



Political Science News

Fall 2017 News from the Department of Political Science

A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings!



We are glad to present to you the 2017 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 2016/17.

Again, we had another active year in terms of faculty arriving and leaving. **Dr. Shelby Grossman** arrived this fall to start her teaching and research duties after a post-doctoral fellowship at Stanford University. **Dr. Sandra Harvey** will be joining our department as an assistant professor in 2018/19 to teach and do research in the area of political theory. Her research and teaching interests are particularly focused on questions of race and gender. She delayed her arrival in Memphis in order to serve as the UC Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Criminology, Law, and Society at the University of California, Irvine for the 2017-2018 academic year. Also, **Dr. Doug Imig** decided to leave the University of Memphis after 19 years of service in order to join his family in Hawaii.

In other faculty highlights, Dr. Sharon Stanley was promoted to full professor and her book *An Impossible Dream? Racial Integration in the United States* came out in print with Oxford University Press. Dr. Stanley and **Dr. Michael Sances** both received Faculty Research grants from the College of Arts & Sciences to facilitate their current research projects, while Dr. Sances was also awarded a Smart Cities grant from the City of Memphis and the FedEx Institute of Technology and was named a Smart City Research Fellow at the FedEx Institute. Meanwhile, Polity Press released **Dr. Nicole Detraz'** third book, *Gender and the Environment*. She and **Dr. Eric Groenendyk** used their Professional Development Assignments to advance their next book projects. **Dr. Dursun Peksen** had 10

articles published or accepted during 2016/17 and he served as president of the International Studies Association Midwest. Both Dr. Peksen and Dr. Detraz were appointed as two editors of the *International Studies Review* - a leading journal in international relations published by the International Studies Association. **Dr. Matthias Kaelberer** received a Professional Development Assignment for the fall of 2017 to continue his current research. Dr. Peksen is serving as interim chair of the department during the fall.

In 2016/17, six students graduated with their MA and 60 Political Science Majors graduated with their BA. As of fall 2017, 27 of our undergraduate majors are enrolled in the Helen Hardin Honors College. Fifty-six Political Science Majors were on the Dean's List in fall 2016. In other exciting student news, Political Science major **Rachell Davis** was selected as the 2016-2017 recipient of the **College of Arts & Sciences Dean's Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Student** - the highest student award in the college.

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 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. In any case, we look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially,

Matthias Kaelberer

Matthias Kaelberer
Department Chair

NEW FACULTY



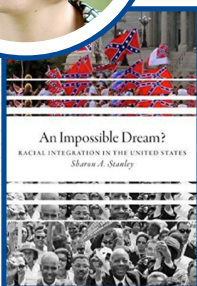
Dr. Sandra Harvey received her Ph.D. in Politics from the University of California, Santa Cruz in 2017. She will join the department as an assistant professor in fall 2018, after serving as the UC Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Criminology, Law, and Society at the University of California, Irvine for the 2017-2018 academic year. Dr. Harvey researches the production of race and gender through surveillance technologies originating in colonialism and chattel slavery. Her current book project traces narratives of race/gender passing within the institutions of science, settler colonial law, and Enlightenment philosophy. It contextualizes accusations of passing in the U.S. as rooted in 19th-century surveillance of fugitive slaves and traces how ideas of blackness might influence contemporary notions of freedom, sovereignty, the nation, and the citizen. At the University of Memphis, she will be teaching classes in political theory, African diasporas, people of color feminisms, and indigenous studies.

SAYING GOOD BYE



Dr. Doug Imig decided to leave the University of Memphis after 19 years of service in order to join his family in Hawaii. Dr. Imig received his Ph.D. from Duke University in 1991 and served at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, before coming to Memphis. For four years, he served as the director of the Benjamin L. Hooks Institute for Social Change and more recently he was the director of the Center for Urban Child Policy at the Urban Child Institute. Among the highlights of his academic accomplishments is his work with Sidney Tarrow on protest and social movements in Europe. Doug will continue to visit the Memphis area frequently in the near future as he continues to direct several projects to improve the developmental well being of children and families in Memphis and the Mid-South. We will miss him in the department, but wish him the best for his future in Hawaii.

