

## Putting Theory into Practice

Almost all of our current students have become adept at using computers for doing research, data analysis, and editing multiple drafts of papers. But this spring, the only times that Political Science senior Danielle Hatch used a computer for a class assignment is to transcribe a wiretap and check in with her professor. Danielle's internship with the enforcement division of the DEA is just one of many examples of UF students testing and expanding their knowledge about politics by working with the people who we study.

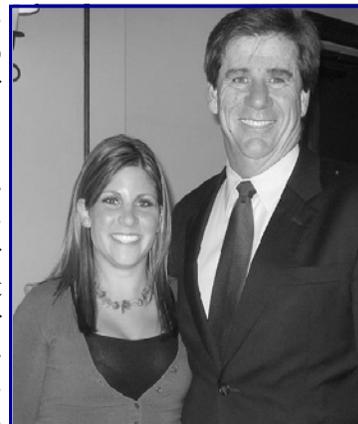
This Spring, Professor Dan Smith, who coordinates the Undergraduate Internship Program, supervised students working at all levels - local, state, and federal - with government agencies and political campaigns. Ray Garcia interned at the White House



with the President's Domestic Policy Council, and his research helped the Council address such issues as human trafficking, global competitiveness initiatives, Sub-Saharan HIV/AIDS funding, and asbestos legislation. At the Department of Justice, Chris Gabriel summarized depositions, reviewed document collections, worked with FBI personnel to determine the

status of civil investigations, and provided general support to litigation activities. Danielle Hatch shadowed DEA agents on a variety of activities, including surveillance, executing search warrants, and meeting with sources. At the local level, Rachel Connors worked on a public information campaign for the April 2006 annexation referendum in Gainesville, creating brochures, letters, Web site content and posters to inform residents about the possible effects of annexation. On the campaign trail, Alison Nadle is helping the Jim Davis gubernatorial campaign mobilize student support, while Marissa Berlin's experiences in Rod Smith's campaign office have included the opportunity to work with the candidate's scheduling director. Students are universally excited about these opportunities to learn what makes government and campaigns tick. Professor Smith ensures that students reflect on their experiences through analytical lenses by requiring a research paper that blends the relevant academic literature with insights gained from the student's internship. Smith observed, "Whether it's working on a local political campaign for sheriff, staffing the home office of a member of Congress, clerking in a circuit court, or working for EMILY's List in Washington, D.C., our talented undergrads are gaining practical insights during their internships, connecting what they've learned in the classroom to the 'real

world,' and making invaluable contacts that will help launch their careers after they graduate from UF."



A partnership with Management Systems International and the Agency for International Development (MSI/US AID) enabled four UF graduate students to intern with MSI's Civil Society/ Strengthening Democracy and Governance program in Jamaica. Under Professor Leann Brown's guidance, the interns conducted focus groups in Jamaica during Summer 2005 and contributed to an MSI report for USAID on strengthening civil society. Fredline M'Cormack, a Ph.D. student interested in the role of NGOs in democratization, found that the field research in a developing country outside Africa (which is her primary regional focus), allowed her to be more open in the research process, and provided her with additional ideas on how to examine the relationships between civil society and the state. The Jamaica internship showed Sara Messer, an M.A. student in international relations, "how civil society operates, how communities neglected by or disillusioned with the state band together and take matters into their own hands." The focus groups allowed Kelli Moore, a recent UF Ph.D. in comparative politics, to learn how urban women in Kingston view the challenges of crime, police corruption, and gender issues and how rural residents in St. Thomas cope with challenges posed by infrastructure, agriculture, and the environment. Jessica Peet, another Ph.D. student, observed that "by talking with the focus groups, I saw that human rights issues are women's issues; that children are affected by crime making crime issues children's issues; and that issues related to crime, children, and women affect the community, making all these issues community issues. This internship gave me the opportunity to

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During the past year I have had the pleasure of reconnecting with a number of alumni and hearing about their experiences during their time at UF. One common theme that comes up over and over again in conversations with our alumni is how UF provided them with the tools to be successful and how this has carried over into their professional lives after graduation. In Political Science, our graduates point to the broad-based curriculum, the opportunities for student-faculty collaboration, and hands-on learning experiences as contributing to their success. Even as our undergraduate and graduate programs continue to grow, students still find that our faculty is very committed to undergraduate teaching and student success. I'm continually impressed by the outstanding accomplishments of our students while at UF and beyond. Our graduates are admitted to the best graduate programs and most prestigious law schools in the country. Many have gone on to become leaders in politics, business, and the legal profession.

