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ADVENTURE LEARNING IN PERU

BY STEVEN BARCUS

“Peru is going to be your classroom and Peruvians are going to be your teachers. Everything you see, everything you hear, everywhere you go is a lesson. So we need to keep our eyes open, our ears open, and use all of our senses to absorb all of the experience.”



The ISU team at the Palakala Waterfall in the peasant community of Huaquicha.

This is the charge that Department of Politics and Government Professor Carlos Parodi gives each of the students chosen to accompany him to Peru for the Maria Elena Moyano Seminar. The annual seminar, which Parodi created in 2006, is a month-long exploration of human rights and community development in Peru named in honor of Maria Elena Moyano, a Peruvian activist who was murdered by the radical Communist Shining Path organization in 1992. During the 30-day experience, students interact with government officials, community leaders, organizations, and Peruvian citizens from all socioeconomic classes across the nation to participate in human rights programs and understand the politics, economy, and history of the nation.

Parodi, who was raised in Peru and returns several times annually, invites 10–15 students only after they have participated in individual interviews with him to assess whether they would be a good fit for the group. Since the trip takes students up mountains, along the coast, and even in the Peruvian jungle, he needs students to be physically fit and mentally ready for the long, rigorous days. In addition, students must agree to his firm “no complaining” policy to ensure that the group dynamic and close living quarters do not become complicated. Finally, he looks for a genuine interest in human rights.

“We are going to be practicing human rights,” Parodi said. “Students who come need to be willing to live out the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.”

The mandate demands more than attending lectures. Students must have a willingness to work toward building positive relationships with Peruvians and contributing to the development of the nation. Students engage citizens through socio-drama performances demonstrating the methodology they will be using to research development issues in Peru, working with peasants in a remote village, on a mural depicting the future of the village, and compiling all of their observations in a final report.

“Everything we find—we give it back to Peruvians,” he said, adding that the projects allow the group not only to work together as a research team, but also to break down cultural barriers and better engage with their native hosts.

Tony Pierucci, M.S. ’14, went to Peru in 2014. His group completed a community development project, which proved to be an effective way to learn about the culture and connect with Peruvians on a personal level.

“We collected data, and it was a way of having a cross cultural exchange at the same time,” Pierucci said. “The data we were collecting were not numbers, they were conversations.”

Information was compiled into a 40-page report that included a SWOT analysis of community development methods in Lima, as well as additional questions that community organizations and officials can consider as they plan for the continuing development of Peru.

Christina Pierce, a psychology major and criminal justice minor who also went on the 2014 trip, became interested in the seminar after realizing the focus on human rights would be a strong fit for her fields of study. As the only undergraduate student in the group, she found the experience to be transformational and took advantage of her travel companions and Parodi to learn more about graduate programs and their experiences.

“It was not a normal study abroad trip at all,” Pierce said. “I had the opportunity to learn more about myself, which helped me in deciding my career aspirations. During our stay, Dr. Parodi planned numerous excursions so we could discover the diversity of Peru. He planned the trip in a way that these experiences helped us to learn Peru’s history, culture, politics, and educational system.”

Parodi will be taking his 8th group to Peru June 3–July 3. He will begin seeking candidates for the 2016 trip in the fall.

INTERNSHIPS BY THE NUMBERS

Under the leadership of Professor Nancy Lind, Public Service internship director, and Professor Tom McClure, Legal Studies director, the department’s internship programs were quite successful in 2014. There were 295 public service credits earned with over 13,275 hours of service across Illinois and in Washington, D.C.

Students were active in U.S. Senate offices, Illinois legislative offices, and several national, state, and local political campaigns. Students served prominent roles in State Sen. Bill Brady’s office and U.S. Sen. Mark Kirk’s Washington, D.C. office. The department has also created a continuously updated webpage for all open internships throughout the world brought to our attention and has provided scholarships to interns accepting placements in Washington, D.C. or New York City.

Twenty-one paralegal interns performed nearly 4,500 hours of service in such agencies and organizations as the Town of Normal, the McLean County State’s Attorney, ISU Student Legal Services, State Farm Insurance, and a variety of private law firms.

DIVERSE GRADUATE SEQUENCES CONTINUE TO DRAW TALENTED STUDENTS

BY STEVEN BARCUS

The Department of Politics and Government is attracting high-quality students nationally and internationally with its rigorous graduate programs. The department offers four unique sequences: public service, applied community and economic development (ACED), global politics and culture, and general political science.

The public service sequence is designed for students aspiring to work in the public sector at the local and state levels. The applied community and development sequence—offered in conjunction with the Stevenson Center for Community and Economic Development—is designed for returned Peace Corps volunteers, students with other development experiences, and those preparing to enter Peace Corps. The sequence includes an 11-month professional practice in community development. Graduates in the global politics and culture sequence examine political constructs of the modern world. The general political science sequence is a conventional degree that offers flexibility and the ability to examine a variety of areas.

