

Political Science Newsletter

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FROM THE CHAIR

Warmest greetings once again to all alumni and friends of the Department of Political Science. The year 2003 marked another year of significant accomplishments in the Department, and I wanted to share some of them with you. While a more systematic summary of the growth in the number of Political Science majors (now totaling over 400) is reported elsewhere in this newsletter, I want to use this space to highlight some of the other departmental achievements during the past year, especially our success in recruiting outstanding new faculty, expanding our departmental research activities in new directions, improving our curriculum, and utilizing the contribution of our alumni and friends. I truly believe that the Department has made great strides in a variety of areas over the past few years, and I look forward to those continuing in the years ahead.



James M. McCormick, Chair

New Faculty and Faculty Recognition

When I wrote you last year, the Department was in the process of considering several new appointments. I am now happy to report that those searches were highly successful, and we made four outstanding appointments that we are certain will strengthen our course offerings in the undergraduate and graduate programs. Two of the new faculty members are replacement appointments; a third is a joint appointment with U.S. Latino/a Studies; and the fourth is a new position in e-government funded through the newly established Institute of Science and Society. These new colleagues come to us from highly prestigious graduate institutions and provide additional diversity to our faculty:

- Dr. Kimberly Conger, Ph.D. from The Ohio State University, joins us to teach and do research in the area of American politics with a special interest in religion and politics.
- Dr. Patricia Hamm, Ph.D. from the University of California, Irvine, joins us with a joint appointment between the U.S. Latino/a Studies Program and the Department of Political Science. She will be teaching courses on immigration policy, ethnic politics, and Mexican-American relations.
- Dr. Yu-Che Chen, Ph.D. from Indiana University, joins the Public Policy and Administration Program and will teach courses in the new concentration of that program, e-government.
- Dr. Eric McGlinchey, Ph.D. from Princeton University, and with a post-doctoral appointment at Stanford University last year, joins us to teach courses in the area of comparative politics, with a specialty on Central Asia.

In addition, the Department has had two other colleagues join us this year. With the support of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Department was able to appoint Dr. Dirk Deam, Ph.D., University of Iowa and J.D., University of Kansas, to a three-year lectureship to assist us with courses in American politics and constitutional law. His versatility in course offerings and the quality of his teaching have made him an important addition to our Department. With the support of the Junior Faculty Development Program, funded by the U.S. Department of State, Professor Gulajym Ashekeeva from Kyrgyzstan is with us this year as a visiting scholar. In Kyrgyzstan, she is an Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at the National Academy of Science in Bishkek. During her time with us, she is developing a course on "Political Institutions and Processes" and another on the "Political Systems of Central Asian Republics in Transition." We are delighted to have her with us.

Our other junior colleagues had notable achievements during the past year, and I also want to share them with you: Dr. Alfred Ho was a visiting professor at the National Academy of Public Administration in Washington, D.C. during September-October 2003; Dr. Matthias Kaelberer, who teaches in the area of comparative politics and international political economy, was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure; Dr. Eric McGlinchey was appointed as a member of the Program on New Approaches to Russian Security (PONARS) by the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), a leading think-tank in Washington, D.C.; Dr. Matthew Potoski published six articles and had three other manuscripts forthcoming during this past year; and Dr. Alex Tuckness was the 2003 recipient of the Iowa State University Foundation Award for Early Achievement in Teaching for his innovative teaching of political philosophy. Dr. Tuckness is also spending this year as a Fellow at the Center for Ethics and the Professions at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

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Research Productivity and Research Innovations

Both the volume and quality of research publications within the Department continue to increase, and 2003 has been a particularly productive year. Not only did the Department have an outstanding year in terms of the total number of books (5), book chapters (6), and refereed articles (16) published, but also the departmental faculty are also now placing them in some of the best outlets in the discipline. Colleagues had books published or forthcoming by such quality university presses as Princeton and Cambridge and such commercial ones as Houghton-Mifflin, Prentice Hall, and Wadsworth among others. Book chapters by colleagues also appeared in such quality presses as SUNY and University of Chicago Presses. Finally, and importantly, several refereed articles by departmental faculty were published in some of the top-ranked political science journals (e.g., *Journal of Politics*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *PS*) and the best subfield journals (e.g., *Public Administration Review*, *Comparative Politics*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, and *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*) in the profession. This highly visible research productivity will reap additional recognition for the Department in the very near term, and this kind of productivity is wholly in line with the recommendation of our last external review.

As faculty members continued to publish in quality outlets, we have also tried to encourage them to share their work with colleagues and students within the Department. Over the past three years, in fact, the Department has developed a very vigorous “brown bag” series of lectures during each semester. While we started out having one presentation a month, their popularity has been such that we increasingly have had more and more each semester. These sessions allow colleagues to test out their preliminary research findings, gain feedback from others, and inform colleagues and students of their ongoing creative activities. They also allow us to give our graduate and undergraduate students a fuller glimpse into the research process. In doing so, we believe that we are expanding the learning experiences of our students and giving them a broader education in political science.

More recently, the Department has undertaken another new research departure that will strengthen our contribution to the State of Iowa and offer our students another opportunity to become actively involved in the research process. At the suggestion of Dr. Steffen Schmidt and through the research design efforts of Dr. Bob Lowry, the Department explored the possibility of conducting and establishing the Iowa State Caucus Poll. Happily, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Iowa State Institute for Social and Behavioral Research offered support in addition to modest departmental funding. As such, we are in the process of conducting a poll of attendees and non-attendees to the Iowa caucuses scheduled for January 19, 2004. By the time that you read this, we fully expect that the results will be publicized, and, if all goes as we anticipate, we hope to institutionalize this kind of polling activity within our Department. At present, we are utilizing both faculty and students in this research initiative, and we envision it as an excellent way for more and more students to gain research experience. We eventually hope to equip our computer lab with polling capabilities and to utilize it in our future polling work.

