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**Chair's Corner**  
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This past year has been a busy one. Despite an extended chair search that kept us all on the edge of our seats, the department continues to grow in both numbers and quality. We have currently about 1,400 undergraduate majors and over 100 graduate students in our Masters and Ph.D. programs. The Department has 34 tenured and tenure-accruing faculty members engaged in cutting-edge research. We have been successful in recruiting some of the best junior faculty from the top programs around the country. This year we welcomed three new faculty members to the department, Conor O'Dwyer (Central and Eastern European Politics), Ben Smith (Asian Politics), and Sharon Austin (Minority and Urban Politics). Also, after a very active hiring

season, we hired four new faculty members who will be joining us in the fall: Badredine Arfi (Methodology and International Relations), Won-ho Park (Methodology and Asian Politics), Michael Heaney (Public Policy), and Helena Rodrigues (Latino Politics in the US).

Our faculty have been busy organizing conferences, bringing in prominent speakers, and developing new international programs. Steve Craig and the Campaigning Program put together an excellent conference focusing on campaigns and elections. Aida Hozic organized a fascinating lecture series on Transnational Informal Economies and Security. Yours truly organized (with Manuel Vasquez) a lecture series on Immigration, Politics, and Religion in the Americas. And Ido Oren developed a new Berlin study tour for students in his undergraduate international relations course this semester.

Since beginning my term as chair, I've had the pleasure of announcing the publication of new books by Dan Smith, Rich Conley, Goran Hyden, Steve Craig and Michael Martinez, Peggy Conway, Leslie Anderson and Larry Dodd. In addition, Goran Hyden was invited to the University of Aarhus, Denmark as a Visiting Professor and Ken Wald was invited to Harvard's Weatherhead Center as a Visiting Scholar. Mike Scicchitano assumed the editorship of the journal *State and Local Government Review*. And Conor O'Dwyer won the 2004 prize for the best dissertation in the field of European Politics and Society.

A few of our faculty were also recognized for their contributions here at UF. Amie Kreppel was the recipient of one of two UF International Educator of the Year Awards. Sharon Austin was honored as both the CLAS and University-wide Advisor of the Year; Leslie Anderson was nominated by the College for the Doctoral

Dissertation Advising/Mentoring award; and Dan Smith and Peggy Kohn received Humanities Scholarship Enhancement Awards for Summer 2005.

Our undergraduates are among the very best in the College. Nine of our students were acknowledged at the Multicultural Student Awards banquet; Mark Villegas and Tashiba Robinson graduated last month as CLAS Valedictorians; one of our recent graduates, Karen Harmel, received a Fulbright fellowship to study in Dublin, Ireland during the 2004-2005 academic year; two of our undergraduates will be attending Harvard's Kennedy School of Government next fall, and another will begin Harvard Law School. Our graduate students continue to impress: Emilia Gioreva, won the "Best Dissertation Fieldwork Award" from the Comparative Democratization Section of the APSA; Guillermina Seri received a prestigious postdoctoral fellowship at Colgate University; Brian Williams won a Fulbright fellowship to Brazil; and David Ellis and Waleed Mousa both received 2005 CLAS Dissertation Awards.

As we look to the future the department faces a number of challenges: we need to manage better the size of the undergraduate program while maintaining a quality undergraduate experience; we need to enhance the quality of our graduate programs and placement of graduate students; we need to build on our recent successes in securing external funding to support new program initiatives; we need to continue to make quality hires - not only to fill gaps in the curriculum - but that strengthen new programmatic initiatives; and we need to develop intermediate and long-term solutions to space constraints that undermine our capacity for growth. In the coming year, I look forward

to working with the Dean and our alumni and friends to develop creative solutions to these challenges so that we can continue to provide our students with the high-quality education and training they deserve.

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# Campaigning Conference



On February 24-25, 2005 Professor Steve Craig organized a workshop for academics and consultants entitled Studying Politics: What We Know and Don't Know about Campaigns and Elections, which was held at the Hilton Hotel in Gainesville.

Traditionally, the academic community and those who operate in the real world of politics have not had the highest regard for one another. When the Graduate Program in Political Campaigning was first created in the mid 1980s, it drew a skeptical reaction from both sides of this divide: Political professionals frequently expressed their hope that we would have our students do more than just "read books," while many of our academic colleagues worried that the program offered vocational training absent any serious intellectual content.

Tensions between the two groups have eased over the years, in part because graduates of the UF Political Campaigning program have repeatedly proved their mettle in the practical realm – but also because, increasingly, researchers are asking questions that are of great interest to candidates and their advisers: How much do campaign events such as speeches and debates actually shape voter preferences? Are paid ads (and especially negative ads) as persuasive as they often seem to be? Is advertising or personal contact with voters more cost-effective? How is conventional campaigning likely to be transformed by increasing use of the internet by parties, candidates, and groups? How much of an impact does campaign spending have on the outcome of elections?

