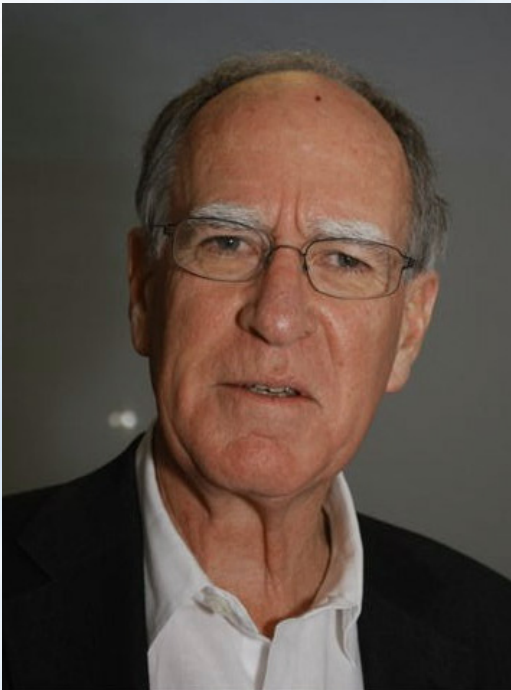




Celebrating David Cameron's Leadership

by David Rayside



– “Boundless Integrity.” A similar image, mimicking banners that had been springing up around campus, appeared on shortbread cookies arranged by the event's impresario Sari Sherman, Assistant to the Chair.

Former Chair Rob Vipond opened up the formal proceedings, pointing out that David's service to the department extended beyond being chair to include stints as Undergraduate Director and Acting Chair. Rob then read a message from David's two brothers, Donald and Kenneth, honouring his contributions to the university and to the practice of governance in Canada and abroad. They also wrote of his “steadfast belief in the ability of our species to produce a better future.”

These were themes echoed in remarks from Arts and Science Dean Meric Gertler, departmental colleagues Emanuel Adler and Janice Stein, and doctoral student Jean Lachapelle.

I was then in the privileged position of announcing the creation of a new scholarship for international graduate students, named in David's honour. With over \$50,000 raised, a matching endowment was to be provided by the Provost's office, creating a permanent award endowment fund of over \$100,000.

Sari Sherman talked from the heart in saying how much working closely with David had meant to her. She then unveiled a printed copy of a Boundless

campaign banner featuring David's daughter Tassie. A video and memory book had also been created, each of them recording words of respect and gratitude from so many who admired how much warmth and wisdom David Cameron brought to everything he did.

Louis W. Pauly Stepping Up As New Chair

From July 1st, Professor Louis W. Pauly will serve as Chair of Political Science for a 5-year term. Pauly is Canada

Research Chair in Globalization and Governance, and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. He has written prolifically on international monetary politics, financial regulation, the political economy of industrial innovation and the management of global risks, drawing lessons from the EU, the US, India, China and Canada. He has also contributed significant academic leadership at the Munk School of Global Affairs, most recently as Director of research programs.



In the late afternoon of a warm and sunny May 15th, a large crowd gathered at the Campbell Conference Room in the Munk School to celebrate David Cameron's term as Department Chair, six weeks away from his stepping down. There were faculty colleagues, administrative staff from the department and the Faculty of Arts and Science, other academic leaders from the Faculty, friends, and family members spanning three generations.

Invitations to the event had picked up on the theme of the U of T's ambitious fundraising campaign by featuring a portrait of David and the phrase that so captured the tone of the afternoon

Tributes Delivered on May 15th

“What we are celebrating today is more than six stellar years as Chair. We’re celebrating fifteen extraordinary years of service to this Department and this Faculty (as Undergraduate Director from 1997-2001, then as Acting Chair, and after that a stint as Vice-Dean in Arts and Science). Some time after I had asked him to be Undergraduate Director, I asked David why he had agreed to serve in that position. He replied simply that the Chair had asked him to do it, so he felt he had a duty to step up. For David duty was and is an opportunity – in this case, an opportunity to help build a vibrant scholarly community, to foster friendships, and to carry on what he has been doing all of his professional life – to build something really substantial at the intersection of knowledge and practice. And that is something to celebrate indeed.”

- Rob Vipond

Professor, former Department Chair, Master of Ceremonies

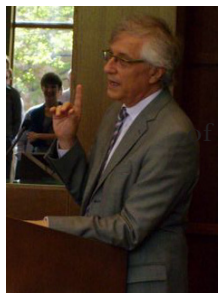


“I am honoured to have a chance to say a few words about someone I so deeply respect. After taking the class on constitutional design that Professor Cameron co-taught, I worked with him as a research assistant. Many things have struck me about him – in particular, the remarkable balance between his breadth of knowledge, his humility, and his curiosity. Here is a man of tremendous knowledge, who has advised governments around the world, and who still makes students feel that what they have to say is relevant and important. He deserves all the great things that have been said about him this afternoon.”