Curricular Developments

This past year has also been an important one for enhancing our curriculum at both the graduate and undergraduate levels. At the graduate level, the Public Policy and Administration (PPA) program launched the e-government concentration this past summer, and it completed its self-study in August. It is now in the process of scheduling the site visit for gaining accreditation from the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA). We anticipate that this process will be completed by Fall 2004. At the undergraduate level, the Department launched its new writing requirements for all majors, and it continues to work on enhancing its learning assessment procedures through the use of focus groups and other systematic measures. We were pleased to learn that Political Science was identified as one of the top four departments in the College in the development of student learning assessment measures.

Alumni Activities and Support

In mid-April, the Department received word that one of our former students, Kent Lucken, a 1986 graduate, was named a winner of the ISU Alumni Outstanding Young Alumnus Award for 2003. In mid-October, Kent returned to the University to receive this well deserved recognition. Kent also presented a seminar to the Department on the U.S. Foreign Service that was enthusiastically received. (Kent spent 14 years as a Foreign Service Officer in the State Department’s Bureau of European Affairs with important assignments in Russia and the former Yugoslavia during the early 1990s.) He is currently a Vice President with The Citigroup Private Bank in Boston. Three years ago, he and his wife, Kristen, generously established the Kent and Kristen Lucken Fund to support student travel to several national conferences. We are very, very proud of Kent’s achievements and his continuing interest and support for the Department.

Another significant alumni-sponsored event was the second annual Manatt-Phelps Lecture in Political Science. As noted last year, Charles and Kathleen Manatt and Tom and Elizabeth Phelps gave a generous gift to establish this annual lecture on international political economics. We were extraordinarily fortunate to have as our speaker this year, His Excellency, Dr. Luis Ernesto Derbez, Mexico's Secretary of Foreign Affairs, and a 1980 Ph.D. graduate in Economics. The audience numbered between 450 and 500 people, the Foreign Minister gave a highly stimulating and informative presentation, and the audience posed a number of provocative questions. Perhaps an unsolicited email that I received after the event best summarized its impact:

A student worker in my office attended the Luis Ernesto Derbez, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico, lecture last night and was very moved by the experience. She ecstatically described what an important experience this was for her hearing him speak.... Thank you for creating an opportunity to impact our students' lives.

All in all, the event turned out to be a wonderful success, and we are in the debt of the Manatts and the Phelps for their support.

We are now in the midst of involving alumni and friends in establishing some other awards for our students and faculty, too. The Public Policy and Administration program has just received confirmation of the establishment of two \$1000 scholarships, one funded by the Iowa League of Cities, and the other by the Iowa Association of Counties. These scholarships will be given to new MPA students who are interested in city management or county government and a career in public service. The Department is also exploring the establishment of annual faculty excellence awards for senior and junior colleagues. We anticipate that these new awards will be initiated at our annual spring luncheon in which we recognize the accomplishments of our graduate and undergraduate students. We have other awards under development, and we hope to be able to announce them in the near future. We are, of course, always interested in new and innovative ways to support and recognize the quality work of our faculty, staff, and students, and we would invite your ideas and suggestions.

Let me conclude by thanking some very important people—our staff and our alumni and friends. Our staff—Barb Marvick, Joyce Wray, Darlene Brace, Cindy Stuve, and Sandra Calvert—contribute so much to making the Department operate smoothly, especially in these times of limited budgets and increasing demands for economizing. I know that I speak for the entire faculty when I express my heartfelt gratitude for all that they do for the Department of Political Science. I know that I also speak for the faculty when I say how I am grateful for the wonderful support and encouragement we constantly receive from our alumni and friends. Your phone calls, emails, and letters mean so very much to us. We invite you to stay in touch with us and to visit the departmental web site (www.public.iastate.edu/~pols) for the latest departmental highlights. Better yet, please stop by when you get a chance. We would love to see you.

Best wishes for the holiday season and 2004!



Political Science Show & Tell

Each semester the Department hosts a series of luncheon presentations by faculty, and occasionally guests, on current research and activities.

In October, Kent Lucken, a 1986 graduate of the Department, presented a seminar on his experiences in the U.S. Foreign Service. Below are pictures from the luncheon.



Alumni News

Recent alums studying law: **Heather Mitchell**, Stanford University, **Tim Kearns**, Cornell University, **Joe Darr**, somewhere in Florida; **Justin Lightfoot**, **Haley Rose**, **Jennifer Larson**, and **Mark Wickham**, University of Iowa. Alums attending graduate school: **Bronwyn Beatty-Hansen**, **Joel Oswald**, **Brandi Scott**, **Nick Recker** at Iowa State University; and **Kary Bledsoe** at University of Nebraska-Omaha.

Kent Lucken, a 1986 graduate, was named one of three winners of the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award for 2003 by the Iowa State University Alumni Association. Kent spent 14 years as a Foreign Service Officer in the State Department Bureau of European Affairs. He is currently a Vice President with the Citigroup Private Bank in Boston. He and his wife, Kristen, generously established the Kent and Kristen Lucken Fund three years ago to support student travel to several national conferences.

Lizzie Bormann (BA '02) a member of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, works with mothers in a transitional housing program at The House of Mercy in Nashville, Tennessee.

Chad Harris (BA '01) accepted a position with the University of Wisconsin-Madison, as the Campus Relations Specialist for the Wisconsin Alumni Association.

KeleMarie Lyons (BA '90) owns a consulting company, Pinnacle XL, Inc., with offices in Milwaukee and Chicago.

Aurelia (Trywińska) Kollasch (MA '02) qualified for the World Track Championship that was held in Paris in August with a new personal best in the 100m hurdles. She also represented Poland at the European Cup.

Gregory Sattizahn (BA '97) graduated from University of South Dakota law school, and is now a Staff Attorney with the South Dakota Supreme Court.

Jennifer Smyser (BA '94), Senior Programs Manager for Iowa Council for International Understanding, was selected as one of the Des Moines Business Record's "Forty Under 40!" This award honors 40 central Iowans under the age of 40 for their outstanding professional success and community involvement.

