Tournament, consecutively, where a bid must be earned from each to advance to the next competition. UTK Mock Trial is one of the most successful student-run mock trial organizations in the nation. Last year, UTK Mock Trial took 1st Place at its Regional Tournament in Jackson, Mississippi, and we look forward to continuing that success in the 2011-12 season. Tryouts for new members are held at the start of each fall semester.

Political Science Senior Honors Students. Eleven of our department’s best undergraduates are working on their senior honors theses this year under the direction of Dr. John Scheb. Pictured below are: (front row, from left) Seth Walker, Amy Schweig, Tyler King, Thomas Ritter, Mallory Young, (back row, from left) Spenser Powell, Alex Payton, Rachel McKane, Kara Gallagher, and Jordan Smith. Not pictured: Christian Donaldson.
Professor Yang Zhong (below, at far left) brought a group of UTK Haslam Scholars to Tsinghua University in China for a class on China’s economic and political development in May 2011.

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
- Graduate Student Award Fund
- Lawrence Durisch Research Fund
- John Shanks Memorial Fund
- Frank Clement/Cordell Hull Fund
- Edgar G. Guenther Scholarship Fund
- Ruth Stephens Scholarship Fund
- Political Science Study Abroad Fund
- Kathryn Barnett Green Book Award Fund
- James & Minnie Elliot Memorial Scholarship
- Robert B. and Mildred A. Cunningham Master of Public Administration Enrichment Endowment
- Political Science Enrichment Fund
- Lee S. Greene Memorial Fund
- William G. McCall Graduate Fund
- Otis H. Stephens Fellowship
- Vernon Iredell International Relations Award Fund
- Arnett A. Elliott Fund
- Ruth Stephens International Relations Award Fund
- Mock Trial Activities Fund
- Jeffery & Deborah Chapman Career Exploration Fund
- Political Science Research Excellence Fund

**Judge John M. Scheb Prize.** In memory of his father (left), who passed away in November 2010, Dr. John Scheb has established the **Judge John M. Scheb Prize** to recognize annually the most outstanding undergraduate in the field of public law (which includes courses in constitutional law, administrative law, criminal law and procedure, judicial process, and law in society). The first recipient of the Prize, given in April 2011, is Jordan Smith, a member of the Mock Trial team and a senior honors student in political science. Congratulations Jordan! People wishing to support the fund should contact Dr. Scheb, scheb@utk.edu.

**Chapman Faculty Research Excellence Award.** Jeff and Debbie Chapman (right) have given $25,000 to create the Chapman Faculty Research Excellence Award, which will be used to recognize an exemplary faculty member by awarding a $5,000 stipend for a minimum of one year and a maximum of five consecutive years. The Department extends its heartfelt gratitude to Jeff and Debbie for their extreme generosity!

To our alumni, students and friends: **Please let us hear from you. Stay in touch!**