The conference brought together academics and consultants for the purpose of discussing this research, considering its limitations, and identifying avenues for future inquiry. An impressive group of scholars agreed to write review essays that described the state of our knowledge in a particular area, while several prominent consultants from both sides of the partisan aisle provided their perspective as well. These essays and comments will be forthcoming in a book to be published by Congressional Quarterly Press.

Participants in the conference included Thomas M. Holbrook (University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee), Daniel M. Shea (Allegheny College), Thomas E. Patterson (Bradlee Professor of Government and the Press, Harvard University), John C. Green (Director, Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics, University of Akron), Lynda Lee Kaid (University of Florida), Kenneth M. Goldstein (University of Wisconsin-Madison), Dennis W. Johnson (Graduate School of Political Management, George Washington University), Daniel A. Smith (University of Florida), Peter W. Wielhouwer (formerly of Regent University), David A. Dulio (Oakland University, Michigan), Paul S. Herrnsen (Center for American Politics and Citizenship, University of Maryland), James A. Thurber and R. Sam Garrett (Center for Presidential and Congressional Studies, American University), David Beattie (Hamilton Beattie & Staff, Fernandina Beach, FL and Washington, DC).

Consultant participants included David Beattie (D – Hamilton Beattie & Staff), Rich Davis (D – Dixon/Davis Media Group), David Hill (R – Hill Research Consultants), Michael Hudome (R – MH Media), Chris Ingram (R – 411 Communications), Wayne Johnson (R – JohnsonClark Associates), Donna Victoria (D – Victoria Research & Consulting), and Amy Walter (Cook Political Report)

Facilitators included Roger Austin (R – general consultant), James G. Kane (Florida Voter polling organization), Susan MacManus (University of South Florida), and David Wolfson (R – OSI Research & Consulting).



# Alumni News

Former Florida Governor and U.S. Senator Bob Graham, a graduate of the University of Florida, recently delivered an address at the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Fellow UF Alumnus Robin Gibson, in whose name the Gibson Term Professorship is awarded to UF faculty, is to Graham's left.



Bethany A. Dibble (B.A. 2001) received a Master's of Professional Studies in Community Services Administration (Public Admin) from Alfred University in Alfred, NY (Magna Cum Laude, May 2004). She is currently employed as a contract support assistant for the county's community action agency, Allegany County Community Opportunities and Rural Development Corporation. Her duties include writing grants for homeless and domestic violence services.

Stephanie Toothaker (1991) served as Special Counsel to United States Senator Bob Graham in Washington, D.C.

Mara Krause Donahue (B.A. 1993) recently left the Policy division at PhRMA (Rx trade assoc) to become the Director of Chronic Disease Policy at ASTHO (Association of State and Territorial Health Officials). At PhRMA, Mara was the lead analyst working on the Medicare Rx legislation. At ASTHO, she will manage a CDC Cooperative agreement to work with states to address chronic diseases.

Adam J. Newmark (B.A. 1995) received a Ph.D in Political Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (May 2003). He is currently Assistant Professor at Appalachian State University. His research interests include state and local politics, interest groups and lobbying, public policy, and public opinion.

Luke Garrott (Ph. D 2001) is still at Utah (asst. Professor - lecturer); was named 2004 - 2005 "Community Scholar in Residence" by University/Neighborhood Partners for combining teaching, research, and service on the west side of Salt Lake City. He is currently involved in a project, through a service-learning class entitled "Neighborhood Democracy," that places undergrads in the community to (1) help community councils increase participation and (2) research the effectiveness of the councils in linking citizens and the city. No one knows it, but Luke keeps his Florida degree rolled up in his back pocket every day!

Christina Goodwin (B.A. 1999) was promoted to Vice President of The Tarrance Group, a polling/survey research firm in Alexandria, VA. She continues to be very active in Florida politics, working for the Republican Party of Florida, Florida Medical Association, and on countless Congressional, State House and State Senate campaigns.

Michael D. Cohen (Ph. D 1996) has founded Cohen Research Group, a political polling and market research firm based in Washington, D.C. He is working on his first book with Rowan and Littlefield publishers on national issue campaigns.

Cohen worked for Fabrizio, McLaughlin & Associates, a Republican polling firm, for three years as vice president and the Gallup Organization as senior research director for five years. He began his career in public opinion as a graduate assistant to the University of Florida's Bureau of Economic and Business Research. He is married to Lisa M. Cohen (formerly Herzog, BA, Political Science, 1997) and they have two children (Jessica, 3 and Ryan, 7 months).

Carl B. Garcia (1982) was recently awarded the Stanford Certified Project Manager designation. This certification is in addition to the MBA in Accounting & Finance from Marymount University, MS in Food Marketing from St. Joseph's University and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Florida. He is the Financial Manager, Systems & Strategic Project Management for Wakefern Food Corporation headquartered in Elizabeth, NJ. Carl's oldest son Bryan is a freshman attending the University of Notre Dame in South Bent, IN and is a Pre-Med major. His wife Debra is a Director of Sales for Oracle Corporation and his youngest son Brandon is a competitive motocross racer in addition to being an outstanding 7th grader. He and his family reside in Princeton Junction, NJ.

