



POLITICAL SCIENCE NEWS



Greetings!

We are glad to present to you the 2018 newsletter from the Department of Political Science at the University of Memphis. As always, we can report numerous new developments and many accomplishments since our last newsletter. Political Science had another very good year in 2017-18.

In some of our faculty highlights, **Dr. Dursun Peksen** was promoted to full professor. He has published more than 40 articles in numerous prestigious journals. During the fall of 2017, Dr. Peksen served as interim chair of the department. Together with **Dr. Nicole Detraz**, Dr. Peksen is now editor of the *International Studies Review* - a leading journal in international relations published by the International Studies Association. Meanwhile, Dr. Detraz received the 2018 Alumni Association's Distinguished Research Award and she was named a Dunavant Professor by the College of Arts and Sciences for 2017. The Dunavant Professorship is awarded by the college for faculty who have exhibited exceptional achievement in teaching, scholarship, service and outreach. Dr. Detraz also received a book contract from MIT Press for her book project on perceptions of women in climate change debates titled *More Than Victimhood: Examining Women's Roles in Climate Change*. And, if that was not enough, in December 2017, Dr. Detraz and Dr. Peksen became parents of a son - Ali John Peksen.

Among **Dr. Michael Sances'** numerous articles, one was published in the *American Political Science Review*, the leading journal in political science. He also received another two years of grant funding from the Russell Sage Foundation to study the ongoing political impacts of the Affordable Care Act health reform. **Dr. Eric Groenendyk's** work on motivated political reasoning, the role of emotions in politics, and political polarization led to several journal publications. **Dr. Shelby Grossman**

continued work on her book manuscript *The Politics of Order in Informal Markets*. She received grants from the Economic Development Initiatives and the Centre for Economic Policy Research to support research on when and why traders share information about suppliers who have cheated them. **Dr. Sharon Stanley** received a Professional Development Assignment for 2018-19 to support work on her new project juxtaposing the discourse of post-racialism in the United States to the discourse of racial democracy in Brazil.

In 2017-18, six students graduated with their MA and 52 Political Science majors graduated with their BA. As of fall 2018, 48 of our undergraduate majors are enrolled in the Helen Hardin Honors College - a record number for us. In other exciting student news, Political Science major **Molly Stout** presented her paper "A Bloody Economy: How Unstable Economies Led to Civil War After the Fall of the U.S.S.R" at the Midwest Political Science Association convention.

We hope that you enjoy reading about some of the activities and accomplishments of the Political Science department. We are very proud of our alums, and would very much like to hear from you. Please share with us news about what you are doing now, and let us know if you would like to be involved in supporting your Department of Political Science. You can email me at mkaelbrr@memphis.edu. Also, please feel free to join our group on Facebook. You can find us under *University of Memphis Department of Political Science Alumni*. There you will find updates on developments in the department and you have another way of communicating with us. We look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially,

Matthias Kaelberer

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Department Chair

FACULTY PROFILE



Dr. Dursun Peksen (PhD, University of Missouri, 2008) joined the department in 2012. His teaching and research interests revolve around the subjects of foreign policy, international political economy and human rights. He has published more than 40 journal articles and edited a book on international democracy promotion. His published articles appeared in such prestigious academic journals as *European Journal of International Relations*, *European Journal of Political Research*, *International Interactions*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Politics*, *Political Research Quarterly* and *World Development*. His work on economic sanctions, human rights and military interventions has been used in policy reports published by the United Nations, European Union and other organizations. His research has also been cited in several prominent news outlets such as the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *CNN Money* and *the Atlantic*. He wrote opinion pieces that summarize some of his research findings for *Harvard Business Review*, *Newsweek*, *Foreign Policy*, *The Diplomat* and the *Washington Post's* Monkey Cage blog. He was invited to present his research on economic sanctions at the UN's Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Geneva, Switzerland) and delivered research talks or attended workshops at Duke University, Rice University, University of South Carolina and other institutions. He is currently editor for the journal *International Studies Review* and served as president of the International Studies Association-Midwest in 2016. He was promoted to full professor in September.

