This past academic year was an excellent one. Sara Hughes was a fellow at Munk’s Centre for the Study of the United States. Erin Tolley continued as a stellar Associate Chair. Steven Bernstein co-directed Munk’s Environmental Governance Lab. I co-directed Munk’s Islam and Global Affairs Initiative. David Wolfe continues his work via a $5 million SSHRC partnership grant. Joining us in July will be Alison Smith (Canadian), Noel Anderson (IR), Emily Naol (Theory) and Alexander Reisenbichler (Comparative-Europe). Lee Ann Fujii will return from her year at Princeton. Finally, departures: Peter Loewen will direct the School of Public Policy and Governance. On a much sadder note, our dear colleague Ana Maria Bejarano was taken from us. Our stellar administrative staff continue to navigate changing UTM and tri-campus environments. They make every day that much better.

As the term ends, I’m tempted to take credit for the strength of our MA and PhD programs. But in an age of fake news, it’s especially important to give credit where it’s due – our amazing students. Recent grad students have created a series of research clusters that deepen the department’s engagement in some of society’s most pressing challenges, the latest in indigenous politics and colonialism in Canada. This year also saw the first issue of the University of Toronto Journal of Political Science, an online, refereed, open access journal run by our students. Our standing as the top Political Science graduate program in the country continues to be reinforced, so it’s no surprise with these accomplishments in the background that we’ve attracted another group of outstanding students, including students from China, Bangladesh, Ghana, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Mexico, Norway, Peru, the United States and Sweden.

Each year, our Department Chair and the Undergraduate Director have lunch with ten of our best graduating students. Lou Pauly and I held this year’s get-together on April 4th at the Faculty Club. Our best students are stimulating conversationists. What I found especially striking at this year’s event is that our best students also think very creatively about what their studies have meant for them, and what they hope to do in the future. At least two students have agreed to travel to distant countries to work with refugees recently displaced from their homelands. Others will take a year off from studying to participate in volunteer and community-oriented activities, while they consider their next steps. They are doing this even though countless academic and professional doors are already open to them. Our very best are talented as well as academically excellent.

This winter, we launched a series of career planning workshops on writing a résumé and cover letter, interviewing techniques, and job search strategies. In another inaugural event, a panel of our alumni spoke about their current careers. In response to President Trump’s executive order on immigration roiling cross-border travel, the Department collaborated with the Principal’s Office in a Town Hall. Faculty receiving recognition for their research include Lucan Way, awarded an Insight Connection Grant for a conference to mark the 100th Anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution; Christopher Cochrane, recipient of a SSHRC Insight Grant to extend his project on the digitization and annotation of Canada’s parliamentary debates; and Robert Schertzer, nominated for the Donald Smiley Prize for his 2016 book, The Judicial Role in a Diverse Federation. Congratulations to all!

During the past five years, I’ve introduced many newsletters. This is the final one for me. A new chair stands ready to inherit a vibrant department. Over twenty new professors have joined us across our three campuses. First-class staff members keep us all on track. Our alumni, faculty members, and generous donors have provided millions of dollars in new endowments for faculty positions, doctoral fellowships, and undergraduate scholarships. Our global ranking in the top-tier of departments of politics and international studies has recently been affirmed. No individual is responsible for these achievements. Collegial decision-making is the norm here, and it has been so for many decades. It rests on a deep legacy extending back 129 years. As the contents of this issue suggest, the best is yet to come!
Ana María BEJARANO (1962 - 2017)

Professor Ana Maria Bejarano, an accomplished scholar of Latin American politics at UTM who was distinguished for her impactful research, hands-on teaching style and warm personality, passed away on March 28, 2017.

Few researchers were as committed to investigating the processes of democratization and constitutionalization in Latin America as Bejarano. The Bogotá, Colombia native studied the challenges of strengthening democracy in the Andes, a region she came to care about through her involvement with the University of Los Andes, where she completed her BA in political science and where she later taught the subject. “She had high standards as an academic and she was very passionate about her work in that region,” says friend and fellow UTM political science professor Lee Ann Fujii. “She was a kindred spirit intellectually and teaching-wise.”

Bejarano was a highly educated academic who earned an MA, MPhil and PhD – in the last case as a Fulbright Scholar – at Columbia University. She later took part in a one-year visiting fellowship at the Kellogg Institute for International Studies at the University of Notre Dame. She then landed at Princeton University where, for two years, she served as a visiting fellow in the Program in Latin American Studies, and as a lecturer, first in the Politics department, and then in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.

