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Message from the Department Head



It's that time of the year again—fall semester is upon us! It's amazing how quickly the last year went by. I love this time of year—the influx of students, the cooler weather, and, of course, football season! As always, there's a lot going on in the Department of Political Science. I hope you enjoy reading about some of it here!

We begin this fall with a new tenure-track faculty member-Danielle Atkins. Danielle did her undergraduate work here at UTK before going to the University of Georgia for graduate school. Danielle is happy to be coming home and we are very pleased to have her!

2013-14 will be my last year as Head. The last six years have been challenging and at times difficult, but always exciting. I begin my final year in high spirits and with great optimism about the future!

As always, [stay in touch!](#)



John M. Scheb
Professor and Head

Fall 2013

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Faculty News

August 1, 2013: A new Assistant Professor has joined the Department!

Danielle Atkins (right) completed her PhD (2013) and MPA (2009) at the University of Georgia. Dr. Atkins is currently working on several projects focusing on contraceptive parity policy, the effect of teacher representation on student health and education outcomes, and how increased access to emergency contraception affects women's reproductive health related decisions. Her research is forthcoming in *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*, *Public Management Review*, and *Journal of Public Health Policy*.



Professors **Jana Morgan** and **Nate Kelly** (left) have received a grant from the Russell Sage Foundation to support research on the connections between economic inequality, campaign finance, and attitudes toward redistribution in the United States. The project is designed to produce a book manuscript and several articles reporting the results of analysis generated with grant funds.



Dr. Brandon Prins (left) has been promoted to Professor. Dr. Prins also has received a large grant from the Department of Defense to study maritime piracy. The project seeks to explain the incidence of maritime piracy and spatially document the location of pirate attacks worldwide. Understanding the incidence and evolution of maritime piracy is essential for developing effective counter-piracy strategies.

Dr. Will Jennings (right) has been promoted to Senior Lecturer. He also has received an **Outstanding Teacher Award**. Given by the UT Alumni Association, this is one of the most treasured honors given to faculty, symbolizing excellence in the classroom.



Dr. Tony Nownes (left) will lead a group of UTK undergraduates to London in the spring of 2014. After taking two courses from Dr. Nownes during the first half of the semester, students will complete internships with government agencies, law firms, members of Parliament, etc. Students will receive 12 hours of credit for their study abroad in London!

Graduate Student News



Missy Buice (left) defended her dissertation and earned her doctorate in the spring of 2013. This fall she begins a faculty position at the University of Missouri.



Jamie Todhunter (left), who received his PhD in 2012, has accepted a tenure-track faculty position at Troy University starting this fall.



Matt Gross (left), who also finished in 2012, has taken a tenure-track position at Henderson State University in Arkansas.



Suveyda Karakaya (left) completed her doctorate in the spring of 2013 and has taken a faculty position in her native Turkey.

Congratulations to all these PhD alumni on their job placements!

Graduate Student Awards 2013

The **David Mock Award** for Outstanding Performance by a Graduate Teaching Associate went to **Dorian Stiefel** (top right).



Logan McDaniel (right) received the **Lee S. Greene Award** for Outstanding Performance in Public Administration.



The award for **Best Conference Paper** in any Field of Political Science Research was given to **Amanda Sanford** (right).



The dissertation research assistance award went to **Eric Castatater** (bottom right).



Congratulations to our award winners!

Political Science Advisory Board

The Political Science Advisory Board gained three new members during the 2012-13 academic year:



Roy Alexander, founder and President of Alexander Incorporated, received his B.A. in Political Science from UT in 1987. A native of Knoxville, Roy graduated from the Webb School prior to his undergraduate studies at U.T. One month after graduation he found himself leaving Tennessee for an opportunity in The Northern Marianas Islands where he established Alexander Realty & Development in 1988. Roy's love of the people and the region of the Pacific Rim have kept him in business there for over 25 years. He now travels between homes in Tennessee and Saipan. Mr. Alexander and his wife Ella have two children.