TENNESSEE LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The Tennessee General Assembly established the Tennessee Legislative Internship Program in 1972 to provide undergraduate and graduate students in Tennessee colleges and universities with an opportunity to work with and learn from leaders and lawmakers in our state. Every year, students from all over the state make application to this prestigious and competitive program. Applicants for the internship must be enrolled as juniors, seniors or graduate students with a minimum 3.0 GPA, and come from diverse disciplines like political science, social work, history, economics and more.

Students are encouraged to meet with the on-campus coordinator for this internship, Ebony Dawkins, as early as possible to plan for this internship, including learning about courses offered by the Department of Political Science that the General Assembly requests students take before beginning their tenure in the legislative internship program.

The University of Memphis staffs offices for both senators and representatives representing the Western District of Tennessee. While interning, students can expect to conduct bill analysis and constituent work, help with research on prospective legislation, and help in the management of legislative calendars. In addition to office responsibilities, students selected for this internship also enjoy exclusive tours of historic Tennessee sites in Nashville, philanthropic work, and even competitive intramural sports. While working in the legislature, students earn a weekly stipend of \$400 for relocation and adjustment purposes.

Alums of this program often receive offers to continue developing careers in state government, campaigning, and lobbying.



"I was given the opportunity to be active in the legislative process."

Cayna S., 109th Assembly Intern



"This internship is a treasure chest stocked with knowledge you could not learn in class."

Larry E., 109th Assembly Intern



"I would very much like to recommend this internship to other political science majors as well as outside majors...the connections are invaluable."

Gabrielle B., 109th Assembly Intern



"The internship provided insight into state level government and the critical role we play. Also, it showed me how much authority citizens can have when it comes to state government."

Courtney C., 109th Assembly Intern

INTERNEWS NETWORK STUDENT SUMMER FELLOWSHIP

Dr. Paul Mego worked during the fall and spring semester as liaison between the University of Memphis-Lambuth and the Washington, DC-based Internews Network to help establish the Shannon York Fellowship with Internews exclusively for a University of Memphis Lambuth student. The Shannon York Fellowship is a month-long, all-expenses paid opportunity for a UofM Lambuth student to work with the Internews Network in Washington, D.C. The Internews Network is an international nonprofit organization that works in more than 100 countries to ensure access to information. The fellowship with Internews was established to honor the memory of Shannon York, a long-time member of the organization, who was born and raised in Jackson, Tennessee and who attended the former Lambuth University (now the University of Memphis Lambuth). The first student Fellow, Hayes O'Donnell, a political science major at UofM Lambuth, spent the month of July in Washington, D.C., working closely with Internews. In addition to daily work at the Internews Network offices, Internews arranged for Hayes to have extensive meetings with Congressional staff in the offices of Senators Alexander and Corker, and Representatives Kustoff and Blackburn; to spend a day shadowing staff at the Washington-based United Nations Foundation; to meet with representatives of the U.S. Global Leadership Council, the Center for Strategic and International Studies, and the USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives; to attend a broadcast of National Public Radio's *All Things Considered*, as well as numerous other events and opportunities. Dr. Mego is working with Internews to establish The Shannon York Fellowship as an annual opportunity for a UofM Lambuth student.



POLITICAL SCIENCE HYBRID MAJOR GROWING AT UOFM LAMBUTH

Paralleling enrollment trends at the University of Memphis Lambuth, Political Science is becoming as increasingly attractive major. Currently eleven students have declared Political Science as a major for fall 2018 with senior lecturer in Political Science, Dr. Paul Mego as their primary adviser. This is an increase from six majors during the 2017-18 academic year. The hybrid major requires students to take at least 12-15 hours of classes online with 21-24 hours of classroom courses taught primarily by Dr. Mego.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS



The University of Memphis Model United Nations program continued in Spring 2018

with eight student-delegates attending the 58th Annual Midwest Model United Nations conference in St. Louis, Feb. 21-24. The UofM students represented the Russian Federation in a conference that saw approximately 400 student-delegates from 40 different colleges and universities representing about 75 different United Nations member-states during the four-day conference. The UofM Model UN program is sponsored in part by the Department of Political Science, with Dr. Paul Mego (senior lecturer in Political Science at the UofMLambuth in Jackson, Tennessee) accompanying the students as the Model United Nations program adviser, providing guidance in preparation and protocol for the UofM student-delegates attending this annual conference. Plans for UofM student-delegates to attend the 59th Midwest Model UN conference are already in place. The UofM will represent the Republic of Iraq in 2019.

