



Department of Political Science Spring 2007 Newsletter

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Department faculty and students receive University honors

Political Science faculty and students alike have a long tradition of receiving university awards. Spring 2007 proved no different for the department.

Associate professor and interim chair Mike Chambers received the Theodore Dreiser Distinguished Research Award for his scholarship on Chinese foreign relations.

Associate Professor Linda Maule received the Indiana State Distinguished Service Award. Maule was also awarded

with the Darlene Hantzis Advocacy Award for Leadership and Commitment to Indiana State University from the Women's Studies program and was named the 2007 University Honors Program Faculty Member of the Year.

Sarah Engle, recipient of the Political Science Department's Outstanding Senior Award, received the Hines medal, which honors senior students with the highest cumulative grade point average.

Political Science major Kurt Waywood and Legal Studies major Nicole Christlieb both received the Outstanding Junior Award, which recognizes individuals who have performed a great deal of service to the university and to their class.



Mike Chambers and Linda Maule pose with the university awards they recently received.

Indiana Court of Appeals hears oral arguments at Indiana State University

In what has become an annual tradition, the Indiana Court of Appeals heard oral arguments on a case

at Indiana State University on February 22.

The three-judge panel heard 20-minute argu-

ments from each side on the case T.S. v. State.

After the arguments were heard, Judges John G. Baker, Carr L. Darden and Margret G. Robb made themselves available for a pizza lunch with Legal Studies and Political Science students.

Legal Studies students argued the same case for their final project in the Legal Studies Capstone Course.



Judges from the Indiana Court of Appeals hear oral arguments at ISU. Photo courtesy of Dave Taylor and WTWO.

BREAKING NEWS

- Two MA students have accepted offers to attend Ph.D. programs beginning in the fall. The students will be attending Texas A&M University in College Station and the University of Iowa, located in Iowa City.

Undergraduate, graduate students participate in local, regional, national research conferences

Political Science undergraduates as well as graduate students pursued an active research agenda spring semester, culminating in a number of research presentations.

Kurt Waywood, a junior, presented research, entitled "Escalation or De-escalation? International Arms Transfers and Interstate Conflict Severity" at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research in San Francisco, California. This paper was the culmination of a project started during the 2006 Democracy and World Politics Research Experience for Undergraduates.

Petra Hendrickson, a junior, presented her REU paper, entitled "State Independence, Leadership Stability and the Severity of Ethnic Conflict" as a



Kurt Waywood, left, a junior Political Science major, presents his paper, entitled "Escalation or De-escalation? International Arms Transfers and Interstate Conflict Severity" at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research on Thursday, April 12, 2007.

poster session at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. Hendrickson also presented a paper entitled "The Decisions in Between: A Humanitarian-Crisis Decision Making Model" at the ISU College of Arts and Sciences Undergraduate/Graduate

Research Showcase.

Shyam Kulkarni and Sam Snideman, both MA students, presented "Does Democracy Matter" at the Undergraduate/Graduate Research Showcase and "The Liberal Lens" at the Midwest Political Science Association conference in Chicago.

Department holds Honors Day Reception

The Department of Political Science held its annual Honors Day Awards Reception on May 3. Awards given at the Honors Day include:

- James D. Acher Memorial Scholarship
- Wilson Naylor Cox, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
- Arthur E. Dowell Political Science Award
- Lewis W. "Jack" Gilfoy Memorial Scholarship
- William H. Harader Memorial Scholarship
- Jack T. Johnson Political Science Scholarship
- William Matthews Memorial Scholarship
- R. Christopher Perry Memorial Pre-Law Award
- Outstanding Senior in Political Science
- Outstanding Senior in Legal Studies
- Political Science Department Outstanding Senior

Additionally, new members of the Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society were inducted at the Honors Day ceremony.

Faculty members and students collaborate on research

- Associate Professor Linda Maule, MA student Sam Snideman, Legal Studies major Analyssa Noe and Reference Librarian Marsha Miller presented research on the creation and assessment of a Poverty, Hunger, and Homelessness service learning project at the Indiana Campus Compact's 6th Annual Conference on Service Learning.
- MPA student Matt Muckler and Assistant Professor Carl Klarner are conducting research examining what causes states to pass their budgets late.

Students accepted to participate in U.S. Model House program

Political Science majors Michael Cook, a freshman, and Carly Robbins, a sophomore, have been accepted to the 2007 American Youth Scholarship Foundation Model House of Representatives. The program runs from May 28 to June 2, and utilizes the actual House of Representatives committee rooms.

Cook, who will be representing the Illinois 14th, has been assigned to the Education and Labor committee. Each member of the Model House has to draft a piece of legislation. Cook's bill will address aspects of the No Child Left Behind policy.

Robbins will be representing the Indiana 6th and has also been assigned to the Education and Labor Committee. Her piece of legislation will deal with programs for high-achieving high school students.

Both students are very excited about the opportunity presented by the Model House program.

Robbins is most excited about the hands-on learning, while Cook looks forward to meeting his Congress members and applying his experiences to his role as Vice President Pro Tempore of the SGA Senate.

Capstone students participate in learning trip to nation's capital

Members of the Legal Studies and Political Science Capstone classes used late February as an opportunity to travel to the nation's capital to hear oral arguments being given before the Supreme Court.