After becoming an assistant professor at UTM in 2003, Bejarano taught multiple courses on Latin American politics. In 2007, she was honoured with the Dean’s Special Merit Award from UTM. In 2011, she served for a year as acting director of U of T’s Latin American Studies program.


For Bejarano, researching democracy in Latin America wasn’t just a professional pursuit, but a personal one. Raised in Colombia at a time when drug-related violence was high – and when coups, protests, guerrilla movements and political strongmen were common across the subcontinent – she was keen to ensure the region didn’t slide back into authoritarian rule. She was known as a dedicated teacher who enjoyed engaging with and challenging her students, and who went out of her way to support them in conducting effective, ethical research. As a tribute to our friend and colleague, the Ana Maria Bejarano fieldwork fund has been set up to support student travel.

Sharon Aschaiek

Mildred LEWIS (1930 - 2017)

Millie was the receptionist in the Department from 1976 - 1995. According to a note the Department received from her son Phillip, she loved coming to work at the University of Toronto.

Professor Robert Matthews remembered, “Millie helped to keep our large department together. From the small space that is now our mailroom, Millie not only served as our receptionist but also managed the interphone system - very important in the days before computers and smart phones. Initially she served in that capacity for the much larger Department of Political Economy. In the history of our department, let us not forget Millie Lewis.”

Another faculty member, David Rayside said “Millie almost always had a smile on her face, and she always had stories. Her starting point was to be helpful, unfailingly. But she was also able to wryly suggest that we shouldn’t take ourselves too seriously, and that professors walked on the same ground as others in the departmental community. After retiring, she occasionally returned for departmental gatherings, and once again would exude great warmth, and tell funny stories filled with fond memories.”
Mitchell is the founder of Project Jenga which has raised $1,000,000 in support of a secondary school in rural Kenya. As of January 2017, 33 students are currently enrolled in Grade 9.

What is Project Jenga? I started Project Jenga in 2011 after my second trip to Kenya. Forty young girls were starting at a high school built by WE (formerly “Free The Children”) and I was privileged to be a part of the ceremony. I wanted to know where my peers - the boys - would begin their secondary education. When I found out there was no such equivalent, I went home and founded an initiative to change that. After six years, eight gala events and one million dollars raised, the first class has now entered the boarding school. We will continue to raise funds to allow these students to attend high school for generations to come.

Why did you decide to study Political Science at the U of T? I travel a lot so when I come home from a trip I want to be able to apply my thinking to the classroom immediately. It’s important for me to diversify my learning from both inside and outside of the textbook. The Political Science program allows me to do that.

What are you enjoying most about your studies both academically and personally? The Political Science program helps me synthesize my thinking and understanding of certain policies that I have seen all over the developing world. It’s an advantage to have a strong background in international development, but it’s hugely valuable to be able to identify the practices I see with a detectable trend. Knowing certain things about these trends allows me to predict the actions of those in harsh environments, and helps me choose the right course of action.

What are your plans after graduation? My hope is to be part of the solution to the challenges of inequality. I’ve learned that the best catalyst for change is education. I want to continue ensuring that young boys here have access to proper schooling and are empowered. Although I do not have a clear path, I certainly have a vision.
**FOCUS ON RESEARCH**

**Nathan LEMPHERS**
Nathan is a PhD candidate currently conducting research in Norway. His work examines the relationship between the fossil fuel industry and national climate policy regimes.

**What’s your area of research?**
My doctoral research asks the following question: can industrialized liberal democracies with large fossil fuel endowments avoid being locked into high carbon pollution development pathways? Canada and Australia have both struggled with effective climate policies amidst booming oil, gas, and coal extraction – what some researchers have called the carbon curse. Norway stands out as an apparent exception, with its robust oil and gas industry and world-leading climate policies. My doctoral research will explore the political causal mechanisms of the carbon curse theory and will explain how Canada and Australia have developed different climate policies compared to Norway.

**Why study this?**
During my previous work as a policy analyst at the Pembina Institute, many commentators spoke about world-leading climate policies in Canada, without the knowledge or the methodological acumen needed to determine if that actually was the case. I am not one of those commentators. I also grew up in Alberta and am keen to better understand how the fossil fuel industry impacts political institutions and how those institutions can potentially re-orient around a low carbon society.

