A Word From the Department Chair

This past year has been a busy one. The department completed a review of the graduate program this year. We began over two years ago with a lengthy and detailed self-study. That was followed by an external review conducted by two faculty from other schools. Once we received their review we formed an internal committee to formulate a plan to respond to suggestions of the external reviewers. That process has created a healthy focus on what we need to do to make sure our graduate program works to help graduates achieve their goals.

Now that you have been away for some time, we would appreciate any comments you might have about what aspects of the program helped you and what suggestions you might make to improve the program.

This year we will be losing some faculty members but at the same time we will gain a new faculty member. Chris Andersen, who specializes in Comparative Politics and particularly European politics, will leave us to join the Cornell faculty. Heidi Swarts is leaving to go to Rutgers University – Newark, NJ. Danny Hayes, who specializes in media and the press, will join us, fresh from completing his dissertation at the University of Texas.

Interest in politics remains strong among our undergraduates. The number of undergraduate majors is now over 700, and enrollment in classes remains high. This coming year Kristi Andersen will continue as Director of Undergraduate Studies.

As always, please keep us informed about events in your life.

Sincerely,

Jeff Stonecash
Professor and Chair

Passing on the Torch!

At Midnight of June 30th, 2006, Jeff Stonecash will pass on the torch of Political Science Chair to Mark Rupert.
Faculty Notes

Kristi Andersen was elected to the Town Board in Cazenovia in the November 2005 elections. She is only the second woman to serve on the Town Board; she was elected along with Liz Moran, the first woman in Cazenovia’s history to serve as Town Supervisor. Kristi attributes their success to a terrific campaign manager, a first-rate campaign strategist, (her daughter Emily), and lots of enthusiastic volunteers—producing a Democratic win in a town with a 2 to 1 Republican advantage. Since her term began in January, in addition to the day-to-day town business, she has been working on farmland protection, hiring a planning firm to update the town’s comprehensive plan, and other land-use issues.

Keith Bybee will be taking a quarter-time appointment at the law school for the year 06-07, serving as the director of the new institute for the study of the Judiciary, Politics, and the Media (IJPM). IJPM is a joint effort between the law school, Maxwell, and Newhouse.

Audie Klotz, who served as Director of Graduate Studies from 2004-2006, will be succeeded by Grant Reeher.

Awards

Robert McClure was awarded the Chapple Family Professorship in Citizenship and Democracy. Robert has been a member of the faculty of the Maxwell School since 1969. He has received multiple awards for his outstanding pedagogy throughout his career at Syracuse.

Suzanne Mettler was promoted from Associate to Full Professor and has been named a Distinguished Professor. She has also been selected as co-winner of the APSA’s 2006 Gladys M. Kammerer Award for her book, Soldiers to Citizens: The G.I. Bill and the Making of the Greatest Generation.

Jeff Stonecash has been named as a Maxwell Professor; he is now one of only 3 professors honored with this title in the Maxwell School. Along with his 75 articles and 11 books published Jeff also has done polling for political candidates since 1987. This year Jeff concludes 5 years of service as Chair of the Department of Political Science.

New Faculty

Julie Cooper came to us in the Fall of 2005, as a tenure-track Assistant Professor. Her fields of research include History of Political Theory, Early Modern Political Theory, and Jewish Thought. Julie successfully completed her first year here at Syracuse University teaching PSC 300.401 Religion in Modern Political Thought and PSC 373.001 Social Contract Tradition in the Fall and PSC 700.006 Origins of Liberal Political Thought in the Spring.

Danny Hayes will be joining us this Fall from the University of Texas at Austin. He was hired as a tenure-track Assistant Professor. His fields include American Politics, Political Behavior and Methodology. He will be teaching PSC 300.102 Media & Politics and PSC 313.001 Campaign Analysis in the Fall.
Books Published


Thomas Keck: *The Most Activist Supreme Court in History*


Jeff Stonecash: Political Parties MATTER: Realignment and the return of Partisan voting


Faculty Searches

Comparative Politics

The Department of Political Science at the Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs of Syracuse University invites applications from senior scholars in Comparative Politics. We are looking for scholars who can help to provide intellectual and programmatic leadership in our department and across the Maxwell School. Especially welcome are scholars whose research is broadly concerned with political transformation and/or democratization. Applications from scholars with interests in any geographic area will receive the fullest consideration.

