A Word From the Department Chair

The PSC department is going through some important changes. Three new faculty will be joining us this year in tenure-track positions. Christine Mahoney, Ph.D. Penn State, will be teaching graduate-level courses in the areas of quantitative methods and European politics; Jon Hanson, Ph.D. Michigan, will be offering grad courses in formal models, and the political economy of development; and Tom Raven (Ph.D. pending, Cornell) will be teaching our seminar on Congress and the Presidency. Last year four political science professors (Suzanne Mettler, Mitchell Orenstein, Pablo Beramendi, and Julie Cooper) accepted positions at top-flight universities (Cornell, Johns Hopkins, Duke, and Chicago, respectively), indicating that the quality of SU PSC faculty is attractive to the very best universities. During the coming academic year, the department will be busy hiring four new professors: two in IR, and one each in comparative politics and political theory. We hope to be able to hire another Americanist and another comparativist in the 2008-09 search cycle. While hiring a new colleague is always interesting, hiring 4-6 new faculty presents lots of exciting new possibilities for the department. In general, these hires will reflect the departmental consensus which emerged from our painstaking, multi-year process of internal and external review. While we will strengthen and deepen our ability to offer training in state-of-the-art research methods, we will also continue to honor our traditional commitment to sustaining a culture of methodological pluralism within the department.

Sincerely,

Mark Rupert
Professor and Chair

New Faculty

Thomas Raven, a pending PhD from Cornell University, will be joining the Political Science Department as a full time Instructor this Fall, 2007. (tenure-track Assistant Professor) His areas of interest are American political development and institutions, political economy, regime theory and state formation.

Jonathan Hanson, a pending PhD from University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, will also be joining the Political Science Department this Fall. His areas of interest are comparative political economy and development, East Asia, and quantitative methods.

Christine Mahoney, a PhD from Penn State University, has been at Maxwell in 2006-2007 on a post-doctoral fellowship in the Moynihan Institute. She will join the department in 2007-2008 as an Assistant Professor. Her areas of interest include comparative politics; civil society & NGOs; and advocacy in the European Union, the United States, and the developing world.
Faculty Awards

Keith Bybee was honored by the Graduate School with the Excellence in Graduate Education Faculty Recognition Award.

Sarah Pralle received three different awards: Honorable Mention for the 2007 Charles Levine Prize for the best book in Comparative Policy and Administration for Branching Out, Digging In: Environmental Advocacy and Agenda Setting. In regard to the same book she received special recognition for the 2007 Lynton Keith Caldwell prize for the best book published in Environmental Politics and Policy in the past three years. Lastly, she was winner of Best Paper in Public Policy presented at the 2006 American Political Science Association meeting for “Timing and Sequence in Agenda Setting and Policy Change: A comparative study of lawn care pesticide politics in Canada and the U.S.”

“Parties Matter,” a book written by Jeff Stonecash, was selected as an Outstanding Academic Title by Choice Magazine in January 2007.

Hongying Wang, Danny Hayes, Sarah Pralle, and Matthew Cleary each received a 2007-08 research fellowship in the Institute for the Study of Judiciary, Politics, and the Media (IJPM)

Grant Reeher has been named as this year’s recipient of American Political Science Association's McGraw Hill Award for Scholarship and Teaching on Civic Engagement in Political Science. Grant was the unanimous choice of the award committee, who noted the remarkable way in which the totality of Grant's professional activities support civic engagement.

Department Events

Speakers in this year’s Political Science Department Seminar Series included Thomas Risse (Center for Transnational Relations, Foreign and Security Policy, Freie Universitat Berlin), Donald Green (Yale University), Kathleen Thelen (Northwestern University), Richard Vallely (Swarthmore College), Christopher Way (Cornell University) and James Bohman (St. Louis University).

Faculty Manuscript Review Workshops have been organized by Suzanne Mettler over the past two years to help develop the scholarly work of department faculty. Draft book manuscripts are read by faculty and graduate student colleagues and by guest commentators; a seminar (followed by reception and dinner) focuses on the manuscript, with the outside experts leading off with critiques and comments. This year’s sessions considered Matt Cleary’s The Sources of Democratic Responsiveness in Mexico (with participants Barry Ames, from University of Pittsburgh, and Beatriz Magaloni, from Stanford University); and Elizabeth Cohen’s The Myth of Full Membership: Citizenship and Semi-Citizenship in Democratic Politics which was critiqued by Jennifer Hochschild from Harvard and Linda Bosniak of Rutgers.

Outside speakers in this year’s Sawyer Law and Politics “Secret Life of the Law” series this year were Deirdre McCloskey, University of Illinois at Chicago and Kim Lane Scheppele of Princeton.

Political Science faculty and graduate students also participated in the Maxwell-wide State of Democracy lecture series. Speakers included Thomas Mann of the Brookings Institution; Jacob Hacker of Yale; Shibley Telhami of the University of Maryland; and Deborah Stone of Dartmouth.
Books Published


Laurence Thomas, *The Family and the Political Self*. New York: Cambridge University Press,

Faculty Searches

The department of Political Science seeks to fill four open positions, the first being a tenured or tenure-track faculty position in Comparative Politics, open as to rank. We will consider candidates specializing in any substantive area of comparative politics and any regional specialization. Tenured faculty should submit a letter of interest and a CV; untenured faculty and ABDs should include those items as well as three letters of reference, samples of professional writing, and evidence of quality teaching.

The second position we seek to fill is a tenure-track Assistant Professor in Political Theory. We are especially interested in candidates whose teaching and research emphasizes the history of political thought, and who would be able to teach courses in early modern thought and the social contract tradition. Candidates should submit a letter of interest and a CV, three letters of reference, samples of professional writing, and evidence of quality teaching.

