

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY
POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT
NEWSLETTER FALL 2010

MODEL UNITED NATIONS:
SWEDEN, BRAZIL, AND IRELAND



Twenty-one students participated in the Midwest Model UN conference in St. Louis this year representing Sweden and Brazil. Our award winners were Aaron Rivers sitting on the Commission on the Status of Women, and Aaron Rivers and Wendy Fude in the ECOSOC Plenary.

At the National Model UN in New York our delegates represented the Ireland. They celebrated the Opening Ceremony in the Great Hall of the General Assembly, and received a mission briefing from the Irish representative to the General Assembly Fifth Committee. The team is looking forward to representing China and Switzerland next year!

Model UN 2009-2010:

Abdoul Souley, Alex Ferenc, Justin Brown, Scott Zimmerman, Usef Hassouneh, Katherine Rodriguiz, Morgan Beliles, Andrew Halverson, Allen Tang, Eva Kurban, Jackie Schulte, Tanobla Konin, Axel Chacon, Austin Okere, Amanda Babcock, Kelly Riley, Bronwen Johnson, Katherine Paige, Zach Davidson, Wendy Fude, Aaron Rivers.

VALUABLE INTERNSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES



This year we had three interns in Washington D.C: Derek Blair at the Susan B. Anthony List, William Brichacek with Senator Pat Roberts, and Veronica Ndambi with Representative Dennis Moore. In Topeka, Amanda Nguyen worked for the Kansas Legislative Research Department in a position usually reserved for graduate students. The Washington interns participated in a weekly seminar with guest speakers and weekly briefings on current political events.



STUDENTS MEET GOVERNOR



Students in Dr. Ken Ciboski's class on the Congress travelled Topeka this spring. They met with Gov. Mark Parkinson and visited the legislature.

FACULTY UPDATES



Dr. Dinorah Azpuru - Dr. Azpuru had a busy summer doing research. She was invited as a panelist at a Seminar at Florida International University in May, and went to Washington D.C. in June to work in a multidisciplinary research project she is engaged in. She also completed her most recent research on Guatemala's political culture as part of the Latin American Public Opinion Project. She is looking forward to teaching Senior Seminar twice a year for the first time, which will allow the Department to have smaller groups of students and thus work more closely with them on their research papers.

Dr. Ken Ciboski— Dr. Ciboski continues to be a frequent commentator on local, state and national politics for the print and electronic media, and he continues to present on political matters for local organizations. He appears frequently on “Kansas Week”, which is aired state-wide to discuss political developments. During the spring semester, he took a delegation from his class on the congress to Topeka to meet Gov. Parkinson and visit the legislature (see photo p.1). Dr. Ciboski continues to teach a variety of courses in American and Comparative politics, including a new course on dictatorships. The opening of the Soviet archives has renewed his interest in Soviet politics.



Dr. Mel Kahn— Dr. Kahn was notified by *Who's Who in America* that he will be included in its forthcoming 2011 Edition. He was re-elected to the Kansas Democratic Party State Committee. Mel and his wife, Joan, spent a most interesting 12 days in Israel and Italy for a family reunion in late July and early August (see photo). WSU also awarded him a pin in recognition of his 40 years of teaching in the Political Science Department.

Dr. Michael Hall—Dr. Hall kept busy this summer teaching his first summer course, American Politics, as well as completing a paper to present at the American Political Science Association conference. His current research is on the influence of elections and party ideology on the economy. He has just had a chapter on international exchange rates published in the *International Studies Encyclopedia*. Dr. Hall accompanied the Model UN team to St. Louis last spring, and will be traveling with the group again this coming year while Dr. Shaw is on leave.



Dr. Carolyn Shaw— Dr. Shaw spent two weeks this summer traveling with students to London, Paris (see photo), Brussels, and Amsterdam. She also went to St. Louis and New York with Model UN participants last spring. She is looking forward to taking sabbatical leave in the spring of 2011. She will be a Fulbright Scholar at Marie Curie Skłodowska in Lublin Poland. She and her husband and children are already working on their Polish. Fortunately she will be teaching in English! Dr. Shaw's recent research is on the impact of Chinese investment on human rights in Africa. She continues to conduct workshops on designing simulations and uses many role play exercises in her classes.

