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Chair's remarks

BY ALI RIAZ

Despite being in an economically difficult time, the department has thrived in the past year thanks to our dedicated faculty, staff, and students. They remain committed to excellent teaching, cutting-edge research, and engaged service to the community and the discipline.

The college-wide recognition of Lane Crothers for service and scholarship, the university-wide recognition of Shamira Gelbman for innovative teaching, and the community-wide recognition of Bob Bradley for civic engagement are testimonies to our continuous endeavors to achieve high standards. Nancy Lind, Erik Rankin, and Ken Panfilio's teaching received recognition from the students. The number of books and articles published by the faculty has increased as has their participation in national and international conferences. Faculty members have been asked by national and international media to share their thoughts and analysis regularly, and they have participated in community service projects.

Our students have followed suit. Andrea Silva won the University's highest award for her thesis. This is the second time in a row that one of our students has won that award. Our students also participated in conferences on issues of international importance, lobbied at the nation's capital, and initiated relief efforts for Haiti.

Our alums continue to make us proud as they achieve success in their careers. We highlighted some of our alums in this issue who shared their stories on how Illinois State and the department helped them achieve their goals. There are many stories like theirs, and we are glad that they remained connected to the department. I invite all of our alums to contact us.

While we reflect on the previous year and treasure past successes, we are not complacent; instead we are working for better years ahead. Please join us in this journey.

Alumni walk different career paths

BY SEAN KELLY

During her senior year **Rachel Toft '01** wasn't sure what she wanted to do. While working on her degree in political science, she'd been to the 2000 Democratic National Conventional and Model United Nations conference, just two of the activities that made deciding on a career path difficult.

"There's a lot of exposure to a lot of opportunities," Toft said.

Illinois State University's Web site lists more than 90 potential careers for a political science major with alumni working in the legal field, government, nonprofits, international public and private organizations, education, and the private sector. Alumni include White House advisers, ambassadors, judges, social workers, university faculty, administrators, historians, and agents for the Central Intelligence Agency.

After opening her eyes to the possibilities available, Illinois State also helped Toft make the decision on which career was right for her. In her political theories of nonviolence class, she was inspired to become a lawyer by the work of Mohandas Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. because "they were working within the system to change the system."

She specializes in family law and adoption, an area that touches on her childhood experiences. Toft's parents have long been involved with the Department of Children and Family Services and foster care. Growing up with foster siblings gave Toft the desire to work with children.

"I think it's pretty special and lucky that I got a chance to do what I set out to do," she said.

Another political science alum took a different path.

Brian Bernardoni '91 lobbies for the Chicago Association of Realtors. He cannot imagine doing his job without the foundation laid for him at Illinois State.



Brian Bernardoni '91

"I've used almost every aspect of my coursework," he said. "Not a budget cycle goes by without me using a skill I gained from Nancy Lind. Not a persuasion document I craft is without the influence in tone and style of what I learned from [George] Gordon and [Alan] Monroe. No analysis of Congress that I share with the members I represent is shared or presented without the influence of [Frederick] Roberts."

Just as helpful as what he learned in the classroom were the opportunities provided outside of the classroom. Bernardoni was active in numerous student groups.

"It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience," the lobbyist said. "It allowed for a kid from the southwest side of Chicago to become a student body vice president, a fraternity president, and a graduate senator in the Academic Senate and to get a world-class education. What a blessing."

Bernardoni returned as a graduate student. He left in 1996, just short of his thesis in order to work with President Bill Clinton's re-election campaign. Fourteen years later, Bernardoni feels Illinois State has only improved thanks to the work of people like President Al Bowman.



Rachel Toft '01

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Denis Thornton

My wife Carol (a Distinguished Professor in the math department) and I retired together at the conclusion of the 2002–2003 academic year. After having taught for more than 20 years off and on at Illinois State and serving a stint as undergraduate advisor, it was now time for something completely different. So I started gardening in earnest. The garden now includes several water gardens, a bog garden (perhaps the only palm growing outside year-round in Normal), and above all, very little grass. Winters are spent looking at catalogs and spending time in the greenhouse we constructed after retirement. Our daughters, Stephanie and Jennifer, moved out to New Mexico about the same time we retired and we have gotten into a pattern of traveling out that way twice a year as they remain out west with their husbands. Since I come from the West Coast originally, that has not proven to be a hardship, and we now know I-40 quite intimately. There are two really cool rest stops on I-40 in the Texas panhandle that we can recommend without reservation to those who pass by.



Carol and Denis Thornton

More recently, I have taken up the guitar again after a lapse of some 35 years or so, following a fortunate stay in a motel in Santa Monica opposite McCabe's music store (West Coast musicians will need to know nothing more). An innocent "let's just see what they have, it has been 30 years since I was there" resulted in the purchase of a Taylor 12-string guitar—a beautiful instrument by the way. I enjoy playing with a brother-in-law in St. Louis and a good friend here in Normal, both of whom fulfill an excellent rule of thumb for aspiring musicians: play with people better than you, but not so much better that they get really bored and wander off in search of greener pastures. They enjoy quite different types of music, which has proven to be very educational to me as I missed out on a lot of music from the 60s and earlier due to general snobbishness on my part.

We had expected to travel a lot after retirement, but the trips out west had taken the travel wind out of our sails until recently. In February, we and our daughters shall reprise a trip we took to Australia in the 1980s, revisiting places Stephanie and Jennifer have few memories of and that we remember fondly. Given Stephanie's interest in art and Jennifer's career in archeology, we expect to find enough to occupy them along with the kangaroos and emus. Plus, Australia has many unique plants and Cole Clark guitars. We shall miss a Midwestern February.

Alumni walk different career paths, continued from page 1

"Al Bowman is one hell of a guy," he said. "He's brought more value to my degree." Fellow political science graduate **Ryan Whitehouse '06** echoes Bernardoni's admiration for the growth of the University.

"Illinois State is a top-notch university," Whitehouse said. "It really has spoken a lot to the vision and the leaders there at Illinois State University."

Whitehouse works for the McLean County Chamber of Commerce as director of government and public affairs. He described his position as the voice between the business sector and the government sector. He said the communication skills he picked up from the University have been indispensable in his job.



Ryan Whitehouse '06

From his time working with business and government, he has found employers share his respect for Illinois State University and its alumni, believing graduates are well-prepared to launch their careers.

Whitehouse feels the mix of size and one-on-one attention is what makes the University so strong. It is large enough to provide outstanding opportunities and yet students are given the individual attention they need to thrive.

Mike Miller '05 served four years of active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps before attending Illinois State. He was able to fuse the military with his education and later his career. While in school, he was in the reserves. During breaks, he'd travel to Washington, D.C., and work as a liaison between the Marine Corps and U.S. Congress. He credits this experience with getting him interested in politics. After graduation he went back to Washington, D.C., to work in legislative affairs for the U.S. Navy. He's now a public affairs spokesman for the Great Lakes Naval Station in Great Lakes.



Mike Miller '05

Miller said his professors' diversity of experiences and expertise helped him enormously.

"There's so much you can really take away from college if you want to," he said.

Alumni Survey slated for April 16–May 31, 2010

Attention: Graduates of the Classes of 2005 and 2009

In April 2010 you will receive a letter from President Al Bowman inviting you to participate in the Annual Alumni Survey. The information that you provide to the University through this survey is used to help continue improving the educational experience at Illinois State. The invitation letter will provide you with a URL, ID and password to complete the online survey. The survey should take 10–15 minutes to complete and those who participate will be eligible for a chance to win a Homecoming 2010 package including a hotel stay, football tickets, and access to exclusive events. So mark your calendars—April 2010 Complete Illinois State Alumni Survey!

NEWS FROM THE DEPARTMENT...

New faculty—Yusuf Sarfati

Yusuf Sarfati joins the Illinois State University faculty as an assistant professor. Sarfati, who is originally from Istanbul, Turkey, received his Ph.D. in political science from The Ohio State University. His teaching and research interests include comparative politics, politics of the Middle East, religious parties, and theories of democracy. He is fluent in Turkish, his native language, and is an advanced speaker of Hebrew and German. Sarfati's papers, publications, and presentations focus on the relationship between religion and politics. In his free time, Sarfati enjoys watching movies, playing soccer, and traveling.



