In this issue we honour the memory of three of our distinguished professors. Cran Pratt, Jack McLeod, and Frank Peers passed away in recent months. All stayed connected with the Department, with their students, and with their colleagues until the end. Their legacies will continue to inspire the next generation. While we remember those who built today’s Department, we are also preparing for the future. This year we are recruiting seven new faculty members across a range of fields. We are strong and getting stronger. As ever, thank you for your continuing interest and support.

Over the past academic year, UTM hired two new talented assistant professors, Noel Anderson and Alison Smith. Both will join us in July 2017. Our faculty have been busy and productive. Steven Bernstein co-directs the Environmental Governance Lab. Lee Ann Fujii is spending the academic year at Princeton. Sara Hughes was selected as a Fellow at the Centre for the Study of the United States. Peter Loewen will leave UTM to assume the directorship of the School of Public Policy. Erin Tolley has assumed the reins as our department’s Associate Chair David Wolfe continues to be active across the university in various advisory and governance roles. As ever, our office staff is unrivaled. Academic Counselor Norma Dotto provides students and faculty with counsel and insight. Business officer and departmental supervisor Lorna Taylor manages financial and other affairs with great alacrity and good judgment. Terri Winchester offers critical support. Together, we look forward to another productive year.

The intellectual dynamism of our graduate programs has never been higher. Our new students – 22 PhDs and 32 MAs – add enormously to that energy. New initiatives to build intellectual engagement is flourishing. They include pre-dissertation research workshops and new reading groups. Working with graduate students, the department is building on its professional development program, including workshops on academic publishing, research ethics, securing research funding, and balancing multiple demands and opportunities for graduate students. We launched a new Research Design course to respond to student demand for institutional support, ongoing feedback, and peer learning as they work on their dissertation proposals. Our tradition of extraordinary achievement by our alumni continues – Zack Taylor (now an assistant professor at Western University) received the 2016 Best Dissertation Award on Urban Policy from APSA. Congratulations to Zack and his supervisor, David Wolfe!

Next June, I will complete a three-year term as the Undergraduate Director for the St. George campus. The volume of our courses far exceeds what any other political science department in Canada offers. With faculty coming and going from leaves, and with new hires joining us and the occasional retirement, our offerings change considerably from one year to the next. Nonetheless courses that are essential to our degree programs are always offered. Students face innumerable issues completing their studies, and need advice on how to do it. There’s the summer teaching program for graduate students and much more. So, what exactly have I learned about how it all functions? None of it is to my credit. Peggy Kohn’s book, The Death and Life of the Urban Commonwealth, was published by OUP this fall, and Aisha Ahmad’s article, ‘The Security Bazaar: Business Interests and Islamist Power in Civil War Somalia’ won the best security article award, given by the ISA.
IN MEMORIAM

JACK MCLEOD: A MAN OF LETTERS  
1932 – 2016

Jack McLeod was a man of letters, many letters. He published non-fiction, a couple of best-selling satirical novels that drew on his wry observations of life in the Political Science department, a book of Canadian political anecdotes and, lastly, a book for his grandchildren offering his reflections on life.

Jack began teaching in the Department in 1959, six years before he completed his PhD thesis, a study of the political thought of Wilfrid Laurier. He taught a number of courses, including an introduction to Canadian politics and a course on media and politics. For a number of years, he co-taught an upper-level course on ideas and ideologies in Canadian politics with Gad Horowitz who recalls him as “thorough as a teacher, popular with students, diligent, witty, entertaining, and unassuming with everyone.”

In earlier years, Jack had worked as a journalist and studied at the LSE. A lifelong CCF-NDPer, he recounted the story of medicare in Saskatchewan, where he was born and bred, in a book he co-edited with Charles Taylor and Walter Young. The Ontario government appointed him to the Committee on the Healing Arts.

A self-described eccentric who “always had my nose in a book,” Jack had particularly great affection for his collection of antique cars.

