

WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY

POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER FALL 2013

MODEL UN GOES INTERNATIONAL

This year MUN launched a new adventure: our first international Model UN conference! Five delegates flew to Quito, Ecuador and then on to the Galapagos islands to participate in the Latin America Model UN conference in January 2013. The students represented China and received a Distinguished Delegation award! After four days of hard work at the conference, the students got to visit the tortoise preserve, go snorkeling along the coast, and provide a day of community service hacking out invasive plant species with machetes.

Twenty-seven students attended the American Model UN conference in Chicago, representing Honduras, Paraguay and the Dominican Republic, with Honduras bringing home an outstanding delegation award. At the Midwest Model UN conference in St. Louis, our students racked up a record number of eight awards representing Japan and Chile, and India and Guatemala (Security Council only). We also had six people on staff.



DC INTERNS GAIN VALUABLE EXPERIENCE

This year we had four interns in Washington D.C.: Pascal Hiraw worked for Rep. Mike



*Rachael DeGarmo
with Sen. Moran*

Pompeo, Zinnia Kahn was with Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand and James Reynolds was in Sen. Pat Roberts office. Rachael DeGarmo served with Sen. Jerry Moran (pictured) and stayed in D.C. over the summer with an additional internship with Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP.

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

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

The Department is gathering data for our formal assessment process. We need feedback from as many alumni as possible! Please take 10 minutes to complete the 20 question alumni survey. Go to:

<http://www.wichita.edu/alumnisurvey>

IN MEMORIAM

REMEMBERING DR. JAMES MCKENNEY



Jim McKenney, our respected colleague, died on October 25, 2012 at the age of 77. He is survived by his wife Mary, and his sisters Sharon, Kathy and Jane, his brother Richard, his children James, Alison, Sean and Colin, and numerous grandchildren.

Jim was born April 24, 1935 in Salem, Oregon. He grew up in and around Salem earning a bachelors from Willamette University, along with masters and doctoral degrees from the University of Oregon. He married Mary K. Mealey on July 2, 1961. He began his career as a teacher and coach of elementary and middle-school students in Oregon. He and his family moved to the Valley Center area in 1967 when he accepted the position as professor of Political Science at Wichita State University. He served in multiple leadership and administrative positions such as Political Science Department Chair, Director of the Honors Program, and Director of the Taft Institute. He additionally served as the Lindquist Hall Building Coordinator from 1973-1978. He officially retired from Wichita State in 2007, however he continued his studies, teaching and interaction with his beloved students through the continuing education program.

Memorials can be sent to the Valley Center Public Library Building Fund c/o the Friends of the Library, 321 W. First, Valley Center , KS 67147.

REMEMBERING MR. SHELDON KAMEN

Mr. Sheldon Kamen passed away in December 2012. 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. Mr. Kamen was a civic leader in Wichita. From 1979 to 1985, he was seated on the Board of Education. 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.

SPOTLIGHT ON DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

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

THOMAS P. AND ELLA N. WOLF 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.



The 2013-2014 recipient of the Wolf Scholarship is Maria I. Figueroa Arrivillaga (right). Maria is a Junior, majoring in Political Science.

D.J. AND TERRY SCANLON POLITICAL SCIENCE 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 2013-2014 recipient of the Scanlon Scholarship is Zinnia Kahn (left). Zinnia is a Junior, double majoring in Political Science and Philosophy, and minoring in Spanish.

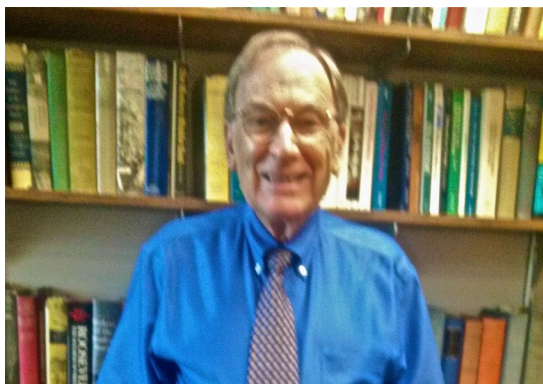
Additional Scholarship Recipients include: Darren W. Beckham - R. Wesley McCarty Scholarship; Valerie M. Brockman - Sara Hyde Corbin Memorial Scholarship; Derek J. Blair - Melvin A. Kahn and H. Joan Gleeson Kahn Scholarship; Derek J. Blair - Dr. John E. Stanga Scholarship; Olivia Sullivan - Kathlien R. Edmiston Scholarship; Marisa Bayless - Robert N. and Priscilla Partridge Scholarship; Rachael N. DeGarmo - Donna L. Shank Scholarship; Michael Brinkman - W. John and Connie O. McGuire Model United Nations Scholarship; Jordan T. Haas - Lee and Helen Kamen Scholarship; William C. Amos, Maria I. Figueroa Arrivillaga, Kyle D. Beltz, Curtis L. Fischer, Nicolas Jackson, and Catherine A. Prather - Department Scholarships.