DEPARTMENT NEWS



The Department of Political Science's Online BA program was ranked second in the country by **TheBestSchools.org**. This year, TheBestSchools.org reviewed all accredited online Bachelor's in Political Science

degree programs in the U.S. to select the Top 25 programs in the nation. Our program came in second. Please check out the rankings at: thebestschools.org/rankings/best-online-bachelors-political-science/



Dr. Nicole Detraz received the Alumni Association's Distinguished Research Award on April 30.



The Department of Political Science invited **Dr. Tommie Shelby** and **Dr. Brandon Terry** of Harvard University to speak about their new book *To Shape a New World: Essays on the Political Philosophy of Martin Luther King, Jr.* in conjunction with the University's MLK50 Symposium commemorating the 50th anniversary of Dr. King's passing on April 3.



On Feb. 22, **Shelby County Commissioners Reginald Milton and Van Turner** visited our State and Local Government Class.



Circuit Court Judge Mary Wagner also visited to share her views on local government, issues and careers in public service.



On Nov. 10, 2017, department alum **Dr. Chad Clay** assistant professor of International Relations at the University of Georgia, visited as a guest speaker for the department's lecture series and presented his paper titled "Capable of Shame? HRO Efforts, State Capacity, and Government Respect for Physical Integrity Rights."



On Oct. 6, 2017, **Dr. Emre Hatipoglu** of Sabanci University, Istanbul, brought his research to our lecture series with his paper "Identifying Turkish Opinion Leaders in the New Social Media."



Sept. 19, 2017: The Political Science department is well represented by faculty, current students and staff at the University's "**Discover Your Major Day.**"



Political Science **Fall 2017 Welcome Event and Luncheon** to meet and greet our incoming graduate student class!



In December 2017, **Dr. Nicole Detraz** and **Dr. Dursun Peksen** became parents of a son – Ali John Peksen. In our picture, he is wearing the appropriate Tiger outfit. Of course,

in our electronic files we have folders for student pictures, event pictures, alumni pictures, etc. This picture we saved in the folder for "faculty pictures."



In August, the **Social Science Research Council** blog published a post by **Victoria Potts, MA'18** (pictured here). The post describes events preceding

the removal of several Confederate monuments in Memphis and analyzes the sources of legitimacy of the government actors with authority over monument removal; items.ssrc.org/democratic-accountability-in-the-context-of-appointed-commissions/. Victoria originally wrote the post as part of a course titled Democratic Erosion, taught by **Dr. Shelby Grossman**. Democratic Erosion is a cross-university collaboration; it is taught at more than 20 universities in the U.S. and abroad.



Two UofM undergraduates who took the course (**Raza Galani** and **Hannah Shelton**), and one master's student (**Jordan Aulfinger**) participated in a student and faculty conference on democratic erosion at Brown in August. The conference aims to connect students who took the course and find areas for future research. To learn more about the cross-university collaboration, see: democratic-erosion.com/.

A Washington Post article on the course featured a quote from **Molly Winders**, another recent MA graduate: [washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/magazine/trumps-presidency-has-prompted-a-new-nationwide-college-course-on-why-democracies-collapse/2018/03/19/0b483652-165b-11e8-b681-2d4d462a1921_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.4702af703ad0](https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/magazine/trumps-presidency-has-prompted-a-new-nationwide-college-course-on-why-democracies-collapse/2018/03/19/0b483652-165b-11e8-b681-2d4d462a1921_story.html?noredirect=on&utm_term=.4702af703ad0). Shelby will continue teaching Democratic Erosion at the undergraduate level online in Spring of 2019.



On Nov. 9, the departments of Political Science and World Languages and Literatures will co-host a conference at the University of Memphis titled “The Politics and Poetics of Race in the Americas.” The conference will bring together six scholars from across the country to present their work on two panels: Lorraine Leu (University of Texas, Austin), Angelica Bernal (University of Massachusetts), Danielle Clealand (Florida International University), William Luis (Vanderbilt), Marilyn Miller (Tulane) and Lucia Costigan (Ohio State). The panels will be followed by a keynote address from Tianna Paschel (pictured here) from the University of California, Berkeley, titled “Rethinking Black Mobilization in Latin America.”