FACULTY PROFILE



Dr. Sharon Stanley joined the department in 2006 after receiving her Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley. Over the course of the last 11 years she taught many classes in the areas of political theory, the politics of race and constitutional law. She has published two books during her time at Memphis: *The French Enlightenment and the Emergence of Modern Cynicism* (Cambridge University Press, 2012) and *An Impossible Dream? Racial Integration in the United States* (Oxford University Press, 2017). She has also published articles in a broad array of interdisciplinary journals, including *Political Theory*, *Du Bois Review* and *Review of Politics*. The University has awarded her excellence in both teaching and research, with a Distinguished Teaching Award, an Early Career Research Award, and a Dunavant Professorship. Most recently, she has been granted promotion to full professor. In the upcoming years, she looks forward to developing her newest project, which juxtaposes the discourse of racial democracy in Brazil to the discourse of post-racialism in the United States to analyze contemporary racial ideology formations in the Americas.

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 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 staff interns 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



"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



"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



"This internship is a treasure chest stocked with knowledge you could not learn in class. -Larry E., 109th Assembly Intern

DEPARTMENT NEWS

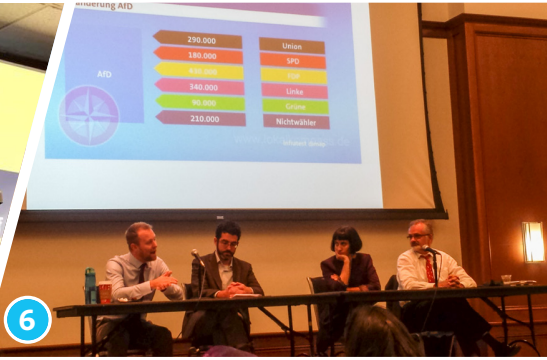


On September 28, we hosted a guest lecture within the Marcus Orr Center for the Humanities Lecture Series. **Dr. Lawrie Balfour** of the University of Virginia spoke on the subject of "Reparations: A Democratic Idea."

On March 29, we had a very interesting panel discussion on "Tackling the North Korea Problem: Nukes, Human Rights, and Sanctions" with **William Brown** (Office of the Director of National Intelligence, retired), **Scott Snyder** (Council on Foreign Relations), **Troy Stangarone** (Korea Economic Institute) and our own **Dr. Nicole Detraz** as the moderator. Earlier in the afternoon, we held an information session for our students on "Interested in Working in Washington, DC?" with the same panelists.

Dr. Michael Sances received a Smart Cities Research Grant. Our picture shows him at the ceremony with University of Memphis President M. David Rudd and Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland.

On March 22, we organized an immigration policy panel to inform our students of ongoing changes to immigration policy. Participants on the panel were **John Ryall** (University Counsel, University of Memphis); **Karen Spencer** (World Relief Memphis); and Tatine Darker (Attorney, Darker Law Firm). Professor **Ebony Dawkins** served as the moderator for the panel.



Dr. Dursun Peksen served as the president of the International Studies Association Midwest in 2016. Our picture shows him introducing the keynote speaker for the 2016 ISA-Midwest Conference in St. Louis.

On November 17, 2016, we organized a Political Science Faculty Post-Election Panel to discuss the 2016 election results with our students. **Dr. Eric Groenendyk**, **Dr. Michael Sances**, **Dr. Sharon Stanley** and **Dr. Matthias Kaelberer** served as the panelists for the event.

On November 15, 2016, the Department hosted the former Deputy Director of the CIA Counterterrorist Center and FBI National Security Branch **Philip Mudd** to speak about Counterterrorism Efforts since 9/11.

On November 14, 2016, we hosted a Law School Information Session for our students with the Law School's assistant dean for admissions, Sue Ann McClellan, and **Dean Peter Letsou**. Our picture shows political science major Shami Keaton with **Dean Letsou**.

Dr. Matthias Kaelberer presented a paper on socio-political discourses in German women's soccer at the Eight International Conference on Sport & Society held July 10-12, at Imperial College London.

STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Political Science major **Rachell Davis** received the department's **2017 Outstanding Student Award**. She was also selected as the 2016-2017 recipient of the **College of Arts & Sciences Dean's Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Student**. This award recognizes an undergraduate student who has displayed outstanding academic achievement, as well as strong leadership, character, scholarship, and contributions to department and campus activities. Rachell received the award from Dean Tom Nenon at the Honors Assembly on Sunday, April 23. This is the fourth political science major to be recognized as the Outstanding Student in the College over the past eight years. Rachell is teaching 6th grade Math this academic year at Mastery Charter Schools-Pickett Campus in Philadelphia.



