The 100th Anniversary of the Department of Political Science!

NEXT JUNE 17, WE WILL REACH OUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY AS A DEPARTMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF OREGON. PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THIS HISTORIC EVENT AND NOTE HOW WE HAVE GROWN AND EXCELLED IN THE ENSUING YEARS.

History

At the turn of the twentieth century the University of Oregon faced a substantial growth in its student enrollment. This growth was largely due to increased high school enrollments and the associated graduation of more students. In 1902 there were thirty-four high schools in Oregon with 1,916 students, which grew to 126 high schools with 8,914 students by 1910 (Sheldon, pg. 175). In response to the increased enrollments, the University of Oregon increased its faculty members from seventeen professors, assistant professors, and instructors in 1902 to fifty-two in 1915. On June 23 and 25, 1908, Regent Miller asked the board authority to secure applications for several departmental positions, including the position of head of political science within the Department of Economics, Sociology, and Political Science. These new appointments were seen as necessary to prevent the overcrowding of classes and to broaden the range of subjects offered. The board authority approved the motion on September 4, 1908 (Sheldon, pg. 181–2).

From 1908 to 1913 the university continued to see a remarkable increase in student enrollment. Along with this came a rise of professional standards, which made the law school a liability to the university, since it prevented the university from receiving the Federal Bureau of Education and the Association of State Universities proper ratings (Sheldon, pg. 173). On June 17, 1913, the Regent Board addressed a petition from students at the University of Oregon asking that a chair of law be established in Eugene so that courses in law, equivalent to first-year law school standards, could be provided. The following is a direct response from the University President P.L. Campbell on the issue:

"By a proper adjustment of courses, the combined Arts and Law degree could be earned in six years compared to the seven it takes as of now. […] The dean of the law school […] earnestly desires such action on part of the Board. As a preliminary step looking toward future development of courses
in law at the University. I would recommend that a department of Political Science be established, taking over the courses now offered by the chair of Political Science (Barnett) in the Department of Economics, Sociology and Political Science.”

President of the University of Oregon
P.L. Campbell

This petition was approved by the board authority at the Regent Board meeting on June 17, 1913. The board approval officially established the Department of Political Science as its own department.

This same president is why we are currently housed in a building named Prince Lucien Campbell (PLC) Hall. Before the construction of PLC in 1964, the department was located in Commerce and Oregon Halls.

Archival research by Tish Ramey, Graduate Coordinator
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1 Regent Board meeting minutes June 23 and 25, 1908; September 4, 1908; October 1, 1908, Vol. 6, page 112
2 Regent Board meeting minutes June 17, 1913, Vol. 6, page 267

Milestones in Political Science

1918: First undergraduate degree was awarded
1921: First graduate student enrolled
1927: First female graduate student enrolled
1948: Twenty of the twenty-seven political science majors were veterans of World War II
1954: First PhD was awarded
1968: First PhD awarded to a female student
1960: First female faculty member (Joyce Mitchell)
1995: First female department head (Deborah Baumgold)

Changes over the Years

Number of Faculty Members

Average Number of Majors
In the Spirit of Celebration

Gerry Berk is Awarded NEH

Gerry Berk won a prestigious grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for his next book project. *Rationality and Improvisation in the Cold War State* is a study of the introduction of systems analysis into the federal government in the 1960s and beyond. In 1961, Secretary of State Robert McNamara invited a group of systems analysts from the Rand Corporation to help him rationalize defense policy by centralizing planning, budgeting, and program evaluation in the secretary’s office. Despite enormous controversy in Defense, President Johnson declared systems analysis a success in 1965 and issued an executive order to implement it throughout the federal government. This was at precisely the moment when Johnson also launched the War on Poverty—a set of programs designed to alleviate poverty by decentralizing policy and empowering the poor. What happened when systems analysis came into juxtaposition with community empowerment? Did the outcome have lasting (possibly negative) effects on social policy? More generally, what was the effect of systems analysis on the discourse and practice of budgetary politics and public policy over the next generation?

Three New Faculty Members Join the Department

**Erin Beck** received her PhD from Brown University in May 2012, specializing in the field of comparative politics. Her research focuses on how organizational characteristics and women’s identities interact to produce different modes of participation in two different microcredit nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) in Guatemala. Her previous awards include the Terrence P. Hopman Award for Excellence in Teaching and the Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship. Erin’s broader research interests include gender politics, NGOs, and social movements in Latin America.

**Burke Hendrix** is a native of the Coast Range not far from Eugene. He joined the department after previous teaching appointments at Franklin & Marshall College and Cornell University. He holds a PhD from the University of Colorado at Boulder. Burke is a political theorist who works on issues of historical injustice, political authority, and the ethics of political action. His research focuses especially on American Indian politics in the United States and Canada. Hendrix is the author of *Ownership, Authority, and Self-Determination: Moral Principles and Indigenous Rights Claims* (2008), and he is currently completing a book on American Indian political strategies. He also has teaching and research interests in global ethics and the history of political thought, both in the West and elsewhere (e.g. China and India). In 2008, he received the Stephen and Margery Russell Distinguished Teaching Award from Cornell University.

