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Political Science Hires Two New Faculty Members

Dr. Brady Baybeck, joins the Department this year as a tenured Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of the Graduate Program in Public Administration. Dr. Baybeck earned his B.A. from the University of Michigan and his Ph.D. from Washington University in St. Louis. He comes to the Department from the University of Missouri – St. Louis where he was the Director of their Graduate Program in Public Policy Administration.

Dr. Baybeck's primary interests are in the areas of American politics and political geography. His publications, including articles in *The Journal of Politics* ("A Strategic Theory of Policy Diffusion via Intergovernmental Competition"), *Social Science Quarterly* ("Location of Public Goods and the Calculus



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*Fulbright
Award-Winner
Dr. Sharon Lean*



of Voting: The Seattle Monorail Referendum"), and *The Journal of Politics* ("Sorting Out the Competing Effects of Racial Context"), are indicative of his interests and the range of his knowledge in the discipline. While serving as the Director of the MPA Program, Dr. Baybeck will continue with both research and publishing and will also maintain an active presence in national and regional conferences.

Political Science and Public Administration students are fortunate to have Dr. Baybeck join our roster of professors. His commitment to teaching combined with his extensive research interests will help students gain the skills required to understand the political world in which we live. He believes that strong writing, research and analytical skills will benefit students, not only in political science, but also in the everyday process of interpersonal communication.

As the Director of the Public Administration

Program, Dr. Baybeck has taken the helm of one of the best graduate programs in Public Administration in the country. Past Directors include Jorge Tapia-Videla, Richard Elling, John Strate, and Jered Carr, all of whom took pride in the reputation of the program and the quality of our students – many of whom have enjoyed successful careers in public administration. One of Dr. Baybeck's first tasks was to organize the program's self-study at the end of 2011. As for his long-term interests, he would like to expand the program's activities into the area of continuing education for public officials. This should help to increase enrollments in the program through the engagement of public officials. These relationships might have the potential of benefiting students by providing new areas for internships and long-term employment.

Dr. Baybeck is a fine addition to the Department and is happy to be teaching at

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New Books By Political Science Faculty

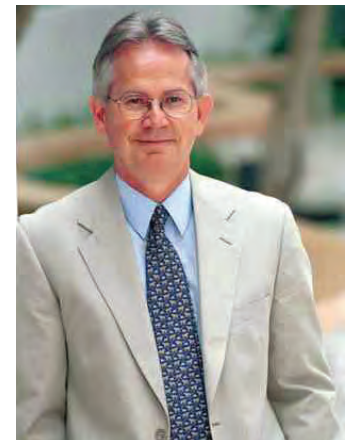
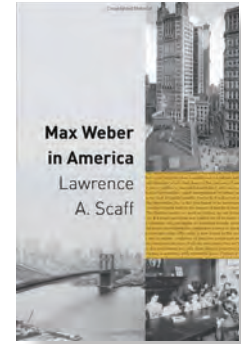
Dr. Brad R. Roth, Professor of Political Science and Law, has had a new book, *Sovereign Equality and Moral Disagreement*, published by Oxford University Press in 2011. The work presents an intricate and wide-ranging analysis of the principle of sovereign equality and its implications for extra-territorial criminal prosecution and international intervention. The United Nations system's foundational principle of sovereign equality reflects persistent disagreement within its membership as to what constitutes a legitimate and just internal public order. While the boundaries of the system's pluralism have narrowed progressively in the course of the United Nations era, accommodation of diversity in modes of internal political organization remains a durable theme of the international order. This accommodation of diversity underlies the international system's commitment to preserve states' territorial integrity and political independence, often at the expense of other values. For those who impute to the international legal order an inherent purpose to establish a universal justice that transcends the boundaries of territorial communities, the legal prerogatives associated with state sovereignty appear as impediments to the global advance of legality. That view, however, neglects the danger of allowing powerful states to invoke universal principles to rationalize unilateral (and often self-serving) impositions upon weak states. The book presents the argument that limitations on cross-border exercises of power are supported by substantial moral and political considerations, and are properly overridden only in a limited range of cases.



Dr. Brad R. Roth

Dr. Lawrence A. Scaff, Professor of Political Science, has had a new book, *Max Weber in America*, published by Princeton University Press in 2011.

