AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

This page lists many recent awards and recognitions received by our faculty and students. For articles about some of these accomplishments, see Faculty & Staff and Student Success in our news section.

2018

Former Political Science UW Seattle Professor Michael Ward has won the 2018 Society for Political Methodology Career Award. The Career Award Committee are delighted to announce Michael D. (Mike) Ward, professor emeritus of political science at Duke University, as the 2018 Society for Political Methodology Career Achievement Award honoree. Mike's enormous career achievements & contributions stand out in three dimensions: (1) his pioneering work in several methodological areas (estimation of dynamics; observational dependence, especially spatial and network interdependence; out-of-sample forecasting; and statistical graphics, for examples); (2) the early, sustained, and great effects his methodological contributions have had on the subfields of international relations and comparative politics, especially in the democratic peace literature; and (3) his years of service to the discipline in all capacities, but most importantly as a teacher and mentor. Mike has published more than 120 scholarly articles across the disciplines of political science, statistics, geography, and economics. His methodological work and its application to the study of conflict and peace continues to transform international relations. His early work on dependencies in arms races and the political economy of defense spending advanced and shaped the field, and his more recent investigations of higher-order dependencies in international conflict data have continued to press the field to pay more attention to dynamics and (inter)dependence, temporal and spatial. Furthermore, in the late 1980s and early 1990s, he introduced IR scholars to non-constant parameters and sliding-window regression. Mike has also been a pioneer in the graphical display of data, including having produced two films displaying change over time in the international system (one using COPDAB data, the other using Polity). He has recently developed a new way of visualizing the predictive performance of binary classifiers: the separation plot. Mike's work and focus on out-of-sample forecasts and performance as alternatives to hypothesis-test significance or experimental-result retrieval has also been very much needed and critically important to empirical social-science. Mike's most-influential line of work was his sustained exploration of observational (inter)dependence. Whereas most other political methodologists and econometricians have made important contributions by devising clever corrections for this “nuisance,” Mike always (rightly) recognized and emphasized that this dependence among observations, especially nations in the international relations and comparative politics of his substantive focuses, is a fundamental feature of the social world, one that should be explored and modeled directly. Mike has continued to develop and apply the next generation of spatial-statistical and dynamic network models for capturing the inherent dependence among nations (and social actors more generally). Michael Ward is a brilliant, innovative, cross-disciplinary scholar, collaborator, and teacher: a political methodologist most-deserving of the Society's Career Achievement Award.

2017

Aaron Erlich received the UW Graduate School's 2017 Distinguished Dissertation Award in the Social Sciences for his dissertation, The Political Economy of Information Provision in Developing Democracies.

Mark Smith has been awarded the 2015 Morris D. Forkosch Book Award for Secular Faith: How Culture Has Trumped Religion in American Politics. The award is given (approximately) annually by the Council for Secular Humanism, publisher of FREE INQUIRY magazine, to recognize the most outstanding book on a subject relating to secular humanism.

Joannie Tremblay-Boire, Aseem Prakash, and Mary Kay Gugerty have been awarded the William E. Mosher and Frederick C. Mosher Award for the best article published in Public Administration Review in the year 2016. The title of the article is: "Regulation by Reputation: Monitoring and Sanctioning in Nonprofit Accountability Clubs" published in volume 76 issue 5 (pages 712-722):
Emily Gade was named co-Principal Investigator for USAID/AidData Impact Evaluation of Livelihoods Interventions in Southern Syria.

Emily Gade (Ph.D. Graduate Student, Political Science) was awarded a Stroum Center Opportunity Grant.

Anna Zelenz has been selected by the Palestinian American Research Center (PARC) as a 2016-17 PARC U.S. research fellow.

Stephen Winkler is the recipient of a 2017 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) Fellowship.

Erin Adam has been selected to receive the 2017 Graduate Student Paper Prize from the Law and Society Association for her paper, “Intersectional Coalitions: The Paradoxes of Rights-Based Movement Building in LGBTQ and Immigrant Communities.” The prize will be awarded at the International Meeting on Law and Society in Mexico City in June. Erin's paper was just published in the Law and Society Review.

Vanessa Quince is the recipient of a 2017-18 Sawyer Dissertation Fellowship for the topic “Capitalism and Comparative Racialization”

Both Michael McCann and Jared Stewart are recipients of the 2017 UW Awards of Excellence. Professor Michael McCann is being recognized with the Marsha Landolt Distinguished Mentor Award and Jared Stewart is being recognized with the Excellence in Teaching Award. Congratulations!

