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**Brave New Neighborhoods:  
*The Privatization of Public Space*  
By: Peggy Kohn**



On March 3, 2003, a lawyer named Stephen Downs was arrested for trespassing at the Crossgate Mall in Guilderland, New York, a small town near Albany. He did not sneak into the mall after hours or enter some “employees only” part of the property. He was arrested for wearing a T-shirt that he purchased at the mall with the slogan “Give Peace a Chance.” On the eve of the war with Iraq, the message was too political for the mall. Security guards ordered Downs to either take off the T-shirt or leave the premises. When he refused, they summoned local police and he was taken away in handcuffs. According to Downs, the security guards tried to convince him to comply with their orders, arguing that the mall was “like a private house” and therefore he was acting inappropriately. Downs believed that his right to political expression was protected by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. His mistake, however, was trying to exercise this right in a privately owned place. In the landmark decision *Pruneyard v. Robbins*, the Supreme Court found that the right to free speech only extends to activity on public, not private, property.

**Where does free speech begin  
and end?**

The incident at the Crossgate Mall is emblematic of restrictions on political expression proliferating across the United States. It illustrates the political impact of the privatization of public space. When private spaces replace public gathering places, the opportunities for political conversation are diminished. Ironically, just as new malls are increasingly designed to recreate the atmosphere of old-fashioned downtowns, they are restricting the civic, political, and religious activity that gave city centers their dynamism and variety.

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## The Chair's Corner



Michael D. Martinez  
Interim Chair

The University of Florida's strategic plan highlights the internationalization of the campus and curriculum as a major goal for the entire University community. Political Science faculty, alumni, and students have long been attuned to the importance that global and regional factors play in shaping our politics and policies for many years, and members of our Department continue to play a prominent role in raising the University's appreciation and awareness of the importance of international settings.

Last summer, U.F. was awarded four Title VI Centers funded by the U.S. Department of Education, and I'm pleased to say that our colleagues were the leading forces in three of those. The Center for African Studies was renewed for funding, which was a major accomplishment for Leo Villalón in his first year as Director. Moreover, political science faculty were at the forefront in securing funding for two new centers.

Through Leann Brown and Dennis Jett's initiative, U.F. is part of a consortium that hosts a new Globalization and Transnational Studies Center. The new Center for European Studies is the direct result of Amie Kreppel's singular dedication over several years. These centers, along with the Center for Latin American Studies and the Center for International Business and Economic Research, are the showcases for the internationalization of our campus, and we are all proud of our colleagues who made them happen.

Our faculty has been productive in providing new interpretations and creating new knowledge about international, transnational, and regional politics through their research. Recent faculty publications have highlighted the relationship between a country's involvement in international finance and motivations to lead in the international system (Sam Barkin 2003), our own discipline's patterns of change in the way that political science characterizes America and America's chief enemies in the 20th Century (Ido Oren 2003), and the policy dilemmas and opportunities in the areas of foreign policy and structural reforms (Ana Margheritis 2003). We also look forward to the completion of current major research projects by Leslie Anderson and Larry Dodd on Learning Democracy in Nicaragua, Philip Williams and his colleagues on religious identity, community, and globalization, Bryon Moraski on institutions and electoral systems in Russia's regions, Aida Hozic on Mediterranean Merchants, and Patricia Woods's study of social movements and the judicial process in Israel.

Many of our faculty have been enriched by international exchanges, including Fulbright Scholars Leslie Anderson (Argentina), Leann Brown (European Union), Margaret Kohn (Italy), James Morrison (Poland), Richard Scher (Hungary), Daniel Smith (Ghana), Kenneth Wald (Israel), Philip Williams (El Salvador), and myself (Canada). Our students have vicariously benefitted from the insights that we have gained from our experiences, as well as those of Menachem Hofnung (a Fulbright scholar from Israel last year) and Thomas Biebricher (a German Academic Exchange Service Scholar this year) who have recently taught courses here on politics and political thought in their native countries.

