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From the Chair

David Cameron left a note on the desk I have now inherited. In part, it said: "As you well know, this is an excellent department with exceptional faculty and staff." That is certainly one reason I agreed to follow in his footsteps. But another was more important.

Not for one moment during the past quarter century have I ever regretted an earlier decision to leave a promising position on Bay Street to accept an Assistant Professorship in Political Science at the University of Toronto. Why? Let me count the reasons. Anthony Fernando, Joanna Langille, Sean Willett, Michael Varey, Noah Blackstein, Roger Parkinson, Jennifer Jeffs, Sarah Eaton, Érick Lachapelle, Su-Mei Ooi, Erin Hannah, Joshua Hjartarson, Marketa Evans, Jason Davis, Rhema Kang, Natalia Loukacheva, and many, many more names from among the equally outstanding undergraduates, graduate students, and post-docs who have taught me so much over the years. What a blessed life professors enjoy; therefore, what obligations we have to give back.

All faculty members decide for themselves precisely how to give back, or, in other words, how to pass on this gift of the university, and all it does and means, to the next generation. We value the autonomy and support granted us by our society for the purpose of advancing the cause of our teaching and research. They oblige us to make necessary collective decisions collegially. That term is not synonymous with congenially,



efficiently, or consistently. It simply means that we recognize no CEO when it comes to preserving and advancing our scholarly community. To chair a meeting of colleagues hardly resembles managing a bureaucracy. Decisions are nevertheless made, and they constitute our much-respected department.

For a glimpse of the myriad implications of those decisions, peruse the following pages. Space limits prevent us from covering all of the recent accomplishments of our students, faculty, and staff. Even if we can only hint at their intellectual gifts, the reader should understand that these people are among the best in the world of political science.

A few weeks ago, we had a visit from

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Students and Alumni Continue to Connect

In early November, the Department of Political Science launched the Senior Undergraduate Alumni Mentorship Program. Spearheaded by Professor Robert Vipond, the program connects upper-year Political Science majors and specialists with alumni who have built successful careers on the basis of their academic experience. Students in their 3rd and 4th years have been matched with mentors on a one-on-one basis. The novel approach to this program is that it pairs undergrads with graduates who were once in their shoes. Alumni who are mentors are Heather Bastedo, Frank Cesario, Peter Chang, Barbara Dick, Adam Halim, Rob McLean, Mark Redinger, Alex Shprintsen, Michael Stickings, Danielle Takacs and Marcy Vigoda. This year mentees are Laura Correa Ochoa,



Alex Shprintsen (L), Nicole Stoffman (R)

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Political Economy and Economic Geography

By Michael Kunz and Harald Bathelt

Since political science addresses the political in the organization of society, it necessarily intersects with economic, social, psychological, and many other aspects of human life. Political economy, in particular, is subject to the fact that the actions and interactions of economic agents in space cause fundamental disparities which affect the political system and its institutions. The study of the origins and impacts of political institutions, in this context, naturally leads to opportunities to pursue, and often demands an interdisciplinary perspective. Economic geography is a valuable field in this respect because it requires and is built on an interdisciplinary approach. To bring together perspectives from political economy and economic geography can lead to a better understanding of the recursive connection between the distribution of economic activity and the impact of public policy.

Relative to political science, economic geography has had a tighter focus on the understanding of change and this background can offer insights to political scientists. At its core, economic geography has always been an approach that combines techniques from many disciplines in order to understand a variety of research questions related to the determinants of economic differentiation and connection between regions. In the study of change, economic geography has

integrated evolutionary thinking to allow for a clearer understanding of how change comes about and how it persists over time. This openness to other fields has allowed economic geography to integrate many useful approaches while offering a model of how political science could look to other fields to approach some of its most pressing questions more comprehensively.

An example of how an interdisciplinary perspective may enrich studies in political economy can be found in the varieties-of-capitalism literature. Peter A. Hall and David Soskice's original work is conceptualized as a relational perspective that draws from strategic (inter)action of firms, building up an argument at an aggregate level to identify multiple, persistent national capitalisms. Much of the critique or support of this conceptualization neglects this original intention and engages in debates based on aggregate, typically national-level data. In so doing, entire countries are classified as supporting or contradicting given typologies of economies while neglecting the fact that subnational (regional) disparities are often much more prominent and more severe than cross-national differences (see Canada or the U.S. as examples). Even worse, at an individual firm level, predictions from this debate are almost always wrong.