Ira Schoenwald retires

Ira Schoenwald, associate vice president of human resources, retired October 1, 2009, after five years of service at Illinois State University. Schoenwald, also a professor in the Department of Politics and Government, taught a number of courses that were well-received by students.



ABA reviews Paralegal Studies Program

BY THOMAS MCCLURE

In January the American Bar Association sent a site team to campus to review the paralegal studies program for ABA approval. The team was comprised of Janis Walter, the paralegal studies program coordinator at the University of Cincinnati, and Laura Botkin-Karp,



The ABA team visits the politics and government department. From left to right, Ali Riaz, Laura Botkin-Karp, Janis Walter, Thomas McClure, and William Dority.

a Chicago paralegal. William Dority, an Illinois State graduate and ABA staff member, also participated in the site visit.

Illinois State completed the first step of the approval process in August 2008 when the legal studies program submitted a 300-page report to the ABA. The report was updated in January 2010 with a 200-page supplement.

The ABA site team met with President Al Bowman, Executive Associate Dean Sam Catanzaro, and Department Chair Ali Riaz during its three day visit. The team also conducted forums with the legal studies faculty, the Illinois State Paralegal Advisory Committee, students, and graduates. Moreover, the ABA closely reviewed records and other documentation concerning the program.

The legal studies program came into existence in 1975. Tom McClure has served as the program director since August 2007. He and eight adjunct faculty members instruct the courses. Between 50 and 60 students participate in legal studies, while 15 to 20 students complete the program each year.

The site team will present a written report to the ABA's Approval Commission. The Approval Commission's recommendation on the report will be referred to the Standing Committee on Paralegal Education, and then forwarded to the ABA House of Delegates for action in August 2010.

Politics and Government hosts 17th annual student conference

The 17th Annual Illinois State University Conference for Students of Political Science was held at the Bone Student Center on March 20, 2009. The event, organized by the Department of Politics and Government, provided an opportunity for more than 50 graduate and undergraduate students from throughout the country to participate. These political science students participated in 12 panels on a variety of topics, including United States foreign policy, Muslim societies and politics, and transnational migration. The best papers for graduate and undergraduate students were selected by a panel of faculty and students for conference awards and publication in the fall issue of the department's online student journal, *Critique*. Gary Klass has been the key organizer of this event for many years.

Stephen Kinzer, visiting professor of military studies from Northwestern University, delivered the keynote address,

"President Obama Faces the World."

Kinzer served as a foreign correspondent for *The New York Times* and is author of several best-selling books, including *Overthrow* and *A Thousand Hills: Rwanda's Rebirth and the Man Who*



Stephen Kinzer

Dreamed It. He argued that past United States military interventions led to the current dilemmas in Afghanistan and Iran faced by the Obama administration and that the interlocking interests between Iran and the United States provide the basis for a broad framework of cooperation with Tehran.

Student papers for the most recent student conferences are available at PoliticsAndGovernment.ilstu.edu/conference. The 2010 conference is scheduled to be held on April 23, 2010.

Become a fan of the Department of Politics and Government on Facebook—a place for alumni and current students to post on our wall about jobs and events, and share photos!

Martin Luther King III visits campus

Martin Luther King III called upon the students of Illinois State University to be engaged in politics



Martin Luther King III speaks with, from left to right, Erik Rankin, Ali Riaz, and Robert Bradley after the classroom presentation.

so that the voices of the younger generation are heard. Speaking to the students of the Department of Politics and Government on January 22, King said that the students should strive to promote a broader range of human rights and not necessarily just racial equality.

"I don't think we do enough community service and helping each other out," King said. "I think that is what my father would be promoting if he were alive today." Martin Luther King III, the oldest son of Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King, was visiting the campus to deliver the keynote lecture at Illinois State's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dinner. Before the dinner, he delivered a lecture to the students organized by the Department of Politics and Government. Introducing the speaker, Department Chair Ali Riaz said that Martin Luther King III is not only a civil rights activist and politician of the United States; he is known internationally as an inspiring speaker who draws our attention to the importance of nonviolence in global conflict resolution.



Martin Luther King III speaks to students during the classroom presentation

King said the fact that America elected a black president doesn't mean that his father's work for civil rights is complete.

College newsletter

The college publishes a weekly electronic newsletter, CASNews. It shares the latest achievements of faculty, staff, students, and alumni. If you would like to receive the newsletter electronically, send an e-mail message to casnews@IllinoisState.edu.

Public service internship program

BY LORI RIVERSTONE-NEWELL

This was a great year for the department's public service internship program. Thirty-five students completed internships in 2009, performing more than 7,000 hours of service across Illinois. Our 2009 interns were active in several mayoral and local campaigns, as well as additional placements with the American Red Cross, the Town of Normal, Illinois State University's Green Team, Department of Human Resources, and Office of Community Rights and Responsibilities. Summer placements included three congressional offices, the offices of the McLean County State's Attorney and Public Defender, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, the Town of Normal, and several others.

In an effort to strengthen and expand the internship program, the department conducted a direct mail campaign reaching out to more than 400 nonprofit organizations across the state, leading to more than 50 new internship opportunities. Immediate plans for further improvement include a professional development course that will teach students valuable career-building skills and link them with the Illinois State Career Center and other Illinois State services.

Department reinstates brown bag seminar

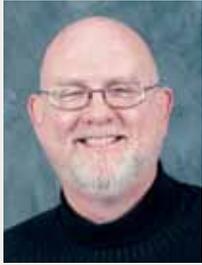
The department has reinstated a tradition of holding brown bag seminars to discuss faculty research. Lane Crothers took the initiative in spring 2009 to re-establish the seminar series. In the past year, six faculty members have made presentations. At the launch of the series, Crothers said that these sessions are intended to allow the faculty to exchange ideas on the projects they are working on. Lori Riverstone-Newell, who made the first presentation of the series in March 2009, commented on her experience by saying, "The inputs of colleagues were helpful and opened up new avenues of study and thought. I am more excited than ever about my project." Riverstone-Newell's presentation was titled, "Non-Cooperation Policies as Symbolic Action: Activist Local Governments Engage in Civil Disobedience." Other 2009 presentations included: Amentahru Wahlrab's chapter of his dissertation in progress titled, "Defeat Terrorism with Nonviolence;" Gary Klass' presentation based on his new book on research methods titled, "Just Plain Data Analysis;" Shamira Gelbman's presentation on her research titled, "Revisiting the Determinants of Social Movement Success: The Case of the Afrikaner Nationalist Movement;" and Anthony DiMaggio's presentation on his research titled, "Withdrawal Pains: Iraq and the Politics of Media Deference." Professor Crothers kicked off the 2010 spring semester with a discussion of his paper titled, "Get Off My Plane!," which looks at depictions of U.S. presidents in popular films.



Faculty members discuss research during the recently reinstated brown bag seminar.

NEWS FROM THE FACULTY...

Faculty honored for teaching, service



Lane Crothers

Lane Crothers received the 2009 College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Service Award for his service to the college and to the University. Since his arrival in 1994, Crothers has served in many different capacities at the University, college, and department level. At the University level, he has served most notably as chair of the Academic Senate, university representative to the Faculty Advisory Council of the IBHE, and cochair of the Council of Illinois University Senates. He has served on the CFSC at the college level and on the DFSC, search committees, and Chair Evaluation Committee at the department level. He has been involved in student

affairs, advising the Habitat for Humanity chapter, and Law Club. Crothers has also been named the Arts and Sciences Lecturer for the 2011 spring semester.

Shamira Gelbman has been awarded the University Teaching Initiative Award. The Teaching Initiative Award is given to assistant professors who have shown considerable promise in teaching early in their academic careers. Gelbman was formally recognized at the Illinois State University Teaching and Learning Symposium on January 6, 2010, and at the Founders Day Convocation on February 18, 2010.