As part of our efforts to communicate better with political science alumni, this past year we established the department's first development council, consisting of a number of outstanding alumni and a retired faculty member. We held our first meeting in December 2005 to plan forthcoming initiatives. The inaugural council will play a key role in building a network of loyal alumni and developing creative solutions to the challenges facing the department. One of our initiatives was to develop a new alumni webpage as part of the department's completely revamped website, where alumni can find information about department programs and events, alumni news, and ways to support the department. I encourage you to visit the website (<http://web.polisci.ufl.edu/alumni/index.html>) and to send us your update for the newsletter or to be posted on the webpage.

This coming year we hope to organize some alumni events here on campus, including an "alumni college," where our alumni can return to attend lectures on current political topics. We'll be sending you additional information in the coming months. If you're interested in hosting an alumni event in your area, please contact me or one of our development council members.

To continue providing students with the best possible educational experience, the Department increasingly depends on the private donations of alumni and friends. Through these contributions, we've been able to support undergraduate and graduate students' travel to political science and policy conferences, a dynamic speakers series, awards for our best student papers and thesis, and building our library collection. This past year we received a major gift from the estate of Raymond Ehrlich, former Chief Justice of the Florida Supreme Court, to create an eminent scholar chair in memory of his parents. This is the department's second eminent scholar chair. In addition, one of our alumni recently earmarked her planned gift to UF to support undergraduate and graduate students in Political Science.

To encourage our alumni to invest in the department, our development council has established an Alumni Challenge Fund to enhance students' political science experience. One of our council members recently pledged \$5,000 to kick start the fund. Our goal over the next two years is to raise \$100,000 for a permanent endowment that will support student travel to conferences, study abroad, and internships. I encourage you to consider contributing to this and other funds in the department. We greatly appreciate your support.

**Political Science Development Council**

- Tom Barber (B.A., 1989)
- Jules Cohen (B.A., 1959)
- Peggy Conway  
(Distinguished Professor Emeritus)
- Jo Franklin (B.A., 1968)
- Stephen Stanfield (B.A., 1992)
- Kelli Taylor (B.A., 1994)
- Albert Thweatt, II (B.A., 1991)
- Jennifer Slone Tobin (B.A., 1992)
- Marjorie Reitz Turnbull (B.A., 1962)

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see and experience firsthand the issues we, as scholars, discuss everyday." In Spring 2006, Professor Brown's graduate seminar focusing on issues of governance in Jamaica provided these students the opportunity to share and reflect on their experiences with others who expect to participate in the Jamaica internship program in Summer 2006.

These internship programs have allowed our undergraduate and graduate students to experience the practical realities of domestic and international politics, while reflecting on how the knowledge gained in the classroom provides perspective and understanding of their observations. We look forward to working with more students in the future as they put theory into practice.

# Alumni News

**Howard J. Wiarda** (MA '62, PhD '65) is the new Dean Rusk Professor of International Relations and Founding Head of the Department of International Affairs at the University of Georgia.

**Michael Givel** (BA '76) was recently promoted to Associate Professor of Political Science with tenure at the University of Oklahoma.

**Trenton E. Lewis** (BA '79) currently serves as Staff Chaplain and Ethics Instructor for the US Army Soldier Support Institute and the Adjutant General School in Fork Jackson, SC.

**Nancy Peek McGowan** (BA '82) is currently raising five children and is active in the Republican Women's Club of Duval, the Justice Coalition, and the Tom Gallagher for Governor campaign.

**Dan Hoffman** (BA '84) spent nine years working in Naval Intelligence and the last ten years in the corporate world.

**Timothy C. Smith** (BA '84) is the National Sales Manager at WCJB-TV in Gainesville.

**Russell C. Silverglate** (BA '85) is an assistant pastor and director of community life at Spanish River Church in Boca Raton.

**Frank S. Reid** (BA '87) teaches American History, Civics, and Government at a middle school in Jacksonville. He was recently mobilized by the FL Army National Guard and is currently stationed near Kabul, Afghanistan.

**Kelly (Boyles) Headrick** (BA '88) has been appointed to serve as the Chief Government Relations Officer for the American Cancer Society, High Plains Division. She lives in Austin with her husband and two children.

**Janet Gillis Helin** (BA '88) taught political science courses at Russian universities (1997-99) as a Civic Education Project Fellow. In 2003 she founded and currently manages a publishing company, Crickett Books of Plainsboro, NJ.

**S. Scott Bluestein** (BA '89) was elected Chairman of the Admiralty Section of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. He practices admiralty and maritime law with the Bluestein Law Firm, P.A. in Charleston, SC.

**Shannon (Keyes) McAleavey** (BA '91, MA '94) is Vice-President of Government Relations at The Walt Disney World, Co. in Orlando.

**Richard Hujber** (BA '93) opened his immigration law offices in Boca Raton. He is the Chairman of the Immigration Committee for the South Palm Beach County Bar Association.

**Adrienne LeBas** (BA '98) is currently a Postdoctoral Prize Research Fellow of Nuffield College, University of Oxford, and accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Political Science and African Studies at Michigan State University.