Michael McCann is this year’s recipient of the Law and Society Association’s Stanton Wheeler Mentorship Award. This annual award recognizes a member of the Law and Society community who is regarded by his or her peers and students as an outstanding mentor for graduate, professional or undergraduate students who are working on issues of law and society.

Kylie Clay received a Boren Fellowship to conduct research in Tanzania all of next academic year.

Anna Zelenz was selected for The UW Graduate School Chester Fritz Fellowship for International Research and Study for the 2017–2018 academic year.

Meredith Loken was awarded the 2017-2018 Graduate School Presidential Dissertation Fellowship.

Three Political Science undergraduates, Caleb Huffman, Khedir Medina, and Ernie Tao received Population Health Recognition Awards, a free breakfast and a little cash from the Population Health Initiative for the projects they presented at the 2017 Mary Gates Undergraduate Research Symposium.

2016

Geoff Wallace and a co-PI, Yonatan Lupu (George Washington University) recently received a National Science Foundation (NSF) award through the Law and Social Sciences (LSS) Program, for a project entitled “Violence, Non-Violence, and the Effects of Human Rights Laws.”

Jeff Arnold won a major grant (co-PI) from the Office of Naval Research about militant infighting in Syria.

Jack Turner has been appointed to the editorial boards of Journal of Politics and Political Research Quarterly.

Xiao Ma is selected to receive the China Times Cultural Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship. The fellowship is selected among Ph.D. candidates who study China in any social sciences or humanities discipline in a US or Canadian institution.

Eric Schwab has accepted a summer position with the Government Accountability Office in Washington, D.C., as a Student Trainee Management & Program Analyst.

Hannah Walker has received one-year a post-Doctoral Fellowship from the Peace and Justice Initiative at Georgetown University.

Erin Adam has been selected to receive a 2016-2017 American Dissertation Fellowship from the American
Elizabeth Chrun has won The Graduate School’s Chester Fritz Fellowship for International Research and Study for the 2016–2017 academic year.

Xiao Ma is awarded a one-quarter dissertation writing fellowship by the China Studies Program at University of Washington.

Rebecca Thorpe is the winner of the 28th D.B. Hardeman Prize from the Lyndon Johnson Foundation for her book, The American Warfare State.

2015

Kirstine Taylor has been appointed the Inaugural WISIR Postdoctoral Prize Fellow. The prize fellowship recognizes a current UW postdoc for excellence in the study of inequality and/or race, and comes with a research stipend.

Crystal Pryor is the recipient of a 2015-2016 Sasakawa Peace Foundation Fellowship, which is awarded to one Japanese and one US citizen each year. She will be a resident fellow at Pacific Forum CSIS in Honolulu, and spend up to six weeks in Washington, DC, for fieldwork.

Joannie Tremblay-Boire has won the 2015 College of Arts and Science Graduate Medal.

Rachel Cichowski was granted sabbatical leave for the 2015-16 academic year and she was awarded a Visiting Scholar position for this time period at the University of California, San Diego’s School for Global Policy and Strategy (formerly IRPS) with their Laboratory on International Law and Regulation.

Becca Thorpe has won the Richard E. Neustadt Best Book Award from the Presidents and Executive Politics Section of APSA for The American Warfare State, published in 2014 by University of Chicago Press.

Margaret Levi was elected to the National Academy of Sciences. This is a very prestigious honor, in particular for a political scientist. Margaret is the first person in our department’s history to receive this honor. The National Academy of Science was established by Congress and President Abraham Lincoln in 1863, and is charged with providing independent, objective advice to the nation on matters of science and technology.

Lance Bennett has been awarded a Humboldt Research Prize by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation in recognition of his lifetime achievement in research and teaching. He will develop collaborations with German scholars on his new project The Political Economy of Ideas and will be based at Free University, Berlin in the fall.

Milli Lake (former UW Ph.D. student) received an honorable mention from the Law and Society Association’s “Best Dissertation” award for her dissertation: Building the Rule of Law in Fragile States.

Kiku Huckle was awarded the WPSA Best Paper in Latino Politics for her co-authored paper, “Can places of worship help politically socialize immigrants?” with Katsuo Nishikawa of Trinity University.