Jeffrey Crout received the department's **2017 Pre-Law Award**. On campus, he was involved with Model United Nations, and was able to assist in chairing a conference for the high schools, which have MUN clubs. He also belonged to the Memphis delegation of Tennessee Intercollegiate Student Legislature. Jeffrey is now attending law school at the University of Memphis.



Jacqueline Josse received the department's **John W. Burgess Award** for exemplary service to the political science discipline, the University of Memphis, and to the community at large. Her campus involvement ranged from the Student Government Association and Delta Gamma Sorority to Emerging Leaders and the Panhellenic Executive Board. She plans to attend law school.



Jacob Dylan Riddle wrote an Honors thesis on "Demographic Change and the Decline of Japanese Power." He also presented his research at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research NCUR – which was held at the University of Memphis on April 6-8.



Chad Clay, M.A. '07, currently an assistant professor in the Department of International Affairs at the University of Georgia received the 2017 School of Public and International Affairs Excellence in Teaching Award. He also received National Science Foundation Grant for his project "Collaborative Research: Sub-National Analysis of Repression Project." And he had two article acceptances at the *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, "The Effect of U.S. Troop Deployments on Human Rights" (with Sam R. Bell and Carla Martinez Machain), and "Join the Chorus, Avoid the Spotlight": The Effect of Neighborhood & Social Dynamics on Human Rights Organization Shaming" (with Sam R. Bell and Amanda Murdie).

Robert Callahan, B.A. '10, received his master's degree in public policy analysis from the Harris School of Public Policy at the University of Chicago. He now works as a budget review and labor analyst at the New York City Independent Budget Office.

Jack Busbee, M.A. '12, is now program manager, Paraeducator Board, with the state of Washington's Professional Educator Standards Board. In this position, he implements and manages a state-wide paraeducator professional development program recently passed by the Washington State legislature. For the past five years, Jack had worked with the National Academy of Education in Washington, D.C.



Dr. Jonathan Bennett, B.A. '12, successfully defended his dissertation "Three Papers on Diplomacy" on August 1, at the University of Rochester's Department of Political Science. His dissertation used the 2010 U.S. Diplomatic cable leaks, as well as State Department Inspector General reports, to examine U.S. diplomacy. Jonathan is now working as a research specialist with the University of Memphis. As a statistical evaluator for various health and educational programs in association with Delta Health Alliance, he conducts statistical analyses, creates and implements research designs, and contributes to publishable research in the areas of educational research and health economics.

Lauren Lewis, M.A. '12, successfully defended her doctoral dissertation in human ecology with a focus on human development and family studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She also started her new job as a tenure track assistant professor at Indiana State University in the Applied Health Sciences Department, specifically, the Human Development and Family Studies program.



Hannah Guess, B.A. '13, M.A. '15 was promoted to the position of Events Business Manager at the Memphis Zoo.

ALUMNI NEWS

Emily Cummings, B.A.'13, M.A.'15 now works for Memphis Athletic Ministries, at the Magnolia Community Center. At MAM, she works with middle and high school girls, providing coaching and tutoring.

Charles Uffelman, B.A. '16, is now a regional field organizer for the Tennessee Democratic Party in the middle Tennessee grand division.

Kristy Brown, B.A. '17, is now an analyst at the Tennessee Department of the Treasury in Nashville.



Drew Wagstaff, M.A. '13, is now an assistant professor of international security with the Blue Horizons program within the Center for Strategy and Technology at Air University. His article (co-authored with Dan Reiter) titled "Leadership and Military Effectiveness" has been accepted for publication at Foreign Policy Analysis. And his paper "Competing for Constituents: Trends in Terrorist Service Provision" (with Danielle Jung) was accepted for publication in Terrorism & Political Violence. Drew also presented papers at the 2017 ISA meeting, at the 2017 SPSA meeting, at the Roots and Resolutions: 2017 International Forum on Peace Science in Shanghai, China, and at the 2016 Peace Science Society Meeting.

Hunter Voches, M.A. '17, accepted a federal judicial clerkship for Judge Thomas E. Johnston of the Southern District of West Virginia.

Alumni!

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SELECTED FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Dr. Nicole Detraz continues her research and teaching in the areas of international relations and environmental politics. Her third book, *Gender and the Environment*, was published in November by Polity Press. She and **Dr. Dursun Peksen** recently published an article, "In the Aftermath of Earth, Wind and Fire: Natural Disasters and Respect for Women's Rights" in *Human Rights Review*. They also have a forthcoming article in *Politics and Gender* titled "'Women Friendly' Spending? Welfare Spending and Women's Participation in the Economy and Politics." Additionally, her book chapter titled "Gender and Environmental (In)Security: From Climate Conflict to Ecosystem Instability" was published in the *Routledge International Handbook on Gender and Environment* over the summer.