Internationalization is also an important complement to many of our students' curricula. Our doctoral students' field research in international settings has also enriched their contextual understandings of local politics while they gathered data for their dissertation research. Michael Kenney's interviews of policymakers and drug enforcement agents in Colombia (funded by NSF), Lee Walker's interviews of judges and local opinion leaders in Nicaragua and Costa Rica, and Peter Von Doepp's interviews of ministers and congregations in Malawi allowed each of them to develop important theoretical arguments embedded within rich contextual frameworks. Our faculty have also been active in teaching and developing new undergraduate summer programs and courses abroad, including Richard Conley's French Politics & Society in the Fifth Republic taught last summer in Aix-en-Provence, Margaret Kohn's Italian Politics and Society which will be offered in Summer 2004 in Florence, and Amie Kreppel's Current Issues in the Development of the European Union taught in Brussels last summer.

We've been fortunate in the past year that our Department Speakers Series has also brought us top international and domestic scholars who have highlighted important international issues, including Tom Smith's presentation on civilians in war, Louis Balthazar's presentation on Canadian relations with the United States, and Michael Walzer's presentation on terrorism.

The University's new focus on internationalization of the campus and the curriculum echoes our Department's long standing commitment to enhancing our understanding of the global sphere through scholarship and teaching, and demonstrates again why our Department remains central to the overall mission of our College and University.



Richard K. Scher  
2003-2004 FPSA President

## Florida Political Science Association at UF!

On March 13, the Department of Political Science played host to the annual meeting of the Florida Political Science Association. All but two of the events associated with the meeting were held in Anderson Hall, which proved to be an excellent venue and showcase for the meeting. FPSA was originally founded in the mid-1970s by the first Chair of the Political Science Department, Manning J. Dauer. He felt that with the rapid growth of higher education in the state during the 1960s and 1970s, the time had come to create an organization which would allow professional exchanges and interaction among political scientists at the various state and private universities in Florida, and the community colleges as well.

This last point was important to Dauer; he felt that too often political science faculty at the state's community colleges were left out and isolated from their professional colleagues, and it was important that they be included in the organization as full participants.

In truth, the UF Department of Political Science was not especially active in FPSA in the years following Dauer's death in the late 1980s. But beginning in the mid-1990s several faculty from the Department renewed their interest in FPSA, served on its governing board and/or in leadership positions, and participated in various scholarly and academic activities such as presenting papers or joining roundtables on issues of professional interest.

Very importantly, the Department began to encourage graduate students to join the organization and participate in its meetings. FPSA is an excellent venue for graduate students to enhance their professional socialization. The meetings provide an opportunity for them to present aspects of their research (perhaps something that grew out of a seminar paper, or might be a piece of master's or doctoral projects) in a low key but thoroughly professional atmosphere. They learn how to present papers in a scholarly mode, receive helpful critiques and feedback, and discover that they can interact in both professional and social ways with fellow graduate students, and faculty, at other Florida institutions. All of this of course is helpful for their professional development.

At this year's March meeting, there were some 16 different panels and roundtables on a range of topics. Highlights included one organized by graduate student David Ellis on the mid-east crisis. Professor Adam Silverman arranged a roundtable on international terrorism. And as always, Professor Susan MacManus of USF hosted her famous roundtable on Florida politics. UF participation was emphatic. Some 18 graduate students participated as panelists or discussants or members of roundtables; UF by far had the largest presence of graduate students of any school in Florida. Seven different UF faculty also served as panel chairs or presenters, and Ambassador Dennis Jett of this Department also served as the banquet speaker. Other faculty and graduate students attended sessions during the day, adding to the substantial UF level of participation.

The Department was proud to serve as sponsor for the FPSA annual meeting, and even more proud of the level of support faculty and students showed through their participation. The success of the event bodes favorably for future involvement of UF faculty and students in this worthy organization.

## Focus on Undergrads



Congratulations to two of our majors, Anup Patel and Josh Pila! They were both selected to be on the USA Today's All-USA College Academic Team. Anup was one of just twenty students throughout the entire United States included on the 'first team' while Josh was selected for the third team.

Congratulations to Ana Range! She is a double major in political science and economics. She has been selected for an internship with the Environmental Protection Agency's Grants and Debarments Department in Washington, DC this summer.