**Mark Kaplan** (BA '98) was appointed by Gov. Jeb Bush as his Chief of Staff.

**Karen Louise Probes** (BA '99) currently serves as Investment Officer for Citigroup Private Bank.

**Slade Dukes** (BA '99, MA '01) was hired as a consultant for the Government Services Division in the Tallahassee office of Government Services Group, Inc. He previously worked in the Florida Attorney General's office.

For updates, please see <http://www.polisci.ufl.edu/alumni/alumninews.shtml>

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# In Memoriam

Tragedy struck our community in September 2005 when Jim Button died suddenly. Jim was considered the conscience of the Department, one of its most respected and beloved members.



Students will remember Jim as a mentor and friend who never hesitated to offer help and encouragement. Over the years, he acquired a reputation as an extraordinary teacher who demanded much of his students but gave back more. Twice named “Teacher of the Year” by various units at the University, Jim Button successfully conveyed his enthusiasm for the subject and created a classroom environment that welcomed spirited discussion, whether politically correct or not. Confronting a two-hour instructional block for the freshman course in state-local politics, he wondered how to keep the course lively for the many non-majors who took the course more out of necessity than choice. Jim hit on the idea of breaking the class at the midpoint with a Chinese-style group exercise session and followed that with a joke-telling contest in which he awarded the best storyteller with a small bonus on the next exam. Similarly, long before “active learning” became a buzzword, Jim required students in advanced classes to spend time in organizations related to the subject of study. Students were also offered positions on his research projects, giving them direct field experience.

To his colleagues, Jim reminded us by his example of why we picked the discipline of Political Science as a profession. A concern for the underdog, a word he would never have used, pervaded all of his scholarship. His wife traced Jim’s inspiration to the experience of working alongside the black migrant workers who came to his family’s apple-cherry farm each year to pick the fruit. He was impressed, among other things, by how the women worked as hard and at the same tasks as the men. He gained a deep respect for their lives and a strong commitment to producing first-rate scholarship as an effective tool of social change. His first book, *Black Violence: Political Impact of the 1960s Riots* (Princeton, 1978), displayed the traits that would recur in Button’s subsequent research—specifically, an important substantive research question, a multimode research design, and a provocative answer. The principal finding was that violence worked—to a degree. Virtually every significant allocation decision by federal agencies after the riots was assessed for its effect on the prospect of further urban violence. While these reactions fell far short of promoting deep structural changes to address the poverty and inequality of life in urban America, they nonetheless suggested that policy makers became attentive to the consequences of federal programs for urban social conditions. Button’s second book, *Blacks and Social Change* (Princeton, 1989), assessed how the political opportunities created by the civil rights movement had affected everyday Black life. Through visits to both “Old South” and “New South” communities, interviewing local leaders and community activists, conducting archival research, and doing what later became known as “soaking and poking,” Button found that Black elected officials became critical agents of change, publicizing opportunities that might otherwise have gone unknown in the Black community and recruiting African Americans for various positions in the public sector. While still conscious of the limits to conventional political action, this book was more hopeful about the payoff from non-violent mass mobilization. The Southern Political Science Association honored *Blacks and Social Change* with the prestigious V. O. Key Book Award.

Jim also promoted social justice through service to the community. He was an elected member of the Community Action Agency in Alachua County and an expert witness on behalf of minority plaintiffs in five federal voting rights lawsuits. He testified in front of local government bodies in support of anti-discrimination legislation and on behalf of benefits for same sex couples. In recognition of his steadfast commitment to improving the world through his research, teaching, and service, the University bestowed on him the President’s Humanitarian Award in 2002.

To memorialize Jim, his family and friends have created the James D. Button Memorial Award to recognize a graduate student who conducts outstanding research on the subjects that occupied Dr. Button during his career. The first recipient of the award, Kelli Moore, recently completed her dissertation on the sources and effects of the riots between Asians and whites in England, work that recalls Dr. Button’s first book on the American urban riots of the 1960s. Like her mentor, Kelli believes that “we as a society can do better at making the world a little more just and a little more comfortable for those who have been treated unfairly.” She noted how much she had been influenced by his belief in a balanced life. “Being a better researcher and teacher is important,” she recounted him teaching her, “but being a daughter, a niece, a girlfriend, a mentee, a colleague and a friend” is also very important.

Ken Wald

# New Faculty

**Badredine Arfi** holds two PhDs from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the first in theoretical condensed matter physics (1988), and the second in political science (1996). He comes to UF



from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, where he served as an assistant professor from 2003–2005. Arfi's areas of research include fuzzy logic, quantum game theory, international politics and security, ethnic conflict and human rights, US foreign policy and national security, and Middle Eastern, North African and Islamic politics. His book, *International Change and the Stability of Multiethnic States: Crises of Governance in Yugoslavia and Lebanon*, was recently published by Indiana University Press. This year, he taught undergraduate classes in Introductory International Relations and International Security, as well as graduate courses in Formal Theory and Data Analysis.