David Mosby (BA '96) is a Foreign Service Officer now working in the U.S. Embassy in Brasilia.

Duke (Milton) Gonzales (BA '01) received his Master's degree of Social Science from the University of Wales, Swansea.

Paul Hardersen (BA '97) completed his Ph.D. from Rennsaeler Tech last year, and is now an Assistant Professor in the John D. Odegaard School of Aerospace Sciences at the University of North Dakota.

Martha Pope (BA '03) and **Daniel Beaver-Seitz** (BA '01) have joined the Peace Corps. Martha will serve in Kazakhstan; Dan expects to be posted in Latin America.

Gentry Collins (BA '98) is Executive Director of the Iowa Republican Party.

As of June, **Rachel Graaf** (BA '99) began training in Arlington to become a Foreign Service Officer.

Following graduation from the University of Michigan in 2002, **Paxton Williams** (BA '00) did policy research and travelled performing the play he wrote at Iowa State on Dr. George Washington Carver. He is now doing graduate work in Health Care Management and Policy at the University of Birmingham (UK) and enjoying life in the English West Midlands under the auspices of a Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarship.

Dana Johnson (BA '93), a longtime aide to Rep. John McHugh (R-N.Y.), is departing the Congressman's office after six years of service. In August 2003, she accepted a position as chief of staff to Rep. Ric Keller (R-Fla.).

Ben Quade (BA '93) is a Program Director for 1000 Friends of Iowa.

Jacob Bylund ('00) graduated from the University of Iowa Law School and is now an attorney with Faegre & Benson, LLP in Des Moines.

Matthew Craft ('00) is an attorney with Randall Nelson in Waterloo, Iowa.

Giving Opportunities

The Department would like to thank the alumni for their continuing support for departmental activities. Alumni have made generous contributions to the Don Hadwiger Scholarship Fund, the Political Science Development Fund, and the Jerry Shakeshaft Memorial Fund. A special thanks to Dwight Ink for his generous contribution to the Dwight Ink Graduate Fellowship Fund which provides fellowship assistance to graduate students for thesis-related research. We would also like to acknowledge the generous support of Kent and Kristen Lucken in establishing the Lucken Fund designated to support scholarship and teaching in international relations, diplomacy, and national security studies.

The Department is currently undertaking several new initiatives to strengthen our program, and we would invite your participation. Two areas are currently the focus of our attention. First, we are seeking to upgrade our departmental computer lab to make it more accessible for conducting surveys by students and faculty. We envision such a development as a real aid to allowing students to have a “hands-on” experience in conducting research and as an important way to serve the citizens of Iowa through a fuller understanding of their views on public policy issues. Second, we are seeking to solidify support for the faculty excellence awards that we are creating. While we seek to support these awards on a yearly basis, our hope is to endow these awards so that we can be assured of providing recognition to our faculty’s outstanding work in teaching and research.

If you would like to contribute to these endeavors, we would invite you to go to the ISU Foundation web page for online giving: <https://www.foundation.iastate.edu/onlinegiving/isufoundation> Once there, you will need to designate where you want your gift to go. Select “Other” and type in the Political Science Development Fund.



A Note from the ISU Foundation

This time of year offers a particularly wonderful opportunity to help the department while helping yourself. Tax time is quickly approaching, and here are a few suggestions on how to take advantage of the current tax laws and also benefit the Political Science department if you make a gift before December 31, 2003.

- You can lower your 2003 income tax liability by making an outright contribution to the Iowa State University Foundation to benefit the Political Science department. Gifts of cash are fully deductible up to a maximum of 50% of your adjusted gross income.
- Gifts of appreciated stock have two advantages. You can avoid capital gains tax and also will receive a charitable deduction based on the full fair market value of the stock. Gifts of appreciated stock are fully deductible up to a maximum of 30% of your adjusted gross income.
- Gifts of real estate provide a wonderful vehicle for tax savings. Selling a highly appreciated piece of property could mean a large capital gains tax bill. Donating your property to the Iowa State University Foundation to benefit the Political Science department could result in both avoidance of capital gains tax and a charitable deduction equal to the appraised value of the property. Such a gift is deductible up to a maximum of 30% of your adjusted gross income.
- Are your stock dividends, bonds, mutual funds, or money market fund paying less than 5%? A life income gift to the Iowa State University Foundation to benefit the Political Science department will increase your income for life and also provide you with a charitable deduction.

If you would like further information on any of these tax saving and gift planning tools, please contact Sherry McKinstrey at 515-294-0921 or sam@iastate.edu. She would be pleased to work with you and your financial advisor to help you save money and benefit the department at the same time. Remember, if you want credit in 2003, your gift needs to be received on or before December 31, 2003.

News from the Carrie Chapman Catt Center

Carrie Chapman Catt Center Launches New Leadership Seminar Series

The Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics is expanding its leadership development program for students through a major gift from Joni and John Axel of Muscatine, IA.

Beginning with the spring 2004 semester, the Joni and John Axel Leadership Development Series of seminars will be offered through the Catt Center. The first seminar, "Leadership Styles and Strategies in a Diverse Society," will be offered as LAS 222x in the spring 2004 and fall 2004 semesters to launch the program. It is cross-listed with Women's Studies. Subsequent seminars in the series, "Women in Leadership and Public Service" and "Interdisciplinary Research on Women and Leadership," will be offered alternately in the spring semesters, beginning in 2005, with the leadership styles and strategies class meeting each fall semester.



*Dianne Bystrom
Director*

Students completing all three seminars will receive a leadership certificate from the Center. The series of seminars also will be incorporated into the new Community Leadership minor, making it possible for this unique educational accomplishment to appear on Iowa State University transcripts. The minor, which is currently being developed through Cross-Disciplinary Studies, will include courses contributed by the Catt Center, Public Policy and Administration/ Department of Political Science, Women's Studies and other academic areas.

