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MESSAGE FROM THE UNDERGRADUATE CHAIR

Professor Rudra Sil

It is with great pleasure that I note that the undergraduate program in Political Science has continued to grow in size and quality over the past year. With the arrival of several new faculty and visiting scholars over the past two years, our course offerings now encompass an even wider variety of topics. New courses that have debuted this past year include Professor Adolph Reed's

"Introduction to Afro-American Politics";



Professor Nancy Hirschmann's "Political Theory and Public Policy"; Professor Brendan O'Leary's "Ethnic Conflict: Great Britain / Ireland"; Professor Tulia Falleti's advanced seminar on "Comparative Politics of Federalism and Decentralization"; Dr. Ruth Ben-Artzi's "Aid, Trade and Developing Nations"; as well as two freshman seminars taught by Professors Andrew Norris ("Freedom") and Henry Teune ("Issues in American Democracy").

Looking ahead, some of the less frequently taught courses that we hope to offer in the Fall include: Professor Ellen Kennedy's "Money and Markets"; Professor Mary Summers' "Politics of Poverty"; Professor Diana Mutz's "Public Opinion and American Democracy"; and advanced seminars for undergraduates taught by Professor Jerome Maddox. We will also be welcoming a new faculty member in international relations, Professor Darryl Press, who joins us after teaching for three years at Dartmouth. Professor Press will take over the duties of

teaching the ever-popular PSCI-150, "International Relations Theory and Practice."

With the growth of the department, it is no surprise that the number of majors also continues to grow. We now have over 350 majors, with close to 150 currently scheduled to graduate this May. Our major also appears to be attracting stronger students, as evident in the higher number of students being considered for college-wide recognition (such as the Dean's scholars list and Phi Beta Kappa). We also have a larger group of honors students who have been hard at work in preparing their theses over the past year. Those of you who are presently juniors and wish to consider doing an honors thesis should start thinking about the requirements. Most students pursuing honors enroll in the Political Science Honors Seminar (PSCI-497) in the fall semester and seek out an advisor who can provide guidance on preparing the thesis. To qualify, students need a major GPA of higher than 3.5 and an overall GPA of 3.3. But, it is also important to bear in mind that writing a 50-75 page thesis does require a substantial investment of time and effort, as well as diligence, patience, and a commitment to a given topic. For those considering an honors thesis for next year, it is never too early to start thinking about possible topics and potential faculty advisors.

Let me also take this opportunity to remind all declared and prospective Political Science majors of the changes in the major requirements that are going into effect starting with the Class of 2006. Political Science 001 will no longer be the sole introductory requirement. Instead, majors need to take two introductory courses chosen from PSCI 001 or the various sub-field introductions (PSCI 110, 130, 150, and 180/181). In addition, students will have to make sure that the other Political

Science courses they take towards their total of twelve courses cover three of the four main sub-fields in the major (American, comparative, international relations, and political theory). Up to four courses out of the required twelve may be "major related" courses, but they cannot all be from a single discipline. What counts as "major related" depends on whether a course either provides a general foundation that can help one understand aspects of politics (such as Econ 1 and 2, Sociology 1) or, more often, a course in another department that complements a course taken within the Political Science Department (for example Latin American history, if you have already taken a course on Latin American politics). The new requirements will be printed in the new Undergraduate Brochure being prepared for next year, and the electronic worksheets on Penn-In-Touch will be updated in the coming months to reflect the changes.

Finally, a word on the good work that continues to be done by Penn's Beta Tau Chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the national political science honors society. One of the most exciting things that the chapter does is to publish twice a year an undergraduate journal titled *Sound Politicks*. Students are invited to submit contributions year-round, and for each issue, the submission considered to be the best is published as the lead article with the author receiving a \$100 award. For more information on how to join Pi Sigma Alpha or how to submit essays for consideration in *Sound Politicks*, please consult the website: <http://www.ssc.upenn.edu/polisci/PiSigma/index.htm>.

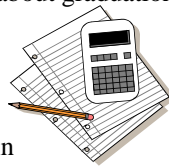
NEWS from the Undergraduate Liaison

Todor Enev

After a busy fall semester, during which political science majors had to adjust their schedules to new requirements, we're getting used to the transition with confidence that it brings more flexibility and opportunities for academic innovation to the program.

The increasing number of new majors, who welcome the changes introduced last fall, is a sign that the program will continue to be dynamic and attractive to students.

