Message from the Department Head

Today ends my seven-year tenure as head of the Political Science Department. The last seven years have been very eventful, always interesting, and occasionally challenging, but I have really enjoyed my time as head.

I am very excited about my successor, Dr. Richard Pacelle, who you can read about on Page 2. Rich is a fine teacher and scholar as well as a great guy. I know the Department will be in good hands during his tenure as head.

I am also very excited to have two other new colleagues this fall—Matt Buehler and Krista Wiegand. You can read about them here as well.

To all my colleagues and students (past and present), to all our alumni (present and future), and most of all to the members of the Political Science Advisory Board, thank you so much for your support over these last seven years. It’s been fun!

Onward and upward!

John M. Scheb, Professor and Head
July 31, 2014

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Professor Richard Pacelle (he’s the one on the left) is the new Head of the Department of Political Science. He comes to UT from Georgia Southern University where he was department chair for eight years. Professor Pacelle did his undergraduate work at the University of Connecticut and his graduate work at The Ohio State University. He previously taught at Indiana University and the University of Missouri-St. Louis before moving to chair the department at GSU. He teaches classes in American Government, Methods, and Public Law. His primary classes include Judicial Process, Constitutional Law, and Judicial Decision Making as well as graduate courses in Public Law and American Politics. His research concentrates on the Supreme Court and political litigation. He is the author of four books, with a fifth on the way, and articles and chapters on the courts and American politics. He invites students and alumni to drop by and introduce themselves. He will be the one in the orange shirt in the main office in McClung.

Dr. Krista Wiegand is joining the Department as Associate Professor effective August 1. Dr. Wiegand will have a joint appointment between Political Science and the Howard H. Baker, Jr. Center for Public Policy. Professor Wiegand received her PhD from Duke University in 2004 and subsequently spent nine years on the faculty of Georgia Southern University. Dr. Wiegand’s research covers territorial disputes, conflict resolution/management, war and militarized interstate disputes, terrorism, and bargaining strategies. She has published articles in journals including Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Peace Research, Asian Security, and Conflict Management & Peace Science. She has published two books: Bombs and Bullets: Governance by Islamic Terrorist and Guerrilla Groups (Ashgate Publishing, 2010) and Enduring Territorial Disputes: Strategies of Bargaining, Coercive Diplomacy, and Settlement (University of Georgia Press, 2011), and is co-editor of the forthcoming book Islands of Contention: The China-Japan Border Dispute in a Multidisciplinary Perspective (Ashgate Publishing, 2015).

Theodore Brown, Jr., B.S. (History) summa cum laude, University of Tennessee (1971), J.D., Vanderbilt University School of Law (1978), has been promoted to Senior Lecturer in Political Science. Ted teaches Constitutional Law, Civil Rights and Liberties, Judicial Process, Law in American Society and Tennessee Government for the Political Science Department. He also teaches American Legal History for the UT College of Law. Born in Memphis, Ted grew up in Etowah, Tennessee. He practiced law in Atlanta for twenty-five years before returning to Knoxville in 2006 to begin his teaching career. Congratulations to Ted Brown on this well-deserved promotion!
Dr. Matthew Buehler joins the Department as Assistant Professor on August 1. Dr. Buehler holds degrees in government from the University of Texas at Austin (Ph.D. and M.A.) and Willamette University (B.A.). His area is comparative politics with expertise in the Middle East. Buehler has been traveling to that region since 2006, completing over three years of fieldwork and Arabic training in North Africa, Syria, and the Persian Gulf. His main research interests include democratization, authoritarianism, the Arab Spring, Islamist movements, North African political parties, and Moroccan politics. During the 2013-14 academic year Buehler served as a post-doctoral fellow at Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service in Qatar. He currently is working on a book entitled *The Social Base of Divide-and-Rule: Left-Islamist Opposition Alliances in North Africa’s Arab Spring*. Work from this project has been published in the *Journal of Terrorism and Political Violence* and *Middle East Law and Governance*.