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Mall managers are not the only ones using property rights to limit the circulation of heterodox views. In California, an apartment complex prohibited the tenants' association from distributing a newsletter under the doors of residents. In Maryland, the United States Postal Service had members of a political organization arrested for handing out literature on a sidewalk in front of the post-office. In Utah, Salt Lake City sold a block of the downtown core to the Church of Jesus Christ and Latter-day Saints, which subsequently banned non-sanctioned political and religious activity on the public-private plaza. Each of these cases poses similar questions about the relationship between private ownership, public space, and political activity.

My book explains how public life is undermined by the phenomenon of private government, which is growing in the United States. Gated communities proliferate in the suburbs while Business Improvement Districts – now numbering over one thousand – create privileged zones within the city. Furthermore, the suburban shopping mall, a private alternative to the marketplace and the town-square, has been so successful that it has become the model for retail development in city centers. This book considers how these changes affect democratic politics. It asks what can be done to protect and revitalize public space in America. There are two different approaches to this question. Some commentators call for more civility and vigorous enforcement of community norms in the form of policing and laws against begging and loitering. Others take the opposite tack, arguing that the vitality of public space comes from its diversity, heterogeneity, and even its disruptive quality. The two opposing views have been forcefully articulated in a series of legal cases that highlight the tensions between private ownership, the public sphere, and the politics of protest. Drawing upon political theorists such as Tocqueville, Habermas, Smith, Arendt as well as cultural analysis and First Amendment jurisprudence, this book demonstrates that the privatization of public space has negative consequences for democratic politics.

*Brave New Neighborhoods* (New York: Routledge, 2004) ISBN 0415944635 \$22.95

## **International Center Dean Appointed to Council on Foreign Relations**

Dennis Jett, Dean of the University of Florida's International Center, was selected as a member of the prestigious Council on Foreign Relations, a nonpartisan think tank and publisher based in New York. Council members are leaders in government, business, finance, media, academia and a wide range of nonprofit organizations dedicated to the belief that the United States' peace and prosperity are firmly linked to that of the rest of the world. Quality, diversity and balance are the key objectives sought by the council in the composition of its membership, and each candidate must be formally proposed in writing by one member and seconded by a minimum of two other individuals, at least one of whom is a council member.

As a member, Jett, who spent 28 years as a foreign service officer with the U.S. Department of State before joining UF in 2000, said he will work to further the council's mission to increase Americans' understanding of the world and contribute ideas to U.S. foreign policy. The council and its members accomplish this by appointing independent task forces on significant foreign policy issues in an effort to enhance public debate on these international affairs, identifying and nurturing future generations of the nation's foreign policy leaders and becoming the public's source of reliable information on key international issues. Jett said he sees his participation in council activities as a way to further raise the international profile of UF and as a means to promote the discussion of international issues on campus by encouraging council members to come to Gainesville to speak. Among his assignments with the state department, Jett was U.S. ambassador to Peru and Mozambique, worked at the Carter Center in Atlanta and served on the National Security Council. He had postings in Liberia, Malawi, Israel and Argentina as well as numerous Washington assignments.

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## Graduate Student Activities

*Did you know?* Since 1995, the Department of Political Science has graduated 49 PhDs!

Congratulations to Pei-te Lien! She will be a Fulbright scholar in Taiwan for the 2003-2004 academic year. Pei-te Lien received her Ph.D. from UF in Spring 1995.

Congratulations to Ronald Behringer, one of our Ph.D candidates! His paper "Middle Power Leadership on Human Security" received the grand prize in the Graduate Student Paper Competition at the International Studies Association – South 2003 Annual Conference in October.

Congratulations to Erika Hamilton! She is this year's recipient of the 2004 B. Harold Farmer Scholarship. The scholarship is offered by the Florida City and County Management Foundation and is open to any student enrolled as a full-time master's program at a Florida-based university or college. It is designed to recognize graduate students pursuing careers in city and county government management. The scholarship was awarded on the basis of interest in city and county administration, career plans, academic achievement, school/community honors, and financial need. In addition to receiving \$2500, Erika will be recognized at the FCCMA Annual Conference in May. Erika attended the University of Florida and graduated with her Bachelor's Degree in Criminology. Currently, she is working towards her Masters in the Public Affairs Program.

Bob Press defended his Ph.D. in January 2004 and has a tenure track position in Political Science at Southern Mississippi University.