LISA HUFFSTETLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The University of Memphis has created the Lisa Huffstetler Memorial Scholarship in Political Science, thanks to a generous gift from Shannon Hayes, BA’09. Lisa Huffstetler had served as an instructor in the Department of Political Science for more than 10 years when she suddenly passed away in 2014. She touched the lives of her students, colleagues and friends in many different ways. Among Lisa Huffstetler’s most important activities were the development of online classes, her service as coordinator for the Legislative Internship Program, and her leadership in developing a study abroad program that took students to London and Berlin. Her work, which combined classroom teaching and personal development, prepared her students for future careers in public service, law, business, the nonprofit sector and other professional fields. Shannon Hayes was one of the students deeply touched by Lisa Huffstetler’s teaching and mentorship. Her generous gift in the form of a scholarship in Lisa Huffstetler’s memory is a testament to what a wonderful mentor she was to her students and how valuable she was to the Department of Political Science and the University.



Criteria for the scholarship are:

- Full-time undergraduate students majoring in Political Science classified as rising sophomores, juniors or seniors
- A personal statement from the student, sharing their accomplishments, hardships, interest in the field of Political Science or other relevant information
- A preference for students who were emancipated minors or adopted in their teen years
- A preference for need
- 2.5 minimum GPA, but students who have less than a 3.0 GPA should describe, in their personal statement, the circumstances which may have affected their GPA

This scholarship is being made available on our online Tiger Scholarship Manager this fall and will be awarded next spring for the following year. If other alumni and friends would like to contribute to the Lisa Huffstetler Memorial Scholarship, we would be very grateful for your support and thank you for your generosity. The scholarship is one more sign that Lisa Huffstetler’s contributions to this University as an instructor and as a mentor live on in the success of her former students.



STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Cayna Sharp, BA'18, received the Department of Political Science Outstanding Student Award. While in college, she was involved in numerous campus and volunteer activities, such as the University of Memphis Academic Counseling Center and the

Student Advocating Service Organization. She worked as a success coach with the Peer Power Foundation, and she served as a Certified First Generation Student Ambassador. She also interned with political campaigns, with political parties, with the Tennessee Legislature and with the Assisi Foundation of Memphis. In addition, she did a study abroad program at Al Akhawayn University in Ifrane, Morocco. Cayna is now a graduate student in our MA Program.



Mary Kate Schuster, BA'18, received the Department of Political Science Pre-Law Award. As a freshman, Mary was unaware that her dedication to social justice and passion for arguing would lead her to complete a political science degree in three

years, while simultaneously managing a local boutique, babysitting, and acquiring an internship. Mary is now a graduate student in our MA Program.



Ashley Lauren Courtney, BA'18, received the Department of Political Science John W. Burgess Award. While in college, Ashley was an active member and officer of Alpha Delta Pi sorority and the Panhellenic Council Executive Board. She was a three-term

Student Government Association senator. Ashley also served as the campaign scheduler and co-director of fundraising for the Kelsey for Congress 2016 campaign. And she served as a legal intern in the Political Corruption/Economic Crimes Division at the Shelby County District Attorney's Office. Ashley is now a student in the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis.



Molly Stout, BA'18 presented her paper "A Bloody Economy: How Unstable Economies Led to Civil War After the Fall of the U.S.S.R" at the Midwest Political Science Association convention on April 9. Molly is now a graduate student in our MA program.

ALUM PROFILE



Mark Schuermann, BA '90, graduated from

the University of Memphis with a double major in Political Science and International Studies. With the double major, he

was able to focus some of his coursework on his interests in international relations and international political economy, while taking advantage of interdisciplinary opportunities in business, economics, and history. During his college career he volunteered in political campaigns and interned in Al Gore's U.S. Senate office. That practical experience, combined with his undergraduate work at the UofM opened doors in Washington.