Economic geography fundamentally recognizes that economic action

is grounded in space: personal and professional networks of people and firms exist within territories and/or across them; they overlap locally or create trans-local linkages or are not linked at all. In any case, the existence or non-existence of such linkages influences the generation of wider networks and supports contextual practices. At an individual firm level, structures that might be perceived as being associated with a specific capitalist model become contextualized and can in practice vary quite widely (and probably more so than on an aggregate level). But to realize this, and deal with it appropriately, requires moving beyond a narrow disciplinary focus. It is a similar set of arguments that led Paul Krugman to take economic geography seriously in his work on inter-firm trade.

Of course, the benefit of interdisciplinary work is not a one-way process. Political science has much to offer for economic geography in understanding the role of agency in societal change. Integrating these perspectives towards broader trans-disciplinary debates might be necessary to bring about a clearer understanding of how political processes can be purposefully employed by independent agents to change regional and national development paths. It is such trans-disciplinary projects that are, in our minds, at the very core of the future of the social sciences.



Social Media: Good for Democracy?



Mention Arab Spring and images of Facebook and Twitter immediately come to mind. That is because we often attribute the success of social movements to how well they utilized social media to mobilize supporters. The question is not whether we would have seen a movement like the Arab Spring were it not for social media, but whether we would have seen such a movement mobilize so quickly and successfully. This issue was debated at the Keith Davey Forum on Public Affairs on Wednesday, October 17 between Jesse Hirsh, President of Metaviews Media Management Ltd., and Lee Rainie, Director of Pew Research, with Lou Pauly from the Department of Political Science as the emcee, and Steve Paikin as the moderator.

The views between Hirsh and Rainie did not break down along political lines of right and left, but more along the

pros and cons of whether or not social media is good for democracy, or even expands its scope. Hirsh argued that the internet is not democratic. Rather, studies suggest people spend hours searching for news sources and for people with similar outlooks. Instead of looking for the truth, Hirsh stated that people are looking for validation. Such narrowness can lead to balkanization, and the emergence of on-line lynch mobs seeking to punish anyone who challenges or disagrees with conventional assumptions.

Rainie focused on the positives that social media brings to democracy, such as building networks. Social media allows for the mobilization of information in cheap and efficient ways. More importantly, Rainie stated that the internet and on-line communities are stratified along socio-economic lines.

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Eisenhower in War and Peace

Together with Trinity College and the Munk School of Global Affairs, on October 3, 2012, the Department welcomed back distinguished scholar and author Jean Edward Smith. Professor Smith is the John Marshall Professor of Political Science Emeritus at Marshall University, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto, and Visiting Senior Scholar in the History Department at Columbia University.

Smith began his academic career as an undergraduate at Princeton University where he studied constitutional law and political science. After graduation in 1954, he enlisted in the US Army where he served in West Berlin and Dachau, and finished his military career as a captain in the Artillery. Smith returned home in 1961, and in three years earned his PhD from the Department of Public Law and Government at Columbia University, while teaching at Dartmouth. In 1965, Gordon Skilling - the founder of what would later become the Centre for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies - invited Smith to give a paper, which

resulted in an offer from Tom Easterbrook to join the Department of Political Economy. Smith eventually served as Associate Chair until Political Science became its own separate department in 1983. He remained at the University of Toronto until 1999.

Professor Smith returned to Toronto to speak about his new book, *Eisenhower in War and Peace*. President Eisenhower emerges in Smith's book as both a "canny politician and a skillful, decisive



leader." Smith portrays an Eisenhower who "engineered an end to America's three-year no-win war in Korea, resisted calls for preventive wars against the Soviet Union and China, and boldly deployed the Seventh Fleet to protect Formosa from invasion." Smith informs his readers that Eisenhower faced off with Khrushchev over Berlin and forced the withdrawal of British, French, and Israeli forces from the Suez Canal. Not only did Eisenhower make and maintain peace in Korea, but not one US soldier lost his life during his tenure as president. Furthermore, Eisenhower exalted America's prestige in the Middle East and throughout the world.

Eisenhower was just as capable a leader domestically as he was internationally. Under Eisenhower, the United States reduced military spending, which he warned against in his farewell address, balanced the federal budget, constructed an interstate highway system, and provided social security coverage for those who were self-employed. Smith reminded his audience of the value and need for good statesmanship.

Canadian Journal of Political Science

Graham White, Peter Loewen, along with Carolyn Johns and Bryan Evans of Ryerson are editing the English side of the Canadian Journal of Political Science. As editors, they are responsible for overseeing the review process for all submitted articles by securing referees and tracking down late reviews. Once the reviews are completed, White and Loewen draft decision letters determining whether the author's paper has been accepted, needs to be revised and resubmitted, or should be rejected. For those pieces accepted, the editors shepherd the papers through the copy editing and production stage. As Professor Loewen explains "we weigh reviewers' sage advice and distill it into recommendations for authors. We think hard about how articles can be improved, and move the frontiers of political science forward by making unique contributions."

