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POSTCARDS FROM AMERICA'S POLITICAL FRONT LINES

BY JOHN MOODY

This year's presidential election season showcased the multi-faceted program of the Department of Politics and Government at Illinois State University, which combines rigorous academic research and analysis with civic engagement and public communication. In addition to related course offerings, the department engaged in wide-ranging extracurricular activities, including student travel and political participation, public lectures by faculty, election watch parties, and faculty media interviews.

Student activities and civic engagement projects

For both the Republican and Democratic National Conventions (RNC and DNC), Professor Erik Rankin designed a university program through the American Democracy Project (ADP) that included an academic course and an experiential component. A group of students traveled to each convention site to volunteer for both political parties and were allowed to watch the proceedings. To read more, go to news.IllinoisState.edu.



"The RNC/DNC was a first-time program, and it was a huge success," Rankin said. "The students in the DNC group were able to see most all of the speakers and were present for the official roll call and nomination.

"They also met with all elected representatives from Illinois at a breakfast. The RNC highlight was when students were given the opportunity to shuttle the media and other celebrities from place to place."

Students were assigned pre-trip readings and papers, a weekly journal, and a post-trip reflection essay, Rankin said.

Rankin also designed and led a university program through ADP for the civic engagement experience in Washington, D.C. Students met with politicians and constituency groups, including The Podesta Group (a lobbying firm), Save the Children Network, Laborers International Union, and the American Association for State Colleges and Universities. While on Capitol Hill, students met with Rep. Adam Kinzinger '00, House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy, House Majority Whip Steve Scalise, then-Rep. (now a senator) Tammy Duckworth, and Rep. Rodney Davis.



2016 RNC student volunteers, from left: J.R. Reed, Austin Bertschy, Jordan Luzzo, Youssoupha Mbodji and Silas Scott.

"The civic engagement trip I have led multiple times," Rankin said. "Students stay at George Washington University and meet with key political figures and multiple governmental agencies.

"We were also treated to a behind-the-scenes tour of the House

and Senate with Congressman Rodney Davis, and we watched an in-session House vote."

Rankin said the goal is to add an experiential component to a student's academic experiences so a student can actively participate and learn. He called these "once-in-a-lifetime opportunities" that make a profound impact.

"The hope is that this created a lifelong, civically engaged citizen," he said. "The concept is for them to see their role as vital to our system's success."

Rankin added that these trips are possible because Illinois State University recognizes the need to extend the academic experience.

"It is refreshing that a public university sees the role of citizenship and civic engagement as a primary focus," Rankin said. "Support from the president, provost, the American Democracy Project, and the Department of Politics and Government is remarkable."

Professor Carl Palmer led ADP-sponsored watch parties for all three presidential debates. In addition, he organized (also through ADP) President Obama's final State of the Union watch party. Palmer and Rankin served as panelists for the event, which had a great turnout and was live-tweeted across hundreds of ADP campuses. To read more, go to news.IllinoisState.edu.

Faculty lectures and talks

Several faculty members (Lane Crothers, Julie Webber, Ali Riaz, Osaore Aideyan) delivered lectures for an International Seminar Series titled, "The U.S. Presidential Election: Global Implications and Comparative Perspectives," including the following: T.Y. Wang, "East Asian Agenda for the Next U.S. President" 2016; Bob Hunt and George Gordon (emeriti faculty), "Radical Populism in the 2016 Elections; Global Perspectives"; Julie Webber, "Women in High Office: Why Now?"; Ali Riaz, "Foreign Policy: What Challenges will the New President Face?"; Osaore Aideyan, "Foreign Policy and Issues Relevant to Sub-Saharan Africa: What can be Expected from the Next Administration"; Lane Crothers, "The Rise of Donald Trump: The Pathologies of Politics in a Global Age."

The department held a panel discussion, "Explaining the Trump Candidacy." Professors Palmer, Kerri Milita, and LJ Ziggerell spoke at the session, which was moderated by Professor Meghan Leonard.

In addition to taking part in the panel on Trump, Milita participated in two additional talks: Dean Simpson's Main Street College Talk ("When You Say Nothing At All: How Candidates Win Elections by Shunning Issues") Lea Cline's Super Tuesday series ("Media and the Modern Candidate").



Professor Rankin and students with IL Attorney General Lisa Madigan at the LiUNA (Laborers International Union-North America) breakfast during the 2016 Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, PA.

Crothers gave several election-related lectures, including: "Modern Political Movements" for "Super Tuesdays: The Culture of Voting in America" for the Fall Speakers Series, Illinois State University, November 2016; "Thank You for Not Voting: Winners and Losers in the 'Just Stay Home' Campaign" for the McLean County League of Women Voters, September 2016; "Why Donald Trump? And Why He Won't Be President" at the University of Heidelberg (Germany) Center for American Studies Annual Summer Retreat, Annweiler am Trifels, Germany, April 2016; "If They Can Fake the Moon Landing, Why Can't Donald Trump Be President? The Problem of Authenticity in American Political Life" for the American Women's Club, Helsinki, Finland, January 2016

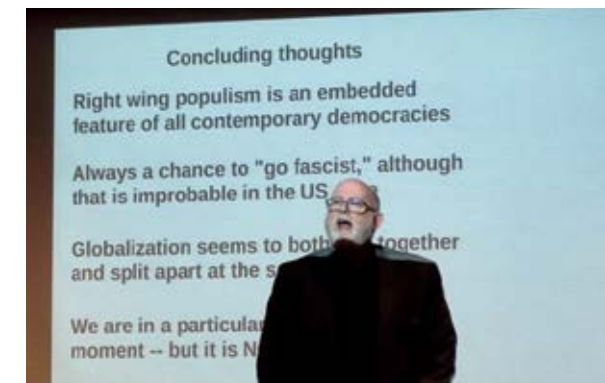
Media interviews

T.Y. Wang gave media interviews, via Radio Free Asia, on the U.S.-Taiwan relationship after Trump's phone call with the president of Taiwan, December 5, 2016.

