



# Political Science News

Fall 2015 News from the Department of Political Science



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## A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR



### Greetings!

We are glad to present to you the 2015 newsletter from the Department of Political Science at the University of Memphis. As

always we can report to you numerous new developments and many accomplishments since our last newsletter. Political Science had another very good year in 2014/15.

After more than 35 years of service to the University of Memphis, **Dr. Harvey Lomax** retired last spring. He seeks to continue his research on Rousseau's political philosophy while spending most of his time in France. In the meantime, **Dr. Michael Sances** has joined our department to teach and do research in the area of American Politics. He holds a Ph.D. from MIT and was a Postdoctoral Fellow at Vanderbilt University last year.

There is also a lot of exciting news from our faculty. **Dr. Nicole Detraz**, **Dr. Eric Groenendyk** and **Dr. Dursun Peksen** all received tenure this year. Dr. Detraz and Dr. Groenendyk also were promoted to Associate Professor, while Dr. Peksen had already been Associate Professor for a year. **Dr. Sharon Stanley** has been awarded the Deborah L. Talbot Fellowship in Interdisciplinary Inquiry from the Marcus W. Orr Center for the Humanities Faculty Fellowship program. This fellowship will provide one semester of research leave and related support in Spring 2016.

**Dr. Nicole Detraz** was the recipient of the 2015 College of Arts and Sciences W. Russell Smith Award for Teaching Excellence – the highest honor for teaching excellence in the College. In addition to the many articles our faculty published last year, **Dr. Detraz'** second book *Environmental Security and Gender* was published by Routledge. Meanwhile, **Dr. Peksen** was

invited to present his research on economic sanctions at the UN's Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Geneva, Switzerland) last year.

In 2014/15, 8 students graduated with their MA and 53 Political Science Majors graduated with their BA – four of them with University Honors. As of fall 2015, 36 of our undergraduate majors are enrolled in the Helen Hardin Honors Program. In other exciting student news, our graduate student **Victoria Busse** was awarded a Fulbright Teaching Assistantship to teach English in France in 2015/16. Also, Political Science Junior **Cole Roe** received a FedEx Institute of Technology Entrepreneurial Fellowship and Political Science Graduate Student **Mai Orsino** was selected as a Gilman Alumni Ambassador for the 2015/16 academic year.

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 e-mail me at mkaelbr@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. In any case, we look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially,

*Matthias Kaelberer*

Matthias Kaelberer  
Department Chair

## NEW FACULTY



Dr. Michael Sances received his Ph.D. in Political Science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2014. He joins the department as an Assistant Professor

after serving as a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions at Vanderbilt University for the 2014-2015 academic year. He studies issues of representation and inequality in state and local governments in the United States. Recent projects examine which local officials should be elected versus appointed, the consequences of direct democracy for inequality, why some governments rely more on citations and fines for revenue, and how local tax increases affect presidential elections. His published articles appeared in the *Journal of Politics*, *Political Analysis*, the *American Journal of Political Science*, *Political Behavior*, *Election Law Journal*, and the *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. His most recent publications include: "The Distributional Impact of Greater Responsiveness: Evidence from New York Towns," *Journal of Politics* (forthcoming); "Closeness Counts: Increasing Precision and Reducing Errors in Mass Election Predictions," *Political Analysis* (with Kai Quek, forthcoming); and "Separating the Shirkers from the Workers? Making Sure that Subjects Pay Attention on Self-Administered Surveys," *American Journal of Political Science* (with Adam Berinsky and Michele Margolis, 2014). He will be teaching classes on state and local politics, American political institutions, research design, and quantitative methods.