Professor Michael M. Gant (a.k.a. “Big Guy”) retired from UT after the spring semester and was named Professor Emeritus by the Provost. Dr. Gant has been at UTK since 1986, when he came here from Texas A&M. He served as Head of the UT Political Science Department from 1989 to 1995 and Director of UT’s Social Science Research Institute from 1998 to 2009. Dr. Gant received his BA from Marshall University and his doctorate from Michigan State. His teaching and research focused on research methods, public opinion and mass political behavior. Big Guy was an icon at UT and will be sorely missed by his colleagues and students. We all wish him health and happiness and a wonderful retirement!

Dr. Jim Gilchrist, Senior Lecturer in Political Science, also is retiring at the end of this summer. Dr. Gilchrist received his PhD from UTK in 1998 and has been teaching for us ever since. A fine teacher with a vast repertoire, his many course offerings have included U.S. Government and Politics, Middle Eastern Politics, Russian Politics, Tennessee Government and Politics, State and Local Government, Public Budgeting, and Personnel Management. He also served as the faculty advisor to Pi Sigma Alpha, the Political Science Honor Society. We are told that Dr. Gilchrist has extensive travel plans for his retirement. Happy Trails, Dr. G!

Dr. Ernest Brothers has been appointed Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Political Science effective August 1. Dr. Brothers is also an Assistant Dean in the Graduate School and oversees the Office of Graduate Training and Mentorship. He is also one of two UT faculty members representing the university in Leadership Knoxville’s Class of 2014. A native of Greenville, MS, Dr. Brothers earned a B.S. and M.S. degrees from Delta State University. He also has a Master of Public Policy and Administration degree from Mississippi State University and a PhD from Jackson State University in Urban Higher Education. The Political Science Department welcomes Ernest Brothers as its newest adjunct faculty member!
At the annual Chancellor’s Award Banquet, Dr. Anthony Nownes was one of four UTK faculty members who were recognized with the Alumni Outstanding Teacher Award. The alumnus who nominated Dr. Nownes stated, “The greatest thing I got from the course was learning that I was not a good writer and needed to improve.” Citing “tough love comments,” he said Nownes had higher expectations of him and worked with him throughout his time at UT to help improve his writing. “Today, I am a professor myself,” he said. “I never would have made it in this profession without Dr. Nownes.” Nownes is one of two Political Science faculty members (the other being Dr. Michael Fitzgerald) to have won this award twice. Congratulations to Professor Nownes!

Professors Nathan Kelly and Jana Morgan collaborated on two high-level journal publications during the 2013-14 academic year. These articles reflect their ongoing interest in the relationship between political institutions and economic inequality, both in the United States and other countries. The Journal of Politics, in which these articles appeared, is one of the top journals in the political science discipline.


Congratulations to Professors Kelly and Morgan on these outstanding research accomplishments!

Dr. Michael Fitzgerald's book, Out of the Cold: The Cold War and its Legacy, was published by Bloomsbury Academic Press in October 2013. Using firsthand accounts by international politicians and diplomats as well as analyses by leading scholars, this collection of essays provides insights from multiple perspectives to foster better understanding of international relations during and after the Cold War. According to Jeffrey A. Engel, Director, Center for Presidential History, Southern Methodist University, “This invaluable book brings the Cold War alive even as the conflict itself begins to recede into memory, and will long serve as both a valuable guide to the topic, and as a primary source in its own right for generations still to come.” Congratulations to Professor Fitzgerald on the publication of this book!
Graduate Student Awards, 2014

David Mock Award for Outstanding Performance by a Graduate Teaching Associate ... Ali Brewer

John Shanks Award for Outstanding Achievement in American Politics ... Eric Keller

Award for Best Conference Paper ... Allyn Milojevich & Amanda Sanford

Dissertation Research Assistance Award ... Allan Wilford

Congratulations to these outstanding grad students!