- Jean Lachapelle

Ph.D. student

“First let me get personal, it was not easy deciding to come to Canada, but one of the reasons Sylvia and I are glad we did is getting to know you and your family. You

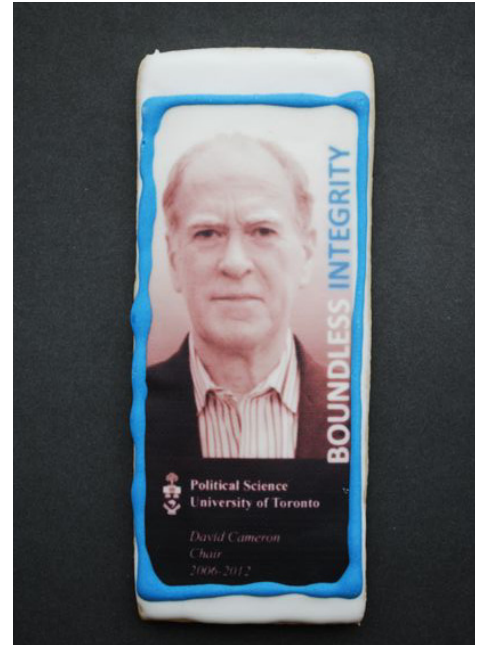


became my friend, colleague and boss, all combined in one gentle man. When I looked for the colleague, I found your wisdom, when I looked for the boss, I found the friend, and when I looked for the friend, I found the friend. We also gained a family, thanks to your hospitality and that of Stevie, Amy, Tassie and the rest of the gang.

Now to shop talk. What makes you so special? What is the Cameron added value? Leadership, not in giving commands, but as a weather maker, shaping the environment. Problem solving with values; kindness with firmness; making people feel part of a community. Diplomacy and tranquility (talking to David is better than taking valium).”

- Emanuel Adler

Professor and Bronfman Chair in Israeli Studies



“It has been such a pleasure to work with David these past 6 years. I value his integrity, his wisdom, his sense of fairness, his calm and cool demeanor, but most importantly his humanity. I have learned so much from David and I am going to miss him more than words could ever express.

There is no one conversation or moment that would explain why these past 6 years have meant so much to me – David’s capacity for family, for caring, has a lot to do with why it is going to be so hard to say goodbye and not just to David but to Stevie and his girls as well. David is a mensch – he radiates the kind of fundamental decency that defines what a mensch is – he is admirable, honest, decent, responsible – he is all of these and more.”

- Sari Sherman

Assistant to the Chair

“What a pleasure it has been to work with someone who is so wise. Over and over again, your sanity, your ethics, and your wisdom have led us to the right place. We can never thank you enough.”

- Janice Stein

University Professor & Associate Chair

David's Own Words on "Stepping Down"

A strange situation to be in. It has been my job for 6 years to recognize and celebrate all of you and your achievements. Now, the tables are turned, and I hardly know where to look.

Touched, as I look out at my dear family, my friends and fellow faculty members, department staff, graduate students, and other colleagues – all assembled here this afternoon. This is not something that happens often in a big university in a big city.

People have been asking me whether I am glad to be leaving the Chair's job. Yes and no.

Yes: when I think about not having to spend 8 hours with the provincial auditor on your behalf. Yes, I will not have the next iteration of a new workload policy. The University is a huge bureaucracy, which occasionally – forgive me for saying so – gets silted up in its own muddy waters. You may have no idea of the amount of stuff that has to be done, that goes with the job, that attaches to the chair like burrs to a coat. But happily the job isn't about the burrs...

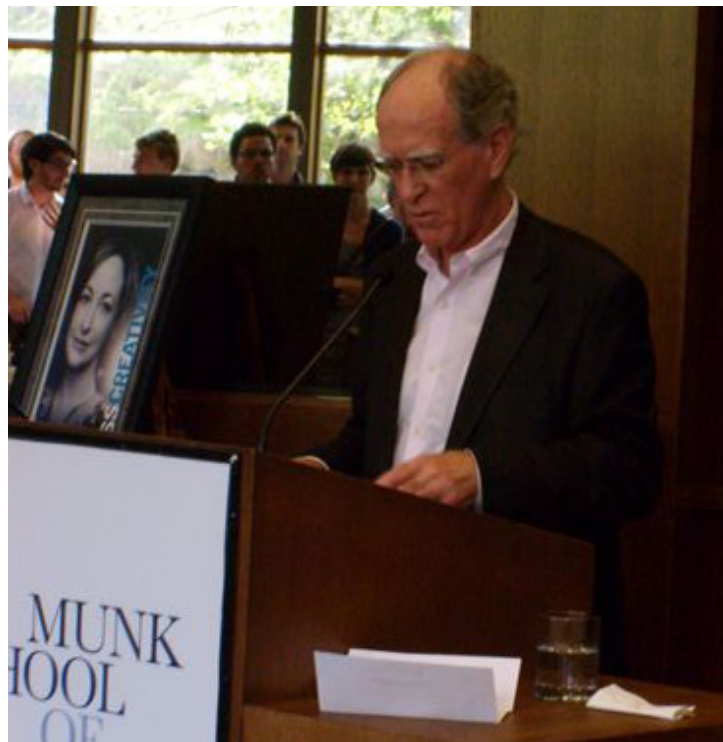
So no, I will not be happy to leave the Chair's job, when I think about the opportunity I've had to work with all of you on the real business of the Department – making it easier for good people to do good work. Yes, sometimes we consult

ourselves silly, but there is still scope for choice on the part of the chair, and it is good to be able to put resources and encouragement where they seem most fitting.

