

Fall 2013 News from the Department of Political Science

A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR



Greetings!

Although the previous year was tough to beat with its exciting events and developments, we can again report to you that 2012/13 was another great year in Political Science.

The progress in our graduate program continues to be very encouraging. During 2012/13, we had a record number of M.A. theses. Seven of our graduate student chose to write a thesis this past spring and summer. In the spring we held our first Graduate Student Research Conference where our students presented the results of their research. Three of our graduate students also presented their work at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference and two of them presented at the University of Memphis Graduate Student Research Conference.

Our undergraduate students also had a very good year. Political Science seniors **Kevin Hayes** and **Nick Mastron** received an Honors Program Summer Research Fellowship, and Political Science Senior **Mai Orsino** received the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship, which is sponsored by the U.S. State Department. 62 of our Political Science majors made the Dean's List during the fall of 2012, and 52 in the spring of 2013. Last year 52 Political Science students graduated with a B.A. As of fall 2013, 35 of our undergraduate majors are enrolled in the Helen Hardin Honors Program.

The graduate program placements for our undergraduate and graduate students

also continues to be strong. Last year, our students and recent alumni accepted admission into graduate programs at Emory University, Indiana University, the University of Chicago, the University of Kansas, and the University of California, Santa Cruz – among others.

Our faculty also had many accomplishments. In addition to the many articles and books published by our faculty, it is noteworthy that **Dr. Nicole Detraz** was selected as a recipient of the College of Arts and Sciences Early Career Research Award in 2013. Also, one of **Dr. Dursun Peksen's** articles received the Nils Petter Gleditsch Journal of Peace Research Article of the Year Award 2012. He was also the recipient of the Frank J. Klingberg Award for Best Paper at the 2012 International Studies Association Midwest Conference.

We hope that you enjoy reading about some of the activities and accomplishments of the Political Science department. We are very proud of our alums, and would very much like to hear from you. Please share with us news about what you are doing now, and let us know if you would like to be involved in supporting your Department of Political Science. You can e-mail me at mkaelbrr@memphis.edu. Also, please feel free to join our group on Facebook! You can find us under *University of Memphis Department of Political Science Alumni*. There you will find updates on developments in the department and you have another way of communicating with us. In any case, we look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially,

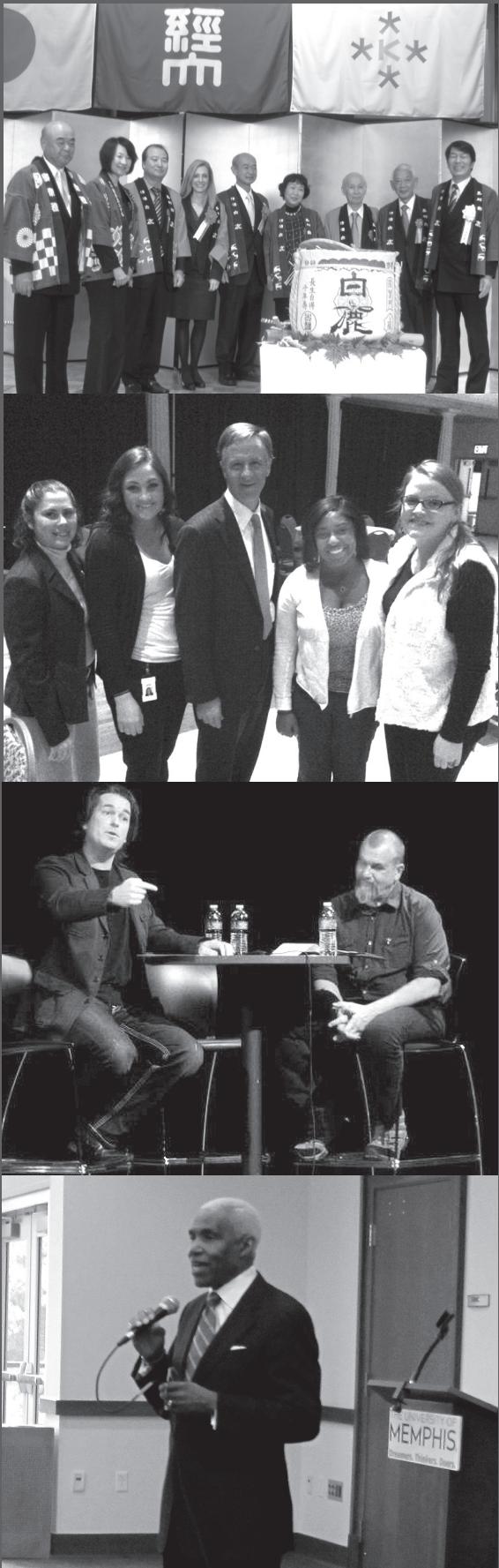
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Department Chair