As the semester progresses and commencement day draws near, seniors are no doubt excited about graduation. To facilitate the process, it is a good idea for all those graduating in May to make sure their worksheets are in order and that all requirements for the major will be met by the end of the semester. If you have questions about major requirements, your worksheet, political science courses, or need advice on issues related to the major, please contact me at enev@sas.upenn.edu or stop by during office hours on Thursday from 10 to 3 and Friday from 2 to 5 in Stiteler, 208.

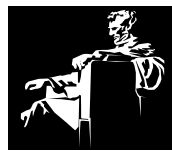


NEWS from the Washington Semester Liaison

Peter Funke

The Washington Semester Program still has some open places for the Spring 2006 Semester and is now taking applications for the Fall 2006 semester, but spaces are limited so we encourage you to apply early!

The WSP is a unique opportunity to reside, study, and work in Washington, DC. During the semester you will take Penn classes with distinguished professors from Penn and various local universities, and work as an intern at the institution of your choice. In recent terms Penn students have worked, for example, in the White House and Council of Economic Advisor, House and Senate offices and committees, the Supreme Court, NASA, Meet the Press,



UN High Commission for Refugees, and Global Fund for Human Rights.

Please visit the program's web site at <http://www.ssc.upenn.edu/~washsem/> or contact Peter Funke, the Assistant to the Director of the Washington Semester Program, if you have any questions. He can be reached at: pfunke@sas.upenn.edu, or visited at Room 208 Stiteler Hall Tuesday from 10-4 and Wednesday from 10-2.

CURRENT WSP STUDENTS

- 1) ADAMS, Brandon Paul
- 2) ADOUE, Jacques
- 3) ARMSTRONG, Edward, Russell
- 4) BULEY, Taylor
- 5) HANEY, Lilian
- 6) HWANG, Adelia
- 7) JOHNSON, Ashley
- 8) LEVY, Brian
- 9) MAPP, Marqui
- 10) MAZULA, Chaleigh
- 11) NUNEZ, Haydee
- 12) OSTROVSKI, Peter
- 13) POSES, Abigail
- 14) ROGERS, Jacqueline
- 15) SHAH, Anjali
- 16) ZAKIM, Josh

FACULTY UPDATES

Professor Tulia Falleti

Professor Tulia Falleti published her article "Federalism and Decentralization in Argentina: Historical Background and New Intergovernmental Relations" in the book edited by Joseph S. Tulchin and Andrew Selee, *Decentralization and Democratic Governance in Latin America* (Washington D.C.: Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 2004), pp.67-100.

Brian Glenn, Visiting Lecturer

Visiting Lecturer Brian J. Glenn has received the 2004 Advanta Center Award from the American Risk & Insurance Association for his article, "Postmodernism: The Basis of Insurance," which appeared in the Risk & Insurance Management Review.

Professor Avery Goldstein

Professor Avery Goldstein traveled to Shanghai over winter break. He participated in the Dialogue Series sponsored by Fudan University's Center for American Studies and Department of International Politics. For their review of US-China Nuclear Relations as part of the Project on American Security Strategy, he delivered two presentations. One was entitled "US and Chinese Nuclear Strategy- What's Feasible? What's Desirable? What's Likely?" The other was "American Grand Strategy in the 21st Century." Goldstein's new book, *Rising to the Challenge: China's Grand Strategy and International Security* (Stanford University Press) will be published this summer.

Professor Nancy Hirschmann

Professor and Vice Chair Nancy Hirschmann's book *The Subject of Liberty: Toward a Feminist Theory of Freedom* (Princeton University Press, 2003), which won the APSA's 2004 Victoria Schuck Award for the best book on women and politics, will be the subject of an "Author Meets Critics" panel at the American Philosophical Association's Pacific annual conference in San Francisco on March 24. The panel will feature papers on Hirschmann's book by eminent feminist philosophers Marilyn Friedman, Eva Kittay, and Susan Brison.

