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Our featured story in this newsletter delves into the work of Professor of Political Science Colin Elman, specifically as Director of the Qualitative Data Repository (QDR). QDR is hosted by the Center for Qualitative and Multi-Method Inquiry, which is affiliated with the Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs. CQMI offers training, programming, and events related to qualitative data, qualitative and multi-method research, and the processes of making research transparent. For example, the Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR), hosted at Syracuse University every summer, has trained over thousand graduate students and junior faculty over the years.

Launched in 2014, QDR has benefited greatly from the Maxwell School’s strong commitment to institutionalizing the repository as a durable entity servicing social science disciplines in the United States and beyond. With funding from the National Science Foundation, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, QDR curates, stores, preserves, publishes, and enables the download of digital data arising from qualitative and multi-method research in the social sciences. The repository also develops and disseminates methodologically informed guidance for managing, sharing, citing, and reusing qualitative data, and contributes to the generation of common standards for doing so.

Four beliefs underpin QDR’s activities: data that can be shared and reused should be; evidence-based claims should be made transparently; teaching is enriched by the use of well-documented data; and rigorous social science requires common understandings of its research methods.

QDR is certified by CoreTrustSeal as a “trusted data repository”, has been added to the list of recommended repositories managed by the Nature Research journal Scientific Data, and (with ICPSR) is one of two repositories recommended by PLOS for social science data.

QDR provides value to different stakeholders in the social science and data management communities including social science researchers, academic publishers and journal editors, data repositories and data librarians, and funding organizations.
I write to you at the end of the 2018-2019 academic year, as students and faculty prepare for finals and some of our talented undergraduate and graduate students look forward to graduation and moving on to the next stage of their lives. We congratulate all of our graduates and hope that they will stay in touch with us.

The department remains committed to excellence in both teaching and research. Undergraduate teaching is the bread and butter of our mission as educators. At the end of 2018 we had 500-600 undergraduate majors and minors in Political Science. In addition, our faculty play an important role in Maxwell's interdisciplinary undergraduate teaching mission, including in the International Relations Program, The Citizenship and Civic Engagement Program, the Middle East Studies Program, and the MAX courses. Our PhD program is thriving, as you can see from the list of dissertations defended, as well as publications, awards, and jobs.

On the faculty side, last year Daniel McDowell was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure, and we hired Ryan Griffiths as an Associate Professor with Tenure. Three new faculty members will join us in Fall 2019; we will introduce them in next year’s Newsletter (or check the website)! In addition to being committed and effective teachers, our faculty continue to publish new research and receive major grants and awards.

Please visit our website to learn more about what we are doing in political science at Maxwell. You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter. If you have questions about the department’s activities, do not hesitate to contact me at 315-443-3713 or bdtaylor@maxwell.syr.edu, and if you are ever in Syracuse, be sure to stop by Eggers 100 to see us.

Sincerely,
Brian D. Taylor
Professor and Chair, Department of Political Science

P.S. Yes, I am wearing a holiday sweater featuring a shirtless Vladimir Putin wearing a Santa hat while riding a reindeer in the photo.
QDR offers personalized curation and long-term archiving (with access controls as needed) for social science researchers who want to share qualitative data (for secondary use and/or to make their work more transparent). QDR also publishes a growing catalogue of searchable and browsable collections of well-documented qualitative data.

For academic publishers and editors, QDR provides solutions that allow the books and articles they publish and edit to be appropriately, efficiently, and economically connected to associated qualitative data and materials. For example, Annotation for Transparent Inquiry (ATI) facilitates transparency by allowing scholars to digitally annotate their published articles. Annotations are linked to specific passages in the article and appear right beside the article text on the journal web page.

For repositories that share QDR’s goals of archiving and preserving social science data and promoting data sharing, QDR offers productive partnership and a willingness to work jointly to develop common solutions to challenges pertaining to the management of qualitative data. For example, QDR is partnering with the Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) on an NSF funded project “Optimizing Openness in Human Participants Research: Harmonizing Standards for Consent Agreements and Data Management Plans to Empower the Reuse of Sensitive Scientific Data.” The study is part of a broader initiative to develop and pilot harmonized guidance, protocols, and templates on the sharing and long-term re-use of data generated through social science research with human participants.

For data librarians, QDR offers institutional membership for universities, with free data curation for the researchers the librarians advise, as well as expertise and written guidance on qualitative data management.