**What was the main goal of your year at Princeton?**
My goal was to reconnect with some of the big questions that had inspired me to go into academia in the first place – where do states come from? Why do some states work better than others? What political roles do economic actors play and vice versa? I wanted the time and space to explore these properly in a way that is often hard to find the time for in the course of a normal working day. Grad school is – or ought to be – the place where students get to do this in the most obvious way – and so it seemed fitting that I would return to the place where I did my graduate work, to try and recapture that. My sabbatical was coming up and I wanted to spend some concentrated time thinking about my new project on state formation and state capacity in Africa. It seemed perfect as it would allow me a chance to reconnect with three Princeton scholars who had really started me thinking about this subject many years ago: Deborah Yashar, Miguel Centeno and Atul Kohli. Some years ago they invited me to join a group of scholars from around the world to think about the question of state capacity and how it had emerged historically or not in various parts of the developing world.

**Post PhD plans?**
I’d like to have one foot in academia and the other in policy advocacy. This could look like a teaching position at a public policy school and a research position at a think tank. Regardless, I would like to have time to rework my dissertation into a book and continue my work on the politics of climate change.

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**Antoinette HANDLEY**
Antoinette is the 2016-2017 World Politics Visiting Fellow at the Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies.

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**What have you enjoyed most during your sabbatical?**
I’ve enjoyed the feeling of being a student again – of stretching myself, of learning and reading outside my comfort zone. I’ve also enjoyed the exposure to the work of others – both those working in similar fields and also on issues that fall outside my usual interests. It has also been interesting – although I won’t say enjoyable – to be here in the US to witness the election of Donald Trump as President. It’s somewhat ironic that the last time I was in Princeton as a graduate student, that visit coincided with another epoch-changing event: in that case 9/11. In both instances, there was the same feeling, waking up the morning after these events and knowing that the world had changed irrevocably.
JOURNEYS

Everyone walking the halls of Sidney Smith has their own personal story. Here we profile two people who both share a passion for political science. One is a student who came to Canada as a refugee. The other, now a Professor Emeritus, was one of the first female professors to teach in the Department.

Rauf AZIMOV

I fled Azerbaijan in 2008 at the age of twenty. As a gay man, I had faced discrimination at every level of society but when my family found out, it became a life or death situation. My partner and I escaped thanks to the selflessness of a Canadian family, leaving my entire life behind. I had just completed my third year at medical school with just three more years to graduate. I was also a successful jazz musician. I was not immediately welcomed when I reached Canada. Handcuffed and detained for several days, I ended up living in limbo for two years, not knowing if I was going to be sent back. Nevertheless, I did not stop rebuilding my life. I learned English in under a year and decided to apply to the University of Toronto. The beauty of its campus and its academic reputation had attracted me to this institution. I was interested in political science because I wanted to understand the world a little better. Why was my country of origin authoritarian and corrupt? Why is the world such an unfair place plagued with injustice? What could I do to make a difference?

During my first political science lecture, I became emotional because of how inspiring it was. For the first time in my life, I was receiving an education which promoted rather than discouraged challenging authority and I was being treated with respect just for being human. My opinions mattered. The most rewarding experience for me during my time at U of T was reading Plato’s *Republic*. It was nothing short of life changing. Both my past and present were painful but I had to keep pushing through. My biggest dream in life had always been freedom. Now, having achieved that dream, my goal became learning. That’s what I would use my freedom for – to never stop learning and to never stop overcoming who I was the day before.

Though it was never my goal, my next step is law school. I see law as the ultimate tool for change and think there is a need for more lawyers from disadvantaged backgrounds. Suffering breeds empathy and it is my duty to try to do good in the world. In such tough political times, I think it is more important than ever.

Carolyn TUOHY

When the University of Toronto created the Department of Political Economy in 1888, all of its faculty members were men. Today, 63 percent of the Associate Professors and 57 percent of the Assistant Professors in the Department of Political Science are women. However, newly-appointed Department Chair Antoinette Handley is only the second woman to hold that position. Professor Emeritus Carolyn Tuohy, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, helped to blaze the trail for women at the University of Toronto. Known to generations of the Department’s students for her course in comparative public policy, Carolyn was the first in her family to attend university. At Yale, where she received her MA and PhD, only two of her 50 classmates were women. She recalls one of her professors saying that “computers are like women: fast, dumb, and fickle.”