Professor Ian Lustick

Professor Ian Lustick has given a number of invited lectures recently at Penn and at other universities. In October he lectured at Binghamton University on "Applications of Agent-Based Models for Problems of Community Research." At a three-day conference here at Penn to celebrate the work of noted Israeli author Amos Oz, Professor Lustick gave a lecture entitled "Here and There; Then and Now." In December he spoke at a Princeton University symposium on Karl Polanyi's classic The Great Transfor-
mation. At a conference on political violence in Colombia held at the University of Chicago in November,

Professor Lustick spoke on "The Analytic Challenge of Defining Violence and Its Possible Rewards." In February he debated Professor Michael Doran of Princeton at an event held at Northwestern University. The question posed was: "Is the Arab-Israeli Conflict Important in Shaping Arab Views of the U.S.: A Debate." In February Dan Miodownik, a Penn graduate student who in February successfully defended his dissertation, and Ian Lustick visited the Brookings Institution where they presented their agent-based modeling work on political cascades and tipping points. In March he and Penn graduate student Kaia Schilde visited the Foreign Service Institute, part of the State Department in Arlington, Virginia, to present and discuss their work with "Virtual Pakistan." Later this spring Professor Lustick will travel to the University of Michigan for a talk on the politics of teaching Middle East Politics, to Middlebury College for a lecture on Jerusalem, and to Tucson for an analysis of Michael Walzer's book *Arguing About War*.

Professor Brendan O'Leary

Professor Brendan O'Leary and colleagues will have *The Future of Kurdistan in Iraq* published in May by the University of Pennsylvania Press (cover attached).

Also, he will teach a Ben Franklin Scholars course in the Fall of 2005 on Power-Sharing.



Professor Heiner Schulz

In November, Professor Schulz presented a paper on decision-making in the European Union at the Leitner Workshop in Political Economy at Yale University. His *McKinsey Quarterly* article on foreign direct investment in emerging markets is now available in Chinese. In March he will participate in a panel on the independence of

international tribunals at the annual meeting of The American Society of International Law in Washington, D.C.

Mary Summer, Lecturer

Mary Summers, a lecturer in Political Science and a senior fellow with the Fox Leadership Program, is continuing to work with two projects that have grown out of work on her academically based community service seminar on the Politics of Food and Agriculture. As the principal investigator of a \$310,000 grant from the United States Department of Agriculture to the Greater Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger (GPCAH), she evaluated the efficacy of using student and community volunteers in a food stamp enrollment campaign. Since its initiation in the fall of 2002 the campaign has involved more than 150 students from 11 area colleges as well as community volunteers in screening more than 6,000 clients for their eligibility for food stamps. Close to 2,000 of these households were successfully enrolled in the program with an average benefit of \$180/month, bringing millions of dollars into low-income Philadelphia neighborhoods. Furthermore, faculty at area campuses also agreed that the food stamp campaign was an excellent service learning experience. The campaign is now continuing in the post grant period with a renewed focus on addressing barriers to the application process, so as to increase application and enrollment rates, which now stand at 45% and 37% for potentially eligible clients. A Student Coalition Against Hunger (SCAH) has formed on campus to support the food stamp campaign and other anti-hunger initiatives, including the Walk Against Hunger on April 9th. For more information about this group contact Yael May at ym2@sas.upenn.edu or go to www.hungerwalk.org and sign up for the Penn team #325.

FARMecology is another student organization, dedicated to bringing more farm-fresh, local food to Penn's dining halls, that grew out of Summers' course this past fall. Their goal is to use Penn's purchasing power to encourage

environmentally sound food production and preserve rural landscapes, while offering Penn student’s healthier, better tasting food. More than 60 students turned out for a kick-off local food dinner with several speakers in October. Since then the students have been working closely with Aramark and Penn Dining Services to establish a “local food” stand, offering soups, sandwiches, and fresh produce that is scheduled to open in April in Houston Market. The stand will be publicized by another local food dinner, featuring Judy Wicks, owner of the White Dog Cafe as a speaker. Over the next year the students will sponsor a local food dinner with speakers each semester, while working with Aramark to research and implement the best of other universities’ “farm to college” programs and establishing a leadership role for Penn in this growing movement. For more information contact Emma Kirwan at evkirwan@sas.upenn.edu or Rachel Meyer at rameyer@sas.upenn.edu

Professor Henry Teune

Another globalization paper of Professor Teune was published this spring, Local Responses to the Globalizations of Our Era in G. Lachapele and S. Paquin (eds.), Mastering Globalization (Cambridge).

He is presenting a paper in March titled Innovation Driven Globalization: From Information to Research Societies to an International Symposium of the International Sociological Association on Cultural Change, Social Problems, and Knowledge Society in Zaragoza, Spain.

UNDERGRADUATE CORNER

This section is reserved for Political Science undergraduates who would like to distribute information about their studies or alert others about opportunities.



