

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY
POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT
NEWSLETTER FALL 2011

WELCOME TO A
NEW FACULTY MEMBER

We are pleased to welcome a new tenure-track faculty member, Dr. Neal Allen, to the Political Science Department this Fall. Dr. Allen comes to us from the College of St. Benedict and St. John's University in Minnesota where he has been teaching for the past five years. Dr. Allen completed his PhD in 2009 from the University of Texas at Austin. His areas of expertise include: Law and the Courts, American Political Institutions, and Race and Politics. He will be teaching our pre-law courses and serving as our pre-law advisor. He will also teach American Politics, several theory classes, and some new upper division courses on the Courts.



WASHINGTON DC INTERNSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES

This year we had four interns in Washington D.C: Sarah Meier at the Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation, Darren Beckham with Senator Jerry Moran, Genesis Mercado with Senator John Kerry, and Dima Hammouri with the Council of State Governments.

The interns participated in a weekly seminar with guest speakers and weekly briefings on current political events.



Intern Darren Beckham

CONGRATULATIONS ON PROMOTION

The Department congratulates both Dr. Dinorah Azpuru and Dr. Michael Hall on successfully achieving tenure and promotion to Associate Professor during the 2010-11 academic year. Both of these faculty members have strong publication records and teaching evaluations. They also provide service to the University and discipline through active committee work. We are proud to have them in our department!

FACULTY UPDATES



Dr. Dinorah Azpuru - In the 2010-2011 academic year Dr. Dinorah Azpuru kept up a busy research agenda on topics such as US-Latin America relations, democracy assistance and public opinion. She is currently writing a book on authoritarian political culture in Latin America. In addition to the US, she also presented her research in Canada and Central America. At WSU she enjoyed her term as Interim Chair of the Political Science Department in the Spring 2011 and continued teaching the methods courses in the Department, as well as other courses in the field of comparative politics. She was appointed Associate Professor in the Spring of 2011. dinorah.azpuru@wichita.edu

Dr. Ken Ciboski— The WSU political science department was founded by the late Hugo Wall in 1929. Dr. Ciboski is now the longest-serving member in the department's history. He continues to be a frequent commentator on local, state, and national politics for the print and electronic media, and he continues to make presentations to local political and service club organizations on international, national, and local politics. Dr. Ciboski, along with Dr. Kahn, served on a panel on the "Tea Party" movement at the Eisenhower Museum in Abilene before the 2010 elections. He continues to teach a wide variety of courses in American and Comparative politics. Newly-elected Senator Jerry Moran appointed him to serve as the Fourth Congressional district representative on his education committee.
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Dr. Mel Kahn— was again included in Who's Who in America. In 2010-11, he took part in several public affairs panels including the Eisenhower Library Forum on the Tea Party as well as topical programs for KPTS-TV and KAKE TV. In addition, the Kansas City Star, Wichita Eagle, and Los Angeles Times interviewed him for stories where they included his political analysis. He has served as the Coordinator of the KU-WSU DC and Topeka Internship Program for 17 years. In cooperation with the New York Times, he coordinated the weekly "Times topics" discussions, which involved students and faculty from WSU's different colleges. Melvin.kahn@wichita.edu

Dr. Michael Hall— Dr. Hall spent the past year teaching upper level courses on International Political Economy, the Politics of Natural Resources, Global Democracy and International Organizations. It turned out to be fitting year to discuss economic policy and democratization. He also escorted students in the Model United Nations class to conferences in St. Louis, MO and New York, NY while their professor, Carolyn Shaw, was on sabbatical. In the near future he plans to continue research on how elections and party ideology affect economic policy in industrialized democracies.
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Dr. Carolyn Shaw— Dr. Shaw spent the spring semester at the University of Marie Curie Sklodowskiej in Lublin Poland on sabbatical. She taught IR Theory and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding and introduced the Polish students to role playing in the classroom. She also presented a paper on Active Learning Across Cultures at the British International Studies Association. She is looking forward to the fall term at WSU, and her upcoming trips with the Model UN students, as well as leading a Travel Seminar to Krakow, Prague, Vienna, Bratislava and Budapest in the summer of 2012. (This is incentive to remember some of the Polish she learned while in Poland!) I love to hear from our alumni—email me! Carolyn.shaw@wichita.edu

SPOTLIGHT ON DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The Political Science Department is grateful to those alumni and friends of the department who have endowed eleven 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.