I will not be happy to leave when I think of successfully recruiting terrific young scholars and supporting them in their early years. It is a ton of work, and it's also the point at which the sometimes conflicting interests of faculty members are most powerfully engaged. But it's about the continuous creation and recreation of an academic community.

During my six-year tenure we have hired almost 20 new faculty, half of them at St. George. With almost 10 retirements, we are well on the way to a transformation of the

Department. This has been a powerful process of renewal, and as Chair, I have felt the ground shifting beneath my feet.



Cameron speaking on May 15th, and to his right, a print of the "Boundless" campaign poster featuring his daughter Tassie, presented to him by the Department.

Leadership is not, except *in extremis* – and not for long – a command-and-control affair – it's not like being the captain of a ship, nor even a deputy minister of a government department. If you are lucky enough, as I was, to inherit a mature, well-run Department, largely populated by adults, leadership is a different kind of thing. But what kind of thing?

Well, it's spring time, and I have been working in my garden, thinking about life and leadership. Does a gardener offer leadership to the garden? Not really. You tend it. A gardener nurtures things; helps to support the natural bent of the creatures in the garden; assists them in displaying themselves to best advantage.

All of us who hold positions of responsibility in a department or a faculty do this kind of work. We are academic gardeners.

New Cameron Scholarship

A new scholarship was announced at the May 15th reception honouring David Cameron. Over \$50,000 was



David Rayside presenting scholarship certificate

raised, enough to draw a match from the Provost's office, creating an endowment of over \$100,000. The scholarship will be used to support international doctoral students in Political Science, and is the first of what departmental leaders hope will be a cluster of such scholarships.

Speaking from the podium, fundraiser-in-chief David Rayside talked of his good fortune in helping colleagues, former students, family members and friends – many of them in the room – "find a vehicle for their appreciation and respect for everything David stands for, and all that he has done for all of us."

Siera Vercillo: Building Local Capacity

In August 2011, less than a year after crossing the stage at Convocation Hall to collect her B.A., Siera Vercillo was in northern Ghana. She was part of an initiative undertaken by Engineers Without Borders, working to improve service provision by the public sector to encourage the adoption of new ideas and technologies that help farmers move beyond subsistence.

Siera was a Political Science specialist, and describes her education as “amazing” in providing opportunities to build skills, ask tough questions, and meet extraordinary role models. She recalls Janice Stein and Ronald Deibert teaching her first year course in Global Politics – “fantastic professors.” Thomas Tieku taught a second year course that introduced her to the development challenges facing the African continent, and then counselled her as she charted her way through additional courses and new ideas. She also remembers talking at length with Courtney Jung in her last year, trying to sort out career options, and being counselled to aim high.



Siera Vercillo with Lansa, of the Chesei Women's processing group.

She volunteered with groups having development mandates. She liked EWB's emphasis on building local capacity, and their recognition of the disconnect between formal policies and realities on the ground. Even as simple an idea as seeding in rows, which can double production, needs accessible teaching, for example from other farmers who have moved in that direction. It is also more time consuming, and requires access to markets for farm produce.

She is working all around the northern region with various Ministry of Food and Agriculture district offices, but also does a lot on her own. She lives with local farmers, finding out why some technologies are taken on and others not. Before moving there, she developed good relations with the regional ministry of agriculture, and is still familiarizing her-

self with what programs are available. Change requires asking tough questions of officials, but doing so with the humility required of outside volunteers, and recognizing that there are no simple right or wrong answers to complex questions.

In the fall of 2012, Siera will be starting an MA in Developing Studies at the University of Sussex, applying the energy that working in Ghana has given her, and testing the lessons learned there in an exciting academic program.

Looking back to her undergraduate years, she recognizes that they opened her mind to the challenges of international development work, and instilled in her a real need to address problems of global inequality. “Without that,” she says, “I could have still been searching for my passion.”

Celebrating Cran Pratt



(L to R) Tanzanian High Commissioner, UDES Vice-Chancellor, Anna Pratt, Cranford Pratt, and Marcus Pratt

On May 3rd, Professor Emeritus **Cranford Pratt** received honours bestowed by the University of Dar es Salaam for the role he played as its first academic leader from 1961-65. Marking the university's golden jubilee, Professor Rwekaza Mukandala, the current vice-chancellor and himself a professor of politics, travelled to the U of T to present a plaque and a shawl (pictured) to Cran, and to

announce that one of the university's buildings would be named after him. Mukandala was joined in Toronto by His Excellency Alex Crescent Massinda, High Commissioner for Tanzania. Bob Matthews presided, with many colleagues and family members in attendance at a wonderful celebratory event held in the department.



Honours, Prizes, Distinctions, and Awards

Faculty Members

Ran Hirschl is one of 7 Canadian scholars to receive a 2012 Killam Research Fellowship. He has also been awarded the 2011 Dennis Leslie Mahoney Prize in Legal Theory by the University of Sydney, and will deliver this year's Julius Stone Address.



Peter Loewen has been granted an Ontario Early Researcher Award for a project on better understanding public attitudes and electoral behaviour on the basis of self-selected samples.

Peter Russell is receiving the Mildred A. Schwartz award from the APSA's Canadian politics section (see separate story on p. 7).