LEGISLATIVE INTERNSHIP

During the 2013 session of the Tennessee General Assembly, eighteen students from the University of Memphis participated in two Legislative Internship programs directed by the Department. Students who participate in either program live in Nashville during the spring semester and work in the offices of the legislative member to which they are assigned. This internship is an excellent opportunity for the students providing them with a unique opportunity to learn about the legislative process. Interns attend committee meetings, work on the legislative calendar, assist with constituent service and research prospective legislation.

The internship program sponsored by the General Assembly allows a number of University students to work for members of the legislative leadership during the term. Students selected as State Interns in 2013 were **Mohammed Farraj**, **Christopher Lewis**, **Leah New** and **Molly Pahn**. The remaining fourteen students were sponsored by the University and served members of the Shelby County delegation throughout the spring academic semester. Students named for 2013 internship positions were **Jade Anderson**, **Maria Brailsford**, **Erin Cox**, **Alexis Darvin**, **Gabrielle Garcia**, **Ciara Johnson**, **Jessica Kane**, **Kirsten Moore**, **Julissa Mosby**, **Marjorie Pritchard**, **Jackson Stoner**, **Alex Ulmann**, **Sommerie Wade**, **Mae Yearwood**. Selection for the 2014 legislative session began in September.

NEWS & NOTES



During the fall 2012 semester, **Dr. Shannon Blanton** represented the University of Memphis at the 80th anniversary celebrations of our Japanese partner university Osaka University of Economics. While there, she delivered congratulatory remarks and met with students, faculty, administrators and friends of the university.

Dr. Matthias Kaelberer was invited to serve as an honorary coach for the Tigers Volleyball team at the October 25, 2012 game against the University of Houston. He was nominated by one of his students to be recognized before the game. Unfortunately, Dr. Kaelberer did not have a good start to his "coaching career" – the Tigers lost, 3-1. Coincidentally, Tiger Head Volleyball Coach **April Jauregui** is one of our political science alumni, B.A. '01.

Julie Ethioux, Visiting Scholar in Political Science at the University of Memphis, accepted a highly competitive international grant for research in Jerusalem for the entire 2013-14 academic year from the *Centre de Recherche Francais* (the French Center for Research). This award is a very high honor as only two of these grants are awarded annually. Julie will work on articles and a book on Flavius Josephus and his contemporaries.

Dr. Eric Groenendyk presented "The American Political Party – Friend of Foe to Democracy?" at the College of Arts and Sciences' 11th Annual 2013 *Great Conversations* on April 18th. Political Science Junior **Darcy Sharp** also spoke at the event about her experience travelling to Washington, DC, for the National Model UN Conference with College Travel Enrichment Funds. The proceeds from *Great Conversations* this year went to the College's Travel Enrichment Fund.

Our legislative interns, **Maria Brailsford, Kristen Moore, Erin Cox**, and **Gabby Garcia** met with **Governor Haslam** in spring 2012.

The University of Memphis Lambuth Campus hosted its Honors Symposium on the subject of Music and Politics during the spring. **Dr. Paul Mego** was the coordinator for that symposium, which was based in part on the Honors Forum he taught on the same subject in Fall 2012.

The Department and the International Studies Program co-sponsored a *Town Hall Meeting* between University of Memphis students and Memphis City **Mayor A C Wharton** on April 23.

MOCK TRIAL

In 2012-2013, students in Mock Trial traveled in both the Fall and Spring semesters to compete against other universities. In the fall, members of the class attended the Billiken Barrister Invitational in St. Louis, Missouri, along with approximately 22 other schools.

In spring 2013, the traveling team attended the American Mock Trial Association Midwest Regional at Mississippi College in Jackson, Miss. **Bob Huddleston** received an award for Best Witness, and **Maria Brailsford** received an award for Best Attorney.