Xiao Ma received Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, and Chester Fritz Boeing International Research & Training Fellowship.

Emily Gade was accepted to SWAMOS at Cornell University (a fully funded workshop in strategic and military studies for 20 junior faculty/advanced graduate students).

Emily Gade received a Chester Fritz Boeing International Research & Training Fellowship.


Angela Day’s book, “Red Light to Starboard: Recalling the Exxon Valdez Disaster” has been selected as the winner of the Western Writers of America (WWA) 2015 Spur Award in the Best Western Contemporary Nonfiction category. In addition to the 2015 Spur Award, “Red Light to Starboard” has been recognized as a finalist in the 17th annual Foreword Reviews’ INDIEFAB Book of the Year Awards.

Xiao Ma was awarded the Social Science Research Council (SSRC) Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship for 2015.
Xiao Ma is the 2015 winner of the Richard Wesley Graduate Fellowship in Political Economy.

Aaron Erlich is the 2015 winner of the Margaret Levi and Robert Kaplan Graduate Award in Comparative Political Economy.

2014

Amanda Clayton has won the 2014 Richard B. Wesley Endowed Graduate Fellowship in Political Economy. Amanda's dissertation is "Beyond Presence: The Symbolic Effects of Quotas for Women in Politics."

Kendra Dupuy has won the 2014 Levi-Kaplan Graduate Fellowship in Comparative Political Economy. Kendra's dissertation is "Managing the Resource Curse: New Governance Initiatives."

Tony Gill's podcast series Research on Religion topped 200 episodes in June of this past year and continues to grow audience with fascinating and fun interviews.

John Wilkerson and Emily Gade's project was accepted to the UW eScience Big Data Incubator (a semester-long program awarded to six UW faculty and graduate student teams for training in big data management and analysis). The project focuses on textual analysis of 90 terabits of data scraped from sites on the US.gov web domain between 1995-2013 and their potential use for social science research.

James Long and Eric Schwab received a grant for their project "Election Violence and Voting in Emerging Democracies" from the Policy Design and Evaluation Lab (PDEL) at UC-San Diego.

James Long has become a faculty affiliate at the Center for Statistics and the Social Science (CSSS) and the Technology and Social Change Group (TASCHA) at UW's Information School.

Ketty Loeb has agreed to serve as Secretary for the Board of Directors at the Washington State China Relations Council.

Crystal Pryor returned to the United States after 3 weeks of dissertation fieldwork in London and Stockholm funded by a UW EU Center of Excellence graduate research grant and 4 months in Tokyo on a Japan Society for the Promotion of Science fellowship. She gave talks on her findings on strategic export controls in May at the Graduate Research Workshop on the EU at CU-Boulder, in September at the University of Tokyo's Institute for Social Science, and earlier this month at the Monterey Institute for International Studies/Center for Nonproliferation. Next she will be heading to London (Nov-Dec), Washington, DC (Jan 2015), and Tokyo (Feb-Aug 2015) for follow-up research. She is also the recipient of a Japan Foundation Fellowship to support 6 months of dissertation research and write-up.

Amanda Clayton has accepted a research fellowship at the Women and Public Policy Program at Harvard Kennedy School for the 2014/2015 academic year. She will hold this fellowship in addition to her post-doc at Freie Universitat Berlin.

Laura Back was awarded a Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship for the 2014-15 year. The title of her dissertation is "Rights, Care, and Democratic Ethics."

Sarah Dreier was selected as one of this year's recipients of the Graduate School's Chester A. Fritz Fellowship award, which will fund one quarter of field research in Ethiopia and Uganda.

Filiz Kahraman has been awarded a Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant by the NSF Law & Social Sciences Program for her project “Claiming Labor Rights as Human Rights: Legal Mobilization at the European Court of Human Rights.” The grant will support eleven months of dissertation field research in Turkey and the United Kingdom.

Carolina Johnson has been awarded a NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant for her dissertation "Engaging Democracy? An Institutional Theory of Participatory Budgeting."

Eric Schwab was selected by the UW Program On Values in Society as the 2014 recipient of their annual Ethics Prize for graduate students. The prize was awarded for his proposed research on the political economy of US arms sales and military aid to developing countries.

Eric Schwab was selected for a research fellowship by the RAND Corporation for their Graduate Student Summer Associate Program in Washington, D.C.
Xiao Ma has received the Clifford Clog scholarship to attend the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research summer program in Ann Arbor. Only three of these scholarships are awarded nationally.