KATHLIEN R. EDMISTON SCHOLARSHIP

Kathlien Edmiston enrolled at the Wichita University after graduating from Wichita High School (now Wichita East) in the late 1920's. She was president of her sorority, Sorosis, now Delta Delta Delta, and vice president of her senior class. She met her husband, E.K. Edmiston at a school dance. Upon graduation in 1933, she began five decades of community work, focusing on WU and politics. Mrs. Edmiston served on the WU Board of Regents, chairing the board from 1956-57, and later on the WSU Board of Trustees. She lobbied for inclusion into the state system in the early 1960's. She received the Alumni Recognition Award in 1967. She chaired or worked on many local, state and national Republican campaigns. In 1985, Mrs. Edmiston filled an unexpired term on the Wichita City Commission and served briefly as mayor of Wichita.

Her husband, E.K., and daughter, Kelly Callen, established her scholarship in Political Science to honor her dedication to community activism. After their death, their children funded the E.K. and Kathlien Edmiston Study Room at the Ablah Library.



The 2011-2012 recipient of the Edmiston Scholarship is Olivia Sullivan (above right).

Olivia is a sophomore, double majoring in Political Science and Communication.

LEE AND HELEN KAMEN SCHOLARSHIP



For many years, Sheldon Kamen has worked at Kamen Inc., a company started by his grandfather in 1896. Aside from operating the business, Mr. Kamen graduated from Wichita State University with a B.A. degree in business in 1969, followed by a master's degree in history and political science. After serving in the army, Mr. Kamen soon became an involved civic leader in Wichita. From 1979 to 1985, he was seated on the Board of Education where he served a one-year term as president. During his 14-years on the city council, he also served as Wichita's Vice-Mayor and Mayor.

In 1979, Mr. Kamen established a scholarship for political science students in honor of his late parents, Lee and Helen Kamen. Subsequently, he created the Lee & Helen Kamen Scholarship in History in 1990. Through Mr. Kamen's thoughtful generosity, many students have received much needed financial support.

The 2010-2011 recipient of the Kamen Scholarship is Marisa Bayless (left). Marisa is a sophomore, double majoring in Political Science and Philosophy.

Additional Scholarship recipients include: Darren Beckham—Sara Hyde Corbin Scholarship; Holly Eckert—Partridge Scholarship; Dima Hammouri—DJ and Terry Scanlon Scholarship; Derek Blair—R. Wesley McCarty Scholarship; Andrew Berg—Donna L. Shank Scholarship; Katherine Rodriguez—Thomas P. and Ella N. Wolf Scholarship; and Cherylle Cadle, Maria Figueroa, Zach Davidson, Benson Kalugendo, and Rachel DeGarmo—Department Scholarships.

W. JOHN AND CONNIE O. MCGUIRE SCHOLARSHIP

The Department is pleased to announce the creation of a new scholarship to be awarded to eligible Model United Nations participants. W. John McGuire is an attorney practicing law in Washington DC. Prior to law school, he received his BA and MPA from Wichita State University. While at Wichita State University, Mr. McGuire was a regular participant in the Model UN program, including serving as the Student Coordinator during the 1979-80 school year. While a member of the Wichita State University Model UN program, he was twice named "Outstanding Delegate" at the University of Pennsylvania Model UN Conference, and was a member of several award winning delegations. Following graduation from Wichita State University, he twice served as Under Secretary General of the National Model UN in New York, and served for two additional years on its governing board. Mr. McGuire and his wife, Connie, established this fund to ensure that other Wichita State University students have the opportunity, and to encourage them, to participate in Model UN.

