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There's a little secret in the Department of Government that is really no secret at all: the department has struggled for years to field an elite program in international relations. The main stumbling block has been a lack of manpower. Despite the very significant, very real contributions that Harrison Wagner, David Edwards, and Peter Trubowitz have made to the discipline and the department, they are only three men, and for a long time have been the only colleagues keeping international relations going in this department. Wagner, who produced his magnum opus two years ago ("War and the State: The Theory of International Politics") is nearing retirement. Edwards devotes most of his energy these days to undergraduate teaching. Peter Trubowitz, whose book "Defining the National Interest" won

numerous awards, is still very much active. He has a new book forthcoming from Princeton, "Politics and Strategy: Partisan Ambition and American Statecraft," and has published a number of high profile articles in the last few years.

I am happy to report optimism that our IR program is turning a corner despite its small size. The most promising development is that in Associate Professor Patrick McDonald and Assistant Professor Terry Chapman we have two scholars I am confident will be leaders in their field for years to come. McDonald's book, "The Invisible Hand of Peace," has won APSA's 2010 Jervis-Schroeder best book award from the International History and Politics Section. Chapman's book, "Securing Approval: Domestic Politics and Multilateral Authorization for War," is forthcoming from The University of Chicago. And McDonald and Chapman have a coauthored article, "The Sword and the Coffers: the Fiscal Foundations of Sustainable International Peace," under review. We will continue expecting great things from these two in the years ahead.

At the more senior level, Ami Pedahzur has been promoted to full professor, and he is dead set on making the department an international leader in the study of terrorism. We are also lucky to enjoy the expertise of Itty Abraham, whom we share with Asian Studies, and Michael Brenner, who will head the University's new International Relations and Global Studies program and be a lecturer in the department. In addition, we enjoy collaboration with four political scientists who are IR specialists in the LBJ School and hold courtesy affiliations with Government: Eugene Gholz, Ethan Kapstein, Alan Kuperman, and Kate Weaver. The new Strauss Center for International Security and Law is the first unit devoted to international relations.

We have had a setback in the resignation of George Gavrillis, who was a great asset to the department during his short time here, but we have new hires in the pipeline, and with time there are plans for a major expansion of the IR faculty, including filling an endowed chair with a distinguished scholar, and the possibility for several entry-level positions. Currently, we are recruiting for the Charles N. Wilson Chair in Pakistan Studies, which may not be an IR hire, but it could be, in addition to an entry level, tenure-track position. We are also working on a joint-hire at the assistant professor level with the Strauss Center, a joint effort of the LBJ School, the Law School, and the College of Liberal Arts.

Of course, we've been here before: bright young scholars and promises of expansion, but we're moving forward with a glass half full mentality, and very much looking forward to adding to an already distinguished IR faculty.

Sincerely,

Gary P. Freeman, Chair

Best Alumni Paper at Midwest

And the winner is ... to be determined soon.

Ten papers were submitted for consideration. Abby Blass, co-president of the GSO, organized the award committee. Many thanks to her, the entire GSO, the graduate student judges, and Graduate Advisor Robert Moser.

Texas Reception at the American Political Science Association Annual Conference

APSA is Sept. 2-5 in Washington, D.C. The Texas Reception is at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 3, at the Marriot Wardman Park in Thurgood Marshall North. We hope to see everyone there.

Sandy Levinson to Receive Lifetime Achievement Award

Sandy Levinson will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Law and Courts Section of the American Political Science Association. A panel in his honor is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 3, 4:15 p.m. Gary Jacobsohn is scheduled to represent the department on the panel.

Sandy has been an invaluable member of our Public Law faculty. His generosity to students and colleagues is unsurpassed. He has served on many dissertations, taught courses populated by many of our graduate students, graded prelims, used graduate students as TA's, served on search committees, hosted conferences that have brought in many of the nation's most distinguished faculty in political science from across the fields--and the list goes on. Most notably, he has enhanced the visibility and the quality of public law at Texas immensely. The breadth, quality, and amount of his scholarship are breathtaking. Please join in congratulating Sandy on this signal honor.

Alumni Updates

New publications, including those from **Oksan Bayulgen**, **Justin Dyer**, **Jasmine Farrier**, **Danny Hayes**, **Dennis Hickey**, **Seth McKee**, **Rodrigo Nunes**, **Kurt Senske**, **David Williams**, and **Kenneth Williams**,

Julie Blase was promoted to associate professor at Principia College, where she also chairs the College Curriculum Committee.