Patrice R. Green, C’ 05
Political Science Concentration
American Politics

I found being a Political Science major to be rewarding in the sense that there are a wide range of topics covered within the major that allowed me to explore my intellectual interests. Also, unlike many other majors the size of the major has allowed me great freedom in my pursuit of areas that can not be conventional found contained within the discipline of Political Science. I am truly grateful for my experience as a participant in the Washington Semester Program. My internship at the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law truly helped to solidify my career goals.

After graduation I plan to attend law school. I am seriously considering dual degree programs for a Masters in Public Policy or Government Administration. My long-term goal is to work to build coalitions on issues affecting youth especially minorities and youths from low socioeconomic backgrounds. I hope to continue work for a non-profit or government agency that would allow me to combine advocacy, law and scholarship to promote the rights and needs of children I would like to promote educational equality and attainment as well as the increased participation of youth in the issues that affect them.

Stephanie Jacobs, C’ 05
Political Science Concentration
International Politics

I am a senior at Penn and I’ll be graduating in May. When I left my home in Chicago to come to Philadelphia in August of 2001, I never imagined how unbelievable my next four years would be. During my time here at Penn, I’ve enjoyed a wide assortment of interesting courses and have taken advantage of a variety of unique and diverse opportunities outside of the classroom. The combination of my academic and extracurricular activities have enhanced my college experience, shaped my interests, and inspired my future goals.

As a Political Science and Diplomatic History major, I have been able to take some of the most fascinating courses offered at the University of Pennsylvania. Both the History and Political Science Departments are filled with outstanding faculty. My professors have been engaging and inspiring, sharing an incredible breadth and depth of knowledge with their students through captivating lectures and smaller discussion groups.

I reflect on my years at Penn with a sense of accomplishment and satisfaction with the well-rounded education I’ve received. My desire for learning, however, persists. I plan to continue my studies at law school beginning next September. I look forward to law school as a new and exciting challenge, but I know that I will miss my time here at the University of Pennsylvania.

Ashley Lewis, C’05
Political Science & Communication

My experience as a political science major at PENN has been wonderful. The range of course offerings as well as the flexibility to experiment in other fields that pertain to political science (for example, my freedom to intertwine my communications major and courses with my political science program) has really given me the opportunity to build an interdisciplinary curriculum for myself. Next year, I am planning on moving to New York City to pursue a career in the independent film industry.

Emily C. Sanders, C’ 05

Majoring in Political Science was a great experience. I got to take a vast array of classes and was grateful for the flexibility of the major, which enabled me to craft my own concentration, based on my evolving interest in political communications. Moreover, I got to meet and work with extremely interesting and intelligent faculty, including working as a research assistant and writing an honors thesis. In the year ahead I’m hoping to work in the field of political communications, focusing on

health policy issues, and then head off to grad school.

Cherie C. Wilson, C'05

Political Concentration
Comparative Politics

As a political science major I have had the opportunity to take a diverse range of courses from some of Penn's most impressive faculty members. Of particular benefit to me were the courses I took with an international perspective and focus. After graduation I intend to work for a year or two and then pursue a dual degree in law and development studies or international affairs. I'm still applying to fellowships and waiting to hear back from various organizations but some prospects include returning to Capitol Hill, working as a Teach for America fellow for two years, or hopefully becoming the first Carnegie Endowment Junior Fellow from Penn. In total, my Penn education and the experiences I had outside of the classroom have truly prepared me for any challenge I may face in the future!

What is Pi Sigma Alpha?

It is an honor society for students interested in the study of government and politics. Penn's chapter, Beta Tau sponsors various events, one of which is Dinner and Discourse. This event brings together students and faculty members in an atmosphere of learning and discussion of the many fields of Political Science.

Pi Sigma Alpha Officers

Eli Schlam, President
schlam@sas.upenn.edu

Rachel Kreinces - Vice President

Bharat Kumar - Secretary

Richard Pollack – Treasurer

Honors Participants

- Ashley Lewis
- Richard Pollock
- Danielle Young
- Rachel Velcoff
- Rachel Meadows
- Bharat Kumar
- Adam Hellman
- Kathryn Hunt
- Rachel Kreinces
- Danielle Dougherty
- Eric Feigenbaum
- Andrea Brem
- Heather Cisowski
- Laura Ainsman
- Emily Sanders
- Sara Steinberger
- Muhammed Mekki
- Natalie Chou
- Tim Reynolds
- Brendan Houser
- Ryosuke Yagi
- Phaedon Gourtsoyannis
- Talia Parnass
- Hasani Sinclair

Sound Politicks

You can find a full archive of the Journal on the Pi Sigma Alpha website (the Political Science Honor Society), at <http://www.ssc.upenn.edu/polisci/PiSigma/SoundPoliticks.htm>.