Melissa Buice (right), who received her PhD from the Department in 2013, has accepted a tenure track faculty position at West Virginia Wesleyan University. Last fall Missy published, along with her UTK faculty mentor, Jana Morgan, an article in the American Political Science Review, which is the premier journal in political science.


Congratulations to Missy on these outstanding accomplishments!

Amanda Sanford (left) completed her PhD this summer and took a tenure-track faculty position at Louisiana Tech University.

Nurgul Aitalieva also finished her doctorate this summer and has accepted a tenure-line position at Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

Congratulations and best wishes to Amanda and Nurgul!
On Thursday, April 10, students and faculty gathered at the Baker Center for a roundtable discussion on women in political leadership. Kicking off the discussion was Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero (right), the first female to be elected mayor in any of the four largest cities in Tennessee. Joining Mayor Rogero were: Sarah Fulton, Assistant Professor of Political Science at Texas A&M; Melanie Hughes, Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Pittsburgh; Jana Morgan, Associate Professor of Political Science at UT; Tracy Osborn, Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Iowa; and Leslie Schwindt-Bayer, Associate Professor of Political Science at Rice University. The roundtable was well attended by UT students and faculty. The following day, the aforementioned scholars gathered at the Baker Center with faculty from UTK and other universities for a one-day conference on women in politics. The Political Science Department thanks Mayor Rogero and all the scholars who participated in the roundtable and conference.

During the May 2014 mini-term Professor Ian Down led a group of UT students on a study abroad trip to London. All of the students took a course in British politics from Professor Down. But of course there was considerable education outside the classroom! Amongst the sites the students visited were Banqueting House, Westminster Abbey, the Houses of Parliament, the Cabinet War Rooms, the Royal Courts of Justice, Windsor Castle and Hampton Court Palace. Students also met with representatives of the main UK political parties, the Conservative Party, the Labour Party and the Liberal Democrats, as well as the Scottish National Party.

Left: The students visiting Windsor Castle.

The Political Science Department hopes to make this an annual event. Professor Down already has expressed an interest in returning to the UK next year with a new group of undergraduates!

On February 26, 2014, the Department hosted a “Careers in Political Science” forum for undergraduates at the Baker Center. This event, which was attended by about 75 undergraduate students, featured departmental alumni Greg Mackay and Cortney Piper, as well as our own Professor David Folz, who shared their wisdom and experience with students. Many thanks to Greg, Cortney and David for helping us with this event!
The following awards and scholarships were given to undergraduate students at the Political Science Awards Banquet in April 2014. These awards are funded by private donations.

- The **James O. and Minnie Elliott Memorial Fund** provides scholarships for deserving and high ranking students in any branch of political science. This year’s winners are Ashley Jakubek and James Dylan Williams.

- The **Ruth Stephens Scholarship Fund** provides scholarships for students whose interests are in international relations and/or comparative politics. Recipients must be juniors or seniors during the year they receive the award. The 2014 winner is Brian Childers.

- The **Edgar G. Guenther Fund** provides scholarships for students whose interests lay in municipal government, planning, or related subjects. This year’s recipient is Karla Maria Mendez.

- The **Kathryn Barnett Green Book Award** assists Political Science majors in the purchase of textbooks. The 2014 recipient is Eboni Amur Gude.

- The **Vernon Iredell Award** is given to an outstanding student in political science who specializes in international politics. This year’s winner is Kelsey Iona Parkman.

- The **Ruth Stephens Award** is given to an outstanding student in political science without regard to field of interest. In 2014, that student is Justin Hickerson.

- The **Judge John M. Scheb Prize** is given annually to recognize an undergraduate who has distinguished himself/herself in the study of public law and the judicial process. This year, the winner is Lisa Dicker.