Paul Fox, journalist William Johnson, and Wilbur Grasham were among Carolyn’s teachers at the University of Toronto. Legendary former Chair Stefan Dupré was particularly influential in intellectually stimulating her. When the then Department of Political Economy recruited her in 1969 to teach, its total faculty stood at more than 150 but had only two women: Freda Hawkins and Elizabeth Wallace. Carolyn, still in the early stages of her doctoral studies was pressed to teach United States politics although it was outside her field. She had a baby the year she completed her PhD in 1974 and, two years later, she had another child at a time when the University had no maternity policy.

Simcoe Hall tapped Carolyn for administrative positions in the 1990s, first as Deputy Provost and ultimately as Vice President, Government and Institutional Relations. What surprised her was how political the job was, but political in a good way. She saw the upside of politics, building consensus to bring people together to achieve collective objectives. While in Simcoe Hall and continuing after she stepped down in 2005, she was an architect of the School of Public Policy and Governance, where a plurality of the students are political scientists. Carolyn has enriched the university community in many ways, not least in serving as a role model for the many women who have followed in her footsteps.

Nelson Wiseman
A MATTER OF CHOICE

Peter GIZEWSKI, BA '80

Can you outline what your job entails?
I work as a defence scientist for Defence Research and Development Canada (DRDC). Strategic analysis – the group that I’m associated with – is the smallest group and typically employs people in history, political science, and economics but can occasionally include those with other skill sets as well. Our key function is providing support and advice to decision-makers in National Defence (both military and civilian) on matters of defence and national security. That advice is evidence-based and is typically provided in the form of analytical reports or briefing papers and presentations on issues of departmental and national concern.

Why did you decide to pursue this career?
The decision to pursue graduate work in the social sciences reflected my interest in a possible career in academia, law, government or journalism. The route to my current job was less clear at that time. It involved exploring a wide range of opportunities in the field, and finding what suited me. Over the years, I have worked as an instructor, research analyst and as an independent consultant. All were related to what I do today and all were necessary to ensure that I acquired the skills needed to do it well. In a sense, the journey helped determine the destination.

Why did you study Political Science?
I always had an interest in social science and in questions about what constitutes a good and just society. Both political science and history seemed like natural disciplines for an exploration of these questions not to mention that the Political Science department had a first class reputation nationally.

How did a background in Political Science help you in your career?
What I studied and what I have done professionally are very closely linked. Particularly relevant were courses in international politics, research methods and social science statistics. The career value of my university education had less to do with any specific course in political science than in the training all courses provided me with in learning how to think systematically and critically, and how to evaluate information, synthesize it and effectively present it. The truth is I never saw university as a means to a particular job or as a way to make money but rather as a journey in learning how to think.

Sheena KAMAL BA '06

Sheena is a writer. Her first novel 'The Lost Ones' has been sold in over fourteen countries and will be published in North America in July 2017. It is inspired by her work as a researcher into crime and investigative journalism for the film and television industry.

Why become a writer?
The answer to this question is a cliché. I didn’t choose to become a writer – it chose me. I’m not sure I’m good at anything else. I’ve tried other career paths but at the end of the day, I write. It’s what I do. Also, my overactive imagination doesn’t help me to be employable in other fields, unfortunately.

How did a background in Political Science help you as a writer?
I landed on Political Science because I didn’t pass the economics requirement for Peace and Conflict Studies, which, looking back on it, ended up working out for the best. Political Science allowed me greater freedom to explore my interests. I still wasn’t sure what they were at that time. As I grow older, I find that the critical analysis aspect of my education helps a great deal in my writing. My background in Political Science gives me a baseline for most of the social and environmental issues I touch on in my work. I write fiction, but I try to make it relevant. An understanding of the issues of the day helps a great deal with that.

What’s the most/least rewarding aspect of your job?
The most rewarding aspect of writing is that I can do it in my sweatpants at home. The least rewarding facet is that I have almost no incentive to leave my house, and I become grumpy whenever anyone suggests it. Social awkwardness is a sad but predictable by-product of this career.