Richard Marcus, who graduated with a Ph.D. from the Department in 2000 and subsequently held a post-doctoral position at Yale University for two years, has accepted a tenure track position at the University of Alabama-Huntsville.

Agnes Leslie, who graduated with a Ph.D. in 2003, has since been promoted to Lecturer and Outreach Coordinator in the Center for African Studies at UF.

Adam Schmidt, who graduated with a Master's Degree in 2000, is currently working for USAID in Baghdad responsible for arranging the national elections in that country.

## Faculty News

*Leslie Anderson* has been working on a book called *Politics on Faith: Trust and Rivalry in Making Democracy Work* during her sabbatical. It is an examination of the social capital argument in two new democracies that are currently developing: Nicaragua and Argentina. She is studying Peronism in Argentina and Sandinismo in Nicaragua, arguing that Sandinismo created horizontal ties and thus helps make democracy work while Peronism created vertical ties and hinders democratic development. She was also invited to present papers at several conferences during 2003. Dr. Anderson represented the International Political Science Association in Durban, South Africa. She participated in the First Central American Congress of Political Science in San Jose, Costa Rica. Her paper from this conference has since been included in an edited volume, *Selected Proceedings of the First Central American Congress of Political Science* (forthcoming in 2004).

*Sharon Austin* accompanied several members of the Black Political Science Association to the Annual Legislative Conference of the Congressional Black Caucus in Washington, D.C. from September 24-27, 2004. The students attended panels, presented research, attended a job and internship fair, and interviewed members of Congress for their research. The students who attended were Basil Binns II, Gloria Bowens, Nicholas Ndah, Sisteria Mixon, James Holloway III, Rejina St. Cyr, Kasmyene Hayes, Kimberly Hall, and Sanaa Hamilton. Also, from March 20-23, 2003, Dr. Austin accompanied several McNair Scholars to the Annual Meeting of the Black Political Science Association in Oakland, California. They presented research on African American politics and visited several colleges in the area. They students who attended the conference were Gloria Bowens, James Holloway III, Funmi Olorunnipa, Natassia Kelly and Kelli Moore.

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## The Florida Survey Research Center at the University of Florida

The Florida Survey Research Center (FSRC), directed by Michael Scicchitano and located at the University of Florida, was established to meet the growing need for top-quality survey research. The FSRC brings together the broad range of skills and experience of University of Florida faculty, staff, and graduate students who have years of experience and training in survey research.

The FSRC manages all components of survey research – from questionnaire development and population sampling to telephone interviewing and statistical data analysis. The FSRC conducts a variety of research and can oversee: telephone surveys, mail surveys, intercept and in-person surveys, focus groups, data management and analysis, grant support, and program evaluation.



The FSRC emphasizes quality control. Experienced supervisors, questionnaire pre-testing, extensive interviewer training, telephone monitoring systems, and advanced computer programs ensure high quality results. The FSRC is a modern research facility, utilizing a CATI (computer assisted telephone interviewing) system, an interactive front-end computer system that aids interviewers in asking questions over the telephone. The answers are keyed into the computer system immediately by the interviewer. The CATI system helps prevent errors as it prompts the researcher to ask correct questions based upon built-in skip patterns and eliminates out-of-range responses. This supports extremely complicated questioning patterns, branching, and multiple survey designs for the same project. Data is automatically and instantaneously recorded into an ASCII format database. The data files are then analyzed using the comprehensive statistical analysis package, the Statistical Analysis System (SAS).

The FSRC also utilizes experienced moderators and communications experts in implementing top-notch qualitative research. Focus groups are coordinated and moderated by knowledgeable practitioners and in-person interviews are conducted by veteran personnel.

The FSRC has implemented a large number of research projects involving telephone surveys, mail surveys, intercept surveys, focus groups, and in-person interviews. Clients include the State of Florida, Alachua County, the City of Gainesville, AvMed, Gainesville Regional Utilities, Georgia Department of Community Affairs, Lockwood Greene Consulting, and Lee County, to name a few.

On campus at the University of Florida, the FSRC has implemented research projects for academics, administrators, and graduate students. Studies have been conducted with professors and students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, IFAS, the College of Education, the College of Journalism and Communications, the College of Design, Construction, and Planning, and the College of Pharmacy, as well as for the Office of the Provost and Senior Vice President, the University of Florida Alumni Association, and the University of Florida Athletic Association. The FSRC provides grant support for faculty, as well as research planning, design, and implementation.