Young Jin Yang has been awarded the UW Graduate School Chester Fritz Fellowship for 2014-15.

Emerita Professor Margaret Levi is the 2014 recipient of the prestigious William H. Riker Prize in Political Science. This adds Margaret's many awards, who now directs the Center for Advanced Study of the Behavioral Sciences (CASBS) at Stanford.

Loren Collingwood, PhD 2012 now assistant professor at University of California Riverside, received the Best Dissertation Award at the just completed Western Political Science Association Annual Meeting for his dissertation “The Pursuit of Victory and Incorporation: Elite Strategy, Group Pressure, and Cross-Racial Mobilization”

Jim Caporaso has just been notified that he has been selected by the Executive Committee of the European Union Studies Association as the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award in EU Studies. This is the Association's most prestigious award and will be presented to Jim at the EUSA Conference in March 2015 in Boston.

Michael McCann has received Honorable Mention for this year's UW Marsha L. Landolt Graduate Mentoring Award. This is a highly competitive, campus-wide award that recognizes exceptional graduate mentoring with only one winner each year.

The Law and Society Association has awarded Michael McCann Honorable Mention for the Association's Best Article Award in recognizing his article, "Criminalizing Big Tobacco: Legal Mobilization and the Politics of Responsibility for Health Risks in the United States," Law and Social Inquiry Vol. 288, 2013. He will be recognized at the upcoming LSA meeting in Minneapolis.

2013

Aseem Prakash has been named to the National Academy of Science's National Research Council Committee on "Risk Management and Governance Issues in Shale Gas Development."

Tony Gill was appointed to Senior Research Fellow at Georgetown University’s Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs as part of the Religious Freedom Project.

Tony Gill received the Panhellenic Association and Interfraternal Council's award for Faculty Member with the Most School Spirit.

Deepa Bhandaru is a recipient of the University-wide Excellence in Teaching Award.

Katie Banks has been awarded an EU Center of Excellence research grant.

Katie Banks is the recipient of a Scan|Design Foundation summer research scholarship to support her dissertation fieldwork in Denmark.

Lance Bennett and Alexandra Segerberg have received the International Communication Association Outstanding Article Award for 2013: The Logic of Connective Action: Digital Media and the Personalization of Contentious Politics. Information, Communication & Society, Vol. 15, No. 5, 739-768.

Milli Lake is a recipient of the UW Graduate School Presidential Dissertation Fellowship providing one quarter fellowship for use during 2013-14.

Yu Sasaki is selected as one of the six fellows for the Joff Hanauer Endowment for Excellence in Western Civilization, academic year 2013-14.


Tony Gill (in conjunction with Timothy Shah and Thomas Farr of Georgetown University's Berkley Center for Religion, Peace, and World Affairs) received a $1 million grant from the John Templeton Foundation to run a multi-year project entitled “Religious Freedom, Other Fundamental Freedoms, and Societal Flourishing.”
Naomi Murakawa and Katherine Beckett (Sociology and LSJ) have received a UW Royalty Research Fund grant for their project, "The Shadow Carceral State: The Hidden Politics of Penal Expansion." Naomi has also been designated a UW Royalty Research Fund Scholar. The combination of the grant and the scholar designation is a notable achievement.

Daniel Berliner (University of Washington, Seattle) is the recipient of the International Studies Association's International Political Economy Graduate Student Best Paper award.

Luis Fraga has been selected by the Fulcrum Foundation and the Catholic Archdiocese of Seattle as one of five 2012 Champions of Catholic Education. This recognition is for his leadership in helping to establish language immersion schools as a means of more fully incorporating immigrants and others into the educational system. He will be recognized at the Foundation's Celebration of Light 2012.

Dr. Heather Pool has been awarded the College Graduate Medal for the social sciences and a "Timeless Award" for future leaders.

Byron Gray, a triple major in Political Science, Law Societies and Justice, and Asian Studies has received the College Undergraduate Medal for the social sciences and a "Timeless Award." (This is in addition to his Rhodes Scholarship and other awards.)

