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# *P.S. Great News!*

Vanderbilt Department of Political Science

## 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.



The Martha Ingram Commons Center, home of Vanderbilt's Department of Political Science, during more typical Nashville weather.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

## “And the winner is . . .”

### Giacomo 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](http://vanderbilt.edu/lapop/carsi-study.php)

### Denise Bartels Takes 1<sup>st</sup> 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*.

A paper by **Alan Wiseman**, Keith Krehbiel, and Adam Meirowitz, entitled “A Theory of Competitive Partisan Lawmaking” is forthcoming in *Political Science Research Methods*.

**Josh Clinton** and Ted Enamorado published “The National News Media’s Effect on Congress: How *Fox News* Affected Elites in Congress,” in the *Journal of Politics*.

**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.”

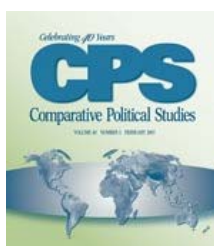
**Eelco Van der Maat’s** article entitled “A Typology of Mass Political Violence” appeared in the journal *Peace Economics, Peace Science and Public Policy*.

**Alan Wiseman** and Craig Volden have a co-authored book chapter in a forthcoming edited volume entitled *Congress and Policymaking in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (Cambridge University Press).

**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.

A book by **Marc Hetherington** and co-author Thomas Rudolph, entitled *Why Washington Won’t Work: Polarization, Political Trust, and the Governing Crisis* is forthcoming with the University of Chicago Press.

**Stacy Clifford** (Vanderbilt Ph.D., 2009) has a forthcoming book with the University of Minnesota Press entitled *The Capacity Contract: Intellectual Disability and the Question of Citizenship*.





## 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](http://vanderbilt.edu/lapop/ab2014.php).



## Vanderbilt Political Science Outside the Commons

### 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.

## Graduate Student Publications and Prizes

### Selected Publications, 2012-2014

- \*Benson, Brett V., **Patrick R. Bentley** and James Lee Ray. 2013. "Ally Provocateur: Why Allies Do Not Always Behave." *Journal of Peace Research*.
- \***Clifford, Stacy**. 2012. "Making Disability Public in Deliberative Democracy." *Contemporary Political Theory*.
- \***Clifford, Stacy**. 2013. "A Narrative Inquiry of a Self-Advocacy Meeting: Rethinking Empowerment from Sovereignty to Spontaneity." *Disability Studies Quarterly*.
- \*Clinton, Joshua D., David E. Lewis, and **Jennifer L. Selin**. 2014. "Influencing the Bureaucracy: The Irony of Congressional Oversight." *American Journal of Political Science*.
- \***Corral, Margarita** and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister. 2012. "The Varying Economic Meaning of 'Left' and 'Right' in Latin America." *Ciencias Políticas y Relaciones Internacionales: Revista de Investigación*.
- \***Diaz-Dominguez, Alejandro**. 2013. "The Church, Withdrawal, and Political Knowledge in Latin America." *Política y Gobierno*.
- \***Diaz-Dominguez, Alejandro**. 2012. "Religión y Política en México: 4 Supuestos Básicos." *Este País*.
- \*Dowdle, Andrew, **Scott Limbocker**, Song Yang, Patrick Stewart and Karen Sebold. 2013. *The Invisible Hands of Political Parties: Party Activists and Political Aggregation in the Presidential Elections of 2004-2012*. Palgrave Macmillan.
- \*Hetherington, Marc J. and **Jason Husser**. 2012. "How Trust Matters: The Changing Political Relevance of Political Trust." *American Journal of Political Science*.
- \***Hudak, John J.** 2014. *Presidential Pork: White House Influence over the Distribution of Federal Grants*. Brookings Press.
- \***Faughnan, Brian M.**, Jonathan Hiskey, and Scott D. Revey. 2014. "Subnational Electoral Contexts and Corruption in Mexico." *Journal of Politics in Latin America*.
- \*Lewis, David E. and **Jennifer L. Selin**. 2012. *Sourcebook of the United States Executive Agencies*. Administrative Conference of the United States.
- \*Mattes, Michaela and **Mariana Rodríguez**. 2014. "Non-Democracies and International Cooperation." *International Studies Quarterly*.
- \*Oppenheimer, Bruce, **Gbemende Johnson**, and **Jennifer L. Selin**. 2012. "The House as a Stepping Stone to the Senate: Why Do So Few African American House Members Run?" *American Journal of Political Science*.
- \***Trussler, Marc J.** and Stuart N. Soroka. 2014. "Consumer Demand for Cynical and Negative News Frames." *The International Journal of Press/Politics*.
- \*Seligson, Mitchell and **Arturo Maldonado**. 2014. "Trust in Elections in the Americas: 2004-2012." In *Advancing Electoral Integrity* (Oxford University Press).
- \***Utych, Stephen M.** and Cindy D. Kam. 2013. "Viability, Information-Seeking, and Vote Choice." *Journal of Politics*.
- \*Zechmeister, Elizabeth J. and **Margarita Corral**. 2012. "Individual and Contextual Constraints on Ideological Labels in Latin America." *Comparative Political Studies*.
- \*Zechmeister, Elizabeth J. and **Daniel Zizumbo-Colunga**. 2013. "The Varying Political Toll of Corruption in Good versus Bad Economic Times." *Comparative Political Studies*.
- \***Zizumbo-Colunga, Daniel**. 2013. "Security Satisfaction and Citizens' Democratic Preferences: The Hard-Line Approach and Mexico." *Política y Gobierno*.

### Selected External Grants and Awards, 2013-2014

- \***Daniel Zizumbo-Colunga**, Social Science Research Council Dissertation Fellowship (2014)
- \***Matthew Layton**, Fulbright-Hays Dissertation Fellowship (2013)
- \***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)
- \***John Hudak**, "Best Dissertation in Presidency Research," American Political Science Association (2013)
- \***Stacy Clifford**, "Exemplary Diversity Dissertation Award," National Center for Institutional Diversity (2013)

## *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 Rodríguez** 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

**María 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 Manacsá** 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/](http://vanderbilt.edu/political-science/)

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