

Timeless Award Winners



Bobbe J. Bridge (BA, Political Science, 1966; JD, 1976)

After serving on the Washington State Supreme Court from 2000 to 2008, Bobbe Bridge founded the Center for Children & Youth Justice, a non-profit whose mission is to advance justice for and enhance the lives of children and youth through juvenile justice, child welfare, and related systems reform. Bridge is founding president and CEO of the Center. She has received the Distinguished Alumna Award from the Political Science Department and is an affiliate professor in the UW School of Law.



Christine Charbonneau (BA, Political Science, 1982)

As CEO of Planned Parenthood affiliates for 23 years, Christine Charbonneau has played a leading role in merging several smaller affiliates to create the largest geographic affiliate in the Planned Parenthood Federation of America. Starting in 1982 as a sexuality educator and public policy volunteer, Charbonneau is currently CEO of Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest, with 27 health centers in Alaska, Idaho, and western Washington that provide medical services and sexuality education.



Dow Constantine (BA, Political Science, 1985; JD, 1989; MA, Urban Planning, 1992)

Dow Constantine's early curiosity about politics led to a distinguished career in public service. A former Washington state legislative intern and aide, Constantine has served two terms in the state House, one in the Senate, and four on the King County Council. In his current position as King County Executive, he has championed government reform, environmental protection, and public transportation, among other causes.



Robert Dahl (BA, Political Science, 1936)

Robert Dahl is the Sterling Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Yale University, where he taught for four decades, helping to build the University's hugely popular political science department. He is past president of the American Political Science Association and author of several books on political theory, two of which—*Who Governs* (1962) and *Democracy and Its Critics* (1990)—won best book of the year from the Woodrow Wilson Foundation.



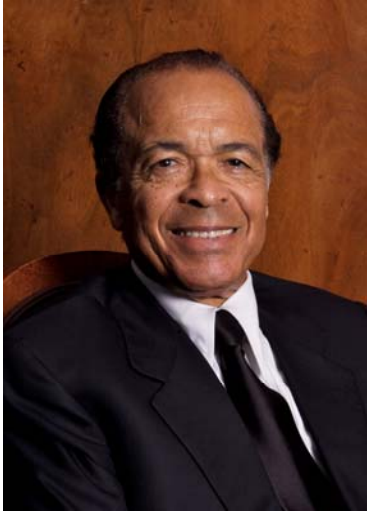
Norm Dicks (BA, Political Science, 1963; JD, 1968)

Norm Dicks, who played guard for the Husky football team in the early 1960s, went on to become the longest-serving member of Congress from Washington state, serving 18 terms representing Washington's Sixth Congressional District. Earlier this year, Dicks announced he would not seek re-election. Dicks has been a powerful House member and the ranking Democrat on the Appropriations Committee. At the UW, he serves on the Jackson School Advisory Board.



Carver Gayton (BA, History, 1960; MPA, Public Affairs, 1972; PhD, Political Science, 1976)

Throughout his career in education reform and workforce training, Carver Gayton has maintained ties to the UW as chair of the President's Club, Alumni Association president, and Arts and Sciences Development Advisory Board member. Gayton served as The Boeing Company Corporate Director, College and University Relations. He is former executive director of the Northwest African American Museum and is a member of its national advisory board.



Gary Gayton (BA, Political Science, 1955)

Gary Gayton parlayed his political science training and athletic achievement at the UW into a distinguished career. Gayton, senior vice president at the investment bank Siebert Brandford Shank & Co., has a long record of fighting for civil rights. He was the first African American student body president at Seattle's Garfield High School and the first African American captain of a varsity sports team (track) at the UW. Gayton served as an assistant US attorney under Robert F. Kennedy.



Byron Gray (BA, Political Science, Asian Studies, and Law, Societies, and Justice, 2012)

Byron Gray is a triple threat, with three social sciences majors (plus a minor in Hindi) that inform his study of India, a country that first sparked his interest during a freshman year course. He has studied in India twice and crafted an honors project examining the politics of family law reform in India. Thanks to a Rhodes Scholarship, Gray will continue his studies at Oxford in the coming year.



Bruce Harrell (BA, Political Science, 1979; JD, Law, 1984)

Bruce Harrell has been a council member for the City of Seattle since 2007. His community roots run deep—Harrell attended Seattle public schools, played football for the Huskies, and became a civic leader after graduating from the UW School of Law in 1984. He was honored as the 2007 Distinguished Alumnus of the UW's Political Science Department for his unyielding advocacy on issues such as housing, seniors, and unions. He was the recipient of the 2008 Husky Legend award.