Nelson Wiseman

FRANK PEERS: HUMBLE PHILANTHROPIST  
1918 – 2016

In October, the Department lost a great friend when Frank Peers died after a full life of almost ninety-nine years. Frank began his career as a teacher and school principal, going on to join the CBC before he was thirty. There, he rose to the leadership of the Public Affairs Department, spearheading programs that won international awards and profound respect among younger producers.

In 1963, Frank joined the Political Economy Department at the University of Toronto, publishing The Politics of Canadian Broadcasting, on the history of the radio network, and The Public Eye: Television and the Politics of Canadian Broadcasting which are still standard references in the field.

Frank was generous with others; frugal in his personal life; resistant to the limelight; formidably smart; and committed to social justice. He established scholarship endowments for those he admired at the Universities of Toronto and Alberta, and devised generous bequests that would keep supporting the education of young people, giving others access to the kind of opportunities that schooling opened up for him.

In his last years, he was close to widely-scattered family members, former academic colleagues like myself and Robert Vipond, and to his loyal and attentive friend Tony Bartlett.

Richard Sandbrook

CRAN PRATT: A LIFE WELL LIVED  
1926 – 2016

Cranford Pratt, who died recently at 89, had an illustrious scholarly career, but those of us who cherished Cran remember him, above all, for his humanity. That he was an accomplished academic is indisputable; he was a Rhodes Scholar, the founding Principal of University College, Dar es Salaam, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and a recipient of the Order of Canada.

Cran published books and articles on many topics, first in African studies, and later in international relations, with special reference to Canada’s role in the global south. During his four decades in our Department, he educated and influenced hundreds of graduate students. These are the dry, impressive facts.

Yet what we remember is a compassionate, humble and humorous person whose life and teaching were animated by a sense of social justice. His sympathy for President Julius Nyerere’s socialist experiment in Tanzania reflected this sense, as did his advocacy of ‘humane internationalism’ in guiding Canada’s relations with developing countries. Most of all, we remember his gentle and unflinching support of his wife Renate during the dozen years she struggled with Alzheimer’s. Cran, unlike many of us, lived what he believed.

David Rayside
Why did you decide to study Political Science at the University of Toronto?
Politics runs deep in my family. I was raised with a visceral understanding of what it means to uphold political values and the stakes associated by doing so. I chose to study political science at the University of Toronto because for me, it was not just a field of study but rather, my desired way of thinking. I wanted to learn about the underlying dynamics that make the world politically fragile and complex.

What was your reaction to winning the 2014 Top 20 Under 20 Award?
I received the Top 20 Under 20 Award in 2014 from Plan International Canada for my work in journalism as one of the youngest freelance contributors for the Globe & Mail and Toronto Star and also for my efforts in social entrepreneurship. When I was seventeen, I founded a non-profit organization called Solar for Life which now operates in Kenya, South Africa and Myanmar and has raised just under $100,000 CAD in impact investing for solar lights to reduce kerosene dependency in off-grid areas. This award was incredibly humbling to receive but I certainly don’t bask in it. I try to maintain a personal standard to be able to start from scratch, retool and move forward in order to avoid getting immobilized by imaginings of success and complacency.

What have you enjoyed most about your studies in Toronto both academically and personally?
There’s been nothing more enriching about my studies at the University of Toronto than the people I get to meet. Students here are incredibly smart, but more importantly, they know when and how to be smart. There are some amazing initiatives and projects that young people here have established— it’s very empowering to be a part of this community.

What are you currently working on?
I’m in the process of building partnerships with community-based organizations and advocacy groups that work with low-income housing around Toronto to better understand the Canadian context of structural poverty and housing insecurity.

What is the goal of your research?
My research aims to offer policy reform proposals to increase affordable housing access for low-income households in Canada and the U.S. by creating a transferable model of low-income housing policy best practices. By assessing the effectiveness of current low-income housing policies and programs across North America, I hope to contribute insight into low-income housing policies that ensure housing security and advance socioeconomic mobility.

