FROM THE DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE STUDIES
Welcome and Welcome Back! The Department of Political Science welcomes all new and returning graduate students to campus and to the 2005-06 academic year. Our graduate programs continue to make impressive strides, and we applaud the dedication, hard work and initiative shown over the past year by our students. We encourage your continued excellence in the classroom, your steady progress toward completion of all degree requirements, and your immersion in all aspects of professional development (conference attendance/participation, publishing, pursuit of research grants).

Best wishes for a successful Fall 2005 semester!
Dr. Downs, DGS

ATTENTION ALL RESEARCHERS!
All graduate student researchers are responsible for understanding and complying with the regulations administered by the Office of Research Integrity’s Institutional Review Board (IRB). If your research project deals directly with human subjects and is intended to add to “generalizable” knowledge (for example a publication or presentation), then you will need to apply for IRB approval. Therefore, a graduate student who is collecting original data from human subjects that might lead to his/her thesis or dissertation being published will need to seek IRB approval. See http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwosp/Compliance2002/web-irb/index.htm for more information.

SPOTLIGHT ON PHD GRADUATE: PAM CORLEY
Pam Corley graduated with her PhD in Political Science in Summer 2005 and received a tenure-track faculty position in the Department of Political Science at Vanderbilt University. Dr. Corley’s dissertation was titled “Concurring Opinion Writing on the United States Supreme Court.” She has also published (with Drs. Howard and Nixon) “Supreme Court and Opinion Context: The Use of the Federalist Papers” in Political Research Quarterly 58(2): 329-340 (June 2005). She received her MA in Political Science at Georgia State University in 2003 and her JD from Georgia State University in 1995. Congratulations!
Summer 2005 Graduates

PhD
Pam Corley
“Concurring Opinion Writing on the United States Supreme Court”
Dr. Howard, Chair
Placement: Assistant Professor, Vanderbilt

Heather Heckel
“Transnational Advocacy for Children”
Dr. Duffield, Chair
Placement: Assistant Professor, Bridgewater College

Stephen Joyner
“Courts and Social Change: A Multiple-Case Study of State Supreme Court Impact on Same-Sex Marriage Policy in Hawaii, Vermont and Massachusetts”
Dr. Howard, Chair
Placement: Director of Enrollment Management, Georgia Perimeter College

Chenaz Seelarbokus
“The Influence of State and Treaty Characteristics on Participation in International Environmental Agreements (IEAs)”
Dr. Smith, Chair
Placement: Assistant Secretary to the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research, Mauritius

MA
Deborah Cotton
Dr. Manning, Chair

Eric Hurst
“An Examination of FCC Roll Call Behavior 1975-2000”
Dr. Nixon, Chair

Leila (Becky) Kennedy
“The Costs of Disability Law: Why the Supreme Court Denies Equal Protection to Americans with Disabilities”
Dr. Howard, Chair

Carrie Myers
“Supreme Strategy: Rehnquist the Associate vs. Rehnquist the Chief”
Dr. Graves, Chair

Eliezer (Ben) Wheatley
“Regional Integration in Africa: Economic Versus Political Integration”
Dr. Downs, Non-thesis advisor

Spring 2005 Graduates

MA
Kathleen Barrett
“Corrupted Courts: A Cross-National Perceptual Analysis of Judicial Corruption”
Dr. Downs, Chair

Lisa Holmes
“Why was the United States Unwilling to Intervene in Rwanda?”
Dr. Carey, Non-thesis advisor

Eriade Hunter
“Socrates and Human Wisdom”
Dr. Lindsay, Non-thesis advisor

Brigid O’Rourke
“An Examination of Media Coverage of Mixed Gender Races”
Dr. Calhoun-Brown, Chair

Andrea Owens-Jones
“After the Storm: The Black Church, Civil Rights Organizations, and the Political Mobilization of African-Americans in the Post-Civil Rights Era”
Dr. Calhoun-Brown, Chair

Xinsong Wang
“Rights Consciousness, Economic Interests, and the 2003 District-Level People’s Congress Elections in China: Middle Class Motivations and Democratic Implications”
Dr. Reimann, Chair

Kimberley Watson
“The Impact of the Patriot Act’s Title II On American Civil Liberties”
Dr. Thomas, Non-thesis advisor

ALUMNI NOTE
Miljenko Antic (Ph.D. 2003) has earned a prestigious postdoctoral fellowship at the London School of Economics and Politics.
New Graduate Students

Sarah Bradley  
**BA in Political Science (Georgia State University, 2005)**  
Corporate paralegal  
Stated interests in both international affairs and American campaigns & elections