SPOTLIGHT ON DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Political Science Department is grateful to those alumni and friends of the department who have endowed nine scholarships and contribute to the Annual Fund that provides additional scholarship funding. Below, we want to share the background on several of our endowed scholarships.

D.J. AND TERRY SCANLON SCHOLARSHIP

The late Terry Scanlon was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, and raised in El Dorado, Kansas. A graduate of Wichita University in 1956 with a degree in political science, he began an 11-year career with the City of Wichita as administrative assistant in the water department and executive assistant to the city manager. Captivated by politics, he was involved with the Young Democrats at WU, served as Kansas Democratic State Chairman from 1977-1979, and was the finance chairman for the Glickman for Congress Committee. He credited his success to the education he received at WSU, compelling his involvement at many levels, including past president of the Endowment Board of Governors, former member of the Board of Trustees and Alumni Association. Both he and his wife, Doris "D.J.", were President's Club Life Members. In 1986, he established the D.J. and Terry Scanlon Political Science Scholarship as a continuation of his dedication to WSU and his affinity for politics.



The 2010-2011 recipient of the Scanlon Scholarship is Dima Hammouri (above right).

Dima is a sophomore, majoring in Political Science.

R. WESLEY MCCARTY SCHOLARSHIP



Ralph Wesley McCarty graduated summa cum laude from Wichita State University in 1974 with a degree in political science. A compassionate young man, he was considered to have the "soul of Thoreau" by family and friends. While battling leukemia, he maintained both mental and physical strength, even winning first place in a tri-state regional weight lifters meet while undergoing chemotherapy treatment. When he passed away in 1980, his parents wanted to honor the spirit of their son by creating a scholarship reflecting their son's interests and intellect. The R. Wesley McCarty Scholarship was established with the Fairmount College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, honoring the "gentle strength" of this young man.

The 2010-2011 recipient of the McCarty Scholarship is Derek Blair (left). Derek is a sophomore, majoring in Political Science.

Additional Scholarship recipients include: Andrew Berg—Sara Hyde Corbin Scholarship; Zach Davidson—Partridge Scholarship; Darren Beckham—Lee and Helen Kamen Scholarship; Olivia Sullivan—Kathlien R. Edmiston Scholarship; Lauren Hoch - James Philips Scholarship; Franklin Katscheke—Donna L. Shank Scholarship; Katherine Rodriguiz—Thomas P. and Ella N. Wolf Scholarship; and Vincent Tafolla and Holly Eckert—Department Scholarships.

NEW DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. Thomas Phillip Wolf, a Kansas native, graduated from Wichita East High School in 1950. As a student, he was a member of three state championship teams: track, cross country and wrestling. Wolf was captain of the wrestling and cross country teams his senior year.

After high school, Dr. Wolf joined the Marines and served in the Korean War. When he returned home in 1953, he married the former Ella Nora Weigand, also a Kansas native and a graduate of Wichita East High School, with whom he has three children and 10 grandchildren.

Dr. Wolf found his passion for political science at the University of Wichita, where he received his bachelor's in 1959. Continuing his education in that area, he earned his master's degree from Stanford University in 1961.

Dr. Wolf began teaching at the University of New Mexico in 1963. While a professor there, he earned his doctorate degree in 1967, also from Stanford University. He taught at Indiana University Southeast from 1970 until 1999, when he became professor emeritus of political science.

For more than a decade, Mrs. Wolf taught grade school in Jeffersonville, Ind., retiring in 1990. Appreciative of the time he spent as an undergraduate at WU, Dr. Wolf created the Thomas P. and Ella N. Wolf Scholarship in Political Science.

CAREER DAY EVENTS

Prof. Kahn organized a successful Career Day event in the Department this past year, with several alumni returning to campus to share their experience with our students. Lee Kinch, attorney, Ted Ayres, Vice President and Legal Counsel to WSU, and Mike Pompeo, President of Sentry International spoke with students regarding future career opportunities. Students enjoyed pizza and had a chance to ask questions following the talks.