**Craig Kauffman** received his PhD in political science from George Washington University. His research investigates how the interaction between actors at the global and subnational levels determines policy responses to environmental challenges such as climate change and the destruction of ecosystems, particularly in less-developed countries. This research agenda is driven by four broad questions. First, what are the pathways and processes by which global environmental norms and policies are implemented at the subnational level? Second, how does the interaction between global and local actors determine the success of attempts to reform local environmental governance? Third, how do transnational networks facilitate local actors’ assumption of new powers for environmental management? Fourth, how do negotiations between transnational and local actors shape global environmental governance strategies? Craig is currently exploring these questions through two projects. One compares successful and failed attempts by transnational networks to implement global norms and policies for integrated watershed management at the local level in Latin America. The second analyzes how global reduced emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD) programs are implemented at the grassroots level in developing countries. His research has been supported by the Inter-American Foundation, the Rotary Foundation, and the Latin American School of Social Sciences-Ecuador (FLACSO-Ecuador). In his spare time, Craig enjoys traveling, playing drums and percussion, hiking, skiing, and sampling Oregon’s microbrews.
Deborah Baumgold  
Visiting Senior Fellow, Descartes Centre for the History and Philosophy of the Sciences and the Humanities, University of Utrecht (spring 2012).

Gerald Berk  
National Endowment for the Humanities Research Award, 2012–13 (see full description, page 3).

Jane Cramer  

Dennis Galvan  

Alison Gash  

Burke Hendrix  
Forthcoming. “Where Should We Expect Social Change in Non-Ideal Theory?” Political Theory.  

Daniel HoSang  

Karrie Koesel  

Ronald Mitchell  

Mikhail Myagkov  

Craig Parsons  
Fulbright Research Fellow, Centre Émile Durkheim, Sciences Po Bordeaux, 2011–12.  

Priscilla Southwell  
David Steinberg

Daniel Tichenor

Tuong Vu

Priscilla Yamin

Lisa Beard
Awarded the 2012 UO Center for the Study of Women in Society Research Grant.

Brent Commerer
Awarded the 2012 Thomas Hovet Award, which recognizes outstanding teaching by a GTF instructor.

Debasis Bhattacharya,

Katya Dunajeva
Awarded a IREX Individual Advanced Research Opportunities Fellowship grant 2012–13
Awarded an Oregon University System–Sylff Graduate Fellowship for International Research, 2012–13, for dissertation research on how institutional practices in schools predispose the Roma minority to negotiate their ethnic identity.
Brian Guy
Fulbright Award in Senegal, “Code Violations: Men, Gender Inequality, and the Politics of Senegal’s Family Code.”

Jessica Hejny
Awarded the 2012–13 Everett Del Monte Scholarship from the UO College of Arts and Sciences.

Kelley Littlepage
Awarded a National Science Foundation Law and Society Dissertation Improvement Grant for 2012–13 for fieldwork in the United Kingdom and Luxembourg on the role of foreign and European Union law in the British legal system.

Jane Lukinova
Awarded a 2012–13 University of Oregon Graduate School Research Award.

Jeremy Strickler

Deborah Abingdon (Bottensek) ’84 currently lives in the mountains of south central New Mexico. She has a faculty position at Eastern New Mexico University at Roswell teaching aviation basics to young people who want to become air traffic controllers. This Collegiate Training Initiate program in one of thirty-six in the nation; flying is her passion, so she jumped at the chance to teach in the field. She also works in treatment foster care in Lincoln County and has fond memories of her time at the UO. Go Ducks!

David G. Caldwell ’73 has worked as a commercial real estate broker for twenty-six years, in California, Oregon, and Washington. He specializes in hotel transactions in the western states, and splits his time between San Diego, California, and Sun Valley, Idaho. David has established the Roberta Schuebel Caldwell Scholarship that will support an undergraduate student in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Oregon.

Penelope Schreiner Gross ’65 was elected to her fifth four-year term on the Fairfax County (Virginia) Board Supervisors on November 8, 2011, representing Mason District. Penny also represents the county on numerous regional, state, and national organizations and is a founder of the National Capital Chapter of UOAA.


Sam Smith ’09 cofounded an educational software company called Digital World Construction, which created an international relations simulation called Statecraft that is an immersive simulation allowing students to experience the challenges, opportunities, and complexities of international relations in a vivid, intense, and personal way. Statecraft has been used in nearly sixty universities since January 2011.

Milton Takei ’92 published the article, “Racism and Global Warming: The Need for the Richer Countries to Make Concessions to China and India,” in the spring 2012 issue of Race, Gender & Class.

Lieutenant Colonel Ron L. Weed ’66 has retired and is currently researching for a military presentation for Military Officers Association of America entitled “The Pursuit of Pancho Villa and the First Use of American Air Power.” Weed also taught world history at a high school in 2011. He expressed a deep appreciation to the UO Department of Political Science and noted that it changed his life.
Alumni: Keep in Touch

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From the Department Head

I begin my third year as department head, and my thirteenth year as a UO administrator in some shape or form. It only seems as if it were 100 years during presidential election years!

We are quite delighted to welcome three new faculty members to our department this fall—Erin Beck, Burke Hendrix, and Craig Kauffman, as profiled above. We now have a much better capacity to teach undergraduates and mentor graduate research in the subfields of Latin American politics, environmental politics, and political theory.

We lost one of the department’s most accomplished professors this year; James Davies died peacefully after reaching his nineties. Perhaps his best-known publication is “Toward a Theory of Revolution,” appearing in the American Sociological Review. The “J-Curve” suggests that revolution is more likely when people have experienced a fairly long period of satisfaction of their needs and then they are faced with a sharp downturn in satisfaction. He was also the author of When Men Revolt and Why: A Reader in Political Violence and Revolution and Violence in America.

Congratulations to our PhD alumnus, Matt Manweller! He is the newly elected member of the Washington State House of Representatives. Matt is also an associate professor of political science at Central Washington University in Ellensburg, Washington.

I wish to offer special thanks to those of you who have contributed to our department in recent years. This year we were especially pleased to continue a yearlong speaker series. Such contributions made this speaker series possible and have also facilitated a considerable portion of the faculty and graduate student research described in this newsletter.

Best wishes and keep in touch.