## SAYING GOOD BYE

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On March 20 the department hosted a retirement reception for **Dr. Harvey Lomax**. Dr. Lomax had served in the Department of Political Science at the University of Memphis for 38 years. He witnessed significant change over the years, in particular the department's growth into a top-notch research entity. Over the course of his career, Dr. Lomax published several articles, a book on Nietzsche's *Beyond Good and Evil*, an edited volume on Political Philosophy Cross-Examined and translations of books by Heinrich Meier and Karl Löwith. Dr. Lomax had a strong dedication to serving the University of Memphis in many capacities – as a member of the Faculty Senate, the Academic Policies Committee, the College and Department Tenure and Promotion Committee, and many others. He also led the development of our Dual JD/MA program and was a dedicated mentor of our junior faculty. Dr. Lomax plans to spend most of his time now in France, where he will continue work on Rousseau's political philosophy. We will miss him in the department, but we wish him the best for his retirement.

## TENNESSEE LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

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In 1972, The Tennessee General Assembly established the Tennessee Legislative Internship Program 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 3.0 GPA, and come from diverse disciplines like political science, social work, history, economics, and more.

The University of Memphis typically has one of the largest delegations of students living and working in the capitol during the spring legislative term. Internship responsibilities include, but are not limited to, bill analysis, constituent work, research on prospective legislation, and working on legislative calendars. In addition to office responsibilities, students 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 about \$350 weekly for relocation and adjustment purposes.

In spring 2015, Katherine E. Raines (BA in History *candidate*, 2015) represented the University of Memphis as a State sponsored intern. The University of Memphis sponsored Alexander Boulton (BA in Political Science *candidate*, 2015), Hamid Farzam (BA in International Studies and Political Science *candidate*, 2015), Bria Gibson (BA in Social Work *candidate*, 2015), Derek B. Jones (BA in Communication, 2015), James A. King (BA in Political Science *candidate*, 2015), Yolonda Manning (MPA in Public Policy and Management *candidate*), Marc Meredith (BA in International Studies *candidate*, 2015), and DJohn Moore (BA in Political Science with Minor in Criminal Justice *candidate*).



# STUDY ABROAD REPORT

In the summer 2015, Dr. Sharon Stanley and Dr. Matthias Kaelberer took a group of 8 students to London and Berlin for a Study Abroad class that explored state formation and national identities in Europe. Among the sites visited on this trip were the Magna Carta Exhibit in the British Library, the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, The Churchill Cabinet and War Rooms, the Berlin Holocaust Memorial, the former Concentration Camp Sachsenhausen and the Berlin Wall Memorial.





## FACULTY PROFILE



**Dr. Dursun Peksen** (PhD, University of Missouri, 2008) joined the department in 2012. He is the department's graduate retention coordinator and faculty senate representative. His teaching and research interests revolve around the subjects of foreign policy, international political economy, and human rights. He had four journal articles appear in print in 2015 and five others are forthcoming. He has published over two dozen 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*, *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 referred by several policy reports published under the United Nations, European Union, and other organizations. He was invited to present his research on economic sanctions at the UN's Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (Geneva, Switzerland) last year, and he has delivered research talks or attended workshops at Duke University, Rice University, and other institutions. He is an associate editor for the journal *Foreign Policy Analysis*, and currently serves as the program chair for the Foreign Policy Analysis Section of the International Studies Association and the conference program chair for the annual International Studies Association-Midwest conference.

## LAMBUTH CIVIL RIGHTS CLASS AND SPRING BREAK TRIP



This past spring 2015 was the 50th anniversary of the historic Voting Rights Act of 1965, and the 50th anniversary of the Selma to Montgomery civil rights march, which included the infamous confrontation at the Edmund Pettus bridge in Selma. Motivated by this anniversary, Dr. Christi Moss (Communications) and Dr. Paul Mego (Political Science) developed an interdisciplinary, team-taught Special Topics course offered on the U of M Lambuth campus to explore the current commemoration of these events and the political processes that influenced the events themselves. The course was designed to have both instructors in the classroom together with the students for the duration of the class, so students would have the benefit of analyzing the relationship between the commemoration of these events and how the competition for political power influenced both the events themselves. In addition to the classroom lectures and readings, Drs. Moss and Mego accompanied the students on a multi-day field trip to visit some of the important sites in the South associated with the civil rights struggle, and to participate with thousands of other celebrants in the historic reenactment of the Edmund Pettus Bridge crossing in Selma. During the trip, the class visited Kelly Ingram Park (the site of the confrontation between Birmingham, Alabama police officers and civil rights demonstrators), the 16th Street Baptist Church (the site of the bombing that killed six young black girls), watched the critically acclaimed film "Selma" and viewed numerous memorials and monuments associated with the civil rights struggle in Montgomery and Selma, in addition to the bridge crossing reenactment. The field trip culminated with a visit to the Memphis Civil Rights museum.