The 2013-14 Mock Trial Team starts the year with four returning members (**Brandon McCoy**, **Bob Huddleston**, **Prataj Ingram** and **Sarah Wombough**) and seven new members.

This year's case will be a felony murder case with conspiracy issues that promises to be exceptionally challenging.



Mock Trial Team members: Allen Porter, Brandon McCoy and Hunter Dawson

MODEL UNITED NATIONS



These U of M students represented The Russian Federation in a United Nations simulation at the Midwest Model United Nations Conference in St. Louis.

simulation objectives. This certainly proved to be the case, as the University of Memphis Security Council delegate **Nicholas Mastron** came home with the highly-competitive conference Security Council Outstanding Delegate award and the Security Council Delegates' Choice award.

The University of Memphis Model United Nations organization emphasizes participation in United Nations simulation exercises that help interested students to increase their knowledge and appreciation for the complex world of 21st century international relations. Members of a delegation learn about the policies of a specific country toward the United Nations and through well-organized activities such as would take place in the actual UN, engage in the art of diplomatic negotiation and compromise in regard to certain topics that are real-world problems faced by current UN delegations

This academic year, the University of Memphis delegation will represent Israel at the St. Louis Midwest Model UN conference with several returning student-delegates and several new ones.

The 2014 MMUN conference will take place in February. The UMMUN has become increasingly popular over the last year and we're happy to see it active and growing! Dr. Mego also hopes to be able to organize and send another delegation to the 2014 MMUN conference drawn from students on the University of Memphis, Lambuth campus in Jackson, where he is based.

In February 2013, the University of Memphis sent a student delegation to the Midwest Model United Nations (MMUN) conference in St. Louis, Missouri. The second year of the rejuvenated University of Memphis Model UN program saw the number of student-delegates participating almost double, from six in 2012 to eleven in 2013. The University of Memphis delegation, along with advisor **Dr. Paul Mego**, traveled to St. Louis to represent the Russian Federation at the MMUN simulation.

The 2013 conference drew over 500 student delegates from approximately 50 different colleges and universities representing about 80 different countries. The Russian Federation is an important country in the United Nations organization as one of the only five members of the UN Security Council with a permanent seat and veto power. The Memphis delegates had to be firmly on top of their diplomatic game in order to accomplish

NOTES FROM THE GOVERNOR'S SCHOOL FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES



The Governor's School for International Studies, which is directed by Political Science Professor **Robert Blanton**, provides talented high school students throughout Tennessee

with an intense immersion to international studies as well as global cultures. Students stay at the University of Memphis campus for four weeks and take University coursework as well as language training (Arabic, Bengali or Portuguese). This provides an excellent opportunity for students to learn about global issues as well as give them a taste of life at the University of Memphis.

This year was an exciting year for GSIS. Students learned about potential careers in political science and international studies, meeting with Counterterrorism and Counterintelligence Agents from the FBI, Public Diplomacy Officers from the State Department, as well as a former Peace Corps volunteer. They also explored how nonprofit organizations act to make a difference in global affairs by completing projects for local organizations such as the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Memphis, Catholic Charities of West Tennessee, and Pilot International. Additionally, they learned about the challenges of international business from Anthony Tancredi, CEO of Allenberg Cotton. Neil Gibson, from Federal Express, taught students some of the ways in which corporations can act to improve the world around them.

In all, it was a very successful year for the program. As one student concluded, "Governor's School has been possibly the best experience of my life. Nowhere else have I ever felt so intellectually, socially, and culturally stimulated."

ELECTION YEAR EVENTS



Mary Matalin and James Carville entertained a large crowd at a luncheon on campus.

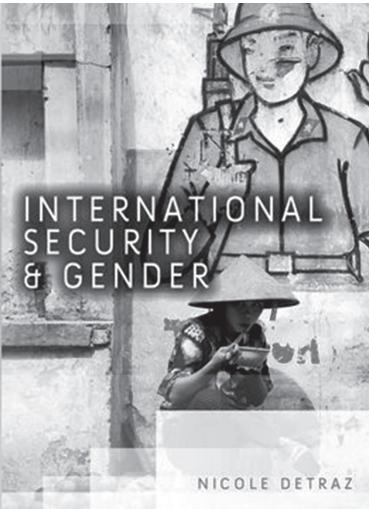
On September 14, 2012 the University of Memphis held a Centennial Celebration Luncheon with noted political strategists James Carville and Mary Matalin. Several of our honors students were invited to the luncheon. Later that afternoon, James Carville met with our students for a Question and Answer Forum. They discussed issues ranging from U.S. Foreign Policy to the 2012 presidential campaign.