Mark Schuermann is currently a managing director and head of public affairs for the Americas at Nomura. Nomura is an Asia-based financial services group with an integrated global network spanning 30 countries. Schuermann helped establish the firm's Washington office in 2010 and leads the firm's presence in Washington, D.C., advocating Nomura's public policy priorities before Congress and the executive branch. He advises Nomura's senior management team on public policy issues. Prior to joining Nomura, Schuermann was senior vice president for Government Relations for the Financial Services Forum, an economic and financial policy organization representing the CEOs of 19 global financial companies operating in the U.S. Mr. Schuermann was also a senior director for federal government relations at Sallie Mae. As a senior staff member on Capitol Hill for 16 years, Schuermann worked on issues impacting the financial services sector, the federal budget, trade and education policy in the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate. Schuermann served as chief of staff to U.S. Representative Harold Ford, Jr., communications director for U.S. Senator Harry Reid and as legislative director for U.S. Representative Harold Ford Sr.

SELECTED FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Dr. Nicole Detraz continues her research and teaching in the areas of international relations and environmental politics. She was named a Dunavant Professor by the College of

Arts and Sciences for 2017. The Dunavant Professorship is awarded by the college for faculty who have exhibited exceptional achievement in teaching, scholarship, service and outreach. She also received the 2018 Alumni Association's Distinguished Research Award. Dr. Detraz recently received a book contract for her fourth book project. The manuscript explores the ways that women are framed in global debates about climate change. Using interview data and discourse analysis, the project highlights the various roles that women are understood to play in climate change research, teaching and policymaking.



Dr. Eric Groenendyk continues his work on motivated political reasoning, the role of emotions in politics, and political polarization. His newest project examines

Americans' views of what does and does not constitute racism. His article titled "Competing Motives in a Polarized Electorate: Policy Responsiveness, Identity Defensiveness, and the Rise of Parisian Antipathy" was published in the *Advances in Political Psychology* symposium on partisanship and mass polarization. He was also recently invited to contribute to a special issue of *Social Research* devoted to the theme of loyalty to commemorate the centennial of the New School for Social Research. Dr. Groenendyk is serving again as the department's graduate coordinator in fall 2018.



Dr. Shelby Grossman submitted her book manuscript, *The Politics of Order in Informal Markets*, for review in August. In 2018 she received GBP 55,000 (with Morgan Hardy

and Meredith Startz) to support research on when and why traders share information about suppliers who have cheated them. The grants are from Economic Development Initiatives and the Centre for Economic Policy Research. Dr. Grossman's primary current project is a randomized controlled trial evaluating the effect of a financial product to ease contracting frictions among Nigerian traders (with Meredith Startz). Dr. Grossman continues to serve as the director of graduate recruitment.



Dr. Matthias Kaelberer continues his research project on socio-political identity discourses in German soccer and society, and on issues related to Europe's single

currency, the euro. His article "Gender Trouble on the German Soccer Field: Can the Growth of Women's Soccer Challenge Hegemonic Masculinity?" was accepted for publication in the *Journal of Gender Studies*. His article "Sovereign Debt or Balance of Payments Crisis? Competing Explanations for the Greek Crisis" appeared in *Greece in the 21st Century: The Politics and Economics of a Crisis*, edited by Vassilis K. Fouskas and Constantine Dimoulas (Routledge 2018: 40-63). In spring and summer 2018, Dr. Kaelberer presented papers examining socio-political discourses on homosexuality and homophobia in German soccer at the International Studies Association convention and the International Conference on Sport and Society.



Dr. Dursun Peksen had a total of nine journal articles appear in print or forthcoming (accepted for publication) since January 2018. His published articles appeared in the *Review*

of *International Organizations*, *International Interactions*, *Politics and Gender*, *Sociological Forum* and *Defence and Peace Economics*. His articles accepted for publication will appear in *Conflict Management and Peace Science*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Political Research Quarterly* and *Politics and Gender*. He currently serves as editor of the journal *International Studies Review*. Dr. Peksen is the department's graduate retention coordinator and continues to serve on the University Graduate Council.