Max Weber, widely considered a founder of sociology and the modern social sciences, visited the United States in 1904 with his wife Marianne. The trip was a turning point in Weber's life and it played a pivotal role in shaping his ideas; yet until now, virtually the only source of information about the trip was Marianne Weber's faithful (but not always reliable) 1926 biography of her husband. *Max Weber in America* reconstructs this important episode in Weber's career, and shows how the subsequent critical reception of Weber's work was as American a story as the trip itself. The book provides new details about Weber's visit to the United States-- what he did, what he saw, whom he met and why, and how these experiences profoundly influenced Weber's thought on immigration, capitalism, science and culture, Romanticism, race, diversity, Protestantism, and modernity. The work traces Weber's impact on the development of the social sciences in the United States -- following his death in 1920 -- examining how Weber's ideas were interpreted, translated, and disseminated by American scholars such as Talcott Parsons and Frank Knight, and how the Weberian canon, codified in America, was reintroduced into Europe after World War II. ■



Dr. Lawrence A. Scaff

Fulbright Award



Dr. Sharon Lean, Assistant Professor of Political Science, has been awarded a Fulbright Fellowship for the Winter 2013 term. Dr. Lean will conduct research in Mexico on the institutionalization of accountability in new democracies as a Visiting Scholar at the Center for Sociological Studies, Colegio de Mexico, in Mexico City.

Congratulations

Alumni News

Thomas B. Jankowski received his M.A. (1981) and Ph.D. (2000) from the Department of Political Science and is currently Associate Director for Research at the Institute of Gerontology, Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute for Child and Family Development, at Wayne State University, and is Advisory Council Chairman at the Senior Alliance. He has been appointed to the Michigan Department of Community Health committee that will examine the potential for streamlining services for clients who receive both Medicare and Medicaid benefits.



Dr. Thomas B. Jankowski

Dr. Jankowski is considered an expert in the field of gerontology. He has studied the historical, financial, and social impact on senior citizens of the problems associated with navigating the overlapping systems of Medicare and Medicaid. The current arrangement is a dual-eligibility system that requires clients to carry two sets of benefit cards and to file two claims when receiving both Medicare and Medicaid. According to Dr. Jankowski, this is a relatively small group of recipients but a group that has higher than average usage.

He says, "A streamlined approach will simplify life for these people while reducing the overlaps and loopholes that raise costs." The Michigan Department of Community Health hopes to launch the pilot program in early spring of 2012. According to Dr. Jankowski, "Michigan will become one of only a few states in the country to have an integrated care plan for dual-eligible patients." To that end, "We are collecting data on the array of services accessed and the provider network. These extend beyond medical services to include home-delivered meals, personal care and chores. This is a major undertaking and must be accurate."

Approval of this project will be a large step in the right direction for seniors and taxpayers alike. The success of this program may have a lasting impact as other governmental agencies will monitor its success and gradually adopt methods that will reduce government spending through a reduction in the replication of services. ■

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WSU. In addition, he, his wife and two daughters are delighted to be back in Michigan, living near family and friends, in Ann Arbor.

Dr. Jeffrey Grynawski joined the Department as a tenured Associate Professor of Political Science this academic year. He received his undergraduate degree from the College of William and Mary and his Ph.D. from Duke University. He came to Wayne State University from the University of Connecticut where he spent a year as Assistant Professor-in-Residence. Prior to his year at the University of Connecticut, he was an Assistant Professor at the University of Chicago for eight years.

Dr. Grynawski's research in the areas of American political parties, electoral politics, and research methods will help strengthen the Department in those areas. Among his current projects is an analysis of the consequences of rule by an electorally dominant political machine for the provision of pure "public goods." Contrary to conventional wisdom, he argues that political machines provided greater amounts of productive public goods than other ruling parties because their survival depended on an expansive government sector sustained by tax revenues raised locally. He finds that cities controlled by political machines during the early 20th century were better at providing hard-to-target public goods like fire safety and preventing

the spread of contagious diseases than were other municipalities, even after controlling for political institutions and demographic factors.

Professor Grynawski has published a large number of articles in top-level journals, including the *Journal of Politics*, the *American Political Science Review*, *Political Analysis*, and the *Journal of Theoretical Politics*, to name but a few. His first book, *Partisan Bonds: Political Reputations and Legislative Accountability*, was published by Cambridge University Press in 2010. He is currently working on his second book, *Principals and Agents: Elections, Governance, and the Two Faces of Party Leadership*, which is an exploration of local parties in the early 20th century and how ruling party characteristics were shaped as well as their effectiveness as political organizations.