VISIT FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT



Students had the opportunity this spring to meet with Mr. Ed Werhli to discuss career opportunities

in the State Department. Mr. Werhli served as the Consul General at the US Embassy in Kingston, Jamaica. He also served in Shanghai, China; Dhaka, Bangladesh; Berlin, Germany; Islamabad, Pakistan; and Bangkok, Thailand. He is currently the Diplomat-In-Residence at the University of Oklahoma.

NEW FACULTY POSITION

We are pleased to be searching for a new Assistant Professor to join our faculty in the Fall of 2011. The position listing is for a PhD to teach American Politics and Public Law, and to serve as the Pre-Law advisor for our students. Prof. Shaw and Prof. Hall will be interviewing candidates at the annual American Political Science Association conference in September, and the search committee will begin reviewing applications in October. We hope to invite three candidates to campus in the early spring for interviews, and make an offer by April.



NEW LECTURERS FOR 2010-11

With the departure of two of our adjunct faculty members this fall, we welcome two new lecturers to the department: Esam Mohammad and Mandee Schauf. Esam graduated from WSU with a BA in Political Science in 1995 and went on to receive his MBA from Amberton University in Dallas, TX in 2008. He will be teaching American Government on the new South campus. Mandee graduated from WSU with a BS in Criminal Justice in 2000, and received her JD from Washburn Law School in 2005. She will be teaching our Constitutional Law class this fall. Welcome to both of them!

STUDENT CLUB ACTIVITIES

Students were very active in several different student clubs this year: the College Republicans, College Democrats, and the Young Democratic Socialists. Some of the activities sponsored by these groups included:

- Screening of "A Flock of Dodos"
- Screening of "For the Bible Tells Me So"
- Anti-Hate and Respect week event
- Star Parker "Breaking the Cycle of Poverty"
- Panel on Religion and Homosexuality
- Panel on Religion and Politics
- Panel on Religion and Feminism
- Re-addressing the Death Penalty
- "Times Topics" - headline lunch discussions
- Annual Department picnic

HIGH SCHOOL MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE



All of the WSU Model UN students had the opportunity to serve as dais staff in January 2010 as we hosted our second annual Wichita Area Model UN for local high school students. We doubled our participation from last year with 11 high schools and 34 delegations represented by 101 students.

www.wichita.edu/wamun.

DR. CIBOSKI HONORED BY GOVERNOR



Dr. Ken Ciboski is in his 43rd year of service to the Department and to the University. He was honored last fall at a ceremony in Topeka, where his former student, Governor Mark Parkinson, presented him with a 40-year service pin. Gov. Parkinson joked during the ceremony that Dr. Ciboski was taking credit for his political success.

PI SIGMA ALPHA INITIATES



The Alpha Delta Chapter of the Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honorary Society is pleased to recognize our newest initiate: William Brichacek. The WSU chapter was founded in 1938 and now has over 500 members.

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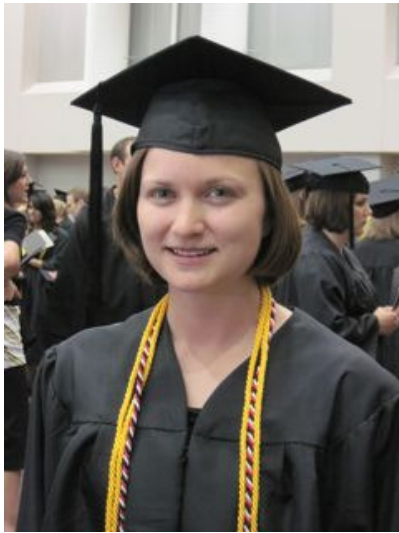
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FROM OUR ALUMNI

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Chacon, Wagner Dasilva,
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Driscoll, Tyler Emerson,
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Poston*, Chevis Rebstock,
Eric Robinson*, Tatiana
Sibaii*, and Spencer
Ward*.

* Cum Laude ** Magna Cum Laude



Matt Agnew and Wagner DaSilva



Eric Robinson and Tyler Emerson