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VU PSCI Breaks Into U.S. News and World Report’s Top 25 P.S. Graduate Programs

In U.S. News and World Report’s most recent rankings of the country’s top graduate programs in political science, Vanderbilt’s program climbed twelve spots, moving from 36th to 24th. This was among the biggest moves in the rankings by any program!
VU Political Science Takes Home APSA Awards

Hye Young You and her co-authors received the Deil S. Wright Award for the best paper in the Federalism and Governmental Relations section at the 2016 APSA meetings for their paper entitled, “Cities as Lobbyists.”

Noam Lupu received the 2016 Jack Walker Award from the Political Organizations and Parties section at the annual APSA meeting in September.

Cecilia Mo was the recipient of the 2016 “Best Article in Political Behavior” award from APSA’s Elections, Public Opinion and Voting Behavior section for her piece entitled “The Consequences of Explicit and Implicit Gender Attitudes and Candidate Quality in the Calculation of Voters.

More Awards Rolling In!!

Efrén Pérez will be awarded the Early Career Award from the Latino Caucus of the Midwest Political Science Association at the upcoming MPSA meetings in Chicago.

Larry Bartels and co-author Christopher Achen received the Association of American Publishers PROSE Award for the year’s best book on Government & Politics, for their work entitled Democracy for Realists: Why Elections Do Not Produce Responsive Government. The book was also included in Bloomberg’s list of “The Best Books of 2016” by Jason Furman, chairman of President Obama’s Council of Economic Advisers.

Marc Hetherington received the Philip E. Converse Book Award at APSA for his book, co-authored with Jonathan Weiler, entitled Authoritarianism and Polarization in America (Cambridge University Press). The Phillip Converse Award is given by the Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Section of APSA for “an outstanding book in the field published at least five years before.”

Beth Estes was named as a 2016-17 Arts & Sciences Writing Fellow by the VU Writing Center.

Carrie Roush received the Department’s “2015-16 Erwin Hargrove Outstanding Teaching Award.”

Mark Richardson was awarded the 2015-16 “Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award” for his paper entitled “Politicization and Expertise: Exit, Effort, and Investment.”

Anna Carella Receives Human Rights Award

Anna Carella (above center) was awarded the 2016 Human Rights Rising Advocate Award from Tennessee United for Human Rights.
VU Political Science In the News

VU faculty and graduate students continue to appear more and more in local, national, and international media outlets:


- **Carrie Russell** was interviewed for a story in the *Chattanooga Times Free Press* entitled “The Ethics of Political Texting,” February 22, 2017.

- **Liz Zechmeister**’s research on public opinion during times of terrorist threat was referenced in the *Financial Times, the Wall Street Journal, Vox, Slate, Politico, 538, the Washington Post (Monkey Cage), and New York Magazine*, among many others. She also was an invited guest on the *Joy Cardin Show* on Wisconsin Public Radio (March 2016) and *Ken Rudin’s Political Junkie* (June 2016).

- **Josh Clinton** served as NBC News Senior Election analyst throughout the 2016 presidential campaign.

- **Cindy Kam**’s research on ethnocentrism was recently featured on CNBC’s “The Hardwood File”

- **Larry Bartels** was a frequent commentator on last year’s presidential election, with three pieces published in the *New York Times’ Campaign Stops series*, two in the *Washington Post’s Monkey Cage*, one in the *Los Angeles Times*, and one in Vox’s Big Idea series.

- **Noam Lupu** contributed to several news outlets, including MSNBC.com, the *Washington Post*, and the *Democratic Audit UK*.

- **Bruce Oppenheimer** was interviewed for an article in the *Miami Herald* on the first 100 days of the Trump Administration.

- **Jon Hiskey**’s work on Central American migration (with co-authors Abby Córdova (VU Ph.D.), Diana Orcés (VU Ph.D. and Mary Malone) has been referenced in numerous media outlets including the *Detroit Free Press; Insight Crime, Vice News, Free Speech Radio News*, and *MSNBC News*. This work was also cited in several court proceedings involving recent U.S. immigration policies.
Political Science Inside Commons and Out

Welcome to the Jungle!