Shamira Gelbman

Three department faculty members—Nancy Lind, Erik Rankin, and Ken Panfilio—received the Outstanding Professor Award from the Panhellenic Student Association. The award ceremony was held on October 20, 2009, at the Bone Student Center. There were 12 awards of this kind given out to university faculty by the student group, and the department faculty is proud to have received a quarter of the awards.

Faculty in the media

A number of department faculty members were interviewed by local, national, and international media in the past year. Some of the faculty now provide regular commentary in media. Robert Bradley provides political commentary on WJBC-AM with R.C. McBride every other Thursday from 3:40–4 p.m. The segment is titled “All Things Political.”

Bradley describes the show as a discussion format “focusing on contemporary local, state, and national political topics of interest. Discussion on a chosen topic makes it relevant to the people of central Illinois.”

Lane Crothers’ political commentaries are broadcast by WGLT. On January 29, 2010, Crothers provided his analysis of the Illinois Governor’s race. He discussed challenges the Democratic Party faces after their defeat in the Massachusetts senatorial race in an interview on January 22, 2010. He discussed the second edition of his book, *Globalization and American Popular Culture*, on September 24, 2009.

Instructional assistant professor Anthony DiMaggio was interviewed on Al Jazeera English Television, *Al Jazeera Live with Riz Khan* on September 28, 2009. The topic of discussion was titled “Coverage on Iran’s Missile Tests and its Nuclear Program,” and dealt with the U.S. dispute with Iran about Iran’s alleged development of nuclear weapons and the U.S. response. DiMaggio was also interviewed on Chicago’s WCEV 1450 AM, Radio Islam with Imran Husain on December 16, 2009.

Ali Riaz was regularly interviewed by the BBC World Service Bengali service on South Asian and U.S. politics. He was interviewed by the Voice of America Bengali service on the Afghan situation on November 2, 2009; on President Obama’s foreign policy on September 23, 2009; and on U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s visit to Asia on July 22, 2009. He was quoted by *Time* on November 20, 2009. The leading English newspaper in Bangladesh, *Daily Star*, published an interview with Riaz on January 12, 2010, on his edited volume on religion and politics in South Asia.

Hibbert R. Roberts Lecture

Jackie Smith, associate professor of sociology and peace studies at the University of Notre Dame, delivered “The Past, Present, and Future of Global Justice

Activism” at the Hibbert R. Roberts Lecture in Public Policy on September 24, 2009. Sam Catanzaro, executive associate dean of College of Arts and Sciences, made brief remarks before Smith’s presentation.

The event was supported by the Alice and Fannie Fell Trust Fund.



Jackie Smith

Smith’s research examines how global economic and political changes affect transnational organization and politics. She is the author of *Social Movements for Global Democracy* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2008), and a forthcoming book, *Social Movements for Global Change: Transnational Organizations from Decolonization through the Neoliberal Era* (coauthored with Dawn Wiest of the Russell Sage Foundation).

In her presentation, Smith compared two perspectives on globalization: the mainstream view and an alternative, more skeptical view of the current direction of globalization. The latter view represents a vision of globalization that is based on cosmopolitan ideas about justice and human rights, a vision that is being promoted by the global justice movement. She then traced the origins of this movement, which dates back to the 1960s and 1970s, highlighting the key events, trends, and developments of the past four decades that have helped shape the contemporary global justice movement and explained how they can inform our study and understanding of that movement.

The department annually organizes the Hibbert R. Roberts Lecture in memory of Roberts, who led the department for 22 years. The lecture brings in a leading academic or an activist to speak about his/her work.

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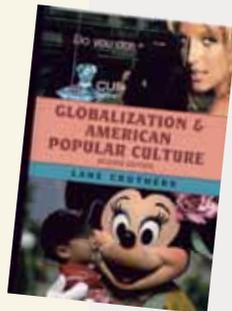
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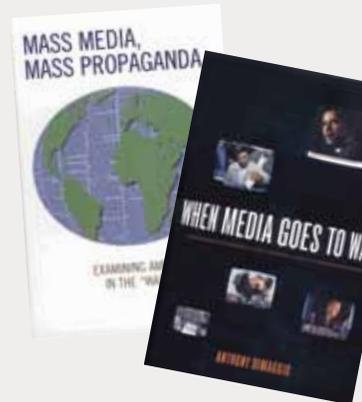
Books in print

Noha Shawki and Michaelene Cox, assistant professors in the Department of Politics and Government, coedited *Negotiating Sovereignty and Human Rights: Actors and Issues in Contemporary Human Rights Politics*. The book explores the relationship between sovereignty and human rights in the post-Cold War era. Its publisher, Ashgate, UK, notes that it offers “a direct challenge to entrenched notions of state sovereignty and represents a departure from established ways of policy making.” Both Shawki and Cox are the authors of chapters in the book. Shawki’s chapter is titled, “A New Actor in Human Rights Politics? Transgovernmental Networks of National Human Rights Institutions.” Cox’s chapter is titled “Viewing the Millennium Development Goals through Prisms of IR Theory: An Intersection of Human Rights and State Interests.” Other chapters in the volume explore a variety of human rights issues, including truth commissions, the small arms crisis, humanitarian intervention, and the International Criminal Court.

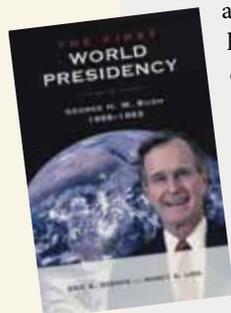


Lane Crothers published the revised and updated second edition of his book *Globalization and American Popular Culture*. Published by Rowman and Littlefield, the first edition debuted in 2006. *Globalization and American Popular Culture* examines the intersections between American popular cultural products such as movies, music, television programs, fast food, sports, and even clothing styles and the broad economic, political, and cultural changes that define modern globalization. The first edition received excellent reviews. Paula McClain of Duke University describes this book as a “must read.”

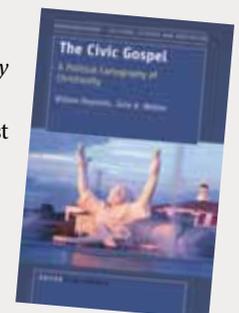
Anthony DiMaggio, instructional assistant professor in the department, published *When Media Goes to War: Hegemonic Discourse, Public Opinion, and the Limits of Dissent*, Monthly Review Press, February 2010. “DiMaggio uses the war in Iraq and the American confrontations with Iran as touchstones to probe the sometimes fine line between news and propaganda,” notes the publisher. DiMaggio also published *Mass Media, Mass Propaganda: Examining American News in the “War on Terror,”* with Lexington Books. The book examines how the mainstream American media reacts to pro-war and anti-war themes throughout the War on Terror in regards to the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.



Nancy Lind published a book titled, *The First World Presidency: George H.W. Bush*. The book is coauthored with Eric Otenyo of Northern Arizona University and published by Teneo Press. “The authors pose that if the Reagan presidency created conditions for the collapse of widespread Communism, then the succeeding George H. W. Bush administration was the first real world presidency. For the first time in recent world history, the president of a single country was presented with an unprecedented opportunity to shape world politics. This book examines the president’s role and the outcomes of his leadership and provides a helpful description of the context in which President Bush became a world leader, as well as specific references to his leadership in major regions of the world,” notes the publisher.



Julie Webber published *The Civic Gospel; a Political Cartography of Christianity* (coauthored with William Reynolds). The book reflects on recent political shifts toward religion in the Midwest and the South. The book is part of the Transgressions series produced by Sense Publishers, which makes books available free of charge and online to institutions in developing countries as identified by the World Bank.