Andrew Lewis, a double major in Political Science and History, has received a "Timeless Award." For the full listing of award winners see http://www.artsci.washington.edu/150/Future.asp

Ellis Goldberg has been selected for a Guggenheim Fellowship for 2012-13 for his project "The Arab Spring." The receipt of a Guggenheim provides recognition of scholarly achievements of the highest caliber. Ellis joins two others in our department who have recently obtained this recognition -- Michael McCann (2007-8) and Margaret Levi (2002-3).

Dan Berliner and Mary Anne Madeira each received an EU Center of Excellence Graduate Research Grant for EU-related dissertation research.

Dan Berliner has been awarded the 2012-2013 Graduate School Presidential Dissertation Fellowship.

Peter May has been named as the 2012 recipient of the Marsha L. Landolt Distinguished Graduate Mentor Award. This award recognizes a UW faculty member who has made outstanding contributions to the education and guidance of graduate students.

On April 23, 2012, Tony Gill published his 100th interview on the Research on Religion podcast series, which has been picking up significant attention. The podcast has been mentioned on Real Clear Religion (a religious news portal), the Mormon Newsroom Service and Deseret News, and is referenced in dozens of blogs dealing with religion including Patheos.com, one of the internet's largest religious news and opinion aggregators. The podcasts are being used in classrooms in places such as Princeton, Duke, UNC, UC-Irvine, Georgetown, the Naval Postgraduate School, Notre Dame, Fuller Theological Seminary, Union University, Baylor, Liberty, and Wilfred Laurier University.

Tony Gill received a small grant from the Charles Koch Foundation in conjunction with Prof. Kevin Cooney (Northwest University) to run two weekend seminars this spring. The topics will focus on the environment and health care.

Amanda Clayton has been awarded the UW Graduate School Chester A. Fritz Fellowship for 2012-13 that provides a three-month fellowship.

Milli Lake has been designated a United States Institute of Peace Scholar for 2012-2013. Her dissertation was selected as one of ten winners from a pool of 194 applications from across the country.

Crystal Pryor was selected for the inaugural 2012 Japan Studies Fellowship program at the East-West Center in Washington to support her research on "U.S.-Japan-China Outer Space Relations: Collaboration to Avoid an Arms Race."

George Lovell has been appointed as the Harry Bridges Endowed Chair in Labor Studies effective July 1, 2012. He will also be assuming the role as the Director of the Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies.
James Chamberlain received the Philo S. Bennett Prize for the best paper on free government.

Sijeong Lim received the Best Paper Prize for a graduate student paper presented at a conference scheduled between spring 2010 and spring 2012.

Mary Anne Madeira received the Linden A. Mander Prize for the best paper in International Relations.

Kirstine Taylor received the Stuart A. Scheingold Prize for Best Paper by a Graduate Student in the Subfield of Public Law.

Josh Eastin received the Best TA Award for exceptional performance as a teaching assistant between the spring 2011 and winter 2012 quarters.

President Michael Young asked Margaret Levi to chair the UW's Advisory Committee on Trademarks and Licensing, and she has agreed.

Jack Turner's *Awakening to Race* was discussed at length in Jerry Large's column "A Change Has Come and It's Deep" in the November 7 edition of the Seattle Times.

2011

W. Lance Bennett, PhD, of the University of Washington, recently had his article ranked among the *Journal of Communication*'s top-cited articles of 2010. Bennett's article, titled "A New Era of Minimal Effects? The Changing Foundations of Political Communication", was published in the *Journal of Communication 58:4* in 2008.

Heather Pool had her article, "The Politics of Mourning: The Triangle Fire and Political Belonging," accepted for publication by *Polity: The Journal of the Northeastern Political Science Association*.

Aseem Prakash and Mary Kay Gugerty have received a 2 year grant ($154K) from the National Science Foundation for their project, The Global Emergence of NGO & Nonprofit Voluntary Regulation.

Peter May named to the Washington State Academy of Sciences. The Washington State Academy of Sciences provides expert scientific and engineering analysis to inform public policy-making, and works to increase the role and visibility of science in the State of Washington.

Aseem Prakash and co-authors win APSA Award. The paper, "Contingent Convergence (or Divergence): Unpacking the Linkages between Labor Rights and Foreign Direct Investment," co-authored by Brian Greenhill, Layna Mosley, and Aseem Prakash has been named as 2011 Labor Project Best Paper. They will receive the prize at the 2011 APSA meeting.