What does a typical day look like?
I write in the morning, edit or research in the afternoon and read in the evening. There’s a lot of tearing my hair out and obsessing over my inadequacies interspersed in there, but I don’t schedule those. They seem to happen on their own.
All things sweet at the Chair’s farewell party.

Four of our students took part in The U of T Women in House program in Ottawa this year including Marina Bozic, Pia Hansen, Lahoma Thomas and Lauren Wu.

(L-R) Karol Czuba, Elena Goracinova and Professor Robert Matthews. Both students are recipients of the Chris Matthews International Graduate Student Scholarship.

Recipients of undergraduate awards at this year’s celebration.

Ten of our students were invited to meet His Excellency John McCallum, Ambassador of Canada to the People’s Republic of China and Michael Chan, Ontario Minister of International Trade.

Leadership Lunch: (L-R) CBC radio producer Nicola Lukisic, lawyer William Wong and Hart House Warden John Monahan talk careers after Political Science.

Professors Theresa Enright and Kanta Murali at their joint book launch.
ASSOCIATIONS

APSS  Michael WARCHOL, President, Association of Political Science Students

It's been an amazing year for the Association of Political Science Students! This year's milestone achievements included academic excursions to Queens Park and City Hall, numerous academic events, our Undergraduate Research Conference, and our brand new constitution! Congratulations to the executive, college representatives, junior mentorship team, and the editorial board of our undergraduate journal, POLIS. Without them, this organization would not be what it is today. I'm proud to have been able to lead and collaborate with a group of individuals as talented as all of them.

Looking at our newly elected team, I'm confident in another successful year ahead! Good luck and remember - everything is political! To keep up with our activities during the summer, 'like' us on Facebook and visit our website at www.utapss.ca. General inquiries can be directed at president@utapss.ca

GASPS  Adam CASEY (top) & Daniel HUTTON-FERRIS, Co-Chairs, Graduate Association of Students in Political Science

The Graduate Association of Students in Political Science has been extremely busy this term. GASPS reading groups continue to gather for discussions on Augustine, Africa, contemporary political theory, the internet, Latin America, political economy and indigenous and postcommunist politics. ‘Dictator club’ currently leads the pack in terms of frequency of meetings. The GASPS executive have also been providing ‘Special Projects Funding’ to a variety of student initiatives, including a world politics podcast, a graduate-led peer-reviewed journal and a set of mock job talks for students entering the market.

The department's social life continues to flourish thanks in large part to the efforts of our indefatigable social convenors Kirsten Pue and Meaghan Snyder. A recent 'politics pub quiz,' pitting subfields against one another held at the Fox and Fiddle, was a roaring success. Congratulations to the Intelligent Dasein-ers for their clear victory and for their ability to formulate a team name guaranteed to alienate all non-theorists. Jason Vanden-Beukel and Mark Robbins were recently elected as the GASPS co-chairs for the 2017-18 academic year. We wish them all the best! For more information on GASPS, visit the association’s website at: www.gasps.chass.utoronto.ca

PSAA  Anthony FERNANDO, Alumnus, Political Science Alumni Association

The Political Science Alumni Association continues to grow with over 20,000 alumni around the world. Recently we organised a post-US Election Pub night at the Faculty Club where alumni were treated to a preview of Professor Lucan Way’s upcoming article in Foreign Affairs magazine, “U.S. Democracy Goes South: The Paradoxical Origins of America’s Political Crisis.” We also organised the 2017 Winter Career Panel Discussion ‘Career Paths from Political Science’ which featured a number of distinguished political science alumni including Peter Gizewski (see page 7) a defence scientist at Defence Research and Development Canada (DRDC). The PSAA team will be organizing several events in Fall, 2017. Alumni are encouraged to contact Anthony Fernando anthonyfernando@gmail.com to get involved. We need your expertise to grow and continue to keep our alumni community connected! www.utpsaa.com
POLITICS BITES

Faculty & student news, awards, accolades and publications

Faculty

- Louis Pauly was named the J. Stefan Dupré Distinguished Professor of Political Economy.
- Randall Hansen was appointed as Interim Director of the Munk School of Global Affairs.
- Linda White and Paul Kingston were appointed to the rank of Full Professor.
- Seva Gunitsky was appointed to the rank of Associate Professor.
- Robert Schertzer and Erin Tolley were shortlisted for the Donald Smiley Prize.
- Several U of T political scientists were included in The Hill Times list of ‘Best Books 2016’ including Jonathan Craft, Lawrence LeDuc, Andrea Olive, Robert Schertzer, Erin Tolley, Graham White and David A. Wolfe.
- Robert Vipond was re-appointed as Interim Director at the Centre for the Study of the United States (CSUS) at the Munk School of Global Affairs.
- Emanuel Adler was honoured with a Festschrift.