In August, the PSCI Community welcomed the 2016-2017 first-year cohort of graduate students, and as of March 2017, they can still be found with smiles on their faces (most of the time).

Holiday Cheer!

As is our tradition, the PSCI community once again gathered for good food and fellowship at the annual celebration of the holiday season! Pictured above (l to r), Scott Limbocker, Laura Sellers and Oscar Castorena enjoy the holiday season.

Celebration Time!

The Department sent off our graduating seniors in style with a wonderful graduation gathering for all Political Science majors held on the first floor of the beautiful Martha Ingram Commons Center.

RIPS Out On the Town

Some of the RIPS crew enjoying lunch at Nashville favorite Monell’s restaurant. Pictured above (l to r) are Marc Trussler, Maggie Deichert, Drew Engelhardt, Fred Batista, Efrén Pérez, Cindy Kam, Allison Archer, Bryce Williams-Tuggle, and Kristin Michelitch.

Taking it to the streets!

2017 finds our faculty and students once again playing active role in the U.S. policymaking process, whether on the streets of Nashville and beyond, advising Congress, or offer policy commentary across various media outlets.

(Above L-R) Dept. Chair Dave Lewis, Graduate Program Administrator Darlene Davidson and Director of Undergraduate Studies Carrie Russell welcomed graduating seniors to the Department’s Graduation Celebration in April 2016.

(Above L-R) Visiting Scholar Dan Alexander and graduate student Oscar Castorena making sure their voices are heard.
“Extra, Extra! Read All About It!”

Below are some of the recent or forthcoming publications from our faculty and graduate students (names in bold):

- **Kristin Michelitch** and her co-authors will have their paper entitled “Texting Complaints to Politicians: Name Personalization and Politicians’ Encouragement in Citizen Mobilization” published in *Comparative Political Studies* in 2017.
- **Oscar Castorena** and **Elizabeth Zechmeister.** “Representing the National Economic Agenda in Latin America: Variation by Fat and Lean Times and Party Brands.” *Electoral Studies*.
- **Cindy Kam** and **Marc Trussler.** “At the Nexus of Experimental and Observational Research: Theory, Specification, and Analysis of Experiments with Heterogeneous Treatment Effects.” *Political Behavior*.
- Adam Seth Levine and **Cindy Kam.** “Organizations, Credibility, and the Psychology of Collective Action.” *Political Communication*.
“Read All About It!” (cont.)


“Show Me The Money!”

In recent months, our faculty and graduate students have continued their success in winning competitive grants to fund their research:

- Kristin Michelitch and Amanda Clayton are co-PIs on Vanderbilt University's Trans-Institutional Program entitled "Africa at a Crossroads: Challenges and Prospects."

- Efrén Pérez received a Russell Sage Foundation grant entitled “Assessing the Impact of the 2016 Campaign on Asian Americans’ and Latinos’ Political Attitudes and Behavior” (with Dan Hopkins and Cheryl Kaiser).

- Brooke Ackerly was awarded the Robert Penn Warren Center for the Humanities Fellowship for the 2016-2017 academic year and will be part of the Vanderbilt Divinity School Public Theology and Racial Justice Collaborative from 2017-2020.

- Cecilia Hyunjung Mo was awarded a grant from Humanity United for 2016 – 2017.

- Mitch Seligson continued to win support for the AmericasBarometer Democracy Surveys Technical Support with funds from USAID/Colombia and the Universidad de los Andes.

- Elizabeth Zechmeister received financial support from the Open Society Foundation for her project, “Attitudes, Experiences, and Awareness of Homicide and Homicide Prevention Policy.”
Vanderbilt Political Science Ph.D.’s, 2011-2016

Over the past 10 years the Department has a near 100% placement record, with our Ph.D.’s landing jobs in academia, government, and the private sector. Listed below are the placements for all of those who have received Ph.D.’s in recent years.

2016-17
- **Allison Archer**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Richmond
- **Mark Richardson**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, James Madison University
- **Gui Russo**, Research Associate, Pew Research Center
- **Carrie Roush**, Democracy Postdoctoral Fellow at Harvard’s Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation from 2017-2019.

