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## Letter from the Chair

I would like to take this opportunity to plug our [current graduate students](#) and encourage you to take an interest in them as if they were your own. Our students are constantly improving, and if you demand evidence to back this statement up, I will point out the many sources of external funding the group has brought in this year.

Austin Hart has won a National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant (and a Graduate Dean's Prestigious Fellowship supplement). Danilo Contreras and Joanne Ibarra have received National Science Foundation Diversity Fellowships. Matt Buehler has received a [David L. Boren Graduate Fellowship](#) (and a Graduate Dean's Prestigious Fellowship supplement). Regina Goodnow, Yuval Weber, and Allison White have received [FLAS](#) fellowships. Jolie Wood won an [AAUW](#) award. Doaa' El Nakhala's research will be funded through the [Open Society Institute's](#) Palestinian Faculty Development Program (as well as the University's Center for European Studies). The department has also maintained its competitiveness in university-wide fellowship competitions – Roy Germano and Aaron Herold have won University Continuing Fellowships, and Stephanie Holmsten received a David Bruton, Jr. Endowed Fellowship.

On top of these impressive feats, the department granted summer, half-year, and full year MacDonalld or Long Dissertation Fellowships to Manuel Balán, Luis Camacho-Solis, Eduardo Dargent, Justin Dyer, Laura Field, Regina Goodnow, Austin Hart, Matthew Johnson, Patrick Hickey, Stephanie Holmsten, Tao

Huang, Ernest McGowen, Paula Munoz, Curt Nichols, Daniel Ryan, Randy Uang, Matthew Wright, and Kristin Wylie. Leeann Youn received a James Roach Fellowship.

We also had a banner year in terms of [graduate student publications](#). We are especially proud of our students' growing publication record, and on behalf of the graduate student body I want to thank our alumni for paving the way. Without question, your work when you were here sowed the seeds we are now reaping. Whether by sheer example, by pushing the department to increase professional development opportunities for the graduate students, or through the work you do now as part of our professional community, your presence continues being felt. We like that, and we encourage it.

All of our graduate students are doing exceptional work, and we are also extremely excited about our incoming class. We have 25 new students, spread fairly evenly across the various fields.

It has long been the philosophy in this department that a rising tide lifts all boats – let's continue living by that maxim.

Sincerely,

Gary P. Freeman, Chair

### **Texas Reception at the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting**

The APSA Annual Meeting is Sept. 3-6, 2009, in Toronto. A cursory scan of the preliminary program found 30 of our alumni scheduled to present papers. And, thanks to the hard work of Nancy Moses, we have an improvement in our [reception](#) slot: Friday night, Sept. 4 at 7:30 p.m. We hope to see you there.

### **Website Updates**

As promised, our website has a new look. A thank you is in order for your fellow alumni, Jim Henson and Tim Fackler, for their hard work at [LAITS](#) managing the overhaul. LAITS gave the entire College a facelift. There is plenty of current [news](#). We have several [job candidates](#). Candidates will be added to the site on an ongoing basis, so please check back periodically. Our [placement map](#) is now available online. And, we have added a section for [alumni publications](#). We will next create a new listing for publications beginning with the academic year 2009-10, so keep publishing, and keep the notifications coming. Two of our *wunderkinder*, Danny Hayes and Seth McKee, have an article forthcoming in the October issue of the *American Journal of Political Science*. If you have not yet read our [newsletter](#), please do. Special thanks to [Mehdi Noorbaksh](#) for his contribution.

### **Emmette Redford Elected APSA President 50 Years Ago**

Emmette Redford, former Ashbel Smith Professor of Government and Public Affairs, was one of the most distinguished professors to grace this campus. This year marks the 50th anniversary of his election as president of the American Political Science Association, a position he held in 1960-61. [Click here to read the full story.](#)

### **Faculty Updates**

[Catherine Boone](#) has been elected to the [African Studies Association](#) Board of Directors.

[Jason Casellas](#) begins a post-doc fellowship at the [United States Studies Centre](#) at the University of Sydney.

[Terry Chapman](#) begins a post-doc fellowship at Princeton University's [Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance](#) in the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs.

[Rod Hart](#) will receive the 2009 Graber Book Award at the upcoming APSA meeting for his book, [Campaign Talk: Why Elections are Good for Us](#). The Graber Award is given by APSA's political communication division in honor of the best political communication book of the past 10 years.

[Mel Hinich](#) has been designated as one of 20 inaugural Fellows of the [Society for Political Methodology](#). Alumna [Janet Box-Steffensmeier](#) has also been named. Election to the position of Fellow of the Society for Political Methodology honors individuals who have made outstanding scholarly contributions to the development of political methodology, and whose methodological work has had a major international impact on subsequent scholarship in the field, in the discipline more broadly, and where appropriate in other areas.