CJPS began as a joint journal of economics and political science, but set its own course in 1968. Since then the CJPS has established itself as the flagship journal for Canadian politics. The journal now regularly seeks out works that extend beyond traditional disciplinary boundaries. For instance, Loewen states that "Jane Jenson's landmark work on paradigms and political discourse was published in our pages. Jean Blondel published his important work on party systems in the

journal, as did Arend Lijphart with his important conceptual work on consociationalism. The Journal also publishes annually the Presidential Address of the President of the CPSA." Thanks to its editors and contributors, CJPS has broadened its focus to include a whole host of issues that make it a vital journal for scholars across disciplines. Professor Loewen put it nicely when he commented that "it's

fitting, then, that the journal is housed in a department with a commitment to intellectual openness and core concern with our country's politics."



Toronto International Relations Seminar (TIRS)

The Toronto International Relations Seminar (TIRS) is a speakers series that invites scholars from the University of Toronto and other universities from around the world to present their latest work on topics pertaining to international relations. Professor Todd Hall has been running TIRS with great success. His goal has not only been to provide a forum for scholars to share their work, but also to create a focal point for faculty, students, and others interested in international relations to come together on a regular basis. Even as the creator and organizer of TIRS, Hall has repeatedly been amazed by what can occur serendipitously when one brings great minds together. "I firmly believe that within the academic environment, one needs to actively cultivate a community where that can happen." TIRS offers faculty and students an opportunity to test and discover the strengths and weaknesses of their work while being introduced to alternative research methods.



David Welch (L), Todd Hall (R)

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Louis Pauly (L), Steve Paikin (R)

In other words, those with disposable income and time can afford to take advantage of the internet, which makes it undemocratic and elitist. This is not the case for social media.

The forum was engaging, informative, and filled with passionate debate. Steve Paikin, as the moderator, challenged Rainie and Hirsh on their points with counter-arguments, and facts. More importantly, Paikin guided the conversation so that Hirsh and Rainie were directly responding to each other while addressing the

larger concerns regarding the value and role social media should play in democracy. The forum succeeded in attracting hundreds of students and engaging them on this complicated topic. The spectators reminded them that social media, like democracy itself, has a great potential for good. We should not, however, ignore the dangers that some individual or groups can misuse this power.

Robert Matthews Honoured with Scholarship in Son's Name

As a faculty member and Chair of the Department, Bob Matthews profoundly influenced the field of international relations by focusing on African and Third World states as active global players. He extended his focus by researching and critiquing Canadian foreign policy towards Third World countries. Anyone who has ever spoken to Bob will tell you that his impact on the Department goes beyond his intellectual rigour and creativity. Matthews shares his warmth, compassion, dedication, and openness with everyone in the Department. This is not surprising given his background. Bob's career in foreign

affairs began not as an academic, but as a volunteer for the Canadian University Service Overseas. CUSO is non-profit organization that sent Canadian volunteers to aid and assist in the development of Third World countries. It was while he was working in Ghana that his son, Chris Matthews, was born. Both father and son shared a passion for travel and much more. Chris left this world much too early, but it is most fitting that the *Chris Matthews International Graduate Student Scholarship* will provide financial assistance to generations of international students.

The scholarship was created with the intention of attracting and providing support

to the brightest PhD students from around the world. Actually, this scholarship is as much about honouring the legacy and contributions of Bob as it is about the memory of Chris. The Department wanted to recognize the extraordinary contributions that Bob made to the Department and to the study of political development. So the *Chris Matthews Scholarship* was created in honour of Chris, a son who embodied his father's humane values.



Alum Returns to Offer Seminar



Robert Matthews (L), Taisier Ali (R)

After ten years, Dr. Taisier Ali, Director of the Peace-building Centre for the Horn of Africa in Asmara, Eritrea has returned to the University of Toronto to teach an intensive seminar. The course on failed states is entitled "The Rudderless State: Political Crisis and Civil Wars in Sudan." The course provides students with a theoretical and empirical case study that speaks to the root causes of recurring violent conflicts and the increase in dysfunctional states in Africa. A mix of undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in the seminar benefitted from the wisdom of an instructor who happens to be a living witness to the problems Sudan continues to face.

Dr. Ali calmly states that he is lucky

to be alive. Many of his close friends and colleagues have experienced war, torture, and imprisonment.

