

Department of Political Science Newsletter, September 22, 2008

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WELCOME TO AUTUMN QUARTER 2008.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The university has information on **Academic Honesty: Cheating and Plagiarism** at <http://depts.washington.edu/grading/issue1/honesty.htm>. Autumn Quarter faculty and TAs are encouraged to talk with students early in the quarter about plagiarism and how to prevent it.

Political Science Annual Fall Reception: Friday, September 26, 4-6pm, University of Washington Club, Colleen Room. Please rsvp to Ann (buscherf@u) by Monday, 9/22/08.

The department's chapter of **Pi Sigma Alpha** -- the National Political Science Honors Society -- has received a Best Chapter Award for 2007-2008! The award recognizes the quality of activities sponsored by the chapter to foster interest in political science, and only four chapters from schools with enrollments greater than 15,000 receive this award. The award carries a \$250 cash prize and a certificate of recognition, which will be framed and hung in the department. Congratulations to the Nu Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha!

ELECTION 2008 BROWN BAG SERIES

The Center for Communication and Civic Engagement and the Center for American Politics and Public Policy are pleased to announce the full schedule for our brown bag series on the 2008 elections. In each case, we will have one or two lead speakers, following by a broad-ranging discussion. Come join us!

Wednesday, October 1, Communications 126, 12:00-1:30: **Lance Bennett and Valerie Manusov**, "Digital Media, Viral Video, and Coverage of the Personal Behavior of Candidates"

Thursday, October 16, Gowen 1A, 12:00-1:30: **John Gastil**, "The Debates and the Dynamics of Campaign 2008"

Tuesday, October 28, Gowen 1A, 12:00-1:30: **Ralina Joseph and Chris Parker**, "Barack Obama and the Electoral Politics of Race"

Wednesday, November 5, Communications 126, 12:00-1:30. **Matt Barreto**, "Election 2008: What Happened and Why"

Free lunch for the first 20 who arrive!

THE LUCE LECTURES ON GLOBAL RELIGION AND HUMAN SECURITY presents

What's RELIGION got to do with PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS?

Thursday, October 9, 7:30pm, Kane Hall 130: **David Domke** (Communication), "Religious Politics in America: Why the 2008 Presidential Election May Change Everything For Everyone."

Monday, October 27, 7:30pm, Kane Hall 130: **Vali Nasr** (Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University), "Shi'i Politics in the Middle East."

Tuesday, October 28, 7:30pm, Kane Hall 130: **Hubert Locke** (Evans School of Public Affairs), "A Nation Within: Black Religion, the Black Church, and the National Election."

Friday, October 31, 7:30pm, Kane Hall 130: **Juan Cole** (Richard Mitchell Distinguished Prof. of History, University of Michigan), "Iraq and the U.S. Presidential Election."

FACULTY GOING ON LEAVE FOR 2008-09 ACADEMIC YEAR:

- Chris Adolph (continues as Robert Woods Johnson Fellow, University of Michigan)
- Bethany Albertson (Harrington Faculty Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin)
- Anthony Gill (Sabbatical, Winter 2009)
- Karen Litfin (Sabbatical, academic year)
- George Lovell (Sabbatical, academic year)
- Aseem Prakash (Sabbatical, Winter 2009)

FACULTY RETURNING FROM LEAVE STATUS:

- Rachel Cichowski (Sabbatical, academic year)
 - Naomi Murakawa (Robert Woods Johnson Fellow, UC-Berkeley)
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GRADUATE STUDENT ADVANCEMENTS:

Congratulations to the following graduate students:

Spring 2008:

Masters: Lisa Horan, Ann Frost, Amanda Fulmer, Seth Greenfest, Francisco Pedraza

General: Chris Heurlin, Josh Sapotichne, Taedong Lee, Shauna Fisher

Summer 2008:

Final: Jonathan Acuff, John Ahlquist, Min-Hyoung Kim, Vincent Jungkunz, Theresa Squatrito, Melissa Merry, David Watkins.