MODEL UN HAS A GOOD YEAR



Luis Carbajal, Alaina McWhorter, Danny Cooper, and Lauren Hoch at the UN.

LUZATTI LECTURE SERIES STARTS OFF STRONG



Mike Pompeo and Kathy Reiser

In September 2010, the Luzatti Lecture Series sponsored a debate between Raj Goyle and Mike Pompeo for the 4th congressional district. The event was held at the Metroplex, moderated by local media representatives, and filled the large auditorium.

Ruth Luzzati was a longtime community leader in Wichita, serving first as a volunteer, and later in public policy positions. She was a member of the Kansas House of Representatives from 1973-1987 for the 84th District. Ms. Luzzati was an advocate for inclusion, demonstrating her commitment through public and personal support for Civil Rights, Women's Rights, and legislation protecting displaced homemakers. Ms. Luzzati died in 2006, and a lectureship program was established in her memory by her daughter, Katharyn Reiser.

The Model UN represented China, Switzerland, and Antigua/Barbuda at the Midwest Model UN conference in St. Louis. In New York, the team represented Jamaica. Award recipients this year were:

Michael Leblanc -Outstanding Delegate -- Switzerland, IAEA

Darren Beckham - Honorable Mention, Republic of China, HSC

Zach Davidson - Honorable Mention, Xinhua News Agency (China)

Jessica Miller - Honorable Mention, China, ECOSOC

Hannah Hassouneh—Outstanding Position Paper, Switzerland, UNICEF

Switzerland Delegation—Honorable Mention for Position Papers

CAMPUS VISIT BY SENATOR PAT ROBERTS

Senator Roberts accepted an invitation from the Political Science Club to speak on campus. In his own words, "It was a pleasure to stop in and speak to this group of bright students about current events in Washington. I took lots of questions about the state of our country and it was good to see that many of these students were already engaged in the political process. I took questions on the economy and student loans, and students had the opportunity to express their views to me as well...I always learn a lot with college students and appreciated the opportunity [to visit]."

LAW CAREER DAY

Prof. Kahn organized a successful Law Career Day event in the Department this past year, with several alumni returning to campus to share their experience with our students. Students enjoyed pizza and had a chance to ask questions following the talks.

STUDENT CLUB ACTIVITIES



Students were active in several different student clubs this year: the College Republicans, College

Democrats, and the Young Democratic Socialists. One of the most popular events was the "Times Topics" lunches where students would gather to learn more about and discuss events in the headline news. External sponsorship allowed the purchase of pizza and sub sandwiches to feed the participants.

HIGH SCHOOL MODEL UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE



All of the WSU Model UN students had the opportunity to serve as dais staff in January 2011 as we hosted our third annual Wichita Area Model UN for local high school students. We had participants from 13 high schools across Kansas, with students representing 32 different countries. Outstanding delegate awards went to students from Andale, Buhler, Sunrise Academy, Wichita East, and Emporia high schools.

www.wichita.edu/wamun.

RESEARCH CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Baylee Cunningham who won first place in the WSU Undergraduate Research Forum (URCAF). She did an outstanding job in her presentation and her research itself, which she began during Political Inquiry and completed during the Senior Seminar class. The title of her research is "Democracy, Development, Capitalism and the Ecological Footprint: An Analysis of Indicators, A Global Perspective". This is the fourth time in recent years that a Political Science student has placed 1st or 2nd in the University-wide competition.

PI SIGMA ALPHA INITIATES



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

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WE LOVE TO HEAR
FROM OUR ALUMNI

CELEBRATING OUR 2010-11 GRADUATES



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* Cum Laude ** Magna Cum Laude

Brenda Bridgforth
John Breiner
Kirk Crisp
Usef Hassouneh
Franklin Katschke*
Calla Lipkovitch*
Gabrielle Meadows
Andre Morrison
Amanda Nguyen**
Christopher Poston*
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