According to Kam Shapiro, graduate program coordinator, the common thread all programs share is the personalized attention students receive from faculty.

“There are a couple of things that are distinctive about our department,” said Shapiro. “We have an exceptionally diverse set of international faculty that our students get to work with closely. This is one benefit of having a graduate program dedicated to the master’s degree. At universities with a Ph.D. program, master’s students are often not given the same priority and attention.”

Department of Politics and Government graduate students also have access to a high rate of funding relative to other master’s programs. The majority of students receive full graduate assistantships, including a stipend and full tuition waiver, a benefit not commonly offered for terminal master’s degrees.

Global politics and culture student Arafat Kabir came to Illinois State from Bangladesh to polish his understanding of basic theories of international politics. Interestingly, Kabir did not discover his passion for international politics and global policy until after earning his bachelor’s degree in electrical and electronic engineering from the Islamic University of Technology. While working for one of the largest petroleum companies in the world, Kabir began writing.

“I started writing because I have had some of the wonderful exposures to the world of international politics and diplomacy,” Kabir said. “After that I realized my vision.”

Kabir’s first big break was when one of his pieces was published in *International Policy Digest*. Since then he has been published in *The Diplomat* and *The Wall Street Journal*. Looking for a university that would let him work closely with faculty who had a strong background in Asian politics, Kabir chose Illinois State.

“The faculty is very helpful,” said Kabir. “No matter what project you are pursuing, I believe you will have full support from our school.”

Emily Rego came to the department through the Applied Community and Economic Development Fellows Program after graduating from Roanoke College, where she majored in international relations. After graduating she spent a year serving a disadvantaged neighborhood in Connecticut through AmeriCorps. Rego enrolled

in the ACED sequence to give herself an edge when applying for jobs.

“Most people do get a really comprehensive education in undergrad, but to really separate yourself, a master’s is a very valuable item on your resume,” she said. “It can open a lot of doors you might not have just as an undergraduate student.”

ACED Fellows take courses in political science, sociology, and economics. Rego sees the cross-disciplinary approach as an advantage that will help her learn about community development through different perspectives. After a year of coursework, ACED fellows typically work for nonprofits either in the U.S. or abroad through the Peace Corps. Rego hopes to spend her 11 months working in urban planning in Chicago or another major city.

“I like how you can get an applied master’s while also working and showing what you’re capable of in the field,” she said. “I’ve never seen a program like it.”

Learn more about the graduate programs offered by the Department of Politics and Government at pol.IllinoisState.edu/graduate.



Professor Wang lecturing to graduate seminar

LANE CROTHERS AWARDED FULBRIGHT BICENTENNIAL CHAIR

Professor Lane Crothers has been named the Fulbright Bicentennial Chair in American Studies at the University of Helsinki for the 2015-2016 academic year. The position is a joint teaching and research appointment at the University of Helsinki, department of world cultures, North American studies program.



“I will be teaching classes such as globalization and American popular culture and U.S. politics and culture after 9/11, while also expanding my previous research on globalization and American popular culture. I am both honored and excited to have this opportunity,” he said.

The position is awarded to a senior scholar who has a significant publication and teaching record. The grant is funded in co-operation by the University of Helsinki and the Fulbright Center, the Finnish Fulbright Commission. The U.S. program partner is the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES).

CHAIR'S REMARKS

The Department of Politics and Government is a highly rated student-centered department that focuses on both faculty and student achievements. Our activities in the past year reaffirm our commitment to these goals.

The Department successfully completed its eight year program review that included a systematic curriculum review as well as establishment of learning outcomes. The second major in the Department, legal studies, launched in the fall of 2014 enrolled 14 students in its initial cohort. In December, the first student of the legal studies major graduated from Illinois State University.

Co-curricular activities remain strong with the Mock Trial Team earning national recognition, the Model United Nations Team earning a "distinguished delegation" ranking, as well as expanding the Student Conference and *Critique*, a journal for students of political science. Civic engagement and experiential learning projects are active.

Our faculty remains productive in scholarship, engaging in work with other colleagues as well as students in addition to sole authored/edited works. In 2014, faculty published one book, one edited volume, 15 journal articles, 11 book chapters, and 31 conference presentations in the United States and abroad. Lane Crothers was selected as the 2015-2016 Bicentennial Chair of American Studies at the University of Helsinki by the Fulbright Foundation.

We are proud to welcome alumni back to campus whenever they are in town and are pleased that several are beginning to work with the Illinois State University Foundation to establish student scholarships. In a time of fiscal austerity, we encourage alumni to give back to their department whether in financial contributions or offering internships to current students. We hope alumni will continue to "pay it forward" to current and future generations of students. We are also pleased that you have remained in contact since your graduation.



Ali Riaz

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT

New faculty

Kerri Milita joins the department as an assistant professor. Her areas of expertise include American politics and public policy. Milita earned her M.S. and Ph.D. in political science from Florida State University. She holds a M.A. in political analysis and policy and a B.A. in political science from the University of Central Florida.



