



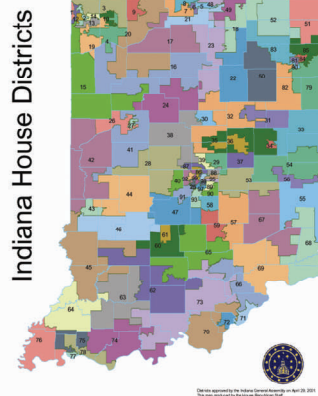
Department of Political Science Fall 2006 Newsletter

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Distinguished Alum Clyde Kersey spends day with Political Science classes, students

Clyde Kersey, a 2006 recipient of the Distinguished Alumni award and Indiana General Assembly representative from the 43rd district, spent Friday, October 20, talking with students about his political experiences and inspiration he received while a student at Indiana State University. Students from Andrea McAtee, James McDowell and Carl Klarner's classes had the opportunity to ask questions about specific aspects of his service as a state official. Rep. Kersey also had lunch with a small group of students. Joining Rep. Kersey and Professors Klarner and McAtee were Andrew Borden, Michael Cook, Sadie Davis, Petra Hendrickson and Samantha Kozyra. This more intimate setting allowed the students, and particularly those with political aspirations, an opportunity to gain further insight from Rep. Kersey.



Rep. Kersey showed this map of Indiana's state legislative districts as he discussed campaigning for office.



Students listen attentively as Rep. Kersey discusses his experiences as a public servant.

Clyde Kersey at a Glance:

- Graduated from ISU in 1971 with a Bachelor's degree in Social Science Education
- First elected to the Indiana General Assembly in 1996
- Currently serves on the Ways and Means Committee in the General Assembly



State Representative Clyde Kersey — photo courtesy of Alumni Affairs

BREAKING NEWS

- Drs. Buchanan and Klarner win prize for election forecasting model. (see p. 4)

Students participate in summer research program at ISU

ISU's Political Science Department played host to the 2006 Democracy and World Politics summer research program. Indiana State University students Petra Hendrickson, Brandy Jolliff, Kristee LaVallie, Lela McCoy and Kurt Waywood, as well as students from the University of Southern California, University of Toledo, Texas Christian University, University of North Texas, University of Iowa, Gustavus Adolphus College and Grand Valley State University participated in the program. In this program developed by Dr. James Scott

and supported by the National Science Foundation, the students worked with faculty mentors, including Mike Chambers, Kim Fredericks, Andrea McAtee, Mike Erisman and Glenn Perry to develop and conduct independent research projects concerning some aspect of international politics. Graduate student Shyam Kulkarni provided assistance as a peer mentor. The program also funds student participation at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research or a similar conference.

Master of Public Administration Program News

ISU is delivering a state-of-the-art MPA program with the introduction this semester of a "Breeze Classroom" which allows distance students to interact with professors Stan Buchanan and Kim Fredericks through the use of computer technology.

The "Breeze Classroom" technology provides for discussion with students from a range of geographic, cultural, and employment areas.

The "Breeze Classroom" came to fruition through a grant written by Kim Fredericks, and is just one more step in the MPA program's goal to

become one of the first fully online programs in the state of Indiana.

Other News:

Matt Muckler, a first-year student in the MPA program, is a graduate fellow with Networks Financial Institute, an outreach program of ISU's College of Business.

Muckler is conducting research with Stan Buchanan and Carl Klarner and serving as the Vigo County Council's Budget and Fiscal Policy Analyst.

Students experience law-making process first hand in Model House of Representatives program in Washington, D.C.

Petra Hendrickson, Kurt Waywood, both Political Science majors, and Laura James, a Social Science Education Major, spent April 25-29 in Washington, D.C. participating in the U.S. Model House of Representatives, a program sponsored by the American Youth Scholarship Foundation. All three students were encouraged to apply by Andrea McAtee, their Congress and Public Policy professor. Prior to arriving at the Capitol, each student prepared a piece of legislation to propose to the committee to which they were assigned.

During the Model House, the students sat in committee, using the actual House committee rooms, and marked up the proposed legislation,

which included making minor revisions, proposing amendments and conducting extensive debate on the bill before deciding whether or not to vote the bill out of committee. The last day of the program was spent in full session, debating the bills that had been voted out of committee.