Erik Rankin and Tom McClure did a series of interviews (six) with WGLT in the week that followed the conventions and followed up with post-presidential debate interviews (including the day after the election). McClure also appeared on two segments of ISU TV-10's election night coverage (November 8, 2016).

Lane Crothers was interviewed after the second presidential debate on WJBC and about the election on WGLT's "Sound Discussions"; both interviews were in October.

Carl Palmer gave numerous newspaper, radio, and television interviews during the election season, contributing on multiple occasions to such venues as *Central Illinois on the Record*, WTVP, TV-10, WBMD, WZND, *The Pantagraph*, *The Vidette*, WGLT, Illinois Politics Institute, and *Week*.



Professor Lane Crothers presented "The Rise of Donald Trump: the Pathologies of Politics in a Global Age" at the Fall 2016 International Studies Seminar Series on November 2, 2016.

Other activities and events

Faculty in the department contributed articles to an issue of the Redbird Scholar dealing with the elections: To read more, go to news.IllinoisState.edu.

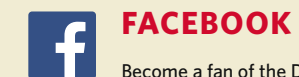
A variety of fall and spring courses address topics relevant to the election. Some focus on political campaigns and elections, while others consider their influences and outcomes from a variety of perspectives, including those dealing with electoral processes, judicial politics, historical precedents in American politics, and evaluations of policy effects, both domestically and internationally.



Professors Carl Palmer, Kerri Milita and LJ Ziggerell at the panel titled "Explaining the Trump Candidacy: What the Republican Primary Tells Us" on March 17, 2016. Before a standing-room-only audience of faculty, students, and community members, the panel explored the causes and impacts of billionaire businessman Donald Trump's candidacy on the Republican Party and the country. Panelists underscored that while anger and frustration are propelling Trump to the top of the Republican candidate list, his rhetoric is also making many concerned and offended.

INTERNSHIPS BY THE NUMBERS

Under the leadership of Professor Nancy Lind (public service internship director) and Professor Tom McClure (legal studies director), the department's internship programs were successful in 2016. There were 352 public service credits earned with over 15,840 hours of service across the state of Illinois and in Washington, D.C. These students were active in U.S. Senate offices, Illinois legislative offices, and several national, state, and local political campaigns. Students served prominent roles in Sen. Brady's office and Save the Children Foundation, D.C. office. The department has also created a regularly updated webpage for all open internships throughout the world brought to our attention and has provided scholarships to interns accepting placements in Washington, D.C. or New York City. Additionally, 28 paralegal intern students and public service students interning for law-related employers performed over 6,700 hours of service in such agencies and organizations as the Town of Normal, the McLean County State's Attorney, ISU Student Legal Services, State Farm Insurance, and a variety of private law firms.



Become a fan of the Department of Politics and Government on Facebook—a place for alumni and current students to post on our wall about jobs and events, and share photos!

CHAIR'S REMARKS

This academic year is a milestone: it is the 50th year of the department. Established in 1966 as a small department, we have come a long way. We have grown and excelled; we have changed and adapted. Yet our commitment to being a student-centered department, which equips students to understand political life, to be effective global citizens, and to achieve positions of political significance, has not changed. Each year, through our various activities—inside and outside the classroom—we offer opportunities to the students to this end. The 50th Year Celebration was in many ways a reaffirmation of these goals and commitments. I am pleased that hundreds of alumni, emeritus faculty, and donors joined us on September 30 at the celebration event. Other events, including organizing the Robert Bone Lecture, were highlights of the year. The yearlong celebration will conclude with the Hibbert R. Roberts Lecture on Public Policy April 18. The occasion of the 50th anniversary allowed us to strengthen our connections to our alumni. Without the support of alumni and our donors, we would not have been able to achieve these accomplishments.

The highlights of this past year include our faculty's continued success in scholarship and in receiving recognition from within the University and from outside and in their presence in the national and international media. Highlights also include our students' accomplishments at the National Model United Nations conference, at the national level Mock Trial competition, at the party conventions, and at academic conferences, and their publishing in prestigious journals.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my colleagues, staff, emeritus professors, alumni and donors for allowing me to lead the department for 10 years. As you may know, I will be returning to teaching this summer after completion of my second term as chair. This was a humbling and wonderful experience for me, and I hope you will continue to support the department and stay in touch.



Ali Riaz

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT

Politics and Government 50th Anniversary Celebration

Alumni and retired faculty joined current faculty, staff, and students September 30 for a celebratory dinner to honor the Department of Politics and Government's 50th anniversary.

The evening's events were introduced by outgoing Chair Ali Riaz and organizing committee chairs Lori Riverstone-Newell and Gary Klass. Masters of Ceremony Thomas McClure and Sherri Replogle invited all to look back at the department's founding by Alice Ebel and highlighted many accomplishments of alumni, former chairs, and faculty.

Invited speakers included former Chairs Jamal Nassar and Thomas Eimermann. A diverse group of distinguished alumni also spoke, including state Sen. Jason Barickman and U.S. Rep. Adam Kinzinger (who delivered a special message by video), Professor Andrea Silvia, community development specialist Nancy Ouedraogo, U.S. District Court Judge and retired Illinois State Board of Trustees member Michael McCuskey. A video featuring other alumni was also presented.

Videos were also shown that featured current students and faculty, including pieces on the mock trial program, Model U.N., and the annual Peru human rights trip.

Alumni feedback regarding the celebration

It was a pleasure to see people I knew during my time in the department as an undergraduate, as well as to meet and learn about those who were part of it in past years. I especially enjoyed meeting the current faculty members and students and hearing of their accomplishments. I know that the department will continue to thrive for years to come.

—Jane Craddock Ryan, 1982

I truly enjoyed the celebration. Revisiting the department's history and reconnecting with both faculty and fellow alums with whom I share professional and personal relationships was highly rewarding. Thank you for a memorable evening.