For funding organizations invested in demonstrating best scholarly practices and maximizing the impact of the research they fund, QDR offers advice and tools to aid grantees in effectively demonstrating the rigor and power of their research and sharing its fruits for use by others. With respect to funders that generously support QDR, the repository strives to use grants frugally, efficiently, and to maximum possible effect, as it seeks to address funders’ goals and aspirations.
New Faculty: Ryan Griffiths

We were pleased to welcome Ryan Griffiths as a new Associate Professor with the department this year. Griffiths focuses on the dynamics of secession and the study of sovereignty, state systems, and international orders. In his work on secession, he emphasizes the international and domestic causes of secessionist conflict over time. These causes are articulated in his book *Age of Secession: The International and Domestic Determinants of State Birth* (Cambridge University Press, 2016). Griffiths also investigates the organization of the international system, especially as it relates to national sovereignty and different types of political order. Previously, he taught at both the University of Sydney in Australia and at John Hopkins University. He also served as a visiting assistant professor at the Barcelona Institute for International Studies and as a visiting fellow at Yale University’s Macmillan Center. He earned a PhD in international relations and comparative politics at Columbia University in 2010.

Faculty Awards

*Selected recent accomplishments by our professors*

**Shana Gadarian**

2017 Best Paper Award, Urban and Local Politics Section at APSA 2016 meeting, for “A Different Kind of Disadvantage: Candidate Race, Electoral Institutions, and Voter Choice” (with Jessica Trounstine, Melody Crowder-Meyer, Kau Vue)

2018 Best Paper Award in American Politics at the 2017 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting for “Voting is Hard: Information Can Help” (with Melody Crowder-Meyer and Jessica Trounstine)

**Audie Klotz**

received an Eminent Scholar award from the ENMISA section of the International Studies Association (2017)

**Mehrzad Boroujerdi**

named an American Council on Education (ACE) Fellow (2017)

**Miriam Elman**

won the inaugural Robert D. McClure Professor of Teaching Excellence, as well as the Middle Eastern Studies (MES) Program Teaching Recognition Award for 2017

**Emily Thorson**

was awarded the Lynda Lee Kaid award for best political communication article published in 2016, by the Association for Journalism Education and Mass Communication’s Political Communication Interest Group.
Faculty Funding Awards

Colin Elman
National Science Foundation

Margarita Estevez-Abe
Collegio Carlo Alberto

Margaret Hermann
Mapping Global Insecurity Project

Audie Klotz
University of California-Davis Feminist Research Institute

Grant Reeher
New York State Department of State

Yuksel Sezgin
Princeton University, Program for Law and Public Affairs

Emily Thorson
Knight Foundation and Boston College

Simon Weschle
Appleby Mosher Fund

Faculty Publications

Mehrzad Boroujerdi
(With Kourosh Rahimkhani)
Post-Revolutionary Iran: A Political Handbook
(Syracuse University Press, 2018)
A comprehensive, empirical study of Iranian political institutions and elites over the last four decades.

Elizabeth Cohen
The Political Value of Time: Citizenship, Duration, and Democratic Justice
(Cambridge University Press, 2018)
A unique analysis of how and why time has acquired critical importance to the architecture of democracy. By examining political calendars, election scheduling, immigration probationary requirements, and prison sentences, the author explains why we use particular moments and durations of time to extend or retract rights.

Brian Taylor
The Code of Putinism
(Oxford University Press, 2018)
What is Vladimir Putin up to? This book shows how the mentality of Putin and his team - the code of Putinism - has shaped Russian politics over the past two decades. It explains not only the thoughts and ideas that motivate Putin's decisions, but also the set of emotions and habits that influence how Putin and his close allies view the world.

Emily Thorson
(Misinformation and Mass Audiences
(University of Texas Press, 2018)
Misinformation and Mass Audiences brings together evidence and ideas from communication research, public health, psychology, political science, environmental studies, and information science to investigate what constitutes misinformation, how it spreads, and how best to counter it.
Graduate Student Awards

Selected recent accomplishments by our graduate students

David Arcenaux
received the Stanton Nuclear Security Predoctoral Fellowship at MIT. This is a prestigious, competitive predoctoral fellowship.