Luis Fraga has been appointed by President Obama to President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanics. The Commission is charged with identifying ways to raise academic achievement among Hispanic students. Luis is one of seven people from academe on the 15-member Commission. He was sworn in as a member of the Commission on May 26th by Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor.

Luis Fraga has just been named by Hispanic Business Magazine as one of the Top 100 Hispanic Influentials in the United States for which he is one of eight named in the education division.

Andrew Cockrell is a recipient of the 2011 Excellence in Teaching Award that is given annually to two graduate students throughout the entire university. He is the first TA from our department to receive this award.

Brian Greenhill, PhD in 2010 and now assistant professor at Dartmouth College, is a recipient of an honorable mention for the APSA's Mancur Olson Award. This award by the APSA Political Economy Section is for the best dissertation in political economy over the past two years.

Mary Anne Madeira has been selected as one of six UW Hanauer Graduate Fellows for 2011-12. The fellowship is aimed at fostering research about Western Civilization and helping to prepare teachers who have well-reasoned convictions about its place in the curriculum of liberal arts institutions.

Jon Mercer is a recipient of the 2011 UW Distinguished Teaching Award that recognizes excellence in teaching at the highest levels of the University.
Brian D. Greenhill, UW PhD 2010 and presently Assistant Professor of Government at Dartmouth College, has been awarded the Western Political Science Association's 2011 Best Dissertation Award for "Norm Transmission in Networks of Intergovernmental Organizations."

Aseem Prakash and Mary Kay Gugerty have been awarded the prize for the best article published in 2010 in the journal, Regulation and Governance. The award-winning article is "Trust but Verify? Voluntary Regulation Programs in the Nonprofit Sector", 4(1): 22-47.

Two undergraduate students have been selected for grants as part of the College of Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Research Award Program -- Dean Chahim, working with Aseem Prakash; and Byron Haworth, working with Margaret Levi.

Aseem Prakash and Mary Kay Gugerty of the Evans School have been awarded a prize for the best article published in 2010 in the journal Regulation and Governance.

Yoav Duman was awarded a dissertation research grant from the Canadian government to conduct research in Canada in the fall.

Matt Barreto and Karam Dana (Tufts University) were awarded a $50,000 grant from the Social Science Research Council for their research, "Muslim and American? How Adherence to Islam Fosters Political Incorporation Among Muslims in the United States."

Tony Gill was promoted from non-resident scholar to Distinguished Senior Fellow at Baylor University's Institute for Studies of Religion.

Ann Buscherfeld is one of the recipients of this year's Distinguished Staff Award. This is the highest award given to staff in the University and a fitting tribute to the lasting contributions that Ann has made to the Department, College, and University.

Syracuse University awarded Shauna Fisher the Michael O. Sawyer Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Law and Politics.

Peter May received an Honorable Mention for the UW Graduate School's 2011 Marsha L. Landolt Distinguished Graduate Mentor award competition. The award committee recognized his excellence, commitment and innovation in the mentorship and professional development of past and current graduate students.

Lance Bennett has been selected to present the UW Faculty Lecture in 2011-12. This is the highest honor that UW faculty bestows on one of their own in selecting a distinguished UW scholar to deliver the annual faculty lecture.

Matt Barreto and Gary Segura completed a project with Univision News, and released a national election poll that included a Latino oversample, released on November 8. This was the first election poll conducted by a Media organization to include both a national sample and a Latino oversample. The poll was co-released with ABC news and is posted here.

2010

John S. Ahlquist was awarded the Western Political Science Association's Best Dissertation Award for "Building and Using Strategic Capacity: Labor Union Federations and Economic Policy."

Christopher Parker won the Ralph Bunche Award for the best scholarly work in political science published in the previous calendar year that explores the phenomenon of ethnic and cultural pluralism.

Mark Smith won the 2009 Distinguished Graduate Award from the Department of Political Science at the University of Minnesota.

Lance Bennett and Alan Borning (Computer Science) have received an award of $733,000 from the NSF Social-Computational Systems Program for a 3 year project titled Socio-Computational Systems to Support Public Engagement and Deliberation.

Luis Fraga has been nominated to serve as Vice President of the American Political Science Association (2010-2011).
Lance Bennett will serve as the Bonnier Guest Professor in the Institute of Journalism, Media and Communication (JMK) at Stockholm University during 2009-2010.