Janice Stein is receiving an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem this month (June).



David Wolfe has won a SSHRC Knowledge Synthesis Grant for his project on "Growing Innovation Ecosystems: University-Industry Knowledge Transfer and Regional Economic Development in Canada"

Wendy Wong has received a Connaught New Research Award for a project entitled: "Lost in Translation? How NGOs Advocate University Minority Rights Domestically"

SSHRC Insight Awards winners this spring are:

Simone Chambers for research on the ethics of public discourse

Rebecca Kingston for a project on Plutarch's political thought and legacy

Lucan Way for work on post-Cold-War revolutionary struggle and authoritarian durability

Ph.D. Students

Teresa Kramarz has won the Graduate Student Paper Award at the ISA's 2011 meetings, for "World Bank Alliances: Evaluation the Partnership Promise."

Katarzyna Korycki and **Abouzar Nasirzadeh** have won the 2011 best paper award in the APSA's Sexuality and Politics Section for "Desire Recast: The Production of Gay Identity in Iran."

Abouzar Nasirzadeh has been elected President of CUPE Local 3902, representing teaching assistants across the U of T, having served as steward for Political Science this past year.

William van der Linden, Executive Director of Vote Compass, has been named 2012-13 Action Canada Fellow.

Alanna Krolkowski has been awarded the Sylvia Ostry Doctoral Fellowship in International Policy.

Matthew Gordner, incoming Ph.D. student this September, has won a highly prestigious Trudeau Foundation Scholarship.

Abouzar Nasirzadeh New CUPE Chair

Abouzar Nasirzadeh has been elected Chair of CUPE local 3902 Unit 1 for the coming year, representing all teaching assistants and course instructors at U of T. This past year, he was president of the Graduate Association of Students in Political Science.

And beyond that, he played an indispensable role assisting the department in hosting candidates for 8 searches. And on top of that, he served on the search committee for the departmental chair. And he's agreed to organize this coming September's orientation program for incoming Ph.D. students.

Abouzar's doctoral research is a comparative analysis of the role of the military in the civilian economy, working with both Jacques Bertrand and Antoinette Handley. Sometime between now and the late Fall, he will be on an extended research trip to Indonesia, one of his cases. He is also going to be teaching POL 300H in the summer, on civil-military relations, as well as T.A.'ing in POL 208Y this year. And he's determined to get his thesis proposal done.

Oh, and he's won an OGS this year. In response to a raised eyebrow about how much he has taken on, he responds with "hope it all works out," and his usual irrepressible smile.



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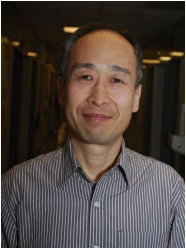
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New Faces in Political

St. George Staff



Michael Li

earned his masters degree in engineering at Dalian Maritime University (China) in 1991, and taught there until the end of 1998, when he migrated to Canada. He got his first job at the U of T by working in temporary assignments in such units as Research Services and Facilities & Services. He has now moved beyond the “temp” world, and is delighted to be part of the Political Science team - “good working environment, nice people.” Outside of work, he likes soccer, badminton, swimming, fishing, and cooking.



William Schatten

works in the undergraduate office, having started as a research assistant and then as the department’s IT support person while completing his B.A. in Political Science. He had gone back to school as a mature student, through the Academic Bridging program, and then helped other returning students adjust to student life. He excelled as a student, winning the Pollara Book Prize for his work in POL 242Y. In September, he returns to full-time academics as one of our M.A. students, so he won’t really be leaving us. As he puts it, “the department can’t seem to get rid of me.”



Carolyn Ursabia

came to Political Science from positions in the Computer Science department and before that in Executive Programs at Rotman, where among other things she coordinated the Judy Project aimed at executive women. With us, she is working on alumni relations, advancement, and more broadly in communications. Beyond the university, she is a singer (having sung at the jazz club Sopra). She has also coordinated sports and social activities, consulted on the launch of a 6000 sq. ft. restaurant, and worked in financial services. She is doing a degree part time in Philosophy of Science.

St. George Faculty



Carolina de Miguel

comes from Barcelona, via the University of Michigan. Her research interests lie broadly in the comparative study of political parties, elections, and the politics of federalism and decentralization. Her work has included competitive authoritarian regimes in the Middle East, though most is devoted to Spain and the rest of the EU. Living in Ann Arbor, she has survived enough Midwestern winters to successfully make the move to Toronto. In fact, she is keen to be moving back to a city and to such a multicultural country. No promises, but she is thinking of taking up hockey.



Kanta Murali

writes about the comparative political economy of development, particularly state-business relations, and Indian politics. Her Princeton dissertation attempts to understand the political conditions favorable to growth-oriented policies in poor democracies. She grew up in India, did undergraduate work in the US, worked in consulting and journalism, and then went to the LSE for a masters. She is an avid sports fan – tennis (which she plays), basketball, baseball, soccer – and spends far too much time immersed in the fortunes and travails of the Indian cricket team.