Margaret Angela Franklin is an alumna of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and a minor in History. While at UT Chattanooga, she was a member of the Student Government Association and President of the College Democrats. She currently serves on the legislative staff for Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand of New York. A native of Memphis, Tennessee, she received her Master's Degree from Howard University in Public Administration and currently resides in Woodbridge, Virginia.



Dr. Bill Lyons retired from UT in December 2011 after serving as a member of the Political Science faculty for three decades. He currently works as Deputy to the Mayor for the City of Knoxville. During his long career at UT Lyons served as Director of UT's Social Science Research Institute and Director of the Bureau of Public Administration, and Associate Director of the Office of Institutional Research. He authored or co-authored several books and numerous articles in professional journals. Dr. Lyons also served as a consultant to numerous government agencies, political candidates, businesses, nonprofit organizations and interest groups. He also served for over twenty years as Political Analyst for WBIR-TV in Knoxville.

The Department is pleased to welcome these excellent additions to the Advisory Board!

Distinguished Alumnus Award



On April 25, 2013 the Political Science Department presented its first ever **Distinguished Alumnus Award** to **Mr. Lowry Kline** (pictured left with his wife Jane).



Dean Theresa M. Lee presents Lowry Kline with the architect's rendering of Ayres Hall.

Lowry Kline was born and raised in Loudon, Tennessee. After graduating from Loudon High School, he came to UT where he double-majored in Political Science and English. Upon receiving his bachelor's degree in 1962, Mr. Kline attended the UT College of Law and earned his JD in 1965. Upon graduation he joined the Miller & Martin law firm, became a partner in 1970, and continued his work with that firm until 1995. He began his association with the Coca-Cola bottling business in 1981, serving as general counsel for the Johnston Coca-Cola Bottling Group. When that company merged with Coca-Cola Enterprises, Inc., Mr. Kline became senior vice president and general counsel. In 1996 he became CEO of Coca-Cola Enterprises, which at the time was the world's largest producer, marketer, and distributor of bottled and canned beverages. In 2003 Mr. Kline turned over the role of CEO to someone else, but continued to serve as executive chairman of the board of directors until his retirement in 2008.

Obviously, Mr. Kline had a stellar career in law and business. But what also motivates us to recognize him as our first Distinguished Alumnus is his service and generous giving to many charitable and educational enterprises, including the Trust for Public Land, Paintrock Canyon Program, the Chattanooga History Center, the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, Atlanta's Woodruff Arts Center, the Lula Lake Land Trust, the Tennessee Aquarium, Loudon High School, and, of course, the University of Tennessee.

It is our honor to name Lowry Kline as a Distinguished Alumnus of the Department of Political Science.

Undergraduate Excellence

The following awards and scholarships were given to undergraduate students at the Political Science Awards Banquet in April 2012. These awards are funded by private donations.

Edgar Guenther Scholarship: Charleigh Cagle

James O. and Minnie Elliott Scholarship: Ashley Jakubek, Ediobong Ebiefung, Adefolake Thomas, Sara Hussein, and Hannah Bailey

Vernon Iredell International Relations Award: Jessawynne Parker

Kathryn Barnett Green Award: Adefolake Thomas

Ruth Stephens Award: Jennifer Dobbins and Zane Wyrick

Ruth Stephens Scholarship: Ashley Jakubek, Ediobong Ebiefung, Saiman Masood, and Sara Hussein

Judge John M. Scheb Prize: Justin Hickerson



“I have moved to Boston, MA and am participating in Teach for America. I will be teaching 7th Grade Math at Talbot Middle School in Massachusetts. Further, I am attending Boston University where I am pursuing a Master’s Degree in Education. I enjoyed my time at the University of Tennessee immensely. Especially courses I took with Dr. Gant, Dr. Nownes, Dr. Toner, and Dr. Morgan.”

- Emily Griggs, Class of 2013
 - o July 24, 2013



“I received a job offer back in September 2012 from a government contracting company outside of DC called CGI Federal. I’ll be joining them next week as an entry level business analyst. My focus will be on public policy and information technology. We work closely with the Department of Defense and Department of Health and Human Services. I’m so glad to be a part of the Political Science UT alums!”