The Catt Center also offers leadership development opportunities for students through its freshman learning community, Advancing Citizenship Together (ACT); the Legacy of Heroines scholarship program; and Catt Associates student organization. Members of the 2003-04 learning community are taking two courses together—"Fundamentals of Public Speaking" and "Introduction to Women's Studies." As a service learning project, they are working one-on-one with senior citizens to develop their computer skills to access political information on the Internet. In the spring semester, ACT students will serve and learn as VEISHEA volunteers. The Catt Associates, which includes Legacy of Heroines scholars, are continuing their service learning project working with seniors in local retirement homes. They also are involved in youth civic engagement and helped co-sponsor a Caucus Education Workshop on Nov. 6, 2003, which was taped by C-SPAN for later national broadcast. The workshop featured speakers explaining the caucus process, a caucus exercise activity, and a candidate resource fair.

With the 2004 Iowa Caucuses approaching, the Center has been busy with presidential campaign activities. On Nov. 4, it hosted a debate watch for "America Rocks the Vote," the first presidential candidate debate to focus on youth issues. On Oct. 1, political analyst Eleanor Clift spoke to more than 500 people when she visited as the fall 2003 Mary Louise Smith Chair in Women and Politics. The title of her public lecture was "Madam President: Shattering the Last Glass Ceiling/2004 Campaign Preview." Former Colorado Congresswoman Pat Schroeder, the spring 2003 Mary Louise Smith Chair, discussed "On the Road to the White House: Where are the Women?" on April 22.

The Center also encourages and supports research on women and politics through the Carrie Chapman Catt Prize, which has been awarded to 34 scholars in a diversity of academic fields since 1994. A committee is currently reviewing 32 proposals for the 2003 prize. And, the Center is working to establish an Archive of Women's International Political Communication, which would serve scholars throughout the world as well as students and faculty at Iowa State. The proposed archive would include a virtual (web-based) archive of women's political speech and a videotape collection of women political candidates' campaign commercials.

Center activities, programs and events are publicized in its annual newsletter, *Voices*, and on its web site at <http://www.public.iastate.edu/~cccatt/>

Public Policy & Administration Update

The Public Policy & Administration Program has had a very busy year. In July 2002 we convened a series of strategic planning sessions to evaluate where the program was, where we needed to be, and how we were going to get there. These sessions produced the twin goals of:

- ÷ Gaining national accreditation and national recognition for our work, and
- ÷ Creating a student-centered, professional degree program.

The faculty meetings in 2002-2003 have systematically created the elements of a student-centered, professional degree program. We have:

- ÷ Crafted a mission statement that guides our decisions about curriculum, faculty hiring and promotions, and our outreach and professional practice activities consistent with our land-grant mission.
- ÷ Designed and implemented the nation's premier eGovernment MPA concentration.
- ÷ Designed and implemented a competencies-based curriculum for MPA students.
- ÷ Developed recruitment strategies for new students and new faculty, consistent with our diversity policy and our strategic objectives.
- ÷ Redeveloped and reinigorated our Friends & Alumni Board to improve communications with practitioners and receive their helpful insights and advice.



*Kurt Thurmaier
Director*

The results of our hard work are already becoming evident. As you will see in these pages, we have much to be pleased about:

- ÷ Dr. Yu-Che Chen, PhD. Indiana University, joined our faculty to lead our eGovernment programming.
- ÷ Dennis Henderson, city manager of Clive, is our newest Resident Practitioner, following in the footsteps of Steve Schainker, city manager of Ames, who was the 2002 Resident Practitioner.
- ÷ Sheila Lundt, assistant city manager of Ames, is heading the Friends and Alumni Board. She and Peggy Baer are leading our pledge drive for student internships.
- ÷ Michael Armstrong, Jim Chrisinger, Bob Layton, and Dan Combs joined the faculty in engaging state and local officials in our first Excellence in Governance Conference to celebrate National Public Service Recognition Week.

Our MPA enrollments have increased significantly. We continue to increase the size of our faculty. We have a plan and we are implementing it. We sincerely invite you to join us with your time, talents, and financial support. We will not be able to continue our success without you.

MPA Alumni in Washington, D.C.

Who are the folks in the photo? On the right is Dwight Ink, one of our first alumnus, and on the left, Marcia Bisenius, a graduate of 1984, and in the middle, Professor Yong Lee. Ink, a recipient of the Elmer B. Staats Distinguished Public Service Award from the American Society of Public Administration in 2001, has served seven U.S. Presidents, from Kennedy to Bush Sr. in the highest level of federal service. Bisenius, a 1984 MPA graduate and a recipient of the Presidential Management Intern Award, went to Washington D.C. for a two-year training in policy and management, which led



her to embark on a public management career in the Federal Aviation Administration. Thanks to Dwight and Dona's invitation, several public administration faculty members had a nice reunion with some of their former students in the Ink's new home in a Washington, D.C. suburb. Those who came filled the evening with old memories, good jokes and laughter. Besides the three in the photo, the group included Dick Gimer, Robert Tomes, Dona Wolf, Don Biscenius, David Gieske, Yu-Che Chen, and Kurt Thurmaier. During the evening, the group had an exciting tour of Ink's "museum" in the basement, which displays the living history of Ink's public service at critical junctures of our nation's recent history. The evening had an academic component, too. Professor Kurt Thurmaier, Director of the Public Policy and Administration, led an enlightening discussion on how public administration faculty might bring Washington D.C. alumni closer to the life of the Public Policy and Administration Program on ISU campus. Thank you, Dona and Dwight, for the memorable evening.

Congratulations



Faculty/Staff

Alex Tuckness was named a 2003 recipient of an ISU Foundation Award for Early Achievement in Teaching.

Eric McGlinchey has been selected as a member of the Program on New Approaches to Russian Society (PONARS) by the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), a leading think-tank in Washington, DC. PONARS focuses on a broad set of factors influencing Russian and Eurasian security issues, and Eric's work on the Central Asian Republics will make an important contribution to that program.