Lisa Dicker, a political science major from Tullahoma, Tennessee, was one of twelve students University-wide to be named Torchbearer at the May 2014 graduation. Torchbearer is the highest honor that the University can bestow on a student. During her four years at UT, Lisa distinguished herself in numerous ways. In addition to being a first-rate student of political science, Lisa excelled as the leader UTK’s award-winning mock trial program. She served as a Baker Ambassador for the Howard H. Baker, Jr. Center for Public Policy, and as the UT Delegate to the Harvard Institute of Politics National Campaign Team for Civic Engagement. She served on the Dean’s Student Advisory Council, was involved with the Community Partnership Service Corps, and as a senior was president of the Central Programming Council. She studied abroad in China and is fluent in mandarin. Lisa was named most outstanding graduate in Political Science in May 2014. She also was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. This fall, after having been accepted into numerous top-flight law schools, Lisa will be attending Harvard. We wish her all the best in her legal studies and subsequent career!
Alumni Spotlight

**John Rader** received his B.A., *summa cum laude*, in College Scholars from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in 2008, where he served as Student Body President and received the Torchbearer award for overall excellence. As an undergraduate, John also was selected Phi Beta Kappa, Top Collegiate Scholar, Baker Scholar and was a Rhodes Scholar finalist. Following graduation, John attended UT College of Law where he received his J.D., *magna cum laude*, in December 2010. In law school, John served as acquisitions editor for the *Tennessee Law Review* and received the certificate of excellence in trial practice. During his summers, he interned for Tennessee Supreme Court Justice Gary R. Wade and Justice Sharon G. Lee. He also interned with Judge Harry S. Mattice, Jr., of U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Tennessee, as well as for Judge Julia S. Gibbons of the U.S. Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. In his final semester in law school, John served as acting assistant district attorney in the 13th judicial district under District Attorney General Randall A. York. Following graduation from law school, John was appointed as policy and legal analyst in the Office of Governor Bill Haslam and has been serving as Assistant Deputy Counsel to the Governor since January 2012.

**Jamie Woodson** is President and CEO of the State Collaborative on Reforming Education (SCORE), an education reform nonprofit organization focused on preparing Tennessee’s students for college and the workforce. Jamie has been a leading figure in spearheading Tennessee’s efforts to better prepare students for college and the workforce. Prior to leading SCORE, she served for more than 12 years in the Tennessee General Assembly in both the House and Senate. As Chairman of the Senate Education Committee and later as Senate Speaker Pro Tempore, Jamie was a key leader in efforts to identify and support effective teaching, overhaul Tennessee’s K-12 education funding formula, raise academic standards for Tennessee students, turn around low-performing schools, and expand high-quality public charter schools in Tennessee. In addition, she was a key leader in Tennessee’s work to transform public higher education by aligning Tennessee’s postsecondary system and the state’s economic goals through changes in academic, fiscal, and administrative policies. As a citizen legislator, she also served as general counsel for an East Tennessee manufacturing firm. Jamie serves on numerous statewide boards, including Tennessee Business Roundtable, and is a member of the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission. Jamie received a Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. She was selected as “Torchbearer,” which is the highest honor an undergraduate may receive from the university. Jamie and her husband, Bill Woodson, have three children: Joseph, Elizabeth

**Mike Keith** is a native of Franklin, Tennessee and attended high school at Battle Ground Academy. He received his B.A. in political science from UTK in 1990. As an undergraduate, Mike worked for WUTK-FM and the Vol Radio Network. After graduation, Mike worked for WIVK AM/FM Radio and WBIR-TV in Knoxville. Mike began working with the Tennessee Titans in 1996, when that team was still the Houston Oilers. In 1999, Mike became the youngest play-by-play announcer in the NFL when the Titans promoted him to that position. He is now widely known as the “Voice of the Titans.” Mike has been named Tennessee Sportscaster of the Year eight times since 2000, has won more than twenty Associated Press state awards and has captured two national honors, including the industry’s most prestigious award: the Edward R. Murrow Award for nationwide excellence in sports reporting. Keith is a member of the Battle Ground Academy Hall of Fame and the University of Tennessee Baseball Hall of Fame. Mike resides in his hometown of Franklin with his wife, Michelle, and their two children, Abby and Matthew.
Spring 2014 MPPA Hooding & Awards Ceremony