FACULTY UPDATES



Dr. Neal Allen - This academic year Neal Allen will teach courses in American Politics, Constitutional Law, and Political Theory. He is working on an archival project about the 1964 Civil Rights Act, and spent the summer gathering data at archives in Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. This winter his analysis of race and political scandal will be published as a chapter of *Scandal!: An Interdisciplinary Approach to the Consequences, Outcomes, and Significance of Political Scandals*. neal.allen@wichita.edu

Dr. Dinorah Azpuru – Dr. Dinorah Azpuru continued her research on U.S.-Latin America relations on which she was invited to share the results at several venues, including the Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars in Washington D.C.. She also published articles about that topic in several outlets such as the Fletcher Forum of World Affairs from Tufts University. At WSU she taught several online or hybrid courses and continued her regular courses on political research methods and comparative politics, particularly those related to the developing world. dinorah.azpuru@wichita.edu



Dr. Ken Ciboski – Dr. Ciboski is the longest serving faculty member in the history of the Department, and is being honored by celebrating his 45 years of service this year. He continues to teach courses in American and Comparative politics. He regularly provides political commentary for international, national, and local news media, and speaks for local organizations. Dr. Ciboski got to put his Russian language to use when a group of Russians visited the University recently. He participates in the Wichita Pachyderm club, and serves as the advisor to the

College Republicans, as well as a member of the Wichita Cultural Arts Funding Committee. kenneth.ciboski@wichita.edu

Dr. Michael Hall - Professor Hall has spent the past year teaching courses ranging from International Relations, International Organizations, Global Democracy, Politics of Natural Resources, to International Political Economy. He also taught the two-week course, Introduction to American Politics, this summer. He and Professor Azpuru started a co-authored research project comparing the spread of democracy in Arab countries and Latin America. Professor Hall presented their paper at the conference of the Midwest Political Science Association this past spring. Professor Hall is also continuing his research on how elections and party ideology affect the economy. He continues to be the advisor for the College Democrats. This summer Professor Hall also became an Honors College Fellow, and has been participating in the development of a new Honors College at Wichita State. michael.hall@wichita.edu



Dr. Melvin Kahn - The SGA awarded Professor Kahn an Individual Meritorious Commendation for his roles as an educator and on-campus coordinator of the WSU Washington-Topeka Internship program. He also revised extensively his courses on both Lobbying and Interest groups and The Presidency. His current research involves two projects: (1) Evaluating his student simulation regarding the necessary steps for removal of a president which he will submit for publication; and (2) He and sophomore Jonathan Piat are researching former Congressman Dan Glickman's extensive archived papers for a monograph on Glickman's nine year battle against the American Trial Lawyers Association and powerful legislators to pass the 1994 General Aviation Revitalization Act of 1994. Professor Kahn also became the first person ever awarded the Lion of the Year Award for a second time by the Downtown Lions Club. He has appeared on KAKE's *This Week in Kansas*, and KWCH TV. In addition, as Plato, he was the featured speaker for the Pachyderm, University, and Knife & Fork Clubs. He also appears in *Who's Who in America and Who's Who in the World (2013)*.

I would love to hear from all of you. You may call me at home most evenings at (316) 636-1229 or email me at melvin.kahn@wichita.edu

Dr. Carolyn Shaw - Professor Shaw continues to take great pleasure in advising the Model UN program and teaching courses on international politics. She has had a number of exciting travel experiences this year, including the Galapagos Islands with the Model UN, Mexico on a mission trip, and Turkey for personal vacation. She is looking forward to another international MUN conference in 2014 as well as her regular European travel seminar (Italy and Switzerland this year). carolyn.shaw@wichita.edu



PROMOTION CONGRATULATIONS

The Department congratulates Dr. Carolyn Shaw on successfully achieving promotion to Full Professor during the 2012-13 academic year. Professor Shaw has a strong publication record in the areas of human rights and conflict resolution, as well as on the pedagogy of active learning. She continues to serve as the Chairperson of the Department and the Undergraduate Advisor.

ACCOLADES

- Professor Azpuru was recognized at the annual Phenomenal Women Award ceremony. Congratulations!
- Matt Conklin received 2nd place in the WSU Undergraduate Research forum for his comparative paper on the Arab Spring. Good work!

HIGH SCHOOL MODEL UN CONFERENCE

Each year WSU Model UN students have the opportunity to serve as dais staff in January as we host our annual Wichita Area Model UN (WA-MUN) for high school students. We regularly have 10-15 high schools with over 100 students representing approximately 35 delegations. Some of the topics addressed in recent years include: Food Security, Occupation of the Syrian Golan, Renewable Energy, the Palestinian Question, Nuclear Proliferation and Climate Change. Our students learn a lot about rules and procedures, as well as about professional conference behavior. For more information on this years conference: www.wichita.edu/wamun.