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## Hard Times in the Land of Plenty:

**Oil, Opposition, and Late Development** Benjamin Smith

In the weeks after the fall of Saddam Hussein's government in Iraq in April 2003, Vice President Dick Cheney expressed optimism about Iraq's future, suggesting that the country's rich oil reserves could rebuild the country's economy and bolster its new democratic government. Notwithstanding his earlier statements to the contrary<sup>1</sup>, Cheney's rosy forecast stands in contrast with the empirical record in oil-rich countries. Oil-rich developing countries are home to some of the world's most long-lived authoritarian regimes. However, they have also seen some of the most spectacular regime and state failures of the late 20th century—in Iran, Nigeria, and elsewhere.

Accounting for this variation requires looking back in time to a common starting point in the economic development of the world's large oil exporters. Before the "Washington Consensus" made market-friendly economic policies a condition of receiving international assistance, the World Bank in the 1960s encouraged developing countries to take a state-led approach to development. It strongly endorsed state ownership of major corporate enterprises and other direct forms of government market intervention to encourage industrial growth.

One starting point for grasping these developments is the dramatic sociopolitical changes that state-led, or "late" economic development induced in many oil-rich countries. Not only did late development fundamentally change the way that most citizens in countries such as Indonesia and Iran produced, bought, and sold goods, it also directly implicated rulers in the process of development, making these governments the first place to look if economic performance began to suffer. The oil price "bust" of the 1980s brought boom era spending binges to a halt and also brought serious political crises to many exporting states. What differed was the ability of rulers across the oil-exporting world to manage political crises. Some rulers, such as the Shah in Iran, collapsed under the weight of oil-induced strains. Others, including Indonesia's Suharto, Malaysia's Mohammed Mahathir and Syria's Hafez al-Asad, rode out similar crises. I suggest in the book that their abilities to manage these crises are rooted in the political choices made years earlier at the onset of "late development."

Some regimes, such as Suharto's New Order, Asad's Ba'ath Party and, notably, Saddam Hussein's Ba'ath Party, embarked on late development in the face of highly organized opposition parties that threatened to mobilize their supporters against these incoming governments. In order to survive, they had to build counter-coalitions. And, these hard political times were compounded by a lack of easy access to revenues such as those derived from oil exports. Lacking such revenues to buy off supporters, these rulers had little choice but to make political concessions to potential supporters. Suharto's government, for example, gave into the demands of powerful student organizations by giving 12 economists complete control of the country's economic policy apparatus. Suharto brought major Islamic organizations into the coalition by giving them control over the Ministries of Religion and Education. His regime also invested heavily in building a powerful ruling party of its own, GOLKAR, which helped to give this coalition an institutional shape and a predictable source of access to the center of political power.

What emerged from these early hard times were authoritarian governments bolstered by robust support systems that were independent of oil revenues. On the other hand, regimes such as the Shah's began late development with little organized opposition and, often, with ready access to oil revenues. Rulers with such a wide array of options as this could "buy" a coalition in support of their economic plans, and could avoid the politically costly step of making serious concessions to potential societal allies. These early years of late development created enduring patterns of political authority and of state development.

When the first oil boom came in 1974, it magnified these patterns. A few years later, when the economic effects of the oil boom created inflationary crises in many exporting countries, the state's centrality in the economy—and in choosing how to allocate oil revenues—made it the prime target of protesters. The ability of rulers to manage these crises, and to prevent them from growing into mass-based opposition movements, were alternately constrained and enabled by the choices they had made even decades earlier. In Iran, years of neglecting important urban social groups and their interests left the Shah's regime with few means of dealing with dissent other than coercion, which ultimately proved insufficient. In Indonesia, the regime relied heavily on preexisting ties to opposition leaders to co-opt them when possible and to placate others by making tactical concessions that split protesting groups before they coalesced. The long-term effects of building, or not building ties, to important social groups proved crucial. On January 16, 1979, the Shah fled into exile in the face of a revolution led from abroad by the Ayatollah Khomeini. By contrast, at the beginning of the same year Suharto reestablished political order and went on to rule for another 20 years.

One of the most important, if also most gloomy, conclusions to draw is that we should expect the structures by which political power is exercised in oil rich countries to prove very robust, despite pressure from within and from without. It is worth noting that, even after a full-blown American-British invasion and occupation that removed Saddam Hussein's Ba'athist regime from power, the party continues to serve as the primary means by which resistance to the occupation is mobilized. To take another example from recent headlines, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's announcement that he would allow rival candidates to contest the presidency belies the fact that the constitution gives his ruling National Democratic Party the exclusive right to judge candidates' eligibility. Ruling parties such as his, unfortunately, remain the cement holding many highly repressive governments together. It is these ruling parties crafted during the early years of late development, rather than the simple fact of oil wealth, that will likely prove the greatest obstacle to political reform. For those of us interested in understanding the conditions under which authoritarian regimes display vulnerability that can provide openings for political change, such insights into the origins of durable autocratic rule are key to evaluating the most likely sources of resistance.