2015-16
- **Fred Batista**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, University of North Carolina - Charlotte
- **Matthew DiLorenzo**, Research Analyst, AidData, College of William & Mary
- **Brielle Harbin**, Vice Provost Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania
- **Meri Long**, Lecturer and Academic Advisor, Department of Political Science, University of Pittsburgh

2014-15
- **Claire Abernathy**, Assistant Professor, Stockton University
- **Mathew Layton**, Assistant Professor, Ohio University
- **Arturo Maldonado**, Visiting Professor, Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru, Department of Social Sciences
- **Mason Moseley**, Assistant Professor, West Virginia University
- **Stephen Utch**, Assistant Professor, Boise State University
- **Daniel Zizumbo**, Visiting Professor, Center for Economic Research and Teaching (CIDE), Mexico City

2013-2014
- **Jennifer Selin**, Assistant Professor, University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign
- **Camille Burge**, Assistant Professor, Villanova University
- **Evan Haglund**, Assistant Professor, U.S. Coast Guard Academy
- **Mariana Rodriguez**, Program Coordinator, LAPOP research center, Vanderbilt University
- **Alejandro Diaz-Dominguez**, Advisor, National Electoral Institute, Mexico. Now Professor and Director of Academic Affairs and Research, Tecnologico de Monterrey, Mexico.

2012-2013
- **Patrick Bentley**, Associate Research Scientist, Strategic Analysis Enterprises
- **Margarita Corral**, Postdoctoral Fellow, Brandeis University. Now Data Analysis Specialist, Brandeis University.
- **Rebecca McBride**, Assistant Professor, Calvin College

2011-2012
- **John Hudak**, Fellow in Governance Studies, Brookings Institution
- **Abby Córdova**, Assistant Professor, University of Kentucky
- **Gbemende Johnson**, Assistant Professor, Hamilton College
- **Jason Husser**, Assistant Professor and Assistant Director of the Elon Poll, Elon University
- **Stacy Clifford**, Hegarty Fellow, Michigan State University DOCTRID (Dublin, Ireland). Now Senior Lecturer, Women’s & Gender Studies, Vanderbilt University
Welcome to Vanderbilt!

We were pleased to welcome four new faculty members to our community in the fall of 2016. **Allison Anoll** (Stanford Ph.D. 2016) began as assistant professor of American politics specializing in race and ethnic politics in the U.S. **Noam Lupu** (Princeton Ph.D. 2011) came to Vanderbilt from the University of Wisconsin as associate professor of comparative politics and associate director of the Latin American Public Opinion Project. His research interests include comparative political behavior and political parties. **Tariq Thachil** (Cornell Ph.D. 2009) joined us as an associate professor of comparative politics after spending several years as a faculty member at Yale. Prof. Thachil’s work concerns political party development and political behavior in emerging democracies. Last but not least, **Sharece Thrower** (Princeton Ph.D. 2013) arrived as an assistant professor of American politics, coming to Vanderbilt from the University of Pittsburgh. Prof. Thrower's work centers on the policymaking dynamics of U.S. political institutions.

In the fall of 2017 we will also welcome two additions to our IR faculty. **Bradley Smith** joins us as an assistant professor from Rochester University where his research focuses on international conflict and cooperation. **Peter Schram** (Stanford Ph.D. 2016) will also join the department as an assistant professor of international relations. His current work focuses on the organizational design of terrorist organizations.

The Department of Political Science at Vanderbilt University is a diverse group of active scholars dedicated to intellectual discovery and teaching excellence.

Our faculty expertise spans American Politics, Comparative Politics, International Relations, Political Theory, and Political Methodology. We are home to many research centers and programs, including the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions (CSDI), the Global Feminisms Collaborative, the Latin American Public Opinion Project (LAPOP), and the Research on Individuals, Politics & Society Lab (RIPS). We regularly bring a wide variety of experts to Vanderbilt's campus through the many speaker series and conferences we organize.

We are committed to excellence in undergraduate and graduate education. We are large enough to meet most students' interests and provide broad academic training, but small enough to be a supportive, friendly community. The department offers the perfect balance for ambitious and accomplished graduate and undergraduate students. For more information on our department and our undergraduate and graduate programs, please visit us at:

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