Munther Dajani is interested to know if you agree ... he is probably the only Jerusalemite Palestinian to have received a Ph.D. from the Department of Government.

Jasmine Farrier was featured in *The Washington Post*.

Roy Germano's film, "The Other Side of Immigration," will be available on DVD in October. Germano is the University's 2010 Outstanding Graduate Student.

Donald Inbody has been promoted to senior lecturer at Texas State University and named director of the newly established Center for Research, Public Policy, and Training. The center will sponsor and conduct research into public policy issues and assist in providing training for public servants.

Harvey Kline, retired as of Aug. 1, spent July-August in Bogota, Colombia, interviewing politicians and media leaders for a book on the second term of President Alvaro Uribe and also signed a contract to

write a more general book on Colombian politics. More importantly, Kline supported Alabama in some obscure January football game. Something about the university that paid his salary for 24.5 years.

Jeffrey Ladewig was appointed associate editor of *Polity*.

Anna Law was promoted to associate professor at DePaul.

Bruce Mason, now retired, is preparing for an October lecture on political protest. Several of his former students were vying for their parties' nomination in Arizona primaries.

The 10th edition of **Clark Mayer's** coauthored textbook, *American Public Policy*, is in production at Wadsworth. Clark also has two 500-word entries in the forthcoming *Encyclopedia of Political Science*, (CQ Press) due out in October.

Laura Seay is occasionally blogging for the *Christian Science Monitor's* [Africa Monitor](#).

Terry Sullivan served as commissioner and senior advisor to a Rockefeller Foundation national commission to reform the Presidential Appointments process; an article on this issue is forthcoming in December's *Public Administration Review*.

Steven Taylor was promoted to professor at Troy University.

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Faculty Updates

Jason Brownlee's 2009 *AJPS* article, "Portents of Pluralism: How Hybrid Regimes Affect Democratic Transitions," was one of the journal's top 10 downloaded articles for the year.

Jason Casellas has been appointed to the Texas State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

The Endurance of National Constitutions, coauthored by **Zach Elkins**, won APSA's Comparative Democratization Best Book Award. Zach and the rest of us are keeping our fingers crossed that publicizing his influence on the recently ratified Kenyan constitution doesn't end badly.

James Galbraith will receive a Docteur Honoris Causa at the Universite Pierre Mendes-France, in Grenoble, this fall. Galbraith was also elected to the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, also known as the Lincean Academy, the oldest honorific scientific academy in the world.

George Gavrilis resigned ... Goodbye and Good Luck. We'll miss you, George.

Terri Givens participated in a distinguished alumni scholar day at Stanford. Read about it [here](#).

Benjamin Gregg will be delivering a talk at the University of Nebraska in January: "'Do Human Embryos have Human Rights?'" A special issue of *Comparative Sociology* was devoted to aspects of Gregg's

scholarship. He also has an article forthcoming in *Theory and Society*: "Individuals as Authors of Human Rights: Not only Addressees."

John Higley, **Gary Freeman**, and **David Leal** were in Prato, Italy, patching together the third installment of the definitive trilogy comparing immigration politics in the U.S. and Australia.

Gary Jacobsohn's [*Constitutional Identity*](#) is now available from Harvard University Press.

David Leal was quoted in a CNN article about [chasing the Latino vote](#). Leal's volume, co-edited with Kenneth Meier, *The Politics of Latino Education*, will be released soon.

Patrick McDonald's *The Invisible Hand of Peace* won APSA's 2010 Jervis-Schroeder best book award from the International History and Politics Section.

Thomas Pangle ... in addition to the *PS* survey naming Pangle one of the world's most influential theorists, and Texas one of the strongest theory programs in the country, a new book is out, edited by Timothy Burns, published by Lexington Books: [*Recovering Reason: Essays in Honor of Thomas L. Pangle*](#). Pangle's latest book, [*The Theological Basis of Liberal Modernity in Montesquieu's "Spirit of the Laws,"*](#) is now available from The University of Chicago Press.

David Prindle will be presenting a paper at APSA (Friday, Sept. 3), coauthored with **Brian Roberts**: "Was Lewis Black Right? Texans' Views About Evolution." Prindle and Roberts analyze the answers to a statewide survey, including the 30% of Texans who answered "yes" to the question, "Humans and dinosaurs lived at the same time." Among their findings: 1) it makes a big difference if you ask whether the respondent believes that life evolved over millions of years, or humans evolved over millions of years. About 15% more will endorse Darwinian evolution if it is only life, not human life, that is being asked about. 2) It makes a similarly big difference if you put "God" into a question about evolution. If you ask, "Life evolved over millions of years, and God had nothing to do with it," only about 15% agree. But if you ask if "Life evolved over millions of years, but the process was guided by God," about an additional 30% agree.