Benjamin Smith's book *Hard Times in the Land of Plenty: Oil, Opposition, and Late Development* will be published by Cornell University Press.

1. In 1996, then Halliburton CEO Cheney noted at an energy conference in New Orleans that, "The problem is that the good Lord didn't see fit to put oil and gas reserves where there are democratic governments."

# Faculty News

**Leslie Anderson** published *Learning Democracy: Citizen Engagement and Electoral Choice in Nicaragua, 1990-2001* (co-authored with Lawrence Dodd) with the University of Chicago Press. The book seeks to explain the electoral revolution by which voters in Nicaragua embraced and reaffirmed the move from revolutionary socialism to democratic conservatism. Addressing issues largely unexamined in Latin American studies, *Learning Democracy* probes how the country's mass electorate moved beyond revolutionary struggle to establish a more stable democratic government by realizing the vital role of citizens in democratization processes. Professor Anderson also published (with Lawrence Dodd) "*Democratise Envers et Contre Tout: Comportement Électoral au Nicaragua, 1990-2001*," *Revue Le Banquet* (Paris, October, 2004).

**Sammy Barkin's** recent articles include "Realist Constructivism and Realist-Constructivism," *International Studies Review*, vol. 6, #2 (June 2004), "Time Horizons and Multilateral Enforcement in International Cooperation," *International Studies Quarterly*, vol. 48, (June 2004), "The Tragic Vision of Politics: Ethics, Interests, and Orders," by Richard Ned Lebow, *International Studies Review*, vol. 6 (September, 2004), and "International Organizations," in the *Berkshire Encyclopedia of World History* (Great Barrington, MA: Berkshire Publishing, 2005). In January 2005 he was invited to present a paper entitled "Forum Shopping to Win" at the Workshop on Forum Shopping and Global Governance in Miami, FL.

**Richard Conley's** edited book *Transforming the American Polity: The Presidency of George W. Bush and the War on Terrorism* was published by Prentice-Hall. The chapters are a product of the February 2003 conference at UF organized by Conley, who wrote the introduction to the volume and a chapter entitled "Presidential and Congressional Struggles over the Formation of the Department of Homeland Security." He also published "President Clinton and the Republican Congress, 1995-2000: Political and Policy Dimensions of Veto Politics in Divided Government," *Congress and the Presidency* 33 (Autumn 2004) and a co-authored piece with colleague Richard Scher entitled "I Did It My Way": Governor Jeb Bush and the Line-Item Veto in Florida," *The Florida Political Chronicle* 15 (2004). His recent book chapters include "The Veto as an Effective Tool for Governing" in Robert P. Watson and David A. Freeman (eds.), *Debating the Presidency* (Dubuque, Iowa: Kendall-Hunt Publishing, 2004) and "The War on Terrorism and Homeland Security: Presidential and Congressional Challenges" in Tom Lansford and Robert P. Watson (eds.), *George W. Bush: A Political and Ethical Assessment at Mid-Term*

(Albany: SUNY Press, 2004).

**Stephen Craig's** co-edited book with **Michael Martinez**, *Ambivalence and the Structure of Political Opinion*, was published by Palgrave Macmillan last fall; a companion volume, *Ambivalence, Politics, and Public Policy*, will appear later this year. He also has articles forthcoming in *Political Research Quarterly* (also on ambivalence) and *Political Communication* (on campaign learning). As director of UF's Graduate Program in Political Campaigning, he recently hosted a conference that brought together a distinguished group of academics and professional campaign consultants to talk about the factors that shape election outcomes. Papers presented at this conference, along with reactions from the practitioners, will be published by Congressional Quarterly Press in a book titled *Studying Politics: What We Know and Don't Know about Campaigns and Elections*.

**Lawrence Dodd** recently published the eighth edition of *Congress Reconsidered*, co-edited with Bruce Oppenheimer. The book was first published in 1977 and revised editions of it have appeared every four years (following each presidential election). It is the only edited volume on Congress honored as a "landmark" book in a recent article on "Landmarks in the Study of Congress Since World War II" by Nelson Polsby and Eric Schickler. Thirteen of the nineteen articles in this edition are new and six are fully revised essays from the previous edition. Professor Dodd himself had written or co-authored three of the essays. Also noteworthy in the eighth edition is an essay contributed by Joshua Gordon, one of the department's recent PhDs, entitled "The (Dis)integration of the House Appropriations Committee," which is drawn from Gordon's doctoral dissertation. Professor Dodd is also co-author, with Leslie Anderson, of *Learning Democracy: Citizen Engagement and Electoral Choice in Nicaragua, 1990-2001* published by the University of Chicago Press this year.