**Won-ho Park** has a joint appointment in the Department of Political Science and the Asian Studies Program. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Seoul National University, and is completing his PhD at the University of Michigan. Park's research interests include quantitative methods involving ecological inference techniques on aggregate electoral data, electoral dynamics in new democracies with a special focus upon South Korea and East Asia, and how voting technology affects voting behavior. This year, he presented



his paper, "How to Count Parties: Statistical Inference with the Effective Number of Parties", at the 2006 Southern Political Science Association Annual Meetings, and recently finished a co-authored piece on the impact of the introduction of electronic voting machines in Michigan and Florida. Park recently won a 2006 Internationalizing of the Curriculum Award from UF's Transnational and Global Studies Center, which will help him develop his new East Asian Politics course that will be offered in Fall 2006. He plans to spend part of the summer in Seoul, South Korea, and give lectures at Seoul National University and the South Korean National Election Commission. Park offers two graduate courses in the quantitative methods sequence — Linear Models and Maximum Likelihood Theory — and two undergraduate courses — Politics of East Asian Countries and Politics of South and North Korea.

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**Michael T. Heaney** earned his PhD from the University of Chicago in 2004 and was a postdoctoral fellow at Yale University during 2004–2005. His research focuses on organizational processes in American politics and public policy, with particular attention to interest groups, political parties, social movements, bureaucracies and legislatures. He has completed studies on the role of lobbyist networks in shaping federal health care policy and the organizational politics of the anti-Iraq war movement in the US. Since joining the department, he received the Party Politics Award from the American Political Science Association's section on Political Organizations and Parties and was named a Seymour Martin Lipset Scholar by the Policy Studies Organization. His article, "Brokering Health Policy: Coalitions, Parties and Interest Group Influence" will appear in the *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* in October 2006. His current research projects examine the implementation of the Medicare prescription drug benefit and the mobilization of the antiwar movement in the United States. Michael teaches courses on Current Controversies in Public Policy, Bureaucratic Politics, Interest Group Politics, and Social Network Analysis.



**Helena Alves Rodrigues** has a joint appointment in the Department of Political Science and the Center for Latin American Studies. She earned her PhD from the University of Iowa in 2005, and her area of specialization is Latino politics, particularly Latino political participation and the political circumstances of Latino immigrants in the US. Her dissertation, "Building Bridges or Blockades? Latinos and Coalitions with African-Americans," examines support for inter-group political alliances in different urban environments. Rodrigues's research interests are within American politics and political behavior, including minority politics and minority political power. This year, she taught Latino Politics in the United States, Politics and Public Opinion, and Introduction to Latino Studies.



# Faculty News

**Leslie Anderson** and **Larry Dodd** published a new book, *Learning Democracy: Citizen Engagement and Electoral Choice, 1990-2001* (University of Chicago Press, 2005). Anderson and Dodd have also won a new grant from the National Science Foundation to continue their study of democracy in Nicaragua by collecting data on the upcoming election in November, 2006. This new phase of their work seeks to understand how well a poor and poorly educated electorate copes as citizens confront 'the dark side of democracy,' as seen in political corruption, cynical elite power plays and assaults on constitutional government. NSF awarded Anderson her first research grant for this project in 1996, which formed part of the basis for the original data sets used in *Learning Democracy*. Anderson and Dodd have been invited to present portions of this work at multiple national and international conferences and at several research universities.

Additionally, **Leslie Anderson's** doctoral seminar on the Conduct of Inquiry has now received national recognition. A chapter describing this unique course appeared in Kristen Monroe's edited volume, *Perestroika* (Yale University Press, 2005).

Earlier this year, **Sharon D. Wright Austin** and Richard T. Middleton IV published "The Racial Politics of Gaming in the Delta" in *Resorting to Casinos: The Mississippi Gaming Industry* (University Press of Mississippi, 2006). Dr. Austin's second book, *The Transformation of Plantation Politics in the Mississippi Delta: Black Politics, Concentrated Poverty, and Social Capital in the Mississippi Delta* will be published by the State University of New York Press in July 2006. Dr. Austin received a CLAS Humanities Enhancement Grant for \$4,000 and a \$3,000 summer research grant from the Department to conduct research on "Concentrated Poverty, Social Isolation, and Political Participation in the Southern Black Belt." She was recently selected as a member of the Executive Council of the Southern Political Science Association, and also is an active member of the Atlantic Coast Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (ACSBE) Alliance Committee, which will help recruit and support minority graduate students.