Dr. Grynawski brings to the Department an extraordinary level of experience and expertise in formal mathematical modeling and statistical analysis – skills that will help our undergraduate and graduate students produce cutting-edge research in their papers and dissertations. Michigan, with its many lakes and rivers, is also a great fit for Dr. Grynawski who, with his wife and children, enjoy swimming and other aquatic recreational activities. ■

Annual Lent Upson Lecture and Reception

The Department of Political Science held its Annual Lent Upson Lecture and Reception on May 17. Louis Glaser (B.A., M.A. in Urban Planning, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor), founder

of Michigan Future, Inc., spoke on the subject of "Michigan's Future" at the Law School Auditorium (5:00-6:00pm). A reception following the lecture was held at the Alumni House. ■

Congratulations...

The following graduate and doctoral students earned degrees from the Department of Political Science in Academic Year 2010-2011:

PH.D. DEGREES WERE EARNED BY:

Amanda Hanlin, William Hatley, Sandra Hindo, Mark Ladd, Wassim Tarraf, Gino Tozzi

M.A. DEGREES WERE EARNED BY:

Isil Akbulut, Matthew Beatty, Daniel Blaser, Kimberly Saks McManaway

M.P.A. DEGREES WERE EARNED BY:

Peter Baumann, Emily Berzins, David Bowman, Xenas Bradfield, Clifford Briggs, John Bulat, Angela Eovaldi, Joseph Gacioch, Kathleen Gauthier, Jessica Guyer, Steven Licavoli, Stephanie McCormack, Matthew Oeftering, Patricia Rencher, Swayne Smith, Treasure Thomas, Elaine Weber, Howard Whitney, John Wolf-Meyer



Dana Dyson and Dr. Charles Elder

Faculty News

New Faculty Publications include:

Daniel S. Geller, "Nuclear Weapons and War." In *What Do We Know About War?* Second Edition. Edited by John A. Vasquez. Rowman & Littlefield: Lanham, MD. 2012.

Kyu-Nahm Jun and Shiau, E. "How Are We Doing? A Multiple Constituency Approach to Civic Association Effectiveness" in *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, July 16, 2011.

Kyu-Nahm Jun and Weare, C. "Institutional Motivations in the Adoption of Innovations:

The Case of E-government" in the *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*.

Faculty in the Department of Political Science had several presentations at the 2011 Convention of the Midwest Political Science Association. They included:

Jered B. Carr, Catherine Schmitt, "The Effect and Interaction of Population Size, Density, and Homogeneity on Local Participation: An Empirical Study in Michigan."

Timothy A. Carter, Daniel Jay Veale, "The Role of Weather in Insurgent Violence: A Micro-Level Study of the Iraq Conflict, 2003-2010."

Richard C. Elling, Kelly A. Krawczyk, Jered B. Carr, "Now What Do We Do? The Changing Views of Michigan Citizens on How to Cope with Local Government Fiscal Stress."

Kyu-Nahm Jun had two presentations at the Midwest in Chicago, 2011. They were: "On the Clash or Congruence Between

Community and City-wide Interests: The Role of Neighborhood Associations in Urban Governance" and "Public Service Motivation and Career Choice: A Comparative Analysis of U.S. and Asian University Students."

Other conference presentations included:

Marjorie Sarbaugh-Thompson, Lyke Thompson, Charles D. Elder, Presented, "Finally the Veterans are Gone: Evaluating Term Limits After Implementation" at the American Political Science Association meeting in 2011.

Marjorie Sarbaugh-Thompson also presented "Finally the Veterans are Gone: Evaluating Term Limits After Implementation" at the 11th Annual Conference on State Politics and Policy in Hanover, NH June, 2011. ■



Graduate Student

NEWS

SHANTHI KARUPPUSAMY has accepted a position at the University of Northern Illinois, DeKalb as Assistant Professor of Public Administration. Shanthi expects to complete her dissertation this semester and begin teaching at the University of Northern Illinois in the next academic year.

SAMRA NASSER has relocated to Washington, D.C., to work in programming at the International Foundation of Electoral Systems (IFES) with a concentration on Lebanon's electoral system.

THE DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE HAD A STRONG SHOWING OF OUR GRADUATE STUDENTS AT THE MIDWEST POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO, APRIL, 2011. PRESENTERS INCLUDED:

REEM ABOU-SAMRA, Great Leadership: Tactics, Practices, and Opting Out".

GAYLE ALBERDA and **JENNIE SWEET-CUSHMAN**, "Beyond the Pew: The Effect of Religiosity on Political Gender Role Socialization Research."

