Recent Placements
Helping us maintain our near 1.000 batting average of Vanderbilt Ph.D.’s securing tenure-track jobs over the past few years, our most recent placements include:

Stephen Utych has accepted a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor at Boise State University and will begin in the fall of 2015.

Matt Layton has accepted a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor at Ohio University and will begin in the fall of 2015.

Mason Moseley has accepted a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor at West Virginia University and will begin in the fall of 2015.

Claire Abernathy has accepted a tenure-track position as Assistant Professor at Stockton University and will begin in the fall of 2015.

Camille Burge completed her first semester as a tenure-track Assistant Professor at Villanova University in the fall of 2014.

Jennifer Selin completed her first semester as a tenure-track Assistant Professor at the Univ. of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign in the fall of 2014.

Evan Haglund completed his first semester as a tenure-track Assistant Professor at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in the fall of 2014.

Welcome to P.S. Great News!
Thanks for joining us as we dig out from Nashville’s great 2015 ice/snowmageddon to spread the word about all the wonderful accomplishments and events taking place in the Vanderbilt Political Science community here on the 3rd floor of the Martha Ingram Commons Center. In this inaugural Winter issue of P.S. Great News! we highlight our many award-winning faculty members, their recent publications and grants, offer an update on the latest job placements of our graduate students, and look back at some of the many places members of the Political Science community popped up in and around Nashville during the fall and winter of 2014-15.

Save the Dates

CSDI Speaker Series
March 20, 2015
Jonathan Bendor, Stanford University

Experimental Methods Series
March 26, 2015
Dan Hopkins, Georgetown University

Prospective Weekend
March 29-31, 2015
Join us as we welcome those we hope will join us in the fall of ‘15
Giaccomo Chiozza Recipient of the Lijphart / Przeworski / Verba Data Set Award

Giacomo and his collaborators received the 2014 LPV Data Set award from the Comparative Politics Section of the American Political Science Association for their creations of the Archigos: A Data Set on Leaders 1875-2004. The prize is given in recognition of the creators of a dataset that has had an important impact on scholarship in the field.

Seligson and Zechmeister Win Grant from Inter-American Development Bank

Mitch Seligson and Liz Zechmeister received an IADB grant to expand LAPOP’s study of crime and violence in the Caribbean. LAPOP also released results from a multi-country, multi-year impact evaluation of crime prevention programs in Central America. The study offers strong support for the effectiveness of such programs in reducing crime and violence. For more information see: vanderbilt.edu/lapop/carsi-study.php

Denise Bartels Takes 1st Place in P.S. Top Chef: Just Desserts Competition

With a tasty chocolate concoction, Denise Bartels won the top prize in the Top Chef: Just Desserts competition that took place at the Department’s annual holiday gathering. Needless to say, all in attendance had a deliciously fun time!

Alan Wiseman Wins Vanderbilt’s Nordhaus Teaching Award

Professor Alan Wiseman was awarded the 2014 Jeffrey Nordhaus Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching from Vanderbilt’s College of Arts and Science.

Larry Bartels Receives Warren Miller Award at 2014 APSA Meeting

Congratulations to Larry for being honored with the Warren E. Miller Prize, awarded by the APSA section on Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior, given to a scholar for an “outstanding career of intellectual accomplishment and service to the profession.”

Cecilia Mo Awarded $1m. Grant from U.S. Department of Labor

Cecilia and her co-PI, Margaret Boittin, were awarded a multi-year grant to carry out research in China and Nepal. The project, entitled “Child Labor and Forced Labor: Experimental Interventions Using Mass Media to Change Norms and Behaviors,” is aimed at assessing the effectiveness of public awareness campaigns in fighting human trafficking and forced labor.

Allison Archer Wins RIPS Small Grant for Experimental Research

Graduate student Allison Archer received a grant from the Research on Individuals, Politics & Society Lab to conduct work for her dissertation.

Saul Jackman and Co-Authors Win the 2014 William H. Riker Award

First-year faculty member Saul Jackman, along with his co-authors, received the William H. Riker Book Award for “the best book in political economy published during the past three calendar years” for their book The Wartime President: Executive Influence and the Nationalizing Politics of Threat (Univ. of Chicago Press).
Recent Publications

Below are some of the recent or forthcoming publications from our faculty and graduate students:

A paper by Efrén Pérez, entitled “Mind the Gap: Why Large Group Differences in Political Knowledge Emerge—And What to Do About Them” is forthcoming in Political Behavior.

Kristin Michelitch’s “Does Electoral Competition Exacerbate Interethnic or Interpartisan Economic Discrimination? Evidence from a Field Experiment in Market Price Bargaining” is forthcoming in the American Political Science Review.

Emily Nacol’s “The Beehive and the Stew: Prostitution and the Politics of Risk in Bernard Mandeville’s Political Thought” is forthcoming in Polity.

Brenton Kenkel and his co-authors published “Information and International Institutions Revisited” in the Journal of Conflict Resolution.

A paper by Abby Córdova (Vanderbilt Ph.D., 2009) and Jon Hiskey, entitled “Shaping Politics at Home: Cross-Border Social Ties and Local Political Engagement” is forthcoming in Comparative Political Studies.


Mason Moseley (Vanderbilt Ph.D., 2013) and Ryan Carlin have a forthcoming article in the Journal of Politics entitled, “Good Democrats, Bad Targets: Democratic Values and Clientelistic Vote Buying.”