With scientific sampling techniques and telecommunications technology, the survey research conducted by the FSRC quickly provides accurate insight into the attitudes, preferences, and behavioral patterns of people and groups.

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In 2003, *J. Samuel Barkin*'s book *Social Construction and the Logic of Money: Financial Predominance and International Economic Leadership* was published by State University of New York Press. He also had several publications including articles in *International Studies Review* and *Global Environmental Politics*. Dr. Barkin co-authored an article (with Cassandra Moseley) in Hans Bressers and *Walter A. Rosenbaum*'s book *Achieving Sustainable Development: The Challenge of Governance Across Social Scales*. Dr. Barkin received a Summer Research Award from the University of Florida's Center for International Business Education Research and also was invited to present papers at both the American Political Science Association and the International Studies Association.

*Jim Button* was one of seven CLAS recipients of the Teacher of the Year Award in 2004. He was also recognized as an Anderson Scholar Professor for 2003-2004. Thanks to the Russell Sage Foundation Grant to study affirmative action and black employment in six Florida cities, Dr. Button coauthored several articles, including "The Impact of Affirmative Action: Black Employment in Southern Cities" (with Barbara Rienzo) and "White Women and Affirmative Action in Employment in Six Southern Cities (with Barbara Rienzo and Ryan Bakker). Several other articles are in the works as well as a book manuscript, *Affirmative Action Inter-minority Competition and Black Employment in Southern Communities*.

*Richard Conley* published articles this year on presidential veto politics and White House legislative lobbying in *Presidential Studies Quarterly* and *White House Studies*, as well as a co-authored piece with Eric M. Uslaner on social capital and civic engagement in *American Politics Research*. Conley's edited volume *Reassessing the Reagan Presidency* was published in 2003; his edited volume entitled *Transforming the American Polity: The Presidency of George W. Bush and the War on Terrorism* will be published in Summer 2004 by Prentice-Hall in the "Real Politics in America Series" and features research articles from leading presidency scholars who were invited to UF in February 2003 to participate in the conference "The Presidency, Congress, and the War on Terrorism: Scholarly Perspectives," which he organized. On research-only assignment in Fall 2003, Conley spent the semester working at the *Centre américain de Sciences-Po* and the the new UF Paris Research Center in Paris, France where he was gathering data for a book that will compare presidential politics in the US and France. Conley is also Coordinator of Political Science Studies in Aix-en-Provence, France and taught a course on French Politics there in Summer 2003 as part of the UF in Provence Program. The course was designed to give political science majors greater opportunity for study-abroad, and Conley will be returning to Aix-en-Provence in Summer 2004 to teach the course for the second consecutive year. Conley also led a group of 15 interdisciplinary students to Paris for a week-long course over Spring Break 2004 on "French Political Institutions, History, and Culture" with the support of Dr. Gayle Zachmann, Director of the UF Paris Research Center. The intensive Spring Break experience enabled students to combine lectures and readings with tours of political and historical sites including the Parliament, the President's Palace, the Château of Versailles, the World War II Resistance Museum in the *Invalides* museum where Napoléon's tomb rests, and a day trip to Bayeux to view the 11th Century tapestry of William the Conqueror, the American Cemetery at Omaha Beach, and the D-Day Museum that traces the Allied invasion of France.

*Lawrence Dodd* is spending the academic year in Washington D.C. as a Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. The Center- the nation's living memorial to President Wilson – is an international center devoted to advanced learning, with a special focus on the relationship between the world of learning and the world of public affairs. Dodd joins twenty fellows selected through international competition to spend the academic year working on scholarly projects and taking part in related Center activities. The international fellows come from universities in Africa, Russia, Europe, Latin America and Asia. Other U.S. fellows hail from UC-Berkeley, Duke, Michigan, Cornell, Rochester, UCLA, Illinois, and UC-San Diego. The Fellows cover the full range of disciplines in the social sciences and humanities, including anthropology, history, economics, literature, sociology, psychology, international relations, and political science. Doff is spending his year working on two book projects. One is a study with Leslie Anderson of the coming of electoral democracy over the past fifteen years in Nicaragua. The second is an analysis of the takeover of Congress by Republicans in 1994 and what the "Revolution" tells us about Congress and elections. With a number of scholars from Latin America at the Center, and with the Center hosting "The Congress Project" which highlights cutting edge research on