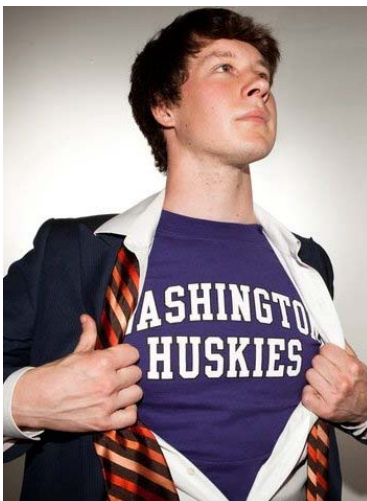
Lawrence M. Knopp, Jr. (BA, Political Science, 1983)

Larry Knopp is Director of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences at the UW Tacoma. After earning a PhD in geography at the University of Iowa, he traveled to places as far-flung as the United Kingdom and Australia doing his scholarly work. He has since boomeranged back to his roots at the UW, where he also serves as an adjunct professor of geography.



Robert Kocher (BA, Political Science, 1994; BS, Zoology, 1994)

A fourth generation Husky, Bob Kocher's diverse academic background helped him contribute a unique perspective as a member of the National Economic Council and as Special Assistant to the President for Healthcare and Economic Policy. In the latter position, Kocher served as an advisor to President Obama regarding the healthcare reform legislation enacted in March 2010. He currently is with a venture capital firm that works with companies focused on the healthcare sector.



Andrew Lewis (BA, History, Political Science, 2012)

As director of the Associated Students at UW (ASUW)'s Office of Government Relations, Andrew Lewis spends much of his time lobbying legislators about higher education issues. It's been a high-profile position, but not Lewis's first experience with leadership or politics. Lewis, a 2011 Truman Scholar, has served as a Seattle Human Rights Commissioner, managed a campaign for Seattle City Council member Nick Licata, and interned for Seattle City Council member Sally Clark.



Barbara Madsen (BA, Political Science, 1974)

Barbara Madsen is chief justice of the Washington State Supreme Court. Madsen's interest in access to the judicial system is steeped in her commitment to equality and humane treatment. Since 1998, she has chaired the Washington State Gender and Justice Commission, a group that notably passed legislation banning the shackling of women prisoners while they are in labor.



John McKay (BA, Political Science, 1978)

John McKay is a professor at the Seattle University School of Law. McKay served as US attorney for western Washington for five years, until he resigned with eight others in 2007. He also served as a White House Fellow and later as president of The Legal Services Corporation in Washington, DC. McKay's commitment to equal access in the judicial system led the Washington State Bar Association to name him Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year in 1995. He teaches courses in constitutional law of terrorism, national security law, ethics, and leadership.



Heather Pool (PhD, Political Science, 2011)

Just months after defending her dissertation, Heather Pool had two chapters accepted for publication by prestigious peer-reviewed journals. The dissertation explores the role of political mourning in developing collective political identity. Pool has served as lead teaching assistant in her department as well as graduate student president and director of the department's writing center. Off campus, she has served as a self defense instructor at Home Alive and an intern at Seattle's Office for Civil Rights.



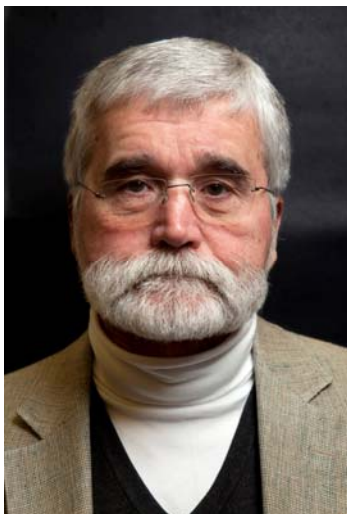
Dixie Jo Porter (BA, Political Science, 1959)

Dixie Jo Porter is a retired community activist for education, women, and the environment. A pioneer in personal finance for women, she co-authored a financial planning book and conducted seminars on money management. Her philanthropic efforts include co-chairing a drive to replace dying cherry trees in the UW's quad, providing a scholarship in Landscape Architecture, serving as board president of the YWCA, and co-creating a native plant pocket park lauded by the Cascade Land Conservancy.



Travis J. Sullivan (BA, Political Science, International Studies, 1997)

Travis Sullivan is vice president of international strategy and business development at Boeing Commercial Airplanes. Sullivan previously served as director of policy and strategic planning at the US Department of Commerce for the Obama Administration, as senior advisor to Senator Maria Cantwell, and in other US government roles. Sullivan serves on the Advisory Board for the Jackson School of International Studies.



William Thompson (BA, MA, PhD, Political Science, 1968, 1969, 1972)

Bill Thompson is a distinguished professor of political science at Indiana University. His work on international rivalries, including the Cold War, is regularly cited in the field of conflict studies. A prolific writer, Thompson has authored 27 books and more than 120 published articles on international hostilities and global US leadership. He sits on a dozen editorial boards and consults on the subject of world politics.