Kerri Milita

Milita was awarded a Presidential University Fellowship (2009-2012) from Florida State University. In 2015, she will be serving as the section head for State Politics and Intergovernmental Relations at the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association. She is at work on a manuscript titled, "Restricting Initiative: the Role of Legislative Threat Perception," which seeks to explain both the temporal and cross-state variation in election law restrictiveness. Her research interests include elections, direct democracy, interest groups, and state politics. Most recently, her work appeared in the June 2014 issue of *Political Behavior*.

L.J. Zigerell joins the department as an assistant professor. His areas of expertise include public law and American government. He has a background in the fields of American politics and mass political behavior.



L.J. Zigerell

Zigerell earned his Ph.D. in political science from the University of Pittsburgh and a M.Ed. in teaching and curriculum from Penn State Harrisburg (Pennsylvania). In addition, he holds a B.S. in engineering from Geneva College (Pennsylvania).

At the University of Pittsburgh, Zigerell was a 2008 recipient of the Elizabeth Baranger Excellence in Teaching Award. With Heather Marie Rice, he published "A Report on the 2006 and 2008 ANES Abortion Attitudes Measures" in *Improving Public Opinion Surveys: Interdisciplinary Innovation and the American National Election Studies* (2012). His dissertation was on U.S. Supreme Court nominations. He has also taught courses focusing on politics and law at the University of Pittsburgh.

Guest speakers visit campus

Jacques deLisle, Stephen A. Cozen Professor of Law at University of Pennsylvania Law School, presented "The South China Sea Disputes: Politically Volatile and Legally Intractable" on Nov. 13, 2014, at Illinois State University.



Jacques deLisle

deLisle maintains that many countries have made unyielding sovereign claims over the South China Sea. This includes China's sweeping claims of legal rights over the area. International legal rules on territorial sovereignty and maritime rights offer weak means for resolving disputes. Beijing's disputes with its neighbors in the South China Sea thus have been legally intractable and intermittently politically volatile.

About 150 students, faculty, and community members attended the presentation. The presentation was co-sponsored by the department, and the Taiwan and Asia Program of the College of William and Mary.

Gavin Lee, coordinator of international programs at Heartland Community College, spoke to students in Nancy Lind's organizational behavior class in October. In introducing the class unit on perception, Lee provided statistics from the PEW Charitable Trust on how citizens



Nancy Lind, Gavin Lee, Ali Riaz

from other nations viewed Americans and then addressed how popular culture has largely influenced these perceptions. He explained how foreign students viewed Americans when they initially arrived in America versus how their perceptions changed after they lived and studied among them for a few semesters.

Benjamin Brockschmidt delivers Hibbert R. Roberts Lecture

Benjamin Brockschmidt, executive director of the Infrastructure Council and director of Federal Affairs for the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, delivered the 2014 Hibbert R. Roberts



Benjamin Brockschmidt

Lecture in Public Policy on Oct. 15 at Illinois State University. The title of his talk was “Breaking Through the Beltway: The Myths, Legends, and Realities of Capitol Hill.” Brockschmidt is a 2006 Illinois State graduate with a double major in political science and history. He worked in the U.S. House of Representatives for Congressman Timothy Johnson (retired).

Delving into his experience working as a congressional staffer, Brockschmidt said that the idea that Washington is highly polarized is a bit exaggerated. He insisted that most of Congress is in the middle of the spectrum. Often media and the public create stereotypes based on their perception of each party.

Four presentations given during brown bag seminars

Professor Kerri Milita presented “Beyond Roll-off: Individual Level Determinants of Abstention Behavior” at the department’s brown bag seminar Sept. 17. The project examined why individuals who turn out to vote on Election Day often fail to complete their ballot. In particular, the study explores the role of several key psychological factors that lead individuals to not cast a vote for particular ballot items. Findings from two survey experiments suggest there are three critical traits that make individuals particularly prone to abstention behavior: low political



Yusuf Sarfati engaging with faculty

knowledge, risk aversion, and the belief that a race or issue is not personally relevant to an individual voter. Professor Yusuf Sarfati presented “Dynamics Of Mobilization During Gezi Park Protests In Turkey” at the department’s brown bag seminar Oct. 8. The talk discussed the 2013 Gezi Park protests in Istanbul.

Sarfati highlighted similarities between the uprising and the new social movements and discussed how popular urban grievances were translated to collective action.

Professor Carl Palmer, whose research focuses on the role of personality in the political lives of citizens, presented on “Personality and Issue Framing: A Stripped vs. Framed Look at the Big Five” on Oct. 28. Palmer and his coauthor, Rolfe Peterson, investigate the interaction between personality and issue framing. Palmer’s preliminary findings suggest that “personality characteristics do play a role in how citizens engage with political information. The differentiation in patterns of results across political contexts suggests that personality may operate as a latent force that may be primed by the information environment, shaping citizens opinions, as well as affecting how they engage with survey items.”