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Congress, it provides a perfect place for working on both books. The Center also provides direct daily access to the Library of Congress, access to the Wilson Center Library, and a wide range of special electronic data files. While providing time and resources for research, the Center involves Fellows in a myriad of activities. Each fellow gives three lectures during the year on scholarly work, and takes part in two seminar meetings each week on the work of other fellows and visiting scholars. In addition, the Center hosts a broad array of conferences on international affairs, American public policy, and contemporary politics. The highlight of the year thus far has been the twenty-five year commemorative conference on the Camp David accords. Held at the Center in September 2003, the conference included former President Carter and most of the principals who are still alive. The day long conference provided a special opportunity to see the principals up-close and hear their day-long retrospective assessments of the accords. According to Dr. Dodd, the most vivid experiences are the daily luncheons in the Wilson Center Café where staff, fellows and Washington insiders discuss all aspects of contemporary politics and public policy, both domestic and international. Lee Hamilton, President and Director of the Wilson Center, is often at the heart of these talks, which closely resemble seminars exploring the 'realpolitik' of American political life. Hamilton was a Congressman for four decades and is now Vice Chair of the Commission investigating the September 11<sup>th</sup> tragedy.

*David Hedge*, along with running for Congress, has been very active during the last year. He has been appointed to the editorial board of the *Policy Studies Journal* and also been reelected as the treasurer secretary of the Public Policy section of the American Political Science Association (APSA). This section is now one of the largest organized sections within the association. He was also honored with a CLAS advising award for 2003-2004.

*Goran Hyden* will be on sabbatical leave 2004-05 and will spend the Fall Semester in the Department of Political Science at Aarhus University in Denmark, one of the exchange programs that UF has in Europe.

*Amie Kreppel* has been very busy bringing a European focus to the Political Science department. Thanks to her efforts, UF now offers a new EU studies minor. She has also been active helping develop summer aboard programs, the Brussels summer aboard program at Vesalius/VUB and assisting in the creation of the New Prague program (offering a one unit course on The new Europe: A View from the East). She has had three articles published during the year, in *Journal of European Public Policy*, *Journal of Common Market Studies*, and *Comparative Political Studies*. Dr. Kreppel has also been an instrumental force in developing the Center of European Studies at Florida. Through her grant from the Department of Education, she was awarded funding to establish an interdisciplinary undergraduate Title VI Center for European Studies at the University of Florida. This center will organize and fund among other things: extensive outreach activities, including the development of a language pedagogy resource center, annual business training workshops, film festivals, and modern European art show (in collaboration with the Harn Museum) as well as new course development (area and foreign language), new faculty hires, faculty mini travel grants, an annual thematic conference, the creation of a website, newsletter and working paper series. Dr. Kreppel also helped develop the Workshop on the New Face of Europe, a two day event that brought 12 Academics from Europe and the USA and Practitioners from the EU institutions to UF to discuss EU enlargement, the Draft Constitution and the future of Europe. In addition, Dr. Kreppel participated in several conferences this year, including APSA, EUSA, and a workshop at the European University Institute (EUI), Fiesole, Italy.

*Ana Margheritis*'s book, *Latin American Democracies in the New Global Economy* was published this year. In addition, she also published an article in *Desarrollo Economico* in their April-June issue. She is now the coordinator in the MALAS program for students with a political science concentration. Dr. Margheritis was also invited to several conferences, including the VI National Congress of SAAP in Rosario, Argentina and the International Studies Association Convention in Portland, Oregon.

*Michael Martinez* and Kate Tirronen presented a paper at the 2003 Meeting of the Florida Political Science Association. Tirronen was an Honors Student in Political Science, and this paper is a portion of her Honors Thesis research. She is now a graduate student at George Washington University and a part-time intern on Capitol Hill. Dr. Martinez and Jeff Gill also presented a paper at the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association in Philadelphia in August 2003.