David Constant  
**MS in International Affairs (Georgia Tech, 2003), BA in International Affairs (Morehouse, 2002)**  
Native of Trinidad and Tobago; International Relations Program Manager, Office of the Mayor of Atlanta; interests in International Relations, particularly local-global trade and development issues

Amy Covington  
**BA in Political Science (Georgia State University, 2005)**  
American Politics and International Relations, with interests in public law and research methodology

Adam Di Giovanni  
**BA in French with concentration in International Business (Georgia State University, 2005)**  
Comparative and International Politics, with interests in diplomacy and foreign service

Valerie El’Ghaouti  
**BA in Political Science with pre-law concentration (Georgia State University, 2005)**  
American Politics, with interests in law and professional governmental practices

Daniel Fikreyesus  
**MPA (Georgia State University, 2004), BA in Political Science (Moravian College, PA, 1994)**  
Native of Ethiopia; International and Comparative Politics, with interests in development projects and foreign aid

Tracy Fitzpatrick-Hart  
**BA in History (Agnes Scott, 2004)**  
American Politics, with interests in conservatism and evolution of Republican Party

Maja Hasic  
**BA in Political Science (Georgia State University, 2005)**  
Native of Bosnia; Comparative and International Politics, with interests in international organizations

Christopher Hill  
**BA in Business (Wake Forest University, 1995), MBA (Georgia State University, 2000)**  
Director, Office of Budget and Planning at Georgia State University General MA Program, with interests in state politics and higher education

Nayla Inayat  
**BA in Political Science (Georgia State University, 2004)**  
Native of Venezuela; American Politics, with interests in legislative process and public law
Casey Jackson  
MA in Political Science (University of Georgia, 2004), BA in Political Science (Georgia Southern University, 2001)  
Senior Research Associate for Judicial Council of Georgia; American Politics, with interests in state courts

Sufia Jamal  
MA in International Relations (University of Dhaka, 1998), BA in International Relations (University of Dhaka, 1996)  
International and Comparative Politics, with interests in organizational conflict and cooperation

Ala Manukyan  
MA in Human Rights (Dept. of Legal Studies, Central European University, Budapest, 2004), BA in English and German Languages (Yerevan State Linguistic University, Armenia, 2001)  
Native of Armenia; Worked on staff of President of Armenia; Comparative Politics, with interests in institutions in transitioning democracies

Betsy Montgomery  
BA in International Affairs (Florida State University, 2005)  
Comparative and International Politics, with interests in Latin American and Spain

Mya Stewart  
BS in Political Science (Tennessee State University, 2005)  
Professional Political and Governmental Practices

Heather Waters  
BA in Political Science (Georgia State University, 2005)  
Comparative and International Politics, with interests in Middle East and Africa

Emily Wisch  
BA in Political Science (Georgia State University, 2005)  
International Politics, with interest in international organizations

**RECENT FACULTY ACTIVITIES**

**Dr. Henry (Chip) Carey**  
Co-Editor, **Subcontracting Peace: The Challenges of NGO Peacebuilding** (Aldershot, UK: Ashgate, 2005)

**Dr. William Downs**  


Co-Editor, **E-Extrem: Electronic Newsletter of the ECPR-SG on Extremism & Democracy**  
Volume 6, No. 3, Fall 2005


**Dr. John Duffied**  

“Oil and the Iraq War: How the United States Could Have Expected to Benefit, and Might Still,” *Middle East Review of International Affairs* 9, no. 2 (June 2005), 109-41

presented at conference on Assessing Multilateralism in the Security Domain, Delphi, Greece, June 2-5, 2005

**Dr. Robert Howard**


“Court Control of the Internal Revenue Service: Differences Between the United States Tax Court and the United States District Court” *Midwestern Political Science Association*, Chicago, IL, April 2005


Notes Editor, Editorial Board Member, *Justice System Journal*

**Dr. Jennifer McCoy**

Awarded U.S. Institute for Peace Grant (2005-06) and a Rockefeller residency in Bellagio, Italy (July 2005) to work on a book on her mediation experiences in Venezuela over the last three years.

**Dr. Carrie Manning**

“Organizational dynamics and the transformation of armed opposition groups into political parties: Ideas from Bosnia, Kosovo, Mozambique, and El Salvador”, presented to the workshop on “Building Democracy,” organized by the Jackson-Powell Center at CCNY and the University of Washington, City College of New York, April 13-15, 2005


Observed Albania’s parliamentary elections, July 3, 2005, for the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

**Dr. Kim Reimann**

“Transnational NGO Networks, the Asian Development Bank and the Rise of Society in Regional Politics in East Asia,” paper presented at the International Studies Association (ISA) Annual Convention in Hawaii on March 1-5 and the Association for Asian Studies (AAS) Annual Conference in Chicago held March 31-April 3

Received Short-Term Travel to Japan Grant from the Association for Asian Studies, Northeast Asia Council for research in Summer 2005.