The Swedish Research Council has selected Lance Bennett to hold the national Olof Palme Chair for next year -- when Lance will be on sabbatical. The Olof Palme Chair was created by the Swedish Parliament (Riksdagen) in 1987. Its purpose is to enable the Swedish Research Council to issue an annual invitation to an outstanding scholar from abroad to take up a visiting professorship at a Swedish university. Lance will be hosted by Stockholm University.

Mark Smith won the 2009 Distinguished Graduate Award from the Department of Political Science at the University of Minnesota.

Michael McCann, Shauna Fisher, and William Haltom (UW Pol Sci grad from 1983) have been awarded the Pi Sigma Alpha Prize for the Best Paper presented at the 2009 annual conference of the Western Political Science Association, for “Criminalizing Big Tobacco: Legal Mobilization, Mass Media, and the Politics of Responsibility for Health Risks in the United States.”

Michael McCann has won a fellowship enabling him to spend 2010-2011 as Visiting Research Scholar with the Law and Public Affairs program at Princeton University. He plans to work on a new book (with George Lovell) tentatively titled “A Union by Law: Filipino Cannery Workers and the Politics of Democratic Aspiration.”

Matt Barreto received the Political Research Quarterly’s 2009-2010 Outstanding Reviewer Award. The award recognizes individuals who have provided extraordinary service through the number and quality of their reviews.

Lisa P. Jackson, the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, has appointed Aseem Prakash to serve as a member of the Subcommittee on Promoting Environmental Stewardship of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology for a term beginning June 29, 2009, and ending June 29, 2011. Aseem Prakash’s mandate is to “represent the views of academics engaged in research on voluntary regulatory programs.”

Matt Barreto and Karam Dana won the Best Paper award at the 2009 APSA meeting, in the Racial and Ethnic Politics Section, for their paper titled, “The political incorporation of Muslims in America: The Role of religiosity in Islam.”

John Ahlquist’s dissertation, “Building and Using Strategic Capacity: Labor Union Federation and Economic Policy,” has been selected as the co-winner of the 2009 Mancur Olson Prize awarded by the APSA’s Organized Section in Political Economy.

The paper authored by Brian Greenhill, Layna Mosley, and Aseem Prakash, ”Trade and Labor Rights: A Panel Study,” has won the 2009 APSA Labor Project Best paper award.

Susan Whiting was named a 2009-10 fellow of the Program on Peace, Governance and Development in East Asia at the East Asia Institute in Seoul, South Korea. The fellowship entails giving three lectures at Peking University, National Taiwan University, and the East Asia Institute, Seoul, South Korea.

Margaret Levi has been appointed a Commissioner of the World Justice Project of the American Bar Association. In this capacity, she will help coordinate the scholars’ group with Robert Nelson, Director, American Bar Foundation.

Paul L. Brass was awarded 2008 the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation’s Emeritus Fellowship. These Fellowships are intended to support the scholarly activities of outstanding faculty members in the humanities and humanistic social sciences who, at the time of taking up the fellowships, will be officially retired but continue to be active and productive in their fields.

Matt Barreto received a grant of $220,000 from Pew Charitable Trusts to study the new Online Voter Registration system in Washington State. Washington is only the second state in the U.S. to allow online voter registration, and this study will assess the implementation and effectiveness of online registration.
Lance Bennett was awarded the University of Washington 2008 James A. Clowes Award for the Development of Learning Communities.

Matt Barreto 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.

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)

Yüksel Sezgin's doctoral dissertation, "The States Response to Legal Pluralism: The Case of Religious Law and Courts in Israel, Egypt and India" has won two awards. It received the American Political Science Association’s Aaron Wildavsky Award, given for the best dissertation on religion and politics successfully defended in 2007. It has been also named as the winner of Middle Eastern Studies Association (MESA)’s prestigious Malcolm H. Kerr Dissertation Award in Social Sciences for 2008.

Christian Breunig dissertation, Institutions, Attention Shifts, and Changes within National Budgets" received the American Political Science Association’s 2008 Harold D. Lasswell Award for the best doctoral dissertation in the field of policy studies. This award is supported by the Policy Studies Organization.

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*.

Aseem Prakash. Letter of Commendation for Teaching from Divisional Dean of Social Sciences, University of Washington.