Matthias Kaelberer was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure.

Alex Tuckness has been awarded a Faculty Fellowship in Ethnicities at Harvard University's Center for Ethnicities and the Professions for academic year 2003-2004. He will be working on a new book project entitled "Principles of International Justice."

Alfred Ho was a Visiting Professor at the National Academy of Public Administration in Washington, DC, during Fall Semester 2003.

Dana Schumacher was cast as a "dancing middle-aged office worker" in an Iowa Lottery commercial. (No, we are not making this up; the commercial premiered during the Iowa-Iowa State game.)

Students

Political Science majors **William Carstens, Joseph Hugdahl, Travis McRoberts, Ruth Neil, Elizabeth Sickelka, Janessa Sutton,** and **Amy Taylor** were honored as the University's Top Scholars and Leaders in a March 30, 2003 ceremony in CY Stephens Auditorium. The top scholars consist of those students in the top 2% of their class by college. ceremony in CY Stephens Auditorium.

Phi Kappa Phi 2003 initiates were **Chie Ariyoshi, Robert Dietz, Joshua Novak, Basil Mahayni,** and **Amy McGowan.**

Milan Dalal, Joseph Hugdahl, Andrea Geoghean, Jennifer Larson, Haley Rose, and **Mark Wickham** were inducted into Phi Beta Kappa.

Chris Gleason was a recipient of the Teaching Excellence Award by the Graduate College for her work with a variety of undergraduate classes over the past two years.

The following scholarships were presented at the annual departmental awards luncheon this spring: **Jennifer (Weihong) Guo** was awarded the Dwight Ink Graduate Student Scholarship; **Mark Wickham** received the Alda & Weldon Brown Award; **Joseph Hugdahl** was presented with the Don Hadwiger Working Student Scholarship; **Heather Mitchell** was awarded the Ross Talbot Outstanding Graduating Senior Award; **Daniel Christenson** received the Donald E. Boles Distinguished Graduate Student Award; and **Michael Horn, Dustin Green,** and **Jon-Paul Harkin** were awarded Political Science Club Recognition Awards.

Jason Abendroth, Kerri Moran Abrams, Brant Allan, Tilaine Bell, Lawrence Brennan, Jeremy Brunssen, Kyle Butson, Cheryl Carder, Daniel Christenson, David Frost, Chris Davis Gleason, Joseph Haley, Joshua Hansen, Megan Hefner, Michael Horn, Joseph Hugdahl, Jeff Jacobson, Kathleen Lovett, Jeff Morrison, Joel Oswald, Kenneth Peters, Nicholas Recker, Robert Roller, Molly Scherrman, Elizabeth Sickelka, Elissa Stowell, and **Rebecca Thomsen** were initiated into Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society.

The following students were selected as ISU delegates to student conferences: **Oesa Walker**, Air Force Academy, **Jennifer Diaz**, SCUSA at West Point, and **Nicholas Nahirniak**, SCONA (Student Conference on National Affairs) at College Station, Texas.

It's All Politics

Growth in political science majors expanding at unprecedented levels.

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--written by David Gieseke, adapted from "Around LAS"

Two of the major events of the past century in the history of the United States have had a direct effect on the interest in political science.

The events of September 11 and the aftermath of the 2000 Presidential election have helped drive upward the numbers of majors in political science departments across the nation, including Iowa State.

But Jim McCormick, professor and chair of Iowa State's Department of Political Science, says the number of majors in his department was on the upward swing prior to those two watershed events.

"Obviously those two events have stimulated interest in our programs at both the undergraduate and graduate levels," McCormick said. "But we were starting to see an increase before then."

Prior to that, in the mid-'90s a downward trend in political science enrollments started due to multiple factors including the various scandals of the Clinton Administration and a boom in the U.S. economy that drove students to business schools.



Pictured above is Dana Schumacher with Jessica Northey, our 400th major.

"Those trends never hit us quite as badly as other schools," said Dana Schumacher, academic advisor in the Department of Political Science. "We always seemed to be behind the curve."

"But the numbers have been going nuts in recent years."

As late as the fall of 1997, majors in the department stood at just over 200 students. Sometime during the 2003 fall semester, McCormick and Schumacher anticipate the number of undergraduate majors to top out at over 400, including almost 50 double majors. This is an all-time record for the department since it was first founded in 1969.

The numbers in the department's graduate programs have also steadily increased. After hovering around 25 at the end of the millennium, there are currently 67 part-time and full-time graduate students. In addition, the total number of student enrollment, in the department's courses has risen from 1200 in 1996 to over 2000 this fall.

"We have made a concerted effort to attract majors and graduate students into our department," McCormick said.

And while the student population has grown in the Department of Political Science, McCormick and Schumacher both say that the quality of the students has also increased. The department currently has 22 National Merit Scholars or National Achievement Scholars as majors, the highest number of any department in the humanities or social sciences. An equivalent number of majors are also enrolled in the university's Honors Program.

"Even as we've gotten more majors, I feel that the quality of the students is also going up," McCormick said.

A new orientation course (Political Science 101), which is required of all majors, has had a major effect in retaining students in the program. Team-taught by McCormick and Schumacher, the course exposes the students to the potentials of a major in political science.

"What we've tried to do is offer information on what the political science curriculum is about, but elaborate on what they can do with a degree – what type of career they can hope to get after graduating," McCormick said.

"Most students come into the major and except for law school and international relations work, political science is an unknown quantity for them," Schumacher said. "We try to get them to think about the types of skills and knowledge they will need."

The department has also increased its efforts in obtaining internships and study abroad opportunities for its majors.

Faculty News



What's a political scientist doing with teachers of biology, chemistry, and engineering? **Ardith Maney** was an instructor on civic engagement for the SENCER Summer Institute held in San Jose, California, in August 2003. Science Education for New Civic Engagements and Responsibilities, which is supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation, uses new pedagogies and public issues, e.g., global warming, HIV-AIDS, environmental ethics, stress, diet, and nutrition to teach large-section college science courses.