Dr. Michael Sances' article "The Politics of Policy: The Initial Mass Political Effects of Medicaid Expansion in the States" (with Joshua Clinton of Vanderbilt) was published

in the *American Political Science Review*, the top journal in the discipline. His paper "Something for Something: How and Why Direct Democracy Impacts Service Quality" was published in the *Quarterly Journal of Political Science*, and his work on "Exploitative Revenues, Law Enforcement, and the Quality of Government Service" (with Rebecca Goldstein of Harvard and Hye Young You of NYU) was accepted for publication at *Urban Affairs Review*. Sances has been awarded another two years of funding from the Russell Sage Foundation to study the ongoing political impacts of the Affordable Care Act health reform. In addition to his work on health care, Sances continues to research democratic accountability and local politics.



Dr. Sharon Stanley continues work on her new project juxtaposing the discourse of post-racialism in the United States to the discourse of racial democracy in Brazil. Two

articles derived from this project were published in 2018: "Creolizing Gilberto Freyre" in *Contemporary Political Theory* and "Alternative Temporalities: U.S. Post-Racialism and Brazilian Racial Democracy" in *Theory & Event*. She also participated in two events related to her 2017 book *An Impossible Dream? Racial Integration in the United States*: an invited book talk at Washington University in St. Louis and an Author Meets Critics panel at the Western Political Science Association conference in San Francisco. She will be on a Professional Development Assignment in 2018, and looks forward to presenting her work on Brazil in Bogotá, Colombia, and conducting further research in São Paulo, Brazil.

ALUMNI NEWS



Dr. Houston D. Davis, BA '95 was appointed president of the University of Central Arkansas.



Chad Clay, MA '07, was promoted to associate professor with tenure in the Department of International Affairs at the University of Georgia, where he now also serves as graduate coordinator for the Department of International Affairs. Chad's article "Threat by Example: Economic Sanctions & Global Respect for Human Rights" was published in the *Journal of Global Security Studies* 3 (2): 133-149. He also serves as editor of the *International Studies Review*.



Shannon Hayes, BA '07, now works for Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP as an associate in the Investment Management practice group. She was also appointed to the Board of Directors for the Children's Rescue Mission (crmission.org) and has been speaking at a women's empowerment series.

After finishing our MA, Pete Albrecht, BA '11, MA '13, received a second master's degree in epidemiology at University of Tennessee Health Science Center. He now works in a research and development capacity as a data scientist for Optum - the data analytics wing of the United Healthcare insurance company.

Maria F. Gibson, BA '13, received her JD from Florida Coastal School of Law, Jacksonville, in May 2016. She now works as an associate in the Jacksonville office of Quintairos, Prieto, Wood & Boyer, P.A., where she practices in the areas of premises liability, medical malpractice and nursing home defense. Prior to that, she served as a judicial staff attorney with the Fourth Judicial Circuit Court of Florida.

Mohammed Haydar BA '14, MA '17 now works as an Immigration Service Officer with The Department of Homeland Security.



Rachell Davis, BA '17, taught 6th grade mathematics during 2017-18 at Mastery Charter Schools - Pickett Campus in Philadelphia, Pa. She is now a graduate student in the Master of Public Service and Administration Program at Texas A&M University.



Mark Johnson, MA '17, now works as a research analyst within the Statistical Analysis Center at the West Virginia Office of Research and Strategic Planning. In particular, his work deals with community corrections programs.



Molly Winders, MA '17, now works as international logistics coordinator at the Allenberg Cotton Company.



Andrew Senter, MA '17, currently teaches International Law and International Relations courses with the University of Memphis, as well as American Government and Introduction to Criminal Justice with Arkansas State University Mid-South.

Alumni: We like to hear from you! Send us a note at mkaelbrr@memphis.edu, or use our mailing address.

MANY THANKS

Over the past year, many alumni, friends, faculty and staff have given financially to the Department of Political Science through either unrestricted or designated gifts. We are grateful for your support and thank you for your generosity:

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Private gifts are increasingly important, as support from state and federal sources decline. Every investment makes a difference. Support from the University's alumni, family and friends enables our community to maximize its potential by providing more opportunities more often.

To remain competitive with our peer institutions, gifts to the Political Science department help:

- Attract and retain high-caliber faculty members and students – see, for example, the tremendous publication successes of our faculty members and the quality hire we made last year in Dr. Shelby Grossman.
- Provide additional scholarship dollars to our undergraduates – check out, among others, Molly Stout's research presentation at the Midwest Political Science Association convention.
- Increase graduate stipends – to see the quality of our graduate program, check out our alumni news on the various activities our former graduate students are involved in.
- Assist with scholarly travel – three of our faculty members travelled to the International Studies Association convention in San Francisco last spring.