Mississauga Staff



Terri Winchester

first started working as a “temp” in UTM’s Political Science Department last spring (Economics before then). Since December she’s been permanent (part-time), though also working on contract with the dean’s office. She studied marketing and media copywriting at Humber College, and at the same time was active in student athletics. She’s been interested in politics for some time, working for a successful candidate in Mississauga’s last city election, and as a returning officer in recent provincial and federal elections. She remains an avid sports fan, and plays in a dart league.

Science Across Three Campuses

Mississauga Faculty



Andrea Olive

hails from Regina, with degrees from Calgary, Dalhousie, and Purdue, and a stint at the American Council on Education in Washington, DC before completing her Ph.D. Since then, she has been teaching at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. Her research focuses on environmental issues, including endangered species policy in the US and Canada, and rural landownership and conservation in the Grassland Prairie ecosystem. Andrea has also run marathons and spends too much time increasing her carbon footprint by travelling internationally.



Erin Tolley

originally from Saskatchewan, is completing her Ph.D. at Queen's, having spent eight years beforehand in the federal public service. She has co-edited four books on immigration policy, and is now (for her thesis), examining media coverage of race in Canadian politics. She harbors a not-so-secret appreciation for reality TV and is the curator of "Cats of the World," a wildly popular collection of photographs capturing felines in exotic locales. Her son, Raphael, will be eligible to vote in 2030. She will join the UTM department in July 2013.

Scarborough Faculty



Aisha Ahmad

is from Toronto, and returns after completing a fellowship at the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard Kennedy School. Her Ph.D. is from McGill University, and she is now working on a book manuscript entitled *Between the Mosque and the Market: An Economic Explanation of State Failure and State Formation in the Modern Muslim World*. She was actively involved in initiating negotiations with insurgent groups in Pakistan and Afghanistan, and is the chief operating officer of the Dr. Hawa Abdi Foundation, with humanitarian operations in southern Somalia. In her spare time (!) she likes to camp in the wilderness (fishing, canoeing, etc.), and watch hockey.

2012 Retirements

Two faculty members are officially retiring in 2012, after long, active, and productive years in the department, including stints in major graduate and undergraduate administrative positions.

Lawrence Leduc, who has written and taught for decades on electoral politics, political behaviour, and research methods, will be teaching POL 433H this Fall, focusing on the U.S. election.

Donald Schwartz has taught for many years on Russian politics, Eastern Europe, and comparative ethnicity. He will be teaching POL 354H in the Fall, on Russian society and politics.

Emeritus Corner: Peter Russell

Peter Russell is this year's recipient of the Mildred A. Schwartz Award for lifetime achievement in advancing the study of Canadian politics and bringing Canadian politics to the international political science community. The award is offered by the Canadian Politics section of APSA.

The Department's letter of nomination refers to Peter as "one of the great treasures of Canadian academia." He has made huge contributions to the study of judicial and constitutional politics, the rights of indigenous peoples, and the practice of parliamentary government. And he shows no sign of slowing down. He is now preparing

a book he describes as "understanding Canada as a country founded on incomplete conquests," which was the basis of a series of lectures at Glendon College (York University) and will be the focus of an upcoming 4th year/graduate seminar in the department.

Peter is an Officer of the Order of Canada, a member of the Royal Society of Canada, a University Professor at the U of T, a former president of CPSA, and a recipient of (at last count) four honorary degrees.



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UTM Report



Graham White
Interim Chair

It was a busy year of growth and consolidation for POL at UTM. Faculty and staff have settled in to their new(ish) digs in the William G. Davis Building (the former “South Building” renamed early in the year for the long-time Ontario Premier and great friend of Erindale/UTM). And more of us will be settling in. We held two successful searches, landing two cracker-jack new tenure-stream faculty: Andrea Olive (Ph.D., Purdue) will be teaching Canadian environmental politics starting this Fall in a joint POL-Geography position, and Erin Tolley will join us in

2012, once she’s completed her Ph.D. at Queen’s, to teach Canadian politics.

We’ve had changes and additions on the staff side as well. Terri Winchester has joined the Department as a part-time Administrative Assistant, having proved her mettle working for us as a “temp.” We’ve been fortunate to secure the services of Mary Cunningham, as a maternity leave replacement for Lorna Taylor, who is at home looking after her new son, Jake. Unchanged is the way that Norma Dotto, our wondrous Academic Counselor, manages to hold the place together.

A good deal of time and effort went this year into a major academic planning exercise, which both showcased the Department’s strengths and looked forward to continued expansion and

improvement. Student surveys continue to show how well we teach, and this year we offered a record number of courses. We maintain high standards of research, one highlight being Steven Bernstein’s co-authored piece in *Science*. And we snag more than our share of research grants, including Peter Loewen’s winning of the Ontario Government’s prestigious Early Research Award.

July will also mark the start of UTM POL’s co-hosting, with Ryerson University, the *Canadian Journal of Political Science*, with Graham White as English-language co-editor and Peter Loewen as assistant editor. As that starts, our new Chair, Ed Schatz, takes over the reins, and we hope he will preside over continued expansion, and great new hires.