How will your research impact society?
My Fulbright research will be shared with congressional staffers, the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development, and think tank analysts who work with low-income housing policy. Following my MA, I plan to return to Washington, D.C. and work in urban policy research.
The cost of housing is never far from the minds of Toronto residents. The city’s booming real estate market continues to set records: this summer, the average price for a home was $780,000. More than 80,000 households are sitting on the waitlist for the city’s affordable housing offerings, and can expect to do so for ten years or more. The units that do become available may be in poor condition, or eventually boarded up, due to Toronto Community Housing’s $2.6 billion repair backlog. These trends have not gone entirely unnoticed by policymakers, and there are three promising advances on the horizon.

In March of this year, the Province gave the City of Toronto inclusionary zoning powers. This means the City can require that any new housing development include a certain portion of the units be affordable. While the details continue to be negotiated between the Province and the City, it’s an important step forward.

In the wake of the Liberal Party’s federal win, a coalition of mayors, including Mayor John Tory, is urging the new government to dedicate most of the pledged social infrastructure funding – earmarked at $20 billion – to affordable housing. Given Trudeau’s apparent willingness to partner with, and listen to, the country’s mayors, this kind of effort could have an effect.

Perhaps the most innovative developments are the City and provincial programs that are retrofitting social housing units with energy efficient systems as a way of simultaneously meeting climate change goals. First developed by the Toronto Atmospheric Fund, these programs are killing two birds with one stone: finding new funding sources for social housing retrofits, and new energy saving opportunities for a City and Province with ambitious climate change goals.

This is a great semester to be teaching a course and discussing American political parties and elections – especially from a safe distance in Toronto. As a Visiting Professor in the Department of Political Science and the Centre for the Study of the United States, it has been great to engage with University of Toronto students about an election that captured so much interest. In particular, I had the pleasure of hosting a symposium on forecasting in September that featured three leading experts: Helmut Norpoth of Stony Brook University, Michael Lewis-Beck of the University of Iowa, and Natalie Jackson, senior polling editor at The Huffington Post.

While the election was unusual it did eventually fall to the predictable patterns that political scientists have studied for decades. For one, partisan identification is an incredibly powerful force. While Republican voters expressed great worries over their candidate, exit polls show that 90% of them voted for Donald Trump. Likewise, 99% of self-identified Democrats voted for Hillary Clinton. Second, the swing of the “electoral pendulum” meant that after two terms of a Democratic president there was strong inertia towards the Republican this time. The fundamentals of the party system indicated we were in for a close election and that is exactly what we got – for the second time in the last five elections, a Democrat has won the popular vote but lost the Electoral College.

As a Toronto native and alumnus of the Department of Political Science, it’s been a great pleasure to return to campus. It was a special treat to co-lecture several times with my former professor and mentor, Larry LeDuc.
Throughout his distinguished career of service as an administrator extraordinaire, Peter taught in the Department. Coming to Canada in 1961 on a Commonwealth scholarship after studying at Bristol and the LSE, he began his four-decade teaching career in 1964, earning the princely professorial sum of $6,000. His first course, "British and Dominion Politics," spoke to that day’s political science. One summer he taught at Dalhousie and, in 1966, he taught at the University of the West Indies in Jamaica as did departmental stalwarts Alexander Brady and George Heiman. His MA thesis was on Metro Toronto and his PhD thesis was on Ontario’s semi-independent agencies. For many years, Peter taught urban politics and a large first-year course in Canadian government at both the Erindale and St. George campuses. Peter Silcox demonstrated that he was a man of many talents.

Nelson Wiseman

Peter Silcox, Deer Bay, September 2014

BOOKS
Why did you choose to pursue a career in the Marketing field?
During my third year as an undergraduate, I interned at Edelman, a top global PR agency, and was assigned to the team tasked with launching the Microsoft Xbox in Asia. That experience really influenced my career choices, which have been exclusively in technology marketing. I simply fell in love with the fast-paced nature of technology.