**David Hedge** has several forthcoming articles, including "Data on the American States" (with Renée Johnson) in Kimberly Kempf-Leonard (ed.), *Encyclopedia of Social Measurement* (San Diego: Academic Press-Elsevier) and "Bootstraps and Benevolence: A Comparative Test of the States' Capacity to Effect Change in Welfare Recipients" (with Renée J. Johnson and departmental graduate Marian Currinder) in *State and Local Government Review*. Professor Hedge was also re-elected as secretary-treasurer of the public policy section of the American Political Science Association, was program chair of the Florida Political Science Association (FPSA) meeting in March 2005, and was elected President of the FPSA. His ongoing research, with Renée Johnson and Jeff Gill, examines the impact of presidential popularity on congressional control of regulatory agencies during the Clinton administration. Professor Hedge is also working with doctoral student John Livannis on an analysis

of regulatory federalism in the European Union.

**Goran Hyden** served as senior author of a book titled *Making Sense of Governance: Empirical Evidence from Sixteen Developing Countries* published by Lynne Rienner in September 2004. He also has a book entitled *African Politics in Comparative Perspective* to be published by Cambridge University Press in August 2005. Professor Hyden also authored a background report for the African Development Bank in Tunis (2005), a paper for the Governance and Democracy Working Group (made up of representatives of the international donor agencies) in Dar es Salaam (2005), and a paper titled "Mainstreaming Informal Institutions" for a workshop in Ebeltoft, Denmark in December 2004 that focused on what the organizers called "the area studies controversy."

**Amb. Dennis Jett** (Ret.), Dean of the UF International Center, has written a number of op-eds thus far in 2005, including "Karen Hughes: Promoter of Bush's Policy" (*Miami Herald*), "Democracy is More Than a SoundBite" (*The Christian Science Monitor*), "Bush, Putin vs. the Press" (*Orlando Sentinel*), and "The Failure of Colin Powell" (*Foreign Service Journal*).

**Terry McCoy** published a book chapter "9/11 and the Americas: End of an Era?" In James E. Harf and Mark Own Lombardi (eds.), *The Unfolding Legacy of 9/11* (University Press of America, 2005). Professor McCoy also took part in the U.S. Embassy Speaking Program in Peru on Free Trade in the Americas in May 2005.

**Ana Margheritis** published (with Anthony W. Pereira) "A América Latina e o fim do «Consenso de Washington», *Relações Internacionais*, IPRI, (Lisbon, Portugal, December 2004). She also presented papers at the Southern Political Science Association in New Orleans, the Second International Congress of the Latin American Association of Political Science (ALACIP) in Mexico City, and at the Second International Conference on European and International Political Affairs in Athens, Greece. Her invited presentations include a seminar on "Democracy and the World: 2005" at the Global Studies Institute, Culver Academies, in Culver, Indiana and her participation in the "Immigration, Ethnic Communities and Host Societies" Perspectives from the European Union" symposium at Florida International University in Miami.

In October 2004, **Michael Martinez** was invited by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of International Information Programs to speak at several venues in Atlantic Canada about the (then forthcoming) U.S. elections. His itinerary included meeting with business development officials in Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia; public lectures at University of Prince Edward Island, University of New Brunswick - St. John, and St. Mary's University (in Halifax); conversations with students and faculty from Mt. St. Vincent University, Dalhousie University, Atlantic Baptist University, and Université de Moncton, as well as with the U.S. Consul General in Halifax; and media interviews in St. John and Halifax. Although Dr. Martinez had traveled previously in Western Canada, Ontario, and Québec, this was his first trip to the "Far East." His co-edited book with Stephen Craig, *Ambivalence: The Structure of Political Opinion*,

was also published this year.

**Bryon Moraski** participated in the 2004 Summer Research Laboratory on Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia at the University of Illinois. While at the University of Illinois, he collected information on the institutionalization of Russia's regional parliaments. During the fall semester, he spent a month in Moscow supplementing the data collected at the Summer Research Laboratory and collecting data on Russia's 2003 national parliamentary elections at the regional and national levels. A paper on the topic was then presented at the Southern Political Science Association's Annual Meeting in New Orleans. Professor Moraski also signed a book contract in March with Northern Illinois University Press for *Elections by Design: Electoral System Choice and Patron Politics in Russia's Regions*. It should be available in April 2006. In terms of teaching, Dr. Moraski was recognized as an Anderson/CLAS Scholar Faculty Honoree at the 2004 Fall Convocation.

**Conor O'Dwyer's** dissertation *Runaway State-Building: How Parties Shape States in Post-Communist Poland, the Czech Republic, and Slovakia* won the Best Dissertation Award of the European Politics and Society section of the American Political Science Association (APSA) in 2004. Professor O'Dwyer published "Runaway State Building: How Political Parties Shape States in Postcommunist Eastern Europe," *World Politics* 56 (July 2004) and just signed a contract with Johns Hopkins University Press for his book *Runaway State-building: Patronage Politics and Political Development*. Together with his wife Ingrid Kleespies, he has been organizing a Prague study abroad program for Summer 2005 and will teach a class entitled "Return to Europe? Politics and Culture in East Central Europe from Empire to European Union."