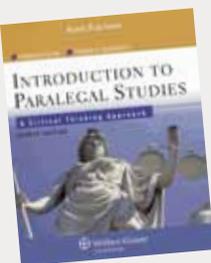
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Ali Riaz published *(Re)Reading Taslima Nasrin: Contexts, Contents and Constructions*, an edited volume on Bangladeshi feminist author Taslima Nasrin. Nasrin is one of the most controversial authors to emerge from South Asia in recent decades. She has been exiled twice—first from her home country, Bangladesh, in 1994 and then from her adopted home, India, in 2008. The articles of this edited volume give importance to the content of Nasrin’s work, but also to the contexts in which her poems, novels, short stories, and newspaper columns were written. Riaz’s chapter in the volume is titled “Constructing Outraged Communities and State Responses: The Taslima Nasrin Saga in 1994 and 2007.” The book is published by Shrabon Prokashani, Dhaka, Bangladesh.



Ali Riaz also published an edited volume with Routledge titled *Religion and Politics in South Asia*. The book presents a comprehensive analysis of the interaction of religion and politics in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. In addition to the introductory chapter titled “Three Arguments about the Nexus of Religion and Politics” Riaz contributed the chapter on Bangladesh. The title of the chapter is “the Politics of Islamization in Bangladesh.”

Professor Emeritus Tom Eimermann has recently coauthored the fourth edition of *Introduction to Paralegal Studies: A Critical Thinking Approach*. Published by Aspen Law and Business, the book introduces paralegal students to the law and legal concepts while providing them with practical information about what paralegals actually do in the legal system. It is widely used in introduction to paralegal studies and introduction to law courses in paralegal programs around the country.



Professor Emeritus Jamal R. Nassar published the second edition of *Globalization and Terrorism: The Migration of Dreams and Nightmares* with Rowman and Littlefield Publishers. The publisher notes that “the book focuses on the key case studies of Palestine and Northern Ireland. Nassar applies their lessons to other examples of conflict including Iraq, Afghanistan, the Congo, Chechnya, and Colombia in order to internationalize our understanding of how globalization and terrorism operate in a range of situations. This book considers globalization and terrorism not only from the perspective of the major powers, but also introduces the views of those dominated by forces beyond their control.”



Professors Emeritus Richard J. Payne and Jamal R. Nassar published the fourth edition of *Politics and Culture in the Developing World*. “The book examines the central political themes in the developing world and gives in-depth and current examples from Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East. *Politics and Culture in the Developing World* demonstrates how globalization accelerates change and increases interdependence between developing and developed countries,” notes the publisher, Longman.



Faculty scholarly activities

Robert Bradley, a Carnegie Scholar for political engagement, presented “Avoiding Bias in Teaching Political Engagement Courses in a Charged Election Cycle: Necessary or Effective?” and “Designing a Washington D.C. Political Engagement Experiential Program: Tips and Lessons Learned” at the 2009 American Democracy Project meeting in Baltimore.

Bradley also delivered a lecture titled “The Impact of Fear on Contemporary Political Dialogue” on February 18 at Milner Library. The presentation was a part of the Milner Library *Thoughts on Democracy* exhibition. Bradley examined the parallels that exist between Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s and Barack Obama’s warnings about fear in their addresses to the nation.

Lane Crothers presented “The Cultural Foundations of Internationalism and Isolationism in American Foreign Policy” to the Transatlantic Studies Association in Canterbury, England.

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 Debra Quick
 Dan and Diane Rector
 Jolene Reddy
 Jolene and Anji Reddy
 Scott Rendleman and Kirsten Lynch
 Ali Riaz
 Kurt Richardson
 Maryjane and Thomas Rippey
 Randy and Suzanne Risdon
 Janis Roberts and Thomas Durkin
 Brent Ryan
 David and Julie Sam
 Jackson and Dorie Sanderson
 Michelle and Scott Schieber
 Schwab Fund for Charitable Giving
 Esau Schwarz
 Richard Shumway
 William and Joyce Simpson
 Michael Souza
 Melanie and Duane Swank
 Laurie and Marc Tenzer
 James Thompson
 Mark and Nancy Thornton
 Rachael Toft and Scott Timmerman
 Tribler, Orpelt, and Meyer
 Heidi Voorhees and Edward Walchak
 Denise Vowell
 Steven and Karen Wagner
 Karen and Ronald Wall
 Valerie Walls
 Nicholas Wennerstrom and Natalie Neer
 Daniel Whitemiller
 Jane Williams
 Thomas and Kay Wilson
 Kimberly Wright
 Nickey Yates
 Antonette Zammuto
 Scott Ziegler

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The campus mediation project

Political science undergraduate and graduate students joined other students, faculty, and staff to earn a certificate in mediation skills. The workshop covered theory and practice of conflict resolution and mediation. The workshop was organized in conjunction with the peace and conflict resolution studies minor program and sponsored in part by the Department of Politics and Government. Trainers from Illinois State's Office of Community Rights and Responsibilities included Bobbi John and Anne Newman from the Dean of Students Office.

Student veterans go to Washington, D.C.

Two Illinois State University student veterans, Justin Thompson and Brock McIntosh, along with Illinois State alumnus Jacob Diliberto, travelled to Washington, D.C. the first week of November to speak to elected officials about President Barack Obama's pending decision on Afghanistan. The three were accompanied by Malalai Joya, Afghan parliamentary member, speaking out against any further troop escalation in Afghanistan. The group met with congressional and senate members and State Department officials on Capitol Hill and received an invitation to meet in the White House to express their reservations about the logic behind increasing U.S. troop presence in the country. They conveyed, based upon their experiences as combat infantry veterans in Iraq and Afghanistan, any troop escalation will have an opposite effect on security and lead to further levels of violent backlash and regional destabilization. The alternative that they proposed was a reduction of the military footprint in the region with a shift in focus to good global police efforts to root out and capture Al Qaeda operatives. Upon the completion of their meetings, the group expressed that their message was well received and largely agreed upon by elected officials. The reservations that members of Congress expressed were due to the pending decision in the White House and that the next step forward is hard to determine without a decision from the president.



Illinois State alumnus Jacob Diliberto, left, and two Illinois State student veterans, Justin Thompson, center, and Brock McIntosh, far right, met with Senator Roland W. Burris during their trip to Washington, D.C.

Faculty scholarly activities, continued from page 7

Gary Klass presented "Just Plain Data Analysis: Using Social Science Data to Make Sound Policy" as a post-conference seminar for the National Conference of the Bureau of Justice Research/Justice Research Statistics Association in St. Louis on October 24, 2009.

Thomas E. McClure published "Obama's First Judicial Nomination Does Not Reflect Change" in the Central Illinois Paralegal Association Connection. His presentations included "Duty of Confidentiality: What Can You Say?" at the Central Illinois Paralegal Association's annual educational seminar in Bloomington and "Domestic Violence Diversion Recidivism" at the Annual Conference for Paralegal Education in Portland, Oregon.

Carlos Parodi published an entry "Peru" in the Encyclopedia of Human Rights.

Ali Riaz published two book chapters, "NGOs, Empowerment and Social Capital: Lessons from the BRAC and the Grameen Bank," in *Recreating the Commons? NGOs in Bangladesh* (Dhaka: University Press Limited) and "Constructing Outraged Communities and State Responses: The Taslima Nasrin Saga in 1994 and 2007," in *Reading Taslima Nasrin: Context, Contents and Constructions* (Dhaka: Shrabon Prokashani). He also published two articles, "Bangladesh: 2008 Elections and Democracy," in *South Asia Journal* and "Interactions of 'Transnational' and 'Local' Islam in Bangladesh," in *Transnational Islam in South and Southeast Asia: Movements, Networks, and Conflict Dynamics*, in the *NBR Project Report* (Washington and Seattle: National Bureau of Asian Research, April 2009). His presentations include five invited lectures: at BRAC Center, Dhaka, Bangladesh, on January 8, 2010; at Dhaka University, Bangladesh on January 6, 2010; at Harvard University October 9–10, 2009; at Tufts University, Boston on May 2, 2009; and at the Singapore National University, Singapore on March 24, 2009.