On October 3rd, 2012 the Political Science Department and our political science honors society Pi Sigma Alpha sponsored a Presidential Debate Watch Event in the Rose Theater. Students from four Tennessee universities were linked via satellite to watch and discuss the debate between President Obama and Governor Romney. About 200 University of Memphis students attended. Using cell phones or laptops, they were able to participate in polling on various political questions before and after the debate. Our students developed the polling questions and helped with organizing the event. CNN as well as local media covered the event, and CNN interviewed students on the Tennessee voter ID law.



Kappa Alpha Psi held a Political Symposium in October 2012.

On October 10, 2012 the Kappa Beta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity held a "Make It Count" Political Symposium. Political Science major Ryun Jackson was a lead organizer for the symposium. Among the panelists for this symposium were our faculty members Dr. Eric Groenendyk, Michelle Bliss, and David Madlock.



Dr. Nicole Detraz joined the department in 2009 after receiving her PhD from Colorado State University. Over the course of the last four years she has taught many classes in the areas of international relations and environmental politics for us and currently serves as our Graduate Coordinator. She has published articles in such journals as *Security Studies*, *Global Environmental Politics*, and *International Studies Perspectives*, among others, as well as numerous articles in edited volumes. Her first book, *International Security and Gender*, was published last fall by Polity Press. Last spring she was selected as a recipient of the Early Career Research Award for the College of Arts and Sciences. In the meantime she has begun work on a new book project examining the connections between gender and environmental politics topics such as sustainable development, environmental justice and environmental security. The book is under contract with Polity Press and will be completed by next summer.

SAVE THE DATE ...

Thursday, November 7

University Center Theatre

Reception – 5:30 pm; Lecture – 6:00 pm

Event is free and open to the public

Eco-Business: A Big-Brand Takeover of Sustainability

In this lecture, **Dr. Peter Dauvergne** explores why big-brand companies like Walmart, Nike, Coca-Cola, and McDonald's are now competing surprisingly hard to position themselves as "sustainability leaders" – adopting farsighted goals and driving change through core operations and global supply chains. Dr. Dauvergne is an award-winning author, Professor of International Relations, and Director of the Liu Institute for Global Issues at the University of British Columbia. His talk is based on his book *Eco-Business*, which was published in 2013 by MIT Press and coauthored with Dr. Jane Lister. His previous books include *Paths to a Green World* (with Jennifer Clapp), *The Shadows of Consumption, Loggers and Degradation in the Asia-Pacific*, and *Shadows in the Forest*.

The Department of Political Science is sponsoring this lecture series through the Marcus W. Orr Center for the Humanities. For more information: memphis.edu/moch

STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- 62 Political Science majors were on the Fall 2012 Dean's List and 52 were on the Spring 2013 Dean's List.
- **Joe Lehnert** finished his M.A. Thesis "The Meaning of Security: An Epistemological Critique of the Responsibility to Protect" and presented a paper based on his thesis at the 2013 Midwest Political Science Association Convention in Chicago. He also presented his paper "The Alleviating Effects of Peacekeeping Interventions: A Comparative Analysis of African Countries" at the 2012 African Studies Association Conference.
- **Clint Thompson** finished his M.A. Thesis "Uncomfortable Convenience: The Future of the Dollar in the International Monetary System" and presented a paper based on his thesis at the 2013 Midwest Political Science Association Convention in Chicago. The department selected him as the recipient of the Gary Carman Merit Award for his strong commitment to excellence in service to the Department of Political Science and the University of Memphis.
- **Jeffrey Leedham** finished his M.A. Thesis on "Reason and MADness or: How Hegel Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb."

STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Tim Dukeman** finished his M.A. Thesis on "The Effects of Issue-Free Cues."
- **Drew Wagstaff** finished his M.A. Thesis "The State and Economic Development: Focus and Evaluation" and presented a paper based on his thesis at the 2013 Midwest Political Science Association Convention in Chicago.
- **Jonpaul Bushnell** finished his M.A. Thesis on "Gandhi, Lenin, and the Politics of Friendship."
- **Suzanne Schmidle** finished her M.A. Thesis on "The Negotiation of Discourses for Women Who Have Emigrated From India to the United States."
- During the 2012-13 school year, three political science majors graduated with University Honors recognition: **Hannah Guess, Atlanta Heathman** and **Mai Orsino**. Two students accomplished the additional achievement of graduating with University Honors with Thesis: **Atlanta Heathman** and **Mai Orsino**.



Heathman

Atlanta Heathman received the Outstanding Student Award in Political Science in 2013. Atlanta was enrolled in the 2012 summer program at the Engalitcheff Institute on Comparative Political and Economic Systems at Georgetown University while working in a Washington, DC internship. During fall 2012 she studied abroad in the United Arab Emirates. During spring 2013, she completed an honors thesis on "The Connection Between Islam and Modernization and Its Relationship to Terrorism: The Case in Iran." She plans to join the Air Force in the Intelligence Field, and later pursue a Ph.D. in Arab Studies.



Meyer

Samantha Meyer received the 2013 Pre-Law Award from the Department of Political Science. Before coming to the University of Memphis, she served in the U.S. Navy from 2001-08. During spring 2012, she worked as a legislative intern for the office of Senate Majority Leader Mark Norris in the Tennessee General Assembly.



Guess

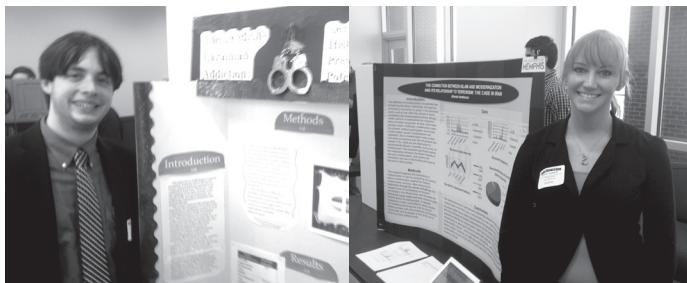
Hannah Guess is the 2013 recipient of the John W. Burgess Award for exemplary service to the Political Science discipline, the University of Memphis and to the community at large. While at the University of Memphis, she interned for the Tennessee Equality Project and served as a development volunteer at the Mid-South Food Bank. Hannah is now a graduate student in political science at the University of Memphis.



Orsino

Political Science senior **Yves Mai Orsino** was selected as a recipient of the prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. The Gilman Scholarship Program is sponsored by the U.S. State Department and supports students to study abroad. Mai studied at Al Akhawayn University in Morocco during the 2013 Spring semester. She also finished an Honors Thesis on "The Social Construction of French Identity: Re-Examining the French Debate on Muslim Integration."

- On March 22, 2013 the department held its First Annual Graduate Student Research Conference. Five students presented their thesis research at that event:
 - **Jonpaul Bushnell:** "A Critique of Political Community: The Politics of Friendship and the Writings of Mohandas Gandhi."
 - **Jeffrey Leedham:** "Reason and Madness: Or, How Hegel Stopped Worrying and Learned to Love the Bomb."
 - **Joe Lehnert:** "The Meaning of Security: A Discourse Analysis of the Responsibility to Protect."
 - **Clint Thompson:** "Uncomfortable Convenience: The Future of the Dollar in the International Monetary System."
 - **Drew Wagstaff:** "Why Nations Succeed: The Society and the State."



Political Science seniors **Nick Mastron** and **Atlanta Heathman** presented their research at the University of Memphis Student Research Conference in April.



Graduate Student Research Conference: **Jon Paul Bushnell, Drew Wagstaff, Jeffrey Leedham, Joe Lehnert** and **Clint Thompson**.

VALERIE HUDSON LECTURE



Dr. Valerie Hudson.



Dr. Eric Groenendyk, David Madlock, Dr. Nicole Detraz and Dr. Sharon Stanley attended a reception for Valerie Hudson.