Inducted into Phi Beta Delta Honor Society for International Scholars, Alpha Lambda Chapter of Georgia State University.

Served on the International Affairs Merit Review Panel, National Security Education Program (NSEP) Graduate Fellowship, that selected finalists for NSEP grants in Washington D.C.

Served on the National Security Education Program (NSEP) Review Committee Member, GSU Office of International Affairs.

Served as an interviewer for the Government of Japan’s Exchange and Teaching (JET) Program, Consulate General of Japan in Atlanta.

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND AWARDS**

Kathie Barrett (PhD) presented a paper entitled “What Comes First, Democracy or Corruption?” at the annual 2005 Midwest Political Science Association Conference held in Chicago, IL April 7-10

Carolyn Carlson (PhD) presented a paper entitled “The Impact of Question Order on Abortion Surveys and Who Gets Confused.” at the annual 2005 Midwest Political Science Association Conference held in Chicago, IL April 7-10

Frank Fuller (PhD) presented a paper entitled “Dissecting Terrorism: A Critical Analysis of the Problem” with Dr. Damon Camp at the Academy
of Criminal Justice Sciences conference held in Chicago, IL March 15-19 2005. He will present a paper entitled “Law Enforcement Promotional Systems: Issues and Trends.” At the Southern Criminal Justice Association Conference in Jacksonville, FL September 26-29 2005. He will also co-present a paper with Dr. Camp entitled “Terrorism and the Birth of Israel” in Toronto November 16-19 2005 for the American Society of Criminology Conference

Eric Hurst (PhD) presented a paper with Dr. David Nixon entitled “The Multidimensional Independent Regulatory Commission” at the annual 2005 Midwest Political Science Association Conference in Chicago, IL April 7-10

Ralucia Miller (PhD) presented a paper entitled “Political Culture and the Democratization Process in Latin America and Central Eastern Europe” at the annual 2005 American Political Science Association Conference held in Washington, DC September 1-4. Also an article on Romanian Election with Dr. William Downs (2004 National Election) forthcoming in *Electoral Studies*.

Roxane Peyser, Kathie Barrett & Craig Kaufmann (PhD) were accepted as a panel at the annual 2005 International Studies Association-South meeting in Miami, FL November 3-5. Dr. Carrie Manning will be the Discussant.

Brian Sernulka (MA) will present a paper entitled “Saying No” to the European Union: Measuring the Costs of Incomplete Monetary Union” at the annual 2005 Georgia Political Science Association Conference held in Savannah, GA November 10-12

Shyam Sriram (PhD) & Satish Joshi (formerly of PhD program) presented a paper entitled “Yankee Hindutva: Religiosity Measures Among Indian-Americans at the annual 2005 American Political Science Association Conference held in Washington, DC September 1-4. Shyam also received one of the prestigious travel grants from APSA to attend the conference

Shyam Sriram (PhD) will present a paper entitled “The Costs of Choosing: Nativism, Divided Loyalties and The Puzzle of Asian-American Party Acquisition” at the annual Southern Political Science Association Conference held in New Orleans, LA January 5-7. Also, he was inducted into the 2005-2006 Who’s Who of Students in American Colleges and Universities

Cole Taratoot (PhD) presented a paper entitled “Applying the Attitudinal Model to Administrative Law Judge Decision Making: The Case of the NLRB 2003-2004” at the annual 2005 Midwest Political Science Association Conference held in Chicago, IL April 7-10. He will also present a paper entitled “Investigating the Stability of Political Preferences of the NLRB: 1985-2002” at the annual 2005 Georgia Political Science Association Conference held in Savannah, GA, November 10-12

Carol Walker (PhD) will present a paper entitled “Parties in the States: A Look at Election Contests in Partisan State Supreme Courts” at the annual 2005 Southern Political Science Association Conference held in New Orleans, LA January 5-7. She studied English Law at the London School of Economics & Political Science in Summer 2005 and will be contributing a few entries in the upcoming *Encyclopedia of American Civil Liberties* published by Routledge Reference

**SPRING 2006 GRADUATE COURSES**

**Pols 6131 Civil Liberties**  
Major issues and Supreme Court decisions in the area of constitutional rights and liberties.

