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We gave out **\$27,437** in scholarships to more than **20** undergraduate students; funded travel for **17** students to attend conferences or present research; provided summer funding for **2** graduate students to work on their dissertations (and we leveraged this support to create **6** more positions in a matching program); created **4** summer graduate research assistantships and **23** semester undergraduate assistantships; and hosted or co-sponsored more than **50** academic lectures and professional development events in the department!

Your donation will let us do even more next year. To donate, please contact us at alumni@polsci.umass.edu or visit us Online at umass.edu/give.

POLITICS & INDIGENOUS ISSUES

Assistant Professor Angelica Bernal (far right), poses with Alec Hudson '13, Cliff Pierre '13, and Heather Cain '13 at the United Nation's (UN) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues at the UN Headquarters in New York. This trip is just one of the many opportunities made possible by generous donations to the department. "Attending the Forum was an experience that I surely will never forget," says Cain. "It furthered my understanding of the case studies that I had learned about in the class by showing real world examples of indigenous political issues." Professor Bernal agrees: "It's a once in a lifetime opportunity for these students."

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The graduate program said goodbye to its long-time manager this year. Join us in wishing Donna a happy retirement. Thank you for 28 great years!

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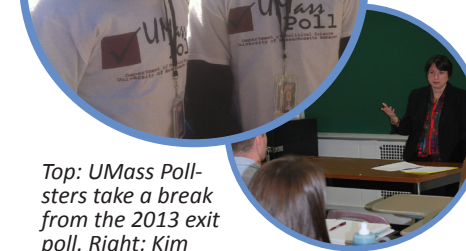
ELECTIONS & POLITICS

An election year is an exciting time in a Political Science department! The constant stream of political ads and mailers and the range of political, social, and economic issues they call attention to fuel many of our class discussions and allow our students to see political science in action.

Indeed, many of the big issues of the past year found their way into our curricula. We offered new classes on the tensions in the Middle East, the Affordable Care Act, political parties, the media, and corporate lobbying.

We also offered our biannual polling and survey class in conjunction with UMass Poll in which students were able to travel to polling stations around the state and conduct exit polls on Election Day. Students developed the questions

on the survey themselves and learned how to analyze and interpret the data collected. They also reported, in real-time, their findings so that we could update news outlets on the progression of the



Top: UMass Pollsters take a break from the 2013 exit poll. Right: Kim Gandy, VP & general counsel of the Feminist Majority Foundation and former president of the National Organization for Women speaks to a women in politics class.

'LIFE AFTER UMASS'

How much can you learn in 10 minutes? It turns out, quite a lot! Dozens of alumni returned to campus this year to provide career advice and participate in speed networking professional development events for our majors. Meet the Law featured lawyer alums, Leap into Politics featured elected officials, and Life After UMass showcased the range of career opportunities available to majors across the professional spectrum.

"The future is often a frightening idea to college students," says Nick Caezza '13. "But meeting successful alumni from our major alleviates at least a little bit of the anxiety ...it demonstrates that there truly are endless possibilities on the road to success!"



Stephen Anderson '74 speaks to students about legal careers (credit: John Solem)

election. You probably heard our findings on your local television station as you watched the results pour in!

The hands-on aspect of our polling class is just one way we tied political science to current affairs. We coordinated guest

lectures by alums, practitioners, and leading scholars from across the country. And we provided ample opportunities for students to explore current events through workshops and lectures ranging from "The Legacy of Hugo Chavez and the Future of the Bolivarian Revolution" after the death of Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez to "Health Care Reform and the Constitution" after the Supreme Court decision on the

Affordable Care Act.

The Political Science and Legal Studies community also came together outside of the classroom. Besides organizing our biennial election night party, we secured more than two hundred tickets so our students could witness the Massachusetts senatorial debate between Elizabeth Warren and Scott Brown in Springfield. Professors Brian Schaffner and Raymond La Raja were even tapped for the press briefing room after the debate.

Clearly, election years are very busy when you're in the field of politics. But we look forward to them every time!

TAHRIR SQUARE, WALL STREET, & HICKS WAY

This year, we saw the creation of a research group aimed at theorizing protests in locations around the world. Led by Professors Sonia Alvarez and Barbara Cruikshank, the group organized a multi-day research symposium, bringing to campus some of the leading scholars on protest and social movement. To join the discussion, visit blogs.umass.edu/protest.