Riaz made three conference presentations: "Security Challenges to a 'Weak State': Bangladesh as a Case Study" at the Workshop on Rethinking Security, Sovereignty and Justice for the International Political Science Association Research Committee in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on January 5, 2010; "Bangladesh Election 2008: The Results and the Implications" at the 38th Annual Conference on South Asia in Madison, Wisconsin, October 23–25, 2009; and "A Difficult Decision? Parental Choice of Qwami Madrassahs in Bangladesh" at the Conference on Ideas and Innovations for Bangladesh: The Next Decade at Harvard University, October 9–10, 2009. He was discussant on two panels, one at the International Political Science Association Research Committee workshop in Dhaka, Bangladesh, and the other at the Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies in Chicago in March 2009.

Lori Riverstone-Newell presented "The Impact of Symbolic Action: Local Government Refusal to Comply with State and Federal Laws" at the American Political Science Association conference September 3–6, 2009, in Toronto, Canada, and at the Midwest Political Science Association conference April 2–5, 2009, in Chicago.

Yusuf Sarfati chaired a panel titled "Geopolitics" at the annual meeting of the Middle East Studies Association in Boston, November 21–24, 2009.

Kam Shapiro published "Virtual Plurality and Polemical Synthesis: Carl Schmitt and the Staging of a People" as a chapter in *The Concept of the Public Realm* (Routledge) and in *Critical Review of International Social and Political Philosophy*. He also published a review, "Reviving Habit: Felix Ravaisson's Practical Metaphysics," in the journal, *Theory and Event*. Shapiro's presentations included: "Inorganic Bodies: Global Politics and Material Subjects" at the International Studies Association in New York, on February 16; "Walter Benjamin's Politeness: Between moral agreement and a conflict of interests" at the Western Political Science Association in Vancouver, British Columbia, on March 21, 2009; "Brief Habits for a Fast-Paced World" at the APSA in Toronto, Canada, on September 3, 2009; and "Critical Feelings and Pleasurable Associations" at the A Return to the Senses Conference at Trent University, Peterborough, Ontario, in May 2009.

T.Y. Wang published an article in refereed journal, *Issues and Studies*, and another in "Taiwan and the Global Economic Storm," Asia Program Special Report of Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. He made eight national and international presentations at such academic institutions as the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, the George Washington University, Hong Kong Baptist University, and University of Macau. Wang was also invited to Taiwan and China to conduct research and methodology workshops at their premier research institutions—Academic Sinica in Taipei, Taiwan, and Jilin University in Changchun, China. Wang is also the coeditor of the *Journal of Asian and African Studies*.

STUDENT NEWS AND ACTIVITIES...

Silva wins thesis competition

Andrea Silva received the 2009 Fisher Thesis Award for the best thesis in social sciences. Her thesis, "The Rise of a Neoliberal Immigration Paradigm in the United States," argues that the current U.S. immigration system is obsolete, first because of the inability of the visa system to accommodate the need of immigrant labor for the American economy, and second due to the systematic violation of human rights of undocumented migrants along the border and in government detention centers. Silva argues that under the neoliberal model, the government has opted for the privatization of the repression of undocumented workers as a way of reconciling the pressure from private companies for cheap, politically docile labor with the pressure from nationalist groups concerned with the "immigration crisis." The immigration detention system has become one of the most lucrative sectors of the American economy. As Silva states, "the goal of repression is to keep immigrants deportable." Members of the thesis committee were Carlos Parodi, Julie Webber, and Maura Toro-Morn. This is the second year that a department graduate student received the College Thesis Award. Mark Tallman received the College Award and the University Award in 2008. The 2009 award ceremony was held on November 30 at the Bone Student Center.



Andrea Silva

Marquez awarded scholarship

Adrian Marquez, a master's student in politics and government, was one of seven recipients of a 2009 University Club Scholarship. Marquez serves as director of operations for Ekkekko, a student organization that promotes microfinance in developing countries, and as a student leader in the Central Illinois Organizing Project's Latinos Unidos para Cambio working with government officials on immigration and other issues that affect our community. Marquez will use the scholarship money to return to Peru with Carlos Parodi and reconnect with individuals and organizations that inspired him last summer.

The University Club awards are made annually as an ongoing part of the Illinois State University Club scholarship program. The University Club is a social and philanthropic campus group for Illinois State faculty and staff that provides an opportunity to learn about the University and the surrounding community.



Adrian Marquez

Boban attends anti-genocide conference in Washington D.C.

Jamie Boban, a graduate student of the department, attended Pledge2Protect, an anti-genocide conference in Washington, D.C. in November. The conference was sponsored by the Genocide Intervention Network, STAND, the Save Darfur Coalition, and the Enough Project. The event brought together 1,000 student activists from around the country to raise awareness of global mass atrocities and to strengthen the anti-genocide movement. The conference was comprised of several educational panels highlighting the current conflicts in Sudan, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Burma.

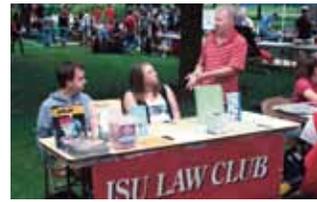
Guest speakers of the conference included John Prendergast, author and activist; Carl Wilkens, who was the only American to remain in Rwanda during the genocide; Jerry Fowler, founder of the Save Darfur Coalition; Oscar Morales, founder of One Million Voices Against FARC; representatives of the United Nations; and several other notable figures. Some of the breakout sessions addressed the effectiveness of the International Criminal Court, the United Nations peacekeeping mission in the DRC (MONUC), recommendations

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Law Club

BY BOB BRADLEY

Corine Weiler and Brandon Robertson serve as the copresidents of Law Club. This year Law Club assisted in running the Pre-law Student Conference and planned the annual Chicago Law School tour. Last year's tour had the highest student attendance to date. The culmination of the tour was a reception at a restaurant on Michigan Avenue, where pre-law students were able to socialize with alumni who have become attorneys and judges in the Chicago area. The club is planning numerous speakers and events for the upcoming year. Bob Bradley is the advisor of Law Club.



Bob Bradley talks with Law Club students at Festival ISU

Pre-law Student Conference

BY BOB BRADLEY

The fourth annual Illinois State University Pre-law Student Conference was held in September and jointly sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences and the Illinois State University Law Club. Students attended three sessions including, "LSAT 101: An Introduction," done by conference organizer Bob Bradley; "The Reality of Law School," where three law school students discussed their experiences; and "Getting into Law School," where three law school admissions directors gave hints about successful applications. After the sessions there was a law school fair where representatives from law schools in Illinois, Missouri, Wisconsin, and Indiana met with students. There was also a Kaplan representative at the fair. More law schools were represented at this fair than ever before.

Pre-law Advisement Center

The Pre-law Advisement Center continues to be a source of help for any student or alum who is interested in going to law school. The center has acquired more LSAT preparation materials, as well as more books on applying to law school and the nature of the practice so that pre-law students can get a more accurate sense of what lawyers do. The center continues to offer an LSAT preparation course during the fall and spring semesters. This semester four student volunteers are staffing the center. Bob Bradley continues to serve as the director.