**Pols 6420 International Law**  
Analysis of origin, principles, enforcement, and adjudication of international law.

**Pols 6999 Directed Readings**  
Prerequisite: consent of the instructor. May be taken more than once for credit if topics vary.

**Pols 8115 Urban Political Behavior**  
Relationship between the urban environment and urban politics.

**Pols 8140 Judicial Process and Policy Making**  
Social and political context of judicial decisions with emphasis on Supreme Court decision making. Relation of law to public policy.

**Pols 8155 Electoral Behavior**  
Major theories of voting and electoral behavior as they apply to a variety of political offices.

**Pols 8170 American Legislative Process**  
An examination of the politics and processes of legislative institutions. This course will focus on the legislative process, elections, apportionment, institutional hierarchy, partisan politics, and legislative leadership.

**Pols 8180 Presidential Politics**  
A study of presidential politics including administrative decision making, constitutional powers, elections, presidential-congressional relations, and the President as Commander-in-Chief.
Pols 8205 Comparative Democratization
Prerequisite: Pols 820 recommended. Theories and problems of emerging transitional democracies around the world.

Pols 8273 Political Economy of Development
Comparative analysis of theoretical and historical perspectives on the politics of economic growth and development in the developing world.

Pols 8400 International Politics
Concepts and theories in international politics.

Pols 8560 Classical/Early Modern Political Thought
Survey of the great writings in political thought from Plato to Hobbes. Examines the contributions these works made to Western conceptions such as democracy, equality, human nature, citizenship.

Pols 8810 Uses of Intermediate Statistical Methods in Political Science Research
Intensive examination of quantitative statistics, ranging from classical regression to maximum likelihood models.

Pols 8900 Comprehensive Readings
For students preparing for doctoral examinations. To be taken in the semester in which the examinations are taken.

Pols 8980 Directed Reading in a Special Area
Prerequisite: consent of the instructor. May be taken more than once for credit if topics vary.

Pols 8995 Administrative/Policy Internship
Assignment to a staff, high-level administrative, or policy position for pre-service and in-service students pursuing management careers.

Pols 8996 Research Internship
Prerequisite: Consent of Graduate Director. Assignment to a research project under direction of a faculty member. May be repeated for credit.

Pols 8998 Teaching Internship
Prerequisite: Consent of Graduate Director. Assignment to undergraduate or graduate course under supervision of faculty member. For students interested in college-level teaching.

Pols 8999 Thesis Research

CALLS FOR PAPERS--UPCOMING CONFERENCES

American Political Science Association
2006 Annual Meeting: Power Reconsidered
August 31 - September 3, 2006
Program Chairs Judith Goldstein and Rick Valelly invite participants to address the fundamental question of whether and how the concept of power informs political science. The 2006 APSA Annual Meeting will convene in Philadelphia, PA on August 31 - Sept 3, 2006. The birthplace of our nation is an apt setting to discuss this 2006 theme, “Power Reconsidered.” Hosted by the Philadelphia Marriott, the Loews Philadelphia and the Pennsylvania Convention Center, the 2006 Annual Meeting will feature compelling discussions of this theme as well as current issues in political science and the public sphere. Proposals are due by November 15, 2005.

Sixth Annual State Policy & Politics Conference
Dates: May 19-20, 2006
Call for Papers Deadline: December 15, 2005
Location: Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX

Theme: Paths of Influence: Institutions and Processes Fostering Representation in American States. For the 6th Annual State Policy & Politics Conference, Texas Tech University & State Politics and Policy Quarterly invites papers exploring legislative, judicial, or executive institutions, political or policy processes, or mass-elite linkages formed by interest groups, political parties, public preferences, or political culture. Proposals emphasizing cross-state or within state elements are welcome as are those incorporating sub-state governments or intergovernmental relations. The conference provides meals and honoraria for accepted papers.

3rd Latin American Political Science Association Congress
“Democracy and Inequalities”
La Asociacion Latinoamericana de Ciencias Politica (ALACIP)

Dates: September 4 - 6, 2006
Deadlines: Proposals/Sessions/Panels: September 30, 2005; Papers: from November 1, 2005 to February 1, 2006
Location: University of Campinas (UNICAMP), Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brasil
The 3rd Latin American Political Science Association Congress, sponsored by the Latin American Political Science Association and the University of Campinas (UNICAMP) Department of Political Science will discuss "Democracy and Inequalities" in Latin America in the two last decades. It is organized in 14 thematic groups. English, Portuguese and Spanish are the official languages.

