Professor awarded USAID grant

Mitchell A. Seligson, Daniel H. Wallace Professor of Political Science, has been awarded a $250,000 grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development to support the Pitt Latin American Public Opinion Project.

The project carries out studies of public support for democracy in Latin America, and has done research in Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Bolivia and Peru.

The USAID grant allows expansion of the project to Ecuador, where more than 5,000 Ecuadorians will be interviewed, measuring their democratic values and their participation in civil society. Research will focus on local government, the environment and poverty.