When not engaging in the legislative process, Hendrickson, Waywood and James participated in special activities designed specifically for the Model House, which included an exclusive tour of the floor of the House of Representatives chamber.



Political Science Major Petra Hendrickson and Social Science Education major Laura James pose on the Metro on their way to Capitol Hill

Graduate students present research at professional conference

Graduate Students Shyam Kulkarni, Jessica Cenegey and Samuel Snideman presented papers at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the International Studies Association Midwest Region.

The Political Science Department emphasizes and encourages experiential learning, which includes professional development and participation in academic forums.

Kulkarni presented two papers at the conference, one

entitled "Liberal States Behave Liberally," which examined a currently under-researched dynamic of the democratic peace theory, and one co-authored with Dr. Michael Chambers on growing ties between China and Indonesia.

Cenegey's paper, "Power and Democracy: Origin and Consequence," discussed roadblocks to democratic consolidation in Argentina.

Snideman presented

"Bullets, Bombs and Ballot Boxes: Military Intervention into Civil Wars and Democratization in the Post-Cold War World," which dealt with the effectiveness of military interventions under the auspices of a variety of regional and international organizations. Snideman presented earlier versions of his paper at the 2006 National Conference for Undergraduate Research and the 2006 Indiana State Undergraduate/Graduate Research Expo.

Faculty and students collaborate on variety of projects

Faculty members and graduate students have teamed up to work on a variety of projects this semester. These demonstrate both the department's and university's commitment to scholarship and experiential learning.

- Sam Snideman is working with Dr. Linda Maule on the implementation of a Promising Scholars project that focuses on the impact of learning communities and service activities on students, the findings of which will be presented at a national conference during the spring semester.
- Shyam Kulkarni and Dr. Mike Chambers co-authored a paper on Sino-Indonesian relations that they presented at the 2006 International Studies Association-Midwest Region annual meeting. They plan to revise the paper and submit it for publication in a peer-reviewed journal.
- Jessica Cenegey is serving as a research assistant and graduate fellow on a project with Drs. Kim Fredericks and Andrea McAtee that examines the differences between networks of party contributions between parties and amongst states for legislative elections held in 2000, 2002, and 2004.

Indiana State students participate in Hull House service learning trip to Chicago

In early October, the Political Science/Legal Studies First-Year Student Learning Community, along with students in other departments, made a trip to Chicago to assist with a Hull House service project. Dr. Linda Maule helped lead the trip.

Students checked packets for participants in the Chicago Marathon for approximately eight hours. Since the Hull House organization is a preferred charity of the Chicago Marathon, Hull House receives money from the Marathon. By assisting the Chicago Marathon, the students were able to ensure that Hull House would receive funds to help it to continue its pro-

gramming to low-income children and families.

Political Science graduate student Sam Snideman, in addition to Learning Community Peer Assistants Sadie Davis, Dan Moulton and Kristen Oliver also participated in the service-learning trip. Each of these peer mentors had participated in the trip as first year students in the Political Science/Legal Studies Learning Community.

A full quarter of those in attendance were Political Science/Legal Studies Learning Community students.



Students on the 2006 Hull House Service Learning Trip listen as they are given instructions on checking packets for the Chicago Marathon. The Chicago Marathon provides money to Hull House, one of its preferred charities. Students on the trip helped with the Marathon, which helped Hull House.



Michael Cook, a freshman political science major, grins while on the 2006 Hull House Service Learning Trip in Chicago. Cook was one of a number of students who checked packets for the Chicago Marathon.



The students who went on the 2006 Hull House Service Learning Trip pose in front of the Hull House Museum on the University of Illinois-Chicago campus.