Finally, Professor Meghan Leonard presented “Court-curbing in the States” on Jan 21. Court-curbing legislation is designed to restrict or limit the power of a state court. Leonard examined how state legislative professionalization, the methods of selection and retention, and ideology affect the progress this court-curbing legislation makes.

Department hosts student conference

James Kilgore, research scholar of the Center for African Studies at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, said that a social movement to reverse the mass incarceration practice in the United States is gaining strength. He was delivering the keynote speech at the 22nd annual Illinois State University Conference for Students

of Political Science on April 4, 2014. His talk was titled, “Mass Incarceration in the US: Is the Tide Turning?”

Describing the United States as the “world’s leading jailer” due to the number of people incarcerated in the country, Kilgore called upon students to engage in social activism to change the situation. He highlighted that mass incarceration has a racial dimension; not only that more African Americans are in jail compared to their share in the population; racial segregation is also practiced inside the prison. He also mentioned that although 93 percent of the incarcerated population is male, women bear a heavy burden as they are left to take care of the families. The mass incarceration is the result of the “tough on crime” sentiment; he called the punishment paradigm as “one of the greatest social policy debacles.”

More than 50 graduate and undergraduate students from 18 universities and colleges participated in the conference and presented their research. The topics of these papers include electoral behavior, American legal issues, women and leadership, civil conflict, and U.S. international intervention, and the economy of developing countries, among others.

Ali Riaz, chair of the department, gave special thanks to Professor Gary Klass for his contribution to the conference. Klass, who retired at the end of the spring 2014 semester, organized the student conference for more than a decade.



James Kilgore, Gary Klass

FACULTY AND SCHOLARLY NEWS

Scholarly activities

Osaore Aideyan presented “Political Selection and Single Party Dominance in Africa” at the 2014 Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) annual meeting. He also chaired a panel at the MPSA.

Michaelene Cox published “Comparative

Analysis of e-Government in the EU” in the Proceedings of the 14th European Conference on e-Government and chaired and served as a discussant for a panel at the conference. She published a book chapter entitled “Transnational Corruption in the 21st Century” in *Comparative and International Policing, Justice, and Transnational Crime*. She also presented

two conference papers at the 14th Annual European Conference on e-Government and the 34th Annual International Lilly Conference on College Teaching. In addition, she submitted an external grant proposal to the National Institute of Justice, entitled “Interagency Integration of Offender Data Management: Strategies for Effective Management in Criminal Justice.” Cox

is an editorial team member of the SoTL journal *Gauius* and was selected as a Scholar-Mentor by the cross-chair of SoTL.

Lane Crothers published a book chapter titled “Cultural Imperialism” in the *Sage Handbook of Globalization* and a book review in *Choice*. He also has a reprint titled “The American Global Cultural Brand” in the *Global Studies Reader*.

Meghan Leonard published two articles: “Elections and Decision-Making on State High Courts” in *Justice System Journal* and “Consensus and Cooperation on State Supreme Courts” in *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*. She also made two conference presentations at the American Political Science Association (APSA) annual meeting and at the 2014 State Politics and Policy Conference. Leonard was interviewed by many local media including WJBC, WGLT, and WMBD.

Nancy Lind was invited as an external re-

viewer for Indiana State University and served as a policy expert for McLean County Multicultural Leadership Program on social policy issues. She also served as a reviewer for several international conferences.

Thomas McClure made a presentation titled “How to Navigate Higher Ed—Academia for Non-Academics” at the American Association for Paralegal Education Annual Conference.

Kerri Milita served as the section head of State Politics of the 2015 MPSA annual meeting.

Carl Palmer made four conference presentations at annual meetings of the Southern Political Science Association, the MPSA and the APSA. He was a symposium organizer for the MPSA panel and chaired a panel and served as a discussant at the MPSA and the APSA annual meetings. He was interviewed by a number of local media including WJBC, WZND, and the *Pantagraph*. Palmer submitted an external

grant application to the Time-Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences.

Carlos Parodi presented a paper entitled “Challenging Discourses of Violence” at the XXXII International Congress of the Latin American Studies Association. He also chaired a panel at the conference.

Sherri Replogle presented two papers at the International Studies Association and the Western Political Science Association (WPSA) annual meetings entitled “Power and Morality” and “Assimilated Jihad.”

Ali Riaz published five book chapters (“Electoral Democracy and Human Rights,” “Islamist Parties, Elections and Democracy in Bangladesh,” “Being Bengali Abroad: Identity Politics among the Bengali Community in Britain,” “Madrassah Education in Bangladesh: Contestations and Accommodations,” and “Bangladesh”). He also published three journal articles titled, “Bangladesh’s Failed Election” in *Journal of Democracy*; “A Crisis of Democracy in Bangladesh” in *Current History*; and “The Nature and Quality of Democracy in Bangladesh: An Assessment” in the *Journal of Bangladesh Studies*. He made two invited presentations including one titled “Political Instability in Bangladesh” at the Council on Foreign Relations, Washington D.C. He presented papers at two conferences, Bangladesh: A Delegative Democracy in Making? at the 23rd European Conference on South Asian Studies in Zurich, Switzerland, and at the Workshop on Global Development and Institutions Inspired by Faith in Bangladesh, in London, England. Riaz appeared on BBC World Television, and CNN International Television, and was frequently interviewed by BBC and VOA Bengali services.