*The class and instructors in front of the Alabama state capitol building in Montgomery*



# LAMBUTH HELEN HARDIN HONORS PROGRAM SPRING SYMPOSIUM

On April 29, the 3rd annual University of Memphis, Lambuth Helen Hardin Honors Program Spring Symposium was held at the UM Lambuth Hamilton Performing Arts Center. This symposium is sponsored by the UM Lambuth Honors program every spring and is free and open to the public. Each spring semester, a panel of knowledgeable individuals is invited to discuss some timely and often controversial topic. The symposium is not for panelists to simply read papers, but to give remarks designed to start conversations with each other and with the audience about the topic. The topic for the symposium this past spring was "Civil Rights in the USA." Inspired by the 50th anniversary of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, the UM Lambuth Honors program invited five panelists to introduce various topics of their choice relating to Civil Rights in the USA. The panelists included Dr. Michelle Curtain, Associate Professor of Sociology and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Lane College; Dr. Paul Jacobson, retired Professor of Sociology; Dr. Christina Moss, lecturer in Communications at UM Lambuth; Ms. Brooke Shannon, Political Science graduate student at UM; and Mr. Jon York, a civil rights lawyer in Jackson. The panel and discussions were moderated by Dr. Paul Mego, senior lecturer in Political Science and Honors Program Coordinator at the UM Lambuth.

## DEPARTMENT NEWS



Our Administrative Associate **Angela Kuykendoll** graduated in the Fall 2014 with her MPA degree.



On April 16, several of our graduate students had a chance to meet with TDOT Commissioner **John Schroer**. Our picture shows **Mai Orsino** and **Brooke Shannon** with Commissioner Schroer together with students from Engineering and Business.



*Mai Orsino, Dr. Laura Fowler Graham, and Brooke Shannon at the Gandhi-King Conference*

**Brooke Shannon**, a current graduate student in our MA program, and **Dr. Laura Fowler Graham**, an alum of our undergraduate program (B.A. '06), both served as speakers at the Gandhi-King Conference at LeMoyne Owen College on April 10-11. Dr. Graham, currently a Lecturer in the Peace and Justice Studies Program at Tufts University, presented on "Cross Links: A Music and Peace Building Program" and on "Building Social Cohesion in Divided Communities: A lesson from Northern Ireland." Brooke Shannon's topic was "Labor Liberation."

On April 16, **Dr. Nicole Detraz** presented her paper "Women's Environmental Insecurity: Assessing Environmental Change and Gender" at the conference Women and Politics in a Global World organized by Istanbul Aydın University in cooperation with Eurasian Universities Union in Istanbul. Our picture shows her receiving a plaque for participating in the conference.



## DEPARTMENT NEWS



On Friday, April 24 we hosted the Third Annual Student Research Conference in Clement Hall. Our student presenters were Victoria Busse, Emily Cummings, Ashley Brooke Huddleston, and Andrew Schrack.



Seven graduate students graduated during spring Commencement. Our picture shows Hannah Guess, Brandon McArthur, Jason Gipson, Victoria Busse, Ashley Brooke Huddleston and Emily Cummings joining Dr. Matthias Kaelberer for the ceremonies.



Dr. Nicole Detraz has been chosen as the winner of the 2015 College of Arts and Sciences W. Russell Smith Award for Teaching Excellence. The selection of the recipient is based primarily on nominations by graduating seniors. The W. Russell Smith Award represents the College's highest honor for teaching excellence.