NICHOLE M. FIFER, "Park Distribution in Detroit: Equity Analysis and Progressive Policy."

NICOLE E. GERRING, "Domestic Politics and Differential Impacts: Why the European Union has Been Unable to Establish a Common Asylum Policy."

JOHN GIRDWOOD, "Iraq Reconstruction: Investing in Multinational Corporations?"

JULIA HINZ, "The Chicken or the Egg: Interdependencies Between Refugee Return and Peace in the Context of Post-Conflict Societies."

SHANTHI KARUPPUSAMY, "Understanding the Emergence of Inter-local Collaborative Behavior: Institutions, Incentives and Information Networks."

KELLY A. KRAWCZYK, **RICHARD C. ELLING** and **JERED B. CARR**, "Now What Do We Do? The Changing Views of Michigan Citizens on How to Cope With Local Government Fiscal Stress."

JUSTIN REX, "Pissin' in the Wind: The Perverse Consequences of Financial Deregulation and Street Crime Overregulation."

CATHERINE SCHMITT and **JERED B. CARR**, "The Effect and Interaction of Population Size, Density, and Homogeneity on Local Political Participation: An Empirical Study in Michigan."

WENWEN SHI, "Internet and New Dimension of Political Participation in Urban China."

SUSUMU SUZUKI, "Ethnic Mobilization, Government Repression, and Civil War."

GINO J. TOZZI, "Media Effects: The Threshold of Presidential Approval Change".

DANIEL J. VEALE and **TIMOTHY A. CARTER**, "The Role of Weather in Insurgent Violence: A Micro-Level Study of the Iraq Conflict, 2003-2010."

PATTY ZAKARIA, "Corruption, an Enemy of Civil Society: The Case of Post-Communist Europe." Also presented was a second paper, "Are Political Deficits in Lebanon Self-imposed or Externally Inflicted?"

ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS INCLUDED:

CAULI BEDRAN, "Democracy as an International Regime," presented at the IV Annual Global Studies Conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in July, 2011.

AMY BROMSEN, "The Civil Wars in U.S. Labor: Birth of a New Worker's Movement or Death Throes of the Old? Presented at the North American Labor History Conference in October, 2011, Detroit.

JOHN GIRDWOOD, "Economic Growth and Development Strategies," presented at the Mid-Continent Regional Science Association Conference in August, 2011.

SAMRA NASSER, "Immigrant Integration of Metro Detroit's Yemeni-Americans," presented in Montreal, Quebec, at the Canadian Association for Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS) Conference at McGill University in the Summer, 2011.

JENNIE SWEET-CUSHMAN, "The Palin Effect: Did Sarah Palin Change the Attitude of Evangelicals Towards Women?", presented at the Sixth Biennial Symposium on Religion and Politics at the Henry Institute, Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI in April 2011. Also presented was "Towards a Complete Theory of Political Ambition: An Examination of How Both Socialization and Biology Affect the Gender Gap in Political Representation" at the Association for Politics and the Life Sciences Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, October, 2011.

PATTY ZAKARIA, "Is Corruption an Enemy of Civil Society?" presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Seattle, 2011.

Nadejda Marinova Joins the Department

The Department of Political Science is pleased to announce the acquisition of Dr. Nadejda Marinova as a new tenure-track



Assistant Professor. Dr. Marinova received her Ph.D. from the School of International Relations and the Department of Political Science at the

University of Southern California in 2011 and is currently a Postdoctoral Distinguished Teaching Fellow at USC. She also holds a B.A. from Georgia College and State University and an M.S. in International Affairs from the Sam Nunn School at the Georgia Institute of Technology. Her dissertation was entitled "House of Lebanon: How Host States Use Diasporas." In this work, Dr. Marinova develops a new theoretical model explaining how host states employ diasporas to advance their foreign policy agendas. The principal focus is on the Lebanese Diaspora in the United States under the administration of

George W. Bush. She has published an article in Foreign Policy Analysis, co-authored with Patrick James, entitled "The Tragedy of Human Trafficking: Competing Theories and European Evidence." Dr. Marinova has expertise in the fields of Comparative Politics and International Relations, with an area specialization in Middle East Politics. She is fluent in Bulgarian, Russian, Spanish, French, and Arabic. The addition of Nadejda Marinova to the faculty will enhance the Department's research and teaching capacities in comparative and world politics, and we wish her a warm welcome. ■

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