Political science honors awards

The annual Department of Politics and Government and Pi Sigma Alpha Awards Ceremony was held on April 14, 2009, in the Circus Room, Bone Student Center. The following students and faculty received recognition

PI SIGMA ALPHA INDUCTEES

Jamie L. Boban	Ryan T. Locke
Jon Breitfuss	Alana C. McGinty
Silvia Castillo	Jennifer A. Nosaka
Shaun Conway	Megan Marie Olson
Rachel Darling	Sarah Phillippe
Jonathan Esp	Tom Ponce
Rachel L. Feser	Laura Simone
Jaime Hecker	Mary M. Souk
Jocelyn R. Heidelberg	Juan M. Vargas
Jason Hochstatter	Julie Wachtenheim
Phillip P. Lasseigne	Zachary Waldmeier
Michael Edward Lill	James C. Wright
Teresa R. Little	

CONFERENCE PAPER AWARDS

Undergraduate

First place

Ramya Sekaran
St. John's University

Second place

Ryan Cooper
University of Texas at Austin

Third place

Brenda Cheeks-Lucas
Purdue University Calumet

Graduate

First place

Martha King
St. Louis University

Second place

Fred F. Odisho
Northeastern Illinois University

Third place

John Hamilton
Eastern Illinois University

HIBBERT R. ROBERTS OUTSTANDING SENIOR

Tyler Clark

TOM WILSON INTERNSHIP AWARD

Gina Tucci

ALICE EBEL OUTSTANDING GRADUATING SENIOR

Jamie Boban

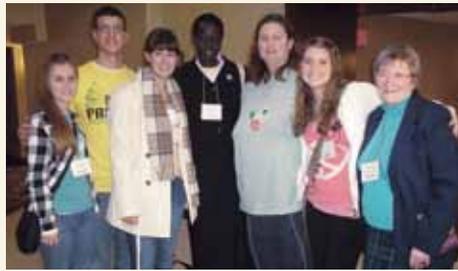
ALICE EBEL AWARD

Amanda Conley
Alexandra Hundley
Alana McGinty
Danica Taylor

POLITICAL SCIENCE MINORITY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Jennifer Nosaka

Jamie Boban, *continued from page 9*



Jamie Boban, *far left*, with Patricia Allen, *third from right*, and Sister Louise Nolta, *far right*, at the Pledge2Protect conference in Washington, D.C.

coming out of the Genocide Prevention Task Force report, building community coalitions, and successful lobbying skills.

The three day conference, held November 6–9, concluded with 800 students marching to Capitol Hill to lobby Congress to take a stance against genocide. Along with five other students from Illinois, Boban met with a representative from Senator Burris' office to advocate for national implementation of the Genocide Prevention Task Force report

recommendations. Boban described attending this conference as a great experience. "I was so happy to meet up with hundreds of students from around the country who share the same passion as I do," said Boban. "It provided me better direction, new ideas, and more motivation to continue my advocacy for the anti-genocide movement."

The Peru Project and the Maria Elena Moyano study abroad program

BY ADRIAN MARQUEZ

The Maria Elena Moyano study abroad program, "Democracy and Human Rights," celebrated its fourth annual trip to Peru on May 15, 2009. The program was led by Carlos Parodi from the Department of Politics and Government and Patrice Olsen from Illinois State's History Department. The program's mission is to educate students on the life and culture of Peru through a human rights perspective; learn about human rights principles and violations in Peru; contribute to the promotion, protection, and fulfillment of human rights projects by participating with local communities; and develop lasting relationships with the communities in which we live.

This year the program's itinerary had a face-lift to enhance the students' experience. Our first week in Peru included an intense seminar schedule that showcased university professors and community leaders involved in the various aspects of human rights, such as environmental degradation, ethnic discrimination, economic inequality, education, legal defense, and the role of the Catholic Church in the defense of human rights.

Our second week, we visited Amauta, a settlement on the outskirts of the capital city of Lima. In Amauta we taught classes at a local school, helped paint a mural, and learned about MANTHOC, an organization of young workers who join together to fight for fair wages, decent working conditions, and fair treatment in the workplace. One of our group members, Lauren Hansen, and her sorority held a fundraiser to help out the people of Peru, and she donated a stove for the school's kitchen with the money raised. Amauta's drastic problems are access to safe drinking water, electricity, and an adequate sewage system. The community also does not have paved roads or equal education.

We hiked our way up to Huaquicha, which is located about two hours from the capital city by car and then an additional two hour hike up the Andes. Huaquicha is a peasant community with different challenges than Amauta. For some children in Huaquicha, in order to get to school their journey may take as long as three hours, one way. Also, there is no road access to the community and everything must be carried up the trail. The community lacks access to safe drinking water, electricity, a sewage system, and infrastructure.



Peru study abroad program students with community members in the peasant community of Huaquicha after the completion of the community work

In our third week, we had the opportunity to visit the U.S. Embassy and speak to embassy officials regarding the role of the U.S. government in a variety of issues in Peru, including human rights. That same week we visited Villa El Salvador, a renowned borough of Lima that was at the heart of the human rights struggle during the 1970s. Today their struggle is no different. They still lack some of the basic services like garbage collection, and proper use of public land has become an important issue to community organizers. A highlight of the visit was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between Illinois State and the Universidad Nacional Tecnológica del Cono Sur (UNTECS). We were joined



Illinois State and UNTECS professors and authorities after signing the Memorandum of Understanding

by Joaquín Vila and T.Y. Wang. In Villa, we attended a theater production that was put on by a youth group telling the story of Peru's internal conflict. A circus performance was put on by a group of displaced people as a result of conflict in the Peruvian countryside and mountains.

In our final week, we travelled to Cuzco, the former capital of the Incan Empire. There we learned more about the wonders of this pre-Columbian civilization and visited historic sites. Most students were blown away by the sacred valley of the Incas, which included the city of Machu Picchu. In our final day in Cuzco, we spent a day with a Quechuan community on the outskirts of the city. We learned how they farm, cook, and produce various goods. This was everyone's favorite experience in the Andes.

The Maria Elena Moyano study abroad program attempts to teach students that we are agents of change. Most importantly it teaches us that we do not necessarily have to solve the problems of the world ourselves. Instead, we need to support others who may already have a solution but cannot execute it because they are denied their rights as individuals. This program is about the exchange of ideas and experiences so that we can learn from one another. Students walked away knowing that they had made an impact on the people of Peru and that the people of Peru had transformed them as well. The students also realized the significance of learning from other peoples' struggles against discrimination and inequality.

Politics and government students participate in Model UN

A group of 12 Illinois State University students led by faculty advisor Noha Shawki participated in the National Model United Nations (NMUN) conference in New York City, April 6–11, 2009. The students attending the conference were Jon Breitfuss, Jamie Boban, Joshua Cavazos, Jason Hochstatter, Yuna Kamiya, Blair Kelly, Stacey Krywaruczenko,



Model United Nations students with Noha Shawki, front center, at the United Nations Headquarters

Hanna Lundberg, Brian Maddox, Alana McGinty, Jennifer Nosaka, and Emily Sims.

The Illinois State delegation represented Bulgaria on six different committees: the General Assembly Plenary; the General Assembly First Committee (Disarmament and International Security); the General Assembly Second Committee (Economic and Financial); the General Assembly Third Committee

(Social, Humanitarian, and Cultural); the World Trade Organization; and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Students worked in teams of two and spent the spring semester researching Bulgaria's position on three economic, social, humanitarian, or security issues that were debated in the assigned committee at the Model U.N. Conference. These issues included a variety of global problems, such as United Nations reform, nuclear nonproliferation, the status of prison-

THOMAS MORE SCHOLARSHIP IN POLITICAL THEORY

Jennifer Dodson

FRANK M. AND HERMINA R. GIORDANO SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Justin Thompson

WALTER S.G. KOHN AWARD

Lauren Foerster

GEORGE J. GORDON SCHOLARSHIP IN U.S. PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Alexandra Hochhauser

FIELD AWARDS

Comparative government/international relations

Rachel Darling

American government

Kathryn Mendez

Public law

Emily Wittrig

Public administration

Teresa Little

OUTSTANDING LEGAL STUDIES STUDENT

Jennifer Skorzak

GRADUATE STUDENT SERVICE AWARD

Kara Bavery

OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENT AWARD

Andrea Silva

LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION

Michael Cross

Katherine Culbertson

Richard Dembinski

Lily Fahrenwald

Allison Graham

Allison Grosz

Benjamin Hansen

Rollin Horton

Blair Kelly

Jon Kindseth

Jacqueline Krug

David Marquis

Ted Mason

James McClister

Jonathan Moore

Jason Nippa

Chamberlain Oguchi

Donald Phelps

Stefanie Pipis

Scott Preston

Caroline Slawinska

Matthew Swearingen

Julie Wachtenheim

Viola Woolums

Erin Yancey

PI SIGMA ALPHA EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AWARD

Erik Rankin

HIBBERT R. ROBERTS TEACHING EXCELLENCE RECOGNITION AWARD

Robert Bradley

Mock trial team hosts tournament

The Illinois State University mock trial team hosted its annual tournament at the McLean County Law and Justice Center, November 13–15. This year the invitational was expanded from a previous 24 team event to include 28 teams. Illinois State won two individual awards at the tournament—Mike Ditore was honored with both the Outstanding Attorney and Outstanding Witness award. Tom McClure, educator coach of the team, commented, “It looks like we are going to have another successful season this year. Our students are focused on doing their best. They work well together. We’re proud of their accomplishments.”