**Beth Rosenson's** book *The Shadowlands of Conduct: Ethics and State Politics* was published by Georgetown University Press this Spring. The book examines the passage of state ethics or conflict of interest laws in the American states between 1954 and 1996, focusing on why states vary in the content and enforcement of this type of legislation as it applies to legislators. Professor Rosenson also has several forthcoming articles, including "Costs and Benefits of Ethics Laws?" in the *International Public Management Journal* and a co-authored chapter (with Ken Wald and department graduate Elizabeth Oldmixon at the University of North Texas) entitled "Conflict over Israel: Religion, Race, Party and Ideology in the U.S. House of Representatives, 1997-2002" in *Terrorism and Political Violence* and to be reprinted in *The Religious Dimension of World Politics*, eds. Jonathan Fox and Shmuel Sandler (London: Frank Cass). Professor Rosenson also won a \$3,000 grant from the UF International Center to expand the international component of her undergraduate Media and Politics course.

**Katrina Schwartz's** article "European Wilderness, Latvian Ethnoscape: Imagining Sustainable Development

in the Post-Soviet Countryside," will be published in *Cultural Geographies* 12 (2005). Her article "Teaching Nations and Nationalism in the (former) Soviet Union," was published in *AAASS NewsNet* 44, (August 2004). In addition, Professor Schwartz gave an invited paper at the Institute for European Studies, Cornell University, entitled "'Masters in Our Native Place': The Politics of Latvian National Parks on the Road from Communism to 'Europe'," as well as a paper entitled "Europeanizing the Ethnoscape: Discourses of Nature and National Identity in Latvia" at the International conference on Political Cultures, Values and Identities in the Baltic Sea Region, University of Latvia, February 2005.

**Michael Scicchitano** was appointed Editor of the journal, *State and Local Government Review*, effective January 2005. *State and Local Government Review* is jointly sponsored by the Carl Vinson Institute of Government (University of Georgia) and the Section on Intergovernmental Administration and Management (SIAM) of the American Society for Public Administration. SIAM is the section of ASPA dedicated to state and local as well as intergovernmental teaching and research.

**Benjamin Smith** signed a contract with Cornell University Press to publish his book, *Hard Times in the Land of Plenty*. He also presented papers at the annual meetings of the American Political Science Association and the Association for Asian Studies, and gave a lecture at the University of Miami's Department of Political Science. Smith also completed an initial draft of a co-authored paper with UF Political Science PhD student Joe Kraus, which they presented in the department's brownbag speaker series in advance of the 2005 meeting of the Southwest Political Science Association and American Political Science Association.

**Leslie Thiele** published several articles and chapters recently, including "A (Political) Philosopher by Any Other Name: The Roots of Heidegger's Thought," *Political Theory*, 32 (August 2004), "Nietzsche, Irony and Democratic Politics," in *Nietzsche and Modern European Thought* (St. Petersburg: European University, 2004). He also gave several invited papers including "Must Political Theory Be Utopian," presented at the Political Theory Colloquium, Texas A&M University, February 2005 and "The Rhizomatic Caress of William Connolly," presented at the conference on Weak Ontology and the Affirmation of Moral and Political Life, Northwestern University, March 2004.

**Ken Wald** has returned to the Department after five and a half years as Director of the Center for Jewish Studies. Well, not exactly. Reversing the wisdom of countless generations, he picked January to migrate from Florida to Boston. He is spending the first half of his research leave as a Visiting Scholar affiliated with Harvard University's Weatherhead Center for International Affairs. In the Fall 2005 he will move

south to Washington, DC for a semester. In both places, he is catching up on his reading and working on two books, a revised, fifth edition of his *Religion and Politics in the United States* and a new book about Jewish political behavior. By January of 2006, he'll be back in Gainesville for the duration. Professor Wald recently published "Religion and Presidential Politics in Florida: A List Experiment" (with James G. Kane and Stephen C. Craig) in *Social Science Quarterly* 85 (June 2004): 281-93, and during 2004 gave invited papers and talks on religion and politics in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Columbia, South Carolina, Waltham, Massachusetts, and Hanover New Hampshire, as well as at the Goethe-Institut in Munich, Germany.

**Philip Williams** and **Manuel Vasquez** (Department of Religion) published "Introduction: the Power of Religious Identities in the Americas," in *Latin American Perspectives* Vol. 32, No. 1 (Jan. 2005). The essay introduces a special issue of the journal, guest-edited by Williams and Vasquez, devoted to the theme of religion and identity in the Americas. Williams continues to serve as co-director of the Latino Immigrants in Florida Project, supported by a major grant from the Ford Foundation. This spring, with generous support from the Center for Latin American Studies and the Barcardi Family Endowment, he organized a lecture series on "Immigration, Politics, and Religion in the Americas."