Last fall the Political Science Department, along with the International Studies Program, helped to bring in a speaker for the Marcus Orr Center for the Humanities (MOCH) lecture series. On November 14, **Dr. Valerie Hudson** gave a talk about her recent co-authored book *Sex and World Peace* (published by Columbia University Press). Dr. Hudson is a Professor and the George H. W. Bush Chair of the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A & M University. She has published numerous books and articles, which explore the connections between gender and international security. Political Science faculty facilitated Dr. Hudson's busy visit to Memphis in which she met with undergraduate and graduate students, tried great local food, and visited the Civil Rights Museum.

STUDY ABROAD REPORT



In the summer 2013, **Lisa Huffstetler** and **Dr. Matthias Kaelberer** took a group of students to London and Berlin to study state formation and national identities in Europe. Among the sites visited on this trip were the parliaments in both cities, the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey, the Holocaust Memorial, the Berlin Wall Memorial and Cecilienhof (picture) – the site of the Potsdam Conference.

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ALUMNI NEWS



Dean Henry Kurtz and Interim Provost **Tom Nenon** present the 2012 College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Alumni Award to Dave Brown.

- **Dave Brown**, B.S. '70, received the 2012 Outstanding Alumni Award at the University of Memphis College of Arts and Sciences Alumni Awards Dinner on November 8, 2012. He is currently the chief meteorologist for WMC-TV, Channel 5 in Memphis.



R. Brad Martin, B.A. '76, was appointed Interim President of the University of Memphis effective July 1, 2013.

Martin

- **J.D. "Pepper" Petersen**, B.A. '02, is Senior Vice President of Development at Delta Waterfowl in Bismarck, North Dakota. In this position he serves as the foundation's main fundraiser.



Baris Kesgin, M.A. '05, published two articles this past year: "Leadership Traits of Turkey's Islamist and Secular Prime Ministers," in *Turkish Studies* 14:1 (March 2013): 136-157, and "Tansu Ciller's Leadership Traits and Foreign Policy," in *Perceptions* 17:3 (Autumn 2012): 29-50. Baris is currently an assistant professor at Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania.

Kesgin



Graham

Laura Fowler Graham, B.A. '06, received her PhD in Sociology from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland in June 2013. Her dissertation, "An Evaluation of Leadership Roles and Social Capital in Northern Ireland's Victim Support Groups: Theory, Policy and Practice" explores the ways in which bonding and bridging forms of social capital are built amongst victims of ethnic conflict. Since January 2013, Dr. Graham has been teaching classes on Genocide and on Human Rights as a Visiting Professor in the Peace and Justice Studies Program at Tufts University, where she also holds a Faculty Fellowship in the Tisch College of Citizenship and Public Service.

- **Robert Ingram**, M.A. '06, is a Law Clerk in the area of Litigation Support at Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss in Knoxville, Tenn.



Joyce

Catherine Joyce, M.A. '06, is currently the Director of Data Management at The Urban Child Institute where she works on several projects including data development, modeling and simulation of child outcomes based upon early life experiences, Brain Development Awareness Survey, and the annual publication of "The State of Children in Memphis and Shelby County: Data Book."

- **James Jones**, B.A. '07, is an Attorney at the SL Perkins Law Group in Memphis.
- **Philip Brooks**, B.A. '07, is an Associate Attorney at Shapiro & Kirsch, LLP.



Young

Laura Young, M.A. '08, received her Ph.D. in Political Science from Purdue University with a dissertation on "The Evolution of Society and the Modern State." In addition she published an article on "Unilateral Presidential Policymaking and the Impact of Crises," with *Presidential Studies Quarterly* (June 2013). This article rests in part on research she pursued for her M.A. Thesis at the University of Memphis. Dr. Young is currently serving as an Instructor in Political Science at Purdue University.

- **Charita James**, B.A. '09, received her M.A. in Political Science in the spring of 2013 from the University of Southern Mississippi.
- **Kenneth Taylor**, B.A. '09, is President of Kingmaker, Inc. – a firm that provides services in consulting, talent management and motivation.



Erica Christensen, B.A. '09, received her M.A. in Global Environmental Policy from American University and serves as the Assistant to the Director of American University's Center for Food Studies. In that capacity, she engages in research on food-related issues – with a focus on childhood obesity in Latino communities.