—Bob Keller, 1973

It was a wonderful celebration, and I felt honored to be in the presence of so many notable and accomplished alumni, faculty, and students. I particularly enjoyed the stories of Alice Ebel; she was such an important female champion. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of it.

—Katie Simpson, 2015

The anniversary dinner was very well done and most enjoyable. I wish continued success to the department, which meant everything to me and prepared me very well for law school.

—Robert M. Hansen, 1971



Ali Riaz to step down as chair

Professor Ali Riaz will step down from the chair position of the Department of Politics and Government after 10 years of service. Riaz is the first University Professor in the department.



Professor of Politics and Government Ali Riaz

This honor is bestowed only to faculty who have an outstanding national reputation and who have helped to put Illinois State University on the map. Riaz joined Illinois State as an assistant professor in 2002, quickly was promoted through the ranks and was appointed department chair in 2007 after a national search. At that time, the department was understaffed due to retirements and resignations. In a time of budgetary uncertainty, it is impressive that several talented faculty members were recruited during his tenure, which has allowed the department to maintain one of the most diverse faculty at the University. Riaz also oversaw the establishment of the legal studies major that received approval from the American Bar Association to, among other things, accredit paralegals graduating from the department. His other accomplishments include codifying faculty evaluation criteria, institutionalizing the budgetary process, and revamping the graduate and undergraduate curricula.

In addition to being an experienced administrator, Riaz is also an accomplished scholar and an effective teacher. During his tenure as department chair, Riaz authored/co-edited nine books and published more than two dozen journal articles and book chapters. With an expertise in South Asian politics, Islamist politics, and political economy of the media, he has served as a consultant to prestigious international organizations such as the United Nations Development Program, the Social Science Research Council, Bertlessmann Foundation, and the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars. In 2013 and 2015, he was invited to testify before the House subcommittee on Asia

and the Pacific on Bangladeshi politics. During his sabbatical in fall 2013 he served as a public policy scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center. He is frequently interviewed by international media such as the BBC, CNN, and Al Jazeera. In teaching, Riaz taught courses at all levels, and Pi Sigma Alpha recognized him with the Excellence in Teaching Award in 2006. He will return to the faculty to teach and conduct research.

Professor Wang named next department chair

Professor T.Y. Wang has been named the next chairperson of the Department of Politics and Government. He will succeed Professor Ali Riaz on July 1, 2017. Wang was selected by a search committee headed by Cooper Cutting of the Department of Psychology and Chris De Santis of the Department of English. Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Greg Simpson announced the selection on February 28.

Professor T.Y. Wang joined the department in 1990 after receiving his Ph.D. from the State University of New York at Buffalo. He quickly rose through the ranks to become full profes-



Professor of Politics and Government T.Y. Wang

sor in 2002. He is an internationally acclaimed expert on Taiwanese politics, U.S.-China relations, cross-Strait relations, and research methodology. He has written eight books/edited volumes and 40 articles/chapters. Wang has been co-editor of the Journal of Asian and African Studies since January 2004. He serves on the editorial board of a number of academic journals. He is an advisory board member of the Election Study Center of National Chengchi University in Taipei. Since 2007, Wang has served as the associate chair of the department.

Other members of the search committee were Professors Thomas McClure, Lori Riverstone-Newell, and Kerri Milita, AP/CS/NTT representative Erik Rankin and Graduate student representative Kelsie Diaz.

Steven Salaita presents Bone Distinguished Lecture

More than 200 students, faculty, and community members attended the 2016 Robert G. Bone Distinguished Lecture presented October 10 by Steven Salaita.

Salaita's presentation, "Critical Thinking in a New-liberal Age," explored various notions of academic freedom. He argued that certain neo-liberal values adopted by universities are in direct conflict with the practice of academic freedom. Salaita emphasized the importance of critical thinking for maintaining academic freedom on a vibrant campus.



Steven Salaita

Salaita currently holds the Edward W. Said Chair of American Studies at the American University of Beirut. His career attracted national attention when the University of Illinois withdrew its offer of employment as a tenured faculty over Salaita's controversial tweets on the 2014 Israel-Gaza conflict.

The Distinguished Lecture is named after Illinois State's ninth president, Robert G. Bone, who led the University between 1956 and 1967. This lecture rotates among three departments: Politics and Government, History, and Sociology and Anthropology. The 2016 lecture was a part of the yearlong celebration for the Department of Politics and Government's 50th anniversary.

Students and professors address global water problems in Sweden

Professor Noha Shawki and Julian Westerhout accompanied a group of 12 political science students to attend World Water Week from August 28 to September 2.

World Water Week is an annual event held in Stockholm, Sweden, that brings together several thousand participants representing the full range of stakeholders (governments, international organizations, the scientific and research



Participants of the 2016 World Water Week.

community, the private sector, and civil society) to discuss global water issues from different perspectives, share experiences, and develop solutions that can address global water problems, which impact a variety of other sectors such as agriculture and food security, energy, and public health.

In preparation for attending World Water Week, students composed summaries and reflections on a variety of readings over the summer. The readings were selected to help students understand critical sustainability issues from a global perspective, using water as a lens through which to study sustainable development. The readings encouraged students to study and engage with environmental, economic, and social dimensions of sustainable development. Attending World Water Week provided them with the opportunity to engage with the global discourse surrounding sustainable development.

Brown Bag

Throughout the year, Professor Jakeet Singh coordinated five Brown Bag presentations that were enjoyed by faculty and students.

Professor Carl Palmer presented an ongoing research project in the Departmental Brown Bag series on February 17, 2016. The research is entitled “Selective Perception of Ambiguous Stimuli,” which is part of a collaborative project with Eric Wesselmann in psychology. The project examines how individual’s partisan identification influences the characteristics they ascribe to political candidates. They find that individuals are heavily biased by their partisanship, evaluating in-party candidates favorably and denigrating out-party candidates.