Candidates should be able to demonstrate excellence or promise of excellence in both research and teaching. Department faculty are expected to teach at both the graduate and undergraduate level. Applicants should submit a letter describing their research agenda, a curriculum vita, and copies of a few recent publications. The search committee may subsequently request teaching materials and reference letters. To receive full consideration, candidates should submit complete files by October 15, 2006.

American Politics

The Department of Political Science will be holding a second search among senior scholars in American Politics. Guidelines for this search are the same as for the Comparative search; applicants should submit a letter describing their research agenda, a curriculum vita, and copies of a few recent publications. To receive full consideration, candidates should submit complete files by October 15, 2006.

Departures

Fred Frohock has both retired from Syracuse University and moved on to another challenge. Fred, who began at Syracuse in 1965, retired officially in January, 2006. During that remarkable run of 41 years he published 10 books, many articles, served as Chair, handled many committee assignments with considerable skill, and maintained a reputation as an excellent teacher. While he has retired from Syracuse, he chose to live in Miami, Florida (to be closer to his children and finally enjoy some sun), where a part-time teaching arrangement at the University of Miami quickly morphed into a tenure appointment as Chair of the department. We wish him well.

Professor Rogan Kersh is leaving Syracuse University to become an Associate Dean at New York University’s Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service. He has been a consistently sought out professor among the political science students at SU over his 10 years here. Just last year his students created “I ♥ Kersh” T-shirts, in honor of him and his passionate and inspirational way of teaching that has captivated so many students. He will definitely be missed and many students can’t help but feel a loss from his departure as does the Political Science department as a whole.
Graduate Student Awards

Tracy Harbin, Wagaki Mwangi, and Angela Fitzpatrick were named “Outstanding TA’s” by the Graduate School this spring.

Petra Hejnova, Bertha Amisi & Tracy Harbin were teaching fellows for 05’-06’. Teaching Fellows for 06’-07’ are Toby Van Assche and Tracy Harbin.

Amanda DiPaolo was named the 06-07 Doctoral Fellow in Canadian Citizenship and Human Rights. This fellowship is valued at $21,000 and comes with a residency requirement at St. Thomas University in Fredericton, New Brunswick.

Havva Karakas-Keles was given a Travel Grant from the International Studies Association to attend the WISC convention in Istanbul, 2005. She also received a Dissertation Research Fellowship from the PSC department, summer 2006.

Amy Widestrom received a Nagle Fellowship for 06’-07’.

Meaghan E Lacey completed the Fellowship on Women and Public Policy at the Center for Women in Government and Civil Society and the Rockefeller College at University at Albany (www.cwig.albany.edu).

Christopher Bronk was awarded a Maxwell School Doctoral Prize.

Hector Ortiz was awarded a McNair Fellowship for 2005-2006 as well as 2006-2007.

Jekatarina Kalandadze received a Hursky Fellowship for 2006-2007.

Emily Rodio received a Meiklejohn Grant for 2006-2007.

Erika Wilkens received a Maxwell Dean’s Dissertation Fellowship and a summer FLAS (2006).

Hannah Allerdice will assume the position of coordinator for the Conflict Management Center.

Tracy Harbin received a summer FLAS (2005) and an EU Center Grant (2006).