Christensen

- **Robert Thead**, M.A. '09, organized the volume "Millennials Speak: Essays on the 21st Century." **Jill Haglund**, M.A. '09, has an essay in this project as well. The volume is a snapshot of the ideas and opinions of the global Millennial Generation. Twenty writers from five continents, a diverse mix of young academics, policy professionals, and future thought and creative leaders, cover topics from the legacy of the Arab Spring, the global food system, the U.S. student loan crisis, to youth unemployment. More information on the project is available at: <http://www.kickstarter.com/projects/821765532/millennials-speak-essays-on-the-21st-century>

- **Robert Callahan**, B.A. '10, served for the past two years as the Executive Assistant for Policy and Research for the office of State Senator Jim Kyle (D – Memphis). He is now pursuing his M.A. at the University of Chicago Harris School of Public Policy.

- **Abby Hagan**, B.A. '10, is in law school at the University of Tennessee and serves on the Editorial Board of the Tennessee Law Review.

- **Jaynece Higgins**, B.A. '10, serves as the 2013-2014 National Black Law Students, Benjamin L. Hooks Chapter President at the University of Memphis as well as the 2013-2014 Southern Region Moot Court Director. She is currently a Juris Doctor Candidate, Class of 2014 at the Cecil C. Humphreys School of Law.

- **John Shea IV**, B.A. '11, worked as Press Assistant in the United States Senate for the office of Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-Texas) during fall 2012 and is currently Legislative Correspondent in the United States House of Representatives in the office of Representative Chuck Fleischmann (Tennessee's 3rd congressional district).



David Endicott, B.A. '11, received his M.A. in Political Science from the University of Akron. In the spring, he presented his paper "European Politicians amid Recession: Who Gets Economic Responsibility?" at the Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago. This fall, he started in the Political Science PhD Program at Indiana University.

Endicott

- **Keri Smith**, B.A. '11, M.A. '13, is a law student at Saint Louis University.



Kyle Luebke, B.A. '12, was appointed Associate Editor of the Michigan Journal of International Law.

- **Jack Busbee**, M.A. '12, is the new Program Officer for the National Academy of Education in Washington, DC.
- **Maria Brailsford**, B.A. '13, is a law student in the JD Program at Florida Coastal School of Law.
- **Drew Wagstaff**, MA '13, is a doctoral student in the PhD Program in Political Science at Emory University.
- **Clint Thompson**, MA '13, is a doctoral student in the PhD Program in Economic Geography at the University of Kansas.
- **Joe Lenhart**, MA '13, is a doctoral student in the PhD Program in Political Science at the University of California, Santa Cruz.
- **Jonpaul Bushnell**, MA '13, is a doctoral student in the PhD Program in Rhetoric at the University of Memphis.

Alumni: We like to hear from you!
Send us a note at: mkaelbrr@memphis.edu,
or use our mailing address!

SELECTED FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Dr. Robert Blanton continues to serve as the Director of the International Studies Program and the Director of the Governor's School for International Studies. He is also the Section Chair for the International Education Section of the International Studies Association and is on the Board of Directors for Operation Broken Silence as well as the National Conference for Governor's Schools. As for research, his article "Zombies and IR: A Simple Guide for Bringing the Undead into Your Classroom," appeared in *International Studies Perspectives*. Another article co-authored with Shannon Lindsey Blanton, "Labor Rights and FDI: Is There a 'Race to the Bottom?'" appeared in *International Interactions*.



Dr. Shannon L. Blanton published a new edition of *World Politics: Trend and Transformation, 2013-2014 Edition*, with co-author Charles W. Kegley. Additionally, in 2012 her article "'Labor Rights and Foreign Direct Investment: Is There a Race to the Bottom?' (with Robert Blanton) was published in *International Interactions*. This past fall, she was a guest speaker at the University of South Carolina in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Department of Political Science, and she traveled to Japan where she was a guest speaker at the Osaka University of Economics in celebration of their 80th anniversary. This past year she served on three editorial boards for national journals (*International Studies Quarterly*, *Foreign Policy Analysis*, and *International Interactions*), is currently serving a term through 2015 on the Long Range Planning Committee for the International Studies Association, and participated in the TN Women's Forum. She also continues to serve as Vice Provost for Undergraduate Programs.



Michelle Bliss continues her work as our undergraduate advisor. She received the 2013 Student Disability Services Outstanding Faculty Award. The award was presented at the President's Leadership Recognition Awards on April 28.