NEW GRADUATE STUDENTS: Please welcome the following new graduate students:

Hind M Ahmed Zaki, Daniel Berliner, James Chamberlain, Kyong Jun Choi, Amanda Clayton, Elizabeth Cooper, William d'Ambruoso, Anne Greenleaf, John Griswold, Milli Lake, Hyo Won Lee, Sijeong Lim, Kirstine Taylor, Christopher Towler, Ashley Jochim

Visiting graduate students: Ulrik Hvidman (Autumn), Malene Larsen (Autumn & Winter), Anna Munck (Autumn), Luz Muñoz (Winter & Spring), Ras Nielsen (academic year), Christian Ovesen (Winter & Spring) and Michael Seeberg (Autumn).

POLITICAL SCIENCE STAFF:

Here are the staff who keep the inner workings of the department running smoothly:

Meera Roy, Director of Academic Services, Smith 215B, 543-9456

Susanne Recordon, Graduate Program Assistant, Smith 215D, 543-1898
Sebastien Lazardoux, part-time Undergraduate Adviser, Smith 215B, 543-1898
Christi Siver, Director of PoliSci/LSJ/JSIS Writing Center, Gowen 109B, 616-3354
Mark Weitzenkamp, Adviser for Law, Societies & Justice, Gowen 42, 543-2396
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Ling Fu, Fiscal Specialist 2, Gowen 123, 543-8189
Anli Jiao, Student Office Assistant, Main Office, Gowen 101, 1pm-5pm, 543-2780
Kate Connolly, Editor of *Comparative Political Studies*, Gowen 142, 685-0669
Ann Buscherfeld, Administrator, Gowen 106, 543-2783

FACULTY ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS:

Steve Majeski, continues as Chair, Gowen 106, 543-2780. To set up an appointment, please e-mail him at: majeski@u.washington.edu
Rachel Cichowski, Associate Chair
Jon Mercer, Undergraduate Program Committee Chair
Beth Kier, Graduate Program Committee Chair
Mark Smith, Graduate Admissions/Financial Aid Committee Chair
Mike Ward, Graduate Placement Director
Aseem Prakash, Technology Committee Chair
Peter May, American Politics Search Committee Chair
Margaret Levi, Comparative/International Politics Search Committee Chair
Steve Hanson, Comparative Politics of Europe Search Committee Chair
Michael McCann and Luis Fraga, Co-chairs of Race & Ethnicity Politics TOO Working Group
Matt Barreto, Acting Director of the Washington Institute of Sex, Ethnicity and Race (WISER)
John Wilkerson, Director of The Center for American Politics and Public Policy (CAPPP)

The Center for Communication & Civic Engagement is pleased to welcome three visitors this year:

Andreas Duit from Stockholm: areas of interest include collective action and organization in environmental policy.

Alexandra Segerberg, Stockholm: areas of interest include collective action and digital network organization.

Peter Van Aelst, Antwerp: areas of interest include media and policy agendas, comparative press coverage.

FACULTY AND GRADUATE STUDENTS PAPERS, PUBLICATIONS AND ACTIVITIES:

John Ahlquist and Aseem Prakash. 2008. The Influence of Foreign Direct Investment on Contracting Confidence in Developing Countries. *Regulation & Governance*, 2(3): 316-339.

Matt Barreto and Gary Segura received a grant from the National Science Foundation for \$750,000 to add a Latino oversample to the 2008 American National Election Study (ANES) and translate the survey into Spanish. The 2008 NES is currently in the field, and marks the first time ever it is available in Spanish and carries a Latino oversample.

Matt Barreto was invited to present research findings on Latino voters to the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO) annual conference in Washington D.C., June 26, 2008.

Matt Barreto was invited to present research findings on Latino voters to the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) annual conference in Washington D.C., September 10, 2008.

Lance Bennett and the Center for Communication & Civic Engagement are hosting a workshop on Civic Learning Online October 3 & 4 at the UW Club. This gathering will include top scholars and practitioners working on how online communities can provide public communication and networking skills to young citizens.