Maney's International Women in Science & Engineering (IWISE) program has assisted SENCER faculty to develop course material and partner with teachers from Africa and the former Soviet Union. Other IWISE activities of note last spring included awarding minigrants to 14 women-led teams in Ukraine and co-sponsorship of an international conference on scientific collaboration and communication with colleagues in the Republic of Georgia.

Alfred Ho continues to work with Paul Coates on the "Citizen-Initiated Performance Assessment" Project. In the final stage of the project, the grant team is helping cities institutionalize citizen participation in performance management. In September-October, 2003, Alfred visited the National Academy of Public Administration (NAPA) in Washington, D.C., and worked with the staff at NAPA and the General Accounting Office to study the "Performance Assessment Rating Tool" of the federal government. During his visit, he also made an invited presentation to the Strategic Issue Group of the Federal Budget at GAO, and discussed research ideas with the GAO staff. He is currently working on a book manuscript and journal articles on performance measurement and budgeting.



Last year marked a significant change in Alfred's family – Elana, their first child, was born in October 2002. She added a lot of sleepless nights to Alfred and Virginia in the first two months, but has also given them great joy and fun for the past year. She is almost walking now. Virginia and Alfred are training her to be a tri-lingual genius – in English, Cantonese, and Mandarin. However, Elana so far likes her own "Babyish" better.



Steffen Schmidt will be teaching a mini course on sustainable development and taking the students in this class to Belize, Central America over Spring break 2004. Schmidt said, "We'll stay three nights in a rain forest jungle lodge, and explore Maya Indian ruins, ride up a tropical river, where students will see Howler monkeys, crocodiles, and other exotic wildlife, lots of jungle, birds, and other aspects of a tropical country." The students will choose a research project on the environmental systems and conservation vs. development issues in Belize; or education policy, economic and trade issues; or social policy. Schmidt said, "the wonderful thing about this trip is that students will be able to talk to local people about their real life and not just learn from a textbook."

Information on the trip is available at <http://www.public.iastate.edu/~sws/belize2004flier.htm>.

Young W. Kihl received a course development mini-grant from ISU Council on International Programs. He plans to offer a mini-course on "Globalization and Democratic Consolidation: The Case of South Korea" during the Fall 2004 semester. The ideas and inspiration are derived from his forthcoming book, entitled: *Transforming Korean Politics: Democracy, Reform, and Culture*. He is also engaged in a new collaborative book project, tentatively entitled: *North Korea: Politics of Regime Survival and Foreign Relations*. He has given a series of public lectures on and off-campus on a timely, sensitive topic of "North Korea: The Nuclear Standoff" and "The Korean Peninsula Security: Analysis of the Six-Party Beijing Talks."





The past year in the Office of State and Local Government Programs (OSLGP) has been very busy for **Paul Coates** and Cindy Stuve. Paul, along with Alfred Ho, are involved in the third and final year of the CIPA grant. This year is centered on moving the performance measures designed by citizens to the respective city councils for inclusion into budget considerations and strategic planning. Again this year the Municipal Clerks Institute retained its position as one of the premier institutes in the U.S. and Canada with over 300 participants. In addition to the Institute itself, a retreat was held with the board of the Iowa Municipal Finance Officers Association to restructure the Clerks Institute to integrate a new testing program starting in the summer of 2004. This past year also marked the second year of the State Election Administrators Training (SEAT) which is a joint effort between OSLGP, the Iowa State Association of County Auditors and the Secretary of

State's Office. This program graduated its first class in November and will graduate its second class in January 2004. The program has been very successful and puts Iowa in a leadership position as one of the first states to develop a certification process for election administrators. Finally, the Office co-sponsored with the Iowa League of Cities the second Governing Cities series. This program is designed to get city councils thinking about and building strategies for governing in the modern environment of increased accountability, citizen engagement and intergovernmental cooperation.

Jim Hutter was recently elected by the ISU Faculty Senate to serve a three-year term on the ISU Athletics Council. The first meeting after Jim began his term was a special meeting to discuss the controversy that arose over the men's basketball coach, who was subsequently dismissed by the university. As the presidential caucuses approach, Jim has also been named, along with former state senator Johnie Hammond, as co-chair of the Howard Dean presidential campaign in Story County.



Matthias Kaelberer is engaged in research on monetary transformation processes. He recently published an article assessing the role of central bankers as an epistemic community in the process of European monetary integration in the *Journal of European Public Policy*. An article on the relationship between collective identity and money is forthcoming in the *Review of International Studies*. Next to several other article projects on related topics, he is working toward a book manuscript, provisionally entitled "Governing Money: Continuity and Change in the Historical Evolution of Money." The book argues that the governance of money is shaped by the interaction among three spheres of human life: societies, states and markets.

Matthew Potoski continues to teach public policy and state and local politics courses, and "still gets chalk on his back from the blackboard." He has also been writing a bit about public policy, especially environmental policy and campaign finance regulation, and has started writing about contracting for refuse collection (the "garbage" papers). He got married this past summer, and shot the hot dog cannon at an Iowa Cubs game. While his golf game did not get any better this summer, it's still been a good year all in all.



He's still DOGE He's still Faculty Senate Rep (and boy, is it interesting).



Robert Lowry is also an affiliated faculty member of the newly-formed Institute for Food Safety and Food Security (though he hasn't figured out quite what that means yet).

He is teaching both undergraduate and graduate methods courses again this term. Bob wrote two papers this year with Matt Potoski and Jeff Talbert (University of Kentucky) on financial support by political parties and party leaders for candidates for the House of Representatives. Matt and Bob had a paper accepted on interest groups and the distribution of federal grant monies, and he is working on a couple more papers on interest groups and nonprofit organizations in American states. This fall, he has been "principal investigator" for the Iowa State Caucus Study, which is jointly funded by the Department, the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Institute for Social and Behavioral Research. They are collecting data that will allow them to compare the demographics, candidate preferences and policy positions of registered Democrats who plan to attend to January caucuses to registered Democrats who do not plan to attend. The polling is still going on, but hopefully they will have something interesting to report after Thanksgiving.