How did a background in Political Science help you in your career?
Studying political science has given me the foundational, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills necessary to understand and unravel the complex issues that affect the world of business. Whether it’s how we strive to connect with Millennials in various markets around the world, how we plan a multi-layered launch campaign for the latest smartphone or handle a major international product recall, I’m always confident that I’ve the requisite training to think clearly from multiple perspectives. The most useful skill I learned as an undergraduate is my ability to articulate, argue, and persuade. This has helped me in countless negotiations with partners, and given me an edge when convincing stakeholders why my particular marketing idea or plan deserves funding. The theoretical and philosophical body of knowledge that I have at my disposal has been an indispensable source of fresh ideas and inspiration over the years.

What’s the most rewarding aspect of your job?
As the current lead for marketing partnerships in the Mobile Division Marketing Team at Samsung, the role includes managing the Olympic sponsorship and the relationship with the International Olympic Committee (IOC). I’m involved in all product launches and announcements, major marketing campaigns, and building consensus across subsidiaries in all regions of the world. I’m very proud to be part of a company that has global impact and scale. I enjoy the interaction with colleagues from around the world and the partnerships that I help to solidify with other organizations. It is particularly rewarding to see that hundreds of millions of people use the products that I’ve helped to market. Above all, I’m most proud of my involvement with the Olympic Movement.

Why did you choose to pursue a career in the Marketing field?
I’ve been working in the Marketing and Communications field for only the past eight years of a career in the ICT (information and communications technologies) sector. Prior to that, I had worked in various other roles in consulting and management. Marketing is usually a good starting place to launch a career, so you could say I did things somewhat backwards.

How did a background in Political Science help you in your career?
Throughout my career within the ICT sector, it’s been necessary for me to understand how to leverage digital technologies to advance business and organizational interests. It is a complex environment that pits regulatory issues against the emergence of new usages, new organizational models, and new ways of doing things. For the healthcare sector, this is absolutely monumental. The relationships between stakeholders along the healthcare value chain (patients and their families, healthcare professionals, regulators, public healthcare authorities, etc.) are rooted in customs and rules defined over the past 100 years—and these stakeholder relationships are different in countries around the world. I credit my background in Political Science with my ability to analyze and understand the sheer complexity of these relationships and how we can use new digital technologies to help improve our healthcare systems.

What’s the most rewarding aspect of your job?
I was hired as part of the original team to work on our positioning within the emerging digital healthcare value chain. Each day, I’m faced with fascinating subjects to grapple with; how we can use ICTs to prolong independent living for ageing populations, using mobile telephony to make primary care services accessible in Africa, or how predictive analytics applied to healthcare data can help us to develop truly personalized medicine. Our daily work is full of complex regulatory and business issues. The intellectual gymnastics are really tough and transforming a sector such as healthcare is a long-term effort, but overall I consider myself fortunate to be involved in this effort, and the work is extremely rewarding.
Political Science alumna Leslie Noble gives students insight into the working world at one of our leadership lunches.

(L-R) Daniel Marin, Nabi Dressler, Stefan Rus and Andrew McDougall at the U of T St. George Fall Campus Day.

Theda Skocpol delivering her lecture at this year’s C. Malim Harding Lecture in Political Economy. Photo by Milan Ilnyckyj

Back row (L-R) Monica Chu, Freda Zhang, Sophia Koukoulas, Elizabeth Jagdeo, Nicole Stoffman, and Nicole D'Alessandro. Front row (L-R) Prof. Nelson Wiseman, Hon. John Godfrey, Alex Wood, Linda Swanston, and Ersoy Gulecoglu at the PSAA’s (Political Science Alumi Association) panel discussion ‘How are governments responding to climate change?’

The guest book at the Frank Peers Memorial held at the Faculty Club.