Like many of his close friends and colleagues, Dr. Ali has endured famine, war, imprisonment, and torture. He was removed from his position at the University of Khartoum by presidential decree. His commitment to the same democratic principles that he teaches and his leadership in negotiating peace talks among armed factions resulted in expulsion from his homeland. Yet Dr. Ali maintains a position of hope and optimism. This comes out when he reminisces about his experiences as a political science student at the University of Toronto.

Dr. Ali came to the University of Toronto on a scholarship from the Bata Shoe Company, a Canadian company that had a large factory in Sudan at the time. As an undergraduate at the University of Toronto, Ali was constantly reminded of the disparities that existed between his hometown, the least developed area of Sudan, and the privileges he enjoyed in Toronto. This experience had a tremendous impact on his academic pursuits in political development. In fact, it was in his honors year that he would meet his future collaborator, Professor Robert Matthews. Dr. Ali completed his B.A., M.A., and PhD at the U of T.

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Jean Edward Smith, who long ago chaired that part of the old Department of Political Economy that in 1983 became today's Department of Political Science. In the audience for his wonderful lecture on the latest of his 'post-retirement' books were many of his former students, some of whom have by now achieved great career success as conventionally conceived but all of whom share an abiding commitment to engaged citizenship. They told me that Jean's scholarship and teaching had a decisive influence on their lives, and they thanked me effusively for bringing him back to the campus from his new abode far away from Toronto. But I did no such thing. He brought himself back. Why? I asked him that question myself. Because, he said, "this is a great university." And then he turned once again to his students.

David concluded his note to me as follows, "These last six years have been a privilege, and I am sure you will find it so as well." I have no doubts.

New Faces, New Places

Julia Chou

Julia was born in Taiwan and raised in Vancouver, British Columbia. At an early age Julia developed a competitive appetite for sports, especially volleyball. After high school, Julia studied business management at the University of Toronto Mississauga, but expanded her intellectual pursuits by majoring in Crime, Law and Deviance and minoring in Sociology. "As I had never been to Ontario before, I never knew that the University of Toronto had three campuses."

Living in Toronto has given her a new perspective on the city's ethnic diversity and the influence it wields in terms of food, shopping, and entertain-

ment.

For Julia, Toronto enables her to sample a wide assortment of food, especially



through the various cultural celebrations that the city either hosts or recognizes.

Since joining the Department of Po-

litical Science on the St. George campus as the Undergraduate Assistant in August 2012, Julia truly enjoys the receptive and friendly atmosphere. Regarding her transition from Mississauga to St. George, Julia says that "UTM is a much different environment since the campus itself is so small and you have the chance to deal with everyone at different levels. At St. George you deal primarily with the Department and get to know each person on an individual basis. I hope to learn and grow with the department and get to know everyone quickly. Please drop by my office in SSH 3010 to say hello or if there is anything I can help with, don't hesitate to ask!"

Sue-Ann Hicks

Sue-Ann is the new Assistant to the Chairs and Director for the Departments of Human Geography, Political Science and the Centre for Critical Development Studies at UTSc. In her role she provides administrative and secretarial support to Professors Grace Skogstad, André Sorensen and Paul Kingston, coordinating university processes such as tenure, promotion, faculty searches and research leaves.

Since 2011, Sue-Ann served as the

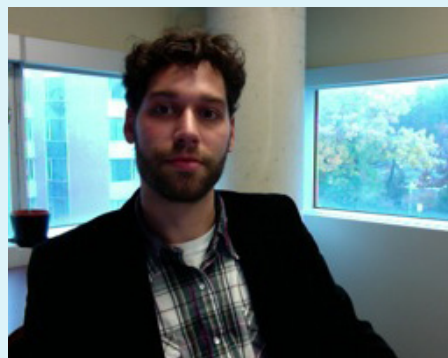
Administrative Coordinator for International Relations in the Office of Vice President, University Relations on the St. George campus, where she had taken on a wide range of responsibilities including providing administrative support to the IR/UR team and working with the various faculties in coordinating incoming delegations to the University. Prior to her new role Sue-Ann served as the Executive Assistant to the former Dean of OISE, Jane Gaskell.

Sue-Ann is married and a mother of two grown children, son, Joey and daugh-

ter, Keely. She loves dogs and enjoys spending time with family and friends.



Benjamin Pottruff



In September 2012, Benjamin was appointed the UTSc Program Advi-

sor for the Departments of Political Science, Human Geography, and the Centre for Critical Development Studies. Benjamin first arrived at the University of Toronto in September 2004 to begin a PhD in History after completing a B.A. and M.A. at the University of Waterloo. His dissertation, "The Anarchist Peril: Industrial Violence and the Propaganda of Fear in Turn of the Century America, 1886-1908," investigates a violent series of anarchist inspired assassinations and bombings that haunt the history of the second industrial revolution in the United States.