Professor Kam Shapiro presented “Residues: Legacies and Implications of Vilfredo Pareto’s Theory of Affective Politics” April 13, in the department’s conference room. Shapiro explores Vilfredo Pareto’s descriptions of senti-



Professor Kam Shapiro presents to faculty and graduate students.

mental “residues” and their discursive “derivations,” highlighting some parallels with contemporary theories of affective politics. Pareto’s influential, but now little-read work *Mind and Society* informed theorists of leadership democracy, such as Joseph Schumpeter. More recently, a variety of contemporary authors have sought to identify or promote sensibilities proper to participatory democracy. Like Pareto, but clearly rejecting his political conclusions, they suggest that political movements involve dynamic interactions of political messages with unequally distributed and historically variable affects. Having outlined these comparisons, Shapiro seeks to clarify the terms of departure for theories of radical democracy.

At the last Brown Bag presentation of spring 2016, Professor T.Y. Wang presented his co-authored research entitled “Taiwan Citizens’ Views of China: What Are the Effects of Cross-Strait Contacts?” Employing contact theory and two waves of survey data coupled with information gathered from focus group interviews, the research shows that casual encounters with Chinese tourists have no effect on Taiwan citizens’ general perception of China. Serious infractions in the form of friendship moderate the island residents’ unfavorable feelings of Chinese citizens but have no effects on their perception of a hostile Beijing. Policy implications and methodological issues were also discussed at the presentation.

Professor Lane Crothers presented in fall 2016. Crothers talked to colleagues and students about his Fulbright experience as the Bicentennial Chair in North American Studies at the University of Helsinki. While in Sweden, Crothers taught two courses each semester and conducted research on the globalization of American popular culture across the Nordic region. He also presented 13 talks at various venues and conferences, both within Finland and in the U.K. and Germany as well. Crothers also had the opportunity to travel with his family extensively, including trips north of the Arctic Circle, and to Tallinn, Estonia; Stockholm; St. Petersburg; Copenhagen; Munich; Heidelberg, Germany; and Salzburg, Austria. “It was an amazing experience for all,” Crothers said.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Since his retirement from the Department of Politics and Government in 2012, **Professor Emeritus Robert Bradley** has maintained his interest in politics and law and continues to actively promote civic education. He does occasional media interviews and makes presentations to a



variety of community organizations and groups that foster lifelong learning such as the Illinois State University Senior Professionals, Luther Oaks Academy, and Illinois Wesleyan’s Lunch and Learn series.

He and his wife, former International Admissions officer Maureen (Reenie Morgan) Bradley (a 1983 ISU graduate) split their time between Bloomington-Normal and the Gulf Coast community of Dunedin, Florida. Their daughter, Erin Bradley, and son-in-law, Luke Broholm, reside in Chicago,

While golf, fishing, and birdwatching have become priorities since his retirement, Bradley is an active volunteer in both Bloomington-Normal and Dunedin, assisting with food banks,

nature preserves, hospitals, and museums. He has served on several not-for-profit boards, consulted with the Illinois and Florida Supreme Courts on access to justice concerns, and was a member of the Normal Planning Commission. He currently serves on the Adlai E. Stevenson Memorial Lecture Series board and is the vice president of a condo association board.

His current projects include landscaping, disaster relief, assisting in the setup of EKG testing stations for the Young Hearts for Life program, community development, and co-curating an updated politics gallery at the McLean County Museum of History by conducting research and developing exhibit designs.

Bradley enjoyed his 30 years in the department and working with students on a vast array of out-of-the-classroom projects from exploring the halls of government in Washington, D.C., to attending a national party convention in Los Angeles. He firmly believes that the department provides the best undergraduate learning environment in Illinois for political science. He would love to hear from former students and welcomes them to visit in Bloomington or Dunedin. He can be reached at rbradley@illinoisstate.edu

Politics and Government graduate students Kelsie Diaz and Jaimie Kent presented their experiences from the Women’s March on Washington at the first Brown Bag talk of the semester on February 1, 2017. They presented photos and videos and discussed what they hoped to achieve and what was accomplished by attending the march. The presentation was followed by a brief dialogue with other graduate students and faculty, focusing on critiques of the march, next steps to take, and overall thoughts on the movement.

Department hosts student conference

The Department of Politics and Government of Illinois State University held the 24th annual Conference for Students of Political Science at Bone Student Center on April 22, 2016.

The conference was cosponsored by Pi Sigma Alpha, the national honor society of



Professor Carl Palmer and keynote speaker Professor Debra Leiter

political science. About 60 graduate and undergraduate students representing 12 colleges and universities participated in the conference and presented their research. Topics of these papers included political theory, group identity, international organizations, social justice, poverty and development, human rights, and international conflicts, among others. All the student papers can be viewed at the department conference website.

The Department of Politics and Government was represented well with nine undergraduate and eight graduate students serving as chairs, discussants, and paper presenters.

Professor Debra Leiter, Department of Political Science, University of Missouri, Kansas City, offered the keynote luncheon address entitled “Let’s Give Them Something to Talk About: Political Communication and Vote in East and West Germany.” Examining German citizens’ electoral behavior, she showed that political communication had a significant effect on how and why voters split their tickets in the 1990 election.

The 2016 student conference was organized by Professor Carl Palmer.

Cherie Valentine publishes circus article

Cherie Valentine, department office manager, recently published a 26-page article in the *Bandwagon*, a journal of the Circus Historical Society. The article, “The Valentine Fam-



Cherie Valentine displays her published article.

ily of Flyers of Bloomington, Illinois: Brothers George, Bill, Fred and Roy.” The four brothers all had flying trapeze acts. George was Valentine’s father. The article traces their circus history from about 1927 until 1949. There are 24 photos included in the article. Part 2 of the article will be published in March and will continue their history from 1950. Valentine’s parents were the Flying Valentinos; Bill’s act was the Flying LaVals; Fred’s act was the Flying Valentines, and the youngest brother, Roy, called his flying act the Flying Romas. The whole journal had five authors, including two from Milner Library, with articles about the circus history of Bloomington.