ACADEMY ASSEMBLY



Shane Maxton (back, center) attended the 54th annual Academy Assembly at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. He engaged with policy experts and 200 other delegates from across the country in exploring U.S.-China Relations in the 21st Century.

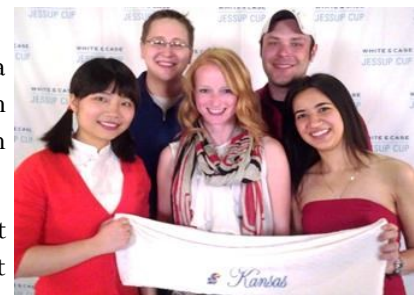
WELCOME TO OUR

NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT!

Lisa Wood joined the Department in April this year and has provided a welcoming face to everyone passing through the department, as well as strong support services for the faculty. Lisa comes to us from Koch Industries and has also worked as an Administrative Assistant at a school district in New Jersey. Please join us in welcoming her to the Department.

ALUMNI NEWS

- > Brittany Stiffler Crabtree '07, was recognized as one of Topeka's Top 20 Under 40. She is currently the Director of Education and Marketing for LeadingAge Kansas, and is participating in a year-long program with the Kansas Leadership Center.
- > Ceci Crosa '09, returned to her native Paraguay and decided to create a collegiate Model United Nations conference there. It was held in 2011 with over seventy-five participants. Ceci has been completing graduate studies in South Korea and will be returning to Paraguay shortly.
- > Matt Agnew '10, served as the co-captain of KU's International Moot Court team this year. The team advanced to the international rounds for the first time in nine years. At the international tournament, the team's written briefs placed 24th out of 600 law schools from around the world. Matt's brief tied for 13th out of 1,200 briefs submitted.



Moot Court with Matt in the Back (Left)

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2012-13 GRADUATES!

- Jonathan Thomas Abrahamsen
- Amanda Mead Babcock
- Michael Lee Brinkman*
- Micky S. Burke
- Daniel Nicholas Cooper
- Zachary Remick Davidson
- Lisa Ann DeCow*
- Bryant William Devine
- Victoria Lynn Johnson Eck**
- Shaleah A. Fields
- Gerri D. Ford
- M. Carolina Ghisays
- Stacy Lynne Goss
- Dima Hammouri***
- Sasha K. Hassounch
- Usef Khaled Hassounch
- Tyler Allen Heide
- Lauren Laree Hoch**
- Benson Katunzi Kalugendo
- Tadayoshi Corbitt Kawawa
- Heather Leigh Neloms*
- Marie R. Nelson**
- Katherine D. Rodriguez*
- Jillian L. Sauder
- Calvin B. Schuette*
- Brittany Nicole Thurman*
- Christy C. Thornbrugh



* Cum Laude ** Magna Cum Laude *** Summa Cum Laude

STUDENT CLUB EVENTS

- Political Science Club organized weekly brown bag discussions on current events, periodically bringing in guest speakers.
- Political Science Club sponsored a Constitution Day event on “The Supreme Court and the Presidential Election”.
- College Republicans hosted a fundraising banquet with Rep. Mike Pompeo as the keynote speaker. They also hosted a non-partisan “pig out on politics” social event poking fun of politics, politicians and parties.
- College Republicans collected items for Marine care packages in the Fall. They also collected over 200 food items in a food drive to donate to the local food bank in the Spring.
- Students Advocating for Human Rights (SAHR) sponsored the screening of SHIFT, a documentary highlighting the lives of North Koreans and their efforts to escape the country.
- Pre-Law Club sponsored a panel of local attorneys discussing employment issues including social media in the workplace.
- Pi Gamma Mu, a newly chartered Social Science Honors Society, participated in a Habitat for Humanity Build.





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MILLETT-YOUNG MENTOR/SCHOLAR AWARD



Congratulations to Amanda Babcock for receiving the Millett-Young Mentor/Scholar award this year. Amanda wrote her senior paper on “Level of Development and its impact on Human Rights” under the guidance of Professor Azpuru.

This award, sponsored by Dr. Reverend John Young, is given to recognize an outstanding paper in the department each year.

PI SIGMA ALPHA CELEBRATES ITS 75TH YEAR

The Alpha Delta Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha Political Honors Society was founded in 1938. We congratulate our newest initiates: Darren Beckham - Joseph Clay - Rachael DeGarmo - Jimmie Ferlet - Maria Ines Figueroa Arrivillaga - Pamela Jones - Benson Kalugendo - Katherine Rodriguez - Abby Lynn Sheppard.