**Samuel Barkin's** latest book, *International Organization: Theories and Institutions*, was published by Palgrave in March. He has an article forthcoming in *Global Environmental Politics* entitled "Discounting the Discount Rate: Ecocentrism and Environmental Economics," and has published two book chapters over the course of the past year, entitled "Pacific Salmon and Canada-US Environmental Relations" and "The Environment, Trade, and International Organizations." He recently gave an invited talk at Georgetown University, and has presented papers at the annual conferences of both the American Political Science Association and the International Studies Association. He and **Aida Hozic** are organizing a workshop in Budapest in May on illicit economic activity and the sovereign state system, supported by grants from the International Studies Association and U.F.'s Transnational and Global Studies Center and Center

for European Studies.

**Steve Craig's** edited book, *The Electoral Challenge: Theory Meets Practice*, was published by CQ Press in February. He also has co-authored recent articles in *Political Research Quarterly* (on attitudinal ambivalence) and *Political Communication* (on campaign learning), a chapter on electoral change for the forthcoming 3rd edition of *Politics and Government in Florida*, and a manuscript on voter response to the Bush-Gore election that received 2004 Best Paper Award from the APSA Organized Section on State Politics and Policy (and will appear later this year in *Political Research Quarterly*). As director of UF's Graduate Program in Political Campaigning, he is planning a conference to be held in Gainesville next January that will be a retrospective on the 2006 election and a look ahead to 2008.

**Larry Dodd** has begun a new research project on "Incivility in the U.S. Congress" with Scot Schraufnagel of the University of Central Florida. Dodd and Schraufnagel presented their first paper at the 2006 Southern Political Science Convention in Atlanta. They argue (based on newly-gathered original data) that the current period of high incivility, party polarization and policy deadlock is the longest such period since the American Civil War. Dodd also served this year as the Chair of the Nominations Committees for the Legislative Studies Section and for the Elections, Public Opinion and Voting Behavior Section of the American Political Science Association.

In February, **Goran Hyden**, Distinguished Professor in the Department, received the College's only and the Department's first Advising and Mentoring Award from the U.F. Graduate School. In addition to having advised some twenty doctoral students of his own during his twenty-year tenure at U.F., he has served on many other doctoral and master's committees. During the Fall Semester 2005, Hyden was also recognized by the Center for International Studies with an honorable mention as "International Educator of the Year". In January 2006, Cambridge University Press published *African Politics in Comparative Perspective*. During summer 2006, Hyden has been asked by the Norwegian Research Council to lead an evaluation of the Christian Michelsen Institute in Bergen, one of the most prominent development research institutes in Europe. He will also conduct an evaluation of research funding support by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) for universities in Mozambique, Tanzania and Uganda.

**Peggy Kohn's** recent research has focused on the issues of race, colonialism, and the law. She has published several articles, including "Frederick Douglass's Master-Slave Dialectic," (*Journal of Politics*), "Kafka's Critique of Colonialism," (*Theory & Event*) and "A Tale of Two Indias: Burke and Mill on Empire and Slavery in the West Indies and the

Americas” (with **Daniel O’Neill** in *Political Theory*). She has also been invited by several universities, including Columbia, University of British Columbia, and UNC Chapel Hill, to talk about her book, *Brave New Neighborhoods: The Privatization of Public Space*. In the fall, she will be taking over as Graduate Coordinator for the department.

**Ana Margheritis** published “Why Do Presidents Fail? Political Leadership and the Argentine Crisis, 1999-2001” (with Mariana Llanos) in *Studies in Comparative International Development*, Winter 2006, as well as a book review of Jeffrey Lesser’s volume on transnationalism in *The Latin Americanist*, Spring 2005. She carried out program development activities in Argentina for the Latin American Business Environment Program (in collaboration with the Warrington College of Business Administration). As a result, a study trip to Buenos Aires for MBA students will be launched in October 2006. She also contributed to the design of a proposal for an interdisciplinary program on Crime, Law, and Governance in Latin America. She conducted research on state-led transnationalism and international migration and delivered papers at the Latin American Studies Association and International Studies Association conferences. She is currently working on a book entitled *Wayward Argentina: Foreign Policy and Democracy Promotion in the Inter-American System*.

**Michael Martinez** returned to the classroom this year to resurrect the graduate seminar in Political Participation, as well as step back into the rotations for the undergraduate Political Science Research Methods class and the introductory American Federal Government course. His publications for this year included an article in *Journal of Politics* (with **Jeff Gill**), and a co-edited book (with **Steve Craig**) on *Ambivalence, Politics, and Public Policy*. The gang of four (**Steve Craig, Michael Martinez, Jason Gainous, and Jim Kane**) received the Best Paper Award from the APSA State Politics and Policy section for their 2004 APSA paper on voter responses to the Bush-Gore election. Each of the winners spent their share of the cash prize in one place.