### *Do you know...*

Someone who has an interest in human rights, public opinion, how political campaigns are organized, how wars are started or avoided, or why courts, legislatures and executives make the decisions they do? If so, then a major in Political Science may



# STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS



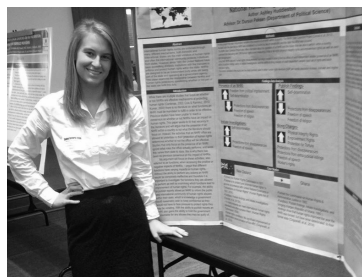
**Roe**

Political Science Junior **Cole Roe** received a FedEx Institute of Technology Entrepreneurial Fellowship for his project, Uin, a social media-based platform designed to facilitate peer-to-peer content discovery and interaction primarily among college students. Uin gives event organizers a singular platform while providing individuals with a central hub to find events of interest to them and an easy way to add these events to their personal calendars.

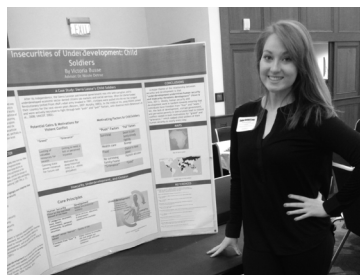


**Orsino**

Political Science Graduate Student **Mai Orsino** was selected as a Gilman Alumni Ambassador for the 2015/16 academic year. The Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship Program is sponsored by the U.S. State Department and offers grants for undergraduate students to pursue academic studies overseas. Mai received the Gilman Scholarship and studied at Al Akhawayn University in Morocco during the spring of 2013 while she was an undergraduate in our program. As a Gilman Alumni Ambassador, Mai will represent the Gilman Program at events during the 2015/16 academic year.



**Ashley Brooke Huddleston** and **Victoria Busse** at the Annual Research Forum



- Articles written by two former undergraduate students were published in the 2015 issue of *QuaesitUM: The Undergraduate Research Journal of The University of Memphis*: Donald Guy: "Female Empowerment and the Informal Economy" (Faculty Advisor: Dr. Robert Blanton) and Darcy Sharp: "Diversity on Earth, Diversity in Policy: A Comparison of the Styles of Environmental Governance" (Faculty Advisor: Dr. Nicole Detraz). Darcy also was awarded first place price for best paper.



**Andrew Schrack** discussed his Honors Thesis with Vice President Dr. Rosie Bingham.



**Swink**

**Matt Swink** was the 2015 recipient of the department's Outstanding Student Award. He plans to go to graduate school in political science.

- On March 30 four of our students presented their research at the 27th Annual Research Forum of the University of Memphis. Political Science Senior Andrew Schrack presented his Honors Thesis on "The Time to Defect: The Game Theory in International Treaties." Three of our graduate students also presented work based on their MA Theses: Victoria Busse on "Insecurities of Underdevelopment: Child Soldiers;" Emily Cummings on "The Impact of Congressional Reforms in the Institution and the Electorate;" and Brooke Huddleston on "National Human Rights Institutions: For the State or for the People?" Victoria Busse also presented her work at the Midwest Political Science Association Convention in Chicago in mid-April.

- In 2014/15 four political science students graduated with University Honors. They were **Kayla Bailey**, **Carter Bulington**, **Dalia Maaitah**, and **Matt Swink**.



**Almoraisi**

**Amal Almoraisi** was the 2015 recipient of the John W. Burgess Award for exemplary service to the Political Science discipline, the University of Memphis and to the community at large. While at the University of Memphis, she was a member of the Muslim Student Association. She tutored newly arrived Arab immigrants in English and helped them through the process of adjustment. Amal is now attending King Abdul-Aziz University in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia to study Arabic and Arabic Literature. Upon return to the United States, she plans to go to graduate school to study Middle Eastern and Islamic History.