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Congratulations to *Albert Matheny*! Dr. Matheny was honored with the National Advising Administrator of the Year Award by the National Academic Advising Association.

*Byron Moraski* was invited to present at the annual meetings of the Midwest Political Science Association, the American Political Science Association, and the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies. In addition, Dr. Moraski participated in the International Conference of State Legislatures at the Federal University of Minas Gerais in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Dr. Moraski's article "Electoral System Design in Russian/Onlasti/and the Republicas: A Four Case Comparison" was published in *Europe-Asia Studies*. He also co-authored a paper with Bill Reisinger entitled "Explaining Electoral Competition across Russia's Region published in *Slavic Review*."

*Dan O'Neill* has been an energetic addition to our faculty! In addition to presenting at the Southern Political Science Association in New Orleans, Dr. O'Neill has recently had pieces published in *History of Political Thought* and *Polity*. He also currently has a book proposal under review and received UF's *Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Award* (Summer 2004) for "Commerce, Civilization, and Savagery: The Scottish Enlightenment and the American Founding."

*Ido Oren*'s article, "The Enduring Relationship Between the American (National Security) State and the State of the Discipline," was published in the January 2004 issue of *PS: Political Science and Politics*. In November 2003, Dr. Oren gave the Distinguished Ernest Fraenkel Lecture at the Free University of Berlin. The topic of the lecture was Oren's recent book, *Our Enemies and US: America's Rivalries and the Making of Political Science*. Ido Oren was also honored with a teacher of the year award from the UF in the 2002-2003 school year. Dr. Oren served as the organizer and program chair of the annual meeting of the International Studies Association-Southern Region, which took place on campus in October 2003. The meeting brought to Gainesville more than 100 scholars and graduate students, who participated in thirty panels. Professor Terry McCoy was the featured speaker in the meeting's plenary luncheon. Ido Oren was also elected president of the International Studies Association-Southern Region for 2004.

*Beth Rosenson* was invited to present a paper at an international conference on "Governance of Political Ethics" at the University of Montréal in May 2004. This conference was designed to foster the exchange of ideas regarding the regulation of governmental ethics. Both normative issues and institutional arrangements for regulating politicians' ethics in different national settings were explored. Dr. Rosenson also co-authored a paper in *Terrorism and Political Violence* with Kenneth Wald and Elizabeth Oldmixon. The paper, "Conflict Over Israel: The Role of Race, Religion, Party and Ideology in the U.S. House of Representatives, 1997-2002" will come out soon.

*Ben Smith* published "If I Do These Things They Will Throw Me Out: Economic Reform and the Collapse of Indonesia's New Order" in the Fall 2003 issue of the *Journal of International Affairs*, "Oil Wealth and Regime Survival in the Developing World, 1960-1999" in the April 2004 issue of the *American Journal of Political Science*, and "Collective Action With and Without Islam" in *Islamic Activism: A Social Movement Theory Approach* (ed. Quintan Wiktorowicz, Indiana UP, 2003). He made a research trip to Indonesia in October 2003 and received a fellowship from the United States-Indonesian Society to continue that research, on the electoral impact of political decentralization, in March and April 2004. Smith presented a paper on single-party regimes at the APSA annual meeting in Philadelphia and presented papers at Columbia, Harvard, and Yale. He also will lead a session on the politics of oil wealth at a Democracy Council workshop titled "Transparency and Accountability in Government" in Dili, East Timor, in March 2004.

*Dan Smith* has had a very busy year. He has recently done more than two dozen media interviews, mostly about the California recall election. Dr. Smith was interviewed for both *All Things Considered* and *Talk of the Nation* on National Public Radio. He has also recently published articles in *PS: Political Science and Policy Quarterly* and *State Politics and Policy Quarterly*. In addition, he was an invited panelist at the New York Bar Association, and the National Academy of Public Administration. Dr. Smith has also presented papers at several political science conferences this year, including APSA, Southern, Western and Midwest.