Benjamin's most recent role was

at the Centre for Teaching Support & Innovation as a Faculty Liaison where he collaborated with partners from across the University of Toronto to develop, deliver, and assess pedagogical programming. Benjamin also consulted directly with individual faculty members to develop their teaching dossiers and refine their teaching techniques. In this role, he coordinated a team of researchers in a university-wide project that interviewed and surveyed students and teaching assistants across disciplines in an effort to assess deep learning and the development of core academic skills.

Advocate for Accessibility

Daniella Levy-Pinto moved from Mexico to Toronto in 2006 to pursue her PhD in Political Science at the University of Toronto. Unlike most of us reading this article, Levy-Pinto is totally blind. Her mobility comes from a pair of eyes that belong to her guide dog, Luke, a black Labrador and Golden Retriever mix. Levy-Pinto works towards completing her PhD using a computer equipped with a screen reader program that reads text from her laptop's monitor using a speech synthesizer. In order for Levy-Pinto to read, all forms of print media must be available in an accessible digital format.

As a graduate student, Levy-Pinto realized that the university did not have all the appropriate supports in place for students with disabilities. She mentions how her course readings were scanned, but not equipped with adaptive technologies to make them accessible for blind students. "The lack of accessibility of some of my readings meant that for the first year in the program, most weeks I spent an average of 16 hours converting image-based files into alternative formats. The Department of Political Science was understanding and responded with ad hoc solutions that allowed me to concentrate on my regular course work and TAsip."

Accessibility for Levy-Pinto is not just about access to materials, but allowing all students the right to move freely and enjoy the physical environment of the university. That is why she has also worked to improve accessibility of university buildings, academic resources, and student events. For instance, she collaborated directly with the Office for Student Life to ensure that the new online map of the university is accessible for screen readers. Levy-Pinto has contributed to the development of several initiatives to raise awareness and directly influence many of the systemic issues in different areas of student life for students with disabilities in the university. She was directly involved in the creation and implementation of new guidelines to improve access for print-disabled stu-

dents. Specifically, she assisted in developing guidelines for the processing and correcting of errors in the formatting of scanned documents to make them accessible for adaptive technologies (such as screen readers and magnification software), and promoted increased access to print resources in alternative formats beyond assigned course readings, to include books and articles for research.

"I am no stranger to advocating for myself, acting in good will with those around me. When I began working to solve the lack of accessibility of many of my reading materials, I decided to expand those advocacy efforts to benefit other students as well. Since then, I have been working and advocating for accessible academic materials for print-disabled students. I became actively engaged to increase awareness and solve some of the challenges that students with disabilities face, first on my own, and then joining the boards of Students for Barrier Free Access (SBA) and National Educational Association of Disabled Students (NEADS)."



Jerald's New Venture

Jerald Sabin is a graduate student in the Department of Political Science at the University of Toronto researching how settler discourse shaped political institutions in the Northwest Territories. In addition to writing his dissertation, he found time to create a magazine. Sabin co-founded *Northern Public Affairs* with two other doctoral students at Carleton University, Joshua Gladstone and Sheena Kennedy. The idea for the magazine came during a break-out session at the Social Economy Research Network conference in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories when community members expressed their frustrations with the failure of researchers communicating their findings in ways that are useful for political debate and policy development. That is why *Northern Public Affairs* seeks to provide access to this policy-relevant research, such as ensuring that the magazine is published bilingually, with articles translated in Inuktitut.

Northern Public Affairs is a new public policy magazine focusing on Northern Canada. Published three times a year, the magazine provides a space for debate and exchange on policy issues facing Northern Canadians. The magazine's content covers Canada's three territories - Nunavut, the Northwest Territories, and Yukon, as well as the provincial Norths. As Sabin and his co-editors wrote in the editorial of the first issue: "Our first issue reflects the passion for the place Northerners call home. It covers the gamut from foreign affairs to education, governance to the arts. Our contributors are premiers, public servants, artists, and students. We hope you can join them as we question, debate, and discuss the issues facing Northerners and Canadians. It's time for a new conversation."

The first issue was launched in June at an event sponsored by the Department during the annual Canadian Political Science Association conference in Edmonton, Alberta. It was followed by a launch at the Yellowknife Public

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Awards, Prizes and Milestone Celebration

Twenty-five years ago, the Department of Political Science recognized eleven undergraduate students at its first undergraduate award ceremony – Janet Bolton, John Caccia, Fraser Cameron, James Hall, Nicholas Johnstone, Paul Mannone, Gail Martiri, Gary Navison, Mathew Ou, Jonathan Shiff and Leanne Van Stone. Since that time, there have been many more. They have been awarded scholarships and awards, and many have moved on to successful careers and fulfilling lives.