Professor Emeritus **James Roach** passed away. [Sign the Legacy Book](#).

Daron Shaw was named to the University's Academy of Distinguished Teachers.

Sean Theriault was featured in a [Weekly Standard blog](#) about ... partisanship in Congress.

The symposium on **Harrison Wagner's** *War and the State* appeared in the July issue of *International Theory*.

[Graduate Student Updates](#)

Steven Brooke received a FLAS to study Arabic.

Daniel Nogueira Budny and **Matt Buehler** received Boren fellowships through the U.S. National Security Education Program.

Michael Dennis received a Dissertation Support Fellowship from the SSRC Eurasia Program.

Jonghoon Eun received a POSCO Graduate Research Grant to analyze the votes of Korean Constitutional Court justices.

Regina Goodnow is a 2010-11 Fulbright-Hays fellow in the Ukraine.

Matthew Johnson received a Liberal Arts Graduate Research Fellowship for fieldwork in Venezuela.

Bill McCormick is a visiting scholar at Wolfson College, Cambridge on an Earhart Fellowship, where he is studying the *Summa Theologiae* of Thomas Aquinas.

Johnny Meyer, an incoming student who researches elections in ethnically diverse societies and political violence, is also a playwright, and has made the longlist for the Dylan Thomas prize, the top literary award in the world for writers under 30.

Shinya Wakao has received a research grant from Japan's Konosuke Matsushita Memorial Foundation.

Alumni at APSA

Justin Dyer: "Natural Law and Constitutional Disharmony in John Quincy Adams's Amistad Argument." Saturday, Sept. 4, 10:15 a.m. (Panel 27-4 at the Hilton Columbia 8)

Danny Hayes: "Partisan Polarization in Political Knowledge and the Media Environment." Saturday, Sept. 4, 10:15 a.m. (Panel 38-15, The Role of the Media in Political Polarization)

Julie George: "Regime Type, State Capacity, and Frozen Conflict Resurgence in Eurasia." Friday, Sept. 3, 10:15 a.m (Panel 13-11, Challenges to a New European Security Architecture)

(Larry) Clark Mayer: "Tolerance and the Politics of Identity in the EU." Friday, Sept. 3, 2:00 p.m. (Panel 15-14, Religion and Politics in Europe)

Laura Seay: "'Substituting for the State: Civil Society Organizations & Public Goods in the Eastern D.R. Congo.'" Thursday, Sept. 2, 8 a.m. (Panel: Life Goes On: Dilemmas of Public Goods Provision in Africa's Failed States, Omni Governor's Boardroom)

Graduate Students at APSA

William Blake: "State Courts, State Legislatures, and U.S. Supreme Court Review." Thursday, Sept. 2, 8:00 a.m. (Panel 26-3, Policy and Politics on State Courts)

William Blake: "Assessing the Effect of Catholic Justices on Supreme Court Decisions." Thursday, Sept. 2, 4:15 p.m. (Panel 26-5, Law and Ideology on the Supreme Court)

Abby Blass: "Pay to Play' or 'Money for Nothing'? Americans' Assessments of Money and the Efficacy of the Political System." Thursday, Sept. 2, 2:00 p.m. (Panel 36-26 Cold, Hard Cash: Money in American Politics).

Regina Goodnow: "Testing the Resilience of Ethnic, Linguistic, and Regional Cleavages in the Face of Economic Hard Times: A Comparison of the Pre and Post-Crisis Presidential Elections in Ukraine." Thursday, Sept. 2, 2:00 p.m. (Panel 12-20, Hard Times and Political Cleavages in the Developing World)

Austin Hart: "(De)Activating the Economic Vote: The Moderating Effect of Economic Campaign Rhetoric in the United States and Mexico." Thursday, Sept. 2, 8:00 a.m. (Panel 36-24, Hard Times and Economic Voting)

Stephanie Seidel Holmsten: "When do special rules for ethnic minorities promote women's representation?" Friday, Sept. 3, 8:00 a.m. (Panel 32-14, Intersectionality and Representation)

Taofang Huang: "Money That Matters: the Role of Money in Campaigns and Elections." Saturday, Sept. 4, 2:00 p.m. (Panel 37-17, Public Opinion in Electoral Campaigns)