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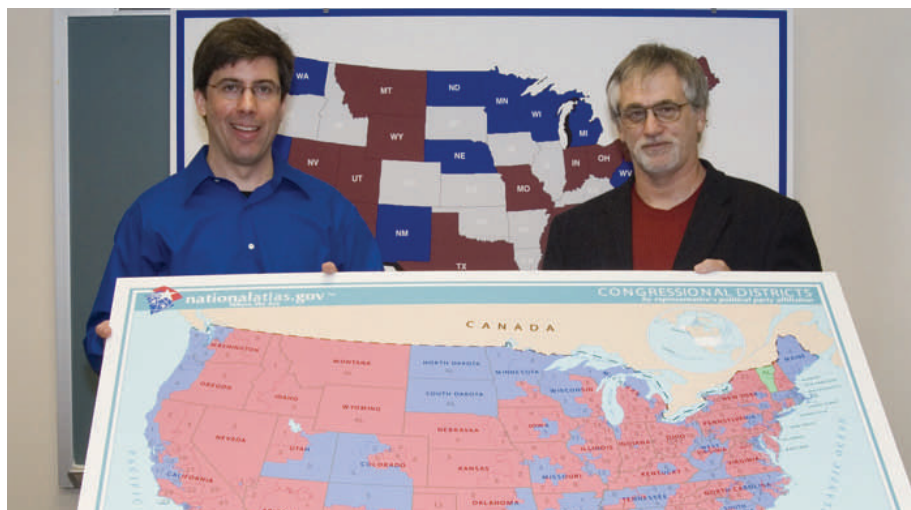
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Faculty conference presentations

Faculty members have been actively sharing their latest research with their peers at a variety of professional conferences this semester. Presentations include:

- Mike Chambers presented a paper on China's security environment and international security obligations for the U.S. Army War College annual conference on the People's Liberation Army in early October.
- Glenn Perry presented a paper entitled "The Authoritarian Peace in the Arab-Israeli Arena" at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Third World Studies.
- Kim Fredericks presented two co-authored papers at the Annual Meeting of the National Evaluation Association which was held in Portland, Oregon at the beginning of November.



Professors develop election forecast model

Indiana State University Political Science professors Carl Klarner (left) and Stan Buchanan got a taste of fame with their forecasting model of the 2006 midterm election results.

The model and predictions were published in the October 2006 issue of *PS: Political Science and Politics*. Media coverage of the

model appeared in newspapers and radio programs across the country, ranging from the *Indiana Statesman* to the *Washington Post*.

In late November, Buchanan and Klarner were awarded the \$1,000 "Polly Prize" by PoliticalForecasting.com for the best model predicting the 2006 House elections.

Faculty publications

Faculty members in the Political Science department have been actively publishing their research, both in professional peer-reviewed journals and in full-length book projects.

Glenn Perry's "Imperial Democratization: Rhetoric and Reality," was published in the Summer 2006 issue of *Arab Studies Quarterly*. Additionally, Perry has a review article entitled "The Palestine Question: Moral and Legal Perspectives" that is published in a recent issue of *DOMES: Digest of Middle East Studies* as well as several book reviews appearing in *Perspectives on Political Science* and *DOMES: Digest of Middle East Studies*. Perry also has a book chapter entitled "Democratizing Greater Israel," included in *Barriers to Reconciliation, Case Stud-*

ies on Iraq and the Palestine-Israel Conflict, edited by Jacqueline S. Haddad and William W. Ismael.

Mike Chambers was asked by the National Bureau of Asian Research, a major think-tank on Asian affairs in the United States, to write the chapter on China for the 2006 edition of its publication entitled *Strategic Asia*. This year's edition of the annual volume focused on the security implications of the growing trade and economic interdependence among the countries of the Asian-Pacific. Chambers also participated in briefings and symposia in Washington, D.C. during October to help launch this year's volume.

Andrea McAtee has a forthcoming co-authored article in *Law and Society Review*. The article, entitled "Strategic Legal Argument and the Attitudinal

Model of Supreme Court Decision Making," finds evidence to support the hypothesis that Supreme Court decision making might be affected in part by the saliency of the issue before the Court.

Bob Van Sickle has been hard at work completing a revised and updated second edition to his book *Tabloid Justice: Legal News in an Age of Media Frenzy*, which examines how the news industry reports on legal issues and crime.

Mike Erisman has received a contract to develop a book-length work related to his recent research in Cuba. Erisman is also currently working on projects concerning Cuba's medical training program, with plans for additional publications and conference presentations.