Dr. Eric Groenendyk's book, *Competing Motives in the Partisan Mind*, was released by Oxford University Press in August. He is currently working on two new projects investigating the effect of perceived social pressure on public opinion and the role of emotion in political attitude formation. He also submitted a grant proposal to the National Science Foundation that would support research on the circumstances under which emotions motivate citizens to engage in pro-democratic versus anti-democratic behavior. Dr. Groenendyk continues to serve as the department's Graduate Recruitment Coordinator.



Lisa Huffstetler continues to serve as our internship coordinator. This summer she again took students on a study abroad class in London and Berlin together with Dr. Kaelberer. This year she will develop an online International Relations course for the Coursera pilot project, funded by the Governor's Online Innovation Fund. The Coursera pilot is focused on determining how this new technology may provide enhanced technological capabilities for Tennessee's faculty and students.



Dr. Doug Imig continues to serve as the Director of the Center for Urban Child Policy at the Urban Child Institute, where he directs efforts to improve the developmental well-being of children and families in Memphis and the Mid-South. This year he has been engaged in a research project with Brenda Bushouse of the University of Massachusetts on state funding for pre-Kindergarten during the Great Recession. Doug also directs research

and evaluation of the Indianola Promise Community, in Indianola, Miss., a U.S. Department of Education Promise Neighborhood designed to build a continuum of high-quality interventions to successfully move all children in the community from cradle to career.



Dr. Matthias Kaelberer's article "Trust in the Euro: The Single Currency as Social Construction of an Institutional Fact," was published in *The Single Currency and European Citizenship: Unveiling the Other Side of the Coin*, ed. Giovanni Moro, Continuum. In addition, he is working on papers explaining the economic crisis within the euro zone and addressing the democracy problem within European monetary policy. He has also started a new project that utilizes the Varieties of Capitalism approach to explain the political economy of the retail sector in Europe.



Dr. J. Harvey Lomax's co-edited volume entitled *Political Philosophy Cross-Examined: Perennial Challenges to the Philosophic Life*, was published by Palgrave-Macmillan Press in April 2013. It includes Professor Lomax's "Introduction" and his essay "Inexhaustible Riches: Mining the Bible." He also made two presentations on Jean-Jacques Rousseau, one in Orlando in January and another in Chicago in April. He continues his research on Rousseau and Plato, and is working on another book proposal, entitled *The Comedy of Rousseau's Confessions*. This coming academic year he will once again serve as the departmental representative on the Faculty Senate.



Dr. Dursun Peksen had three new journal articles and one book chapter accepted for publication during the last academic year. The accepted articles are forthcoming in *Journal of Politics* (co-authored with Amanda Murdie), *International Studies Quarterly* (co-authored with Cooper Drury and Timothy Peterson), and *International Interactions* (co-authored with Cooper Drury and Patrick James). The book chapter has appeared in the *Handbook of International Organizations* (edited by Bob Reinalda, Routledge Press). Dursun also won two prestigious paper awards. His co-authored work with Zeynep Taydas on civil wars and welfare spending won the Journal of Peace Research's *Article of the Year Award*. His paper with Amanda Murdie on Human rights INGOs and humanitarian intervention was awarded the *Frank J. Klingberg Award for Best Faculty Paper* by International Studies Association-Midwest, 2012.



Dr. Sharon Stanley spent the spring of 2013 on a Professional Development Assignment in Buenos Aires and Sydney, where she worked on a new book manuscript examining the concept of racial integration in the United States. She published a paper from this project in *Contemporary Political Theory* called "Toward a Reconciliation of Integration and Racial Solidarity" and gave a talk related to this project at the University of Sydney called "Confronting the Impossible: Racial Integration in the United States."



Dr. Leah Windsor's article (co-authored with Dr. Detraz) entitled "Evaluating Climate Migration: Population Movement, Insecurity and Gender" was accepted for publication in the *International Feminist Journal of Politics*. During the course of the year she presented four papers at four different conferences and she was appointed Faculty Affiliate with the Institute for Intelligent Systems working on the NSF-funded project Languages Across Cultures. She is also working on an NSF grant proposal for a project that assesses the relationship between political leaders' language and political personality.

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