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# ALUMNI NEWS

■ **Linda J. Higgins**, MA '81, was appointed to the Tennessee Historical Commission by Governor Bill Haslam. Higgins, who is retired, was elected Madison County Historian in 2007. In 2009 she co-authored the book *Madison County*, part of the Images of America series. Higgins is a member of the West Tennessee Historical Society and had an article published in its 2012 journal.



**Graham**

**Laura Fowler Graham**, B.A. '06 conducted fieldwork on policing and justice in Ferguson, Mo., last summer for a project called Voices of Ferguson. The project is funded by the Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service at Tufts University. She also recently submitted the manuscript for her book *Beyond Social Capital*, which is being published by Palgrave Macmillan. Laura is currently a Tisch College Faculty Fellow and a Lecturer in Peace and Justice Studies at Tufts University.



**Marek**

**John Marek**, BA '07, JD/MA '11, ran for the Memphis City Council District 5 Seat in October 2015.



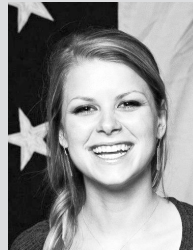
**Clay**

**Chad Clay**, M.A. '07 received the Frank J. Klingberg Award 2015 for the Best Paper Presented by a Faculty Member at the 2014 ISA Midwest Conference for his paper (together with Sam R. Bell and Carla Martinez Machain) "The Effect of U.S. Troop Deployments on Human Rights." In addition several of his articles have been accepted or appeared in print. Forthcoming in the *British Journal of Political Science* is "The Physical Consequences of Fiscal Flexibility: Sovereign Credit & Physical Integrity Rights" (co-authored with Matthew DiGiuseppe). "Deadly Triangles: The Implications of Regional Competition on Interactions between Asymmetric States" (co-authored with Michael A. Allen and Sam R. Bell), is forthcoming in *Foreign Policy Analysis*. "Respect for Physical Integrity Rights in the 21st Century: Evaluating Poe & Tate's Model 20 Years Later" (co-authored with David Richards and Alyssa Webb) appeared 2015 in *Journal of Human Rights* 14 (3): 291-311. "Choosing the Best House in a Bad Neighborhood: Location Strategies of Human Rights INGOs in the Non-Western World" (co-authored with Colin M. Barry, Sam R. Bell, Michael E. Flynn, and Amanda Murdie) was published in 2015 in *International Studies Quarterly* 59 (1): 86-98. "Freedom of Foreign Movement, Economic Opportunities Abroad, and Protest in Non-Democratic Regimes" (co-authored with Colin M. Barry, Michael E. Flynn, and Gregory Robinson) was published in 2014 in the *Journal of Peace Research* 51 (5): 574-588. After finishing our MA program, Chad received his PhD from Binghamton University in 2012 and has been an Assistant Professor at the University of Georgia since then.



**Young**

**Laura Young**, MA '08, is now a tenure-track assistant professor teaching international relations at Georgia Gwinnett College. Laura also received a contract from Lexington Books for her book manuscript *Making States: An Historical Approach to Modern-Day Statebuilding*. She holds a PhD in Political Science from Purdue University ('13).



**Hayes**

**Shannon Hayes**, B.A. '09, was selected for the Chase Honors Program. The Chase Honors Program represents a partnership between JPMorgan Chase and the law firm of Morgan, Lewis & Brockius LLP. Participants in this program will work for the first two years in JP Morgan Chase's Legal Department and will then become full-time associates at Morgan Lewis. Shannon was one of only four lawyers nationally selected for this program. She graduated with her JD from the University of Virginia Law School in spring 2015.



**Bennett**

**Jonathan Bennett**, BA '12, currently a PhD candidate at the University of Rochester, completed his comprehensive exams (in international relations and comparative politics, with coursework in political methodology) last December and successfully passed his dissertation prospectus in June. With these accomplishments he received his MA degree from the University of Rochester and is now officially ABD working toward finishing his dissertation. His dissertation uses text-analytical methods on the 2010 U.S. diplomatic cables leak in order to learn about the mechanisms by which the U.S. diplomatic bureaucracy (the State Department, especially its embassies and consulates) shape international relations. He hopes to finish his PhD by the summer of 2017.