Earlier this season, the Illinois State mock trial team competed at the Quincy University Invitational Tournament. Two Illinois State squads were among the 16 squads participating in the event. For the second year in a row, an Illinois State squad won the tournament. The team also garnered five individual awards. Outstanding Attorney awards went to Nick Carrescia, Mike Ditore, and Jenny Zang. Mike Ditore and T.J. Stout also won Outstanding Witness awards.

Illinois State alumnus and attorney coach Scott Kording said, “We are exceedingly proud of the dedicated students on our Illinois State University mock trial team. These students dedicate extraordinary amounts of their free time to preparing their performances, practicing among themselves, and engaging in intercollegiate competition against other schools across the country. Our mock trial team members are not only mastering trial advocacy techniques, but also representing Illinois State very well.”

In mock trial competition, students are given copies of court documents and witness statements from a hypothetical case. Team members then play the roles of lawyers and witnesses. Students playing the roles of lawyers are judged on the basis of their opening statements, closing arguments, and their direct and cross examinations of the witnesses. Students playing witness roles are judged on the basis of their command of the facts of the case and their credibility in the role.

The mock trial program was established at Illinois State in 1987 by Tom Eimmermann and James Knecht, Illinois appellate court judge. The program has provided more than 200 Illinois State students with the opportunity to develop an understanding of what an attorney does in court, develop their advocacy skills, and establish contacts that have helped build their careers.

Politics and Government students participate in Model UN, *continued from page 11*

ers of war, climate change economics, food price volatility, the promotion and protection of the rights of children in conflict, energy security, and trade facilitation. Students also studied the rules of procedure of the United Nations so they could effectively participate in the simulation. Since Bulgaria is now a member of the European Union, students also studied the EU foreign policy process. Participation in the Model U.N. program allowed students to gain public speaking experience and improve their research skills and knowledge of the United Nations.

Most of the committee sessions were held at the New York Marriott Marquis. Students had the opportunity to visit museums, parks, and other attractions in New York. A few students visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art in their free time. Another group of students visited the Ellis Island Immigration Museum.

A few committee sessions, as well as the opening and closing ceremonies of the NMUN conference were held at the U.N. Headquarters, which was a wonderful opportunity to simulate committee proceedings in the same locations where real proceedings are held. Finally, the Illinois State delegation attended a mission briefing at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Bulgaria to the United Nations.

The students who participated in the NMUN program had a wonderful experience. Alana McGinty wrote in her exit paper that “Model U.N. was an extremely rewarding, educational, and fun experience,” adding that she “loved getting to meet all of the international students and getting to talk to them about our cultures.” Jenny Nosaka wrote, “I had no idea I would learn so much in six days.”

For more information about the program contact Noha Shawki at nohashawki@ilstu.edu.



Model United Nations students in front of the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the United Nations

Pre-law awards banquet

The Illinois State Attorneys Advisory Board held its ninth annual pre-law awards banquet on April 25, 2009. Dale Righter, state senator and keynote speaker, discussed the impeachment of former Governor Rob Blagojevich.



Robert Bradley, Emily Wittrig, and Tom Eimmermann

This year’s recipient of the Tom Eimmermann Outstanding Pre-Law Student Award was Emily Wittrig, a senior political science major from Hopedale. Brandon Robertson, a senior psychology major from Dolton, received the Carl Kasten Pre-Law Leadership Award.



Michael Hall, Michael Ditore, Barry Tolchin, Alexander Turner, Michael Lill, and Scott Kording

Prior to handing out the mock trial awards, Tom Eimmermann announced that the Mock Trial Outstanding Attorney Award has been renamed for Michael A. Hall, an attorney and Illinois State alumnus, in honor of Hall’s many years of service to the Illinois State mock trial program. This year’s winner of that award was Michael Ditore, a junior political science major from Chicago. Michael Lill, a senior political science major from Lockport, received the Mock Trial Outstanding Witness Award. Alexander Turner, a senior political science major from Wheaton, received the Barry S. Tolchin

Mock Trial Leadership Award.

William Scanlon, trial court administrator at the McLean County Law and Justice Center, was presented with the Mock Trial Distinguished Service Award. This award is given to a nonteam member for service of time and dedication to the team. The Illinois State Attorneys Advisory Board is a group of more than 70 attorney alumni who support the University’s pre-law program through advising, mentoring, and providing financial support.

Students and professors return from Washington, D.C. civic engagement tour

From July 12–17, Bob Bradley, Erik Rankin, and eleven undergraduate students stayed on the campus of George Washington University as part of the Illinois State University Washington, D.C. civic engagement study tour. A highlight of the tour was the group's



The group meets Senators Richard Durbin and Roland Burris.

attendance of the Sotomayor confirmation hearings in the Hart Senate Office Building. The group was able to hear Judge Sotomayor questioned by Sens. Russ Feingold and Jon Kyl. Other features of the tour included attending a joint presentation by Illinois Sens. Richard Durbin and Roland Burris, going on a Capitol tour

jointly run by the staff of Illinois Reps. Debbie Halvorson and Timothy Johnson, visiting one of the most politically powerful law firms in Washington, D.C., touring the Newseum, meeting with Halvorson, hearing from nationally renowned political campaign strategists and fundraisers, and attending a Cubs-Nationals game with Illinois State alumni from the Washington, D.C. area. The group also visited Arlington Cemetery and went on an evening tour of the monuments conducted by the National Park Service. Every student agreed that the trip provided unique and invaluable learning opportunities.

Legal studies students inducted into national honor society

In August 2009 five legal studies graduates were inducted into Lambda Epsilon Chi (LEX). LEX is a prestigious national honor society that recognizes paralegal students who have exhibited academic excellence. In order to achieve this distinction, students must have an overall grade point average of at least 3.5. The graduates inducted are Jennifer Dodson, Monica Gutowski, Emily Hansen, Matthew Patterson, and Jennifer Skorak. All of these students maintained a legal studies grade point average of at least 3.88.

Illinois State student organizations come together



Haiti Relief-ISU began in the Politics and Government Department with a small group of students who wanted to create a student-led coalition of university organizations that would work together to assist in repairing the destruction of L'Université Quisqueya in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Haiti Relief-ISU will also work towards attaining scholarships to help bring students to Illinois State to complete their interrupted degree programs, as well as offer scholarships for Illinois State's Management Development International (MDI) program to Haitian students in a partnership to help rebuild damaged communities. The goal is to create a long-term, sustainable partnership with L'Université Quisqueya and to allow for an enduring and robust student exchange program to strengthen our university's ties and relationships with students and communities in Haiti.

Politics and Government graduate students Dan Thetford and Justin Thompson are acting copresidents of the newly formed organization. If you would like to learn more, search Haiti Relief-ISU on

Facebook or check out the list of RSOs at DeanOfStudents.ilstu.edu for more information or visit www.haitireliefisu.org.

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Charnogorsky and Freitag inducted into Hall of Fame



Jeffery Charnogorsky

Two Politics and Government alumni, Jeffery Charnogorsky '85 and Robert Freitag '84, have been inducted into College of Arts and Sciences Hall of Fame. Charnogorsky is the owner of Performance Enterprises, Inc. and Palm Tree Properties. He served as student body president while at Illinois State. He and his wife, Lisa, make their home in northern Illinois, and he is the father of three children—Meagan, Mark, and Alexis. The Charnogorskys also operate Racers Against Hunger, a charity that raises

funds for food pantries throughout the midwest, and Charnogorsky serves as vice president on the Board of Directors for LBD Enterprises, a food pantry serving southern Cook County.

