

SPRING 2017

P.S. GREAT NEWS!

Vanderbilt Department of Political Science Newsletter



The beautiful Martha Ingram Commons Center is home to the Vanderbilt Political Science Department

A Spring in our Step!

Welcome to the Spring 2017 edition of *P.S. Great News!* Join us as we offer highlights of the activities and accomplishments of our Political Science community here on the 3rd floor of the Martha Ingram Commons Center. Inside you will find highlights from recent months, including awards, publications, and grants received by our faculty and graduate students, along with an assortment of other items of interest involving our community both inside and outside the hallways of the 3rd floor Commons that VU Political Science calls home.

Save the Date!

Comp. Politics Speaker Series

Fri. April 13:

David Laitin, Professor
of Political Science,
Stanford University

RIPS Speaker Series

Mon. April 17:

Professor Michele
Margolis, Univ. of
Pennsylvania.

PSCI Dept. Awards Luncheon

Tue. April 25:

Come celebrate our award-
winning faculty and
students!

Recent Placements

Allison Archer has accepted a tenure-track assistant professor position at the University of Richmond beginning in the fall of 2017.

Carrie Roush was named a Democracy Postdoctoral Fellow at Harvard's Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation from 2017-2019.

Mark Richardson has accepted a tenure-track position as an assistant professor at James Madison University beginning in the fall of 2017.

Gui Russo recently began work as a Research Associate at the Pew Research Center in Washington, D.C.

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!

“AND THE WINNER IS . . .”



Hye Young You (r) receives award at 2016 APSA meeting.

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 coauthor 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.



Sheahan Virgin, the Top Chef king, and his court

VU Political Science In the News

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

- **Alan Wiseman's** work was quoted in the *New York Times*: “Women Actually Do Govern Differently.” (Claire Cain Miller. *New York Times*. November 10, 2016) and in the *US News & World Report* article: “‘Women’s Issues’ Won’t Pass.” (Greer Kelly. *US News & World Report*. December 12, 2016).
- **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's* 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.

The
Miami
Herald



The
New York
Times

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.
WSJ

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).



2016-17 First-Year Cohort (l to r): June Ann Jones, Daniela Osorio, Sang-eun Kim, Darrian Stacy, Sean O'Shaughnessy, James Martherus, and Georgia Nilsson

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.



(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.

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.

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) 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):

- **Brooke Ackerly**. “Interpreting the Theory in the Practice of Human Rights,” *Law & Philosophy*, 2017
- **Anna Carella** and **Brooke Ackerly**. “Ignoring Rights is Wrong: Re-Politicizing Gender Equality and Development,” *International Feminist Journal of Politics*, 1-16, 2016
- **Brooke Ackerly**. “Raising One Eyebrow and Re-envisioning Justice, Gender, and the Family,” *Hypatia: Journal of Feminist Philosophy* 31, 3: 638-650, 2016
- **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.
- **Mollie Cohen** and former LAPOP Fellow Amy Erica Smith had their paper, entitled “Do Authoritarians Vote for Authoritarians? Evidence from Latin America” published in the journal *Research and Politics* in the December 2016 edition.
- **Noam Lupu**, Lucía Selios and Zach Warner. 2017. “A New Measure of Congruence: The Earth Mover’s Distance.” *Political Analysis*.
- Nicholas Carnes and **Noam Lupu**. 2016. “Do Voters Dislike Working-Class Candidates? Voter Biases and the Descriptive Underrepresentation of the Working Class.” *American Political Science Review* 110(4): 832-44.
- **Oscar Castorena** and **Elizabeth Zechmeister**. “Representing the National Economic Agenda in Latin America: Variation by Fat and Lean Times and Party Brands.” *Electoral Studies*.
- Mirya Holman, Jennifer L. Merolla, and **Elizabeth Zechmeister**. 2017. Can Experience Overcome Stereotypes in Times of Terror Threat? *Research & Politics* 4(1)
- **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*.
- **Cindy Kam**, **Allison Archer**, and **John Geer**. 2017. “Courting the Women’s Vote: The Emotional, Cognitive, and Persuasive Effects of Gender-Based Appeals in Campaign Advertisements.” *Political Behavior*. 39(1): 51-75. Selected for special virtual issue, “The Role of Gender in American Elections.”
- **Cindy Kam** and **Beth Estes**. 2016. “Disgust Sensitivity and Public Demand for Protection.” *Journal of Politics* 78(2): 481-496.
- Alexander Kuo, Neil Malhotra, and **Cecilia Hyunjung Mo**. 2017. “Social Exclusion and Political Identity: The Case of Asian American Partisanship.” *Journal of Politics*, 79(1). (Online: December 2016)
- **Efrén Pérez**. 2016. “Rolling off the Tongue into the Top-of-the-Head: Explaining Language Effects on Public Opinion.” *Political Behavior* 38(3): 603-634.

“Read All About It!” (cont.)

- **Larry Bartels**. “Failure to Converge: Presidential Candidates, Core Partisans, and the Missing Middle in American Electoral Politics.” *ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 667 (2016): 143-165.
- **Amanda Clayton**, Cecilia Josefsson and Vibeke Wang. 2016. "Quotas and Women's Substantive Representation: A Content Analysis of Ugandan Plenary Debates." *Politics & Gender*. First View, 1-29.
- **Marc Hetherington, Meri Long**, and Thomas J. Rudolph. “Revisiting the Myth: New Evidence for a Polarized America.” *Public Opinion Quarterly* 80 (2016): 321-350.
- **Cecilia Hyunjung Mo** and Renee Bowen. 2016. “The Voter’s Blunt Tool.” *Journal of Theoretical Politics*. 28(4): 655-677.
- **Matthew DiLorenzo, Becca McBride**, and **James Lee Ray**. 2016. “Presidential Political Ambition and US Foreign Conflict Behavior, 1816-2010.” *Conflict Management and Peace Science*. (Online Preprint.)
- **Mitchell A. Seligson** and Susan Berk-Seligson. 2016. “Reported Threats: The Routinization of Violence in Central America,” *Pragmatics*, 26(4).
- **Jonathan Klingler** (CSDI post-doc), Gary E. Hollibaugh, and Adam J. Ramey. “Don’t Know What You Got: A Bayesian Hierarchical Model of Neuroticism and Nonresponse.” *Political Science Research and Methods*, First View.
- Ian Down and **Carole Wilson** (LAPOP Research Analyst). “A rising generation of Europeans? Revisited.” *European Journal of Political Research*, Vol., No.: pp. 199-214.

“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 Utych 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.
Brian Faughnan, Senior Analyst, Analytics Media Group. Now Research Analyst, U.S. Government.
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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