## Alumni Updates

[Rob Barr](#) was promoted to associate professor at the University of Mary Washington.

[Janet Boles](#) officially retired from Marquette University and is now Professor Emerita.

[Paul DeHart](#) has left Lee University and is now at Texas State University. Paul's 2007 book, [Uncovering the Constitution's Moral Design](#), was nominated for The Herman C. Pritchett Award for the best book by a political scientist on Law and Courts and the David Easton Award in political philosophy/theory.

[Neil DeVotta](#) has left Hartwick College and is now at Wake Forest University.

[Arnold Fleischmann](#) has left the University of Georgia and is now head of the political science department at Eastern Michigan University.

[Julie George](#) and [Jeremy Teigen](#) were in Austin this summer as visiting professors, reclaiming their GOV 310L and GOV 312L stomping grounds.

[Miryam Hazán](#) has been offered a contract by Cambridge University Press for her book, *Mexican Immigrant Politics in America*.

[Rich Holtzman](#) was named Bryant University's 2008-2009 Teacher of the Year.

[Jeffrey Ladewig](#) was promoted to associate professor at the University of Connecticut.

[Michael McLendon](#) was promoted to associate professor at California State University, Los Angeles, and awarded a sabbatical to complete his book on Rousseau and Tocqueville.

Michael Pagano became Dean of the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois at Chicago in July 2008. Michael was elected in 2006 to the National Academy of Public Administration.

Bruce Peabody's research on televising the U.S. Supreme Court was cited on the U.S. Senate floor by Sen. Arlen Specter (D-PA), and in a letter Specter wrote to Supreme Court Justice (then nominee) Sonia Sotomayor.

Ayesha Ray is now on the Editorial Advisory Board of *Social Science Quarterly*. **(CORRECTION: AYESHA RAY IS NOW ON THE EDITORIAL ADVISORY BOARD OF STRATEGIC STUDIES QUARTERLY)**

Brian Wampler will be a Fulbright Scholar this year at the Federal University of Minas Gerais, Brazil.

David Williams has signed a contract with Cambridge University Press to write *Rousseau's 'Social Contract': An Introduction*. David held a fellowship last year at the University of Wisconsin-Madison's Institute for Research in the Humanities. Among other things, he organized a symposium on the General Will.

## Recent Graduates

Ph.D.s awarded since August 2008:

Neal Allen

Dissertation: The Effect of a Supreme Court Opinion Outside the Judicial System: An Analysis of Brown V. Board of Education and the American South

Supervisor: Jeff Tulis **(CORRECTION: H.W. PERRY SUPERVISED THIS DISSERTATION)**

Mijeong Baek

Dissertation: Political Communication Systems and Voter Participation

Supervisor: Daron Shaw

Jennifer Bean

Dissertation: Institutional Responses To Terrorism: The Domestic Role of the Military in Consolidated Democracies

Supervisor: Zoltan Barany

Steven Bilakovics

Dissertation: Constituting Political Freedom and the Democratic Way of Life

Supervisor: Jeff Tulis

Odysseas Christou

Dissertation: The Ties That Bind: Norms, Networks, Information, and the Organization of Political Violence

Supervisor: Harrison Wagner

David Crow

Dissertation: Citizen Disenchantment in New Democracies: The Case of Mexico

Supervisor: Bob Luskin

Donald Inbody

Dissertation: Grand Army of the Republic or Grand Army of the Republicans? Political Party and Ideological Preferences of American Enlisted Personnel

Supervisor: Bat Sparrow

Julie Lane

Dissertation: Recognizing Rape

Supervisor: Ben Gregg

Clarisa Pérez-Armendáriz

Dissertation: Do Migrants Remit Democratic Beliefs and Behaviors? A Theory of Migrant-Led International Diffusion

Supervisors: Kurt Weyland and Gary Freeman

Ayesha Ray

Dissertation: Political Masters and Sentinels: Commanding the Allegiance of the Soldier in India

Supervisor: Harrison Wagner

Laura Seay

Dissertation: Authority at Twilight: Civil Society, Social Services, and the State in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo

Supervisor: Catherine Boone

### **Recent Job Placements**

Justin Dyer – University of Missouri-Columbia

Donald Inbody – Texas State University

Hung-chang (Eugene) Kuan – National Taiwan Normal University

Feng-yu Lee – National Taiwan University

Curt Nichols – Baylor University

### **Did You Know?**

The Department of Government awarded its first Ph.D. in 1931, to Samuel Bertram McAlister.

Comments and questions may be addressed to [Alumni Relations](#).

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