UTSc News



Matthew Hoffmann
Chair of Social Sciences

It was a busy year for Political Science at UTSc and exciting changes are on the horizon for 2012-13 as well. The Fall term saw us welcoming two new colleagues. Bill Hurst – a China and Asia specialist – joined us last July, and headed up this year’s Asian Institute speaker series. His current research and teaching interests focus on the politics of Indonesian courts and legal institutions, as well as social movements and contentious politics, labor politics, and the po-

litical economy of land. Daniel Lee also arrived this Fall, bolstering the political theory sub-discipline. Dan came to Toronto from a post-doc at Columbia University and is currently working on the history of political thought, theories of sovereignty, democratic theory, and Roman law.

This brought our full-time faculty complement at UTSc to 12, and we’re still growing. This year we had a successful search in international relations and in July, we will welcome Aisha Ahmad. Aisha completed a McGill Ph.D. and then a post-doc at Harvard. She is a familiar face at Toronto, having completed both her B.A. and M.A. at U of T. Her current work examines civil war,

state failure, and state formation in the Muslim world.

The biggest news, however, is that Political Science at UTSc is becoming its own department July 1, 2012. We have always had a home in the broader Department of Social Sciences at UTSc, but Political Science, along with the other social science programs, felt that the time was right to strike out on their own. After an intense year and a half of planning, the new department is set to launch. The faculty are excited about charting their own course and continuing the successful tradition of research and teaching in Political Science at UTSc.

Professor Richard Gregor 1924-2012

Richard Gregor died this past January at the age of 87. Born in Prague, he escaped the communist regime in 1949, emigrated to Canada a year later, and graduated with a B.A. and M.A. from the U of T before going on to the LSE. He returned as a faculty member in 1962, and for many years distinguished himself by his teaching in compara-

tive foreign policy and his writing on Soviet politics. Long-time department members will recall his resonant baritone voice and old school civility. As his colleague Bennett Kovrig points out, Richard was also an avid outdoorsman, “never happier than when he was skiing or trekking in Algonquin Park with his son.”



One Year's Faculty Books

As usual, Political Science faculty have had a large cluster of books – 16 in total – published since last spring.

Among the highlights are . . .



Sole authored:

Edward Andrew
Ana Maria Bejarano
Rebecca Kingston
Jennifer Nedelsky
Judith Teichman
Phil Triadafilopoulos
Joseph Wong

Imperial Republics: Revolution, War & Territorial Expansion from the English Civil War to the Fr. Rev. (UofT Press)
Precarious Democracies: Understanding Regime Stability & Change in Columbia & Venezuela (U. of Notre Dame Pr)
Public Passion: Rethinking the Grounds for Political Justice (McGill-Queen's)
Laws Relations: A Relational Theory of Self, Autonomy, and Law (Oxford)
Social Forces and States; Poverty and Distributional Outcomes in S. Korea, Mexico & Chile (Stanford)
Becoming Multicultural: Immigration and the Politics of Membership in Canada and Germany (UBC Press)
Betting on Biotech: Innovation and the Limits of Asia's Developmental States (Cornell)

Co-Authored:

Harald Bathelt
Stephen Clarkson
Ronald Deibert
Neil Nevitte
Linda White

The Relational Economy: Geographies of Knowing and Learning (Oxford), *Wirtschaftsgeographie* (Ulmer)
Dependent America? How Canada and Mexico Construct U.S. Power (UTP & Woodrow Wilson Press)
Access Contested: Security, Identity, and Resistance in Asian Cyberspace (MIT)
Dominance and Decline: Making Sense of Recent Canadian Elections (UTP)
Women, Politics, and Public Policy, 2nd ed. (Oxford)

Edited/Co-Edited:

Emanuel Adler
Harald Bathelt
John Kirton
Grace Skogstad

International Practices, co-edited with Vincent Pouliot (Cambridge U.P.)
Beyond Territory: Dynamic Geographies of Knowledge, Creation, Diffusion, & Innovation (Taylor & Francis)
Global Financial Crisis (Ashgate)
Policy Paradigms, Transnationalism and Domestic Politics (UTP),
Canadian Federalism: Performance, Effectiveness and Legitimacy, 3rd ed. (Oxford)

Books From Recent PhDs

One measure of the accomplishments of our completed doctoral students is their publishing successes, and books are an important part of that story. Looking at graduating classes since 2005, here's what we find in books authored or co-authored by those who were so recently with us (with apologies if we've missed anything). We should add that there are additional volumes edited or co-edited by Corneliu Bjola, Nader Hashemi, Markus Kornprobst, William Parsons, Vincent Pouliot, Nisha Shah, and Ruben Zaiotti. Pretty impressive lot.