Freitag, who also holds a J.D. from the University of Illinois College of Law, is a judge in the 11th Judicial Circuit in McLean County, Illinois. He and his wife Traci, whom he met at Illinois State, are the parents of two children—Robert and Andrea.

Both Charnogorsky and Freitag serve as members of the ISU Alumni Association Board of Directors. With Mark Bruker '85, Tom Pfeiff '83, and Larry Apfelbaum '83, they are the founders of the Redbird 5 Scholarship, which provides financial assistance to students in the College of Arts and Sciences.



Robert Freitag

Bloomington-Normal alumna finds success in community development



Veronica Howard-Aboyer

Peace Corps fellow Veronica Howard-Aboyer graduated from Illinois State in 2006 with a master's in political science. Howard-Aboyer now assists with coordinating local State Farm volunteer programs and contributions to non-profit organizations and schools.

Howard-Aboyer has held a variety of positions in public affairs since joining State Farm in May 2001. She managed partnerships supporting K-12 education. She also promoted financial literacy and development in African-

American communities. Howard-Aboyer served as a State Farm bank compliance specialist focusing on the Community Reinvestment Act.

The Department of Politics and Government and the Stevenson Center for Community and Economic Development welcomed Howard-Aboyer as a Peace Corps fellow in 2000. While on campus, she assisted the women and gender studies program and worked with the YWCA of McLean County.

Before attending Illinois State, Howard-Aboyer received her B.A. in English from Brockport State University in New York. Following graduation, she was a substitute teacher, diversity trainer, and hospital supervisor in her hometown of Rochester, New York. Howard-Aboyer

then went on to serve with the Peace Corps in Ghana, West Africa. Her work focused on water, sanitation, and health education.

Howard-Aboyer's volunteer experience includes Fairview Elementary School PTO, Central Illinois Chapter of the Links Inc, 4-H Club, Girls Scouts, Mid-Central Community Action, Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team-In-Training, and Big Brothers Big Sisters. She is a 2007 fellow of the National African American Women's Leadership Institute.

Howard-Aboyer believes in the tangible and intangible benefits of development. She returned to Ghana with her seven-year-old daughter in January 2010. She stated, "Positive changes have taken place politically and economically that support Ghana's overall stability and growth. With the discovery of oil, I believe Ghana has an even brighter future."

The Stevenson Center for Community and Economic Development is dedicated to public service and global understanding. The center supports three graduate programs: the applied community and economic development fellows program, the Peace Corps fellows/USA program, and the Peace Corps master's international program.

Alumni accomplishments

John Albers '94 graduated from University of Illinois' College of Law in 1997. After a short stint in private practice, Albers joined the Illinois Commerce Commission where he has served as an administrative law judge for the past 12 years.

Bradford Miller '01 married Gina (Grove) Miller on July 26, 2008. After working for three years at a smaller law firm, Miller started his own law firm, Miller Bammi LLC, in downtown Chicago.

Zachary Callen '01, M.S. '03, graduated in August 2009 from the University of Chicago with a Ph.D. in political science. Callen's concentration was American politics, and his dissertation examined how federalism impacted American rail planning during the antebellum era. In fall 2009, Callen started an appointment as an assistant professor at Carroll College in Helena, Montana. Over the next few months, Callen is looking forward to teaching his courses, turning his dissertation into published articles, and exploring the mountains.

Michael L. Dougherty, M.A. '03, is the Thomsen Wisconsin Distinguished Graduate Fellow in the Department of Community and Environmental Sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. After graduating from Illinois State University, Dougherty worked for three years in Guatemala as a development planning consultant, first with the Peace Corps and then independently. Dougherty was also the executive director of Wisconsin/Nicaragua Partners of the Americas before he enrolled at the University of Wisconsin to get his Ph.D. His dissertation, underwritten by the National Science Foundation and other sources, focuses on changing geographic patterns of mineral investment in Central America and the effect of this investment on state and society relations. Dougherty has published articles and book reviews in *Rural Sociology*, *Natural Resources Forum*, *The Journal of the Community Development Society*, *Global Studies Journal*, and others.

Barbara Figari '04 graduated with honors from the University of Minnesota Law School with a concentration in labor and employment law. Figari founded the Figari Law Firm in 2008 and has successfully represented numerous individuals in employment cases against some of the largest companies in the nation.

The department celebrates Homecoming

The Department of Politics and Government celebrated Homecoming 2009 on October 16 by inviting several distinguished alums to the department. The visiting alums included Sheila Canzoneri '93, Michael Miller '05, and Larry C. Williams, M.A. '79.

Canzoneri, senior attorney for the Healthcare business of Thomson Reuters, presented her own career path to faculty and students in a morning classroom lecture. She commented, "I received an A for a course during my first year in law school because the department prepared me for the challenge. The education I received from the department helped me immensely during my study in law school."

Miller, public affairs specialist for Naval Service Training Command at Naval Station Great Lakes, said that, "It was great to get back and see the department, as well as the University. I was very impressed with the department and what the future holds."

Williams, a well-established State Farm agent based in Chicago, attended the Foundation Board meeting to discuss various financial matters concerning the University.

Department Chair Ali Riaz thanked the alums for their support. "The department deeply appreciates the support of our alums, and events like this help us to remain close and express our gratitude to them," Riaz said.

1. Faculty members greet Alumni Day guests Sheila and Sam Canzoneri and Michael Miller. From left: Ali Riaz, Sam and Sheila Canzoneri, Michael Miller, Thomas Eimermann, and T.Y. Wang

2. Sheila Canzoneri spoke to faculty and students in Bob Bradley's class

3. From left, Ali Riaz with Alumni Day guests Larry C. Williams and Michael Miller



Michael Miller '05 is a public affairs specialist for Naval Service Training Command at Naval Station Great Lakes, which oversees the accessions training for the United States Navy. Miller is the public affairs coordinator for the Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) and Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC). He provides public affairs guidance and assistance to the 640 worldwide NJROTC units and 59 nationwide NROTC units.

Tim Johnson, M.A. '07, received a Fulbright grant to teach at Hacettepe University in Ankara for the 2007–2008 academic year. During that time, he designed and presented courses in composition, public speaking, American popular culture, American cultural geography, American political institutions, and America and war. Upon his return to the United States, Johnson taught high school social studies in the north Bronx. Johnson began a Ph.D. program in political science at the University of Oregon in fall 2009. He is working as a teaching assistant for the department.

Paula A. Silveira-Orlando, M.S. '07, works for TRACE International as a due diligence manager. TRACE International, located in Washington, D.C, is a nonprofit organization that is focused on anti-bribery and corruption in international business. TRACE provides several core services and products including due diligence reports on commercial intermediaries, model compliance policies, an online resource center with foreign local law summaries, in person and online anti-bribery training, and research on corporate best practices. Silveira-Orlando primarily manages a portfolio of Brazilian and other Portuguese-speaking companies and produces background research regarding their antibribery compliance efforts. She continues to publish on gender issues. Her newest publication is "In the Battle

Ground: HIV/AIDS and the Human Rights of Women in Zambia" in *Women: Role Transformation* (edited by K. Padmaja, Hyderabad, India: Amicus Books, 2008).

Tomas Ponce '08 has been accepted into Teach for America for the region of New Mexico. Teach for America's mission is to take highly qualified graduates who are motivated and have leadership experience and place them in high-need areas where students have a high dropout rate, resources are scarce, and testing puts students below the national averages. Ponce teaches in Gallup, New Mexico, with the majority of his students being Navajo. His assignment is to teach English to students in grades sixth through eighth, and his personal goal is to get the students on track or high in terms of their reading skills. Ponce is excited for this assignment and the chance to make a difference.

Call to alumni

The Department of Politics and Government is actively seeking to help our recent graduates find internships and professional careers. Many of you are now in positions to help us. If you have any opportunities for our graduating seniors or graduate students, please send the announcements to Lori Riverstone-Newell at lrivers@ilstu.edu. We appreciate any help you can give us as the job market is becoming increasingly tighter.

If you are interested in being invited back to campus as a distinguished alum, please send current vitae to T.Y. Wang at tywang@ilstu.edu.

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