**Luebke**

**Kyle Luebke**, BA '12, graduated cum laude from the University of Michigan Law School in fall 2014 with his JD. In April 2015 he started as a finance associate in the Minneapolis office of the law firm Faegre Baker Daniels LLP.

■ **Rachael Hawkins**, BA '13, was accepted into the Master of Social Work program at the University of Memphis.





**Wagstaff**

**Drew Wagstaff**, MA '13 started his third year in the Political Science PhD Program at Emory University. He presented a paper co-authored with Dan Reiter at the Midwest Political Science Association. The paper introduces and analyzes a dataset on military effectiveness in World War Two. Drew's dissertation develops a formal model of how organizations evaluate their own performance and applies it to military organizations during war.



**Duke**

**Brent Duke**, MA '14, was awarded full funding as a teaching/research assistant in the PhD program in the Department of Political Science at the University of Mississippi for Fall 2015.



**Busse**

**Victoria Busse**, BA'14/MA '15 has been awarded the prestigious Fulbright U.S. Student Program grant to France for the 2015-16 academic year. She will be teaching English to high school students at Lycée Evariste Galois in Sartrouville, a suburb of Paris. While Victoria will focus on teaching the English language, she will also emphasize cultural heritage and work to build cultural understanding between Americans and the people in France. Recipients of Fulbright grants are selected on the basis of academic and professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential. Victoria was one of only 10 students nationally to receive this Fulbright award.

• **Ashley Brooke Huddleston**, MA '15 is now pursuing a JD at the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law at the University of Memphis.

## ALUMNI

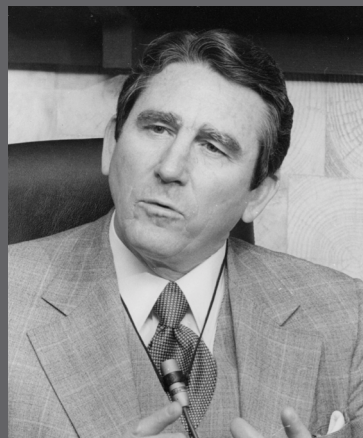
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## FALL 2015 EVENTS



On Thursday, October 22, 3-4:30, U.S. Attorney for West Tennessee Edward Stanton III, a 1994 Political Science graduate from the University of Memphis, will speak with our students in the University Center River Room.



On Thursday, October 29, 6 pm, Former Tennessee Governor Winfield Dunn will speak to the university community in University Center River Room.



Thursday, November 19, 6 pm, MOCH Lecture, Dr. Emanuelle Oliveira, Vanderbilt University, "Obama Is Brazilian: (Re) Signifying Race Relations In Contemporary Brazil." UC Theatre.

Professor Oliveira-Monte is Associate Professor of Luso-Brazilian and Afro-Brazilian Literature in the Department of Spanish and Portuguese at Vanderbilt University. Her research interests include Afro-Brazilian literature, race relations, race in contemporary perspective, the Afro-Diasporic experience, the relationship between politics and literature, literature of human rights, as well as Brazilian cinema and popular culture. She is currently working on a book manuscript tentatively entitled *Obama Is Brazilian: (Re)Signifying Race Relations In Contemporary Brazil*, which examines Obama's characterizations in the Brazilian media, especially ones of political humor, such as cartoons and internet memes. The author of *Writing Identity: The Politics of Contemporary Afro-Brazilian Literature* (2007) and several articles in professional journals and anthologies, Dr. Oliveira-Monte has also translated Carolina Maria de Jesus' *Diário de Bitita* (1998).

# SELECTED FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS



**Dr. Nicole Detraz** is currently working on her third book, *Gender and the Environment* (Polity Press). The book uses the concepts of justice and sustainability to explore the various connections between gender and environmental topics, including population and consumption, environmental security, and environmental governance. She recently published "The Effect of IMF Programs on

Women's Economic and Political Rights" in *International Interactions* with Dr. Peksen. Dr. Detraz serves as the department's Graduate Coordinator.