**Patricia J. Woods** was a Visiting Research Fellow at the Groupe d'Analyse des Politiques Publiques at the ENS-Cachan in Cachan, France, and an Honorary Visiting Fellow at the Birkbeck College of Law at the University of London in summer 2004. She was on the Screening Committee for the Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship 2005 competition. She was faculty discussant and Association for Israel Studies organizer for an AIS-ISIME (Denver University) international dissertation workshop. She published articles in *Israel Studies Forum* (on a national survey she conducted on women's movement mobilization in Israel); and in *The World's Cause Lawyers Make: Structure And Agency In Legal Practice* (Sarat and Scheingold, eds., Stanford University Press). She was discussant for the APSA theme panel on "Democratization and Judicial Reform," and she presented work at the APSA and WPSA conferences, the UF Gender Conversations series, and the University of Miami.

**Sharon Wright Austin** published (with Richard T. Middleton IV) "The Limitations of Deracialization Concept in the 2001 Los Angeles Mayoral Election" in *Political Research Quarterly* (June 2004). Her book *The Transformation of Plantation Politics in the Mississippi Delta: Black Politics, Concentrated Poverty, and Social Capital in the Mississippi Delta* is forthcoming with SUNY Press. Professor Wright Austin was also a fellow at the National Poverty Center of the University of Michigan's "Analyzing Poverty Trends Using Census 2000 Data," June 13-18, 2004.

# Retired Faculty On The Move

**Peggy Conway**, who retired from the Department several years ago, won a highly deserved distinction. At the 2004 American Political Science Association (APSA) meeting she was awarded the prestigious Frank J. Goodnow Award for contributions to the development of political science as a discipline and the building of the APSA organization. She also continues to publish actively. Her books include the second edition of *Women and Political Participation* (with Gertrude Steuernagel and David Ahern, Congressional Quarterly, 2005) and the third edition of *Women and Public Policy: A Revolution in Progress* (with David Ahern and Gertrude Steuernagel, Congressional Quarterly, 2005). Her article entitled "Group-Based Resources and Political Participation among Asian Americans," co-authored with Pei-te Lien and Janelle Wong, appeared in *American Politics Research* 31 (2004): 1-31.

**Wayne Francis**, a specialist on state legislative politics, is working on yet another project that he says may threaten to surface soon. In the meantime, Professor Francis and his wife plan on spending May of this year in China, and October in Spain. There goes his newly acquired French!

In November 2004, **James Morrison** was awarded the "Officers Cross of the Order of Merit" by Aleksander Kwasniewski, President of the Polish Republic, in recognition for his service in organizing a major exchange program between the University of Florida and the Adam Mickiewicz University of Poznan, Poland (1974-1992).

# International Activities

Fifteen undergraduate political science students participated in a study tour of Berlin, Germany, led by Professor Ido Oren during Spring Break, 2005. The tour was a capstone experience added-on to Professor Oren's course "War and Peace in World Politics." The course covered several interpretations of the origins of World War I, World War II, and the Cold War—all conflicts in which Berlin played a pivotal role as a diplomatic hub and/or as a battlefield. The tour thus provided a tremendous learning opportunity for students, bringing to life names and places covered in the readings. The group visited, among other sites, the Reichstag building (where the delegates endorsed Germany's declaration of war in 1914, and where Red Army soldiers famously flew the Soviet flag in 1945), the House of the Wannsee Conference (where Reinhard Heydrich, Adolf

Eichmann and other Nazi bureaucrats met in January 1942 to systematize the final solution of the Jewish question), the memorial to the Anti-Nazi resistance (located in the former Wehrmacht (Army) headquarters—where Hitler was applauded by his generals in 1933 after presenting to them his plan to extend Germany's "living space" Eastward, and where the leading conspirators against Hitler were executed eleven years later), the Checkpoint Charlie Museum, the Stasi (East German secret police) museum, and the monumental memorial to the Red Army's victory over Nazism. Additionally, students attended a fabulous concert of the German Symphony Orchestra and sampled other aspects of Berlin's vibrant cultural, street, and culinary scene. Professor Oren plans to conduct the Berlin Tour again in Spring 2006.



The UF group in the Red Army Victory Memorial, Treptower Park (photo by Nicole Boyle)

# Price Awards to Outstanding Graduate Students in American Politics

Doug Price and I have been colleagues since the 1960s when we were at Syracuse University. Huge Douglas Price was an Associate Professor when I arrived there for my first teaching position. He was far and away the most informed person on Congress and national politics that I had ever met. His mentor was V.O. Key, the dominant American politics scholar during the 1950s and early 1960s. When Key died, Doug, his former graduate student at Harvard, was asked to come in and take over his courses. He then stayed on for the remainder of his career. One of Doug's daily routines was to read the *New York Times* in its entirety, and then clip out all interesting tidbits, placing some of them in his teaching folders, and others in the mailboxes of his acquaintances. If you had lunch with him on Friday, you could be sure that at least three clippings would be in your mailbox on Monday, each pertaining to part of your conversation on Friday. We all knew that this was Doug's way of showing friendship, and it has occurred to me since then that perhaps he thought some of us were too buried in our technical research. He was a great colleague and fine political scientist who rose up from a foster-care environment to excel in his studies at Florida and Harvard. It is so nice to see his mark left on the education of our graduate students.