Liz Zechmeister’s co-edited volume (with Ryan Carlin and Matt Singer) entitled The Latin American Voter is forthcoming with the University of Michigan Press.


**Vanderbilt Political Science Outside the Commons**

**Against the wind!**

Pictured on the right are graduate students Scott Limbocker (with wife, Corinna), Bryan Rooney, and Marc Trussler before (clearly, since they are still standing) their successful completion of the Nashville Predators “Fangtastic 5k” charity run.

**Takin’ it to the streets!**

Graduate student Anna Carella and Assistant Professor Kristin Michelitch recently turned up at the State Capitol to let Tennessee legislators know their views on a proposed amendment to the state constitution.

**Are you experienced?**

Near the end of October, Nashville received a special visit from two “golden oldies”! Thanks to Jimi and Janis (below) for stopping by to play a few!!

**Celebration!!**

The Latin American Public Opinion Project family and friends (above) got together at the home of Mitch and Susan Seligson in February to celebrate the release of results from the 2014 round of the AmericasBarometer. The 2014 AmericasBarometer datasets and accompanying reports were released in December 2014. The 2014 round covers 28 countries across the Americas and includes over 50,000 interviews. For more information see: vanderbilt.edu/lapop/ab2014.php.
Ain’t no mountain high enough!
Graduate students Claire Evans and Kaitlen Cassell (below) scale the walls at Nashville’s Climb Nashville indoor climbing wall.

The stars are out tonight!
Nashville is a city known for its celebrities. Late October gatherings in the homes of Political Science graduate students are great places to catch a glimpse of the stars (below).

Put me in coach; I’m ready to play!
Catching a Nashville Sounds baseball game (left) is one of many ways Poli. Sci. graduate students have found to enjoy their limited time away from the Commons.
Selected Publications, 2012-2014

Selected External Grants and Awards, 2013-2014
*Mason Moseley, National Science Foundation Dissertation Enhancement Grant (2013)
*Allison Archer, National Science Foundation Graduate Education Fellowship (2013)
*Oscar Castorena, National Science Foundation Graduate Education Fellowship (2013)
*Carrie Roush, National Science Foundation Graduate Education Fellowship (2013)
*Fred Batista, Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences Research Grant (2013)
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Vanderbilt Political Science Ph.D.’s, 2010-2014

2013-2014
Jennifer Selin accepted a tenure-track position at Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Camille Burge accepted a tenure-track position at Villanova University
Evan Haglund accepted a tenure-track position at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy
Mariana Rodriguez accepted a position as Program Coordinator at the Latin American Public Opinion Project (LAPOP)
Alejandro Diaz-Dominguez accepted a position as Advisor, Mexico’s National Electoral Institute

2012-2013
Patrick Bentley accepted a position as Associate Research Scientist, Strategic Analysis Enterprises
Margarita Corral was awarded a Postdoctoral Fellow, Brandeis University and now serves as a Data Analysis Specialist at Brandeis
Brian Faughnan accepted a position as Senior Analyst, Analytics Media Group
Rebecca McBride accepted a tenure-track position at Calvin College

2011-2012
John Hudak accepted a tenure-track position at Brookings Institution
Abby Córdova accepted a tenure-track position at the University of Kentucky
Gbemende Johnson accepted a tenure-track position at Hamilton College
Jason Husser accepted a tenure-track position at Elon University
Stacy Clifford was named as a participant in ACLS New Faculty Fellows program. In 2012, she received a 2-year Hegarty Fellowship, Michigan State University DOCTRID (Dublin, Ireland)

2010-2011
Jennifer Ogg-Anderson accepted a tenure-track position at Tennessee Technical University
Daniel Montalvo accepted a tenure-track position at Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Ecuador. In 2014 he returned to the United States and accepted an offer as Program Manager of LAPOP at Vanderbilt University

2009-2010
Maria Fernanda Boidi accepted a tenure-track position at the University of Montevideo, Uruguay. She is also a Regional Coordinator of LAPOP at Vanderbilt University
Jose Miguel Cruz accepted a Visiting Professor position at the Department of Politics and International Relations at Florida International University
Sonalini Sapra accepted a tenure-track joint appointment in Political Science and Women’s Studies at Saint Mary’s College following a post-doc at Kenyon College
Rae Manacsa accepted a tenure-track position in Political Science at the University of the South
Jeremiah Garretson accepted a tenure-track position at Stony Brook University
Jenna Lukasik Wechsler accepted a tenure-track position at Wheaton College
Juan Carlos Donoso accepted a tenure-track position at Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Ecuador. In 2014, Dr. Donoso returned to the United States and accepted a position as senior research associate with the Pew Research Center
Daniel Moreno Morales accepted a position as Researcher and Community Organizer for Ciudadania, Comunidad do Estudios Sociales y Acción Pública, Cochabamba, Bolivia
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, the Global Feminisms Collaborative, the Latin American Public Opinion Project, and the Research on Individuals, Politics & Society Lab. 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: vanderbilt.edu/political-science/

**Start spreading the news!**

In anticipation of the next exciting issue of *P.S. Great News!* please send news and pictures of your recent activities and accomplishments to Jon Hiskey at j.hiskey@vanderbilt.edu.

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