Rachel Cichowski received the 2008 Best Book Award, American Political Science Association's European Politics and Society Section: *The European Court and Civil Society* (Cambridge University Press, 2007)

Luis Fraga has been appointed as the co-chair, with Terri Givens of the University of Texas at Austin, of the Task Force on Political Science in the 21st Century, appointed by President Dianne Pinderhughes, APSA.

Luis Fraga has been appointed by Governor Christine Gregoire to serve on the Washington New American Policy Council that will focus on providing guidance to the state as to how it can better integrate immigrants within our civic institutions.

Tony Gill received the Distinguished Book Award from the American Sociological Association's Religion Section for the book *The Political Origins of Religious Liberty*. Unfortunately, Tony did not write about "religious" liberty as the fancy engraved plaque stated. He wrote about "religions" liberty. He is currently investigating whether he can list *The Political Origins of Religious Liberty* on his vita to make it appear he is twice as productive as he really is. After all, the fancy engraved plaque says he wrote the book and once it is engraved on a fancy plaque, it can't be wrong.

Margaret Levi, James Johnson, Jack Knight, and Susan Stokes, eds. *Designing Democratic Government: Making Institutions Work*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation Press.

Margaret Levi and Brad Epperly. "Principled Principals in Foundational Moments of the Rule of Law." Levi presented this co-authored paper at a plenary session of the World Justice Project, Vienna, on July 5.

Lin Ying, UW Ph.D. and Assistant Professor at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, gave birth to Max Linshuo Huang on September 3, 2008. Mother and son are both doing great. Congratulations!

TALKS/SEMINARS:

CSSS Seminar: **Matt Barreto** (UW-Political Science), "Do Campaigns Ads Really Work? The Effectiveness of Targeted Ads in the 2008 Presidential Election: A Controlled Experiment," **Wednesday, October 1, 12:30-1:20pm, Denny 401**. More information at www.csss.washington.edu/seminars/

Brown Bag Discussion on UW Public Policy Efforts: **Dan Sreebny** (Senior Advisor for Regional Media, US State Dept., London), **Thursday, October 2, 12-1pm, Communications 126**. As director for the US State Department's Regional Media Hubs Initiative, Mr. Sreebny will offer a unique, insider's view on the US government's attempts to "speak past" governments in the Middle East and Europe and influence foreign publics. He will answer questions and discuss the very real challenges of working with foreign media to give a fair hearing to US policy perspectives. Don't miss this opportunity! Questions? Contact Nancy Rivenburgh, Associate Professor, Dept. of Communication, nkriv@u.washington.edu

The Center for Communication and Civic Engagement and The Center for American Politics and Public Policy invite you to an upcoming talk. **Regina Lawrence** (Louisiana State University, and the holder of a 1997 Ph.D. from UW) and **Melody Rose** (Portland State University) will be with us on **Monday, October 6 from 3:30-5:00 in Communications 126**. Their talk is titled, "No One Knew How to Run a Woman as Leader of the Free World: Hillary Clinton's Gender Strategy in Campaign 2008."

The Ellison Center presents: **Ambassador James F. Collins** (Senior Associate and Director, Russian and Eurasia Program; Diplomat in Residence, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace), "Russian-American Relations: Challenges for the New American Administration," **Tuesday, October 7, 7pm, Kane Hall 220**.

CSSS Seminar: **Raquel Prado** (Associate Professor, Dept of Applied Mathematics and Statistics, University of California Santa Cruz), "Detecting Cognitive Fatigue from Electroencephalographic Signals" **Wednesday, October 8, 12:30-1:20pm, Denny 401**. More information at www.csss.washington.edu/seminars/

The Center for American Politics and Public Policy and Department of Political Science: **Frank Baumgartner** (Penn State University), "Lobbying and Policy Change in Washington, DC," **Friday, October 10, 1:30-3:00pm, Gowen 1A**.

CSSS Seminar: **Raffaella Piccarreta** (Tenured Researcher, DECIS - Department of Decision Sciences, Universita' L.Bocconi), "Exploring the interrelationships between life course domains: An approach based upon sequence analysis," **Wednesday, October 15, 12:30-1:20pm, Denny 401**. More information at www.csss.washington.edu/seminars/