First Year of the Institute of Science and Society

With his co-director, Peter Orazem of Economics, Yong Lee has successfully completed the first year of the new Institute of Science and Society established in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS). As the Institute begins its second year, it has awarded a total of 15 research grants, 10 in the fall of 2002 and 5 in the fall of 2003, to LAS faculty members. Yong and Orazem ran a “marriage market” for LAS and university-wide faculty by promoting interdisciplinary collaborative research between sciences on the one hand and humanities and social sciences on the other.



Neal Lane and Yong Lee

One of the highlights of the first year was the inaugural university lecture by Dr. Neal Lane, former White House science advisor, Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Director of the National Science Foundation during the Clinton Administration. Lane addressed the pressing need of the intellectual community to bridge the gap between science and society. In June, 2003, the Board of Regents formally approved the establishment of the Institute on Iowa State University campus, the first of its kind for interdisciplinary research and dialogue between science, humanities, and social sciences.

Beginning this fall, the Institute has established an interdisciplinary seminar series held monthly in Catt Hall. Professor Mack Shelley delivered the first research seminar on the topic of “Digital Divide,” and Professor Douglas Gentile the second with the title “Do Frogs Sell Beer?” The Institute is in the process of organizing a national public forum focusing on the science and global conflicts on genetically modified crops. The national forum will be held in the early fall of 2004. The Institute will present its second year university lecture titled “Why Should Scientists Care About Science Policy?” The lecturer will be Dr. Mary Good, former President of the American Chemical Society and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and currently Dean of the Cyber College, University of Arkansas, Little Rock.



Family Job -- Alex Tuckness comes from a long line of teachers *(adapted from Around LAS)*

It seems perfectly natural for Alex Tuckness to spend his time in front of a classroom.

“I come from a family of teachers (both parents, both siblings as well as aunts, cousins and a grandmother),” Tuckness said. “I have thought of teaching as a noble calling for literally as long as I can remember.”

In addition to continuing the family teaching tradition, this fall Tuckness continues the tradition of excellence in teaching in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. He was one of four LAS faculty members honored at the University’s fall convocation with a teaching award, receiving the ISU Foundation Award for Early Excellence in Teaching.

Tuckness, a faculty member at Iowa State since 1999, says his teaching philosophy comes directly from his parents. “My parents taught me that teaching is not just conveying information – it is impacting lives,” he says. “I learned from them the importance of active learning in the educational process and how it is closely tied to finding ways to motivate students to become active learners. Tuckness says the particular aspect of education that was most stressed in his family was how to think clearly, express oneself clearly and argue powerfully. In his classrooms, Tuckness uses a variety of methods to cultivate active learning among his students, including emphasizing discussion over lecture.

In 2002, he received a Miller Grant from the Center for Teaching Excellence. With the grant Tuckness revamped the teaching of Political Science 235 (“Introduction to Ethics in Politics”) by utilizing select undergraduates to serve as discussion leaders in the course. The Miller Grant piloted a program where the advanced undergraduate students enrolled in a capstone project course (Political Science 495) that centered on teaching.

Tuckness’ research efforts have also been recognized recently. This fall he is in residence at Harvard University’s Center for Ethics and the Professions with a Faculty Fellowship in Ethics. He will spend the year working on his second book project, *Principles of International Justice*. In the book, Tuckness will deal with contemporary ethical issues as they relate to ethical decisions that nations must make.

New Faces

I recently moved across the country to join the faculty of the Department of Political Science and U.S. Latino/a Studies Program. I taught a course in U.S. Immigration Policy for the first time at ISU in fall 2003, and am looking forward to teaching a course on Current Issues in Foreign Policy and one on Latino Studies in spring 2004. My fields of expertise are ethnic groups and American foreign policy, U.S.-Mexican relations, and Latino politics. I earned a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of California Irvine. I have been busy attending meetings in California and Mexico City, where I presented my work on the political participation of Mexican expatriates in Mexico's politics. I have a chapter in a book to be published by SUNY press titled "International Interests and Foreign Policy Priorities of Mexican Americans."

This is my first experience in the Midwest, so I am trying to adjust to the differences of life in Iowa compared to California, where I lived for the past two decades. I enjoy reading, going to the movies, attending cultural events (classical music concerts, opera, ballet, and art exhibits), visiting small towns, learning about different cultures, and sightseeing the rural scenery. Thus, everything I like is available in Ames and the vicinity. I think that Ames and ISU are great places to be!



Patricia Hamm



Yu-Che Chen

I am delighted to join the faculty in June 2003. I have been leading the launch of the eGovernment concentration for the Public Policy and Administration Program. The first eGovernment survey course I taught this summer in Des Moines attracted public managers at the state and local levels. With the State of Iowa's Chief Information Officer (CIO) and state IT security professionals as current students, I have blended the cutting-edge research on public-sector IT management with its current practices. Before joining Iowa State, I taught information systems and management courses at the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University, the largest public affairs school in the country. My ongoing research program has encapsulated IT outsourcing, the use of IT in public management networks, knowledge management in the public sector, and IT-enabled civic engagement. My research on IT outsourcing was published in *Public Performance and Management Review* in 2003, which was funded in part by the IBM Endowment for Business of Government for \$15,000. The Iowa State Institute of Science and Society recently awarded me and a colleague a research grant to study digital civic engagement. In October 2003, I presented a research paper on the role of information technology in the management of inter-governmental networks at the National Public Management Research Conference in Washington D.C.



I have joined the department on a one-year appointment. I am currently teaching "the Politics of Developing Areas" and have just completed a mini-course on "Terrorism and Political Violence." In the spring I will be teaching "Introduction to International Politics" and "International Organizations." I attended Iowa State University as an undergraduate and graduated in 1994. I have also attended DMACC and the University of Iowa, for my graduate work. My research interests include terrorism and political violence issues, crises, and gender politics. I currently live in Ankeny, Iowa.