FACULTY AND SCHOLARLY NEWS

Scholarly activities

Professor Osaore Aideyan authored/co-authored three book chapters: “Trade and Development,” “Health Care,” and “Political Parties and Health Care in The United States.” He also authored/co-authored three journal articles: “Political Openness in Post Authoritarian Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA)” (*Journal of Third World Studies*), “Political and Institutional Prerequisites for Monetary Union,” and “Credit Provision for the Poor” (both in *Poverty and Public Policy*) and made two conference presentations.

Professor Michaelene Cox published an article entitled “The Visual Politics of Portraying Power: Images of the Police and Military in Stock Photography” (in *Innovative Issues and Approaches in Social Sciences*) and made a conference presentation of “Idiosyncrasies in Open Government” at the Midwest Political Science

Association (MPSA) annual meeting. She also submitted an external grant application.

Professor Lane Crothers published two book chapters: “Are Drones a Threat to American Civil Liberties?” and “Political Culture” in *American Government Idea Exchange* and in *American Government*, respectively. In addition to making three presentations in the U.S., he also gave nine invited talks at such international venues as American Resource Center in Helsinki and Eccles Centre for North American Studies Reading, U.K.

Professor Meghan Leonard submitted a grant application to the National Science Foundation. She also made four presentations at such national conferences as the American Political Science Association (APSA) and State Politics and Policy.

Professors Nancy Lind, Erik Rankin and G. Harris co-edited *Today’s Economic Issues: Democrats and Republicans*. Lind also published four chapters titled “Garbage Can Model of Decision-making,” “Representative Bureaucracy,” “Flat Tax,” and “Rating the Presidents Poll.”



Professor Thomas McClure published an article entitled “Do Judicial Elections Impact the Perception of Impartiality?” (*Justice System Journal*) and made a conference presentation at the 35th American Association for Paralegal Education Conference.

Professor Kerri Milita presented seven papers at such conferences as the MPSA and the Midwest Psychological Association (MPA). One of the conference papers was co-authored with two students. She also participated in 19 media interviews on the 2016 presidential election.

Professor Carl Palmer published a paper entitled “Priming Assad: Ethnic Priming and Attitudes Toward Military Action in Syria” in *Foreign Policy Analysis*. He made four conference presentations and co-organized a symposium (with Kerri Milita) at the MPA. He also submitted an external grant application. He was frequently interviewed by local media on the 2016 presidential election.

Professor Carlos Parodi made a presentation at the 34th Latin American Studies Association (LASA) Annual International Meeting and presented another co-authored paper at the MPSA (with Osaore Aideyan). He also organized a panel at LASA.

Professor Ali Riaz published two books—a single-authored book titled *Bangladesh: A Political History since Independence* (I B Tauris), and a co-edited volume Routledge Handbook



of Contemporary Bangladesh (Routledge). He published three book chapters, “Modi’s South Asia Reset” (in Yamini Chowdhury and Anusua Diya Chowdhury eds, *Modi’s Men & the World: The Ring view Inside Out*, Bloomsbury India), “Political Parties, Elections and Party Systems” (in Ali Riaz and Muhammad Sajjadur Rahman, eds., Routledge Handbook of Contemporary Bangladesh, Routledge). “Introduction” (co-authored Muhammad Sajjadur Rahman, in *Routledge Handbook of Contemporary Bangladesh*. He co-authored (with Sumit Ganguly) an article in *Foreign Affairs* titled, “Bangladesh’s Homegrown Problem: Dhaka and the Terrorist Threat,” published an article titled “Bangladesh: Islamist Militancy, Democracy Deficit and Where to Next?” in the Aljazeera Center for Studies Report. He also published seven non-refereed articles in the Daily Star (Bangladesh) and the website of the DW (Deutsche Welle, German international broadcaster). Riaz made



six invited presentations—at Columbia University, UC Berkeley, Brac University (Dhaka), Heritage Foundation, and Foreign and Commonwealth Office of the United Kingdom. His book was launched at the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars at Washington D.C. He presented three conference papers: “Religion in Public Life in Bangladesh: Elite-Mass Disconnect?” at the 45th South Asia Conference at University of Wisconsin-Madison; “A Taxonomy of Political Violence in South Asia” at the 24th European Conference on South Asian Studies at Warsaw, Poland; and *The Collapse and the Restoration of Political Settlement*, at the 24th World Congress of Political Science of the International Political Science Association at Poznan, Poland. He was frequently interviewed by international media such as CNN International, BBC, VOA, German Radio DW, and was quoted in *Time*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Wall Street Journal*, among other media. He also appeared on local media such as WGLT and WBMD.

FACULTY RECOGNIZED

Professor Singh Wins APSA Feminist Theory Award

Professor Jakeet Singh has been awarded the American Political Science Association’s Okin-Young Award. Co-sponsored by three sections—Women and Politics, Foundations of Political Theory, and the Women’s Caucus for Political Science, the Okin-Young Award in Feminist Political Theory commemorates the scholarly, mentoring, and professional contributions of Susan Moller Okin and Iris Marion Young to the development of the field of feminist political theory. This annual award recognizes the best paper on feminist political theory published in an English language academic journal during the previous calendar year.



Professor Jakeet Singh

Previous recipients have included leading theorists such as Bonnie Honig and Joan Tronto. Singh was awarded for his paper title “Religious Agency and the Limits of Intersectionality” published in *Hypatia*, Volume 30, Issue 4, 657–674, Fall 2015.