Lori Riverstone-Newell presented “Assessing Local Activism as it Relates to Fiscal Scarcity” at the Urban Affairs Association annual meeting.

Yusuf Sarfati published a book review in the *British Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*. He also has a reprinted book chapter entitled “Natural Allies or Irreconcilable Foes?” in *America’s Growing Inequality*. In addition, he made three conference presentations at annual meetings of the Middle East Studies Association and the Association for the Study of Nationalities World Convention. He was a panel organizer of the International Political Science Association (IPSA) annual meeting and served as chair and discussant for two panels at the conference. Sarfati submitted an external grant application to the Russell Sage Foundation Presidential Authority Award for the project entitled “Trust-One:

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Professor Emeritus Robert Hunt served in the Department of Politics and Government from 1969-2005. During this period, when on leave, he also served as a Fulbright professor at Hankuk University in South Korea and Gujarat University in India, and as a visiting faculty member with the Development Studies Program of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). The latter appointment led to opportunities for development work throughout Africa and Asia on assignments with USAID, the International Labor Organization, and a number of international nonprofit development organizations. Consultancies with the U.S. Peace Corps gave rise to the idea for a Peace Corps Fellows Program, which Hunt and his faculty colleagues were able to establish in 1994, and has since been transformed, thanks to the efforts of students and strong faculty leadership, into the Stevenson Center for Community and Economic Development.

At Illinois State, he mainly taught courses in comparative and developmental politics, with these being complemented later in his career with courses in community development and nonprofit management to support the Peace Corps Fellows program. His research and publications grew out of both his teaching and consulting work, and focused on the role of micro enterprise and civil society in Asian and African development.

Since he retired, Hunt has continued to serve on the board of the Stevenson Center. He has also served on the board of the West Bloomington Revitalization Project, focusing on issues of community economic development. Currently he is vice chair of the Income Support Team at the United Way, helping with efforts to provide grants to agencies and associations supporting asset-based development in communities of need. Other activities involve catching up on a lot of reading.

He has enjoyed keeping in touch with former students, many of whom are serving in far distant areas of the world. He would be pleased to hear from even more and promises to respond, to discuss the fond memories he has, and he assumes they have, of his time here. He can be reached at rwhunt@IllinoisState.edu.



Promoting Inter-Group Trust and Altruism through Identity and Altruism.”

Kam Shapiro published a journal article entitled “Confounding Solidarity” in *Angelaki*. He also has two entries – “Carl Schmitt” and “Violence” in *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Political Thought*. In addition, he made three conference presentations at the APSA, the Western Political Science Association (WPSA) and the IPSA annual meetings. Shapiro serves as the book review editor of *Theory & Event*.

Noha Shawki published a journal article titled “New Rights Advocacy and the Human Rights of Peasants” in *Journal of Human Rights Practice*. She also made a presentation on “The Transnational Diffusion of Social Movements” at the MPSA annual meeting.

Jakeet Singh published a co-edited volume titled *Freedom and Democracy in an Imperial Context* and a book chapter titled “Recognition and Self-Determination” in *Recognition versus Self-Determination*. He made four conference presentations at the APSA, the WPSA, and the Caribbean Philosophical Association annual meetings.

T.Y. Wang published a co-authored journal article titled “Presidential Coattails in Taiwan” in *Electoral Studies*. He also received an external grant titled “The Taiwan Voters” from the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy. In addition to five conference presentations at national and international conferences, he was invited as a program reviewer for the Institute of Political Science, Academia Sinica in Taipei. He also served as a panelist on “Taiwan’s 9 in 1 Elections,” which was podcasted by the Foreign Policy Research Institute. He was invited to conduct methodology workshops in China and Taiwan and was interviewed by international media on events in East Asia.

Julie Webber published a book chapter, “I am the Radical Reality,” in *Michael Weinstein* and a coauthored entry with a student entitled “Violence against Women” in *Encyclopedia of*

Political Thought. She also made a presentation entitled “The Tone of Political Comedy in TDS and TCR and Its Effect on Youth” at the Critical Media Literacy Conference.

Lawrence Zigerell submitted an external grant application titled “Isolating the Racial Component of Symbolic Racism” to the Time-Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences. He also published two pieces in Washington Post’s Monkey Cage blog and Political Science Replication website.