Megan Moeller: "Something for the Ladies: the Impact of Women on the House Judiciary Committee." Thursday, Sept. 2, 10:15 a.m. (Poster Session 1 American Politics 1)

Daniel Ryan: "Democratic Governance and the Judicialization of Policy: A Qualitative Comparative Analysis of Policy Conflicts in Argentina." Friday, Sept. 3, 10:15 a.m. (Panel 12-24, Courts and Politics)

Matt Vandebroek: "Lost Our Lease: Issue Attention and Partisan Defection in the 2008 Presidential Election." Friday, Sept. 3, 8:00 a.m. (Panel 36-14, Partisanship and Voting in America)

Matt Vandebroek: "Obama, Media Priming, and the Changing Norms of Racial Rhetoric." Sunday, Sept. 5, 10:15 a.m. (Panel 5-3, Race, Ethnicity, and Public Opinion)

Recent Graduates

Ph.D.s awarded:

Roy Germano

Dissertation: "The Political Economy of Remittances: Emigration, Social Insurance Provision, and Political Behavior in Mexico."

Advisor: Kurt Weyland

Greg Michener

Dissertation: "The Surrender of Secrecy: Explaining the Emergence of Strong Access to Information Laws in Latin America."

Advisor: Raúl Madrid

Rodrigo Nunes

Dissertation: "Ideal Justice in Latin America: Interests, Ideas, and the Political Origins of Judicial Activism in Brazil and Colombia."

Advisor: Kurt Weyland

Arthur Shuster

Dissertation: "Ancient and Modern Approaches to the Question of Punishment: Hobbes, Kant and Plato."

Advisor: Thomas Pangle

Brenna Troncoso

Dissertation: "The Pursuit of Public Interest Litigation in Argentina and Bolivia."

Advisors: David Braybrooke and H.W. Perry

Rodrigo Velazquez

Dissertation: "Buying Discretion in Mexico's New Democracy: Patronage in Bureaucratic-Legislative Relations."

Advisor: Kurt Weyland

Jolie Wood

Dissertation: "White-Collar Agitation, No-Collar Compliance: The Privilege of Protest in Varanasi, India."

Advisors: Clement Henry and Philip Oldenberg

Recent Job Placements

Roy Germano became visiting assistant professor at the New School .

Rodrigo Nunes is visiting assistant professor at St. Edward's University.

Arthur Shuster received a post-doc at Claremont McKenna College.

Jolie Wood is assistant professor at the [Asian University for Women](#) in Chittagong, Bangladesh.

Please keep up with our [job candidates](#). We have an expanding list:

Mijeong Baek (American, Comparative)

Manuel Balán (Comparative, Methods)

Michael Dennis (Comparative, IR)

Laura Field (Political Theory, Public Law)

Roy Germano (Comparative, Methods)

Austin Hart (Comparative, Methods)

Aaron Herold (Political Theory, IR)

Patrick Hickey (American, Methods)

Stephanie Holmsten (Comparative, IR)

Taofang Huang (American, Methods)

Chih-shian Liou (Comparative, IR)

Susanne Martin (IR, Comparative)

Ernest McGowen (American, Methods)

Rodrigo Nunes (Comparative, Public Law)
Joel Parker (Political Theory, Public Law)
Arthur Shuster (Political Theory, American)
Shinya Wakao (American, Methods)
Matthew Wright (Political Theory, Public Law)

Recent ABDs

Daniel Budny
Advisors: Kurt Weyland and Wendy Hunter

Hector Ibarra-Rueda
Advisors: Raúl Madrid and Ken Greene

Matthew Johnson
Advisors: Raúl Madrid and Kurt Weyland

Adam Myers
Advisors: Bryan Jones and Peter Trubowitz

Pete Mohanty
Advisor: Ben Gregg

Gustavo Rivera
Advisor: Bob Luskin

Mark Verbitsky
Advisor: Devin Stauffer

Photo of the Issue

If you have to ask, you don't know how priceless [this picture](#) is, even if it had to be compressed to store in the database. Let's just hope our family meets more often than at weddings and funerals (and conferences). In a slightly unfair title, but in honor of the groom, we'll name this one, Daron's Boys.

Did You Know?

Survey research techniques were first introduced to Department of Government undergraduates in 1967 by Clifton McClesky, who had students conduct a sample survey of rural residents in Williamson County, code the responses, analyze the results with data processing equipment, and present their findings.

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