2009-2010 was a busy year for our department. We taught and advised about 500 undergraduate political science majors and prospective majors, and supported the professional development of our graduate students. We published 10 books, at least 17 articles in scholarly journals, and more than 21 book chapters.

Political Science faculty continued to play leading roles across the School and the University, including the Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs; the Center for European Studies and EU Center; the Middle East Studies Program; the Henry Luce Foundation Project on Religion, Media, and International Relations; the East Asia Program; the Transnational NGO research initiative; the Institute for the Study of the Judiciary, Politics, and the Media; the interdisciplinary graduate certificate program in Information Technology, Policy, and Management; the Regional Scholars and Leaders Program in North Korea, South Korea, China and the US; the LGBT Studies Program; the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-method Research (IQMR); the project on Democracy in the Middle East; the interdisciplinary, team-taught Maxwell courses; and the Future Professoriate Program.

Mike Barkun and Jim Bennett retired from the full-time faculty in Spring 2010. We are also sad to report that Danny Hayes accepted a position at American University, and Christine Mahoney was recruited by the University of Virginia; but we wish them well in their new academic homes. In an unusual spring search, we successfully recruited Shana Gadarian, an impressive young scholar of media and politics, who is currently in the midst of a Robert Wood Johnson fellowship at Berkeley and will join the SU faculty in fall 2011. And Matt Cleary was awarded tenure and promoted to Associate Professor.

2009-2010 was the first year of the department’s new undergraduate Distinction Program. The program was instituted as part of a general package of changes which aimed to add structure to the major as well as more training in research skills. It provides an opportunity for undergraduate students who want an intensive research experience under faculty supervision. Our graduate students are also professionally active, presenting papers at major conferences, winning a variety of honors and awards for their teaching and their research, and securing teaching positions at other institutions.

Mark Rupert
Professor and Chair
A Profile of Shana Gadarian

We are pleased to announce that Shana Gadarian will be joining our department in Summer, 2011. Shana received a Ph.D. in political science from Princeton University in 2008 and is currently a Robert Wood Johnson Fellow in Health Policy at the University of California-Berkeley. Her primary research interests are in American politics, political psychology, and political communication. She is currently at work on a project entitled, The Politics of Threat: Terrorism, Media, and Foreign Policy Opinion, which examines the effect of the mass media and particularly emotionally laden types of media coverage on political attitudes in the United States. Additionally, she is involved in a collaborative research project that explores how anxiety over policy issues like immigration and the economy affect political information processing. As a Robert Wood Johnson Fellow, she is exploring how anxiety over diseases like the H1N1 flu affect how citizens learn about diseases and influence trust in the government. Her work has been funded by the National Science Foundation, Princeton Policy Research Institute for the Region, and the Bobst Center for Peace and Justice. Her work has been published in the Journal of Politics, Perspectives on Politics, and a forthcoming edited volume on experimental methods.

The Moynihan Institute for Global Affairs

For the past decade, the Moynihan Institute for Global Affairs has been a central part of the Maxwell School, with research projects and outreach programs touching on many aspects of aspects of international politics. Directed by Political Science faculty member Peg Hermann, the Moynihan Institute provides an intellectual “home” for numerous political science faculty and graduate students. Many are involved with the regional centers including the East Asia Program, the Middle Eastern Studies Program, the Program on Latin America and the Caribbean, the South Asia Center, and the European Research Centers – all of which provide opportunities throughout the academic year for political scientists to hear talks by researchers and practitioners. We also have a number of faculty and graduate students working on the Transnational Non-Governmental Organization Initiative, which has surveyed leaders of these increasingly important global actors regarding issues of governance, accountability, effectiveness, collaboration, communication and leadership. For more information about the Moynihan Institute for Global Affairs, please visit their website at http://www.maxwell.syr.edu/moynihan.

“The purpose of politics is to give people tools to make the most of their lives.”
~Bill Clinton
Books Published


**Keith Bybee**, *All Judges are Political, Except When They’re Not*, Stanford University Press, 2010.


“Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed there are many rewards, if you disgrace yourself you can always write a book.”
~Ronald Reagan
Political Science Department

Awards

Graduate Student Recognition

Hannah Allerdice & Angela Narasimhan: 2010-2011 Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs Dean's Dissertation Writing Fellowships

Kilic Kanat & Paloma Raggo: 2009-2010 Syracuse University Outstanding TA Award

Sean Miskell & Paloma Raggo: TA Program of the Graduate School teaching mentors for summer 2010.


Mike Makara, Deepa Prakash and Stephanie Rugolo received 2010 Yabroudi/MESP summer travel grants.

Hannah Allerdice, Matthew Guardino, Kilic Kanat, Jooyoun Lee, Ioana (Emy) Matesan, Angela Narasimhan, Richard Price, Eric Rittinger, Haley Swedlund & Honggang Tan were awarded Roscoe Martin Research Funds for 2009-2010.