On Thursday, November 22, 2012, faculty, staff, students, family and friends gathered once again in the Political Science lounge, Sidney Smith

Building to recognize the accomplishments of some of our students. Seventeen students were honored and received awards.

At the University of Toronto Mississauga, Monika Godor is the winner of the Peter Silcox Award, Charles Lun won the James Barros Award, and Jeff Legge won the Political Science Essay Contest. The essay contest was funded through the generosity of UTM alumnus Faisal Mirza.

Stephen Clarkson won an APSA Prize for his book *Does North America Exist?*. Professor Clarkson is the co-recipient of the Seymour Martin Lip-

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MA and PhD Major External Scholarship Winners 2012

Assaly	Richie	CGS Masters
Ballingall	Robert Alexander	OGS
Bodruzic	Dragana	OGS
Bognar	Mary Julia	SSHRC
Bretscher	Paul Kostas Havele	CGS Doctoral
Brown	Peter	CGS Masters
Dersnah	Megan Alexandra	OGS
Doberstein	Carey	OGS
Drieschova	Alena	OGS
Edmonds	Kevin	OGS
Evans	Beth Jean	OGS
Fender	Jennifer	OGS
Gagne	Marie	OGS
Gavin	Michael	OGS
Gordner	Matthew	Trudeau
Gordon	David Jeremy	OGS
Hamilton	Matthew James	OGS
Harrison	Teddy	CGS Doctoral
Heroux-Legault	Maxime	FQRSC
Iqbal	Mizgan	OGS MA
Koczorowski	Conrad	OGS
Korycki	Katarzyna	OGS
Kravitz	Meredith Rachel	SSHRC
Lambek	Simon	OGS
Litwin	Nathan Michael	OGS
Morden	Michael David	OGS
Mourad	Lama	CGS Doctoral
Nasirzadeh	Abouzar	OGS
Pandy-Szekeres	Milena	OGS
Paquin-Pelletier	Alexandre	OGS
Planinc	Emma	CGS Doctoral
Popovic	Jelena	OGS
Porisky	Alesha	OGS
Potters	Michael	OGS MA
Rice	Joanna Magdelana	OGS
Shchudlo	Andri	CGS Masters
Sherwin	Daniel	CGS Masters
Shoikhedbrod	Igor	OGS
Snider	Meghan	CGS Masters
Soedirgo	Jessica	SSHRC
Street	Ella	Connaught
Su	Yvonne	CGS Doctoral
Suchowlansky	Mauricio	OGS
Trochimchuk	Stephen	OGS
Van Der Ven	Hamish	OGS

Ruth Marshall Awarded Grant

Professor Ruth Marshall has been awarded a Social Science Research Council grant to study prayer in the public sphere. Traditionally, the social sciences have been absent in investigating the role and value that prayer serves in the public realm. Typically that task has been left to the humanities, and most recently, cognitive scientists. With this new research opportunity, Marshall will be filling that void as a grant recipient from the New Directions in the Study of Prayer. Her research will investigate claims from African Pentecostals that prayer is the “weapon of our warfare.” In particular, her research seeks to explain what it means to speak of prayer as a weapon, and what might be the ethi-

cal, political and theological implications of Pentecostal conceptions of warfare.

NDSP is committed to the production of interdisciplinary research within a collaborative framework. In addition to conducting individual research, scholars are encouraged to participate in a series of interdisciplinary workshops and digital initiatives organized in conjunction with the project. Marshall’s scholarship reflects this type of dynamic research. Her interdisciplinary approach engages with new theoretical inquiries into the ‘post-secular’, and seeks to open up the empirical study of politics to perspectives from the study of religion.



Want to help create a better educational experience for our undergraduate and graduate students in Political Science?

Donations to the Department contribute to the establishment of awards and scholarships, but that's not all. Donations support field research costs for students, awards for students to present their research at conferences, and funding for networking events. Donations are easier than ever. Please see page 12 on how you can donate.

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set Award for best book on Canadian politics.

Ruth Marshall has been awarded a Social Science Research Council Grant for her project “Moving Heaven and Earth: Prayer as Political Praxis in Global Pentecostalism.”

Jennifer Nedelsky won the 2012 C.B. Macpherson Prize for her book entitled *Law's Relations*. The C.B. Macpherson Prize was established to honour the life and work of Crawford Brough Macpherson (1911-1987), who spent his academic career in the Department.