Students

- New PhD’s: Dr. Saman Chamanfar, Dr. Simona Chiose, Dr. Andrew Gross, Dr. Melissa Levin, Dr. Daniella Levy-Pinto, Dr. Juan Pereira Marsij, Dr. Tina Rupcic, Dr. Arjun Tremblay, Dr. David Zarnett.
- Andreea Musulan, a POL major, received a University of Toronto Excellence Award.

Books

2. Canada’s Odyssey: A Country Based on Incomplete Conquests, Peter H. Russell, University of Toronto Press
5. Making a Global City: How One Toronto School Embraced Diversity, Robert C. Vipond, University of Toronto Press
**NEW FACES**

**Nicole MARSHALL**

Nicole will be joining the department as a SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow in July 2017. She completed her PhD at the University of Alberta, her MA at McMaster University, and her BES (Hons) at York University. She will be working with Professor Joseph Carens to examine the intersection of citizenship theory, climate change, ethics, and forced migration. Her PhD and upcoming book **Sinking Human Rights: Climate Change and the Future of Vulnerable Migration** critically explores the narrow pathways for climate refugees in ethics, public policy, and international law.

**Julie MOREAU**

Julie joins the department as Assistant Professor, cross-appointed with the Mark S. Bonham Centre for Sexual Diversity Studies. After completing her PhD at McGill University in 2014, she was a postdoctoral fellow in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Washington University in St. Louis. Her research explores queer politics and focuses on LGBTQ social movements, political participation, and citizenship. She is currently working on a book manuscript entitled **After Equality: Organizing Lesbian Citizenship in South Africa & Argentina.**

**Emily NACOL**

Emily will be joining UTM in July 2017 from Vanderbilt University, where she was an assistant professor of political science. She is a political theorist whose research interests lie primarily in early modern political thought and political economy. Emily’s first book, **An Age of Risk: Politics and Economy in Early Modern Britain,** was published in 2016. She has held research fellowships at Brown University’s Political Theory Project and the Cornell University Society for the Humanities. She is looking forward to teaching a range of courses in the history of political thought.

**Alexander REISENBICHLER**

Alexander will be starting as assistant professor in West European politics at UTM in July 2017. He is completing his dissertation on the political economy of homeownership and housing finance in Germany and the United States at George Washington University’s Department of Political Science. His broader research focuses on the politics of housing, financial, and labor markets in advanced economies, with a regional focus on Western Europe and North America. His work has appeared in **Politics & Society,** the **Review of International Political Economy,** and **Foreign Affairs.**

**Aviad RUBIN**

Aviad will visit the department during the fall semester as an Israel Institute Visiting Faculty. He is an associate professor at the School of Political Science, University of Haifa, Israel, where he specializes in the intersection between the politics of identity and regime theory. Aviad’s forthcoming book explores the influence of the state-religion relationship in Israel and Turkey on democratic performance in both states. During his time at the University of Toronto, Aviad will teach a course on models of religion and state in Israel and the Middle East.
On March 30, 2017 University of Toronto President Meric Gertler welcomed the announcement of a US$5 million gift from the Government of Japan. It provides an endowment to support a new faculty chair in Japanese Politics and Global Affairs, to be jointly appointed by the Department of Political Science and the Munk School of Global Affairs, and a new Centre for the Study of Global Japan. The first such endowment in Canada, it matches similar support recently provided to MIT, Columbia, and Georgetown. Political Science Chair Louis Pauly welcomed the donation, which he noted "builds significantly on the foundations established in the department by Professor Emeritus Michael Donnelly, who taught Japanese Politics here for many years and who established the Asian Institute, now located in the Munk School."

(L-R): Munk School of Global Affairs Director Stephen Toope, U of T President Meric Gertler, Yasunori Nakayama, the consul general of Japan in Toronto, David Cameron, Dean, Faculty of Arts & Science and Louis Pauly, Chair of the Department of Political Science.

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