Jooyoun Lee (MAX 132) & Anirban Acharya (MAX 201) will be teaching in the MAX courses during 2010 – 2011.

Eric Rittinger received a Goekjian award for summer 2010.

Faculty Awards

Elizabeth Cohen won the 2010 Excellence in Graduate Education Faculty Recognition Award from the Graduate School, Syracuse University.

Kristi Andersen has been named the next Chappelle Family Professor of Citizenship and Democracy, effective January 2011.

Mehrzad Boroujerdi & Miriam Elman will use a grant from the US Department of Education to strengthen SU’s Middle Eastern Studies Program.

Brian Taylor will be a Fulbright scholar in Russia in the spring, teaching classes in state building at the European University in St. Petersburg.
Graduate Student News

Graduate Student Achievements

Dissertations Completed


MA Degrees Completed

Israel Murguia, 2009
Todd Dickey, 2009
Andrew Dickenson, 2009
Michael Tyminski, 2009
James Wyatt, 2009
Jennifer Kinney, 2009
Keneshia Grant, 2009
Rachel Sigman, 2010

Graduate Student Jobs

Jessica Boscarino has accepted a tenure track position at Marist College in Poughkeepsie, NY.

Asli Ilgit has accepted a tenure-track position at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN.

Heather Pincock & Azamat Sakiev have accepted temporary teaching positions at Utica College for the Fall 2010 semester.
Our Fall 2010 semester begins very soon. We are expecting 6 PhD, 1 JD/MA and 2 MA students to join us at the end of August. Our new students will be traveling to Syracuse University from nearby Ogdensburg, Canton, Sag Harbor and Stuyvesant New York, Massachusetts, Texas, Korea, Turkey and South Africa.

Our incoming students are anxious to explore the many opportunities The Maxwell School offers in its departments and centers. Their many interests show that our newest incoming class is a very diverse group of students. They are interested in national security, universal healthcare, identity as social construction, foreign affairs, public administration and policy, international conflict, political psychology, crisis management and migration and transnational processes. For the second year in a row, we have a Ford Foundation International Fellow joining our graduate program. We have students that have worked or interned for a local newspaper. Several of our students have interned for their local politician.

We look forward to welcoming our new students. We imagine that their diverse backgrounds will enhance our department.

In Other News

Baby News

Dan Sterns & Kristy Jeffcoat announced the arrival of their daughter, Seraphina Sterns, on November 4th, 2009.

Hanneke Derksen and Zack Wilson announced the arrival of their son, Ronin Joshua Wilson, on June 28th, 2010.

Miriam and Colin Elman announced the arrival of their son, Samuel Abraham Elman, on April 21st, 2010.

Sarah Pralle and Brian Mittelstäedt announced the arrival of their daughter, Lila Maria Mittelstäedt, on October 13th, 2009.
Major Andrew DeKever was deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan in support of the Global War on Terrorism from 1 November 2008 to 28 November 2009. While in Iraq, he served as the head of the Contracting Branch for 10th Sustainment Brigade, north of Baghdad at Camp Taji. In Afghanistan, he served as the Support Operations Officer for 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), charged with overseeing the logistical health for 3500 soldiers engaged in combat operations across two provinces of southeastern Afghanistan. He is currently stationed at Fort Drum, New York.

Thomas D'Agostino was recently appointed Associate Dean for Global Education at Hobart and William Smith Colleges in Geneva, NY where he has been for 10 years and was previously Director of the Center for Global Education. In addition, Tom recently had a new book published. He is co-editor (with Richard Hillman) of Understanding the Contemporary Caribbean, 2nd ed., Lynne Rienner Publishers, 2009.


Lief Johan Eliasson, was promoted to Associate Professor at East Stroudsburg and his second book, America’s Perceptions of Europe, was released in July 2010. Johan will also be hosting a talk radio show this fall.

Brett Heindl has accepted an Assistant Professor position in International Relations at SUNY College at Oneonta.

Jennifer Holsman received her political science MA/JD in 2003 and is now pursuing a doctoral degree at Arizona State University.

Christopher Jones is serving as department chair at Northern Illinois University and president of the Foreign Policy Analysis Section of the International Studies Association.


Sharon Jones received Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor at Columbia College in February 2010.

Hector Ortiz has accepted a full-time job as a Program Associate with the National Council on Aging. He will be conducting policy research on how to improve access to government benefits for seniors. Hector & Jessica Brill were married this summer.


Cyril Ghosh has accepted a one-year visiting position in political theory at Smith College, Northampton, MA.

McGee Young is an assistant professor of political science at Marquette University and a former Fellow at the Miller Center of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia. In 2010, University Press of Kansas published his book, Developing Interests: Organizational Change and the Politics of Advocacy.

“I do not know anyone who has got to the top without hard work. That is the recipe. It will not always get you to the top, but should get you pretty near.”

~Margaret Thatcher
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