**Terry McCoy** delivered an invited paper on “The Gulf of Mexico Region as a Transnational Community” in March at the State of the Gulf of Mexico 2006 Summit hosted by the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi. In February, he was a member of a keynote session on the business consequences of key economic and political trends of the Channel Focus Latin America 2006 Conference in Miami. In January he moderated the “Cuba after Castro” forum hosted by the Global Connections Foundation and Daytona Beach Community College.

**Bryon Moraski** completed several projects and began a few new ones. His first book, *Elections by Design: Parties and Patronage in Russia’s Regions*, was published by Northern Illinois University Press. Also in June, *The Journal of Communist Studies and Transition Politics* will publish his article, “Prospects for Professional Parliaments in Russia’s Regions.” In May 2005, he was invited to discuss Ukraine’s 2004 presi-

dential election at the Foreign Affairs Breakfast Series of the Center for Transnational and Comparative Studies at Florida International University in Miami. In August, he attended the American Political Science Association Meeting in Washington, DC, and presented a paper that examines some surprising changes to how the Russian parliament will be elected in 2007. Most recently, in April 2006, Professor Moraski presented one paper at the Midwest Political Science Association Meeting in Chicago that considers how changes to Russia’s law on political parties impacted the 2003 parliamentary election and another (with **Thomas Biebricher**) that reevaluates the operation of the German electoral system in the post-reunification era.

In summer 2005, **Conor O’Dwyer** and his wife, Ingrid Kleespies, organized and led the U.F. Summer Abroad Program in Prague, the Czech Republic. The program exposed students to politics, culture, and language in one of the European Union’s newest member states. Since fall 2005, Conor has been serving as faculty advisor to the undergraduate honors society in political science, Pi Sigma Alpha. Over the past year, he has been revising his book manuscript, *Runaway State-Building: Patronage Politics and Democratic Development*, for publication with Johns Hopkins University Press in fall 2006. Next year, he will be on research leave as an Academy Scholar at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University.

In March 2006, **Ido Oren** led a group of 19 undergraduate students on the second Spring Break Study Tour of Berlin. This weeklong tour was an add-on to Ido’s course on War and Peace in World Politics. In June 2005, Ido traveled to China in connection with the recent publication of the Chinese translation of his book, *Our Enemies and US: America’s Rivalries and the Making of Political Science*. He lectured at Fudan University (Shanghai), Remin University (Beijing), Jilin University (Changchun, Manchuria), and Guandong University of Foreign Studies and Zhongshan University (both in Guangzhou). His article “Can Political Science Emulate the Natural Sciences? The Problem of Self-Disconfirming Analysis” was published in *Polity* in January 2006.

**Beth Rosenson** has a forthcoming article in *Political Research Quarterly*, entitled “The Impact of Ethics Laws on Legislative Recruitment and the Occupational Composition of State Legislatures.” She also presented a paper at the annual American Political Science Association meeting in Washington D.C., entitled “The Congressional Ethics Investigations of Wright, Gingrich and DeLay: Beyond a ‘Partisan Ethics Wars’ Interpretation.” In Fall 2005, Professor Rosenson used a \$3,000 grant from the University of Florida International Center to expand the international dimension of her undergraduate course on Media and Politics, bringing in outside speakers and adding new materials that dealt with media coverage of Iraq, other wars, and other aspects of foreign affairs.

**Katrina Schwartz’s** book, *Nature and National Identity after Communism: Globalizing the Ethnoscape*, is in production at the University of Pittsburgh Press. Her recent articles include “‘Masters in Our Native Place’: The politics of national parks on the road from Communism to ‘Europe,’” (published in *Po-*

litical Geography); "Tolerance in Latvia. Gay Rights: United in Hostility," (*Transitions Online*) and "The Occupation of Beauty': Imagining Nature and Nation in Latvia," forthcoming in *East European Politics and Societies*. She gave invited presentations at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Center for Russia, East Europe, and Central Asia last June and at the University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign) Russian, East European, and Eurasian Center in October.

**Ben Smith** published "Life of the Party" in *World Politics* and "The Wrong Kind of Crisis" in *Studies in Comparative International Development* in 2005-06. He presented "Democracy Despite Oil" with **Joe Kraus** at the 2005 APSA annual meeting, a paper on decentralization in Indonesia at the 2005 meeting of the Association for Asian Studies, and a paper titled "Oil Wealth and Regime Change" at the annual meeting of the European Association of Development Institutes in Bonn, Germany. With sterling research assistance from Ph.D. students, Jennifer Forshee and Joe Kraus, and undergraduate Chinese-economics-political science major, Matt Hiemenz, he completed a dataset on states and religious and ethnic minorities around the world and began to construct a second dataset on authoritarian regimes in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. The two datasets are the foundation of new research aimed at illuminating (and overcoming) the obstacles to effective representation in post-colonial countries.