David Arcenaux, Bess Davis, and Laura Jenkins
won the Kristi Andersen Award to Support Attendance at IQMR (Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research)

Lindsay Burt and Drew Kinney
won the Cohn fund award, which is used to reward the best application for external funding.

Nathan Carrington and Shana Gadarian
won a one semester RAship for 2018-2019 for their project on affective polarization and bipartisanship.

Co-authors Dongshu Liu and Nathan Carrington
won the Stonecash Award which is given for the best graduate student paper written this year on American politics, or may provide an annual award for outstanding academic performance by a graduate student as judged by the Chair of the department or his/her designee.

Colin French
won an IHS grant to help him conduct several experiments this fall.

María Laura Veramendi Garcia
received the 2018 Fund for Latino Scholarship Recipients. “The Fund’s priority will be travel assistance to young scholars and institutional proposals for student recruitment and retention.” She used this grant to attend the American Political Science Association annual conference.

Dongshu Liu and Angely Martinez
won the Stuart Thorson Award to Support Attendance at ICPSR (Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research)

Angely Martinez
received the 2018 Fund for Latino Scholarship Recipients. “The Fund’s priority will be travel assistance to young scholars and institutional proposals for student recruitment and retention.” She will use this grant to subsidize her next field work.

Michael Newell

Aykut Ozturk
Winner of APSA Centennial Center Research Grant Program. The Warren E. Miller Fund in Electoral Politics will provide him $2500.00 towards his research, “What does it take to develop a partisan identity: Exploring Partisanship in Turkey.”
Aykut Ozturk
won the Koff Award, which is given for the best graduate student paper written each year on comparative politics.

Darci Pauser
won a prestigious ASMEA research grant based on her paper on “The Risky Business of Water Allocation: Domestic and International Conditions for Water Cooperation.” She will use the fellowship to conduct fieldwork later this summer.

Beatriz Rey and Matt Cleary
won a one semester RAship for 2018-2019 for their project on candidate selection methods in Mexico.

Beatriz Rey
won the John D. Nagle fund award, which is endowed to support grad students in political science who are conducting research abroad on political change and social injustice.

Li Shao
won the SU PSC Dissertation Completion RAship for 2018-2019.

Catriona Standfield
won the Meiklejohn Award, which is intended for students whose work exhibits “commitment to open and just public life.”

Eric van der Vort
won a 2017-2018 APSA Congressional Fellowship. The Congressional Fellowship is a prestigious award that allowed Eric to spend a year in DC embedded on a congressional staff.
Dissertations Defended

Jeffrey Treistman, November 2017

Erik French, June 2018

Bridget Kelley, June 2018
“Local Bureaucrats and Climate Change Adaptation.”

Ranitya Kusumadewi, July 2018
“Rural Political Agency and Local Politics in Globalized Market.”

Anirban Acharya, August 2018
“Right to Sell: Politics of Informal Retail in the Neoliberal Era.”

Masters Degrees

Nathan Carrington, MA
Samantha Netzband, JD/MA
Zachary Olsavicky, MA
Matthew Schachte, JD/MA
Graduate Student Employment

**Anirban Acharya**  
Accepted a position as professor of practice at Le Moyne

**Sinan Chu**  
Accepted a 3-year appointment at the GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies to work as a research fellow. He will be working on a DFG project titled “Legitimate Multipolarity.”

**Kyung-hwa Kim**  
Accepted a position as assistant professor position of international studies in the Department of History and Government at Cedarville University in Ohio.

**Drew Kinney**  
Accepted a position as visiting assistant professor at St. John Fisher College, in Rochester, starting in January 2018 to teach Comparative Politics, Middle East Politics, Global Political Economy, and International Security.

**Logan Strother**  
Accepted a job in the department of political science at Purdue University.

**Eric van der Vort**  
Accepted a position as Legislative Director for NY State Senator-elect Rachel May, after helping her with her campaign all Fall.

Graduate Student Publications

**Drew Kinney**  
Published the article “Politicians at Arms,” in “Armed Forces & Society.”

**Sean Miskell**  

Graduate Teaching Awards

**Whitney Baillie**  
won the university’s Outstanding TA Award for 2018

**Raza Raja**  
won the university’s Outstanding TA Award for 2018

**Raza Raja**  
selected as a MAX 201 TA for 3 semesters
Alumni News

Greg Ahlgren (BA, 1974) published Olustee: America’s Unfinished Civil War Battle, Canterbury House Publishing, 2018

Jeanine Arnett (BA, 1999) has been named the Executive Director of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

John M. Bacheller (Ph.D. 1972) was recently named a Richard P. Nathan Public Policy Research Fellow at the Rockefeller Institute, State University of New York at Albany.