Athwal Amardeep, *China-India Relations: Contemporary Dynamics* (Routledge 2007)
 Corneliu Bjola, *Legitimising the Use of Force in International Politics: Kosovo, Iraq and the Ethics of Intervention* (Routledge 2009)
 Corneliu Bjola and Markus Kornprobst, *Understanding International Diplomacy* (Routledge 2012)
 Ross Corbett, *The Lockean Commonwealth* (SUNY 2010)
 James Farney, *Social Conservatives and Party Politics in Canada and the United States* (UTP 2012)
 Kristin Good, *Municipalities and Multiculturalism: The Politics of Immigration in Toronto and Vancouver* (UTP 2009)
 Marc Hanvelt, *The Politics of Eloquence: David Hume's Polite Rhetoric* (UTP 2012)
 Markus Kornprobst, *Irridentism in European Politics: Argumentation, Compromise* (Cambridge 2009)
 Jeffrey Metzger, *Nietzsche, Nihilism and the Philosophy of the Future* (Continuum 2009)
 Olena Nikolayenko, *Citizens in the Making in Post-Soviet States* (Routledge 2011)
 Vincent Pouliot, *International Security in Practice; The Politics of NATO-Russia Diplomacy* (Cambridge 2010)
 Stephen Purdey, *Economic Growth, the Environment and International Relations: The Growth Paradigm* (Routledge 2010)
 Robert Sparling, *Johann Georg Hamann and the Enlightenment Project* (UTP 2011)
 David Trick, *Academic Reform: Policy Options for Improving the Quality & Cost-Effectiveness of Undergraduate Education in Ontario* (Queen's Policy Studies 2011)
 Alexei Trochev, *Judging Russia: The Role of the Constitutional Court in Russian Politics 1990-2006* (Cambridge)
 Jeffery Webber, *Red October: Left-Indigenous Struggles in Modern Bolivia* (Brill 2011)
 Jeffery Webber, *From Rebellion to Reform in Bolivia, Class Struggle, Indigenous Liberation, and the Politics of Evo Morales* (Haymarket 2011)
 Ruben Zaiotti, *Cultures of Border Control: Schengen and the Evolution of European Frontiers* (Chicago 2011)

Mentorship Programs Being Launched

The Political Science Alumni Association (PSAA) has launched a new mentorship program linking recent alumni with more experienced ones. The goal is to give those who are just starting out on their careers a chance to build relationships with established professionals.

Mentors will be able to provide assistance in setting career goals, suggest room for improvement, and enhance knowledge of particular fields of interest.

The inaugural program is intended to run for about 8 months. A dozen experienced alumni have volunteered

for mentor positions, coming from backgrounds in international law, federal public service, Aboriginal affairs, urban planning, and public policy advocacy. They have been matched by an equal number of mentees. The whole PSAA executive have been involved, with Jayme Turney and Anthony Fernando playing key roles.

At the same time, the Political Science department is preparing for an autumn launch of a mentorship program aimed at linking 3rd and 4th year undergraduates with established alumni. The objective is to start off with 12 to 15 mentors/mentees for

the first year and the program will run from October-March. Programs offered by University College, the Computer Science Department, and New College have been explored in order to pull out best practices from each. Here too, mentors will be aiming to help students set career goals and expand their knowledge of alternatives beyond the completion of their undergraduate degrees.

Alumni interested in either of these programs are invited to contact Carolyn Ursabia in the Political Science Department, St. George campus office - polsci.alum@utoronto.ca.

Graduated with a Political Science degree? Want to get involved with Alumni activities or a mentorship program? Contact polsci.alum@utoronto.ca

ALUMNI profile

Alexander Costy on Front Lines

by Peter Loewen

Alexander Costy doesn't just study conflict; he works on the ground to end it.

Costy completed his Ph.D. in Political Science at the U of T in 2000 (with Robert Matthews), and now he is a Senior Advisor in the Office of the UN Special Coordinator for Lebanon. He works as a member of a small team that identifies threats to Lebanon's precarious peace, and makes suggestions as to where the UN might best focus its attention.

This work melds his theoretical and academic knowledge with on-the-ground realities. "One of my former bosses once told me: 'an idea is only good if it works'. And figuring out what works in a region with so many players and so many moving parts is a challenge. The few proposals that pan out can be quite rewarding."

Costy came to the department from the London School of Economics, where he focused on European integration. He planned to continue on that path, but in the middle of his degree, he took a trip to visit a friend in Mozambique. There he had his first contact with UN operations, and witnessed first hand a country in transition from a Marxist

economy to a free-market regime, and from a long period of war to peace.

Costy began his UN work while finishing his dissertation, first in Mozam-



Alexander Costy with his son, John Francis

bique. He then took up assignments in Angola, pre-war Iraq, and Taliban-run Afghanistan. This could well have delayed his dissertation, but for Costy the field experience logically dovetailed with the completion of his thesis. It

also gave him a solid footing in the professional world. He has, he notes, a debt of gratitude to Matthews, who encouraged him to marry his theoretical work to on-the-ground assignments.

After finishing his Ph.D., Costy took up posts in Jerusalem, and now Beirut, "a place where great power competition is in the air that you breathe, and where history, religion and geo-strategy always intersect."

Reflecting on his time in the department, Costy is struck by how the realities of conflict remind him of his time in our department. "We spent a lot of time discussing aspects of international power, but at times I had very little idea at the time of what we were actually talking about. I could never have anticipated the vibration that goes through the body when a cruise missile hits nearby, or the sensation of being detained by an armed group." Still, he can't help remembering mid-week discussions in the 3rd floor seminar room at Sydney Smith. Like today's graduate students, it's the place where he began to figure out how a very complicated world works.

The Community Engagements of Jared (Wei Yang) Ong

Jared talks enthusiastically about volunteering for an after-school program run out of St. Felix Community Centre at Queen and Spadina. “Some of the kids are really poor, so we pick them up, play, help with homework, that sort of thing.” He also helps out at a community garden at Dufferin Grove Park. “School can be so introverted: with this kind of work I get involved in tangible projects and meet really authentic people.” He has also volunteered with the Toronto Public Space Initiative, and he’s working on his Mandarin.