(L-R) Jessica Li, Monica Chu, Elizabeth Jagdeo, Brett Chang, Faramade Ogunsanya and Sabal Al-Khateeb at the Senior Mentorship launch lunch at the Faculty Club.

Professor Robert Vipond with TVO’s Steve Paikin following his leadership lunch talk and book signing.
ASSOCIATIONS

APSS  Michael Warchol, President, Association of Political Science Students

The Association of Political Science Students (APSS) is off to a busy start this year! Our Fall Social saw students, professors, and alumni mingling and discussing politics in a casual setting. Later in the semester we co-hosted the very successful Keith Davey Forum, ‘Open Borders? How Open Should Canada be to Migration?’ We began the month of October with our junior mentorship program’s ‘Meet your Mentor’ event. We also held two academic events: a ‘Lunch and Learn with Professor Jason Brennan’ and ‘Anti-Blackness: Racial Profiling and Carding in Toronto.’ Additionally, the APSS is proud to have launched its first excursion this year. The ‘Queens Park Trip’ was a great success and an amazing experience that exposed students to real-life politics in action! We are very excited about future endeavours. Stay tuned for upcoming APSS initiatives and events!

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PSAA  Sophia Koukoulas (Alumna), Political Science Alumni Association

The Political Science Alumni Association (PSAA) is thrilled to have successfully hosted an engaging panel discussion entitled ‘How are governments responding to climate change?’ moderated by Professor Nelson Wiseman. The panel featured government policy experts including Alex Wood at the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change; Ersoy Gulecoglu at Metrolinx; Hon. John Godfrey at the Government of Ontario; and Linda Swanston at the City of Toronto. All panelists contributed to the discussion on how Ontario—a leader in climate change initiatives—is working to combat climate change. We would like to express our deepest appreciation to the Department of Political Science and particularly to Louis Pauly, Elizabeth Jagdeo, and Julie Guzzo for their kindness and ongoing support for this event and other PSAA initiatives. The success of this event is a result of the amazing planning team: Monica Chu, Nicole D’Alessandro, Sophia Koukoulas, Mana Sadeghipour, Nicole Stoffman, and Freda Zhang.

For more information about PSAA and how to become involved, please visit: www.utpsaa.com

GASPS  Adam Casey (L) & Daniel Hutton-Ferris (R) Co-Chairs, Graduate Association of Students in Political Science

The Graduate Association of Students in Political Science (GASPS) has had a great start to the year. The orientation sessions for new PhDs and MA students were well-received and a number of new initiatives were approved at our Annual General Meeting in September. We have decided to encourage community building and cross-subfield exchange by funding a Political Science Graduate Workshop (PSGW) and a number of new ‘research clusters’. The PSGW will provide a forum for graduate students to present their work and discuss their research across subfields and with faculty. ‘Research clusters’ are reading groups which bring together students with similar interests. Students are already meeting regularly in groups devoted to topics including comparative democratization, indigenous politics, Latin American politics, post-communist politics and contemporary political theory. We hope that these initiatives will help expand the community-building efforts which our predecessors, Kristen Pue and Jacqueline Peterson, initiated so successfully.

To get involved, visit GASPS at www.gasps.chass.utoronto.ca
Joseph Wong was appointed as the University of Toronto's first associate vice-president and vice-provost, international student experience.

Graham White received a University of Toronto Arbor Award for his exceptional volunteer work.

Steven Bernstein and Matthew Hoffmann were appointed editors of Global Environmental Politics (GEP) for a five-year term.

Sara Hughes was appointed Bissell-Heyd Fellow in American Studies at the Centre for the Study of the United States (CSUS) at the Munk School of Global Affairs.

A film adaptation of Ron Deibert’s 2013 book *Black Code* was premiered at TIFF.

SSHRC award winners included Randy Besco, Margaret Kohn, Peter Loewen, Andrea Olive, Robert Schertzer, Erin Tolley, Phil Triadafilopoulos, Robert Vipond and Linda White.