Petra Hejnova was awarded a PLACA summer research grant, a Woodrow Wilson Women’s Studies Dissertation Fellowship and a Maxwell School Roscoe Martin Fund for Research Grant, all 2006.
Dissertations Completed

Jongpil Chung  “Understanding the Relationship Between New Networked Information Technology and Governance in China and South Korea.” August 2005. (advisor: Stuart Thorson)

R. Christopher Bronk “Confidence: Information Technology, Secrecy and the State.” August 2005. (advisor: Stuart Thorson)


Bartosz Stanislawski “Black Spots: Insecurity From Beyond the Horizon.” Summer 2006. (advisor: Peg Hermann)

Darrell Driver “Sparta in Babylon: Case Studies in the Public Philosophy of Soldiers and Citizens.” Summer 2006. (advisor: Grant Reeher)

Graduate Student Jobs

- **Mack Mariani** has been visiting Instructor of Government at Hamilton College for the past year. He has taught The American Political Process, Political Parties and Elections, and Congress and the Presidency. He will start his second year in this post this fall.

- **Everita Silina** has been asked to stay on for another year as visiting faculty after teaching at Yeshiva University for the past year. She will teach a range of courses, including Comparative Democracy and Democratization, Culture Wars in Europe, International Organizations, and Race, Nationalism, and Ethnic Conflict.

- **Brett Heindl** has accepted a one-year post at Brown University in Providence, RI. Brett will teach International Law, Human Rights, International Organizations and Migration & Citizenship. He will also have some fairly generous research, travel, and teaching support.

- **Andrew Milstein** has accepted a one-year position (with the possibility of renewing for an additional year) at Hobart and William Smith Colleges. He will be teaching courses in American Politics, including the Presidency and Interest Groups. The HBS post will allow Andy to stay in the area as he continues work on his dissertation next year.

- **Ermin Sinanovic** has accepted a tenure-track position in comparative politics in the Department of Political Science at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. The position involves teaching Middle Eastern politics and politics of the wider Muslim world, with emphasis on democratization, religion, and development.

- **Braden Smith** has taken a job as the Executive Director of the Association of Professional Schools of International Affairs at the Maxwell School.

- **Lina Svedin** has been working for the Cabinet Office of Sweden as a crisis management area specialist.
Alumni News

Janelle Kerlin (PhD 2002) has just been appointed Assistant Professor of Public Administration and Urban Studies at Georgia State University’s Andrew Young School of Policy Studies in Atlanta, Georgia. Since finishing her dissertation, she has been a Research Associate at the Urban Institute in Washington, DC.

Volker Franke (PhD 1997) is currently an Associate Professor of Political Science & International Studies at McDaniel College but will be taking a 2 year leave of absence to join the Bonn International Center for Conversion in Bonn, Germany as Director of Research for peacebuilding and conflict transformation. Please check out the institute’s website at www.bicc.de

Lakshmi Srinivasan Chaudhry (MA) has been a reporter and an editor for independent publications for more than six years, and is a senior editor at In These Times, where she covers the cross-section of culture and politics. Please visit: http://www.inthesetimes.com/site/about/author/2789.

Sharon Jones (PhD 2003) has accepted a tenure-track position at Columbia College in Columbia, SC. Columbia College is regularly ranked among the top ten private liberal arts colleges in the South.

Linda Barrow (PhD 1998) received tenure and was promoted to associate professor at Coe College in Iowa, Spring 2005.

Brian Frederking (PhD 1998) has a contract from Routledge to publish The United Nations and US Foreign Policy: Collective Security After the Cold War. They want to market it as a secondary text in upper level undergraduate courses in international organizations and US foreign policy. The plans are for it to be finished by December 2006 and available for Fall 2007.

Agnes Gereben Schaefer (PhD 2003) recently started her job at RAND where she is working on two fairly large projects, one that includes specific Army evaluations and the other including HHS data review.

Christopher Nielsen (MA 2005) passed the bar in Washington State. He works about 70hrs/week, and is in court every day trying lots of cases.

Martha Lee (PhD 1994) who has been at the University of Windsor was just appointed to the Stephen Jarislowsky Chair in the Study of Religion and Conflict; it's held jointly at Assumption University and the University of Windsor.