Marquette University and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Graduate Student Conference

Dates: April 1, 2006
Call for Papers Deadline: March 1, 2006
Location: Marquette University Milwaukee, Wisconsin

The graduate students of Marquette University and of the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee are hosting a paper conference especially for graduate students. They aim to provide future scholars the opportunity to present their original work to their peers and experts in the field. The 2006 conference will take place on Saturday April 1st at Marquette University in Milwaukee Wisconsin. Organizers invite papers from all subfields of political science and ask that papers be submitted for consideration by March 1, 2006. Please direct questions and proposals to mark.obrien@marquette.edu

ONGOING FACULTY SEARCHES

The Department of Political Science is currently advertising for two tenure-track faculty positions—one in American Politics and one in International Politics. Candidates for these positions will be interviewing on campus later in the semester, and you will see flyers announcing each candidate’s research presentation. The hiring of new faculty is always an important process, both from our perspective and from yours as students. The Department requires that all students on graduate assistantship attend these research presentations, and we encourage all other graduate students to join as well. Typically, a 30-minute discussion with graduate students follows each candidate’s research talk and we wish those sessions to be well attended. The Department also seeks graduate student reactions to each job candidate, and we strive to include a graduate student representative on each search committee.

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMS

Doctoral students preparing to take written Comprehensive exams should request a copy of the Department’s policy statement from Essie Lattimore. The document outlines procedures, expectations, and study strategies.

DEFENSE PROCEDURES

All thesis/dissertation proposal defenses as well as defenses of the final thesis/dissertation must be scheduled through the Assistant to the Graduate Director, Essie Lattimore. Two hardcopies of the thesis/dissertation must be submitted to Ms. Lattimore no less than one full week prior to a desired defense date. Ms. Lattimore will also schedule the date, time, and location of all defenses.

ELECTRONIC ARCHIVING OF THESIS AND DISSERTATIONS

The Graduate Office of the College of Arts and Sciences now requires all graduates to submit their thesis or dissertation in electronic (pdf) format. For more information, please see http://etd.gsu.edu

GRADUATE CARRELS

Carrels are assigned to graduate research assistants and graduate lab assistants on a first come/first serve basis. If you wish to request a carrel, please see Ms. Lattimore.

CONFERENCE TRAVEL

The Graduate Director should be notified of travel, i.e. conferences, papers presented, etc. ASAP. Student travel authorization forms are located in the Department office and must be completed prior to travel if financial consideration is to be given.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS FOR SPRING 2006

Graduate Assistantship applications for Spring semester should be received by the Graduate Director by no later than November 15. Applications are not required of students who are currently on assistantship and who received an award letter indicating duration of the award for the 2005-06 academic year.

ADVISEMENT

All students are requested to schedule advisement appointments with the Graduate Director prior to registering for courses in either the Spring or Summer sessions. This is a necessary occasion to confirm course selection and progress toward the degree.

E-MAIL

If you change your e-mail address, please alert Ms. Lattimore, as e-mail constitutes a vital

http://www.ifch.unicamp.br/alacip
communication link between the Department and you.

**Dates at a Glance**

Deadlines to Apply for Graduation:
*If Graduating In:* | *Apply By:*
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Fall (December) 2005 | (EXPIRED)
Spring (May) 2006 | (EXPIRED)
Summer (Aug) 2006 | January 1, 2006

Deadlines for Submission of Defended and Approved Thesis/Dissertation to Department:
*If Graduating In:* | *Submit By:
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Fall 2005 | November 14, 2005
Spring 2006 | April 10, 2006

Deadlines for Submission of Approved Non-Thesis to Department:
*If Graduating In:* | *Submit By:
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Fall 2005 | December 1, 2005
Spring 2006 | April 27, 2006

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**PI SIGMA ALPHA**
The GSU chapter of the national Political Science Honor Society will be holding regular meetings in the coming semester.

PhD student Kathleen Barrett kathiebarrett@earthlink.net is the current president, and Dr. Michael Herb herb@gsu.edu is the new faculty advisor. Please contact either for more information.

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**amnesty international**
The Amnesty International Club of Georgia State University will be holding regular meetings in the coming semester. The incoming president is MA student Lola Ibotoye, who works at Amnesty International in Atlanta. Dr. Chip Carey is the faculty advisor.

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**ATTENTION: ALUMNI**

What have you been up to lately? Changed jobs? Received a promotion? Published? Married? If we haven't heard from you recently, tell us what you are doing. We'll publish your AlumNote in *The Political Advisor* so your former professors and classmates can keep up with your professional and personal accomplishments.

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