Last August the Institute of Public Administration of Canada announced the winners of the 2011 J.E. Hodgetts Award for best English article published in the Canadian Public Administration Journal. Alumni Jen Nelles, now at Hunter College at the City University of New York, and Christopher Alcantara of Wilfrid Laurier University were awarded the prize for their article “Strengthening the Ties that Bind: An Analysis of Aboriginal-Municipal Inter-Governmental Agreements in British Columbia.”

Clifton van der Linden, now in

our PhD program, was named the 2012-13 Action Canada Fellow. Action Canada is Canada’s leading public policy fellowship. Fellows are chosen from all sectors, including business, science, government,

academia, and the professions.

We are proud to announce that Professor Peter Loewen is a winner of a 2012 Ontario Government Early Researcher Award.

Undergraduate Winners at the 25th Awards Ceremony



Outstanding performance in a single piece of work	Outstanding performance in an academic year	Outstanding performance over all undergraduate years
Jake Lee Brockman Manasvin Goswami Katharine Kleemola Etienne Farmer Lacombe Alissa Dorothy Saieva Priscila Garay Sanchez Ioana Sendroiu Nabeel Thomas Angela Wiggins	Abdirashid Aidid Abdullah Basurto Laura Correa Ochoa Nihar Gondalia Jordan Kamenetsky Anna Krepinsky Alexandra Robertson Nabeel Thomas	Nathan Berman

Laura Correa Ochoa

Political Science undergraduate Laura Correa Ochoa was born in Medellin, Colombia, and by the age of ten she emigrated with her family as political refugees to the United States and subsequently to Canada. Correa Ochoa



particularly curious about history and politics.

Initially she entered the University of Toronto to pursue degrees in history and architecture, but after taking Professor Edward Andrew’s *Nationalism and Imperialism* seminar she decided to drop architecture for political science. “In the course I felt very intellectually challenged and motivated by Professor Andrew and my classmates. I still think both of my majors (history and political science) complement each other in very interesting ways, and allow me to explore social, political and economic questions from different angles.” Building on her enthusiasm for politics, Ochoa joined the *G8 Research Group* and the *Toronto Globalist*. Both of these provided her with opportunities to research and write on issues involving globalization and development.

Correa Ochoa has been very excited

with her academic pursuits in the department as a result of her including courses in Caribbean history, political development, and political theory. She is driven by questions of settlement, control, and equitable distribution of natural resources. This past summer she went to Colombia in order to conduct original field work for her senior thesis project on land reinstitution and transitional justice, which she is doing under the supervision of Professor Courtney Jung. In addition to her senior thesis, Correa Ochoa is working on an independent study with Professor Sedgewick on women, land and agricultural commodities in 20th century Latin America, which she hopes both of these projects will help her narrow down her area of study for graduate school.

Faculty Books

The Political Struggles of Canadian Women, Second Edition

Jacquetta Newman and Linda A. White

(Oxford University Press, 2012)

The second edition of *Women, Politics, and Public Policy* incorporates uniquely Canadian perspectives on the intersectionality of feminism, women's politics, and public policy-making. After outlining historical contexts and the foundations of feminist theory, the text examines topical, practical issues, offering an approach that is well-suited to both novices and advanced learners.

Internal Affairs: How the Structure of NGOs Transforms Human Rights

Wendy H. Wong
(Cornell University Press, 2012)

Internal Affairs shows how the organizational structures of human rights NGOs and their campaigns determine their influence on policy. Drawing on data from seven major international organizations—the International Committee of the Red Cross, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, Médecins sans Frontières, Oxfam International, Anti-Slavery International, and the International League of Human Rights—Wong demonstrates that NGOs that choose to centralize agenda-setting and decentralize the implementation of that agenda are more successful in gaining traction in international politics.

Prosper or Perish: Credit and Fiscal Systems in Rural China

Lynette H. Ong
(Cornell University Press, 2012)

Lynette Ong identifies various sources for China's uneven development. In the highly decentralized fiscal environment of the People's Republic, successful industrialization has significant implications for rural governance. Local governments depend on revenue from industrial output to provide public goods and services; unsuccessful enterprises starve local governments of revenue and result in

radical cut-backs



in services. High peasant burdens, land takings without adequate compensation by local governments, and other poor governance practices tend to be associated with unsuccessful industrialization.