On May 9, 2014 the first large cohort of graduates from the new MPPA program participated in the first MPPA Hooding & Awards Ceremony established by MPPA Director David Folz. The eleven distinguished graduates along with their families and friends enjoyed an intimate ceremony held in the Toyota Auditorium of the Baker Center for Public Policy that was presided over by the MPPA faculty dressed in full academic regalia.

Of particular note, considering economic conditions, is that virtually all of the members of this inaugural graduating class held or were soon to assume professional positions in the public service. Among their job placements are: the Presidential Management Fellowship program, a Congressional Internship, the Dept. of Budget & Management with the State of MD., the TN Central Procurement Office, the University of Tennessee, the TN State Senate staff, and Policy Analyst with the law firm of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld in D.C.

The first winner of the Freeman Scholarship (funded by Mr. Robert Freeman) was announced at the ceremony. Ms. Anne Freeland was selected by the MPPA faculty to receive $2500 to help cover the cost of graduate tuition & fees.

The May 2014 Hooding Ceremony also was the occasion to recognize the six graduate students inducted into the UT Chapter of Pi Alpha Alpha, the national honor society for public administration.

2014 UTK State Legislative Interns and their Assignments

Jasmine Bowden     Senator Tracy
Alex Schnelle      House Minority Leader Fitzhugh
James K. White     House Majority Leader McCormick
Hannah Wright      House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee; Rep. Halford, Chair
Kara Arnold        Senator McNally & Representative Haynes
Savannah Dabney    Senator Massey and Representative Dunn
Zach Knott         Sen. Campfield & Representative Brooks
Parker Linn        Representative Hall & Representative Kane
Erin Thompson      Representative Armstrong
Paul Armas         Representative Jernigan
Olivia Crowe       Anthony Haynes, UT Governmental Relations
Jeanne Humphrey    House Clerk
Focus on Development

Greetings from the UTK College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Development Office! My name is Michelle Geller and I serve as one of the directors of development in the College. In this capacity I manage the fundraising and donor relations activities of several different academic departments, including Political Science. I joined the CAS development office in July 2013 and, since that time, have been privileged to meet many wonderful individuals involved with the Political Science Department including alums, friends, faculty, students, and staff.

While each of these individuals has their own different connection to the department, their passion, commitment, and involvement in advancing its mission for generations to come remains the same. We are at a magnificent time in the history of UTK Political Science; getting here would have not been possible without the generosity of time, talent, and treasure of so many. Thank you for all that you have done and continue to do for UTK Political Science. Should you have an interest in learning more about how you can support the department, please feel free to contact me at: mgeller@utfi.org or 865-974-3816.

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.

For more information, contact Dr. Richard Pacelle at 865-974-2845 or Michele Geller at 865-974-3816.

Political Science Advisory Board News

Jeff Chapman (top) finished his term as Chairman of the Political Science Advisory Board at the end of the last academic year. Jeff is a 1976 UTK graduate with a B.A. in Political Science. His involvement in UT alumni activities includes serving on the Board of the Atlanta Chapter of the UT Alumni Association of which he was President from 1985-1987. He now serves on the University of Tennessee College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Advisory Board where he is chair of the Communications & Marketing Committee. In addition to his commitment to UTK he is vice-chair of the board of the Atlanta Contemporary Art Center. The Department thanks Jeff for his leadership and continuing support!

Greg Mackay (bottom) takes over as Board chair this year. Greg, also an alumnus of the Department, 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. From 2003 to 2011 Greg was Administrator of Elections for Knox County. He and his wife Kate live in Kingston Hills and have a teenage daughter. Kudos to Greg for his willingness to serve in this important leadership position!