Jared is taking a short break from school after graduating in 2011 with the highest GPA of any specialist in Political Science, for which he received both the Suzanne and Edwin Goodman Prize and the Jules and Elaine James Scholarship. At last November’s awards ceremony, his smile and energy filled the room. His

very proud mother was there, but resisted his urgings to come forward for a picture. “She’s cool, but she’s kind of shy.”

His scholarly record is stunning, and he remembers many courses with great enthusiasm. He took two half courses from the “amazing” Courtney Jung in his last year, dealing with identity and race, raising questions of intersectionality that spoke powerfully to someone who immigrated from Singapore as a teenager. He talks with equal delight about courses taught by Antoinette Handley, Li-lach Gilady, and Stephen Clarkson.

“I don’t think I’m that smart: a lot of getting decent grades is just hard work. Other people always seemed to have smart things to say in class; I always thought I needed to prepare, and think things through.” He’s seriously thinking of an M.A., but as he puts it, “I

want to figure out the research question I really want to think about first.”

Jared talks with immense warmth about his family, and about how impossible it would have been to work as hard as he did and get as far as he did without their support. He’s considering a return trip to Singapore, in fact, to spend some time with his extended family.

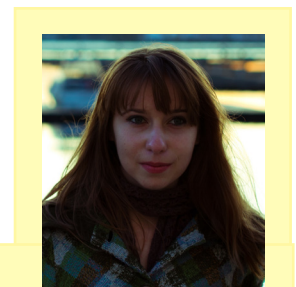
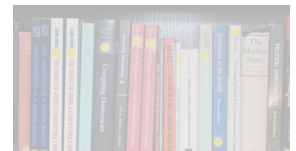
We’ll be watching where he takes his great energy and amazing mind beyond that.



The Undergraduate Senior Thesis Seminar

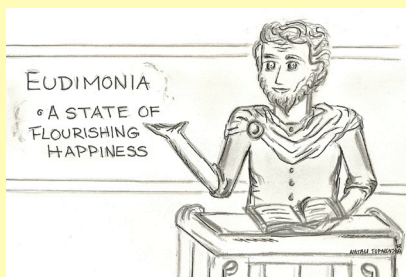
4th year students have an extraordinary opportunity to complete a major research project under a faculty member’s supervision, and at the same time join with others doing the same thing in POL 499Y. This year, thirteen did so, with Dr. Karlo Basta as the overall course instructor. Here is what they worked on:

Student:	Project Title:	Faculty Supervisor:
Mahsa Alimardani	<i>The Iranian women’s movement</i>	Ramin Jahanbegloo
Patrick Baud	<i>Overseeing RCMP security activities</i>	Kent Roach
Cameron Becker	<i>The Palestinian movement’s use of violence and non-violence</i>	Paul Kingston
Aberdeen Berry	<i>Individual rights in Rousseau and Hegel</i>	Simone Chambers
Peter Brown	<i>Wikileaks as a new breed of non-state actor</i>	Wendy Wong
David Byun	<i>Democratic consolidation in South Korea</i>	Lynette Ong
Niamh Fitzgerald	<i>Response to HIV/AIDS in S. Africa and Botswana</i>	Antoinette Handley
Zachary Garcia	<i>Ontario and the region-state thesis</i>	Nelson Wiseman
Chelsea Han	<i>National security and human rights in international law</i>	Kent Roach
Amjad Iraqi	<i>Arab citizens and Israel’s national service</i>	Emanuel Adler
Arian Khader	<i>Intergovernmental challenges and Canadian health care</i>	Michael Stein
Sara Lee	<i>Kosher food in Israel as institutional mirror of the state</i>	Emanuel Adler
Victor Platt	<i>The Securitization of cyberspace</i>	Ronald Deibert



Natali Topalovska

Natali Topalovska’s Animated Aristotle



Natali Topalovska thought of “animating” Aristotle during Liz Alexander’s course in *Politics and Morality*. She had always liked drawing, and was taking a minor in Cinema Studies alongside her majors in Politics and European Studies. As she immersed herself in Aristotle’s ideas, she was taken by their timeless relevance, and the appeal of widening the audience for them through animation, maybe even engaging children in his big ideas. Here we see Aristotle talking to us about “Eudimonia” – an idea that links activity with virtue. The playfulness of the drawing reflects Natali’s energetic warmth and determination to give visual life to political philosophy beyond this spring’s completion of her undergraduate degree.



Moses (failing to get to the promised land) is one of two stone sculptures created by Professor **Ronald Beiner**, as a “good relief from the travails of political theory,” and donated to the Political Science lounge in the Sid Smith building. The other donated work is *Freud*, the combination alluding to the psychoanalyst’s preoccupation with *Moses*. Beiner also donated two works by his son **Zimra**, a ceramic sculptor who has completed a MFA at Alfred University. One of those, “**Ram Bricks**,” is pictured above. More of Ronnie Beiner’s work can be seen at: <http://homes.chass.utoronto.ca/~rbeiner/sculptures.html>. More of Zimra Beiner’s can be seen at <http://www.zimrabeiner.com/home.html>.



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