Books in print

Michaelene Cox authored *The Politics and Art of John L. Stoddard: Framing Authority, Otherness, and Authenticity*. It is the first scholarly effort to provide critical analysis of the illustrated travel lectures and political writings of John Lawson Stoddard (1850-1931). Now virtually forgotten, and yet regarded as an American cultural institution of his day, Stoddard’s work caught the attention of decision makers in U.S.

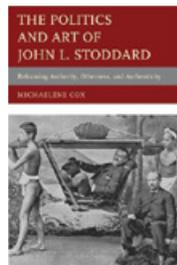
government, but perhaps more importantly, his images and text about domestic and international politics, society and landscapes were imprinted in the minds of millions of citizens. Cox claims that Stoddard was a principle engine behind transforming tourism into a growing consumer culture, democratizing liberal arts education, and fueling anti-WWI campaigns. Using Stoddard as a case study, she offers a unique theoretical and interdisciplinary perspective to examine the creative role of power in personal and public identity construction. The book is published by Rowman & Littlefield/Lexington Books.

Ali Riaz has published a book on political violence in Bangladesh. The book, written in Bengali, is titled *Bhoyer Sangskriti (The Culture*



of Fear: Political Economy of Terror and Violence in Bangladesh). The book examines the causes of and conditions for the widespread political violence in Bangladesh in the past decades. Ali Riaz also published a collection of essays entitled ‘How Did We Arrive Here?’ Both books are published by Prothoma of Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Jakeet Singh published a co-edited volume entitled “Freedom and Democracy in an Imperial Context: Dialogues with James Tully.” This volume explores questions about the meaning of freedom and democracy today, in an age when these values are not just used to challenge and resist power, but are also championed and deployed by those in power. In particular, the focus of this book is on global power relations of imperialism, in both its historical and contemporary forms. Have freedom and democracy been co-opted today by empire, or can they still be used to challenge deeply unequal and historically sedimented forms of imperial power? Gathering together a diverse group of leading scholars, this collection explores these issues through an engagement with the work of James Tully, one of the most important political philosophers of our time. The volume is published by Routledge and the co-editor is Robert Nichols.



STUDENT NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Another stellar year for the Mock Trial Team

In 2014 the Illinois State University Mock Trial Team continued its tradition of achievement. The team won its first tournament of the year at a competition sponsored by St. Francis University in Joliet, Ill. Two weeks later, ISU placed

fourth at Indiana University’s tournament against a highly competitive field.

In February, the team competed in the American Mock Trial Association regional tournament. It was among the 22 teams participating in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Illinois State, along with six other squads, earned a bid to the

24-team Opening Round Championship Series (tournament held in St. Louis.)

In October, ISU began its 2014-2015 season at the Wheaton College Invitational, placing third. The Redbirds ended 2014 with the University of Iowa competition, where they came in second place.



2013-2014 Mock Trial Team

At every tournament held in 2014, at least one ISU student was recognized for outstanding individual achievement. Students received 10 “Outstanding Attorney” and eight “Outstanding Witness” awards at nine tournaments.

We hosted our 13th annual Invitational Tournament at the McLean County Law and Justice Center in Bloomington in November. Thirty-two teams from 21 colleges and universities participated representing eight different states. A record number of alumni and local attorneys served as judges for the competition.

Illinois State University alumnus Scott Kording '02 is the head attorney coach. Kording is the principal member of a Bloomington law firm. Tristan Bullington, a McLean County attorney, is the assistant attorney coach. Director of Legal Studies and Assistant Professor Tom McClure '76, M.S. '01 is the educator coach.

McClure praised the mock trial team members for their accomplishments this past year. “We continue to build upon our successes. As a result of our strong showing in the 2013-2014 season, Stanford University invited our team to participate in its prestigious invitational in early 2015. Our students are fortunate to be part of this outstanding program.”

Model UN Team recognized

The Illinois State University Model United Nations team was recognized as a “Distinguished Delegation” at the National Model United Nations (NMUN) on April 17, 2014, at the end of the week-long annual conference. This is the first time an ISU team received the coveted recognition. A group of 12 politics and government students, led by faculty advisor Noha Shawki, participated in the National Model United Nations (NMUN) conference in New York City from April 13-17, 2014.

The students who participated in the Model UN program were: Caleb Albo, Shawna Davis, Nick Daws, Jessica Garber, Assumpta Iheaso, Peter Kwon, Patrick Moore, Tim Motz, Nick Mullins, Stuart Palmer, Ben Schaufele, and Michelle Suhi.

The Illinois State delegation represented Nauru on six different committees that debated a number of global issues. These issues included disarmament and development, agricultural development and food security, the elimination of violence against women, and civilian capacity in the aftermath of conflict. Besides researching a variety of global issues and Nauru’s policy positions, students also studied the UN’s rules of procedure.

The “Distinguished Delegation” recognition reflects their deep knowledge of the global



2014 Model UN team in NYC

issues they debated with other delegates, their correct application of the rules of procedure, and their leadership in proposing creative solutions to critical global problems and in drafting working papers jointly with other delegates and working to create consensus around these working papers.