Douglas Modde

I am a new assistant professor in the Political Science Department. I study American politics, and my specialty is religion and politics and American political parties. I recently received my PhD from Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. Before I came to ISU, I was a Civitas Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, DC. I finished my dissertation there, which sought to explain the variation we can observe in the influence that Religious Conservatives have in state level Republican parties. Right now, I am working on a further project about Religious Conservative Activists; I'm examining how they are assimilated into state Republican parties.



Kimberly Conger

My husband, Michael, and I moved to Ames in August with our two badly-behaved dogs. We are adjusting quickly to the town and the university and getting used to Big 12 football. Michael continues to work remotely for a higher-education software company in Fairfax, Virginia. We're both enjoying being back in the Midwest and the chance to spending more time with our families.



Eric McGlinchey

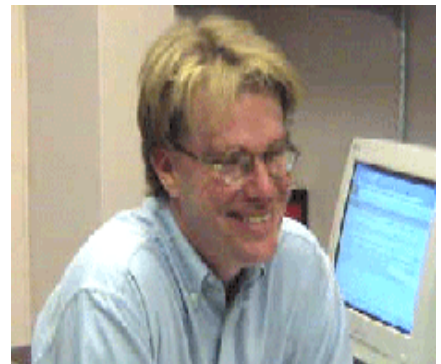
I am enjoying my first year with the Iowa State Political Science Department. In addition to teaching and exploring Ames, I am continuing my research and writing on post-Soviet Central Asia. In August, I returned from a two-month trip to Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. Drawing from this summer field research, I am writing a chapter on Kyrgyzstan for Freedom House's *Countries at the Crossroads*. I also have two articles forthcoming: "In for Life: Leadership Succession in Post-Soviet Central Asia," *CSIS* (December 2003) and "Torment or Transformation: State Responses to Political Islam in Central Asia," *Comparative Studies of South Asia, Africa and the Middle East* (2004). When not in the classroom or the office, you can find me reaching for new heights at Iowa State's climbing wall.



Christopher Ball

Christopher Ball continues to serve as chief editorial assistant for *International Studies Quarterly* as well as teach courses in international and comparative politics.

With the Department since Fall 2000, Dirk Deam was recently appointed to a three-year lecturership to teach American politics and constitutional law.



Dirk Deam

Returning home

Iowa State Alumnus, Mexican Foreign Minister delivers Manatt/Phelps Lecture in Political Science

At every chance he got, Luis Ernesto Derbez expressed how excited he was to return to his alma mater.

“I’m proud to be a graduate of Iowa State,” he said. “But I have seen a big transition in the Iowa that I saw 23 years ago.”

Derbez returned to Iowa State November 3, 2003, to deliver the second Manatt-Phelps Lecture in Political Science in front of a capacity crowd in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union. Derbez, secretary of foreign affairs (foreign minister) of Mexico who received a doctorate in economics from Iowa State in 1980, talked on a variety of issues during his lecture, including NAFTA, other trade issues, world security concerns, and immigration policies between his country and the U.S.

“This is my first time back on campus (since his graduation),” Derbez said. “And without any doubt, the fact that I came to the U.S. to study and to get in touch with your society has been a great advantage to me.”

In his current role with the Mexican government, Derbez oversees the 70 embassies worldwide that Mexico maintains and another 50 consulates in the U.S. He is also a primary trade ambassador between Mexico and the U.S. and several Latin American countries.

“Eighty-five percent of our (Mexico’s) trade is with the U.S.,” he said. “Mexico is also the third largest importer of corn and pork from Iowa.”

Because of the importance of each U.S. state, Derbez says the Mexican government not only promotes its business opportunities on a national level, but a state and local level as well. While in Iowa, Derbez met with Gov. Tom Vilsack and other local and state leaders. And because there are 23-25 million native-born or second-generation Mexican citizens currently living in the U.S., Derbez and his ministry also deal with a multitude of issues on the state and local level.

“Our priority, both in trade and immigration issues, is the United States,” he said. “There is no month of the year that I’m not in this country.”

Prior to assuming his current position, Derbez was Mexico’s economic minister. Prior to that he worked for the World Bank for 14 years where he was responsible for the regional areas of Chile, Western and Central Africa, India, Nepal and Bhutan, among others.

While with the World Bank he directed, structured, implemented, and supervised Multilateral Economic Assistance and Structural Adjustment Programs in Chile, Costa Rica, Honduras and Guatemala.

Derbez has also worked as an independent consultant for the World Bank Mexico City Office and for the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, D.C. He has worked on economic recovery programs for countries in critical situations, including Honduras and Nicaragua after Hurricane Mitch destroyed a substantial part of their territory and economy.

The annual Manatt-Phelps Lecture in Political Science was established by Thomas (’59) and Elizabeth

Phelps and Charles (’58) and Kathleen Manatt (’58). The lecture will be held during the fall of each academic year and will initially focus on significant developments in the area of international political economy that have occurred during the previous year. The aim will be to discuss how politics and economics affect one another and how these issues are transnational in scope, as well as how the issues affect and are affected by the state of Iowa.

The Manatts and Phelps have also established the Manatt-Phelps Endowed Chair in International Political Economy in Iowa State’s Department of Political Science.



Charles Manatt, Luis Ernesto Derbez, and Thomas Phelps

--David Gieseke

Take Me Out to the Ballgame

The Department's annual outing to an Iowa Cubs game.



Jim McCormick throws out the first pitch.



The crowd cheers!



Joel Oswald and Dana Schumacher, lead instigators.



Matt Potoski aims the hot dog gun, with Alex Tuckness riding shotgun.



Joyce & Paul Wray and Chris Gleason



The Chair warms up



Matt Potoski, Joel Oswald, and Alex Tuckness are escorted from the field.

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