Gautam Kumar Basu (Ph.D. 1987) has been appointed Vice-Chancellor of a newly established University in the state of Tripura, India.

Ms. Leila Bates Walsh (BA, 2000) was named Vice President of Communications, Laura and John Arnold Foundation

Hannah Blackington (BA, 2014) has been promoted to Account Executive at InkHouse Media & Marketing’s New York office.

Joseph Burns (BA, 2001) was parliamentarian of the New York Republican State Committee’s 2018 federal and state conventions and is now the Deputy Administrative Director of the Erie County (NY) Water Authority.

James E. Campbell (Ph.D., 1980) published “Polarized: Making Sense of a Divided America” with Princeton University Press in 2016. It was named one of Choice’s “Outstanding Academic Titles for 2016.” He also delivered The Harry Lee Waterfield Distinguished Lecture in Public Affairs at Murray State University in April.


David Clary (BA, 1996) wrote “Gangsters to Governors: The New Bosses of Gambling in America,” which was published by Rutgers University Press in October 2017

Kristin Dadey (BA, 1994) was named Chief of Mission at the IOM Philippines.
Ryan Eggleston (BA, 2003) accepted a position as the city manager in Morehead City, N.C.


Brian Frederking (Ph.D. 1998), Professor of Political Science at McKendree University, created a Collective Security Dataset that includes linguistic practices of the United Nations Security Council from 1989-2016.

Justin Fugle (BA, 1991) is Senior Advisor for Policy at Plan International in Washington, DC. He leads Plan’s policy work with Congress and the Administration on foreign aid reform, the foreign aid budget and global gender programs.

Cyril Ghosh (PhD 2008) was awarded tenure at Wagner College. His second book, “De-Moralizing Gay Rights”, was published by Palgrave in June 2018.

Diane Girouard (BA, 2010) joined the Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) in February 2018 as a Child Nutrition Policy Analyst.

Dr. Susan Gooden (Ph.D., 1996) has been named interim dean of the Wilder School at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Dr. Charles Guthrie (BA, 1997) has been named the ninth Director of Intercollegiate Athletics at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

Deanne M. Hernandez (BA, 1988) was named the Assistant Vice President of Institutional Research, Assessment & Accreditation at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

Mark Hibben (Ph.D. 2014) co-authored the book “What’s Wrong with the IMF and How to Fix It” published by Polity Press.


Chris Meek (BA, 1992) was selected as one of 33 individuals to serve in the inaugural class of the Bush Institute’s Stand-To Veteran Leadership Initiative.

Mary McGuire (Ph.D. 1993) was recently named Assistant Dean of Arts and Sciences at the State University of New at Cortland. She has been on the college’s Political Science faculty since 2001.

Jeffrey L. Mosley (BA, 1984) has been named a 2018 Ian Axford (New Zealand) Fellow in Public Policy.


Eric T. Schultz (BA, 2002) has been named the Director of Strategic Communications for Lumentus.

Andrew Shapiro (BA, 2004) has been named Director of Economic Development for the City of Lowell, MA.

Ruth Queen Smith (BA, 1974) passed away on May 18th, 2017.

Nathan Sterner (BA, 1989) was promoted to President of Apple Outdoor, a York, PA-based billboard media company and division of the Stewart Companies.


Ronald James-Terry Taylor (BA, 2015) accepted a position as the Middle Division History Teacher at the Horace Mann School in the Bronx, NY serving grades 7 and 8 in a history teaching capacity; specifically teaching World Civilizations and United States History.

Michelle Wadwanski (BA, 2017) accepted a job offer as an Operations Analyst with Maximus in Boston, MA.

Justin A. Wein (BA, 2004) was named the Deputy Chief of Staff/DC Director for Congressman David Price.

Cal Whiting (BA, 2014) was named an Excelsior Fellow with the New York State Governor’s Office, Executive Chamber.
A Note to our Alumni

Stay connected to the Political Science Department after you graduate!

As always, we want to hear from you! If you have any professional or personal news that you would like to share with the department and your fellow alumni, please email Sally Greenfield at smgreenf@syr.edu.