In addition to attending the Model UN conference, students also met Ryan D’Souza, research analyst at the Global Centre for the Responsibility to Protect at the Ralph Bunche Institute for International Studies, which is housed at the CUNY Graduate Center.

Stevenson Center student spotlight: Nay Petrucelli

Illinois State University’s Stevenson Center for Community and Economic Development trains students for a lifetime of public service and global understanding. The Center serves communities and organizations around the world, but most importantly, it provides students with the tools they need for successful careers in community and economic development and related fields of study.

Nay Petrucelli is an Applied Community and Economic Development (ACED) Fellow with the Stevenson Center, completing a master’s degree in political science. Prior to joining the Stevenson Center, Nay worked as an educator in the juvenile justice system in New York. Nay enjoyed working directly with youth but also observed a need for greater solutions to community problems: “I chose the political science track to focus on the way policy impacts communities, with a particular eye towards the criminal justice system.”

Nay is very interested in the connection between youth safety and access to opportunities. As such, Nay’s thesis will examine the frequent criminalization of, rather than supportive services for, juveniles who are selling sex.

Nay’s professional practice is with Housing Action Illinois, a training and advocacy organization for agencies that support quality, affordable housing. Nay has found Housing Action Illinois to be a very positive work environment: “Basically, we take on some of the time-consuming work required of housing agencies so that they can spend more time working directly with clients, helping them prevent foreclosure, buy new homes, and make informed financial decisions. We also provide support and trainings to agencies.”

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development recently approved Housing Action Illinois as a housing counseling intermediary. This means affiliated agencies will work directly with Housing Action Illinois for many of their internal operations. Nay is helping Housing Action Illinois develop policies and procedures for this process.

After graduation, Nay plans to get a Ph.D. in criminal justice, effect positive change in the juvenile justice system and the lives of individual young people, become a foster parent, and learn how to ride a unicycle.



Nay Petrucelli

Students debate on immigration

The arrival of thousands of children and youth from Central America and Mexico at the southern border of the U.S. requesting protection against danger or admission to reunite with their parents has ignited an intense controversy in this country.

On Friday, Dec. 5, students from Professor Carlos Parodi’s Human Rights class debated the



Students debate on immigration

pros and cons of declaring Bloomington-Normal a shelter for refugee children from Central America.

The debate addressed various aspects of passing an ordinance or having a referendum to declare Bloomington and Normal welcoming cities for immigrants and offering their help to provide a safe haven for refugee children from Central America and Mexico.

Student scholarly accomplishments

The students of the department continued to demonstrate excellence and merit in different venues. Two graduate students, **Yamato Hiromatsu** and **Arafat Kabir**, are the recipients of the Lela Winegarner Fellowships from the graduate school at Illinois State. The fellowship is awarded to promising international students who are pursuing careers of service to their



Michelle Suhi presented at the 2014 Student Research Symposium.

country. **Kabir** also published eight commentaries on global politics in various web magazines including the *International Policy Digest*, the *National Interest*, and *Religion Dispatches*.

Cameron Boehning, a first-year graduate student in the Department of Politics and Government, attended the American Society of International Law Conference in early November 2014.

Nay Petrucelli, a graduate student of the department and Stevenson Center, completed a

four-week quantitative training at the University of Michigan's ICPSR Summer Institute.

In the wake of national attention to campus sexual assault, **Brooke Barnhart**, a political science major, participated in a panel discussion at the Sexual Assault Prevention and Education event in September at the Bone Student Center.

Ashley Hurley received the Crawford Book Scholarship.

Five students from the Department of Politics and Government presented their research at the 2014 Illinois State Research Symposium, held April 11, 2014, at the Bone Student Center: **Christine Andrelczyk** '11; **Jacqueline Howe** '14; **Ethan Nash**, senior; **Michelle Suhi** '14; and **Jayne Winner**, senior. Professor Michaelene Cox served as the faculty mentor for each student.

Jessie Garber '14 was featured on ISU's STATESide website for her children's book in progress, entitled *Madame President*. The book is designed to show girls that they can be something other than "princesses."

ALUMNI NEWS

Alana McGinty receives prestigious foreign affairs fellowship

Alana McGinty '10 was named a recipient of the 2014 Thomas R. Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship from the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation.

Administered by the U.S. Department of State by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, the Fellowships provide recipients with financial support towards a two-year, full-time master's degree program in a field related to international affairs and diplomacy. Fellows participate in one domestic and one overseas internship.



Alana McGinty

Upon the completion of their master's degree, they commit to five years of service as a Foreign Service Officer.

ISU alums win law school moot court and mock trial competitions

Jesse Guth and Nick Perrone, ISU Mock Trial

alumni, continue to successfully use their advocacy skills as law student competitors.