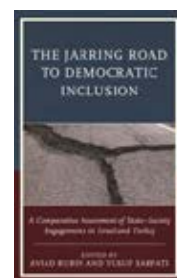
Professors McClure and Westerhout Receive Impact Award

Professors Tom McClure and Julian Westerhout were among the recipients of the 2016 Impact Awards. This award is designed to show appreciation for the impact individual members of the campus community have on new students and student retention. Recipients include faculty, staff, upper classmen, resident assistants, and others who made a difference for new freshmen and new transfer students in their first year at Illinois State. They were recognized at a special event on April 22, 2016.



From left, Professors Tom McClure and Julian Westerhout at the Impact Awards ceremony.

Professor Tiffany S. Puckett defended her dissertation and graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a Ph.D. She made a presentation entitled “Pregnant and Parenting Students” at the Annual Conference of the Education Law Association.



Professor Yusuf Sarfati published a co-edited volume, *The Jarring Road to Democratic Inclusion: A Comparative Assessment of State-society Engagements in Israel and Turkey* (Lexington Books). In addition to the co-authored introduction chapter, the book contains his single-authored chapter entitled “Political Mobilization through Religious Schooling.” He also gave two invited guest lectures at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and one presentation at Moses Montefiore Temple in Bloomington.

Professor Kam Shapiro published a journal article entitled “Assembling Counter-Majorities” (*Polity*). He also made a conference presentation on “The Impoliteness of Smart Power” at the annual meeting of the APSA.

Professor Noha Shawki published an edited volume titled *International Norms, Normative Change, and the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals* (Lexington Books). She also published three journal articles titled “Norms and Normative Change in World Politics” (in *Global Change, Peace & Security*), “Norm-based Advocacy and Social Change” (in *Social Alternatives*) and “The Work that Makes all Other Work Possible” (in *Journal for Peace and Justice Studies*). She also made a conference presentation at the MPSA annual meeting.

Professor Jakeet Singh published an essay in *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, an international journal of critical and democratic theory, and made a conference presentation at the WPSA.



Professor T.Y. Wang published a co-authored book chapter entitled “Split-ticket Voting under MMM” (in *Mixed-Member Electoral Systems in Constitutional Context* (University of Michigan Press)) and two posts in the *Monkey Cage* of The Washington Post and one commentary in the *China Policy Institute Blog*, University of Nottingham, U.K. In addition to seven single-authored and co-authored conference presentations, he also submitted two external grant applications. He was invited to conduct methodology workshops in Taiwan and was interviewed by international media on events in East Asia.



Professor Julie A. Weber published a book chapter entitled “The Achievements of Feminism in IR” (in *Modern Theory, Modern Power*,

World Politics, Ashgate) and a co-edited *Expanding Curriculum Theorizing* (2nd edition, Routledge). She also made a conference presentation at the MPSA on “Grisly Feminism”.

Professor L.J. Zigerell published a co-authored post “Not all whites are ethnocentric” in the Monkey Cage of *The Washington Post* (with Arafat Kabir, a graduate student). He also made a conference presentation at the MPSA on “From the Social Science File Drawer”.

Overall, in 2016, faculty members of the Department of Politics and Government published five authored/edited volumes, 19 journal articles, 18 book chapters, four posts and/or blogs. They made 56 conference presentations, which include conference papers and invited presentations at international, national, and regional venues. They have also appeared in local, national, and international media. These accomplishments demonstrate that the department has a very active and productive faculty who are involved in a wide range of research and teaching projects.

STUDENT NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Mock trial team continues reputation of excellence

In 2016, the Illinois State University mock trial team continued its tradition of excellence. The team consisted of two squads for the 2015-16 season.

Both squads participated in the Indiana University tournament held in January. The Redbirds participated in the American Mock Trial Association (AMTA) regional in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. For the eighth straight year, an Illinois State team advanced to the Opening Round Championship Series (ORCS). ISU squad 1081 earned this right after garnering a



2016-2017 Mock Trial Team

5-3 record. Squad 1082 also achieved a 5-3 record and ultimately won an “open bid” to participate in ORCS in Geneva.

ISU began its 2016-17 season in the fall at the Wheaton College Invitational followed by tournaments at Bradley University, Illinois State University, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Lewis University. Illinois State took third place at the Lewis Tournament. In 2016, individual participants earned 13 awards. The AMTA ranked ISU the 121st team in the nation (out of 620).

Illinois State hosted its 15th annual mock trial invitational. Thirty-one teams from across the Midwest competed in the tournament. ISU ranked 13th with a 4-3-1 record. The mocking birds competed against Wheaton College, Loras College, Northern Illinois University, and Eastern Kentucky University. Many alumni and local attorneys served as judges for the competition.

Illinois State alumnus and former mock trial participant Scott Kording '02 is the attorney coach. Kording, based in Bloomington, is a partner of Meyer Capel, a Central Illinois law firm. Tristan Bullington, a McLean County attorney in private practice, is the assistant attorney coach. Director of legal studies and as-

sociate professor, Tom McClure '76, M.S. '01 serves as the educator coach.

The Illinois State University Mock Trial Program continues to offer an excellent opportunity for students to get a taste of what takes place in litigation. Many alumni have become successful in a number of fields, including the legal profession. Recent mock trial alums went on to attend law school. Schools include Chicago-Kent College of Law, DePaul University, John Marshall College of Law, Southern Illinois University, the University of Illinois, University of Missouri-Kansas City, University of Wisconsin, and the University of Iowa.

Model UN team recognized

The ISU Model United Nations team was recognized as an “Honorable Mention Delegation” at the end of the weeklong annual National Model United Nations (NMUN) conference.