Overpromising and Underperforming?: Understanding and Evaluating New In-

tergovernmental Accountability Regimes

Edited by Peter Graefe, Julie M. Simmons, and Linda A. White
(University of Toronto Press, 2013)

This book offers a deeper analysis of the use of new accountability mechanisms, paying particular attention to areas in which federal spending power is used. This is the first volume to specifically analyse the accountability features of Canadian intergovernmental agreements and to do so systematically across policy sectors. Drawing on the experiences of other federal systems and multilevel governance structures, the contributors investigate how public reporting has been used in various policy fields and the impact it has had on policy-making and intergovernmental relations.

Imperfect Democracies

The Democratic Deficit in Canada and the United States

Patti Tamara Lenard and Richard Simeon
(University of British Columbia Press, 2012)

Imperfect Democracies brings together Canadian and American scholars to compare and contrast the democratic deficit in the two nations. They evaluate the ways in which the institutions in both countries do or do not live up to democratic ideals of popular sovereignty and political equality, focusing on these key questions: Why talk about a democratic deficit? In what ways are the Canadian and American democracies falling short? Do they do so in similar or different ways? What can be done to remedy the deficit? And what can each country learn from the experiences of the other?

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Library in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories. *Northern Public Affairs* has been featured in the *Globe and Mail* and on *CBC Radio*. It has a print run of 800 copies and is sold in-store in Whitehorse, Yellowknife, and Iqaluit. It sold out during its first week on the shelf in Yellowknife. The magazine is supported by the Nunavut Research Institute, the Aurora Research Institute, the Yukon Research Centre, and

the Carleton Centre for Community Innovation at Carleton University. Sabin states that the Department of Political Science has a long history of engaging Northerners. Professors Peter Russell and Mel Watkins worked with the Dene Nation during the 1970s in its struggle for recognition of Dene claims to the land and self-determination. Later, Professor Graham White undertook path-breaking research on the legislative politics of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut.



PSAA Moves Forward

The Alumni Association continues to move forward. Most agree that the biggest success this year was the launch of the pilot mentorship program. With a focus on career development, a small group of recent graduates with either a masters, major, minor or specialist degree in political science were matched with senior alumni. Alex Greco is one of the mentees in the program who hopes that it will continue.

Anthony Fernando, Chair of the Association, plans to build on the lessons learned from this year's pilot project. "Even with technology options like Skype, we realize now that matching our alumni across different time zones didn't really work." Anthony and the mentorship sub-committee plan to refine the application process and the overall program that will open again in early 2013. The committee is planning to keep the mentorship program to 10 pairs.

One of the unforeseen benefits of the program was getting a view of the career aspirations of current graduates. Anthony noted that "many graduates are interested in communications, journalism, consulting and the non-profit sector. It is a tough job market out there and we must help recent graduates leverage their degree to get to where they want to go." With that vision, the Alumni Association will be organizing several career-focused panel discussions to help political science students and recent graduates better understand possible career paths. The Association's fourth-year

work study student Koen Yi is beginning to lay the groundwork by explaining, "We are planning on partnering with the Career Centre to deliver panel discussions."

Work on the Association's draft constitution continues and the election of the steering committee members is expected next year. Fourth-year student Nordia Brown has been leading that effort.



Dr. Arnd Jurgensen (L), Katherine Valiquette (R)

The Alumni Association recently organized a successful US Election Party. More than 80 students, alumni, faculty and friends gathered at the Bedford Academy pub to watch the election results. "It was a terrific event," noted Kerry Wicks who is part of the founding group of the Association.

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In Memoriam: William Thomas Delworth 1929-2012

William Thomas Delworth was Canada's ambassador in Indonesia, Hungary, Sweden and Germany, with assignments to Saigon, Hanoi and Geneva. In Ottawa, he served as Assistant Deputy Minister and Special Adviser. Delworth would eventually switch careers in public service from politics to academics. He taught at Queen's, Carleton and the University of Toronto, where he was a Visiting Professor from 1993 to 2001 teaching *The Practice and Institutions of Diplomacy*, a seminar that was jointly given between the Departments of Political Science and History. He was also the Provost of Trinity College from 1996 to 2002. Thomas Delworth was born on February 24, 1929, near Weston, Ontario. He is survived by his wife, Pamela, and son, Christopher.



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The department is also participating in the Backpack to Briefcase (b2B) program, an interdisciplinary learning series that brings together upper-year students and alumni to share their

experiences and professional advice



Zhehang Deng (L), Bianca Salazar (R)

with students in a relaxed, social atmosphere.

Dr. Ryan Hurl has teamed up with the Career Centre and is offering his students in POL 203Y, *US Government and Politics* a one-day job shadowing mentorship opportunity. This is a fabulous initiative on the part of Dr. Hurl and the staff at the Career Centre. It builds networking skills for our undergraduates.



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