- Morgan Wisener, Class of 2013
 - o July 25, 2013

Alumni Spotlight



Greg Mackay is Director of Public Assemblies for the City of Knoxville. Greg is a graduate of the Webb School of Knoxville and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. He was appointed to the position of Administrator of Elections in February of 2003 and served in that capacity until April of 2011. Greg served on the Knox County Election Commission from 1990 to 1998. He helped implement Early Voting and has been an advocate for reforming the voting process. In 2009, Greg was chosen by the Organization for Security Co-operation in Europe to be one of 600 international observers to monitor Ukraine's presidential election and runoff. Since then he has been on four more OSCE missions-to Ukraine, Albania, Macedonia and Kazakhstan. He and his wife Kate live in Kingston Hills and have a teenage daughter.

In Memoriam



Andrew B. (“Andy”) Dunsmore, Assistant Dean for Development at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, passed away on December 24, 2012 at his parents’ home in Maryville, Tennessee. Andy was an alumnus of the University of Tennessee, having received his B.A., M.P.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the Department of Political Science. He was a great ambassador for UTK and a generous contributor to the Department. He is sorely missed by his many friends, colleagues and former teachers. Andy is survived by his parents, the Reverend Beecher and Sarah Dunsmore of Maryville, Tennessee, and his sisters, Sarah Elizabeth Dunsmore and Julie Dunsmore.

Dr. Mike Fitzgerald, who knew Andy better than anyone in this department, had this to say:

“Andy Dunsmore enriched my life in a relationship that spanned 27-years. It was my honor to serve as Andy’s teacher, advisor, and mentor throughout his years at the University of Tennessee—from BA to PhD—and in the many years in between. Beyond that, I was privileged to be his professional colleague and a personal friend. In our long and close relationship, Andy taught me about courage, fidelity, integrity. Andy conducted his life with honor and a deep sense of duty. He lived steadfast in devotion to faith, family, friends, and his beloved *alma mater*. Far too soon came his passing, but his memory lives on in the hearts of his political science and university family.”

Focus on Development

In the fall of 2012 the Department received a tremendous bequest from Kent and Molly Woodrow. The funds will be used to create a Distinguished Professorship in American Government, support study abroad and otherwise enrich the undergraduate experience.



Molly Flook Woodrow, a native of McLean, Virginia, received her BS with honors in 1970 from the University of Tennessee. She also holds a Master of Education and a Master of Gerontology in Public Administration from Miami University. As a UTK undergraduate Molly was a member of the UT Singers, Delta Delta Delta, and several other campus organizations. Following a high school career of thirty-one years in the Cincinnati area, she began serving as a Xavier University clinical field supervisor in 2005. She was named Teacher of the Year for her district and awarded the Ohio Best Practices Award for programs she developed there. Molly is also the Area Director in Southwest Ohio/Northern Kentucky for People to People Student Ambassador Programs, Spokane, Washington.



Kent Woodrow received his B.S. in social sciences from UTK in 1972 and a master's degree in education from Xavier University in 1984. He taught social studies and coached athletics in the Cincinnati area high schools from 1972 to 2009. Kent was a Fulbright Scholar in the Netherlands in 1987 and 1990-91 and in Japan in 2002 and is a lifetime member of the Fulbright Association. From 1984 to 1990 Kent served as an instructor for A Presidential Classroom for Young Americans in Washington, D.C. Since 1987 Kent has served as a delegate leader for the People to People Student Ambassador Programs in Spokane, Washington. A direct descendant of President Woodrow Wilson, Kent is a contributor to the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library in Staunton, Virginia. He is also a member of the Council of World Affairs and the Founders Society of the University of Tennessee.

The Department wishes to express to Kent and Molly its undying gratitude for their extreme generosity!

Want to help the Department of Political Science? The Department has identified the following three areas as its top development priorities.

- Enriching the undergraduate experience.
- Helping propel UTK into the Top 25.
- Training tomorrow's leaders and public servants.

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