A group of 12 politics and government students led by faculty advisor Noha Shawki participated in the NMUN conference in New York City March 27-31, 2016. The students who participated in the Model UN program this year are: Ania Alfano, Tyler Bohannon, Frank Cassata, Dana Cichon, Kaitlyn Goo-

HONORS/AWARDS

The annual Department of Politics and Government and Pi Sigma Alpha Awards Ceremony was held April 20, 2016, in the Circus Room, Bone Student Center. The following students and faculty received recognition:

Pi Sigma Alpha inductees

Theresa Carter	Caroline Kernan
Tyler Carter	Megan Kreke
Brenan Chacon	Andrew Luckey
Dana Cichon	Karan Mehta
Kelly Franklin	Simone Newsome
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Coretta Jackson	

Hibbert R. Roberts Outstanding Senior Award

Frank Cassata

Alice Ebel Outstanding Graduating Senior Award

Ellyse Weatherly

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Kelly Franklin

John P. Freese Scholarship Award

Madeline Herrman



2016 Model UN Team Members

drum, Savannah Harrington, Jennifer Hatt, Megan Kreke, Ryan Mackie, Ryan Myers, Melissa Ward, and Aleksandra Wolan.

The ISU delegation represented Bosnia and Herzegovina on six different committees, and each student researched a number of global issues. These issues included transnational organized crime and its threats to international security; promoting access to renewable and sustainable energy for poverty reduction and sustainable development; special political missions and the future of UN peacekeeping and peace operations; building resilient cities to promote climate change and disaster risk reduction; plastic debris in the world's oceans; and adapting to recent developments in small arms and light weapons technology. Besides researching a variety of global issues and Bosnia and Herzegovina's policy positions, students also studied the UN's rules of procedure.

The "Honorable Mention" recognition reflects students' deep knowledge of the global issues they debated with other delegates, their correct application of the rules of procedure, and their leadership in proposing creative solutions to critical global problems and in drafting working papers jointly with other delegates and working to create consensus around these working papers.

Legal studies major Haley Stratton wins paralegal scholarship

The Central Illinois Paralegal Association offers students in a paralegal studies program the opportunity to be the recipient of a \$500 scholarship. CIPA recently solicited essays from area

paralegal students, reviewed the submissions, and named Illinois State University legal studies major Haley Stratton the winner of this competitive award. She won the award for her essay entitled, "Accomplishing Your Dreams." Stratton transferred to ISU last fall. She has been named to the Dean's List every semester she has attended this university.

Stratton was honored at the June meeting of CIPA and had the opportunity to attend the annual educational seminar in September.

CIPA is a NALA Affiliate and is composed of volunteer paralegals working every day to advance the paralegal profession.



Haley Stratton

Stevenson Center Student Spotlight: Eliud Uresti

Missoula Economic Partnership is new among the diverse organizations hosting Stevenson Center graduate students. Applied Community and Economic Development (ACED) Fellow Eliud Uresti is completing his professional practice there as part of his master's degree in political science.

Prior to attending Illinois State, Uresti served two 10-month terms with AmeriCorps in Texas. He was a college advisor for high school students and then an early childhood literacy tutor.

"During both of my terms, I served at schools located in low-income areas. Many of the hardships students encountered with school work were not due to inadequate instruction or intellectual capacities, but rather to environmental factors such as proper health care, poverty, or unstable home situations," Uresti said.

Uresti chose to pursue graduate studies at Illinois State to build on his newly developed, enlightened view of how social issues are intricately intertwined. The ACED Fellows Program



ACED Fellow Eliud Uresti (right) on a tour with colleagues at the Clearas Water Recovery Plant in Missoula, Montana.

at the Stevenson Center for Community and Economic Development enhances the skills of experienced students working to become the new generation of development specialists.

Fellows complete one calendar year of full-time course work followed by 11 months of hands-on professional practice with communities or organizations needing the skills and expertise these students possess.

Stevenson Center partners with new host organization

Uresti is completing his professional practice at Missoula Economic Partnership (MEP), which has never before hosted a Stevenson Center Fellow. According to its website, MEP is a non-profit, public-private partnership that "works to foster business diversity, sustainability, and job development across industries in the Missoula area."

Uresti is working on a survey to evaluate the strengths and challenges of the existing economic ecosystem in Missoula. He will use data from interviews to develop the survey and then collect responses from local businesses. The ultimate goal is to support the creation of MEP's five-year business retention and expansion strategic plan.

Jenn Ewan is the vice president of MEP and Uresti's direct supervisor. In a recent evaluation of his work Ewan commented: "This was our first year participating in the (Stevenson Center) program, and it has been a huge help to have Eliud here."

"Being able to successfully perform in a variety of different types of systematic structures, and with different types of people within those structures, is what I value most from being a part of groups like the Stevenson Center ACED program and AmeriCorps," Uresti said.

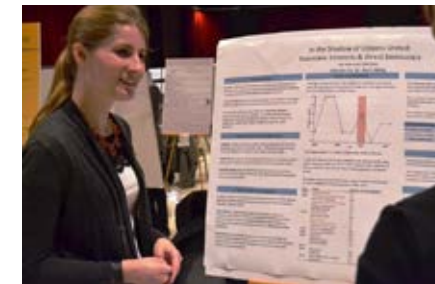
Meaningful professional practice experiences through host organizations like MEP draw students to the Stevenson Center's Fellows Programs. Other current host organizations include: City of Bloomington; Community Development Commission of Mendocino County (CA); Credit Builders Alliance (Washington, D.C.); Center for Financial Services Innovation (Washington, D.C.); Dakota Resource Council; East Central Illinois Area Agency on Aging; Housing Action Illinois; Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee (WI); Invest Aurora; Montana & Idaho Community Development Corporation; and United Way of McLean County.

Security expert speaks to students

Lt. Colonel Mark Johnson (retired) spoke to Professor Sherri Replogle's International Conflict and Security class on March 16th. Johnson, who served in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kosovo, shared with students highlights of his career in intelligence operations at the strategic, operational, and tactical levels.