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*Les Thiele* was very active in 2003. He was the recipient of both a Humanities Scholarship and a College of Natural Resources and Environmental Research and Outreach Grant. The second edition of *Thinking Politics: Perspectives in Ancient, Modern and Postmodern Political Theory* was released as well. He authored a book chapter, "The Ethics and Politics of Narrative: Heidegger + Foucault," in *Foucault and Heidegger: Critical Encounters*. Dr. Thiele was also invited to give a lecture at the United Nations University for Peace in San Jose, Costa Rica in September 2003.

In 2003, *Leonardo A. Villalón* (Political Science and Center of African Studies director) directed a two-week institute for faculty on "Contemporary Islam in West Africa: Senegal in Perspective," at the West African Research Center in Dakar, Senegal. Twelve US-based faculty members from eight institutions took part in the program. In July, Villalón traveled to Grand Bassam, Cote d'Ivoire, as one of the four academics invited to facilitate a week-long seminar on compromise and reconciliation sponsored by the US State Department. Delegations from each of the parties signatory to the Marcoussis accords, which sought to end the Ivoirian crisis, took part in this meeting. In September Villalón participated in a conference on "Sufism and the 'Modern' in Islam," held in Bogor, Indonesia and hosted by the Indonesian Center for the Study of Islam and Society. He presented a paper entitled "Debating Modernity in Contemporary Senegal: Religious Dynamics in a Sufi-dominant Society." At the annual meeting of the African Studies Association in Boston, Villalón participated in a roundtable on the theme of "Islamism in West Africa." In early November, he also presented "Changing Dynamics of Political Islam in the Western Sahel: The Senegalese Case in Regional Context," as part of a seminar on "The Terrorist Challenge in Africa's Sahel" at the US Department of State.

*Ken Wald* will transition back in Fall semester 2004 full-time to the Department from his job as Director of the Center for Jewish Studies. Over the past year, he witnessed the publication by Rowman and Littlefield of the fourth edition of his *Religion and Politics in the United States* and two book chapters in edited collections, " 'A Necessary Annoyance' The Christian Right and the Evolution of Party Politics in Florida" (with Richard K. Scher) and "The Probable Persistence of American Jewish Liberalism." His research took him to Tel Aviv, where he presented a paper on the contours of Congressional support for Israel with former student Elizabeth Oldmixon and current colleague Beth Rosenson. Wald was honored in the fall semester by Florida Blue Key, receiving its Distinguished Professor Award. This created a momentary dilemma for someone who has long made fun of Blue Key. In the end, seduced by the prospect of riding in the Homecoming Parade, he squashed his scruples. It may not be entirely coincidental that he was subsequently invited to present a paper in Munich, Germany, site of another famous betrayal of principles. :-)

*Philip Williams* is directing a major three year study of religion and transnational migration in Florida - the Latino Immigrants in Florida Project - funded by the Ford Foundation. During the first phase of the project (2003-2005), a multinational research team is collecting detailed accounts of social, cultural, and religious life in three immigrant communities in Florida. The project will produce an annotated volume of oral histories, accompanied by a video to be used for educational purposes in immigrant communities, high schools, and universities. In addition to these research activities, Williams published a chapter with Guillermina Seri (Ph.D. candidate) in an edited volume, *Christian Democracy in Latin America* (Stanford University Press, 2003).

*Patricia J. Woods* is currently on research leave as a Visiting Scholar at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard University. She was Program Chair for the 2003 Association for Israeli Studies' international conference in San Diego, California, which was held in April. She presented papers to the Law and Society Association, the Association for Israeli Studies and the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard University. In addition, she presented her work on competing social visions of left-wing social movements and religious constituencies in Israel as part of the UF Center for Jewish Studies Shorstein Lecture Series in October. She published new articles in *Israel Studies Forum*, *Droit et Société*, has a forthcoming piece in Scheingold and Sarat's new edited volume on Cause Lawyering, and submitted a fourth co-authored article on cause lawyers as knowledge holders for the state. Two previously written, longer term projects were published in *Field Methods*, and Joel Migdal's edited volume on *Boundaries and Belonging*. Woods was awarded two visiting fellowships for research in May and June 2004 on judicial communities, religious freedom and women's rights: she will be a Visiting International Research at the Group d'Analyse de Politiques, Ecole Supérieure Normale de Cachan, France, which is part of the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique; and an Honorary Research Fellow at the Birkbeck College of Law at the University of London. She returns to UF in fall 2004.



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