Sarah Eskreis-Winkler & Wonny Lervisit, Sound Politicks Editors

Graduate Corner

Graham Dodds

Graham Dodds is completing his first year as a tenure-track faculty member at Concordia University in Montreal. Graham frequently appears on Canadian T.V. to discuss U.S. politics, he recently presented a paper and also served as a discussant at the Southern Political Science Association's annual conference in New Orleans, he has a chapter on executive orders in a forthcoming edited volume titled "Executing the Constitution," and he plans to defend his dissertation and graduate this spring.

Kimberly Fitch

I am presenting a paper called "Critical Pressure, Divergent Response: The Political Economy of Water Privatization" at the Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies Graduate Conference on April 8.

Jane Gordon

Jane Gordon just returned from the Be'chol Lashon (In Every Tongue) Think Tank meeting, an annual international and multiracial gathering of Jews. She recently completed two co-edited volumes with Lewis Gordon. The first, A Companion to African-American Studies, is forthcoming with Blackwell Publishers. The second, Not Only the Master's Tools, will appear through Paradigm Publishers.

Michael Janson

In September of 2004, Michael was invited to speak to the Penn Law School chapter of the American Constitution Society about the National Labor Relations Board's recent decisions. In January of 2005, Michael served as a discussant for an Ethno-history workshop on Edward Soja's paper, "Theorizing Spatial Justice." Throughout this year, Michael has been doing dissertation research at the Library of Congress, the National Labor College, Catholic University of America, Georgetown, Haverford, the New York Public Library, Wheaton College, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library, the Herbert Hoover Presidential Library, and the Harry S. Truman Presidential Library.

Tristan Mabry

Tristan Mabry is returning to Bryn Mawr College this term as a Visiting Instructor in Political Science, teaching "Introduction to peace & Conflict Studies". Also, he is delivering a paper on March 2nd at the 46th Annual International Studies Association Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii called Nationalism and Language in Muslim Minority Conflict: A

comparative study of language policy in the secessionist politics of Mindanao and Aceh”

Completed Dissertations

1. Youngshik Bong
2. Praveen K. Chaudhry
3. Cheng Chen
4. Michele E. Commercio
5. Steven Cook
6. Carmel Davis
7. Stephen J. Del Rosso Jr.
8. Graham Dodds
9. Victoria Farmer
10. Katalin Fuzer
11. Joseph Glicksberg
12. Chris Harth
13. Joon S. Kil
14. Joseph Mink
15. William J. Murphy
16. Wambui Mwangi
17. Galya Benarieh Ruffer
18. Robert E. Watkins
19. Catherine Wilson
20. Vikash Yadav

The Political Science Department wishes all of our 2005 graduating seniors much success in all of their endeavors.

Alumni Information

Political Science Alumni, please keep in touch with the department. Drop us a line and let us know how you are and know what have you been doing since graduating from Penn. We like to hear from you. Contact Marcia Dotson at mdotson@sas.upenn.edu



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

**Political Science Department
Faculty Pre-Registration Reception**
 Wednesday, March 16, 2005
 Time: 4:30 p.m.
 The Forum, Stiteler Hall
 208 S. 37th Street
 Sponsored by: Political Science Dept.

**Brooke Ackerly, Professor
Vanderbilt University**

“Universal Human Rights: More Legitimate than Reasonable”

Thursday, March 17, 2005
 Time: 4:30 p.m.
 The Forum, Stiteler Hall
 208 S. 37th Street
 Sponsored by: Political Science Dept.

**Charles Krauthammer, Columnist
The Washington Post**

“Is The Berlin Wall Coming Down In The Middle East?”

Monday, March 28, 2005
 Time: 7:30 p.m.
 Hillel Auditorium, Steinhardt Hall
 215 S. 39th Street
 Co-sponsors: Political Science Dept.

**Martha A. Fineman
Professor of Law
Emory University**

“When We Divorce”

Thursday, March 31, 2005
 Time: 4:30 p.m.
 17 Logan Hall
 249 South 36th Street
 Co-sponsors: Political Science Dept.

**Political Science Graduation
Reception for Seniors**

Monday, May 16, 2005
 Time: 12 noon – 3:00 p.m.
 The Forum, Stiteler Hall
 208 37th Street
 Sponsored by: Political Science Dept.

Please review our web page on a continuous basis for additional undergraduate information.

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