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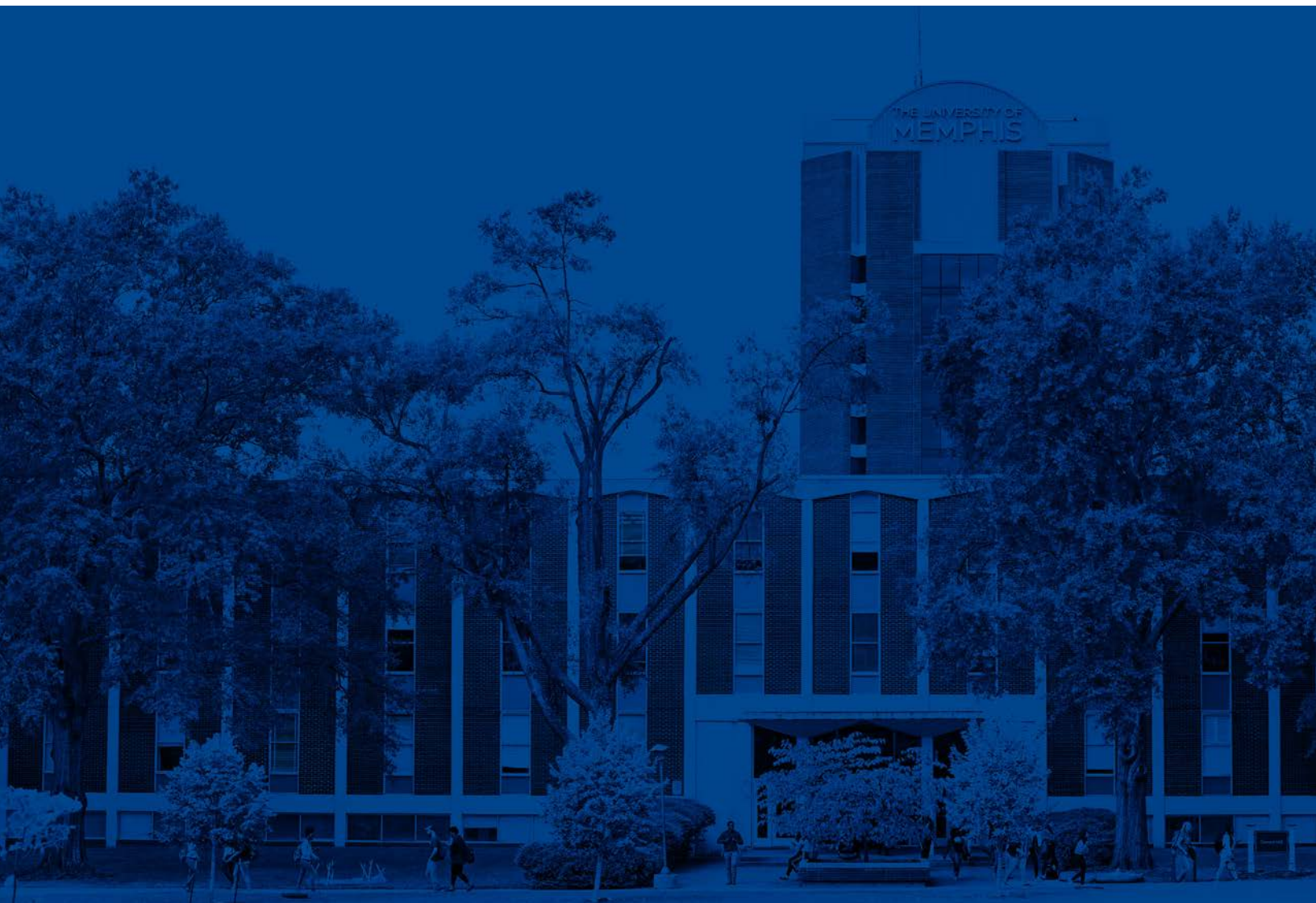
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