**Dan Smith** is currently serving as a Senior Research Scholar at the Ballot Initiative Strategy Center <[www.ballot.org](http://www.ballot.org)>, a nonprofit organization based in Washington, D.C. Professor Smith published several articles and book chapters last year, including: "Veiled Political Actors and Campaign Disclosure Laws in Direct Democracy," in *Election Law Journal* (with Beth Garrett); "Representation and Direct Democracy in the United States," in *Representation: The Journal of Representative Democracy* (with Caroline Tolbert); and "Initiatives and Referendums: The Effects of Direct Democracy on Candidate Elections," in **Steve Craig's** edited volume, *The Electoral Challenge: Theory Meets Practice* (CQ Press). He has two forthcoming journal articles that examine the impact of the 2004 ballot initiatives banning same-sex marriage on voter turnout and the presidential election. He looks forward to getting back into the classroom in the fall to teach his Political Parties graduate seminar, as well as his State and Local Government course to 300 appreciative undergrads.

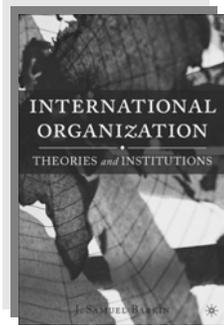
**Les Thiele** chaired the University of Florida Sustainability Committee and saw his labor rewarded this spring with the establishment of a campus-wide Office of Sustainability and the hiring of its full-time Director. The mission of the Office of Sustainability is to make the University of Florida - in its operations, pedagogy, research, and outreach - serve as a model of sustainability, integrating the goals of ecological preservation, economic development, and social equity. Les also won a Humanities Scholarship this academic year, and published articles in *Political Theory* and *The Hedgehog Review*. In the summer of 2006, his newest book, *The Heart of Judgment: Practical Wisdom, Neuroscience, and Narrative* (Cambridge University Press), will be on the shelves.

**Leonardo Villalón's** co-edited book, *The Fate of Africa's Democratic Experiments: Elites and Institutions*, was published in the fall by Indiana University Press. Co-editor **Peter Von-Doepp** holds a PhD in Political Science from U.F. The book comparatively examines the political evolution of those African countries that made successful transitions to democracy in the early 1990s. Villalón was the featured scholar ("L'invité du numéro") in a special issue on Africa of the French journal *Horizons Maghrebins*, including a written interview on the study of African politics in the United States. In the past year, he has participated in conferences and given talks on Islam and on African politics at: UNESCO in Paris, Obafemi Awolowo University in Nigeria, The US State Department, The Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, The Universidad de la Laguna in Tenerife, Spain, and the Université Montesquieu de Bordeaux, France. In April, he co-taught an intensive course on "The African Presence in France" at U.F.'s Paris Research Center.

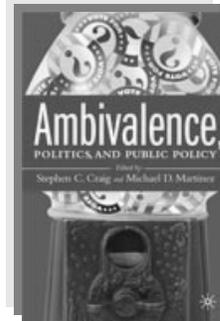
**Ken Wald** has returned to Gainesville after a calendar year sabbatical spent in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Washington, DC, two of the most cosmopolitan and insular cities in the US. During sabbatical, he completed extensive revisions for the fifth edition of his *Religion and Politics in the US* and made progress on his project about Jewish political behavior. He recently published a chapter comparing Jewish and Catholic political behavior in the *Studies in Contemporary Jewry* series, as well as a lengthy article on religion and politics in the *Annual Review of Political Science*. During his sabbatical, he gave invited talks at Harvard, Georgetown, the University of Maryland, and Hebrew Union College. Last fall, his coauthored *Politics of Cultural Differences* (Princeton University Press) was honored as the outstanding book on religion and politics published between 1999 and 2004 and the book will be the subject of a roundtable at the 2007 meeting of the American Political Science Association in Philadelphia.

**Philip Williams** and Manuel Vasquez (in the Department of Religion) received a \$150,000 grant from the Ford Foundation to support their project, "Latino Immigrants in the New South: Lived Religion, Space, and Power." The grant will enable Williams and Vasquez to extend the scope of their current research on Latino immigrants beyond Florida to conduct preliminary research in the greater Atlanta metropolitan area. The grant will allow them to begin to assess the impact of migration in the New South, a "hyper-growth" area for Latinos, and the roles that religion plays in generating, mediating, and resolving inter-ethnic conflicts.