Dr. Eric Groenendyk spent spring 2017 on Professional Development Assignment. This allowed him to spend the month of February in residence at SUNY-Stony Brook, where he continued his collaborative investigation with Yanna Krupnikov into the motivations underlying political reasoning and behavior. During this time, Dr. Groenendyk also had the opportunity to present his research at a number of conferences and invited talks around the country. Additionally, Dr. Groenendyk was invited to contribute to a symposium on partisanship and mass polarization that will be published in *Advances in Political Psychology*. His article titled, "Competing Motives in a Polarized Electorate: Policy Responsive, Identity Defensiveness, and the Rise of Parisian Antipathy" will appear in winter 2018. Dr. Groenendyk is again serving as the department's graduate coordinator in fall 2017.



Dr. Shelby Grossman's article "Opportunistic Accountability: State-Society Bargaining Over Shared Interests" (with Jonathan Phillips and Leah Rosenzweig) was accepted at *Comparative Political Studies*. Her article "Evidence from Lagos on Discrimination across Ethnic and Class Identities in Informal Trade" (with Dan Honig) was published in *World Development* in August 2017. In September 2016, her paper "The Politics of Order in Informal Markets: Evidence from Lagos" won the African Politics Conference Group - African Affairs Best Graduate Student Paper 2015/16 award. Her 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. Matthias Kaelberer's article "From Bern to Rio: Soccer and National Identity Discourses in Germany" was published in the *International Journal of Politics, Culture and Society* 30:3 (September 2017) 275-294. His article "Wal-Mart Goes to Germany: Culture, Institutions and the Limits of Globalization" appeared in *German Politics and Society* 35:1 (Spring 2017): 1-18. In the spring and summer 2017, Dr. Kaelberer presented papers on socio-political discourses in German women's soccer at the International Studies Association convention and the International Conference on Sport and Society. He will be on a Professional Development Assignment (PDA) in Fall 2017 to continue his research and intersecting soccer and socio-political identity discourses in Germany.



Dr. Dursun Peksen had a total of 10 journal articles appeared in print or forthcoming (accepted for publication) since January 2017. His published articles appeared in the *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Human Rights Review*, *Foreign Policy Analysis* and *Review of International Organizations*. His articles accepted for publication will appear in the *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Political Research Quarterly*, *Politics and Gender*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Journal of International Relations and Development* and *Defense and Peace Economics*. He also wrote brief opinion pieces that summarize some of his research findings for *Harvard Business Review* and *Washington Post's* Monkey Cage blog. Starting from Fall 2017, Dr. Peksen is serving as one of the editors of *International Studies Review*. ISR is a leading journal of international studies and politics published by the International Studies Association. Dr. Peksen continues to serve as the department's graduate retention coordinator and was elected to serve on the University Graduate Council for 2017-2019.



Dr. Michael Sances received a Smart Cities grant from the City of Memphis and the FedEx Institute of Technology, and was named a Smart City Research Fellow at the FedEx Institute for his research on surveying Memphis residents via Facebook. He was also awarded a Faculty Research Grant from the College of Arts & Sciences for his broader project on recruiting local voters via social media. His articles "Who Pays for Government? Descriptive Representation and Exploitative Revenue Sources (co-authored with Hye Young You) and "Attribution Errors in Federalist Systems: When Voters Punish the President for Local Tax Increases" were both accepted for publication in the *Journal of Politics*. Additionally, his articles "Partisan Differences in Nonpartisan Activity: The Case of Charitable Giving" (co-authored with Michele Margolis) and "Ideology and Vote Choice in U.S. Mayoral Elections: Evidence from Facebook Surveys" were both accepted for publication in *Political Behavior*. Dr. Sances's current research projects include the impact of the Affordable Care Act on mass politics (supported by a grant from the Russell Sage Foundation), the impact of fracking on campaign contributions, and the institutional causes of police practices.

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YOUR SUPPORT IS VITAL!

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 were able to make this year in Dr. Sandra Harvey.
- Provide additional scholarship dollars to our undergraduates – check out, among others, Jacob Riddle's Honors Thesis and presentation at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research NCUR.
- 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 Baltimore last spring.