Northern Illinois University College of Law second-year law students Guth and Perrone won the 32nd annual Lenny B. Mandell Moot Court Competition. They argued their case to a panel composed of Illinois Supreme Court Justice Thomas Kilbride, U.S. District Judge James Holderman, and Barry Sullivan, Cooney & Conway chair in advocacy and professor at Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

Guth and Perrone were members of the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 ISU Mock Trial teams. Both were individual award winners when they competed for Illinois State.

Three alums make classroom presentations

Bill Diggins '94 talked to students in Professor Julian Westerhout's citizens and governance class about his job as chief of central investiga-



Nick Perrone, Jesse Guth

tion, Office of Inspector General, Department of Human Services, for the State of Illinois. Diggins emphasized that he learned critical thinking and analysis in political science classes more than anywhere else. He said those skills have been valuable for his ability to address current problems. He also stressed the importance of writing clearly, and addressed the value of internships as an opportunity to gain knowledge, experience, and connections.

Eric Elk, chief of staff for Republican Senator Mark Kirk, spoke to students in Professor Andrew Matthew's introduction to politics of Africa, Asia, and Latin America classes, and Professor Sherri Replogle's citizens and governance class about how his career was launched in politics, and how his ISU political science degree



Bill Diggins speaks to POL students.



Eric Elk speaking in Professor Replogle's lecture hall

HONORS/AWARDS

The annual Department of Politics and Government and Pi Sigma Alpha Awards Ceremony was held on April 22, 2014, in the Circus Room, Bone Student Center. The following students and faculty received recognition:

Pi Sigma Alpha inductees

Sean Baker	Kimberley Kleckler
Audrey Baricovich	Peter Kwon
James Califf	Brian Madden
Lindsey Cleys	Matthew Meyers
Larry Cisneros	Nicholas Mullins
Brian Comella	Stuart Palmer
Alexandra Corradetti	Elizabeth Pecora
Nicholas Cosentino	Chelsea Pokrzywinski
Torrence Davenport	Kyle Schackart
Shawna Davis	Travis Sherman
Mallie Feltner	Dawn Wagner
Sarah Grimaldi	Haley Westfall
Britny Hoag	Timothy Yuhasz
Dean Kamps	

Hibbert R. Roberts Outstanding Senior Award

Jaimie Kent

Alice Ebel Outstanding Graduating Senior Award

Jessica Garber
Michelle Suhi

Alice Ebel Award

Ashley Hurley
Taylor Richardson
Sierra Washington

Tom Wilson Internship Award

Andrew Lisowski
Matthew Meyers

Political Science Minority Student Scholarship

Assumpta Iheaso

Thomas More Scholarship in Political Theory

Brooke Barnhart

Frank M. and Hermina R. Giordano Scholarship Award

Larry Cisneros

Walter S.G. Kohn Award

Eric Girardi

George J. Gordon Scholarship in U.S. Public Affairs

Torrence Davenport
Molly Castelvocchi

John P. Freese Scholarship Award

Michael Stern

helped prepare him for what was to come. Elk began with a summer internship assisting a legislator in running his office. Elk advised students, regardless of their majors, to be savvy consumers of multiple sources of information.

Lieutenant Colonel James Keith '87, MA '10, director of community impact of United Way Decatur/Macon County, addressed students in Professor Nancy Lind's problems of public administration class on Tuesday, Sept. 30. Keith explained how his graduate education in public service prepared him for his job, and then addressed the planning and decision-making processes in the business, nonprofit, and public sectors.



Lieutenant Colonel James Keith

Homecoming 2014

The department hosted distinguished alumni and their guests on Alumni Day, Oct. 3, to celebrate Homecoming. Jane Craddock Ryan '82 and Frank McCune '94 visited the department, met with CAS Dean Gregory Simpson and joined other distinguished alumni at a special university-sponsored lunch. McCune, the government affairs representative for APS, Arizona's largest energy provider, spoke to the students of Lori Riverstone-Newell's U.S. state and local government class. Ryan, who concentrates her



Left to right, T.Y. Wang, Brandon Jernigan, Nancy Lind, Frank McCune, Ali Riaz, Jane Craddock Ryan, Tom McClure, Lori Riverstone-Newell, Kam Shapiro

legal practice in guardianship, probate, trust and estate-related litigation, and adoptions, met faculty at the department and recalled her student days. Referring to her journey to the legal profession, she underscored that the department's minor in legal studies made her interested in the legal profession and prepared her to go to law school.

At the Alumni Day Luncheon, Ashley Donahue, a political science senior, paid tribute to alums on behalf of the university; the title of her presentation was "From Then to Now: A Special Thank You."



Ashley Donahue, POL major

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Millie Koppean

Alice Ebel Graduate Award

Renee Petrucelli

Ashley Toenjes

Graduate Student Civic Engagement Award

Matthew Tomlin

Outstanding Graduate Student Award

Varun Sanadhya

Outstanding Graduate Student Service Award

Michael Schumacher

Pi Sigma Alpha Excellence in Teaching Award

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Thomas McClure

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