# Book Corner

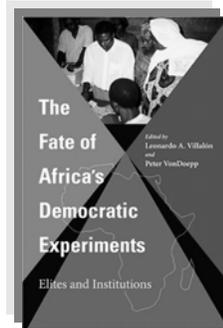


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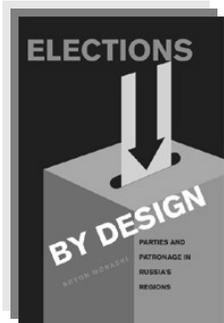
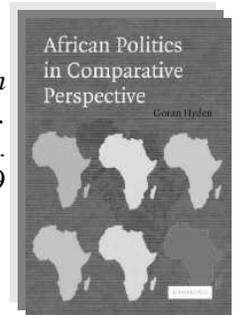


Stephen C. Craig and Michael D. Martinez (eds.), *Ambivalence, Politics, and Public Policy*. Palgrave Macmillan. \$69.95

Leonardo A. Villalón and Peter Von Doepp (eds.), *The Fate of Africa's Democratic Experiments*. Indiana University Press. \$24.95



Goran Hyden, *African Politics in Comparative Perspective*. Cambridge University Press. \$24.99

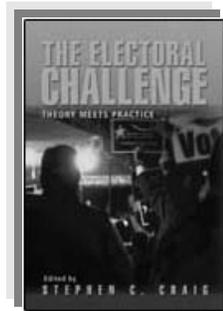


Bryon Moraski, *Elections by Design: Parties and Patronage in Russia's Regions*. Northern Illinois University Press. \$36.00

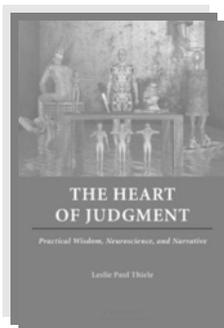


Thomas Biebricher, *Selbstkritik der Moderne: Foucault und Habermas im Vergleich*. Campus Verlag. \$36.00

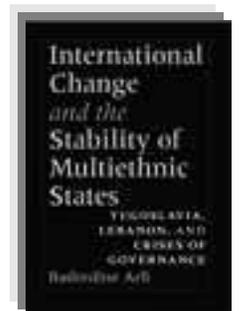
Stephen C. Craig (ed.), *The Electoral Challenge: Theory Meets Practice*. CQ Press. \$34.95.



Leslie Paul Thiele, *The Heart of Judgment: Practical Wisdom, Neuroscience, and Narrative*. Forthcoming from Cambridge University Press. \$80.00



Badredine Arfi, *International Change and the Stability of Multiethnic States*. Indiana University Press. \$49.95



# Focus on Students

## Undergraduates

These are just a few of the outstanding Political Science undergraduate students selected for prestigious awards and leadership positions at UF and beyond.

**Christian Packard** accepted an offer from Harvard to join their MA program in Russian and Eurasian Studies. **Jennifer Gustetic** received a full scholarship to attend MIT's Science and Technology Policy Program. **Sarah Lowe** was a finalist for the Rhodes Scholarship. **Lauren Murphy** received a Rotary scholarship to spend 2006 in Ecuador. **Justin Bangs** was selected as one of forty Gates Cambridge Scholars from the U.S. to study for an M. Phil. degree at Cambridge. **Daniel Villanueva** was awarded the Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship. **Ashley Bittner** and **Bruce Haupt** won Truman Scholarships to support their graduate studies.

Three of our students won University Scholar Awards to pursue their individual research projects in 2006-07. **Bryan Arbeit** will be working with Professor Peggy Kohn, **Steven Flood** will work with Dr. Lynn Leverty, and **Emily Hedrick** will work with Professor Michael Heaney.

**Candace Sharrow** won the Department's 2006 Best Undergraduate Paper Award for her paper on "Television Portrayal of Arabs in the U.S. Media," written for Professor Aida Hozic's class in "Culture and World Politics."

**Camille West** won the Department's 2006 Best Undergraduate Thesis Award for her thesis on "The 'F-word' in the 21st century: An Analysis of Young Women and Feminism." Her thesis research was supervised by Professor James W. Button.

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Our graduate students continue to be recognized for their many accomplishments.

## Grad Students

**Kenly Fenio** received a Rotary Fellowship to conduct dissertation research in Mozambique. **Melinda Negrón** received a Fulbright to support her dissertation research in Turkey. **Stephen Boyle** received a grant from the Bush Presidential Library at Texas A&M to support archival research for his dissertation. **Natasha Christie** was awarded the Delores A. Auzenne Graduate Scholars Fellowship for the 2005-06, and **Kenly Fenio** and **Fredline M'Cormack** both won Ruth McQuown scholarships.

**Jason Kassel** won the Department's Best Graduate Paper Award for his paper on "The Continental Congress and the Seat of Government: Experiential Learning as Political Development," written under the supervision of Professor Larry Dodd.

**Jamie Pimlott** won the Department's Best Graduate Teacher Award (sponsored by Longman Publishers) and the Barbara Noreen Roth Memorial Award.

**Jeanette Matero** won the Honorable Walter G. "Skip" Campbell Leadership Award.

**Kelli Moore** won the inaugural James D. Button Memorial Award for her dissertation research on the sources and effects of the riots between Asians and whites in England.

**Susan Orr** received the H. Douglas Price Award for her research on "Labor Politics in Contemporary America: Assessing the Effect of Organizational Division."

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