**Dr. Eric Groenendyk's** article titled "The Anxious and Ambivalent Partisan: The Effect of Incidental Anxiety on Partisan Motivated Recall and Ambivalence" was recently accepted for publication in *Public Opinion Quarterly*. His book, *Competing Motives in the Partisan Mind*, first published in 2013, was released in paperback this summer. Dr. Groenendyk is currently working on several projects

investigating the effect of perceived social pressure on public opinion, the root causes of motivated political reasoning, the role of emotion in political attitude formation, and the influence of ideology on political reasoning. Dr. Groenendyk serves as the department's Graduate Recruitment Coordinator.



**Dr. Doug Imig** continues to serve as the Director of the Center for Urban Child Policy at the Urban Child Institute, where he directs efforts to improve the developmental well-being of children and families in Memphis and the Mid-South. Doug also directs research and evaluation of the Indianola Promise Community, in Indianola Mississippi, a U.S. Department of Education

Promise Neighborhood designed to build a continuum of high-quality interventions to successfully move all children in the community from cradle to career. Doug also serves as a research fellow at the University of Oklahoma's Center for Infants, Toddlers, twos, and threes (IT3).



**Dr. Matthias Kaelberer's** article "Sovereign Debt or Balance of Payments Crisis? Exploring the Structural Logic of Adjustment in the Eurozone" was published in the *Journal of Balkan and Near Eastern Studies*. In addition, he continues to do research on the euro and the Eurozone crisis, on the political economy of the retail sector in Europe and on the relationship between soccer and national identity in Germany.



**Dr. Molly Henderson** continues to lead our efforts to build an online B.A. program in political science. Over the past year, she developed online classes for "American Government," "Introduction to Modern Political Thought," and our "Political Media" class.



**Dr. Paul Mego's** article (co-authored with David Dietrich) "The Evolution of an Interdisciplinary Team-Taught Course" was published in the *Journal of Social Sciences Research*. In the fall, he team-taught the Lambuth Freshman Honors Seminar with Dr. Jeremy Tubbs "Music and Politics." This past spring he also team-taught (with Dr. Christy Moss – Communications) an

interdisciplinary Special Topics course on the 1965 Voting Rights Act and the Civil Rights Era. In connection with the course he accompanied students on a field trip to explore Civil Rights memorials and museums in Memphis, Birmingham, Montgomery, Selma including the 50th Anniversary Edmund Pettus Bridge Crossing in Selma. He also served as the Moderator for the 3rd Annual University of Memphis Lambuth Spring Honors Symposium on "Civil Rights in the USA."



**Dr. Sharon Stanley** published "The Enduring Challenge of Racial Integration in the United States" in the *Du Bois Review* in May 2015. The article is drawn from her book manuscript, *An Impossible Dream? Racial Integration in the United States*, which is currently under review with a major university press. The book examines both the theoretical meaning and the practical challenges of racial integration in the

United States. She was also awarded the Deborah L. Talbot Fellowship in Interdisciplinary Inquiry for the Spring of 2016, which will allow her to focus on her research for the semester.



**Dr. Leah Windsor's** work on authoritarian leader language was published in several journals, including *Risk, Hazards & Crisis in Public Policy, Discourse Processes, and Dynamics of Asymmetric Conflict*. She also gave several invited talks this year. One covered socio-political and linguistic cohesion to the Workshop on Conflict at Michigan State; another addressed the Jackson Institute for

Global Affairs at Yale University on innovations in political text analysis; and another was to the SOUTHCOM community of interest at the Department of Defense on populist language in Latin America. In July she had her second baby, Elizabeth Lucille Fern Windsor ("Lucy").





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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 were able to make this year in Dr. Michael Sances.
- provide additional scholarship dollars to our undergraduates—check out, among others, Andrew Schrack's honors thesis research project last year.
- 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—four of our faculty members travelled to the International Studies Association convention in New Orleans last spring.

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