A third and fourth positions we seek to fill are two tenured or tenure-track faculty positions in International Relations, open as to rank. While we will consider candidates specializing in any subfield of IR, we are especially interested in International Law and Organization, and US Foreign Policy and Security Studies. Tenured faculty should submit a letter of interest and a CV; untenured faculty and ABDs should include those items as well as three letters of reference, samples of professional writing, and evidence of quality teaching.

All applications will be reviewed as they arrive with full consideration given to those received by October 15, 2007. However, the department will continue to consider applications until this position is filled.

Syracuse University is an EO/AA employer and particularly encourages applications from women and minority candidates.

Departures

Mitchell Orenstein was recruited by the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and has accepted a position there starting in the Fall of 2007.

Suzanne Mettler (Professor, American Politics and Public Policy) was hired by Cornell University as the Clinton Rossiter Chair of American Politics.

Julie Cooper has accepted a position at the University of Chicago.

Pablo Beramendi (Assistant Professor, Comparative Politics – Western Europe) took a position at Duke University.
Graduate Student Awards

Hector Ortiz received the 2007 Graduate Student Paper Award for his paper “Generational and Life Cycle Differences in Opinions about the Welfare State” from the SU Gerontology Center.

Asli Ilgit won the prize for “Best Paper by a Woman Scholar for 2005” at Northeastern Political Science Association. She also won a Moynihan Institute EU Center Summer Research Grant for Summer 2007; a Maxwell Dean's Dissertation Writing Fellowship 07-08; and was named “Outstanding TA” for 2007.

Angela Fitzpatrick was selected as Research Fellow in the Institute for the Study of the Judiciary, Politics, and the Media (IJPM) for 2007 – 2008.

Petra Hejnova won a Maxwell Dean’s Dissertation Writing Fellowship for 07-08; was named “Outstanding TA” for 2007; awarded an EU Center Summer Research Grant for Summer 2007; and received Honorable Mention for the 2006 Carrie Chapman Catt Prize for Research on Women and Politics.

Havva Karakas-Keles won a National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, to support dissertation research in archives in Germany, UK, and Israel. May 2007; and a Goekjian Summer Research Grant, 2007, for archival dissertation research in the British Library in London, UK.


Heather Pincock was selected for a MAX 123 teaching fellowship for 2007-08.

Deepa Prakash was selected for a MAX 132 teaching fellowship for 2007-08.

Amy Widestrom was awarded a Brookings Institution Research Fellowship, Governance Studies Program, 2007-08.

Bertha Amisi received a Meiklejohn Grant for Fall 2007.

Amanda DiPaolo received the Ketcham Award for 2007 – 2008.

Bertha Amisi, Asli Ilgit, and Amy Widestrom have all been awarded Roscoe Martin Fund support for their research, Spring 2007.

Katya Kalandadze, Petra Hejnova, and Tobias Van Assche have all been selected as Teaching Fellows for the Graduate School.

Honggang Tan and Angela Fitzpatrick each received a 2007-08 Research Fellowship in the Institute for the Study of the Judiciary, Politics, and the Media (IJPM).
**Dissertations Completed**


Brett Heindl “Transnational Political Activism in American Cuban, Irish, and Jewish Communities.” August 2007. Advisor: James Bennett.

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**MA Degrees Completed**

Jessica Brill, 2006 MA, MPA  Matthew Smith, 2007 MA
Meaghan Lacey, 2006 MA  Haley Swedlund, 2007 MA
Seth Fischer, 2006 MA  Ryan Williams, 2007 MA
Karen Allen, 2007 MA  Mark Hibben, 2007 MA
Ryan McKean, 2007 MA  George Mitchell, 2007 MA

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**Graduate Student Jobs**

Tracy Harbin accepted a one-year Visiting Assistant Professor position in the Department of Political Science at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, NY starting Fall 2007.

John Mero accepted a one-year position to teach American politics at High Point University, in High Point, NC.

Emily Rodio will be teaching Intro to Comparative Politics at Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia in fall 2007.

Lina Svedin has accepted a tenure-track position at the University of Utah.

Toby Van Assche has accepted a visiting assistant professor position at Rollins College in Florida
Alumni News

Volker Franke (PhD 1997) is currently the Director of Research at the Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC) in Bonn, Germany. More information can be found at www.bicc.de

Janelle Kerlin (PhD 2002) has moved from the Center on Nonprofits and Philanthropy at the Urban Institute in Washington, DC to a faculty position in the Department of Public Administration at Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia.

Ryan Petersen (MA 1997) has accepted a position at Delta College in University Center, Michigan after being with College of Redwoods in Eureka, CA for the past 6 years.

Hannah Britton (PhD 1999) was recently awarded tenure in The University of Kansas Political Science Dept.

Mack Mariani (PhD 2006), one of our recent Ph.D.s, has accepted a tenure track position at Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Alireza Shomali (PhD 2006) has accepted a visiting assistant professor position at Wheaton College teaching Political Theory & Politics of the Middle East.

Robert Siglin (JD/MA 2005) is an Assistant Chemung County Attorney in the Prosecutor's Office.

Srikrishana Ayyangar (PhD 2007) has accepted a position as Visiting Assistant Professor at Sewanee: The University of the South.

Brett Heindl (PhD 2007) was recently appointed as Assistant Professor of Political Science at Virginia Wesleyan College in Norfolk, VA, where he will be teaching a variety of classes on human rights, immigration, and public policy, as well as the introductory course.