Cory Brown, Jacob Bruner, Nicole Comer, Adam Cowan, Jamie Nicley, Jeff Stemerick and Associate Professor Linda Maule toured the nation's capital, including a stop at the United States Holocaust Museum in the middle of a snowstorm on a Sunday, and were first in line to hear oral arguments on Monday.



Participants in the learning trip to Washington, DC, stand in front of the United States Holocaust Museum.

Master of Public Administration Program student internship news

Students in the MPA program are enhancing their coursework with practical experience. Two students have internships this semester, while two are also actively involved in research.

First-year MPA student Erin Cheever has an internship with the city of Terre Haute. She is the Administrative Assistant for the Director of Human Resources within the legal department. Her duties include screening and processing applicants and orienting new employees. Cheever is also responsible for inputting all of the public employee information into a newly-created database designed to improve record-keeping and procedural efficiency.

Matt Muckler, a first-year student in the MPA program, has an internship with Vigo County. He is currently assisting the county with its 2008 budget preparations, though he has also worked on projects involving the restoration of commercial air service to Terre Haute International Airport, tax increment finance for Pfizer and financial planning for the Canal Road Project. Muckler is also actively pursuing research on state budgetary processes (see page 2).

Linda Beckwith is conducting research on how lobbying efforts affect public policy in the Indiana House and Senate. To collect her research, Beckwith attended House Education Committee and Senate Educa-

tion and Career Development Committee meetings throughout the legislative session, where she followed the all-day kindergarten and charter school/public school debates. Beckwith did not limit her research to the Education Committee, however; she also attended a number of committee meetings held by Ways and Means. In addition to attending these committee meetings, Beckwith intends to conduct interviews with lobbyists and legislators alike in order to fully understand the relationship that exists between the two sides of the policy process.

Faculty research

Publications

Assistant Professor Kim Fredericks has received a contract for an edited volume, to which she will be co-editor and a contributor that will be released in early 2008. With a working title of *Nonprofits, Foundations, and Government: Exploring Evaluation Expectations*, the volume is to be put out by New Directions for Evaluation, one of the most prestigious publications in the area of evaluation.

Professor James McDowell was a contributing author to *The Executive Branch of State Government: People, Process and Politics*, edited by Margaret Ferguson. McDowell detailed state executive branches in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. McDowell also contributed chapters on former Indiana Governors M. Clifford Townsend and Henry F. Schricker to *The Governors of Indiana*, edited by Linda C. Gugin

and James E. St. Clair.

Assistant Professor Carl Klarner's "Redistricting Principles and Racial Representation: A Reanalysis" has been published in *State Politics and Policy*.

Klarner and Assistant Professor Stan Buchanan collaborated on "Non-Controversial Bill Sponsorship in State Legislatures" (with Tom Schuman), published in *The New England Journal of Political Science*, "Forecasting the 2006 Democratic Takeover in the U.S. House of Representatives," published in *Fore-sight* and "Business Interest Group Power and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families" (with MPA graduate Mao Xiaotong), published in *Social Science Quarterly*.

Professor Glenn Perry has contributed a review essay entitled "Making the Most of the Fiasco: Dividing Iraq and Salvaging Kurdistan," which relates to *The Future of Iraq* by Liam Anderson and Gareth Stansfield and *The End of Iraq* by Peter W. Galbraith, scheduled for publication in the next issue of the *Internation-*

tional Journal of Contemporary Iraqi Studies. Perry will also be contributing several articles to the forthcoming *International Encyclopedia of Political Science*, edited by George Kurian and published by CQ Press.

Conferences/Seminars

Assistant Professors McAtee and Fredericks presented "Connecting Contributors: Contribution Networks in State Legislative Elections" at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in mid-April.

Associate Professor Mike Chambers presented "North Korea's Nuclearization and the Fallout from the Subcontinent" (with Andrew Scobell) at the conference on Nuclear Deterrence in South Asia and Beyond, sponsored by the U.S. government. Chambers also participated in a seminar on "Bridging the Gap on China: Security and Economic Perspectives on China's Future," at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington, DC, on April 13.

Professor and students active in Statehouse legislative internship program

Four Political Science students, three undergraduates and one graduate, spent the spring semester as state legislative interns.

Kristin Casper and Grant Scharton, both seniors, held their internships with the Republican Caucus, while Amber Malcolm, a first-year MA student, and Nicole Comer, a senior, held theirs with the Democratic Caucus.

Interns participated in a wide range of activities throughout their internship. Responsibilities included tracking legislation, providing constituency services and assisting legislators with their committee work.

Constituency services was one of the bigger responsibilities, with interns acting as liaisons with state government — agencies.

The internship involves 40-hour weeks and a weekly class at the

Statehouse.

Professor James McDowell taught the class on Indiana Politics and Government to the interns each Monday, something he describes as “an excellent atmosphere with loads of research opportunities.”



Above left, MA student Amber Malcolm works with state Sen. Sam Smith. Above right, Political Science Senior Kristin Casper talks with state Sen. Richard Bray. Photos courtesy of Tony Campbell/ ISU Media Relations.

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