Student presentations and publications

The students of the department continued to demonstrate excellence and merit in different venues. Three graduate students published their studies in professional outlets or presented their research at conferences. Fahmida Zaman



Students proudly present their posters at the 2016 University Research Symposium

published two articles: "Death of 1971 in Bangladesh Popular Memory" in South Asia Journal, and "Agencies of Social Movements" in the Journal of Asian and African Studies. She also presented a paper titled "State Formation in Bangladesh: An Incomplete Project?" at the 45th annual South Asia conference. Arafat Kabir published a co-authored post "Not all whites are ethnocentric" in the Monkey Cage of The Washington Post (with Dr. LJ Zigerell). Jaimie Kent submitted a co-authored paper (with Michaelene Cox) titled "Political Science Student Journals" to a professional journal. Two undergraduate students received awards. Frank Cassata was the recipient of the Grabill-Homan

FIELD AWARDS

Comparative Government/International Relations

Aleksandra Wolan

American Government

Jason Kokkat

Public Administration

Matt Garrison

Public Law

Nickolas Anton

Outstanding Legal Studies Student

Collin Burnett

Graduate Student Civic Engagement Award

Julia Neaves

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Noha Shawki

Hibbert R. Roberts Teaching Excellence Recognition Award

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COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

Each week the college publishes a weekly electronic newsletter, CASNews. It shares the latest achievements of faculty, staff, students, and alumni. If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically, please send an email message to casnews@illinoisstate.edu.

Peace Prize. Coretta Johnson was awarded the Dorothy E. Lee Scholarship. Meanwhile, nine undergraduate and eight graduate students participated in the 24th Annual Conference for Students of Political Science, April 22, 2016, serving as chairs, discussants, and paper presenters. Jessica Linder, a graduate student, received the 2016 Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Award for "Pro-Poor Tourism." The department was also represented well in the 2016 annual Univer-

sity Research Symposium held at Bone Student Center on April 8, 2016, with 26 undergraduate and graduate students presenting their research. Their work touched on such topics as same sex marriage, international law, tourism and poverty, minimum wage, direct democracy, and Syrian refugees. Individual presenters were undergraduates Keith Caquelin, Frank Cassata, Joseph Conroy, Hannah Mathes and graduates Nicholas Canfield, Kelsie Diaz, Caleb Griffin,

Jessica Linder, Kirk Richardson, and Taryn Butler. Group presenters were undergraduates Tyler Carter, Stephen DeMay, Daniel Giron, Ryann Hemphill, Brendon Hennessy, Deanna Horton, Viora Ibishi, Patrick Jennrich, Ramona Khachi, Maida Ljuscic, Darby Martinez, Kyle Matus, James Neiveem, Brandon Swiderski, and Emil Vilasanta, and graduate student Bethan Owen. Faculty mentors were Michaelene Cox, Kerri Milita, Carl Palmer, and T.Y. Wang.

ALUMNI NEWS

POL Alum inducted into CAS Hall of Fame

Politics and Government alumna Col. (retired) Denise K. Vowell, U.S. Army, was inducted into the College of Arts and Sciences Hall of Fame in a formal ceremony on April 2. In recognition of the department's contribution to her



Denise Vowell presents to students in Professor L.J. Zigerell's Judicial Politics class.

outstanding career success, Vowell also kindly visited Professor L. J. Zigerell's Judicial Politics class (POL 215) on April 1, inspiring students with her talk about her experience in the Army and her career path afterwards.

Vowell is an honors graduate of Illinois State University and the University of Texas School of Law (J.D., 1981) and a distinguished graduate of the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (M.S. in National Resource Strategy, 1998). She enlisted in the Army in 1973 while an undergraduate at Illinois State and received a direct commission in the Women's Army Corps (WAC) in 1974.

Vowell served as a military police officer before being selected for the Army's funded legal education program. While an Army officer, she served as a tort litigation attorney, prosecutor, defense counsel, chief legal officer, and as both a trial and appellate judge. She retired from the

Army as the chief trial judge in January, 2006. She was the first woman to serve in that capacity. Vowell was then appointed as special master, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, on February 1, 2006. She was designated chief special master by the court effective September 19, 2013.

Vowell is the author of articles appearing in the *American Journal of Criminal Law and Military Law Review*, as well as numerous published and unpublished opinions as an associate judge, U.S. Army Court of Criminal Appeals. She was a frequent guest lecturer on trial advocacy, evidence, and procedure at the Army's Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School.

She is a member of the National Association of Women Judges and has served as chair of the Military Courts committee. For many years she advised a Senior Girl Scout troop and an all-girl Boy Scout Venturing Crew in the Bailey's Crossroads area of Northern Virginia, where she resides. She is an avid backpacker and is currently in the process of thru-hiking the Appalachian Trail.

Alum Daniel Wienecke honored for leadership

Daniel Wienecke, M.S. '07, an alum of the graduate program in political science, was featured in *New York Elite Magazine* for being "an



Daniel Wienecke at the Global Ties National Meeting in Washington, D.C.

inspirational leader who has made a difference in his community and in the United States." As program manager for WorldDenver, Wienecke has achieved milestones for the leadership and cultural program. Honored with the "Programmer of the Year" award, Wienecke embodies the qualities of an inspirational leader by going beyond serving others and helping others succeed.

Homecoming 2016

The Department of Politics and Government was honored to host three distinguished alums for the 2016 Alumni Day/Homecoming festivi-



T.Y. Wang; Monica Fortune-Wilks '95, M.S. '97; Scott Bennett '98; Nancy Lind; Tom McClure '76, M.S. '01; Lane Crothers; Ali Riaz; James Keith '86, M.S. '10.

ties. Sen. Scott Bennett represents the 52nd District in the Illinois State Senate. Lt. Col. James Keith is director of Community Impact for the United Way of Decatur and Mid-Illinois. And, Monica Fortune-Wilks is human resources director for YWCA McLean County.

The department also hosted a tailgating tent for students, alumni, faculty, staff, and their families. The day included food, drink, games, conversation, team spirit, and a great time for all!



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