Ludovic Rheault and Robert Schertzer received a 2015-16 Connaught ‘New Researcher Award’.

Robert Vipond was appointed Interim Director at the Centre for the Study of the United States (CSUS) at the Munk School of Global Affairs.

Peter Loewen was appointed as Director at the School of Public Policy & Governance (SPPG).

Wilson Prichard was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor.

Courtney Jung was awarded a 2017-18 Jackman Humanities Institute Research Fellowship.

Cross-appointed faculty member Ito Peng (Sociology) was awarded a Canada Research Chair in Global Social Policy.


Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC): Erica Rayment.

Faculty of Arts and Science Top Doctoral Award (FAST): Michael Sabet.

Ontario Trillium Scholarship (OTS): Qianqian Wang.

Connaught International Scholarship (CIS): Alix Jansen.

New PhDs: Dr. Robert Ballingall, Dr. Kiran Banerjee, Dr. Elinor Bray-Collins, Dr. Kristin Cavoukian, Dr. Megan Dersnah, Dr. Alena Drieschova, Dr. Dov ("Dub") Kanengisser, Dr. José Parra, Dr. Paul Thomas, Dr. Dorina Verli.

Adrienne Davidson and Emily Scott were awarded the prestigious Fulbright Canada award.

Adrienne Davidson & Dr. Christopher Alcantara won the ‘2016 John McMenemy Prize’ for their article ‘Negotiating Aboriginal Self Government Agreements in Canada: An Analysis of the Inuvialuit Experience.’
NEW FACES

NOEL ANDERSON  NOEL ANDERSON  NOEL ANDERSON  NOEL ANDERSON
Noel will be joining UTM in July 2017 as Assistant Professor in International Relations following the completion of a Post-doctoral Fellowship at the Dickey Center at Dartmouth College. His research explores external intervention in internal conflicts, limited war, and counterinsurgency. Noel completed his PhD in Political Science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 2016. The title of his PhD and upcoming book is Competitive Intervention and Its Consequences for Civil Wars.

ROBERT BALLINGALL  ROBERT BALLINGALL  ROBERT BALLINGALL  ROBERT BALLINGALL
Having completed his doctorate at the University of Toronto, Robert has continued his study of the political psychology of reverence as the Allan Bloom Memorial Postdoctoral Fellow for Research in Classical Political Thought. Robert is currently teaching an undergraduate course in the Department on Classical Constitutionalism. The title of his PhD was "Plato’s Laws and the Politics of Ethical Authority".

RANDY BESCO  RANDY BESCO  RANDY BESCO  RANDY BESCO
Randy came to Toronto from Queen’s University via Duke University where he was a Visiting Research Fellow at the Centre for Race, Ethnicity and Gender in the Social Sciences (REGGS). He researches the politics of race and ethnicity and the psychology of identity. Randy is currently finishing his book, Interests and Identities in Racialized Voting which examines what motivates racialized voters to support racialized candidates.

JOHN McANDREWS  JOHN McANDREWS  JOHN McANDREWS  JOHN McANDREWS
John joined the Department in October 2016 as a SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow after completing his PhD at UBC. Working with Professor Peter Loewen, his current research examines the conditions that enhance or impede the rigorous deliberation of legislation in Canadian parliamentary committees. The title of his PhD was “Representation and Lawmaking in the United States Congress and the Canadian House of Commons”.

ALISON SMITH  ALISON SMITH  ALISON SMITH  ALISON SMITH
Alison completed her PhD at l’Université de Montréal. She also holds an MA from UBC and a BA(Hons) from Mount Allison University. From 2009-2010, Alison was a Parliamentary Intern in Ottawa. Her research interests include the welfare state, social protection, homelessness, poverty and inequality. She will be starting July 1, 2017 as Assistant Professor in Canadian Politics at UTM. The title of her PhD and upcoming book is Filling the Gap: Cities and the Fight Against Homelessness in Canada.

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