Graduate students pose on top of Mt. Tom during a department hike.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

- Sonia Alvarez, Fulbright Scholar
- Bruce Desmarais, SAMSI Research Fellow and Institute for Social Science Research Scholar
- Edward Erikson, University Distinguished Teaching Award
- Jane Fountain, National Academy of Public Administration Fellow
- Rahsaan Maxwell, Institute for Social Science Research Scholar
- Lauren McCarthy, Kennan Institute Fellowship and Edwin S. Corwin Award for the best dissertation in the field of public law
- Alix Olson, Center for Research on Families Fellowship and University Distinguished Teaching Award

GERE SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWED

Thanks to a tremendous effort by alumnus Steve Etkin '81, we completed the endowment for our Gere Scholarship for State and Local Politics. This scholarship will not only provide needed financial aid to a deserving undergraduate, but will ensure Professor Emeritus Edwin Gere will remain a visible part of the Department and University. Thank you to all who donated!

GOLDMAN SCHOLARSHIP FOR PUBLIC LAW & JUDICIAL POLITICS

To honor Professor Sheldon Goldman for his nearly 50 years of teaching, service, and research in the Department and to celebrate his 2013 promotion to Distinguished Professor, the department launched the Sheldon Goldman Scholarship for Public Law and Judicial Politics -- a fitting award to celebrate one of the country's leading experts on federal judicial appointments! Our goal is to endow this scholarship and name a Goldman Scholar every year in perpetuity. Please consider donating today.



Ryan Webler '13, recipient of the 1st Goldman Scholarship, poses with Prof. Sheldon Goldman

DISCUSSING POLICY

"I've heard that you will not always remember what you learn in college, but instead will remember the people you meet," says Daniel Halloran '13. After being selected to attend the Student Conference on US Affairs (SCUSA) at West Point this November, that cliché is more applicable than ever.

"I will remember bunking in the barracks with three sophomores, listening to their crazy stories about their summer training," he says. "The fellow delegates, speakers, and moderators I met provided me with some of the most interesting and thought-provoking conversations I have ever had."

SCUSA is an annual conference which brings together civilian and military college students, professors, and other experts on US affairs to discuss a variety of political issues. This year's focus was assuring accountability and assessing American priorities in an age of austerity.

After discussions and research, all participants were asked to draft a policy proposal. "Proposals that come out of the conference have, in years past, made their way high up in the chain of command in the army and have been cited in Congress," Halloran notes. "One was even cited by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton."

Halloran's group tackled the issue of how civilians can hold the military more accountable. Although the discussions were diverse, "One thing I learned and which all other delegates agreed upon was that the U.S. can no longer act in the short term," he says. "A Band-Aid approach can no longer be taken in U.S. foreign or domestic policy."

WELCOME TO THE ACADEMY!

Congratulations to Drs. Dunya Deniz Cakir, Emily Hardt, Osman Kiratli, Krsisten McHenry, and Kevin Pallister, all of whom received their PhDs this year.



UMASS EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

In a ceremony that included Chancellor Kumble Subbaswamy and Provost James Staros, Ashley Berger '13 (Legal Studies/History) was awarded the 2012-2013 Gerald F. Scanlon Student Employee of the Year citation. Berger is one of only ten students campus-wide to receive this award.

"It is truly an honor to win this award out of so many students who work on this campus," said Berger. "I love working in the Political Science and Legal Studies department; it has given me so many great opportunities to meet faculty and students!"

The intent of the Student Employee of the Year Award is to recognize and honor students who have demonstrated exceptional performance by contributing their time and/or skills to help the university achieve its goals and objectives. Berger was recognized for her years of outstanding service to the Department as an undergraduate assistant and peer advisor.

LIT REVIEWS, DATA CRUNCHING, & ENGAGED RESEARCH

Twenty Political Science and Legal Studies majors were selected to participate in the Department's Undergraduate Research Engagement Program (UREP) this year. The program, now in its third year, partners majors with faculty for one-on-one experience conducting research. It allows students to interact with faculty outside of the classroom, develop closer relationships with their professors, and learn skills important for graduate school and the workforce. "Students have told us that they want more opportunities to learn about the research our faculty conduct," says Brian Schaffner, Department Chair. "At the same time, faculty have signaled a need for reliable research assistance. The UREP program has been a win-win for both faculty and students, and has been a wonderful investment for the Department."

The program also reflects the variety of faculty interests in the Department. This year, student-faculty teams explored international environmental governance; weather patterns and political attitudes; corporate lobbying; the death penalty; early childhood funding practices; race, religion, and politics; federal policymaking; campaign finance laws; property rights in the developing world; and more. Select students were invited to present their research projects at the 19th Annual Statewide Undergraduate Research Conference.