2007


Lance Bennett - National Communication Association Lifetime Distinguished Scholar Award for Career Achievement in the Study of Human Communication

Peter May - Honorable Mention for UW Marsha Landolt Graduate Mentor Award

Michael McCann - John Simon Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship, 2007-08 ($40,000)

Aseem Prakash - Letter of Commendation for Undergraduate Teaching from Divisional Dean, University of Washington

Jack Turner, Resident Fellowship, Virginia Foundation for the Humanities, University of Virginia, Spring 2007


John Wilkerson - Best Educational Website, APSA Information and Technology section [Policy Agendas Project]

2006

Gregg Daniel Miller was awarded the Western Political Science Association’s Best Dissertation Award for "Mimesis in Communicative Action: Habermas and the Affective Bond of Understanding."

Steve Hanson - Visiting Senior Scholar, Department of Politics and International Relations; Visiting Fellow, Corpus Christi College, Oxford University

Margaret Levi - Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar (2006-2007)
Jamie Mayerfeld - Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Fellow, University Center for Human Values, Princeton University, 2006-07

Michael McCann - Wadsworth Publishing Award, 2006, through the Law and Courts section of the American Political Science Association, “given annually for a book or journal article, 10 years or older, that has made a lasting impression on the field of law and courts,” to Rights at Work: Pay Equity Reform and the Politics of Legal Mobilization (U. of Chicago Press, 1994).


Naomi Murakawa - Simpson Center for the Humanities Award for Speaker Series, University of Washington

Naomi Murakawa - Letter of Commendation for Teaching from Divisional Dean, University of Washington

Naomi Murakawa - Best Dissertation Award, Race, Ethnicity and Politics Section, APSA

Naomi Murakawa - Dissertation Prize, Law and Society Association

2005

Chris Adolph - Mancur Olson Award for best dissertation in Political Economy

Chris Adolph - Charles Sumner Award, Harvard University

Bethany Albertson - Visiting Scholar, Center for the Study of Democratic Politics, Princeton University

Bethany Albertson - Honorable Mention, Seymour Sudman Student Paper Competition, AAPOR (with Adria Lawrence)

Bethany Albertson - Doolittle Harrison Fellowship, University of Chicago

Rachel Cicowski - National Pi Sigma Alpha (Political Science Honors Society) Best Chapter Award. Faculty Advisor, University of Washington, Nu Chapter

Steve Hanson - Outstanding Undergraduate Mentor Award, University of Washington

Peter May - American Society for Public Administration's William E. Mosher and Fredrick C. Mosher award for best article by an academic in the 2005 volume of the Public Administration Review

Michael McCann - Gordon Hirabayashi Professorship for the Advancement of Citizenship at the University of Washington, 2001-2006, renewed in 2005 indefinitely

Chris Parker - Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Fellow, University of California, Berkeley/UC San Francisco (2005-2007)

Susan Whiting - Fellow, Public Intellectuals Program, National Committee on U.S.-China Relations, 2005-07

2004

Tamir Moustafa was awarded the Western Political Science Association's Best Dissertation Award for "Law Versus the State: the Expansion of Constitutional Power in Egypt, 1980-2001."

Luis Fraga - The Adalijiza Sosa-Riddell Award for Exemplary Mentoring of Latino/a Junior Faculty in Political Science, the APSA Committee on the Status of Latinos y Latinas in the Profession

Steve Hanson - Distinguished Teaching Award, University of Washington

Margaret Levi - President, American Political Science Association (2004-2005)

Jamie Mayerfeld - University of Washington Simpson Center for the Humanities, Research Fellowship, 2004-05

Michael McCann - C. Herman Pritchett Prize for Best Book in 2004, awarded by the Law and Courts Section of the APSA, for Distorting the Law: Politics, Media, and the Litigation Crisis (co-authored with William Haltom)

Michael McCann -Herbert Jacob Prize for Best Book in 2004, presented at the 2005 annual meeting of the Law
& Society Association for Distorting the Law: Politics, Media, and the Litigation Crisis (co-authored with William Haltom)

Chris Parker - Best paper award, Race, Ethnicity, and Politics section, APSA

2003

Lance Bennett - Murray Edelman Career Achievement Award in Political Communication, APSA

James Caporaso - Distinguished International Political Economy Scholar Award, International Studies Association

Margaret Levi - President-Elect, American Political Science Association (2003-2004)


George Lovell - Honorable Mention (First Runner-Up), C. Herman Pritchett Award for Best Book of 2003, Law and Courts Section, APSA for Legislative Deferrals

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