*Wayne Francis*

Wayne Francis

Diana Cohen, Jamie Pimlott, and Richard Yon (pictured below, from left to right) were the recipients this year of \$1,500 in research assistance from the H. Douglas Price Memorial Award, established in memory of Professor H. Douglas Price, to support graduate students in American Government. Diana is researching the Internet and elections, Jamie is studying political behavior, and Richard is interested in presidential politics.



development process of graduate students. As part of the event, the Graduate Student Council invited a number of prominent social scientists to discuss what it means to be methodologically plural. Dr. Kathleen Bawn (UCLA), Dr. James Johnson (University of Rochester), Dr. Rogers Smith (University of Pennsylvania), Dr. James Mahoney (Brown University), and the University of Florida's Dr. Ido Oren all presented substantive papers, which also engaged the question of methodological pluralism. The above-mentioned scholars, in addition to the department's own Dr. Larry Dodd and Dr. Badredine Arfi, also participated in a roundtable discussion. The symposium was a great success. It was supported by: The Center for Latin American Studies, The Center for European Studies, the Department of Political Science, the College of Liberal Arts and Science, and the Manning J. Dauer Endowment.

# Focus on Undergraduates

A number of Political Science undergraduates were recognized at the University of Florida's Multicultural Awards Ceremony on March 29, 2005. The ceremony honors outstanding minority students from throughout the university. The presentations were made by departmental faculty Sharon Wright, Sam Stafford, and Richard Scher. The honorees included Maru Smith, James Chio, Mariana Madrid, Crystal Patterson, Justin Travis Saar, Dina Renae Rubio, Christopher L. Busey, Demone W. Lee, Sisteria Mixon, Jessica Goodman, Jonathan Riley, and Tashiba Robinson.

Nine members of the Black Political Science Association presented papers at the annual meeting of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists in Arlington, Virginia in March 2005. The students were Sisteria Mixon, Lydia Washington, Christopher Busey, Christian Bell, Kanitra Ponder, Jonathan Riley, Brandie Stallings, Hannah Kissonhal, Roseberte Pierre, and doctoral student in history Keshia Duncan.

Roseberte Pierre is a McNair Scholar whose research examines trends in African American turnout during presidential elections and has been selected as a member of Who's Who Among American College Students.

Jonathan Riley has recently been invited to join Savant UF—a leadership honor society.

Teshiba Robinson has been selected as a Valedictorian in the May 2005 graduation ceremony. She has a 4.0 grade point average.

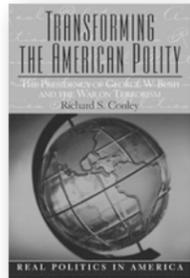
Karen Harmel, class of 2004, was a Fulbright Scholar in Ireland and has been accepted into the Masters program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Mark Villegas recently hosted two political forums: "Jam for Justice" and a forum on Black/Asian-American relations at UF. He has a 4.0 grade point average and graduated in May 2005.

# Social Science Methods Symposium

During the weekend of March 11th and 12th the Political Science Graduate Student Council hosted the Inaugural Social Science Methods Symposium on the campus of the University of Florida. The purpose of the event was to highlight the methodologically plural approach the Political Science Department at the University of Florida has used in the

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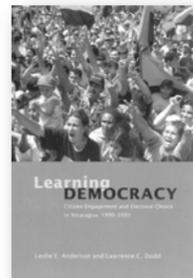


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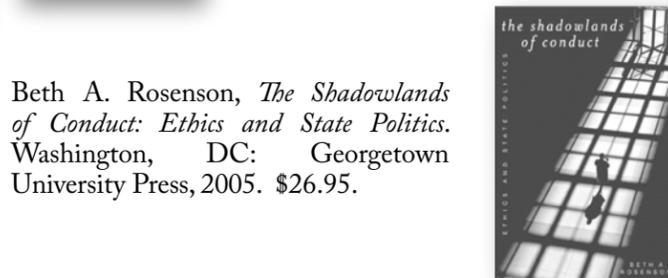
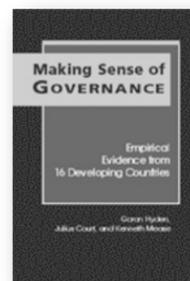


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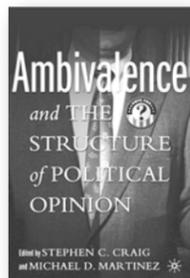
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