PASSION FOR TEACHING



It was a feat for the history books. For the first time, both of the UMass Distinguished Teaching Awardees came from the same department--ours, of course! Political Science PhD students Alix Olson and Edward Erikson were selected from a large pool of excellent graduate students on campus as this year's winners of the coveted Distinguished Teaching Award. It is the highest award bestowed for teaching on the UMass campus. "Student testimonials make

clear why Alix and Ed are such valuable assets to the department," says Brian Schaffner, chair, "They care deeply about their students and refuse to let them quit or fade quietly into the background."

NEW EXTERNAL GRANTS

- Peter M. Haas, "Cross Campus Engagement of International Relations, Environmental Justice and Sustainability Studies," Five College Residency Program, \$14,500
- Brian Schaffner, "Cooperative Congressional Election Study," National Science Foundation 137277 and 137280, \$73,983
- Regine Spector (with Five College faculty), "Surviving the Transition: The Implications of Economic Change in Post-Soviet Eurasia for Development and Democracy," Five College Faculty-Student Summer Research Seminar, \$7,500
- Alper Yagci, "Regulation of Genetically Modified Seeds in Developing Countries," National Science Foundation SES-1224079, \$22,260



Matt Catizone '14 and Sarah Moffatt '13 present their research at the annual Undergraduate Research Conference.

FACULTY RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Sonia E. Alvarez, Leonard J. Horwitz Professor of Latin American Politics and Director of the Center for Latin American, Caribbean, and Latino Studies (CLACLS), is using a Fulbright Award to explore feminism in Latin America. "Feminism in Brazil not only has been 'mainstreamed' so that it extends vertically across different levels of government, the full party spectrum, and a variety of national

and international policy arenas," says Alvarez, "But it has also been 'side-streamed,' spreading horizontally into an array of social classes, racial-ethnic groups, and social and cultural spaces, including parallel social movements.... We know relatively little about how and why feminist discourses and practices have traveled into other spheres of civil society."

Bruce Desmarais, Assistant Professor of Political Science, was one of twelve inaugural Institute for Social Science Research (ISSR) Scholars this year. Desmarais is also one of the core faculty members of the Computational Social Science Initiative (CSSI), a

cross-disciplinary, collaborative group designed to address the challenges and opportunities presented by collecting, storing, and analyzing large scale data related to the social world. As an ISSR and CSSI Scholar, Desmarais sits at the intersection of computer and social science. His research seeks to understand the dynamics underlying the development and evolution of government communication network structure. Desmarais was also selected among a national pool of candidates to be a 2013-2014 Statistical and Applied Mathematical Sciences Institute (SAMSI) Fellow where he will continue his CSSI research.

Jane Fountain, Professor of Political Science and Public Policy and Director of the National Center for Digital Government, was chosen to give one of the Distinguished Faculty Lectures in 2012. Her

current research examines the success and pitfalls of cross-agency collaboration in the Federal government. Her findings, detailed in a recent IBM Center for the Business of Government report, respond in part to the Government Performance and Results Modernization Act of 2010 which required collaboration across federal agencies, but provided little guidance on how managers and agencies should work toward collaborative results.

Peter Haas, Professor of Political Science, was one of 32 leading governance experts to argue in *Science* for fundamental reforms of global environmental governance. Reducing the risk of potential global environmental disaster requires a "constitutional moment" comparable in scale and importance to the reform of international governance that followed World War II, he says. Haas and his co-authors are affiliated with the Earth System Governance Project, a global research alliance of hundreds of researchers and leading research institutions, specializing in the scientific study of international and national environmental governance. Haas received a grant from the Five Colleges to host Indian diplomat Sanwal Mukul on campus during academic year 2013-2014 and continue this research.

Lauren McCarthy, Assistant Professor of Legal Studies, spent the spring 2013 semester in residence at the Wilson Center in Washington DC thanks to a fellowship from the Kennan Institute. She used the time to write a book about how Russian law enforcement agencies have responded to human trafficking. The topic is one for which McCarthy has already been recognized. Her dissertation, "Trafficking (In)justice: Law Enforcement's Response to Human Trafficking in Russia," won the prestigious 2012 Corwin Award from the American Political Science Association for the Best Dissertation in Public Law.

Photos (top to bottom): Sonia Alvarez, Bruce Desmarais, Jane Fountain, Peter Haas, and Lauren McCarthy.

